

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

Congratulations to those TGN readers who managed to spot Kenny Koala last week as he had a bit of a revamp with a different photo from the usual one - so well done. And in future, for those readers who enjoy tracking Kenny down, this is the photo you need to find.



It's scary to think that we are now in November, okay just, but that means that the hectic end of year social whirl is gearing up to start, so if you have any activities, events or celebrations that need advertising to the wider HCCC world make sure that you send them to the Editor by Thursday evenings to ensure publication.

Please read on for another interesting issue, Pauline
And Kenny? Was looking forward to the Ruffy Community Market

And don't forget to come to the BBQ THIS Saturday!!



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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

"Ask yourself what is really important and then have the wisdom and courage to build your life around the answer."

Dr Lee Jampolsky - author & counsellor

Create your own happiness!



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
Oct.	48.5 mm	55.5 mm
2025 Total	548.5mm	560 mm
Rainy Days	12 days	9 days

		What's On - November 2025
	Monday 3rd Nov. @ 1pm	CRAFTERNOON @ Tablelands Community Centre Come enjoy some creative company and craft the afternoon away. Gabrielle 0402 335840
	Friday 7th Nov. from 6pm >>	FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights. Enquiries? 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com
	Sat 8th Nov. @ 10.30am	HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT FIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING @ Highlands Hall Everyone is welcome - learn how you can keep your family and friends safe this summer!
Details? see p.3	Sat. 8th Nov. from noon >>	ANNUAL AFGHAN BBQ @ Ruffy Rec Reserve Come along and have some fun, get fit & enjoy yummy food. Justus 0427 524473
	Monday 10th Nov. @ 11am	HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT SPINNING CLUB @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Tea, coffee, friendship and laughs will be in plenty. Enquiries? Jan & Ruby 5790 4361
	Friday 14th Nov. @ 6.30	DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Community Hall Bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882
	Wed. 19th Nov. @ 7.30pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP @ TCC, Nolans Rd, Ruffy All those who are interested in supporting RCAG, come along. Everyone is welcome,
	Thurs. 20th Nov. @ 7.30	HCCC MONTHLY MEETING Venue TBA Everyone is welcome to attend either in person or via Zoom Enquiries? 0427 524473
	Thurs. 27th Nov. @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS @ Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat.
	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 are 12th & 26th Nov and 10th & 24th Dec.
	Thursdays @ 6pm	MAT PILATES with ANASTASIA Note NEW Day @ Highlands Community Hall BYO own mat and water bottle - Cost \$15 cash Enquiries? 0436 428065
	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1-3	DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Dates for November 4th & 18th. Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788
	2nd & 4th Sundays	ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group
	Mon 8.45-9.45am	CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid at the Tablelands Community Centre \$25 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com

Afghan Picnic Day

(But it's not just a picnic! A call for Soccer Players!)

For many years past HCCC president Jenny Webb has been involved with people in war-torn and dysfunctional countries. Over the years she has made many contacts and visited countries like Myanmar (Burma) and Afghanistan more than once. Fast forward to more recent years and many people from these countries came to Australia as refugees or as immigrants.

Shepparton was one town where many of the arrivals found their new homes - working their way up until they could purchase orchards, farms or start businesses of their own. Three years ago our Landcare Group, helped by the contacts made by Jenny over the years, invited the Shepparton Afghan Community to Ruffy for an Afghan style BBQ picnic at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve. We were overwhelmed with the response: and the day was such a great success that a return visit was planned for the following year at the Euroa Arboretum.

This year the Afghan Picnic has been set for Saturday, November 8th, again at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve. It will have all the hallmarks of an Afghan Picnic Day, with delicious food and good company, but an invitation has also been issued to the Tablelands Community:

A Soccer Game between the Afghans and the local residents of our tablelands.

(It will be a friendly match but honour could be at stake)

So we need to ask all who think they could participate to let us know, so that we'll know if it's **Game ON!** It should be a lot of fun and we're hoping for young and old to get involved!

We'll also be presenting a fire information session with both the Ruffy and Highlands Brigades bringing the fire trucks on the day, emphasising the importance of fire safety when camping (there will also be a camping display and info session) and the correct approach to responsible camping and 4WDing.

If you think you could join in on the day, (and kick a soccer ball around!) please get in touch with Justus (0427 524473) or Jenny Webb(0408 969236) or Fearghus Wallis (0481 99195).



The Great Soccer Challenge!

