

# 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

With fires in the western part of Victoria, at both the Grampians and the Little Desert, local CFA firefighters from the HCCC area have travelled across the state to assist in this battle against the weather, the topography and the current state of play - as I type this the fires have jumped the containment lines. As the weather forecast for the next few days is looking extremely intense, they could have their work cut out for them.

Of course fire can strike anywhere anytime, given the right conditions, and dry lightning strikes are a distinct possibility with the predicted weather across the state for the next few days. In recent days Matt Ahern - the CFA North-East Community Education Coordinator - has issued a 'heads up' as to what to expect and what to do during this week of heatwave temperatures, not only from a fire point of view, but also from one of personal safety. See p.4 for more.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was enjoying a bounce on Stuart's trampoline

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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

"We can forget it is OK to have fun and it is OK to take time for yourself - you need to be able to look after yourself, to be able to look after others."

Harley Windsor

Australian Winter Olympic pair skater

**FREE WOOD CHIPS**  
**Highlands Community Hall**  
**Cnr Highlands and Ghin Ghin Roads,**  
**Highlands**








Month	Highlands	Ruffy
Jan.	19.8 mm	41 mm
2025 Total	19.8 mm	41 mm
Rainy Days	4 days	3 days

NB - 33 mm of the Ruffy precipitation fell within one afternoon with a very localised storm

## What's On - February 2025

Variable Dates & Events

		<b>What's On - February 2025</b>	
	<b>Friday 7th Feb. from 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH</b> It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights!	@ Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	<b>Saturday 8th Feb. @ 7pm</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS BOOKCLUB</b>	 @ Highlands Hall
	<b>Monday 10th Feb. @ 11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNERS</b> Tea, coffee, friendship and laughs will be in plenty.	@ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Enquiries? Jan & Ruby 5790 4361
	<b>Friday 14th Feb. @ 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.	@ Highlands Community Hall Contact Paula 0419 551882
<b>Details? See p.6</b>	<b>Friday 14th Feb. @ 6pm</b>	<b>CHAIN of SURVIVAL PRESENTATION</b> The CCRTTLE Neighbourhood Watch invites locals to attend.	@ Creighton's Creek Hall Enquiries? 0427 553539
	<b>Sat. 15th Feb. 9 - 11.30am</b>	<b>LEARN BASIC FIRST AID ESSENTIALS</b> Be prepared for any emergency situations - limited places left.	<b>Booked out!!</b> @ Tablelands Community Centre Interested? 0427 690970
	<b>Thurs 20th Feb. @ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HCCC MONTHLY MEETING</b> All Welcome	@ Caveat Church
	<b>Thurs. 27th Feb. @ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat.	@ Caveat Church
	<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 5th &amp; 19th February.</b>	@ Highlands Community Hall
	<b>Every Tuesday - 6pm</b>	<b>MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA</b> BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash	@ Highlands Community Hall Enquiries? 0436 428065
	<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 1-3</b>	<b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> 4th & 18th February.	@ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	<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	at the Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

Set Dates & Times

## Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative - President's Report 2024-25

We celebrated the 40th anniversary of our Landcare Group this year, along with another significant birthday of one of our most dedicated members, Jan Hayes. Throughout HCCC's existence Jan has contributed in many ways, including a long spell as treasurer, presenting her financial reports in the most beautiful handwriting.

Landcare could not exist without its volunteers and we're indeed fortunate to have many more long-term members also chalking up 40 plus year of service. Thank you to all our members who turn up to events and field days, meetings and gatherings or provide us with the venue to hold these. Over the years we've done much to improve and restore our landscape.

This was the year of Landcare Futures, a pilot programme sponsored by Farmers' Regen and chaired by "Wardy" (Andrew Ward) that occupied many hours of meetings, reading and community consultations and workshops. The workshops were well attended and many valuable ideas came out of these meetings.

Vanessa was the programme facilitator and worked hard to keep meetings running, liaising as well as doing training to keep up to speed. Volunteers played an important part in this programme, and by the start of this year 7, maybe 8 projects are ready to roll. The Presentation at the end of the project, (A classy information booklet and postcard as well as a well-produced video) was enthusiastically received by all who were present at the launch. We are now eagerly awaiting the directions our New Futures will take us.

