

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

We have arrived at the final Granite News for this term and boy are there so many things to enjoy over the next few weeks across the Tablelands as well as down the slopes to both the north and south. An absolute feast.

I really enjoy getting feedback from readers and last week's front page blurb about Antarctica elicited not one but 2 letters to the editor about that magnificent great south land.

Regular contributor Sandy McKenzie AM actually travelled to Antarctica on a fact-finding mission, as part of his job (I wish) in 1981 and he made it to Mawson's Huts! He sent me several of his stories, written at the time, and I have decided to include one about my second favourite bird, the Adelie penguin. They are such charismatic and feisty little birds and what they lack in height they more than make up for in personality. See p.6.



Andrew Summons has also been to Antarctica but from the South American departure point of Ushuaia across the Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula. With a voyage of only a couple of days until those first beautiful icebergs are spotted, along with the wildlife and magnificent icy ramparts this is where most people experience that wonderful white land. His letter is on p.6 too.

For anyone who is lucky enough to win Division 1 in Tattslo to in the future, after paying off any outstanding mortgages, I'd consider investing in the trip of a lifetime and see what the guided travel companies have to offer. The smaller the ship, and the longer the trip, the better.

And my favourite bird? The pelican - and I'll admit it I still get teary when I re-read Storm Boy. "For birds like Mr Percival do not really die".

If you know of someone who needs to be kept in the loop but isn't a TGN reader please tell them to sign up at pdphroberts@gmail.com
The editor@tn.org.au email is still dysfunctional.

Kia kara,
Pauline.



Feedback?

pdphroberts@gmail.com or to
subscribe on-line go to
www.hccclandcare.net.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

"The rest of the world thinks we're wrestling crocs and surfing with great white sharks. Meanwhile it's spring and we're hiding in our car from a magpie."

Anonymous Australian mum



GRAND FINAL FEVER

To paraphrase Roy & HG when one big screen viewing just isn't enough - Ladies & Gentlemen - we have TWO!

Catch the action of the AFL Grand Final
LIVE
at both the Highlands Hall and the Ruffy Hall

THIS Saturday.

		What's On - September & October 2026
	Thursday 24 th Sept. @ 5.30pm	SECRET MENS' BUSINESS @ Michael K's 890 Caveat-Dropmore Rd All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat
	Fri. 25 th & Sat. 26 th Sept.	50 th Anniversary of Rogaining - Tallarook Ranges. Interested? Nick 0407 871 046
	Sun 27 th @ 9am & Tues 29 th Sept. @ 5.30pm	HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT CFA - PRE-SEASON TRAINING Commencing @ Fire Shed
	Thursday 1 st Oct. @ 6pm	TERIP COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER @ Terip Rec Reserve
Details? See p.13	Friday 2 nd Oct.	JUST A FARMER - all are welcome to come along @ White Hart Hotel, Longwood
	Saturday 3 rd Oct. @ 6.30	HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB - come along & share some good reads @ Highlands Hall
	Sunday 4 th Oct. @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS Discover the neighbourhood @ Highlands Hall
	Monday 5 th Oct. @ 1pm	CRAFTERNOON @ Ruffy Hall BYO craft projects and plate to share. Enquiries? Geraldine 0402 335840
Details? See p.7	Tuesday 6 th Oct. @ 5.30pm	AVENEL ACTIVE AGM - Everyone is welcome @ Avenel Memorial Hall
Details? See p.5	Friday 9 th Oct. @ 4.30 - 8.30pm	SLEEP WORKSHOP - Discover why we're awake @ 3am! @ Ruffy Hall
	Tuesdays 10.30 - 2	CAKE & CUPPA - all welcome every week @ Ruffy Hall
	Mondays @ 9.30 Thursdays @ 9	MAT PILATES with Mel @ Highlands Hall Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$20 Enquiries? Mel 0498 643 608
	Tuesdays @ 5.30pm	MAT PILATES with Anastasia @ Highlands Hall Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$15 Enquiries? Anastasia 0436 428065
	Sundays @ 11am	CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERING @ 44 Yorston Rd, Highlands This is a non-denominational meeting, Everyone is welcome to this calm, compassionate and open environment. Tea, coffee & lunch provided. Enquires? John - 0425 840999
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates 30 th Sept. and 14 th & 28 th Oct.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE HUB



WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB Holiday Edition: Covering events through to the next newsletter

