

# 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

It's always gratifying to pose one little question and see how many people respond to it - so thank you to all those readers who replied back to my query - "Does any reader know what bird made this delightful work of art?"



A Willy Wagtail was the most popular answer but although the nests are similar in shape and size, this one is actually the creation of a Fantail - Frances Fantail - as the Strong family have named her.

You can definitely see the similarities with a Willy Wagtail's nest. Both are a neatly woven cups of grasses, covered with spider's web on the outside and lined internally with soft grasses, hair or fur. The soft lining of the nest, if not readily available, is often taken directly from an animal. The nest of the Willie Wagtail may be re-used in successive years, or an old nest is often destroyed and the materials used in the construction of a new nest. Nests are normally placed on a horizontal branch of a tree, or other similar structure.



Apparently, the way Willy Wagtails clean their nests with the baby birds still inside is well worth watching on Google.

But then watching real-life events unfold is pretty exciting too. As roving reporter Roger notes - "The Fantails have now laid eggs after a long time constructing their nest, as it takes 2 to tango and share nest construction.... And here we are getting ready for the next step.... She is now sitting on 2 eggs. We wait with bated breath to see the results."



Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline

And Kenny?

Was getting excited about the upcoming Ruffy Trivia night.

Feedback? [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au)  
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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

"A society grows great when people plant trees whose shade they know they will never lie in."

Taken from a Greek proverb

Note to Self:  
Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up.



## Did you know?

**Apples are closely related to roses, along with pears, cherries and plums.**

Apples can be kept fresh for up to a year by reducing oxygen levels and increasing carbon dioxide, and many supermarkets have made the most of this.

Apples were domesticated very early, between 4,000 and 10,000 years ago.

Do any readers have a favourite variety of apple? Email the editor if you do.



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## What's On - October & November 2024

Variable Dates & Events  
  
Set Dates & Times

		<b>What's On - October &amp; November 2024</b>	
	<b>Sat. 26th Oct. @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS - CAVEAT RFB PRE-SEASON MEETING</b> All welcome. Meeting followed by a BBQ lunch.	<b>@ Highlands Hall</b>
	<b>Sun. 27th Oct. @ 10am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. <b>Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235</b>	<b>@ Highlands Hall</b>
<b>Details? See p.6</b>	<b>Mon. 28th Oct. @ 1.30pm</b>	<b>RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' CLUB</b> New members are always welcome	 <b>@ 66 Maggie's Lane, Ruffy</b> <b>Enquiries? Janet - 0458 904268</b>
	<b>Thurs. 31st Oct. @ 5.30</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat	<b>@ Caveat Church</b>
	<b>Lots of dates see pp. 5 &amp; 9</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> 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>@ Tablelands Community Centre</b>
	<b>W/End 2nd &amp; 3rd Nov. 10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO</b> Open the first weekend each month - discover some stunning artwork.	<b>@ 5 Gifford St, Yea</b>
	<b>Fri. 8th Nov. from 6.30pm</b>	<b>DRINKS on the DECK</b> Bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.	<b>@ Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>Contact Paula 0419 551882</b>
	<b>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> 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>@ Highlands Community Hall</b>
	<b>Every Monday @ 7pm</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS MONDAYS</b> Come along & have some fun!	<b>@TCC Ruffy</b> <b>Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</b>
	<b>Every Tuesday - 6pm</b>	<b>MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA</b> BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash	<b>@ Highlands Community Hall</b> <b>Enquiries? 0436 428065</b>
	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 1-3</b>	<b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> 5th & 19th November	<b>@ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy</b> <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> \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket	<b>at the Tablelands Community Centre</b> <b>Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com</b>

Not happening at the moment

# 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 23rd October

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**NB: Event POSTPONED due to the Weather forecast for 19th Oct.**

**\*\*\* It will now be held NEXT Saturday - 26th October \*\*\***

All other details remain the same.



## Highlands Ramblers enjoyed their latest walk

On 29th September the Ramblers left from the Highlands Hall and headed down Yorston Rd to Lades Rd, continuing the circuit back to the Hall along Highlands Rd. This was a route in reverse which was made on horseback to the Highlands School in years gone by.

Norm Drew met us as we headed past his cows and young calves. We crossed the river at Rocky Crossing in Lades Rd. Geoff Lade was entertaining with stories of Olive, his grandmother. Her portrait is above the fireplace in the Highlands Hall's Old School Room.

**The last walk for the year is planned for Sunday 27th October. So dust off your hiking boots and enjoy!**



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### STOP PRESS

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

Don't forget there is still one more weaving workshop to enjoy and places available.

**ARTBOX Indigenous Weaving Workshops at the Tablelands Community Centre in October are Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th**

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

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PHOTO BY ANGELA RIVAS

**RUFFY ART BOX  
NOVEMBER  
EXHIBITION  
BOOKINGS OPEN**



**TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
27 NOLANS ROAD RUFFY**

## **NOVEMBER ARTIST SHLOMIT MORIA**

Shlomit Moria is a wood sculptor and chainsaw carver. A former graphic artist, Shlomit decided to follow her lifelong passion for the three-dimensional medium of wood sculpture. She established **Bushwood Creations** and creates her works of art from reclaimed and salvaged timbers.