We've been invited to join the Afghan visitors to a friendly soccer match at the rec ground on the Afghan Picnic Day.

Have YOU got what it takes?

Join us for an afternoon of fun and good company.

Saturday November 8th from 12 noon.

Enquiries: 0427 524473



FIRE SAFETY COMMUNITY MEETING

HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT

Highlands Community Hall
1603 Ghin Ghin Rd, Highlands
10:30am | Saturday 8th November 2025

Bushfires happen every year!

Spend 1 hour with CFA learning how you can keep you, your family and your friends safe from fire this season.

OUR FIRE SAFETY ESSENTIALS SESSION COVERS:

- Local fire risk
- What to expect from fire
- Preparing for fire
- Fire Danger Ratings
- How to stay informed
- Seasonal Update

CONTACT US

☎ 03 5735 3114
✉ d12commmed@cfa.vic.gov.au
🌐 cfa.vic.gov.au



For further information on how to prepare your property for fire scan QR code or visit cfa.vic.gov.au



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative Landcare

Blackberry control and revegetation project

Is there a blackberry problem on your property?
Do you need some revegetation once the weeds are gone?

Target areas: Old Highlands road and Highlands road (Rocky Passes)
The HCCC has received grant funding for the control of weeds and some revegetation, for 50Ha of weeds and 5Ha of revegetation.

Looking for land owners with blackberry infestation willing to undertake work on their property.

Contact Neil on 0417 503 472 for more information.

GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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WELCOME TO

Open Gardens

YE & DISTRICT

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 November 2025
Enjoy 3 country and 2 town gardens

Plus Yea Garden Club's plant sale and
Yea & District Memorial Hospital's Open Garden (gold coin entry)

Town gardens \$5 • Country Gardens \$8 • Weekend pass \$30
Book tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/DCELD>,
visit Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre
or purchase at each garden gate (cash only)
For more information – www.yearotary.org.au
Phone 0408 935 733 Email ticketlife@bigpond.com
Maps and garden descriptions will be available
on the website in October

10AM TO 5PM

Rotary Club of Yea



AVENEL
SPRING
CONCERT
2025

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2025
AVENEL MEMORIAL HALL

Concert starts: 7pm
Doors Open: 6pm
Tickets: \$45
Antipasto Box: \$15
Drinks at Bar prices

FLINDERS QUARTET

Returning to Avenel for the third time, one of Australia's most loved chamber ensembles, Flinders Quartet is thrilled to perform again for our local community.

Playing with them will be promising young performers, the Lumina Quartet, winners of the 2024 Musica Viva Strike a Chord Flinders Quartet Mentorship Prize.

Proceeds from this concert will support local Avenel community projects.

Bookings via TryBooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DEQLQ>
or the QR Code

Battery fires prove batteries don't belong in any bin

Murrindindi Shire Council is urging residents to dispose of household batteries safely after two fires have recently occurred at the Alexandra Landfill. The landfill fires, which were caused by the incorrect disposal of batteries, have put the safety of staff, property and the environment at serious risk.

When batteries are mixed in with general rubbish or recycling, they can be compacted in the kerbside collection trucks or at landfill sites, where they may spark against other materials and ignite fires. This is a timely reminder for residents never to place any type of battery in kerbside bins, Resource Recovery Centre waste bays, or landfill.

Instead, batteries can be recycled safely and for free in specially marked battery disposal containers at various locations in your Shire. To make your batteries safe for recycling, cover the terminals with sticky tape before dropping them off at a local RRC or supermarket.

Battery fires can start small but spread quickly, putting both people and facilities at risk. By taking a few extra moments to recycle batteries correctly, you can help keep your community safe.

For more information about safe battery disposal and drop-off locations, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/batteries



2025 - 2026 FIRE SEASON

Fire restrictions will be commencing in Strathbogie Shire on **Monday 10th November** and are in place until **May 1st 2026**.



Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires are yet to have their fire seasons declared.
Stay tuned.....

Join our team at Holmesglen, Eildon!

Chef Position

Salary: \$59,246 p.a. + 12% super Reasonable overtime will be offered which can be taken as a 25% salary loading equating to \$14,812 p.a. by agreement.

Position: Full Time, 1.0 EFT.

Location: Eildon campus.

Status: Ongoing contract of employment, with a 6-month qualifying period.

ABOUT US

Holmesglen at Eildon is a purpose-built Conference facility. Visit www.holmesglenateildon.com.au for more information.