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & RECOVERY SUPPORT

- **Wednesdays**
 - **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Recovery Support** (PCC & GV FamilyCare) Drop-in help with grants, paperwork, insurance, and family support.
 - **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Rural Outreach with Ivan Lister** Drop in for a cuppa and a chat. Anonymous check-in referrals welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Secret Men's Business Thursday, September 24th @ 5:30 PM**
 - Location: Michael Kopanica's Place
 - Details: Open to everyone in the community—a great chance to vent, laugh, and catch up.
 - Cost: \$5 for BBQ.
- **AFL Grand Final Live Stream Saturday, September 26th**
 - Location: The Hub
 - Details: Catch all the action live on the big screen! Lunch provided, BYO drinks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES & UPDATES

- **Highlands Hub Offers & Skills Board Trade skills, share equipment, and lend a hand locally!**
 - Post a listing online: <https://forms.gle/D2dkaMHZms06x63Z6>
 - Browse current listings: <https://tinyurl.com/offers-and-skills>
 - Note: Physical and online boards are managed separately. To feature on both, fill out a paper card at the hall AND submit online.
- **Tallarook Firewood Working Bee Update** Need burnable (seasoned) firewood or have a couple of hours to lend a hand? Join Sam and the team in Tallarook. Schedule depends on numbers.
 - **Contact: Sam on 0439 695 632**
- **CLOSING DOWN SEPT 30th: Highlands Hub Grocery Store** The CFA container grocery store is closing, with Wednesday, September 30th as the final day.
 - Please stop by and take whatever you can use.
 - Stock will be refilled over the next few weeks to clear out as much as possible.
 - Any remaining items will be donated to charity.
- **VIC EMERGENCY WORKSHOP - Sat Oct 24th - 10:30am - Highlands Hall**
Dedicated workshop run by Emergency Management Victoria.
The session will cover:
 - The Australian Warning System - the levels and what they mean.
 - How a warning is issued on VicEmergency.
 - The difference between an incident and a warning.
 - Ways communities can stay informed.
 - Where CALD communities and people living with disability can access emergency information.
 - How to set up a profile, watch zone, change settings, toggle overlays, and customise notifications on the VicEmergency app.
 - Other apps to help you stay informed.

Exciting Event coming to Highlands!

Mark your calendars! The Highlands Spring Market is coming to Highlands Hall on Saturday 31st October from 9am to 1pm. (see next page for more details)

*** Printed copies of TGN are now available from the box beside the notice board outside the hub ***
Contact: Andrea Bauer 0417 369 225

HIGHLANDS SPRING MARKET - Saturday 31st Oct. 9am - 1pm

As our community continues its recovery journey, this special event will bring people together to celebrate spring, support local businesses and enjoy a Saturday morning with family, friends and neighbours with plenty of market stalls.

The day will also feature a replanting presentation and demonstration by Granite Hills Nursery, along with food trucks, a coffee van and community activities.

We're now inviting local (Mitchell, Murrindindi, Strathbogie and Mansfield) businesses, producers, makers and community groups to express their interest in holding a stall (FREE).



Whether you offer delicious food, local wine, fresh produce, plants, handmade products, skincare, art, crafts or something uniquely local, we'd love to showcase what our region has to offer.

If you'd like to be part of this exciting community event as a stallholder, please contact Abby on 0472 628 660 or abby.eager@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au to register your interest.

We look forward to celebrating spring and supporting local together!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Pauline

Thank you for sending us the Granite News each week. I am an infrequent visitor to Ruffy but my sister-in law goes there more often. I am always interested in what is happening in the district particularly so since the fires. My late husband's Great Uncle, Jim Kennett and his family farmed there from the 1920s - 1980s.

I learned from a Uniting Church friend today that the Uniting Church at Terip Terip will have its final service at the burned-out site next

Sunday September 27th at 11.15am.

The Moderator of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania will be present. Lunch will then be served at the Ruffy Hall. All welcome.

I just wondered if others in the area may like to know about the final Church Service.

Thank you
Margery Kennett



LICENSE TO THRILL - MUSIC OF 007

A night of intrigue awaits you, a rare chance to dress in that tux or racy gown that's been on ice awaiting a call from MI6.

That moment arrives - Sat. 10th October!

Step into the glamorous world of 007 with License To Thrill, a sophisticated live tribute to the unforgettable music of James Bond.

Featuring the stunning vocals of Beverly Fraser, this captivating show celebrates the iconic theme songs that have defined six decades plus of Bond films.

