

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

A Happy Easter to all, wherever you may be, and whatever your plans to enjoy the few days break. I'm not doing anything special this Easter Break except editing this extra HUGE Granite News, whereas others - see below, have been much more productive. Please remember that there will be NO TGN next week and that articles, ads, or anything else will need to arrive in the editor's inbox pdphroberts@gmail.com by **Thursday 16th April** to be included in the next issue on **19th April**.

Highlands Hall: Back to Its Best! by Kate Mc Alpin

We've been busy! A massive shout-out to our incredible volunteers:

Andrea, IJ, Ron, Maggs, Margaret-Anne, Deb, Gaylene, Ray, and Vicki who absolutely smashed it during our hall rearrange.

As we prepare for upcoming events and look forward to resuming our pre-fire activities, we've cleared the floor to bring this beautiful space back to its former glory.

Don't worry: We still have all the essential supplies and resources shown in the "before" photo! >>>

We've simply transitioned to a more streamlined, professional setup to better serve everyone.

Come say hi!

Pop in for a tour of the new layout. We can't wait to show you around!



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@tgn.org.au email is still dysfunctional.

Kia kara,
Pauline



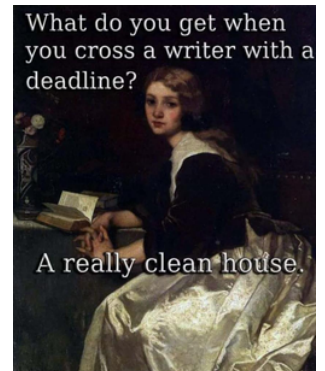
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The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum. Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in The Granite News

"We need to realise that poverty doesn't only consist of being hungry for bread, but rather it is a tremendous hunger for human dignity. We need to love, to be someone for someone else."

Mother Teresa (1910 - 1997)
Catholic nun & saint



Month	Highlands
March	106.5 mm
2026 Total	160.3 mm
Rainy Days	8 days

Double the average for March
One of the best Autumn breaks -
nice & early & the temps are still warm!

		What's On - April & May 2026
See last TGN	Friday 10 th April 3pm-5pm	FIRE RECOVERY AND THE G2G LANDSCAPE PLAN @ 280 Boathole Rd, Ruffy
Details? See p.9	Thurs 9 th - Sat 11 th April	CREATIVE WORKSHOPS & COMMUNITY TALK @ Ruffy Hall/ Hub Various activities are on offer over these 3 days and everyone is welcome to attend.
	Friday 10 th April @ 6pm	DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Hall/Hub YAY - it's back! Bring along finger food to share and enjoy the company of friends.
Details? See p.5	Saturday 11th April noon >>	FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH & DISCUSSION SESSION @ Highlands Hall/Hub Come along and share your views about recovery priorities and future representation. Stick around after lunch for the 1stDIY Series workshops - small engines, chainsaws, craft
Details? See p.10	Sunday 12 th April @ 11-1	COMMUNITY CONVERSATION @ Terip Rec Join Anne Leadbeater and Warren Davies for an early recovery debrief & lunch!
Details? See p.11	Sunday 12th April 10-3.30	PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID @ Ruffy Hall Garden Learn practical skills to support people during emergencies & crisis situations. Limit 25.
Details? see p.12	Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th April	FREE FIREWOOD COLLECTION in the Terip and Koriella locales.
Details? to come	Fri 17 th April @ 5.30pm	COMMUNITY DINNERS courtesy of MITCHELL SHIRE @ Highlands Hall/Hub All welcome.
Details? See p.6	Thurs 23 rd April	THREADS TOGETHER - 2 LOCATIONS! 10-11.30 @ Ruffy Hall & 1-2.30 @ Highlands Brand new clothing from Threads Together continuing to support impacted locals.
	Sunday 26 th April @ 10am	HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS meeting @ Highlands Community Hall Everyone is welcome to come and explore our still stunning local area. Supported by HCCC Enquiries? Andrew 0437 249038 or Robyn 0409 528235
Details? See p.13	Tues., Thurs. & Fridays	PRIMARY CARE CONNECT @ Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub NB: Also @ Highlands Hall/Hub on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-2
	Wednesdays 10am - 2pm	RURAL OUTREACH SUPPORT with IVAN LISTER @ Highlands Hall/Hub Ivan has over 15 years of trauma-informed experience. Come for a cuppa & a chat.
	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 15 th & 29 th April and 13 th & 27 th May.

The next generation HELPs out

Rushworth Secondary College HELP and Rushworth field and game members delivered 113 mixed species nesting boxes to the Biodiversity Recovery Alliance this week. They have been working to make these boxes since the Longwood bushfires in Jan 2026.

What a terrific effort, with so many ancient trees falling victim to the flames and bulldozers, wildlife dependant on hollows are looking for new homes. They also went on a tour of the Ruffy Recovery hub and Justus Hagen's burnt farm.