We'll be sorry to farewell Vanessa who took on the running of many projects for HCCC and stepped in for Neil during his absence. She had some great attendances for events run around Seymour and organised some fabulous Soil Health days. Thanks for all your work, Vanessa and best wishes for your future work in the South West Goulburn network.

The Granite News continues into its 19th year and is the envy of other Landcare Groups who find it hard to believe that this publication comes out weekly and is free. Thank you, Pauline, for keeping the GN running, keeping it fresh and interesting and overcoming all the technical dramas that crop up occasionally.

Neil, our weeds facilitator published the Blackberry Brochure that was hand delivered to all landholders in our area. Along with this we purchased two lightweight spray units that were available to all for a small hiring fee. We've had success in some areas that were becoming a major problem and the brochure raised awareness in our area with the result that our spray units have been fully booked. We also discovered that a personal approach to some landowners was most effective, with one in particular being quite unaware of his responsibilities but happy to cooperate. Thank-you Neil for your tact and persuasion!

### More Events:

**A wonderful BBQ day at the Euroa Arboretum** with the Hazara Community from Shepparton including a most popular Fishing Competition, (Yes, two fish were caught!). We hope to continue our contact with this group as it's such a wonderful cultural exchange. Thanks to Kerstie Lee, (GBCMA) for finding some extra funds to help cover costs, and Jenny Webb who organised the pre-event planning meetings with Ali in Shepparton.

**Whiteheads Creek Archives:** Janet and Lesley Dalziel have been organising historical material that was gathering dust in the WHC Hall. Some interesting material came to light, and this is an important ongoing project, because WHC was one of the very first Landcare Groups in the State.

### Many thanks to:

- Neville, our wonderful treasurer who reminds us when we're close to exceeding our budget and has been instrumental in re-organising our financial reports. You're a vital part of the HCCC
- Sue Van Buuren, our secretary and web designer. Thank you for taking on this position-it's been wonderful to read the well written and concise minutes.
- Our Facilitators: Yes, without them we'd be nowhere. Thank you, (Janet and Neil) for all your hard work, the projects, your enthusiasm, your ideas and for sharing your extensive knowledge with us. We're all the richer for having you as part of the HCCC. The Landscape thanks you.
- Our Project Officer: Vanessa, who ran so many successful field days and workshops, including many around Seymour, with lots of new faces attending! (Some were very young indeed!)
- All the committee members for their input, encouragement and ideas.

Lastly, a special thanks to Kerstie Lee, who is our Liaison Officer at the CMA and is keenly interested in all our activities and keeps us abreast of the latest requirements, grant opportunities and government policies.

**Justus Hagen**  
**President - HCCC**  
**Ruffy, 16/01/25**

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## An email from Matt Ahern to Community Fireguard Groups

Just a quick email to give you the heads up on what are expected to be heat wave conditions for the next few days. It has never been more important that you start to prepare to activate your fire plans.

Over the next week across our District and across the State we will see daily temperatures consistently in the mid-to high 30s and even in the 40s for two or even possibly three consecutive days.

The "Drought Factor" (dryness of the land) is already reaching its peak with soil moisture levels at low points only seen 5 times in the last 40 years. This, combined with potential for gusty N-NE winds and an already dry landscape, present us with some of the highest fire danger we have seen in years.

Check on elderly neighbours or those with disabilities as they may need assistance.

**NOW** is the time to do the last-minute preparedness jobs, ensuring that -

- members of your family have their Leaving Early bags packed including medications etc.
- important documents have been either scanned and saved to a cloud-based drive or you have copies of them at another location
- insurance details are up to date
- any animals are ready to go and pet food packed and water included for them.
- you have fuel in the car
- Vic Emergency App loaded on your phone with "Watch Zones" set up.

Your Community Fireguard group's phone tree or What's App group is NOT to be relied on for notification of a fire in the area. It is everyone's responsibility to monitor conditions and fires on the day.

The main contact for your group is NOT responsible for alerting the group of a fire in the area.

**On these days (if you are still home) do not sit inside with air conditioner on and ignore the conditions outside!**

**Every 30mins or so, get up, go outside, and sniff the air. If you can smell smoke check the Vic Emergency App or call the Vic Emergency Hotline 1800 226 226. THIS IS THE TIME TO ACT.**

If a fire has started close to your house, it may be too late to leave. What is your "Shelter in Place" option?