Accompanying Beverly is acclaimed multi-instrumentalist Frank Carter, whose masterful performances on keyboards, saxophone and flute bring the rich orchestral textures and cinematic atmosphere of the Bond soundtracks vividly to life.

**License To Thrill is proudly presented by Yea Arts Inc. @ the Yea Shire Hall
BOOK YOUR SEAT OR TABLE NOW!**

Seating will be at tables of eight. Secure a spot for yourself and your friends with a discount for booking an entire table. Dress up, bring themed snacks to share. Wine and beer will be on sale at affordable prices.

A great night out awaits you, so ...BOOK NOW!
<https://events.humanitix.com/licence-to-thrill>

RUFFY HALL WEEKLY UPDATE

This update is also available at ruffy.com.au click on Ruffy Mechanics Hall.
Don't forget to **BOOK YOUR EVENT** booking details below

SAVE THESE DATES

SLEEP WORKSHOP - wear your pyjamas (just kidding!)

Come along and find out why we are all awake at 3am and what we can do about it!
FREE workshop followed by a PIZZA Night, yum, yum.

Friday 9th October Workshop 4.30pm-6pm Pizza 6-8.30pm ALL WELCOME



NEW

AFL GRAND FINAL LIVE on the big screen Saturday 26th at 2pm. Come and enjoy the footy on the big screen in a comfy chair at the Hall. BYO snacks and drinks

STELLA DAY OUT - A ONE DAY LITERARY FESTIVAL - IN RUFFY

The TCC is hosting the Stella Day Out mini literary festival in Ruffy. Spend the day immersed in thought provoking conversations with acclaimed Australian authors. A day to gather, connect, listen, discover and celebrate the joy of books and ideas. **All Day, 31st October. Contact Fiona 0427 690 970**

REGULAR EVENTS

QIGONG (Chee-goong) PAUSED - INGRID is on holiday and will return in a couple of weeks

TCC CRAFTERNOON next month it's on **Monday the 5th of October 1pm.** Share skills, get inspired and enjoy conversation in good company, while you work on your latest project. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY CUPPA AND CAKE

Every Tuesday there's a delicious morning tea and lots of chat. Join us for a cosy chat by the fire. Everyone welcome. **Agencies and services also visit 10am - 2pm**

FRIDAY DINNERS

Dinners are being coordinated by **Brad Moody (0439 364 993)** Brad is very happy for other groups to offer a dinner, please give him one week's notice if you would like to do something.

HALL BOOKINGS TO DATE

SEPTEMBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Friday 25	AFL Grand Final Community Dinner	6 pm
Saturday 26	AFL Grand Final LIVE on the big screen	2 pm
Saturday 26	Recreation Reserve Catering	7am-9am
Sunday 27	Recreation Reserve Catering	7am-9am
Sunday 27	St Davids Uniting Church Luncheon	12 midday

OCTOBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Friday 2	Community Dinner Pot Luck	6 pm
Monday 5	Crafternoon	1pm
Tuesday 6	CRC Meeting	6 pm
Friday 9	Sleep Workshop	4.30pm
Friday 9	Pizza Night	6 pm
Friday 16	Community Dinner Pot Luck	6 pm
Friday 23	Community Dinner Steak or Mushroom Sandwiches	6 pm
Saturday 31	TCC Stella Day Out Writers Festival	All Day

BOOKINGS: Bill Eddy 0428 326 567 or Judy Eddy 0459 291 946 email j.eddy29@bigpond.com

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS SO THAT YOUR BOOKING CAN BE CONFIRMED

Did you know?

Adelie penguins were named by French explorer and Rear Admiral - Jules Sebastien Cesar Dumont- D'Urville after his wife, Adelie. He also named a large tract of Antarctica after her as well - Adelie Land. The French base on this part of Antarctica is named for him - Dumont d'Urville Station. Tragically upon his return to France after several voyages of discovery, Jules, Adelie and his one surviving child were killed in a fire train accident near Versailles.

Adelie Penguins - Boisterous Bundles of Amusement

Only two penguins are true Antarctic residents - the large Emperor which is the only one that over-winters on the continent and the much smaller Adelie which lives on ice shelves and sea ice except in the breeding season; October to February.

Then enormous colonies of Adelies, typically thousands of monogamous pairs and even up to 500,000 pairs, as they jostle with each other to gain space for their nests which are merely a circle of stones with two eggs inside. Rampart theft of neighbours stones is so entertaining for all observers.

So too are their "tuxedo" dress fronts, their waddling gait, their tobogganing on snow when they want to go faster and their bold curiosity.

