

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

A reminder to all TGN readers that as today is the first day of not only spring, but September, we are shortly headed for another school term break. With only 2 more issues after this one before The Granite News takes its usual fortnightly hiatus, make sure that you get any articles or ads into the Editor in a timely manner.

The last TGN will be **September 15th** with the next issue landing in email inboxes on **Sunday 6th October**.

A reminder too that Thursday evenings are the latest that copy needs to be received for the following issue. Thanks for your assistance with this.



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was checking out the Highlands' Card Nights.

SAVE the DATE - GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
9.30 - 3.30

@ 245 Old Highlands Rd, Highlands

Furniture, homewares & bric-a-brac

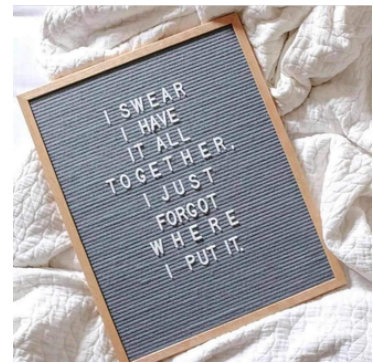
NO early callers please
Follow the streamers....

Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.au

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

"It's the rudest word in my dictionary 'retire'. And 'old' is another one. I don't allow that in my house. And being called 'vintage'. I don't want any of those old words. I like 'enthusiastic!'"

Dame Judi Dench
Actress extraordinaire
89 years young!



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
Aug.	61.8 mm	48.5 mm
2024 Total	526.4 mm	468.5 mm
Rainy Days	12 days	10 days

What's On - September 2024

Variable Dates & Events Set Dates & Times

	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
	Sat.7th & Sun. 8th Sept 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO @ 5 Gifford Sy, Yea Open the first weekend each month - discover some stunning artwork
	Sun. 8th Sept. @ 7.30pm	TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM @ Terip Rec Reserve All welcome. Details? Cindy 0429 772011
	Mon. 9th Sept. @ 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
	Thurs. 12th Sept. @ 7pm	HCCC MONTHLY MEETING @ Terip Rec Reserve Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary now. Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473
	Fri. 13th Sept. @ 6.30pm	DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Community Hall Bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882
	Fri. 20th Sept. 6-7.30pm	ON THE ROAD @ Highlands Community Hall Murrindindi Library Service presents another entertaining evening with real people talking about real books and other forms of literary masterpieces. RSVP - 5772 0333
	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 4th & 18th September.
	Every Monday @ 7pm	TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS Not happening in winter - too cold! @TCC Ruffy 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 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

Euroa Arboretum Fundraiser - Donate to Seed for the Future

The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank's mission is to provide genetically healthy seed to support landscape restoration activities. As a part of the Euroa Arboretum, a not-for-profit charitable organisation, they strive towards improving landscape health and biodiversity resilience, especially in the face of climate change.

Native vegetation plays a major role in landscape rehabilitation by improving soil health, restoring biodiversity, and providing habitat for native species. In an agricultural context, the benefits of native vegetation include providing shade, shelter and reducing the effects of salinity and erosion. The use of local (indigenous) seed as opposed to seed collected from anywhere in Australia means that the plants are adapted to the local environment.

This results in higher growth and survival rates. All seed is collected under permit and is sourced from wild populations and Seed Production Areas throughout the catchment. These Seed Production Areas mean that the seed can be produced at the volumes needed for large-scale restoration goals, as well as providing the strongest and most climate-adapted genes, promoting future population health.



The Goulburn Broken Indigenous Seedbank serves the needs of Conservation Management Networks, Landcare groups, government organisations, nurseries, landowners and local conservation interest groups. They offer a range of products and services including: the sale of high-quality seed; pre-treatment and sale of indigenous seed mixes for direct seeding purposes; viability and germination tests; training of individuals and organisations; providing technical advice on indigenous seeds and plants; and the storage of precious species and provenances for disaster mitigation.

Their website, gbiseedbank.com.au, provides further information and a full database of all species available for sale. For any questions, please call **0428 770 030** or email seedbank@euroaarboretum.com.au.

You can donate at <https://seedforfuture.raisely.com> – any contributions fund the development of additional Seed Production Areas to protect local plant species and help restore threatened ecosystems.

The poster for Rachel's Farm features a vibrant farm scene with a tractor, a cow, and chickens. The title "Rachel's Farm" is written in large, green, grass-like letters. Below the title, the text reads "ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO REGENERATE HER FARM AND HERSELF". At the bottom, event details are provided: "Friday 13th September, 6.30pm @ Yea Butter Factory, 13 Rattray Street Yea", "\$5 Landcare members, \$10 non-members, kids free, supper provided", "Please bring cash on the night", "RSVP ESSENTIAL: yeariversecretary@outlook.com", and "More info: Rhi 0405 104 714".

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On the Road Highlands

Join us in Highlands for an evening, real people talking about real books, eBooks, magazines, films and other great works.

To RSVP, visit our website murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraryevents, call 5772 0333, or drop in and let us know you'll be attending.

 Highlands Community Hall,
1603 Ghin Ghin Road,
Highlands.

 Friday 20 September

 6.00 - 7.30 pm



Are you interested in adding to the



i Naturaliste's

environmental knowledge base of the local HCCC area?

