

# 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

In the space of the last couple of days the HCCC area has moved on from wet and soggy to inundated with both the threat and reality of floods in multiple locations. To those readers who are affected by any of the following waterways - Goulburn River, Hughes Creek, Seven Creeks and Castle Creek - to name a few of the bigger inundations - I hope that you are all safe and well and that Friday's deluge and resultant flooding is the worst you have to experience and that its impact was minimal.

Although not an official weather site the rain gauge on the Roberts' front deck recorded 135mm of rain between 12.01am Wednesday through to 8pm Saturday (68 hours) which is huge and the view from that same front deck has morphed from a total white in on Thursday to seeing "Lake Goulburn" spread extensively over the river flats just north of Yea in the last few days. The transformation was incredibly quick and appears to be in no hurry to dissipate at present.

Needless to say, both the rain and the flooding have meant that several events have been postponed in recent days, see inside for more details, including last week's HCCC meeting which is now being held tomorrow evening Monday 17th Oct. @ 7.30pm @ Highlands Hall.

Read on for another great issue... **Pauline**  
And Kenny Koala...was keeping an eye on Tatiara's creek.

NB: Due to the flooding, readers' minds seem to have been on other things, so the book competition announced last week will be held over.



Last Week - above and same location This Week below!!



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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

"When I want to read a good book, I write one."

**Benjamin Disraeli (1804 -1881)**

**PM (twice) United Kingdom**



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

An early model Holden - Kingswood  
Bill's Place - Williamstown  
Beach Bacon - Shoreham

**Goulburn River from the Ghin Ghin bridge - Friday 14/10/22**



	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - October 2022
<b>NEW Date!!</b>	<b>Monday 17th Oct. @ 7.30pm</b>	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> at Highlands Hall All welcome. Enquiries? Justus 0427 524473
<b>Details see p.5</b>	<b>Sunday Oct. 10</b> <b>POSTPONED</b> -NEW DATE COMING SOON	<b>UNIVERSITY MAPPING</b> at Tablelands community Centre, Ruffy Find out how to map or endangered and/or unique wildlife and plants? Then this hop is for YOU! BYO phone, tablet, laptop to download the essential tools required
<b>Details see p.3</b>	<b>Saturday Oct. @ 1</b> <b>POSTPONED</b> -NEW DATE COMING SOON	<b>WING FLING!!</b> at Ruffy Recreation Reserve Join along and be a part of this community gathering with an international flavour - both and friends. <b>RSVPs by 12/10 to Jenny - 0408 969236 or Justus - 0427 524473</b>
	<b>Sunday 23rd Oct @ 11 - 3</b>	<b>HOME CREEK - SPRING CREEK LANDCARE - 30th ANNIVERSARY</b> To celebrate this achievement and enjoy excellent guest speakers <a href="#">RSVP by 19th Oct to sec.HCSCLG@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Thursday 27th Oct. @ 5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
<b>Details see p.5</b>	<b>Friday 28th October @ 10.30am</b>	<b>LONGWOOD EAST ROADSIDE WALK</b> meet at 331 Gap Rd Longwood East Bringing the community and agencies together to reflect on past bushfires and discover the unique ecology of the area. <b>RSVPs by Tuesday 25th Oct 0407 604012</b>
	<b>Sunday 30th Oct. @ 10am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> at Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district <b>Enquiries: Andrew Shaw 0437 249038 or Robyn Lingard 0409 528235</b>
	<b>Tuesday 1st Nov. 8.30-9.30am</b>	<b>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre \$20 per class BYO mat & blanket <b>Enquiries? Ingrid <a href="mailto:ingstar.7@gmail.com">ingstar.7@gmail.com</a></b>
	<b>Friday 4th Nov. @ 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre It's time to out the FUN back into Friday nights! <b>Enquiries: 0427 690970 or <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a></b>
	<b>Sat. 5th &amp; Sun 6th Nov. 10-4</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO @ YEA BUTTER FACTORY</b> Open first weekend each month - 13 Rattray St, Yea - discover some stunning artwork!
	<b>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</b>	<b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b> at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?? <b>YAY! The Mobile Library will be in Highlands - Oct. 26th and Nov. 9th &amp; 23rd.</b>
<b>It's Back!</b>	<b>Every Monday @ 10am</b>	<b>QI GONG</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre Returning for 2022, everyone is welcome. <b>Contact Vivien 0405 612 400</b>