They are remarkable little birds: they can walk over 50km to the open sea, can leap 3m out of the sea onto ice or land; swim faster than seals and tolerate extreme levels of salt in their bodies.

They have to deal with many enemies like skuas and giant petrels that steal eggs and kill chicks and orcas (killer whales) and especially ferocious leopard seals that ambush them.

The South Polar Skua is despised by many expeditioners. They are big birds, up to 1.5kg, aggressive and will attack one's head if they are feeding on dead penguin chicks or other carrion. Skua's hang around the base kitchen rubbish bins and are gluttons and bullies with other skuas. I heard the story that if some pieces of meat, like pork, were threaded on twine and each knotted securely, two skuas would gobble as many as they could and then try to fly off tied together through their innards.

It was a joy to visit the Adelie colony near Casey which I did on a number of occasions. It was on one such visit when I noticed them lined up on the ice edge peering over with craned necks. Then one leaped in - the others all hesitated waiting to see if a leopard seal was lurking underneath, then they all did so in a shower of squawking and splashing.

I didn't see one of them being pushed in to see if the coast was clear as many others have seen and which was first recorded by a survivor of Scott's ill-fated 1910 expedition. In the same journal the Adelies were sometimes a victim of their own foolhardiness when they tempted the frantically barking dogs by standing within a few inches of the full extent of the dogs harnesses or chains.

Adieu Adelies - a wonderful memory of our six days at Casey Base.

Sandy Mackenzie AM

Letter to the Editor

Hi Pauline,
I too have seen Antarctica!

Feb 2019 from Ushuaia down the Drake "lake " as distinct from the Drake "shake".

4 days and 8 landings.

A spellbinding experience that reinforced that all of man's architectural ideas have been inspired by nature!

Regards
Andrew

NB: Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego is the South American departure point for Antarctica - **Ed**.



The Editor with some Adelie friends - absolute joy!

Highland Caveat CFA
pre-season training to be held
on
Sunday 27th of Sept @ 9am
and
Tuesday 29th Sept @ 5.30pm



AVENEL NEEDS YOU!

JOIN AVENEL ACTIVE

Got ideas for Avenel? Want to meet more locals, make a difference and help shape what happens in our town?

Avenel Active is looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – and we'd especially love to see some younger faces getting involved.

WHAT IS AVENEL ACTIVE?

We're a community group of around 70 members working with locals, businesses, organisations and all levels of government to make Avenel a better place to live.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO (2025–26)

- 🎵 Avenel Spring Concert 2025 raising \$5,000 for community projects
- 🎬 2025 NAIDOC Week Movie Event
- 🚂 Avenel Rail Safety Event
- 🏃 Nagambie Lakes parkrun – ongoing weekly event with GoNagambie – volunteers, walkers and runners all welcome!
- 🚌 Run the weekly 'Get Me to the Shops!' community bus to Seymour
- 👣 Organised Granite Treks around local hills and landscapes
- 🏊 Purchased an automatic pool vacuum cleaner for Avenel Swimming Pool
- 🏠 Delivered Mental Health First Aid training
- 👥 Avenel New Residents Meet & Greet
- 🌿 Avenel Clean Up Australia Day
- 📄 Delivered the Community Voice newspaper to more than 400 local households every fortnight

GET ME TO THE SHOPS! OUR WEEKLY COMMUNITY BUS TO SEYMOUR



Friendly volunteers, door-to-door pick up, and time to do your shopping, have a coffee and catch up with friends.

Everyone is welcome!
\$5 RETURN FARE

GRANITE TREKS AROUND LOCAL HILLS AND LANDSCAPES



YOUR TOWN. YOUR VOICE. YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
COME AND BE PART OF WHAT'S NEXT FOR AVENEL!



Children and young people under 18 are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

Details at avenelactive.au/about_us

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER
5.30pm



AVENEL MEMORIAL HALL



ALL WELCOME



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN AVENEL

We make sure Avenel has a voice when it comes to decisions about our town. Right now, we're advocating for:



Better parking and pavements



Safer roads and cycling infrastructure



Improved pedestrian safety



Better water supply



Better stormwater and flood management

THINK YOU COULD GET INVOLVED?

The committee meets once a month and looks after the day-to-day running of Avenel Active and its projects.

There are four committee roles:



CHAIRPERSON



VICE-CHAIRPERSON



SECRETARY



TREASURER

+ ordinary committee positions

All positions are up for election each year. We're particularly keen to hear from people interested in becoming Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.



