

# 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

Next week - 21st - 27th October is National Water Week. Each year this week takes the opportunity to raise awareness about the finite nature and importance of water. This is a universal situation and one that we need to be more aware of.

Way back in 2002 the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights stated that: "The human right to water entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses." Universal access to sanitation is, "not only fundamental for human dignity and privacy, but is one of the principal mechanisms for protecting the quality" of water resources. Furthermore, in April 2011, the Human Rights Council stated that access to safe drinking water and sanitation is a human right: a right to life and to human dignity.

Whilst the above adopted observations offer noble sentiments the reality is yet to be achieved.



- To put this into perspective a few stats from the UN
- 884 million people in the world do not have access to safe drinking-water.
  - 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation, that's 40% of the world's population.
  - According to the World Health Organization (WHO), between 50 and 100 litres of water per person per day are needed to ensure that the most basic needs are met
  - Most of the people categorized as lacking access to clean water use about 5 litres a day - one tenth of the average daily amount used in rich countries to flush toilets.
  - Together, unclean water and poor sanitation are the world's second biggest killer of children, and it has been calculated that 443 million school days are lost each year to water-related illness!!

So, the next time you leave the tap running whilst brushing your teeth and safe, potable water is wasted just going down the drain, maybe think again - and use water more wisely.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline

And Kenny? Was looking forward to a Middle Eastern Feast.

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"Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished."

Dean Koontz

American Author (fiction)












## Did you know?

### October is Frog Month in Victoria

For those readers interested in all things amphibious download the **Frog Census App** and start recording frog calls in your area!

Your recordings help track frog populations and support their protection.



What's On - October & November 2024		
	<b>Mon. 14th Oct @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNERS</b> @ 450 Caveat- Dropmore Rd Highlands Spinning Club will get together - same place, same time with the same good company. BYO lunch and great te & coffee will be provided. <b>Enquiries? Jan - 5790 4361</b>
	<b>Sun. 27th Oct. @ 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>Details? See p.7</b>	<b>Mon. 28th Oct. @ 1.30pm</b>	<b>RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB</b>  @ 66 Maggie's Lane, Ruffy New members are always welcome <b>Enquiries? Janet - 0458 904268</b>
	<b>Thurs. 31st Oct. @ 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>Lots of dates see pp.5 &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 see what is on offer?	
	<b>Fri. 1st Nov. from 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH</b> @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights & celebrate the NEXT Art Box opening! <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</b>
<b>W/end 2nd &amp; 3rd Nov. 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>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 23rd October and 6th &amp; 20th November.</b>
	<b>Every Monday @ 7pm</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS</b> <b>Not happening at the moment</b> @TCC Ruffy Come along & have some fun! <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</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 15th October and 5th & 19th November <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!

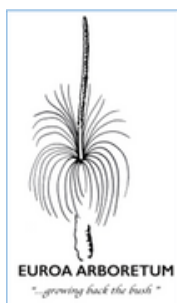
### “CATCH OF THE DAY” PRIZES

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.

RSVP by text to Justus: 0427 524 473 or Jenny: 0408 969 236 by 16th October



## Art Box Launch at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy

A crowd from near and far gathered at the Tablelands Community Centre for the opening of the ARTBOX in Ruffy.

This month's ARTBOX serves as a platform for artistic expression, cultural exchange and community engagement.

The purpose of the evening was to celebrate and showcase the talent and creativity of our October artist Isobel Morphy-Walsh a proud Nirim balak woman from the Taungurung people. Significantly this is Isobel's first solo showing of her work on her ancestral country in Ruffy and her works on display are her impressions of travel and walking around Ruffy.

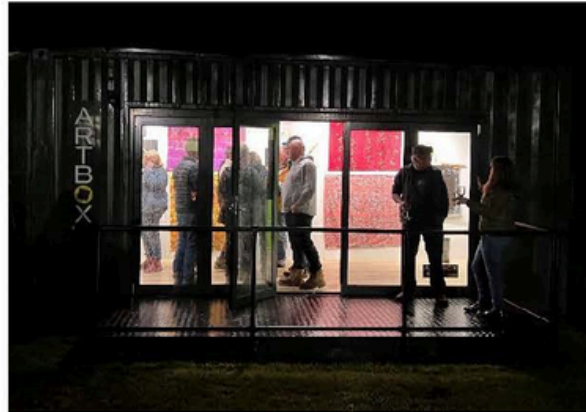


Photo by Anna White

Our evening began with a Welcome to Country smoking ceremony by Uncle Larry Walsh and daughter Hannah.

Followed by Isobel introducing her exhibition titled gubi ngarrak-du / Up on the mountain and engaging the crowd to total silence with a beautifully moving well-wishing healing song in language. The song roughly translated – Wishing the audience love and respect, Travel with love and respect, Community with love and respect, Country with love and respect, strength, beauty love and respect may these things travel with you always. You can view this video on the Tablelands Community Centre Facebook page.

After viewing the art on display and engaging with the artist and her family we moved inside out of the weather for a performance by musicians Archer and Jack Norton who's coming to join us was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. The evening of course ended with a legendary supper.

