

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

Greetings and salutations and a belated Happy New Year to all TGN readers as we enter the 17th year of publication. WOW!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the festive season and is looking forward to a happy, healthy and hassle-free 2023.

This issue of The Granite News is coming to you from the magnificent Grampians (traditionally known as Gariwerd) where the views are spectacular and the rocky sandstone cliffs, thrusting upwards to a clear blue sky, very impressive.



Having invested in a new tent (only took us an hour to pitch it - we should have had a practice run before departure) Peter and I are heading to South Australia for a bit of R&R which means the next two TGNs will be dispatched from Kangaroo Island and the Yorke Peninsula respectively. Isn't technology wonderful...when it works!

Fortunately, technology worked very successfully for the following readers - Neil, Terry, Merrill, Lyn and Jan - whose feedback and suggestions, see p.4 have won themselves some excellent environmental reading for responding to -

1. What was the best thing about The Granite News in 2022? and
2. What suggestions do you have to make TGN an even better read in 2023?

Congratulations to everyone.

Welcome back and read on for another great issue ... **Pauline**

And Kenny Koala...was looking forward to Terip's Trivia night on Feb 11

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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

"May your home be too small to hold all your friends."

Irish Proverb



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
Dec.	47.1 mm	48.5mm
2022 Total	1146.4 mm	1104.5 mm
Rainy Days	9 days	6 days

	NB: Fully vaccinated attendees are appreciated at all events.	What's On - January & February 2023
	Thursday 19th Jan. @ 7.30	HCCC MONTHLY MEETING All welcome to attend. @ Whitehead's Creek Hall Enquiries? Justus - 0427 524473
	Saturday 21st Jan. 10-12	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
	Thursday 26th Jan. @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO & chat
	Friday 3rd Feb. from 6pm	FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH BBQ at Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the FUN back into Friday nights! Enquires: 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Sat. 4th & Sun. 5th Feb. 10-4	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO @ YEA BUTTER FACTORY Open first weekend each month - 13 Rattray St, Yea - discover some stunning artwork!
	Friday 10th Feb. @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall Starts at 6.30pm bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882
	Saturday 11th Feb. 2023	THE TERRIFIC TERIP TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON AGAIN - put the date in your diary NOW!
	Monday 13th Feb. @ 11.30	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2023 at the same place—450 Caveat Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan 5790 4361
	Thursday 16th Feb. @ 7.30pm	HCCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING All welcome - put the date in your diary NOW. @ TCCC Ruffy Enquiries? Justus - 0427 524473
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates are Jan. 11th & 25th and Feb. 8th & 22nd.
	Every Monday @ 10am	RUFFY QI GONG will recommence TOMORROW Monday 16th January at 10.00am.
	Every Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30 am	CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid \$20 per class BYO mat and blanket at the Tablelands Community Centre Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

From the Ground Up Project

Over the past 4.5 years we have worked with other organisations including Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to run our From the Ground Up project.

Goulburn Broken CMA are running a survey to understand the impact of our project and others in the catchment and would like your help as a project participant. The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and should take around 15 minutes, click [here](#) to access.

There's a random prize draw of 3 x \$500 vouchers for local resellers, prizes drawn late Feb.

Survey closes 10th Feb, 2023.

NB: If you have been involved with any of the recent projects, over the last few years, that either Neil or Vanessa have run, please contribute your feedback to ensure the viability of such programmes into the future.

Just in case the click here above doesn't work, try this link instead.

[From the Ground Up project survey \(office.com\)](#)



Yea Rotary Art Show 2023

The Rotary Club of Yea is pleased to be hosting their Annual Art Show in the iconic Yea Shire Hall from **Wednesday 25th January 2023 until Sunday 29th January. The Opening night is Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm - \$25 per head entry.** Prizes this year total more than \$7500, with a first prize of \$2500.

Many local artists enter and many professional artists also feature with a range of genres of painting represented from landscape to portrait to still life and abstract as well as many different mediums - oils, watercolour, pastel and acrylics.

The opening night is a fun social evening, and everyone present on Opening Night gets first choice of purchasing some wonderful artwork.

This year the theme for Opening Night is Red and White – for Canada. This is in recognition of the current (and first woman) Rotary International President Jennifer Jones who is a Canadian.

Come along, enjoy a complimentary drink and some nibbles and make the room of a sea of colourful red and white. Bookings preferred via Try booking. at <https://www.trybooking.com/CDSGB> to assist with catering.

Put the dates in your calendar and for just an entry fee of \$5, you will be able to enjoy viewing some excellent artwork. **Entry each day is from 10am to 5pm, except for the last day, Sunday 29th January, when the door closes at 3pm.**

Patrons can purchase tickets at the door.

Annual Mitchell Shire Community Awards

The Mitchell Shire Community Award recipients will be announced at the annual Mitchell Shire Community Awards and Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day, **Thursday 26th January**.

The 2023 celebrations are being organised by the Rotary Club of Seymour and will be held at Chittick Park, Seymour.

The day begins at 8am with a barbecue breakfast and will include a flag raising ceremony, music by local band Madoja and the Seymour Gift foot race.

Mitchell Shire Council's Community Awards will begin at **10.30am** and will see five categories awarded:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Access and Inclusion Champion
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

The Citizenship Ceremony will be conducted after the awards for people who have chosen to officially become Australians. Towns across Mitchell Shire will also be holding their own Australia Day events.

Visit www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events for details of events near you.

It appears that birds at the Grampians come in 2 sizes - big and pocket-size



And the winning comments are...

In response to the two questions asked in the last Granite News for 2022

1. What was the best thing about The Granite News in 2022?

- Wise quips on page one and the story of QE2 (I always smile at these)
- Diary / calendar of what's coming up in the district.
- Reports of events like walks with photos
- Apolitical (nothing wrong with political talk but in the right place and not TGN)
- Never underestimate what an important resource this is for the whole community.
- Thank you for your very professional production of TGN over the years - it resembles what I would like to see circulating among all community groups - many have newsletters, but I particularly enjoy your variety of topics and contributors.
- I love it that the Granite News is in my inbox on Monday – then I know it's Monday.
- Keeping us up to date with current events and the funny jokes/pictures, much appreciated.
- Thank you for a job well done during 2022. Keep up the great work. Make sure that Kenny comes back after a well-earned break.

2. What suggestions do you have to make TGN an even better read in 2023?

- What to change? Very little! Maybe a bigger font for email links or removing the underscore would assist older eyes.

Many thanks for those insights and suggestions. If anyone has any further constructive feedback to improve this great little community newsletter, please email me at editor@tgn.org.au

No prizes now, just my thanks. Ed.

DON'T FORGET!

Now that The Granite News is back for 2023 if you have anything to buy, swap, sell or give away for free - copy will need to be sent to the editor - editor@tgn.org.au

by the Thursday evening prior to the Sunday publication/distribution.

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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.