

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

Who would have thought that TGN's front page would cover not one, but two royal obituaries in the space of 17 months - but sometimes history has a way of dictating such things. At the risk of adding to the overwhelming deluge of documentaries and commentaries on Queen Elizabeth's extraordinary legacy, I'd just like to include a couple of my own observations of this remarkable woman.

When Princess Elizabeth of York was born on 21st April 1926 she was not destined to be queen, but due to her Uncle David's infatuation with the divorcee Wallis Simpson, his abdication sealed her employment options at just 10 years of age.

When her father King George VI died prematurely in 1952, at the tender age of 25 and already a mother of two young children, she stepped up to do her duty to almost half the population of the world.



As she had declared on her 21st birthday, "My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service," and 75 years later she has finally fulfilled that amazing commitment.

I don't know about other readers' life experiences but at the same age Elizabeth became queen I was just 2 months into 12 months of traveling across Asia to Europe and certainly not meeting Prime Ministers three times my age or leaving two small children at home for 6 months in order to visit 12 Commonwealth countries.

This 1954 visit to Australia saw her visit all the capital cities, except Darwin, attend 57 events in 58 days and 'meet' 70% of our then population, about 7 million people! What a baptism of fire for one so young and inexperienced in leadership and diplomacy.

As has been mentioned 24/7 over the last couple of days her dedication and commitment to her subjects has been exemplary but likewise her devotion to her extended family. When the tabloid press called her out for not returning to London from Balmoral on the death of Princess Diana her immediate concern was for her grandsons, William and Harry who, at age 15 and 12, had lost their mother. For those few days, and for probably the only time in her life, she was a grandmother first and a queen second.

It is perhaps only in the last couple of decades that.... **Continued p.3**

Read on for another great issue... **Pauline**

And Kenny Koala...was highlighting the next HCCC meeting

NB: This week's TGN issue is the last until Sunday 2nd October.

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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

"I think the main lesson that we have learned is that tolerance is the one essential ingredient of any happy marriage. You can take it from me that the Queen has the quality of tolerance in abundance."

HRH Prince Philip - Duke of Edinburgh

**I still can't believe
they cancelled
Vivaldi after just
four seasons!**

Can you work out the names of 3 more Victorian towns or suburbs?

A 12 inch lobster
Puzzling Water
Happy Gum

Pobblebonk...Bonk...Croak

September and the sounds of frogs permeate any silence. Do you ever wonder what sounds go with what frogs?

Well wonder no more, either download the **FROG ID** app and take it with you or check out <https://www.frogs.org.au/>

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - September 2022
	Monday 12th Sept. @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2022 at the same place - 450 Caveat - Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
	Wed. 14th Sept. 8-9am	YOGA WORKSHOP - CUSTOM YOGA @ Tablelands Community Centre Back to the Breath and listening to the body Enquiries? Ingrid 0456 720498
	Thursday 15th Sept. @ 7pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING @ Whiteheads Creek All welcome. Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473
	Saturday 17th Sept. @ 10am	SEYMOUR URBAN LANDCARE - Discover Macroinvertebrates in Whiteheads Creek Everyone is welcome to come along and 'meet the neighbours'. Vanessa 0475 459741
	Saturday 17th Sept. 12-2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other . Enquiries? Clare 0428 969366 at 94 Old Highlands Rd
See 21/8	Sunday 18th Sept. 9.30 - 1	GREAT VIC NATURE WALK Moderate 4.5km walk with huge granite boulders RSVP - @ Mt Tenneriffe, Locksley admin@strathbogie.org
	Saturday 24th Sept. 3-4pm	YOGA WORKSHOP - CUSTOM YOGA @ Tablelands Community Centre Building strength, flexibility and balance Enquiries? Ingrid 0456 720498
	Sunday 25th Sept. @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquiries: Andrew Shaw 0437 249038 or Robyn Lingard 0409 528235 @ Highlands Hall
See last week's TGN	Sunday 25th Sept. 10-3	AWE & WONDER in NATURE ART WORKSHOP A day with acrylic paints using collages to create images of the local granite. For further information, email admin@strathbogie.org @ Mitre Rock
	Thursday 29th Sept. @ 5.30	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat at Caveat Church
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? YAY! The Mobile Library will be in Highlands on Sept. 21st & Oct. 12th & 26th. at Highlands Community Hall
It's Back!	Every Monday @ 10am	QI GONG Returning for 2022, everyone is welcome. at the Tablelands Community Centre Contact Vivien 0405 612 400

Queen Elizabeth II - continued from p.1

...she has let the queen facade slip a little from her public persona and as curious onlookers we have seen the wicked sense of humour she possessed.