The Tablelands Community Centre would like to thank all who assisted and attended, your presence is valued and added to the significance of the event.

You can view the exhibition anytime till the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at the Tablelands Community Centre 27 Nolans Road Ruffy.

Don't miss the opportunity to book into one of Isobel's weaving workshops during October  
Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUZVI>

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## STOP PRESS

There have been some date changes for the Indigenous Weaving workshops due to ill health this weekend

Two new dates have been added to make up

**ARTBOX Indigenous Weaving Workshops at the Tablelands Community Centre  
October Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th**

Bookings Essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUZVI>

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# RUFFY TRIVIA NIGHT



NOV 23 2024

7PM START! TICKETS ARE \$10 PER PERSON.

PLEASE RING DARRYL TO BOOK YOUR SPOT ON 0468 771 024  
ONLY CASH PAYMENT AVAILABLE, ON THE NIGHT

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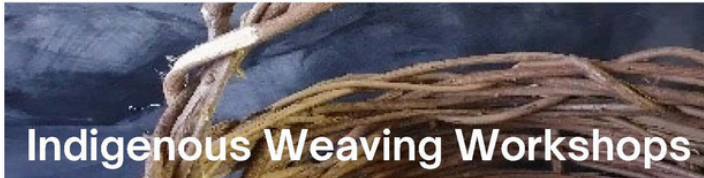
# Tablelands Community Centre

**gubi ngarrak-du / Up on the Mountain**

**ARTBOX EXHIBITION VIEWINGS**

on display till October 30th

by local indigenous artist Isobel Morphy-Walsh



**Spaces for workshops are limited, bookings essential**  
Don't miss out on this enriching experience-reserve your spot today

10am till 2pm - Saturday 20th or 26th Sunday 20th or 27th

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUZVI>

27 Nolans Road Ruffy

## Letter to the Editor

Greetings Pauline,

Here is our babies' nest sitting beautifully in the lime tree in the patio. A work of art which both build, and beautiful to watch.

Merkle and Mikle have their 3 baby thrushes in the ladder nest next door.

Regards,  
Roger and the other Strongs



Does any reader know what variety of bird has made this beautiful work of art?

Email [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) if you think you know. Ed.

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## And the winner is.....

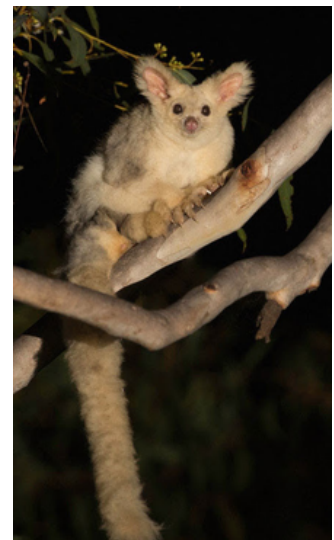
### The Greater Glider - voted the 2024 Marsupial of the Year

The greater glider is Australia's largest gliding mammal.

With excellent night vision, they swoop from branch to branch, sometimes as far as 100 metres at a time, searching for juicy leaves upon which to eat. They steer using their tails, which are longer than their body, and their babies love to hitch a ride on mum's back.

They can range in colour from dark chocolate brown to almost entirely white and communicate through scent-marking.

Greater gliders were once common throughout the forests of Queensland, NSW and Victoria, but populations have crashed by more than 50% in the last 20 years due to habitat destruction and bushfires. They were listed as an endangered species in 2022.



## Ruffy Trivia Night

Sat 23rd Nov.  
7:00pm at the Ruffy Hall

\$10 per head includes supper, quiz, games  
and lots of fun

Bookings essential  
Darryl 0468 771 024



### It's time to vote!!

The Victorian Local Government Elections are now in full swing and the VEC (Victorian Electoral Commission) wants TGN readers to be aware of the following -

- Ballot packs were mailed out last week
- If you haven't received one by **Tuesday 15th October** go to [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) to complete an on-line ballot pack replacement form
- Ballot papers need to be **completed and returned** to the designated Local Government Electoral Office (see ballot pack for each LG area's details) by **6pm on Friday 25th October**
- This can be done in person or by mailing the completed forms to the above location(s).

Whilst local governments are seen as the lowest tier of governance in Australia - after Federal and State levels - and therefore of no great importance, some people might not be bothered with all of the above....

A couple of things to note

- We live in a democracy, so make the most of your vote (at any level of government) as it is valuable and people are literally dying around the world to achieve this important human right. And...
- Local governments are so much more than just rates, roads and rubbish and as councillors live in our local communities they also have a vested interest in ensuring that those towns/locales are vibrant and pleasant places to live.



## 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



## RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB

Next group is meeting on  
Monday 28th October at 1:30pm

At Kym & Stephen's place  
66 Maggie's Lane Ruffy

**Topic** - Garden Diaries recording what worked, what didn't and other interesting seasonal observations.

Enquiries? Janet 0458 904268



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.

iNaturalist



## 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

**NB: See other TCC ad for NEW dates!**



**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





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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.