You don't need years of experience.

You just need to care about Avenel, be willing to get involved and have some ideas about how we can make our community even better.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE & EASY!



Only Avenel Active members may nominate for committee, but anyone who supports our objectives can join.



Join online: avenelactive.au/join-us



Email: avenelactive@gmail.com for a membership form or more information.



SCAN ME



Advancing our community



A gentle reminder to all...

Articles, ads and anything else need to be received by the Editor by Thursday evening to ensure inclusion in the next issue of TGN.

Please send items in the smallest, editable format possible (preferably less than 1MB)

and in either .jpg or .png format **NOT** .pdfs.

Thank you.

Tablelands Community Centre Inc

27 Nolans Road Ruffy

AGM

Thursday 15th October 2026

10:30am at the TCC

Concept Design Team Begins On-Site Workshop with Tablelands Community Centre Committee

The Tablelands Community Centre rebuild project reached a key milestone last week as the appointed concept design team **Architects Without Frontiers, Hayball, TRACT Landscape Architects, and Louise Costa of Design by Nature** undertook their first on-site workshop with the Tablelands Community Centre Committee.



During the workshop, the multidisciplinary team walked the site, reviewed existing conditions, and discussed community priorities for the rebuild. Committee members shared local knowledge, recovery needs, and aspirations for a centre that is welcoming, resilient, and designed to support future community activity. The session focused on aligning architectural and landscape opportunities with the lived experience of residents who use the centre every day.

This workshop marks the beginning of a collaborative design process that will continue over the coming months. Further engagement sessions with the community will be scheduled as the concept design evolves, ensuring the final plan reflects the values, identity and long-term needs of the Tablelands.



Meat and Greet BBQ Dinner

16 October 2026 • 6:00pm
RUFFY HALL 3 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Victoria 3666

A COMMUNITY BBQ TO CONNECT:
Landholders
Deer Harvesters
Local shooters keen to assist in control efforts
 (Shooters already working with landholders are welcome to attend)

Working together for coordinated deer control across the region.

- Connect landholders with shooters who want to assist with deer control.
- Information about important considerations when engaging a volunteer or professional shooter.
- Strengthen landscape-scale pest management across neighbours
- Support data collection on deer in the bushfire-impacted landscape

RSVP to ruffydinners@gmail.com or scan the QR code by 2 October 2026 for catering purposes (dietary requirements considered).





Hosted by the Granite to Goulburn
Deer Project Partnership
For more information see:
<https://www.biodiversityrecoveryalliance.com/>

COMING UP AT THE RUFFY RECREATION RESERVE

The Rec. Reserve Committee and their enthusiastic support network are getting back on track with many events planned at the Reserve in the forthcoming months.

September 26th & 27th Weekend Dressage Days

November 20th, 21st & 22nd Recreational Vehicle Gypsies Annual Christmas Gathering

They are also hosting three weekend Horse Events early in 2027:

January 9th & 10th, February 16th & 17th and April 17th & 18th

The Carriage Driving Folk are also keen to return on the first weekend in May

SAVE THE DATE

January 1st 2027 New Years Day Family Picnic and Old fashioned Sports Day

Save this date and invite your family and friends to this re-creation of the famous "Boathole Sports" A Ruffy tradition for many years the "sports" were held every New Years Day at the Boathole with locals competing in wheelbarrow races, sack races, egg & spoon races, nail driving & gumboot throwing competitions as well as sheaf tossing & pillow fights over the water! Sounds exciting & maybe slightly dangerous!

Why not come along and join us for the safe 2027 version of this fun event at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve on New Years Day 2027?

Everyone welcome.

Contact Pam Sprunt for more info 0461 283913

This is slow. It is quiet. It is safe.
It is quality time for us to open to nature around
us that is always there.
Waiting for us.

MINDFUL EXPERIENCES WITH NATURE

Provided by Tony Fitzgerald, Nature Insights

The walk itself has well-documented evidence of its calming and de-stressing benefits. Of more importance though, are the easy to apply mindfulness techniques you may want to take back with you and apply, if and when needed.

*Tony has been a ranger for over 25 years, is a licensed Parks Victoria tour operator and accredited Forest Therapy guide.
He experienced first hand the personal, community and ecological impact a bushfire can have.*

The mindfulness in nature techniques he will be sharing on this walk were borne from what he found helpful during the months and years of rebuilding and recovering post fire.

Sunday 18 October 2026, 2:00-4:00pm
Caveat NCR, Dropmore-Molesworth Road, Caveat.