TO APPLY

Visit the Careers at Holmesglen section of our website at <https://www.holmesglen.edu.au/about-us/careers>

Like to know more?

Please contact Manager of Holmesglen at Eildon – Corey Dewhurst at corey.dewhurst@holmesglen.edu.au or 0476 830 191.

If you require specific support to apply for this position or have any application queries, please contact the People Experience Department at recruit@holmesglen.edu.au or on 03 9564 1530 and we will work with you to identify the best way to assist.

KPPAC Fox and Feral Cat Control Workshop – Saturday 15th November.

At the Flowerdale Community Hall expert speakers will present a full suite of options for an integrated fox and feral cat management program aimed at reducing numbers and maintaining effective control including:

- Cage and soft jaw trapping techniques, and den fumigation;
- Poison baiting techniques - Canid Pest Ejectors, traditional shelf-stable baits; and the opportunity to access subsidised fox baits as part of a coordinated fox baiting program;
- Shooting – Mt Sugarloaf Hunt Club will speak about a free fox control service they provide for landowners.

Time: 10am – 1pm

Where: 3380 Whittlesea-Yea Rd Flowerdale. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/S6rkWA5X99nYNHLg8>

Light lunch provided

To register contact Chris Cobern - 0413 855 490 or email: ugln.projects@ugln.net

Cows and calves for sale
4 British Whites and 5 Speckles
1st and 2nd calvers
Speckle X calves at foot (born Sept)
Very quiet PIC 3MUAE028
Alistair 0429 969 276



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Ruffy Community Action Group will be holding its annual general meeting on

Wednesday 19th November,

7:30pm

at the Tablelands Community Centre, 27 Nolans Road Ruffy.

If you have any interest in supporting the RCAG please come along, all welcome.



Are you interested in adding to the

i Naturaliste's

environmental knowledge base of the local HCCC area?



If YES then download the App now, follow the instructions for use and start recording our unique natural wonders of both fauna and flora. It's an incredibly valuable resource.



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PASTURE DEMO DAY

See and hear what works:

Pasture species, bent grass control, sowing techniques, management & utilisation

WHERE? 923 Top Rd, Terip Terip

WHEN?

- Friday 14th November
- 1pm BBQ lunch & 2pm paddock walk

RSVP- Donald Coles 0408 333 028

HIGHLANDS BOOKHub NEWS

The last Highlands Hall Bookgroup for 2025 is at **7pm on Saturday 29th November**

You are invited to the end of year

DINNER PARTY

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE Reading participants.

ALL WELCOME

BYO Drinks and meal to share

RSVP Clare Daly 0428 969366

Bushwalk THIS Sunday

Polly McQuinn's Weir to Gooram Falls

Time & Date: 9:30am, Sunday 9th of November
Start Location: Polly McQuinn's Weir, 716 Galls Gap Rd, Strathbogie
Finish Location: Gooram Falls Day Visitor Area, Euroa-Mansfield Rd, Gooram
Difficulty: Hard
Length: 7km, 6-7km
Cost: Free as always
Bring: A hat, lunch, water and sturdy walking shoes



The Pollys to Gooram walk needs no introduction. It is arguably the defining walk in our extensive portfolio, possessing all of the features that make walking in the Strathbogie Ranges special. Meandering ponds, cascading falls, stunning granitic boulders and gorges, steep scrambles and friendly snakes to name just a few.

The walk will start at the Polly McQuinn's Weir on Galls Gap Rd, with walkers making their way down the Sevens Creek to Gooram falls (both iconic local swimming spots). From there, a rather lengthy car shuffle will ferry travellers back up the hill to their cars at the weir.

Despite being downhill on average, this is one of the more difficult walks you'll encounter. With steep, slippery scrambles up and down rock faces, boulder hopping, long grass and multiple creek crossings, walkers will be presented multiple challenges to overcome. The rewards are well worth it, but please consider whether this walk is right for you, as there's no phone reception or easy ways out once we get going.

Please note that no pets are allowed on the walks. As always, if the weather is looking hostile on the day, the date may be moved. Numbers will be limited to keep the group size manageable.

If you'd like to help out with the car shuffle, please just let us know in your RSVP. RSVPs are essential, so please email us at admin@strathbogieranges.org

Letter to the Editor

Hi everyone

Sharing a new tool around farm waste that may be of interest to your work or for contacts in your region.

