

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

Well spring has certainly sprung and TGN readers obviously took on board my suggestion of submitting any events / activities into this week's and next week's Granite News as the Editor's email inbox was somewhat inundated this week. Let's keep that happening for next week before TGN's 2 week holiday break.

This issue is just chocka-block with all sorts of interesting and environmentally friendly events to get involved with across the whole HCCC area. So, it must be time to stop winter hibernating, get out, explore and most importantly, enjoy.



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was looking forward to the film Rachel's Farm.

SEPTEMBER 7th - NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY

Over the last couple of years any articles about this date have featured a photo of the last surviving thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger) - Benjamin - at the Hobart Zoo. This is fitting as September 7th was the day he died in 1937.

However, although Benjamin is unfortunately the poster boy for this date, the subsequent extinction of his species is really just the tip of the iceberg for Australia's fauna and flora.

As a country Australia has the worst extinction rate of its wildlife in the world! That's a pretty depressing statistic to be rated #1 for.

With another 18 species being added to Threatened Species list since July this year, these additions mean that now 2,224 Australian species are being recognised as under threat of extinction.

Whilst some of the more recent inclusions aren't furry and cute - including the pig-nosed turtle (listed as vulnerable), Pugh's sphagnum frog (endangered), three critically endangered freshwater fish and three lizards, including one that had only been classified a species since 2022 - they are still entitled to live long and happy lives.

According to the ACF (Australian Conservation Foundation) each species is facing threat from habitat destruction or degradation, as well as climate change.

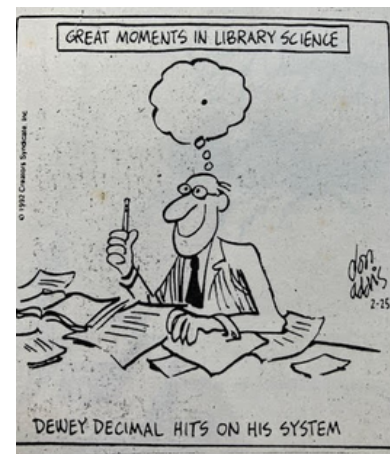
As a nation we can do so much better than this. Our plants and animals are among the most unique in the world. Let's see what we all can do to preserve the vital habitats of our local area.

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

"Nest box monitoring is like perpetually opening presents. You don't know what you're going to get. There is nothing like seeing a family of gliders looking up at you for the first time."

Ron Litjens - enthusiastic local environmentalist














Not pretty, but still pretty special - the pig-nosed turtle
Photo: iNaturalist - Gerard Schneider

What's On - September 2024

Variable Dates & Events

Set Dates & Times

	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
	Thurs. 26th Sept. @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	Sun. 29th Aug. @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS @ Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235
	Mon. 30th Sept. @ 1.30	RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB @ 190 Red Gate Lane, Ruffy New members are always welcome Enquiries? Janet - 0458 904268
	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 18th September and 9th & 23rd October.
	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 17th September and 1st & 15th October 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	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

Springtime in the Natural Treasures

Despite a pretty rough recent history, bushlands across Mitchell Shire have recovered remarkably well and are now rich places for native plants and animals. Seymour Bushland Park is one of the 36 places recognised as Natural Treasures in Mitchell Shire.

Seymour Bushland Park's Committee of Management with BEAM Mitchell Environment Group and the support of staff from Mitchell Shire Council are organising a day for everyone to come along for walks and family events at **Seymour Bushland Park on Sunday 13th October**.

This will be the peak of the wildflower season so there will be lots to see and do, including many activities for children. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided but bookings are needed for catering.

We are also organising similar events at other Natural Treasures during Spring: **Monument Hill in Kilmore on 29th September** and **Hidden Valley near Wallan on 6th October**.

For more information and bookings, go to <https://www.beam.org.au/events>.

And for more information on these and the other Natural Treasures in Mitchell Shire, download the Guides at <https://www.beam.org.au/naturaltreasures>.