My two personal favourites are the James Bond spoof that was part of the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. It was such a well-kept secret that apparently as the 'Queen' parachuted out of the helicopter over the Olympic Stadium, one of her two Wales grandsons was heard to exclaim with surprise, "Go grannie!"

<https://youtu.be/1AS-dCdYZbo>

The second glimpse of the Queen's mischievous sense of humour was just last April, as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, when she and Paddington Bear were comparing where they kept their marmalade sandwiches.

<https://youtu.be/7UfiCa244XE>

Several years ago, when Prime Minister Rudd and his wife, Therese Rein visited the queen, Therese observed that one of the corgis was a very different colour to the rest of the pack. Apparently, the Queen replied, "Yes, her mother was a complete trollop."

Dogs, corgis in particular, and horses have always been a part of the Queen's life and one can't help but admire the fact that she was still riding ponies at Balmoral well into her nineties. In cricketing parlance 96 is a very good innings and she has certainly lived a very full and engaged life.

During that life, she has never deviated from the fact that her role was one of service and I can't help but think that her final act of service - that of appointing Britain's newest Prime Minister - was an event that was only possible due to her steely will and determination. Given that it's going to take some time to organise the coronation of King Charles III, if she had predeceased this appointment, then Britain would have had an unresolved matter of leadership. Such a situation would be unprecedented in her reign and, after 70 years of steady and secure rule, that would be the last thing the Queen would want.

Rest in Peace - Elizabeth Alexandra Mary beside the love of your life - Philip. 1926-2022



The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy

A couple of months ago TGN announced that the HCCC had been successful with a submission to the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Project - a unique network of forest conservation initiatives across all 54 countries of the Commonwealth.

As a result of this an established tree will be planted at both Ruffy and Terip later this year. We will then have a lasting memory, or two, of the Queen and her initiative to reforest a large chunk of the world.

Don't forget Water Week

Forget gold, diamonds and Bitcoin, fresh water is THE most precious resource we have on this planet.

Water Week 2022 - October - 17 - 23 October

Water covers three-quarters of our planet and makes up two-thirds of our bodies. We thirst for it and bathe in it. It's used by communities, industry and agriculture for health and livability, the environment, Aboriginal cultural access, manufacturing and production of food and other produce.

Water is an essential resource needed for economic prosperity wherever you live. From our perspective, **Our Water Stories** perfectly enhance and continue this year's Ozwater theme 'Our Water Journey' and AWA's celebration of 60 years.

We invite the community to explore their own stories and imagination, looking to the past, present and future.

What's your water story?
#OurWaterStories



Returning to Ruffy

THE ROYAL HIGH JINX

Saturday 8th October, Ruffy Public Hall

Doors open 7.30 pm

Performance commences 8.00 pm

Reservations essential: email Kelly

ruffartztickets@gmail.com

or 0407 017 090

Adults \$25, Students/Pensioners \$15

BYO Nibbles and drinks

Coffee and cake available at intermission \$5.00

PRESENTED BY RUFFARTZ



FREE Soil Test Kits

Over the past 4.5 years the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority have been coordinating soil and sustainable ag workshops, field days and demonstrations in the Goulburn Broken region working through community and industry partners for our "From the Ground Up" project.

As part of this project, they have 200 standard soil tests to allocate to eligible farms in the catchment, on a first in basis. The number of tests available per farm is based on farm size. To be eligible, your farm needs to be operating as a farm business and in the Goulburn Broken Catchment area

- Up to 40 hectares, 1 free soil test
- 41 to 80 hectares, 2 free soil tests
- 81 hectares plus, 3 free soil tests

To register your interest to get a free soil test click [here](#) and a project officer will get in touch. They will help you take the samples, send them off for testing and send you back the results. There will be opportunities to work through your results in workshops in early 2023. **Continues next page**

Remember when?