First sculpture exhibition for the ART BOX  
Exhibition Viewings from 2nd to 23rd November

## **EXHIBITION LAUNCH**

**Friday 1st November 6pm**

Meet the Artist, BBQ \$5 donation  
Unveiling of the Wombat Sculpture  
BYO Drinks & Salad

Tea/Coffee Dessert Provided

**Essential Bookings Close 28th Oct.**

**Limited Numbers - BOOK NOW**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUZUE>

## **WHITTLING WORKSHOPS**

Saturday 2nd or 23rd - 10am till 3pm

Sunday 24th - 9am till 2pm

BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided

**Bookings Essential - BOOK NOW**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUZVP>

## Ruffy Social Calendar

### First Friday BBQs at the Tablelands Community Centre

#### Some dates for your diaries

**November BBQ** - Art Box 1st November Launch (as per flyer) bookings essential and close 28th Oct. so RSVP now.

**December BBQ** - No BBQ instead come to the Annual Community Christmas Party Saturday 7th Dec.

**January BBQ** - back to normal Friday 3rd January



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## 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**



#### Another date for your diary in November

**Monday 11th November @ Chris & Theo's  
134 Weibye Track Ruffy.**

For the last gathering of 2024 we take time enjoy the beauty of this established garden and reflect on why we garden and what can be achieved.

All welcome and please bring some afternoon tea or produce to share . Enquires Janet 0458 904268

## Highlands-Caveat CFA

A pre-season meeting will be held at the Highlands Hall on **Saturday 26th October at 11.00am** followed by a BBQ lunch.

All welcome.



### CFA Bushfire Essentials Workshop

**Saturday November 9th, 10:15 for 10:30am  
Highlands Hall.**

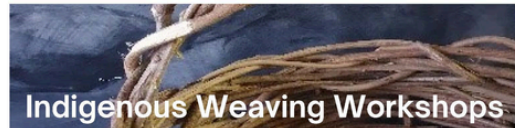
For further information:  
**Andrea Bauer 0417 369 225**

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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

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Are you interested in adding to the



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**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.

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## Highlands Book Group - Great Reading Recommendations

**NEXT MEETING Saturday November 16th @ 7pm**

### **The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow**

It features the eponymous Augie March, who grows up during the Great Depression, and it is an example of Bildungsroman, tracing the development of an individual through a series of encounters, occupations and relationships from boyhood to manhood.

### **We Need to Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver**

The mother of a boy who has gone on a killing spree at school reflects on her son's pre-massacre life as a miserable budding sociopath.

### **Breath by Tim Winton**

An extraordinary evocation of an adolescence spent resisting complacency, testing one's limits against nature, finding like-minded souls, and discovering just how far one breath will take you.

### **The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton**

Jaxie, who lives alone with his abusive, drunken father, returns home to discover his father's body. He escapes, to avoid accusations of murder, into the bush on foot.

### **Juice by Tim Winton (NEW)**

Set in a dystopian, future world where an inhospitable climate has made life precarious. Winters are hot, summers are lethal, and it's set in the north-west of WA. His focus in the book is how future generations will judge the current population's actions to prevent such climate change.

### **Second Glance by Jodi Piccolt**

When odd, supernatural events plague the town of Comtosook, a ghost hunter is hired by the developer to help convince the residents that there's nothing spiritual about the property.

### **Crow Lake by Mary Lawson**

The Morrison siblings have been haunted by tragedy since the sudden death of their parents in an accident when they were young. Kate found an escape from the legacy of their dark past in her passion for the natural world.

**The Men who Killed the News by Eric Beecher** The inside story of how media moguls abused their power, manipulated the truth and distorted democracy. From Randolph Hurst to Robert Maxwell to, of course, Rupert Murdoch a handful of powerful men have corrupted the news to the point where fake news can be accepted as truth. A compulsive read.

### **Swooning by Christopher Lawrence**

The history of classical music is littered with murder, adultery, bigamy, fraud, sado-masochism, riches, poverty, gluttony, nervous breakdowns, bizarre behaviour and terrible, terrible toilet humour (Mozart was the prime exponent of the latter). Classical music –nice? Not at all!

### **The Book of Secrets by Michael Holroyd**

A treasure-trove of hidden lives, uncelebrated achievements and family mysteries. Michael Holroyd peers into dusty corners to bring a company of unknown women into the light. Their lives are fluid and vulnerable - they play the role of mistress, fiancée, or muse - and always somehow illegitimate.

### **Hell Ship by Michael Veitch**

The True Story of the Plague Ship Ticonderoga, One of the Most Calamitous Voyages in Australian History

### **The Shipwreck by Larry Writer**

The true story of the Dunbar one of the most advanced and celebrated sailing ships of the mid-19th century. Built to carry passengers in speed and luxury on the long route from Britain to Australia, it was the Titanic of its day.

### **Polar Castaways by Richard McElrea & David Harrowfield**

Amazing true story of the Ross Sea Expedition to Antarctica in 1914 to provide support for Shackleton's crossing of the Antarctic Continent - which never happened of course, because his boat was crushed in the ice.

### **Caledonian Road by Andrew O'Hogan**

A biting portrait of British class, politics, and money told through five interconnected families and their rising—and declining—fortunes.

**Date for your Diary - the next meeting of the Highlands Book Group is Sat. 16th Nov. @ NEW time 7pm.**



# 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

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)

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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.