If **YES** then download the App now, follow the instructions for use in **TGN 30/7/23**, and start recording our unique natural wonders of both fauna and flora. It's an incredibly valuable resource.

Rotary
Club of Yea



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GARDEN EXPO

21 & 22 SEP 2024
9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards

Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

Only an hour from Melbourne!



- Native & flowering plants
- Garden sculptures
- Motorised barrows & vehicles
- Garden tools & Vegetable bins
- Seedlings
- Mulch, fertilisers & compost
- Ride-on & push mowers
- Nurseries
- Small chainsaws
- Roses
- Deciduous & Ornamental trees
- Garden books
- Plant Creche
- Speakers Program
- And much more.....

**FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE!**



Entry \$10 for adults - Kids U/16 FREE.

Pay at the gate or book online via www.trybooking.com:
www.trybooking.com/CQSGD (Bookings open July 1st)



FREE PARKING

Contact: yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au

www.yearotary.org.au

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Nominate a Community Champion and Celebrate Youth Excellence

Mitchell Shire Council is calling for nominations for the 2025 Community Awards and the Mitchell Youth Awards.



These awards aim to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups who have made a significant impact on the Mitchell Shire community

2025 Community Awards

The Community Awards will be presented on Australia Day, held at The Island Reserve in Broadford. This is an opportunity for residents to nominate individuals or groups who have made noteworthy contributions to the community.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

Citizen of the Year

For individuals over 25 who have made significant contributions during the current year or over several years

Young Citizen of the Year

For individuals aged 25 or under who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or over several years

Community Event of the Year

For community organisations or groups who have staged a noteworthy event in the past year.

Community Group of the Year

For groups who have provided exceptional service to the community over the current year or multiple years.

Access and Inclusion

Recognises efforts to improve access and inclusion for people with disabilities within Mitchell Shire.

Sports Person of the Year

For individuals who have significantly impacted the development and professionalism of sport in the community.

Arts Person of the Year

For those who have shown commitment and achievement in the arts and culture.

Nominations close at 9 am on Monday, 11 November.

When making a submission, information included should relate to how the individual or a group fits the selection criteria, their dedication or service, achievements and demonstrated excellence.

Full details and nomination forms are available on the “Community Awards” page. However, if you need a hard copy or assistance, please contact Council on 5734 6200.

Mitchell Youth Awards

Council is also seeking nominations for the Mitchell Youth Awards.

These awards recognise the exceptional contributions of young individuals **aged 12-24** who have made a significant impact within Mitchell Shire.

The Youth Awards will include nominations that demonstrate:

**Community Impact Leadership Innovation Sustainability Personal Growth
Entrepreneurship Carers support**

Nominations for the **Youth Awards close on Monday 4 November** and awards will be presented at the Twilight Music Festival on Friday 22 November in Wallan.

Submission forms and further information are available on the “Youth Awards” page. However, if you need a hard copy or assistance, please contact Council on 5734 6200 or email youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

<p>HABBIES HOWE BEEF</p> <p>Mature, Well Hung and Available from:</p> <p>Victory Meats, Seymour Victory Meats, Broadford Scotch and Fillet, St Helena Scotch and Fillet, Mentone</p>	<p>Donated by supporters of the endangered Hairy Hop bush</p> 	<p>Advertising space available</p> <p>for details editor@tgn.org.au</p>	 <p>Darren Gilbert open studio</p> <p>@ 5 Giffard Street Yea</p> <p>Open every first weekend of the month Up to date Open Studio days & times on www.monkeytaildesign.com</p>
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 <p>Murrindindi Shire Council</p> <p>Cr John Walsh Koriella Ward Murrindindi Shire Council jwalsh@murrindindi.vic.gov.au</p> <p>0437 835 586</p>	<p>Tablelands Community Centre</p> <p>Upgraded facilities & playground Ideal for Private or Community gatherings Meetings, Workshops Very reasonable rates Hosts 1st Friday BBQs Contact tccruffly@gmail.com Ph 0404 833 388</p>	 <p>For All your Aerial Spraying or Spreading Needs. Specialising in Blackberries, Broadleaf, Thistles, Spreading lime/fertilizer & More</p> <p>Call 0484108854 48 Magills Lane Maidample 3723</p> 	<p>Donated by supporters of our local koala population</p> 
<p>Donation from supporters of our local Gang Gangs</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS GROVE</p> <p>Australian, locally produced premium extra virgin olive oil. Farm gate pick up or delivery available.</p> <p>0417 018 070 enquiries@highlandsgrove.com.au highlandsgrove.com.au</p>	 <p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL</p> <p>Meeting Room and/or Hall available for hire</p> <p>MEETINGS FUNCTIONS WORKSHOPS PARTIES WEDDINGS</p> <p>Reasonable Rates Contact Paula Lade 0419 551 882</p>	<p>Donated by friends of the Long Leafed Box Trees</p> 
<p>Echidnas take care of their habitat</p> 	<p>Granite Hills Community Nursery</p>  <p>www.granitehillsnursery.com.au</p>	<p>Need a website? bluetopbiz.com.au</p> <p>Affordable web design & maintenance. Presentations, marketing copy. Grant applications, project management.</p> <p>Call</p> <p>Sue 0411 010 379 Neil 0417 503 472</p> <p>Email: sue@bluetopbiz.com.au</p>	 <p>Strathbogie Granite Project neil.phillips@bigpond.com</p>



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.