

THE GRANITE NEWS



The Granite News - serving the communities of Caveat, Highlands, Hughes Creek, Ruffy, Tarcombe, Terip Terip & Whiteheads Creek.



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Welcome, Wumindjika & G'day

This week's email is coming to you from yet another part of the UK, this time Cranleigh in Surrey - see p.3 for further details.

It's a dull day when you don't learn something new and although this may not be applicable to the majority of TGN readers, given our current domiciles, it might create an awareness in all of us for future planning permits in more densely populated areas.

Apparently in England any sub-division developers are required to create parklands as part of their permit for creating new housing estates. I was lucky enough to wander in one earlier in the week and was delighted by the abundant birdlife and attractiveness of this particular nature reserve that is only 18 months old. It was also being well patronised by the locals.



However, it was weird to notice some of the plants growing vigorously in this idyll - Scotch thistle, blackberries, nettles, ragwort thistle and other obnoxious weeds - and couldn't help thinking that - a weed is a plant in the wrong place - and in all

the above instances, that's in Australia!!

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline

And Kenny? Was checking out the bee in the poppy last week.

Farewell to Marg Nagle

Larry speaking on behalf of the Highlands community last weekend and wishing Margaret well as she prepares to move to live with her daughter in Mt Evelyn.

Bye bye Marg, you will be missed.



Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
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The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum. Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in The Granite News

"I am not an early bird or a night owl, I am some form of permanently exhausted pigeon."

Anon



NB: This is the genuine name of a cocktail bar in Oxford!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEG

Longtime resident of Highlands and passionate environmentalist

Peg Lade

turns 96 on July 28th

Only 4 more to go to the BIG one!



What's On - July & August 2024

Variable Dates & Events Set Dates & Times

	Mon. 29th July @ 1.30pm	RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB New members are always welcome @ 268 Buntings Hill Rd, Ruffy Enquiries: Janet 0458 904268
	Fri. 2nd Aug. from 6pm	FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! @ Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
Details? See p.4	Sat. 3rd Aug. 6.30-8.30pm	SATURDAY NIGHT CARDS - Every Saturday in August Tutorial for beginners @ 6,30, tournament starts @ 7. Spectators welcome - \$2 entry fee. @ Terip Rec Reserve
	Sat. 3rd & Sun 4th Aug. 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO Open the first weekend of each month - discover some stunning artwork. @ 5 Gifford St, Yea
	Fri. 9th Aug. @ 6.30pm	DRINKS on the DECK Bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. @ Highlands Hall Enquiries? Paula - 0419 551882
	Mon. 12th Aug. @ 11.30	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS Highlands Spinning Club will get together - same place, same time with the same good company. BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Enquiries? Jan - 5790 4361
Details? See p.5	Sun. 11th Aug. @ 2pm	RUFFARTZ presents Yea Yappers - Wooing, Warring & Wanton Words Tickets \$20.00 (\$15.00 con). https://YeaArtsInc.org/tickets @ Ruffy Hall Enquiries: 0488 670 077
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? @ Highlands Community Hall Forthcoming dates are 7th & 21st August.
	Every Monday @ 7pm	TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS Come along & have some fun! @TCC Ruffy Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Every Tuesday - 6pm	MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash @ Highlands Community Hall Enquiries? 0436 428065
	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1-3	DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING 6th & 20th August @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	2nd & 4th Sundays	ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group
	Mon 8.45-9.45am Wed. 6.15-7.15pm	CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket at the Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

Wedding of the Year - Cranleigh, Surrey UK

On Saturday 27th July 2024 Miss Laura Bennett, formerly of Antcliff's Chase, Caveat and the eldest daughter of Chris and Susan Bennett of the same abode married Mr Peter Humphreys of Milton Keynes, UK.

The happy couple now reside in Cranleigh, Surrey.

Laura was attended by her sister Jessica and best friends Lily and Amy. Peter invited Chris to be his best man and John and Max were the groomsmen. Laura's brother John also provided musical accompaniment at the ceremony, held in Cranleigh School's Chapel. Peter's parents, Ron and Eileen Humphreys and his sister Helen were also in attendance.

The bride, as brides tend to do, looked radiant and the groom had the biggest Cheshire cat grin permanently in place for the whole day.

As a picture says 1,000 words, I won't bother TGN readers with a description of the attire, or the weather (suffice to say it didn't rain) or the food at the reception except that the beautiful flowers were arranged by Peter's mum and the happy couple were toasted with Antcliff Chase's most recent vintage of finest 5* Reisling.

It was a pleasure and a joy to help Laura and Peter celebrate their very special day and to wish them all the very best for the future in Laura's adopted country. **Ed.**



2 Items that may be of interest to TGN readers...Read on.

#1 - Register to Vote for Local Council Elections

Eligible residents and ratepayers are urged to check they are enrolled to vote for the upcoming local council elections by **4 pm Wednesday 7 August**.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, has issued a call ahead of the enrolment deadline: 'If you're 18 or over and you live in or pay rates to a Victorian council, enrol and have your say on the future of your local council.'

Australian citizens who have recently turned 18 or changed address can enrol or update their details online at vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment

Anyone on the state electoral roll is automatically enrolled for their current address for these elections. There are also additional council enrolment categories for non-resident owners, occupiers, company nominees and non-Australian citizens who pay rates.

BUT since the last Council Elections

The rules for council enrolment have changed. Property owners who don't live in the council area but may be eligible to vote because they pay rates should contact their local council for further information.

The 2024 Victorian local council elections will be the state's largest single election program, with a predicted 4.7 million voters participating in 465 individual elections across 78 councils.

Moira Shire Council is under administration and will not have a general election this October.

Further information on enrolment is available by calling 131 832 or at vec.vic.gov.au, where voters can also sign up to the free VoterAlert service to receive important election reminders by SMS and email.

#2 - Register your Feedback for VicGrid's Draft Transmission Plan

VicGrid has launched the Victorian Government's draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines, a document that explains how we will prepare the Victorian Transmission Plan – a new long-term strategic plan for renewable energy and transmission development in our State.

The draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines outline how we will determine how much renewable energy generation is needed and when, as well as how we will determine what transmission projects are needed to support that new generation.

It also includes a study area (a map) showing what parts of Victoria we may investigate further for suitability to host future renewable energy zones.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan>

Everyone is invited to visit the VicGrid site and read about the Victorian Transmission Plan and provide feedback or a submission.

There is a lot of information to go through, but this is a vitally important process to ensure the future of renewable energy and transmission in Victoria and everyone's contribution is invaluable.

Without input from local communities VicGrid can only assume that all those who reside in a particular location are amenable to whatever developments may be proposed in the future.

NB: For those readers who have concerns about, or are in favour of, FERA's proposed windfarm this would be a relevant forum to contribute to.

RuffArtz

The RuffArtz Committee are proud to present Wooing, Warring & Wanton Words, a production by Yea Arts Inc.

Come and join us for an afternoon of Shakespearean frivolity at the

Ruffy Hall, Sunday 11th August @ 2 pm.

Afternoon tea will be available after the Yappers' performance.

Tickets \$20.00, (\$15.00 concession).
Bookings: <https://YeaArtsInc.org/tickets>
Enquiries: 0488 670 077.



Terip Tennis Club AGM

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The Granite News is usually created on the lands of the Taungurung clans - First People of the Rivers and Mountains.

We thank the Taungurung ancestors and elders who, for millennia, have cared for this country on which we now live, work, play and grow.

May the current generations of Taungurung, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.