

# 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

The brilliant yellow of daffodils and wattle have become a feature over the last week or two all around our local area and a reminder that spring is well and truly on the way.

Although the Bureau of Meteorology is yet to officially declare the coming summer an El Niño one it appears that there is a 70% chance that will be the case and in the past, El Niño years have been correlated with an increased chance of drier springs.

During the El Niño phase warm waters head towards South America and trade winds are weakened. This results in less atmospheric moisture available for rain in Australia.



As we are all probably aware an El Niño event can intensify heat waves, increase the severity of bushfires, and contribute to drought conditions. The influence of El Niño is primarily felt in eastern Australia, resulting in warmer-than-usual temperatures and reduced rainfall.

With that forecast in mind, it might be timely for HCCC readers to consider fire preparedness for the coming summer.

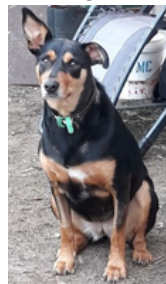
Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline And Kenny? Was AWOL, recovering from the Matilda's win against France.

## And with Spring just around the corner...

The Rotary Club of Yea is again hosting a Garden Expo on Sat/Sun 23-24 September, 9am – 3pm. This is an opportunity to view garden related products at the Yea Saleyards (Flat Lead Road), a flat, sealed and easily accessible site. \$10 entry (free parking), with food available on site. Over 70 vendors with all things related to gardens on display plus daily speakers.

For further information try the website ([www.yeagardenexpo.com.au](http://www.yeagardenexpo.com.au)) or [www.yearotary.org.au](http://www.yearotary.org.au) or Facebook.

Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/CGUBP](http://www.trybooking.com/CGUBP) or pay at the gate.



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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

"My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet."

Edith Wharton (1862-1937)

US Author & designer and first female winner of Pulitzer Prize



## War on Waste - Recycling

How much do you know about recycling and the waste facts from the fiction? Test yourself - answers in next week's TGN.

**Which household bin do medical blister packs (like paracetamol) go in?**

- A - Garbage (red bin)
- B - Recycle Bin (yellow)

**And the answer to last week's question - We throw away 10kg of clothes each year**

Not only does this mean lots of textiles going to landfill, it means wasting the resources that went into making them. We're basically pumping 18,000L of oil an hour into landfill with the amount of clothes we throw away!

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - August & September 2023
Details see p.4	Weekends in August 10-4	<b>DENNIS SPITERI - WINTERREISE - a NEW series of paintings</b> @ Hillcrest Studio Dennis is showcasing another excellent exhibition on weekends in August - 5796 9373
	Monday 21st Aug. 2-4pm	<b>RUFFY VEGIE PATCH CLUB</b> @ 16 Hobart St, Ruffy Sharing ideas, knowledge & produce, all welcome. Enquiries? Janet 0458 904238
	Friday 25th Aug. 6-8 pm	<b>HIGHLANDS BOOK GROUP - FIRST MEETING!</b> @ Highlands Community Hall BYO finger food and drinks to share. Enquiries: Robyn 0409 528235
	Sat. 26th Aug 10-12 & 2-4	<b>2 MEETINGS re the FERA WINDFARM PROPOSAL</b> Details? Darryl <a href="http://srrcg.com">srrcg.com</a> Meeting 1 from 10-12 @ Ruffy Town Hall Meeting 2 from 2-4 @ Upton Hill CFA
	Sun 27th Aug @ 10am	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> @ Highlands Community Hall Everyone is welcome to come rambling and discover our local district. Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235
	Thursday 31st Aug @ 5.30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	Friday 1st Sept. @ 6pm	<b>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH</b> @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! Enquiries? 0427 690970 or <a href="mailto:tccruffy@gmail.com">tccruffy@gmail.com</a>
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	<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? Forthcoming dates are 23rd August and 6th & 20th Sept.
	1st & 3rd Tuesday 10-12	<b>TABLELANDS KIDS' PLAY GROUP</b> @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy All ages welcome - Nature play - Playground - Toys - Friends - 5th & 19th September.
	1st & 3rd Tuesday 1-3	<b>DIGITAL &amp; ON-LINE LEARNING</b> @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 5th & 19th September Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	Every Monday @ 10am	<b>RUFFY QI GONG</b> has recommenced - EVERY Monday - at 10.00am.
	2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY</b> 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group
	Every Tues. & Fri. 8.45-9.45	<b>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid</b> at the Tablelands Community Centre \$20 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid <a href="mailto:ingstar.7@gmail.com">ingstar.7@gmail.com</a>