Once upon a time...like last century, when people went travelling overseas flimsy airmail letters, postcards and reverse charge phone calls were the usual means of communicating with home.

Not so in the 21st Century!

Bring on the You Tube channels.

Some readers may be aware that one of the HCCC's facilitators Neil, and his wife Sue, are currently enjoying the delights and sights of Sri Lanka. If you would like to follow Neil and Sue's Travel Adventures on You Tube, subscribe now. Just go to -

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCRDvk5YJhSmJkGgfPi8QDmw>

Bon voyage!!

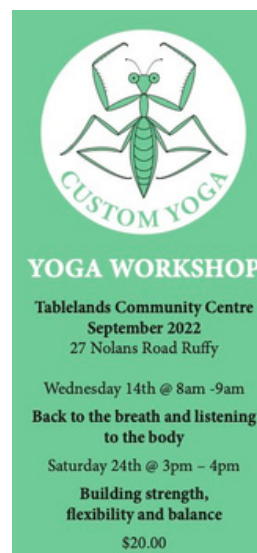
Anyone for yoga?

Hi, my name is Ingrid and I am new to the Strathbogie Shire.

I am keen to get to know the wonderful people making up my new found home and community.

I hope to inspire and encourage all and any who want to move into a warm welcomed spring with balance, inner strength, positivity and wellness to come along and take a few deep breaths with me as we find joy and peace via a blend of Yoga, Qui Gong and Tai Chi.

Like to know more? 0456 720498



Arb and Friends Open Day Celebrate 30 years of the Euroa Arboretum



Join us to celebrate!

We'll launch the Welcome Circle, Daanak Walking Trail and celebrate 30 years of the Euroa Arboretum.

A day with our partners – Taungurung Land and Waters Council, Longwood Plains and Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Networks.

Taungurung Welcome to Country
Discovering Artifacts
Cultural Yarns
Bush Tucker Workshop
Kids Nature Adventures
Build a Bandicoot Bungalow
Food & Coffee Vans
Guided tours of the Daanak Walking Trail
Grassland Tour
Stalls and much more - book for a half or full day of events.



It's a huge celebration - visit our website to read all about the activities and bookings are essential.

www.euroaarboretum.com.au

Soil Test Kits continued...

If you would like any further information, please ring Kerstie on **0437 310940** or email kerstiel@gbcma.vic.gov.au

Our "From the Ground Up" project partners are listed below, and we'd like to thank them for their work on this project.

Upper Goulburn Landcare Network
South West Goulburn Landcare Network
Australian Processing Tomato Research Council
Goulburn Murray Landcare Network
Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Murray Dairy
Irrigated Cropping Council Up2Us Landcare Alliance
Euroa Arboretum Riverine Plains Inc
Vic No Till Farmers Association Fruit Growers Victoria

Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

Greta Valley Landcare Group
Yea River Catchment Landcare Group
Agriculture Victoria University of Melbourne
Strath Creek Landcare Group Maize Association Australia
Gecko CLaN Strathbogie SoilCare Group

Indi Volunteer Grant Funding NOW OPEN

The 2022-23 Volunteer Grants program is now open for Expressions of Interest.

Volunteer Grants support the work of local community organisations by enabling the inclusion of vulnerable people and promoting awareness to increase participation in volunteering.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations with a minimum of 40% volunteers in their workforce. Full eligibility criteria are available in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Grants funding is available for specific uses including:

- Purchasing eligible small equipment for volunteer use
- Contributing to volunteer transport costs
- Training courses for volunteers
- Costs of background screening checks for volunteers
- Activities that promote awareness of or increase participation in volunteering
- Adapting practices to support COVID safety for volunteers

Expressions of interest close at 5pm Tuesday 20th September

A committee of representatives from local government and community groups will assess the expressions of interest. Successful proponents will then be invited to apply to the Department of Social Services for a grant. The final decision on successful applications will be made by a delegate of the government.

Please read the grant opportunity guidelines before filling out an Expression of Interest.

For more information and to complete an expression of interest form click [here](#).

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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, landowners and residents continue this important custodianship into the future.