

# 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



As this is the last TGN for a couple of weeks - next issue is **Sunday 6th October** - there are a lot of activities happening that you may like to join in over the next 2 weeks.

Alternatively, if you have any events coming up in October that you wish to publicise to the local communities best send those articles/memos/ads in to the Editor sooner rather than closer to that date.

Over the last few years I have noted at various times the seasonal, as well as specially targeted, displays that pop up - courtesy of the 'Good Fairy' - on the Ghin Ghin Cutting.

Well, there's a new one just appeared that the Good Fairy has instructed me to put on the front page - which is a bit embarrassing when that carefully created artwork is a farewell to Peter and me. So cheers to the 'Good Fairy.'

Entitled Planes & Patchwork or is it Patchwork & Planes I can only say a humble thank you for the acknowledgement and the time spent creating such an impressive piece of textile art in my favourite colour - teal.

(Apologies for the indulgence but I **was** told!)



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline

And Kenny? Was checking out the Ruffy vege basket of goodies

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[www.highlands.org.au](http://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

"A house is built on walls and beams,  
A home is built on love and dreams"

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**  
(1803 - 1822)  
US liberal democratic thinker,  
poet, lecturer & philosopher



When I get old, I don't want people thinking, "What a sweet little old lady." I want them saying, "Oh dear, what's she up to now."

## CFA REQUEST

Could anyone wishing to burn off between now and the start of the fire restrictions please register their burn with the CFA on **1800 668 511**

Kind regards Highlands-Caveat fire brigade captain **David Webb**  
**0417 150 113**



What's On - September & October 2024		
	<b>Fri. 20th Sept. 6-7.30pm</b>	<b>ON THE ROAD</b> @ Highlands Community Hall Murrindindi Library Service presents another entertaining evening with real people talking about real books and other forms of literary masterpieces. <b>RSVP - 5772 0333</b>
	<b>Thurs. 26th Sept. @ 5.30</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	<b>Sun. 29th Sept. @ 10am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> @ Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. <b>Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235</b>
	<b>Mon. 30th Sept. @ 1.30</b>	<b>RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB</b> @ 190 Red Gate Lane, Ruffy New members are always welcome <b>Enquiries? Janet - 0458 904268</b>
	<b>Lots of dates see p.7&amp;8</b>	<b>OCTOBER &amp; NOVEMBER in RUFFY is ARTBOX &amp; WORKSHOP TIME!!</b> The TCC really know how to bring Art to the Tablelands with both exhibitions AND workshops during October and November. Why not come along to Opening Night 5/10!
	<b>Sat.5th &amp; Sun. 6th Oct 10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> @ 5 Gifford St, Yea Open the first weekend each month - discover some stunning artwork.
<b>Details? See p.6</b>	<b>Sun. 6th Oct @ 10am</b>	<b>TERIP TERIP COMMUNITY MORNING TEA</b> @ Terip Terip Rec Reserve Come and enjoy a cuppa and a catch-up and support the local CFA brigade members.
	<b>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? <b>Forthcoming dates are 18th September and 9th &amp; 23rd October.</b>
	<b>Every Monday @ 7pm</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS</b> @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</b> <b>Not happening in winter - too cold!</b>
	<b>Every Tuesday - 6pm</b>	<b>MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA</b> @ Highlands Community Hall BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash <b>Enquiries? 0436 428065</b>
	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 1-3</b>	<b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 17th September and 1st & 15th October <b>Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788</b>
	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY</b> 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group
	<b>Mon 8.45-9.45am</b>	<b>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket <b>Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com</b>

# Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

Invites all community members to another

## SPRING EVENT at the EUROA ARBORETUM

19th October, 2024, 12.00 noon  
(76 Euroa Main Rd, Cnr Hume Freeway, Euroa)

Visit the arboretum in all its spring glory and explore the grassland and woodland plantings.

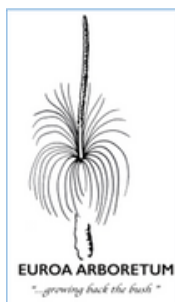
Bring your fishing gear and try your luck in the lake, conveniently stocked with fish!