## On the Road



Join us at the Highlands Community Hall for an evening of 'On the Road'. Real people talking about real books, eBooks, magazines, films and other great works.

6.00 - 7.30 pm | Friday 8 September  
Highlands Community Hall  
1603 Ghin-Ghin Road, Highlands

Please RSVP by calling 5772 0333



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### Ruffy Veggie Patch Club - Monday 21st August at 2pm

@ Andy's Place 16 Hobart Street Ruffy  
Sharing ideas, knowledge and produce.  
New members welcome.

Enquiries? Janet Hagen 0458 904268



# 'WINTERREISE'

A new series of paintings by **Dennis Spiteri**.

Experience a 'winter journey' through painting, poetry and music.

Exhibition runs from Saturday 5th August to Sunday 27th August 2023

Gallery only open on weekends during these dates.

Opening times: 10am – 4pm Saturdays and Sundays

Telephone (03) 5796 9373

Email: [dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au](mailto:dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au)

**Hillcrest Gallery** 33 Old Highlands Road, Highlands, Victoria.

## A DATE for your DIARIES - Sass and Secrets

**NOTE - NEW Date!!**

**Saturday 16th September**, Ruffy Public Hall    Doors open 7.30 pm. Performance commences 8.00 pm.

Reservations essential: Email Kelly: [ruffartztickets@gmail.com](mailto:ruffartztickets@gmail.com)    or    Mobile: 0407 017 090

Adults \$25, Students/Pensioners \$15

BYO Nibbles and drinks

Coffee and cake available at intermission \$5.00

### PRESENTED BY RUFFARTZ

**A wickedly funny cabaret featuring awe inspiring magic, mentalism, fabulous singing and physical comedy mayhem! Not to be missed!!!**

## An INVITATION

Book-group initial meeting planned for

**Friday 25th August 6 - 8pm**

BYO Finger food to share and Drinks

Expressions of interest call Robyn on 0409 528235



## CLEANER WANTED:

Two households next to each other in Ruffy are looking for a cleaner, a total of approximately 7 hours each week.

Please call **Peter on 0417 390 180** or **Lauren on 0488 007 175**.

## Know Your Weeds

### Great Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)

Great Mullein is an erect, densely hairy biennial plant that grows to 2.5m tall. Its one main stem is woolly and has wings.

The leaves are grey-green, form a rosette around the stem, can be up to 50cm long and are covered with matted layers of short hairs. They are also strongly veined on the underside.

Flowering between January and March it displays yellow flowers, approx. 2.5cm in diameter, with 5 petals that cluster on a metre long spike.

This plant readily colonises less fertile soils and dominates disturbed and overgrazed areas and can be easily spread by machinery. Control is best done between Oct - Jan by target spraying, hand weed weeding or cultivation prior to flowering.

For further information re eradication email -

[info@hccclandcare.net.au](mailto:info@hccclandcare.net.au)





Rotary  
Club of Yea



# YEA



# GARDEN EXPO

## 23 & 24 SEP 2023

### 9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards

Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

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Native & flowering plants  
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Motorised barrows & vehicles  
Garden tools & Vegetable bins  
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Roses  
Deciduous & Ornamental trees  
Garden books  
Plant Creche  
Speakers Program  
And much more.....

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**Entry \$10 for adults - Kids U/16 FREE.**

Pay at the gate or book online via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com):  
[www.trybooking.com/CGUBP](http://www.trybooking.com/CGUBP) (Bookings open July 1<sup>st</sup>)



## FREE PARKING

Contact: [yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au](mailto:yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au)

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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.