Communicate your plans to your CFG group - are you leaving early and what prep has been done.

**If you are staying, what preparation have you done?**

- Does your equipment work, and do you have fuel for pumps, generator etc. to last you at least 48-72hours?
- Who is staying with you as you should not stay to defend on your own.
- What is your "Last Resort Option" when all else fails?
- Getting in the car at this point is NOT an option.

**REMEMBER: STAYING AND DEFENDING YOUR PROPERTY COULD COST YOU YOUR LIFE.**

**LEAVING EARLY IS ALWAYS THE SAFEST OPTION**

**DO NOT PLAN TO HAVE A FIRE TRUCK AT YOUR DOOR OR IN YOUR STREET**

The important thing is that you have the knowledge to make the right decisions to save yourself and your family.

**If you need any further information about preparedness and survival, please go to the CFA Website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)**

Stay safe and look after each other over the next week or so.

**Matt Ahern  
CFA North-East Community Coordinator**



## 10 Eco-Friendly Glitter Alternatives

**Glitter Litter** – one of the greatest enemies of the environment. Unfortunately, to all the colorful crafters out there, glitter is typically made from a type of dense plastic called polyethylene terephthalate or PET – the same plastic in disposable water bottles. When washed down the drain, glitter becomes a subset of marine plastic litter known as the infamous microplastic.

Microplastics are found throughout the world's oceans, lakes, and rivers, from the surface to the depths of our water systems. These microplastics are then consumed by marine and freshwater life like plankton, fish, shellfish, and seabirds. Microplastics are not only harmful to wildlife, (causing starvation of wildlife, suffocation of animals, and more) but they have also been found to accumulate in our food chain!

Yes, the glitter you wash down the drain may be ending up back on your plate! Sadly, biodegradable glitters are no better for the environment. So what should you do if you do not want to contribute to the degradation of the environment, but still want your crafts to pop with color? Why not try out some eco-friendly glitter alternatives!

1. **Sand glitter:** colored sand is cheap and easy to make. Here is a [tutorial](#) on how to make sand glitter.
2. **Salt glitter:** use food colouring and salt to create a great substitute for plastic glitter. If you want a bit more shimmer, try out sea salt!
3. **Sugar glitter:** this simple DIY only requires sugar, food coloring, and an oven. If you want more sparkle, try out raw sugar!
4. **Colored rice:** not only is this much better for the environment, but it is also a much cheaper alternative to glitter. Here is a [tutorial](#) on how to color rice.
5. **Colored oats:** once again, another cheap and eco-friendly alternative from ingredients that you probably already have in your pantry! Here is a [tutorial](#) on how to dye oats.
6. **Colored seeds:** the best part about this DIY is that you can use any type of seed! Be wary as to not use seeds from **invasive plant species** and avoid spreading your colored seeds in natural areas & parks.
7. **Tiny flowers and petals:** collect flowers and petals from your garden to use in place of glitter – although it does not have the same shiny appeal, it can really make your crafts unique.
8. **Tiny shells:** if you ever head to a beach this summer and come across uninhabited seashells (make sure they are not home to any creatures) consider taking them home for a glitter alternative!
9. **Recycled paper:** ready-to-be-recycled paper laying around your home can be given a second life as a glitter alternative. Simply color your paper with any material you wish (markers, paint, pencil crayons) and use a hole puncher (you can buy many fun design hole punchers at crafting stores) to create an eco-friendly glitter alternative!
10. **Glass beads:** glass beads do not pose the same risks to the environment that glitter does. So, if you want a more eco-friendly alternative, but are not in the mood to DIY your own glitter, head over to a craft store and pick up some glass beads.

As we now know, the real problem with glitter is its PET components that may last for **hundreds of years** and we are all aware of how hard glitter is to clean up once it has made a mess! These eco-friendly alternatives can give your crafts exciting textures that plastic glitters cannot! To avoid being a part of the microplastic problem, do not stop at crafting, but also check the labels of all your cosmetics to determine if they contain any plastic glitter materials. Together, we can help the planet stay sparkly (without glitter) clean.

Article taken from the Canadian website - [Green Your Everyday](#)

### Trampoline For 'Sale'

Trampoline in good condition,  
is looking for a new owner.

Mat 3.2 metres in diameter

Help with dismantling and pickup.  
Otherwise no charge.