If you would like to express interest in having nesting boxes installed on your property or joining us to make more nesting boxes please go to the Biodiversity Recovery Alliance website contact **Janet Hagen on 0458 904268** or email info@biodiversityrecoveryalliance



Letters to the Editor - from overwhelming help to obnoxious act

Hi Pauline,

We had an amazing turn-out of people last week end to help us pick our smoke tainted grape crop.

This crop will not be used to make Antcliff's Chase wine, but is to be used to provide information to the wine industry on smoke affected grapes.

Susan, Laura, John, Jess and I were overwhelmed by the kindness of people in relation to our situation.

Helpers came from far (Inverloch) and close (Caveat), some were old and some much younger, but they all came with spirit and compassion to help those that needed it.

There were around 50 people who came to help us over the two days, and by the time the truck left on Sunday evening around 8 tonnes had been picked. That's a lot of grapes and many aching backs!

Professor Ian Porter from Latrobe University, who is conducting the research with Wine Australia was in attendance to help out. "This is a great opportunity to provide reliable information to aid grape growers in future years as the threat of smoke taint becomes an ever increasing problem with our extreme Summer weather", he said.

Many thanks to everybody.

Cheers
Chris, Susan, Laura, John and Jess

Hi Pauline,

Thanks for all the updates and information that you've been sending out in the Granite News.

We were at our property at 91 Old Highlands Road over the weekend and noticed that there have been looters stealing bits and pieces.

We found our gate wide open.

Very disappointed that others take advantage of people's loss following the recent bushfires.

We just thought you should know and perhaps remind people to be vigilant and keep their properties locked up?

Many thanks and keep up the good work

Tony Galea.



HELP US BUILD 1000 NESTING BOXES



Our team of experts have calculated that thousands of hollow-bearing trees have been lost along roadsides throughout the Longwood bushfire region. So we're getting to work, with a massive target of installing 1000 nesting boxes!

We need all the help we can get.

You can build some yourself, organise a project to build some with others, or donate funds to support a community group, school, or men's shed to build some on your behalf. Reach out to our team for everything you need, including easy-to-use plans for a range of species.

Like some installed on your land? Submit an expression of interest on our website.





**** HIGHLANDS ****



The Hub @ the Highlands Hall is open
Wed & Fri 10am to 2pm & Sat 9am to 3pm
1603 Ghin Ghin Road, HIGHLANDS VIC 3660
Email: thehighlandshub2026@gmail.com

The Hub has a NEW phone number - 0491 941005 - new messages will come from this number

Please note NEW opening times for the Hub, commencing Monday 6th April

Closed Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10-2 and Saturday 9-3

EVENTS

Saturday April 11th - Community consultation meeting at 12pm followed by lunch at the Highlands Hub. As we move from fire relief to longer term recovery there will be issues and decisions that need to be made. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT.** Please come along and tell us what are your recovery priorities and how you want to be represented in recovery planning and decision-making now and into the future.

You will also hear from Anne Leadbeater OAM an independent consultant who helps communities recover after disasters and build resilience for the future.

AVAILABLE AT THE HUB

Laundry facilities are now available at the Hub in the Rotary trailer during opening hours.

Available for our residents to **BORROW**:

- Mitre Saws
- Chainsaws
- Steel post puller
- Steel post rammer
- Wire wheel
- Cordless angle grinder
- Compressors
- Ramset cordless drill
- Metal detector



Available FREE at the hub for our residents:

- A small number of 140 litre wheelie bins
- Winter clothing, linen, frozen meals, groceries, plants, dog and cat food, various hardware and PPE.
- 15,000 litres of water available for rapid filling of IBC or other containers.
- 3 x 1000 litre IBC's available for stock water only
- 2 pet carriers - 1. Wooden with metal door and end (75cm x 52cm x 55cm)
2. Red plastic carrier in 2 halves with metal door (80cm x 55cm x 70cm) see pics above.

DIY Series Week 1 - Sat.11th April

Small Engines & Mending (Starting 1:30 PM) Stick around after lunch to get your gear sorted!

- **Small Engines & Chainsaws (1:30 PM):** A qualified mechanic will be on-site for a workshop on servicing, troubleshooting, and chainsaw sharpening. Bring your chainsaw and file along for a hands-on lesson.
- **Crafty Menders (1:30 PM):** We'll have some crafty locals on-site to help with alterations, hemming, and patching. Bring your tired workwear and give it a second lease on life!

***** Printed copies of TGN are now available from the box beside the notice board outside the hub *****

Contact: Andrea Bauer 0417 369 225

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Message from Ag. Vic. - see next page for flier

Expressions of Interest for Whole Farm Planning courses are now open for landholders impacted by the recent bushfires. A Whole Farm Plan can help design a farm that is easier to manage, more productive and offers environmental benefits.

This EOI will be used to identify groups of landholders to run courses.

Participants meet for up to 6 sessions to cover farm management and recovery topics.

An online format will also be available.

Workshop topics include:

- Farm design and layout
- Setting current and future goals
- Soils, biodiversity and land classing
- Pasture and grazing/feed management
- Farm water supply planning
- Farm business planning
- Looking after yourself
- Risk management.

A free laminated property map will be provided as part of the course.