### “CATCH OF THE DAY” PRIZES

Join a guided walk, including the nursery area, and get propagation tips from arboretum staff and volunteers.

Middle Eastern BBQ and salad provided  
(kindly sponsored by HCCC and the GBCMA)

BYO picnic plates etc., chair/picnic rug  
and something to share for dessert.





## And did the Earth move for you too dear?

It appears that last Sunday night The Granite News wasn't the only thing landing with a thud in the HCCC area. There was an impressive earthquake happening in our region too. I certainly felt it at my place and after realising that it wasn't a low flying aircraft about to crash, assumed correctly that it must be terrestrial rather than aerial. Of course Neil can explain it so much better. Ed.

Large cracks in rocks are a common place for earthquakes to occur. With changing stresses in the Earth, movement can occur as it did last night, and as occurred 2-3 years ago in NE Victoria.

Large cracks can be traced 10s or 100s km and are faults, and one side of the fault moves relative to the other side.

The reported position last night is well inside the Strathbogie granite, and there are numerous relatively small cracks in the granite where the two sides of the crack simply open slightly. These are called joints. Many of the creeks on the SB plateau are guided by these joints (including Seven Creeks) and this is easily seen if one looks at the creek patterns on a map.

As last Sunday night's data is analysed further by Geoscience Australia we will have a clearer picture of the exact magnitude, depth and location. Aftershocks are always a possibility after any earthquake.

It is still pretty impressive that we can be delivered all this data on the earthquake in 1-2 hours just after midnight.

**Neil Phillips**

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### Letter to Readers from the Editor

Greetings everyone,

As moving day is rapidly approaching - Friday 20th Sept. - I just thought that I would put my fingers to the keyboard to say a HUGE thank you to everyone in our local HCCC area who have made our extended stay of 25+ years, so memorable and enjoyable.

In 1986 we called our 50 acres of paradise 'Tatiara' - aboriginal for "Good Country" and have always felt that it was well named.

Whilst the natural beauty of the area with its outstanding granite tors and far-reaching views will stay with us forever, it is the warm and friendly people, who make up the many small communities, that are the real heart and soul of this beautiful area. We could not have wished for better neighbours, whether they be over the other side of the 6 strand wire fence, or a little further down the road.

Add in the amazing wildlife (NOT the deer) and our home really is an elevated gem, basking in blue sky and sun above the winter fog and cooler than the surrounding plains in summer.

We will certainly miss this special part of the world but we will always have many happy memories of our time living in the Highlands.

Many thanks to everyone who has made this delightful life experience possible - you rock!

Best wishes to you all for the future,

**Pauline & Peter.**



**Specky view from the Roberts' front deck**

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**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**



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**





# 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!**

- 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  
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Entry \$10 for adults - Kids U/16 FREE.  
Pay at the gate or book online via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com):  
[www.trybooking.com/CQSGD](http://www.trybooking.com/CQSGD) (Bookings open July 1<sup>st</sup>)

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[www.yeagardenexpo.com.au](http://www.yeagardenexpo.com.au)



## 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](http://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



# Terip Terip Community Morning Tea



**Sunday 6th October 2024**

**At the Terip Terip Rec Reserve**

**Come and enjoy a cuppa & a catch-up. Also, a chance to show support for our local CFA brigade members who have their first training session of the season.**

**Time: from 10:00 am. Bring a small plate to share.**

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**Save the Date!**

Next Highlands Book Group - @ the Highlands Hall, Saturday 12th October @ 6pm

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**It's all happening in Strathbogie with 2 activities coming up**  
For more details see the website - <https://www.strathbogie.org.au/>

## **Screen Printing Workshops Wearable Art**

**Time & Date:** 10:30am-2:30pm,  
Saturday the 21st or 28th of September  
**Location:** Strathbogie Memorial Hall  
**Cost:** Adults \$35, Under 12 \$20

Learn about screen printing in a one-day workshop Wearable Ethical Art with printmaker Robyn Thompson. Robyn will assist you to draft the design for two t-shirts and then guide you through the screen-printing process. The t-shirts will be hand-printed using water soluble textile inks. Two ethical 100 % organic cotton t-shirts will be supplied.