NATURAL TREASURES IN SPRING
EXPLORING SEYMOUR BUSHLAND PARK

Sunday 13 October, 10.00am-12.30pm
at Seymour Bushland Park
Telegraph Road, Seymour

Come along for nature walks & fun activities for the kids
Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Find more info and register at
[beam.org.au/events](https://www.beam.org.au/events)

Organised by
BEAM
MITCHELL ENVIRONMENT GROUP INC.

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MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

Coming soon:
More springtime events in our Natural Treasures
Sunday 29 September at Monument Hill, Kilmore
Sunday 6 October at Hidden Valley Rail Reserve, Wallan

Letter to the Editor

The SRRCG committee will be holding a community meeting on **Sunday 15th September, 4:00pm at the Country Club Hotel in Yea**.

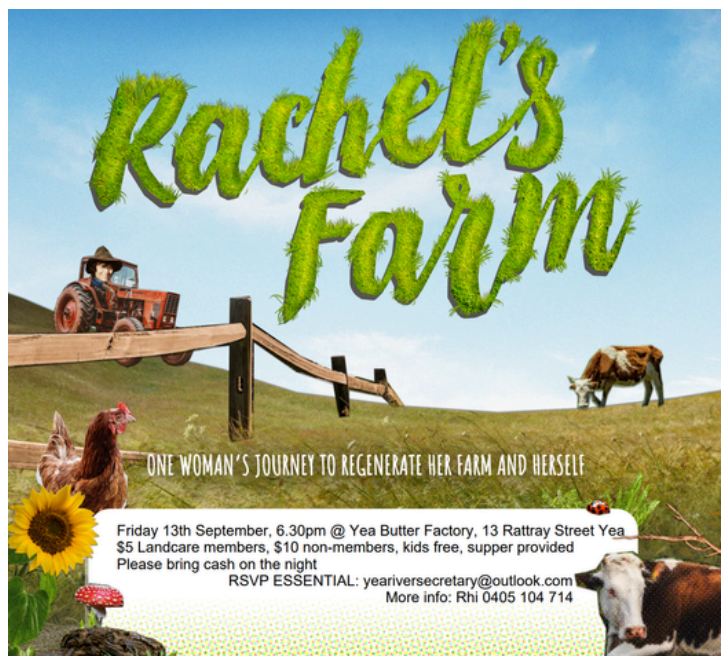
The meeting will provide an update on what we know of FERA's project, but will focus mainly on the VicGrid Victorian Transmission Plan and the creation of new Renewable Energy Zones.

We have recently met with VicGrid to discuss the VTP and voice our concerns about the creation of new REZ's and we will share our submission to VicGrid and their response.

VicGrid still has an open consultation that closes on Sept 30th, and we request everyone to respond to this. If you want guidance on how to best complete this, or to discuss any other matters relating to the VicGrid process, please come along as this will be an informal meeting where we hope we can provide assistance and answer as many questions as possible.

Darryl Otzen
Secretary
secretary_srrcg.com

**Strathbogies Responsible Renewables
Community Group**



Rachel's Farm

ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO REGENERATE HER FARM AND HERSELF

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
More info: Rhi 0405 104 714



Hear about local birds from local enthusiast
Peter Sawyer
at a community event
Tallarook Mechanics Institute
Thursday 19th September at 7pm
Local band **The Silverbeats** will perform.
After Peter's presentation snacks and further chat.



RSVP 15 Sept
Jenny on 0415381452



RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB

Next group is meeting on
Monday 30th September at 1:30pm

At Cheryl & Joe's place
190 Red Gate Lane Ruffy

Topic: Seed sowing sharing members tips and
tricks for success.

Enquiries? Janet 0458 904268



Strathbogie

SHIRE COUNCIL

Contract Number 24/25-10
Request for Tender
Nagambie Foreshore Walk (Old Section) - Deck Replacement
Lump sum contract

Tenders received until 4pm AST
Thursday 3rd October 2024.