**Stuart - 0473 466 279**



AMBULANCE VICTORIA

**"CHAIN OF SURVIVAL" PRESENTATION  
INCLUDES HANDS ON  
DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**



**Friday 14th Feb, 6pm  
at Creighton's Creek Hall**

CREIGHTON'S CREEK HALL & CREIGHTONS CREEK, RUFFY, TERIP  
TERIP, LONGWOOD EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2025

**It's a dull day when you don't learn something new**

So come along to the joint venture between Creighton's Creek Hall Committee and the local Neighbourhood Watch (which has the very long name of Creighton's Creek, Ruffy, Terip Terip and Longwood East Neighbourhood Watch Inc.).

As the above communities have all invested in DEFIBRILLATORS - come along to this training evening to learn how to use this valuable asset.

**Venue is Creightons Creek Hall on Fri 14th Feb, 6pm.**

The presentation will be followed by a NON-EVENT at approx. 7pm, bring a gold coin for a snag, and share some quality time with your community knowing we have each other's backs - and hearts!

**Valentine's Day = Defibrillator Training Day**

RSVP for catering would be appreciated.... reply to email: [nhwatchcrtl@outlook.com](mailto:nhwatchcrtl@outlook.com) or Cathy 0427 553539



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 and start recording our unique natural wonders of both fauna and flora. It's an incredibly valuable resource.

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## Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*)

**IUCN Conservation Status = NEAR THREATENED (assessed in 2014)**

### Platypus behaviour

#### Communication

The Platypus is largely a solitary animal, but several individuals can share the same body of water. The vocalisation has not been recorded in the wild, but captive animals produce low-pitched growling sounds when disturbed or handled.



#### Other behaviours and adaptations

When swimming, the Platypus presents a low profile, with three small humps (the head, back and tail) visible above the water surface. The swimming action is smooth, and when the Platypus dives the back is arched as the animal plunges underwater, creating a spreading ring. These characteristics coupled with the absence of visible ears distinguish the Platypus from the dog-paddle style of the Water-rat.

Platypuses can swim through fast waters at the speed of around 1 metre per second, but when foraging the speed is closer to 0.4 metres per second. However, the Platypus is not well adapted for walking on land. The limbs are short, heavy and splayed away from the body, and a Platypus uses almost 30% more energy when moving on land, compared to a terrestrial mammal of similar size.

#### Platypus life cycle

Young Platypuses do not seem to reproduce in their first year of life, instead, both sexes become reproductive in their second year. Still, many females do not breed until they are at least 4 years old. After mating, a female will lay 1-3 eggs (usually 2) following a 21-days gestation period. She then incubates the eggs for possibly 10 days, after which the lactation period lasts for 3-4 months before the young emerge from the burrow. Platypuses are long-lived animals both in captivity and in the wild, living up to approximately 20 years.

#### Breeding behaviours

The breeding season of the Platypus varies with distribution and within populations. Studies suggest that breeding occurs earliest in Queensland, followed by New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. Mating normally takes place between August to October in New South Wales and Victoria, and lactating females were observed between September and March.

The knowledge of the breeding behaviour generally comes from observations of animals in captivity. In winter (when the water is still cold) males initiate mating interactions. Courtship includes aquatic activities such as: rolling sideways together, diving, touching and passing, and the male is also observed grasping a female's tail with its bill. The behaviour lasts from less than a minute to over half an hour and is usually repeated over several days.

After mating, a pregnant female builds a nest in a long complex burrow (possibly re-worked by several females in different seasons) in less than a week. She spends further 4-5 days collecting wet nesting material to prevent her eggs and hatchlings from drying out. During the egg incubation period, a female holds the eggs pressed by her tail to her belly, while curled up. She intermittently leaves the burrow, however, much of this aspect of the animal's life is still unknown. When the young hatch, the female starts secreting milk and the young Platypuses suckle from the two milk patches covered by fur on the female's abdomen. The female spends most of this time with her young in the burrow, and as the young grow, she increasingly leaves them to forage. Towards the end of the summer the young emerge from the burrow and their fate, as young independent animals, is still largely unknown.

