

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

Home again, home again, jiggety jig. With summer finally arriving in the UK it's back home again to winter with its fog, frosts and freezing temperatures. Oh well. Spring can't be too far away.

Something that is very noticeable in the northern hemisphere are the myriads of brightly coloured flower baskets and window boxes that adorn so many houses and villages throughout the UK and other northern European countries (and Canada too). This 'instant' colour is carefully nurtured in hot houses and warm cellars during the winter months so that come spring, and the promise of much warmer and sunnier days, out come these vibrant blooms to add joy and happiness to every street.

I assume it's because the winters are so much colder in these areas, being further north in latitude than Victoria is south, and everyone really looks forward to the sunny warmth of spring each year, after the long grey days of winter.



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was getting enthused about Terip's card nights

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS

How well do you know our local area?

Why not come along with Louise this month and discover more.....

Enquiries?

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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

"Collect moments, not things."

Anon



FUN FACTS ABOUT VEGETABLES

Tomatoes are fruits, specifically berries, rather than vegetables, although in the USA in 1893 the Supreme Court decided that they are vegetables, even though they're not. They were trying to thwart a tax dodge and still stand by their decision.

Originally they were considered to be poisonous in the 18thC until Thomas Jefferson ate one and didn't die. So they are now the most popular fruit in the world. **Source: Yea Chronicle**

What's On - August & September 2024		
	Mon. 12th Aug. @ 11.30	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Highlands Spinning Club will get together - same place, same time with the same good company. BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan - 5790 4361
	Sat. 24th Aug. @ 1pm	HCCC MEETING @ Northern Republic, Euroa This meeting will incorporate the usual monthly meeting as well as a bit of a farewell to Pauline who is leaving the local area. All welcome. RSVPs to Justus 0427 524273
	Sun. 25th Aug. @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS @ Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Louise will lead this Enquiries? Robyn 0409 528235
	Mon. 26th Aug. @ 1.30	RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB Venue TBC New members are always welcome Enquiries: Janet 0458 904268
Details? See p.4	Wed. 28th Aug. @ 5.30	MONTHLY MASTERMINDS CARD NIGHTS @ Highlands Hall Challenging enough to keep you interested, but not so hard you want to go home!
	Thurs. 29th Aug. @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	Fri. 6th Sept from 6pm	FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates are 21st August and 4th & 18th September.
	Every Monday @ 7pm	TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS @TCC Ruffy Not happening in winter - too cold! Come along & have some fun! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Every Tuesday - 6pm	MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA @ Highlands Community Hall BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash Enquiries? 0436 428065
	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1-3	DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 20th August and 3rd & 17th September 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 at the Tablelands Community Centre \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

A brief history of the Ruffy Hotel and Store

Irish immigrants Myles and Esther Hobart and their six children relocated from Nagambie to Ruffy in 1888 to build the store and hotel. In 1895 the license was transferred to their eldest daughter Sarah Ann Hobart.

This first photo, taken between 1913-1919, shows S.A Hobart proprietor and appears to have a street light hanging from the telephone line. The Yarck – Ruffy telephone line (19 miles), via Gobur & Terip, was installed in June 1913 and paid for by local land holders. The sign between the two doors on the left says “Telegraph Office”. James George Hobart, Sarah’s older brother was the storekeeper & postmaster during this time.

Sarah Ann married Jonathan Chisholm in 1913. They were living in Highlands when she died in 1921 and she is buried at the Old Seymour cemetery. In July 1928 the store was extensively damaged losing the roof and verandah in a wind storm.



The second photo now shows C. L. Hobart (Catherine Louisa) as proprietor and she held the license from 1920 to her death in 1940. The building appears to be in a deteriorated condition and this photo would have been taken in the late 1930s or possibly 1940, which was the last year the Hobarts owned the store. Esther died in 1911, Myles died in 1930 and both are buried in unmarked graves in the Catholic section of the Longwood cemetery. Catherine Louisa died in August 1940 (aged 73) and her brother Michael Francis (aged 77) died a few days later. Both are buried beside each other in unmarked graves in the Catholic section at the Longwood cemetery.

Another sister Christine Jane married Charles O’Neill and one of their daughters married Keith McLennan. Both the Chisholm and McLennon names would be familiar to many people in the area.

After Catherine & Michael’s deaths, their eldest brother James George Hobart was postmaster until the hotel/store and all the Hobart land, approx. 1300 acres, was sold in December 1940. The licensees from Dec 1940 to 1964 were: Mr. W. A. Brock (Dec 1940- 1947), Leslie Scale (1947 – Aug 1949), Mrs. Sylvia N Dupe (Aug 1949 – June 1950), Mrs. Alice May Jones (June 1950 - Feb 1953), Marie Jean Donovan (Feb 1953 - 1954), Edith Marion Anderson (1954 – 1958), Reginald W & Betty L Wood (1958-1961), Guy K & June I Delaney. (1961-1964).