**DON'T FORGET to SPRING FLING - Saturday 22d October @ noon**

**Reminder: HCCC Spring Fling at Ruffy Recreation Reserve**



**Please phone or text Jenny, 0408 969 236 or Justus, 0427 524 473.**

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**The Annual AUSSIE BIRD COUNT is on again!**

'Tis the season for birds and birdwatching, so Australia's favourite citizen science event, the Aussie Bird Count, will return for Bird Week, between 17–23 October. You don't have to be an expert birder to take part — all you need is a little enthusiasm! Register today to join in the fun - [www.aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://www.aussiebirdcount.org.au)



**If any TGN readers have flood photos that they would like to share of this once in a 50-year event?**

please send them to

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

by Thursday 20th October for inclusion in next week's Granite News

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# RUFFY HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

## FUNDRAISER



### FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

You are invited to put together a team and join us at the **Ruffy Hall on Saturday 12th of November** for a fun night of trivia challenges and friendly competition. There will be great prizes and the famous hot Ruffy Supper to conclude the evening.

Arrive at 7.30 pm to relax, settle your team in and get ready for the quiz questions to start at 8pm sharp.

BYO drinks and snacks for your table

Please bring cash for the entry fee of \$10 and coins for the fabulous wine raffle, drawn on the night.

### PROJECT UPDATE

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Restoration Project so far. The Xmas Dinner and Art Auction was a huge success, and the Committee is now in a position to begin some of the restoration work. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with the dinner, donating, preparing, cooking and serving the delicious food and assisting with the clean up afterwards, it was a mammoth community effort, thank you.

As soon as the weather permits (!!!!!) work will commence on the external painting of the building and restoration of the front window. As funds become available the north wall will be replaced with colour bond cladding and the interior of the hall will be re-painted.

Thanks again for your support for this valuable community asset.

**Sharron Batt**

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## It's time to think about Paterson's Curse

HCCC is now looking for expressions of interest from all landowners to join in with the Landcare group in its annual helicopter spraying for Paterson's Curse. The spraying will take place in May - June.

Each landowner will be subsidised 50% for the cost of the weedicide, to a maximum of 3 loads. This year we will be using a larger Helicopter and the Load price is \$1450.00 plus GST. This covers 26 Hectares

Contact Neil van Buuren to book your property for this particularly important community event and help us to control the spread of this noxious weed.

**Phone: 0417 503 472**

**Email [hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au](mailto:hughes.creek.fac@gmail.com.au)**



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## Longwood East Community Based Bushfire Management



### Longwood East Roadside Walk

Friday 28th October 2022

10:30am - Meet at Barakee Welsh Pony Stud  
331 Gap Road, Longwood East

Bringing the community and agencies together to reflect on past bushfires, discover the unique ecology of the area, explore future risks and ways to collaborate to better prepare for bushfire.

12:30-1:30 Free lunch at Longwood Pub Paddock with the opportunity to chat with DEWLP, Council, CFA and Landcare, Safer Together personnel.

#### PRESENTERS

- Paul Verbeek | CFA - Reflection on past fires
- Community members - experiences of 1993/2014 fires
- Janet Hagen Landcare Facilitator & Sam Strong DEWLP - Discover the changing ecology of the area
- Darren Viney CFA - Future bushfire risk outlook

RSVP by Tuesday 25th October 2022

(please advise of any dietary requirements)

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