Strathbogie Shire seeks tender submissions from suitably experienced and qualified contractors to undertake Deck Replacement of existing old Foreshore Walk at Nagambie Lake, High Street, Nagambie.

Tenders 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 Tender search e-tendering portal which is accessible via our website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au

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

For further information please contact Merrill Boyd 0438 678 323



YE A GARDEN EXPO

21 & 22 SEP 2024
9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards
Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

Only an hour from Melbourne!

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE!

- Native & flowering plants
- Garden sculptures
- Motorised barrows & vehicles
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- Small chainsaws
- Roses
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- Speakers Program
- And much more.....

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

Contact: yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au
www.yearotary.org.au
www.yeagardenexpo.com.au




PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Sunday 15th September from 1pm

I warmly invite my Ruffian friends (and beyond) to join me in a BBQ feast as the final celebration of my daughter's Australian wedding.

I will provide the meat and would really appreciate it if you could bring a bowl of salad or dessert to share. Please BYO drinks.

Lovely Julie from Longwood will be entertaining us all with her gorgeous voice.

Address:
BellaDonna Farm
268 Buntings Hill Rd Ruffy.

Any questions? Call me on 0412 366783
Donna

NEXT Saturday - 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....

Are you interested in adding to the

i Natutaliste'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.

 **iNaturalist**





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



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

ARTBOX

COME JOIN US AT THE

Tablelands Community Centre

27 Nolans Road Ruffy

October & November 2024



ARTBOX OPENING 5TH OCTOBER 6PM



gubi ngarrak-du / Up on the mountain

MEET THE ARTIST / WELCOME TO COUNTRY
LIVE MUSIC WITH ARCHER & JACK NORTON

BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Tea/Coffee & Dessert Provided

Bookings Essential: www.trybooking.com

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SLEEP & SETTling INFO SESSIONS

Join our FREE Sleep and Settling Information Sessions, facilitated by our dedicated Maternal and Child Health experts. Topics include frequent overnight waking, bottle dependency, bedtime or nap refusal, cot to bed transition and catnapping.

- Tuesday 17 September - Kinglake Library
- Tuesday 15 October - Yea Maternal and Child Health Centre

Reserve your spot at
murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mch



OUR KERBSIDE SERVICES ARE CHANGING

Changes to kerbside bin collection services are on the way for Murrindindi Shire, with a new Policy outlining details of the four-bin service, including collection frequencies, mandatory and optional services and how waste and recycling charges will be applied.

These changes are required under new rules by the Victorian Government and aim to enhance waste management practices, reduce landfill waste, and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

Murrindindi Shire Council will join all other Victorian councils in introducing a four-bin kerbside collection service, to commence in July 2025, as per the new Kerbside Collection Services Policy adopted at the 28 August Council Meeting.

To read more, visit
murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kerbsidepolicy

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITY GROUPS

Council provides a range of services to support local community groups and organisations to thrive, including:

- Online Community Directory - listings to promote your group or initiative
- Community Event Listings - promote and attract people to your community event
- Community Buses for Hire - for community groups. Not for private hire
- Capacity Building and Training - help your group or initiative grow
- Community Grants and Sponsorships, and Grant Seeking Support
- Council Venues for Hire - facilities can be hired for private or public functions.

If you're interested in learning more about these services, get in touch with our Community Wellbeing team on **5772 0333** or visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au

THE MOBILE LIBRARY IS 'ON THE ROAD'

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

- Flowerdale, 18 September, 7.00 pm
- Highlands, 20 September, 6.00 pm
- Buxton, 25 September, 7.00 pm

Please RSVP by calling **5772 0333**.

ELF READING DAY IS IN ALEXANDRA

ELF Reading Day is a community initiative that promotes language and literacy skills in children through reading, singing, talking and playing.

Come down to Grant Street in Alexandra on Friday 20 September from 10.00 - 11.00 am and dress up as your favourite book character, or just enjoy the storytelling at a reading station.

STAY INFORMED

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news or follow us on Facebook.

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5772 0333

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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 tccruffy@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.