Ruffy has a Hobart Street and a Donovan Road. Ruffy Store with a new look and a new owner. Photo undated but likely to be under the Brock ownership



The store & Hotel burnt down on 22nd October 1963, photo shows the remains after the fire.



Doubled sided street sign advertising the Hotel- Store probably hung at the Terip cross roads.

Note: All these photos courtesy of the Euroa historical & Genealogical Society, 25 Kirkland Ave Euroa.



Photo taken Aug 2024:



This is probably one of the last telephone line insulators of the Yarck – Ruffy line still hanging on a tree next to the Hughes Creek, Ruffy, on a property previously owned by the Hobart family.

by Randal Threlfall - Ruffy



Monthly Masterminds Card Nights

At: Highlands Hall

On: Wednesday 28st August

Shuffle starts at 5.30pm

Come and learn 'Joe' otherwise known as 'May I'

Come with a team of 4 players and two packs of cards.

We will teach you how.

***Challenging enough to keep you interested but not so hard you
want to go home.***

Ring for a team if you are a single or a double.

Clare Daly 0428 969366

\$10 a four, \$2.50 a single. BYO refreshments & plate to share



The Terip Rec Reserve will be host to a Winter Showdown this August when it presents

SATURDAY NIGHT CARDS

2024 Series August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

THE TERIP RECREATION RESERVE

630PM-7PM TUTORIAL FOR BEGINNERS WEEKLY 7PM-830PM TOURNAMENT

\$2 entry

Beginners & Spectators are warmly welcome.

Overall winner of the evening will receive bragging rights & a prize.

Feel free to bring a plate of supper to share.

An initiative to keep our great community socially active & strengthen relationships

Terip Tennis Club AGM

Sunday September 8th

7.30pm at the Terip Recreation Reserve

All welcome

For more details please contact **Cindy 0429 772 011**



HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB



The Highlands Book Club continues to grow and its members enjoy sharing GREAT individual reads from the previous month or a group discussion on selected titles.

Next meeting is Sat. 31st August @ 6pm @ the Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome. BYO some food to share.

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SHIRE COUNCIL

Contract Number 24/25-06

Design, Supply and Install Modular Female Friendly Changerooms at Longwood Recreation Reserve

Request for Tender

LUMP SUM CONTRACT

Strathbogie Shire Council seeks tender submission from suitably qualified contractors to undertake the design, supply and installation of a modular sports change room solution to be located at the Longwood Recreation Reserve. The tender proposal must include all items as per the scope.

Tenders received until 4pm (AEST) Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Tenderers are referred to the Strathbogie Shire website: www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tenders

for the full Project Scope and tender submission.

Tenders may only be viewed and lodged online through the Tendersearch portal accessible via our website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Strathbogie Shire does not accept hardcopy, email or fax tender submissions.

THE POWER OF POLLINATORS

Pollinators - mostly insects, but also birds and mammals - assist the production of seeds and fruits in many plant species by visiting flowers in search of food (nectar and/or pollen). Whilst foraging they transfer pollen from one flower to another, facilitating fertilisation, which results in fruits and seeds.

Honey bees, native bees and other native insects like hoverflies, wasps and butterflies provide essential pollination services for native plants, pastures, crops, fruits and vegetables.


Pollinators are both essential to, and depend upon, healthy ecosystems. A growing human population and increasing demand for food puts pressure on ecosystems, while declining ecosystem function will in turn negatively impact food production.

Insect pollinators are a prime example of this - without healthy ecosystems and the presence of patches of native vegetation to support insect populations, pollination will decline. This will threaten both crop productivity and the persistence of native, pollinator-dependent flowering plants.

Pollinators require habitat that contains year-round food sources, breeding resources and nesting sites. The presence of pollinator habitat adjacent to food crops has been shown to improve food production by enabling a greater variety and number of pollinators to persist year-round, providing pollination services when required. **Source: When Bee Foundation**

How pollinator friendly is your garden, paddock or roadside?




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Avenel Active's new community website!



Avenel Active recently launched its Avenel community website to share information about Avenel and its community organisations, clubs, local businesses and attractions.

Visit us at <https://www.avenelactive.au>

Of course The Granite News features on our community news page!

Avenel Active would love to hear from more Avenel and local organisations, clubs and businesses who would like to be on the website.

Let us know at www.avenelactive.au/contact-us

SNOOP needs a new home - is it yours?

4 yr old German Wire-haired Pointer.

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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.