Cuppa and afternoon tea provided
Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoors and weather.
We will be walking on gentle, forested terrain for about 1 km

Meeting point will be provided upon registration

RSVP 15.10.26 and questions: tony.fitzgerald@natureinsights.au
* limited places to provide everyone a calming experience



Save the Date

HIGHLANDS

Vic Emergency Workshop

Stronger
Communities
Safer
Together



10:30 am



Highlands Hall



Saturday Oct 24, 2026



**VIC
EMERGENCY**

www.emergency.vic.gov.au



*Stay
informed.
Stay safer.*

Our workshop will cover:

- ✓ The Australian Warning System – the levels and what they mean.
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- ✓ Ways communities can stay informed.
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- ✓ How to set up a profile, watch zone, change settings, toggle overlays, and customise notifications on the VicEmergency app.
- ✓ Other apps to help you stay informed.



Learn how to use the VicEmergency app and website to get the right information, at the right time.

Together we are better prepared



STELLA DAY OUT Ruffy

A free one day literary festival

Saturday 31 October
Ruffy Hall, 3 Nolans Rd,
Ruffy VIC 3666

***Hear directly from Stella Prize-listed writers
as they discuss their craft. It will be a vibrant
day of exciting conversations, celebrating
some of the best new Australian writing.***

TALK ONE: 11AM-12PM

Edwina Preston in conversation with a local
moderator

12-1PM free lunch and book sales

TALK TWO: 1PM-2PM

Louisa Lim in conversation with a local
moderator

Stick around for book sales with Ink Bookshop
and signings after talks one and two.

For bookings
scan the QR code



Yea River Catchment Landcare Group AGM



Ever intrigued to know which bird it is, merrily whistling in the canopy but out of sight? Test your knowledge of bird calls and learn new and fascinating facts about your local birds with esteemed birdo, Ron Litjens, in the

What's That Bird? Quiz

Friday 16 October 2026

7:00 pm AGM meeting
7:30 pm Supper BYO drinks
8:00 pm Bird Quiz

**Yea Butter Factory
13 Rattray Street Yea**

YRCLG members & kids FREE
Other Landcare members \$5
Non-Landcare \$10
Everybody welcome

RSVP AGM: Sue-Ann Creed yeariversecretary@hotmail.com
RSVP Quiz: Judy Brookes juncball@icloud.com

WildFlower Walk with...

Yea River Catchment Landcare Group

Saturday, 10 October 2026



Flanked by open farmland, several endangered and vulnerable vegetation communities continue to thrive on Clarks Road, 5 km south of Yea. Indeed, its central bushland reserve, 'The Cutting', is considered particularly impressive for its extraordinary diversity of indigenous flora, including the Sun, Finger Flower, and Leopard Orchids, large groups of Bulbine and Chocolate Lilies, the Grass Trigger Plant, and a vast array of flowering native grasses. These are just a few of the multitude of beauties found here. Clarks Road also attracts some worthwhile insects, such as the exquisite Satin Green Forester.

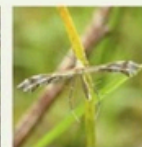
We are being spoilt with two guides this time: Roger Cook (biologist, Kinglake Landcare) and local citizen scientist Ron Litjens (who also has extensive knowledge on flora and insects).

WHERE 3.8 km along Clarks Road, Yea, from the Yea-Whittlesea Road (follow the YRCL signs – coordinates: -37.277491, 145.404797)

YRCL will provide morning tea.

REPLY Judy Brookes juncball@icloud.com

BYO water, hat, sunscreen, sturdy boots (snakes will be out)



Terip Terip Tennis Club 100th Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday 24 October 2026

Terip Terip Tennis Club, 8 Springs Rd, Terip Terip

2.30pm onwards:

Watch the Terip team and join them for a light afternoon tea

4.30pm-5pm: Speeches

5.30pm: Dinner (RSVP essential for catering)



Join us for an afternoon of celebration, stories, social connection and tennis!

Afternoon Tea and Dinner provided, bring your tennis racquet! All Welcome!

Historical Display - Photos - Giveaways
Tennis Activities - Raffle (AO Tickets)

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



RSVP to teripteriptenniscub@gmail.com by 14 October

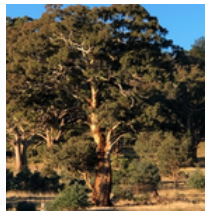
JUST A FARMER FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING



**Friday, 2nd October 2026
The White Hart Hotel, Longwood**

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