You may have seen the Australian Farm Waste Portal that brings together resources, initiatives, news and events relating to waste and resource recovery in Australian agriculture, fisheries and forestry and can inform data-driven decision-making and support more sustainable agricultural practices.

There is also now a Pre-Farm Gate Waste Data Dashboard which is hosted on the Australian Farm Waste Portal which provides:

- Practical guides and fact sheets for waste management
- Case studies and real-world solutions to reduce on farm waste
- Tools and resources to support producers in adopting sustainable practices.

To access the Dashboard visit www.farmwaste.com.au/dashboard

Warm regards

Kate Shaw

Sustainability Victoria



THE BIG RIDE FOR PALESTINE

Organised by The Big Ride for Palestine-Australia supporting the Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA's partner organisations - MA'AN Development Centre & Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organisation.



Register to ride, run or walk



Choose a target distance.



Get your campaign jersey or tee.



Participate individually or join 'Team Euroa' to raise funds—ask your community to support your efforts for Palestine.

Euroa Event - 30 November:

8:00am: Big (25 km) Ride for Palestine
10:00am: Ride, run or walk for Palestine
12:00pm: Picnic for Palestine - shared lunch
Seven Creeks Park, meet at sheltered BBQ area



Scan the QR code and register to ensure you receive updates!

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November 2025

Free Green Waste in November

Council is offering free green waste disposal until Sunday 30 November at our Resource Recovery Centres in the lead-up to the fire season. Normal processing charges will apply outside this period. Learn more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rrc

Community Leadership Program Introduction Session

Are you interested in making change in your community? Join Council's free online introduction session to learn about the upcoming 12-week Community Leadership Program.

The session will be hosted online on Wednesday 3 December from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. To register visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/leadership

Discover Frogs with FrogID

Council and the Australian Museum are hosting a webinar covering the FrogID Project, why frogs matter, local frog species, and how to get involved in FrogID Week (7 - 16 November 2025).

We will broadcast the webinar live on Wednesday 5 November, from 6.30 to 8.15 pm at Alexandra Council Chambers, Kinglake Library and Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre, or you can watch online starting at 6.30 pm.

For those attending at a local venue, the evening will continue with an excursion to find frogs and use the FrogID App. Light refreshments will be provided.

To find out more about the in-person events, or register to attend online, scan the QR code, email environment@murrindindi.vic.gov.au or visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/FrogID

Walk For Respect

Join Council and Rotary Alexandra for the Walk for Respect on Friday 28 November from 11.30 am at Rotary Park, Vickery Street, Alexandra.

Stand together for safety, equality and respect, and help end domestic and family violence.

Local groups and businesses can get involved by hosting a stall, sharing resources or offering tokens of care. Enjoy a BBQ by Alexandra CFA and cake and hot drinks from the Alexandra Country Women's Association.

For details, visit

murrindindi.vic.gov.au/walkforrespect

Supported by Respect Victoria, Safe and Equal, Rotary Club of Alexandra, Alexandra CFA and Alexandra Country Women's Association.

Remembrance Day services in Murrindindi Shire

Yarck RSL will host a service that will assemble at 10.45 am for an 11.00 am service at the Yarck Hume and Hovell Memorial, 6592 Maroondah Highway.

For more details on services across the Shire, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/remembranceday

Breastfeeding Support Program

From 20 November 2025, qualified lactation consultants will offer free, personalised breastfeeding support at your local Maternal and Child Health centre or at home.

For more information, email

mch@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Get in touch
5772 0333

murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request
customer@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

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<p>Murrindindi Shire Council</p> <p>Cr Paul Hildebrand</p> <p>Koriella Ward phildebrand@murrindindi.vic.gov.au 0428 758 617</p>	<p>Tablelands Community Centre</p> <p>Upgraded facilities & playground</p> <p>Ideal for private or community gatherings, meetings, workshops</p> <p>Very Reasonable rates</p> <p>Hosts 1st Friday BBQs</p> <p>Contact tccruffy@gmail.com</p> <p>0427 690970</p>	<p>KCK David & John Korpsohn</p> <p>KORPSOHN CONTRACTING & KILPIES SINCE 2025</p> <p>For all your livestock needs (sheep, cattle, spot spraying)</p> <p>No job too big or small. Competitive pricing. Please contact David on 0417 150113</p>	<p>Donated by supporters of our local koala population</p> 
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The Granite News is widely distributed 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, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.