#### Are Platypus endangered?

##### Conservation status

The Platypus is protected by legislation in all of the states that it occurs in. Individuals cannot be captured or killed, except for scientific research. The Platypus is a common species with very little apparent change in its historical distribution (except in South Australia). However, there is a general lack of knowledge in the species abundance at local catchment levels to predict population trends. The dependence of Platypuses on the established freshwater systems may lead to their decline in future.

Platypuses spend most of their time in water or their burrow, so it is difficult to determine their predators. There have been anecdotal reports of the species being predated on by crocodiles, goannas, carpet pythons, eagles and large native fish. In addition, it is likely that foxes, and possibly dogs or dingoes kill Platypuses that move on land or in shallow waters.

#### Are Platypus dangerous to humans?

Male Platypuses have a calcaneous, sharp spur about 12 millimetres long on each ankle. The spur is connected via a long duct to a gland that produces venom, particularly in the breeding season. The venom can cause severe pain to humans, and although not lethal, the pain caused has been described as excruciating. Swelling rapidly develops around the wound and gradually spreads throughout the affected limb. Therefore, if there is a need to handle a Platypus (helping an injured animal for instance), it should always be picked up by the end half of the tail to avoid the spur in case it is a male.

**Editor's note: Each year one of the TGN's generous supporters chooses to feature a different creature, In 2025 it's the iconic platypus. \* Text courtesy - Dr Anja Divljan - Australian Museum.**

### COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Murrindindi Shire Community Awards. These awards honour local volunteers for their exceptional community spirit and willingness to help others.

Our four Award categories are:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Senior Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Community Group or Initiative of the Year

Nominations close on Sunday 24 March. Criteria and nomination forms are available at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/2025Awards](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/2025Awards)

You can also pick up a nomination form at our Library and Customer Service Centres, and the Mobile Library.

The 2025 Award winners will be announced and acknowledged at a volunteer appreciation event held during National Volunteer Week (19-25 May 2025).

### GOULBURN MURRAY SOLAR SAVERS

Council is holding pop-up information sessions to let our community know how the Goulburn Murray Solar Savers Program works, and how it can help you save.

**Alexandra FoodWorks:** 19 February  
11.00 am - 1.00 pm  
**Eildon Grocer:** 19 February, 2.00 - 4.00 pm  
**Marysville Grocer:** 26 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm  
**Yea FoodWorks:** 27 February, 3.00 - 5.00 pm  
**Kinglake FoodWorks:** 6 March, 2.00 - 4.00 pm

There will more sessions over the coming months, so keep an eye out for one near you.

### CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Council's Capacity Building Program includes tailored training, mentoring, and networking events aimed at equipping participants with practical skills and knowledge. By strengthening the capacity of individuals and organisations, the Program seeks to build on the foundations of our connected and resilient community.

Find out more and register for an event at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/capacity-building](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/capacity-building)

### JOIN OUR BIG CONVERSATION

Enjoy a light meal while you chat, connect, and share your BIG ideas with other community members, Councillors and Council officers. Your feedback will help shape our new Council Plan.

Come along and join the big conversation in:  
**Yea:** 20 February, 6.00 - 8.00 pm  
**Marysville:** 24 February, 12 noon - 2.00 pm  
**Alexandra:** 25 February, 12 noon - 2.00 pm  
**Kinglake:** 4 March, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

For more information and to register, visit our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplan)

### 'ALL THINGS BUSINESS' IN KINGLAKE

Council and Business Victoria are kickstarting 2025 with 'All Things Business' in Kinglake.

This is a fabulous opportunity for new and existing Murrindindi Shire based businesses and entrepreneurs, commencing with a business breakfast, leading into an interactive workshop and access to free business advisory services - all on the same day, in the same location.

- Tuesday 18 February, from 7.30 am
- Kinglake Pub, Lawson Room
- 28 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake

Learn more and register on our website at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/smallbusiness](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/smallbusiness)

### COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Council meetings are a good way for the community to see how local decision-making takes place and to observe Council's democratic processes. Meetings are also live-streamed via Facebook and our website.

For a list of Council Meeting dates for 2025 and more information about meetings, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

### STAY INFORMED

To stay up to date with the latest Council news, visit [murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au/news) or follow us on Facebook.

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By putting your recycling in the bin loose and not in a bag, it can be turned into new things like park benches and tables.

**A small act makes a big impact.**  
Find out how at [murrindindi.vic.gov.au](http://murrindindi.vic.gov.au)



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