A maximum of 8 participants will ensure there is individual guidance on screen printing techniques.

## **Bushwalk Golden Mountain, Strathbogie Forest**

**Time & Date:** 10:30am-1:30pm, Sunday 29th September  
**Start/End Location:** Intersection of Ferraris Rd and Harpers Number 4 Track, Strathbogie  
**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate  
**Length:** 4km  
**Cost:** Free as always  
**Bring:** A hat, lunch, water & sturdy walking shoes

Our first Spring walk is one we've been talking about for a while, and is actually featured on one of our walk guides on the website. The walk is a surprisingly gentle ascent to the top of the famous Golden Mountain, which boasts one of the best views in Strathbogie.



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

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RANGES  
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## Tablelands Community Centre

27 Nolans Road Ruffy

### ARTBOX EXHIBITION VIEWINGS

**October 6th to 30th - gubi ngarrak-du/Up on the mountain**

Isobel Morphy-Walsh Indigenous Weaving & Mapping

**November 2nd to 23rd - Bushwoods Creations**

Shlomit Moria Chainsaw Artist & Wood Carver



**2nd Exhibition Opening 6pm Friday 1st November**

Bushwoods Creations Meet the Artist & BBQ \$5 donation

BYO Drinks & Salads Tea/Coffee Dessert Provided

### WORKSHOP DATES

**October: Indigenous Weaving Workshops**

10am till 2pm - Saturday 12th & 19th & Sunday 13th & 27th



**November: Whittling Workshop**

Saturday 2nd & 23rd 10am till 3pm - Sunday 24th 9am till 2pm

Whittling workshops for over 16 years of age or phone contact for under 16's


**All Workshops Limited Spaces**

\$10 per workshop BYO lunch tea/coffee provided

**Openings & Workshop Bookings Essential**

[www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

Further info: [tccruffy@gmail.com](mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com) or 0427 690 970







**Yea River Catchment Landcare Group**



**Conservation of **ENDANGERED NATIVE FISH SPECIES** in Farm Dams  
with  
**NATIVE FISH ECOLOGIST, DR SCOTT RAYMOND****



Among his many achievements, Dr Scott Raymond is a Senior Research Ecologist at the Arthur Rylah Institute, where he has worked for the past seventeen years, specialising in small-bodied native fish conservation, species translocation and habitat restoration.

Join Yea River Catchment Landcare Group to hear Scott talk about rearing endangered native fish in farm dams, and how this helps restore wild populations, heavily depleted by habitat loss, drought, and competing exotic species.

**Friday, 4 October 2024, 7.15 pm (after our AGM)**  
RSL Club, 26 Snodgrass Street, YEA  
Landcare members \$5; non-members \$10; kids free (cash, please)

RSVP: Judy Brookes at [juncball@bigpond.com](mailto:juncball@bigpond.com)

**SUPPER PROVIDED**



# KOALA CONSERVATION PRESENTATION

## YARCK HALL



UGLN is very proud to announce a free Koala presentation. Join Landcare for a Koala conversation with Lynne Wallace-Greenberg. Lynne currently works in Koala Education & Conservation. Her tertiary qualifications, and her hands-on skills at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, equip her to answer any questions about koalas that you may have.



Learn about:

- How & where koalas live.
- Their favourite trees and how you can improve their habitat.
- Threats that koalas face and how we can help.
- How to report koala sightings.

*The talk will be followed by the Home Creek-Spring Creek Landcare Group AGM.*

***When: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October***

***Time: 11AM***

***Where: Yarck Hall, 6583 Maroondah Hwy, Yarck***  
***Light lunch provided***

***To register contact Chris Cobern on [ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net)  
or 0413 855 490***

***Important Covidsafe advice:***

Do not attend the activity if you are unwell, especially with cold/flu symptoms.

*This event has been funded by the Victorian Landcare Grants.*





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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.