To express interest in this first round of courses by 30th April 2026. Please fill out the short form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ky1eKXn8N3>, We will be in contact when we have enough participants in your area.

More information? Contact Kylie Macreadie on 0427 052352 or email recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Coming up at the Hub:

A Huge Thanks to Our Community!

First up, a massive thank you to the residents who have already completed our community survey. Your honest feedback is exactly what we need to advocate for Highlands, and it's already driving real changes at the Hub:

Extended Saturday Hours: 72% of you told us that Saturday afternoons are the best time for events and workshops. We've listened! **Starting NEXT Saturday, 11th April, the Hub will stay open until 3:00 PM every Saturday.**

Tackling the "Fuel Pinch": With 85% of respondents concerned about fuel prices and supply, we know many of you are relying on the Hub pantry to help manage the household budget. We are continuing these services to help where it hits the pocket hardest.

DIY & Maintenance Focus: Two-thirds of you specifically asked for workshops on tool maintenance and practical skills. That's why we've launched our new DIY series, to help you "mend it, not end it" and keep your gear running sweet.

Haven't done the survey yet? You have until the **12th of April** to get your voice heard.

Complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/sAbNXJMnRE4tvFZcA>

Or pick up a copy from the hub.

THREADS TOGETHER

is

BACK

at Ruffy Hall 10 - 11.30 & Highlands Hall/Hub 1 - 2.30
on Thursday 23rd April

with

FREE new clothes for fire affected families



Planning your recovery

Whole Farm Planning course EOI now open for fire impacted landholders

Share your experiences, ideas and prepare a new plan for your farm

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Or use the QR code:



For more information contact:

Kylie Macreadie on 0427 052 352

Or Email:

recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

"I did the FarmPlan 21 course following the Moyston fire. It helped me redesign paddocks and importantly got me off the farm and sharing with others for a few hours each week." David Coad, Moyston.

Agriculture Victoria is working with Victorian farmers and industry to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters, including fires, floods and storms.





WEEKLY SERVICES & MEALS CALENDAR

Week Commencing Monday 6 April

Monday 6 April   No Meals & No Services

Tuesday 7 April  **Lunch:** Sandwiches
 **Dinner:** No Dinner

- Services Until Afternoon:
- GV Health
- Primary Care Connect
- Family Care
- & More

Wednesday 8 April   No Meals & No Services

Thursday 9 April  **No Lunch**
 **Dinner & Talk:**

- Renowned Speaker
- Bookings Essential

Friday 10 April  **Event Day**

- Lunch & Dinner Provided
- Bookings Essential

Saturday 11 April  **Morning Event**

- Bookings Essential

Sunday 12 April  **Lunch & Dinner Available**

Community Notice

 Frozen Meals Available in Outside Freezer Anytime

 Water Available in Fridge for Those in Need



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TABLELANDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB INVITATION



Creative Workshops & Community Talk – April 9–11

Ruffy Hall Hub · 3 Nolans Rd, Ruffy

Led by Bernd Ruf & Emergency Pedagogy Without Borders

We warmly invite children, families, farmers, carers, volunteers and professionals to join us for a series of gentle: play-based workshops and community talks designed to support recovery after the bushfires across the Tablelands and neighbouring communities.



The fire has known **no boundaries** – neither does our recovery. All are welcome.

These sessions are not therapy.

There's no talking about trauma or past events.

Just movement, rhythm, art and play – simple activities that help the body settle and reconnect after overwhelming experiences.

Especially helpful for children, teens, older adults, and anyone who finds it hard to talk.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 9 April – Ruffy Hall

- Community Talk: 7–9pm
(After a scrumptious Community Dinner from 6pm)

Friday 10 April – Ruffy Hall Hub

- Workshop 1: 10am–1pm
- Workshop 2: 1:45pm–4:45pm
- Professionals' Talk / Q&A: 6–8pm

Saturday 11 April – Ruffy Hall Hub

- Workshop 3: 10am–1pm

Come to one session or several – whatever suits you.

Who is it for? Everyone.

No experience needed. No pressure. Just a chance to breathe out, settle, and be together.

Please register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/creative-trauma-informed-adult-and-children-workshop-feb-and-march-dates-2026-april-dates-coming-13th-18th>

Questions? Email: info@emergencypedagogy.org.au

Or chat to the Tablelands Fire Recovery Crew - Anne, Coll, Katie Bogie, Flic, Katie Euroa or Don.

A Community Conversation at the Terip Rec Reflecting, Connecting, and Moving Forward Together

Join us for the Community Response and Early Recovery Debrief, an essential session designed to bring our voices together as we navigate the path of recovery.

Special Guest Facilitator:

Anne Leadbeater OAM

Expert in community-led recovery and resilience.

Featuring a special presentation by:

Warren Davies – "The Unbreakable Farmer"

Sharing raw, honest insights on resilience, mental health, and pushing through the tough times.

- **WHEN:** Sunday, 12th April
- **TIME:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **WHERE:** The Rec
- **LUNCH:** Stay for a chat! A light lunch will be provided following the session.



WE NEED YOUR VOICE, HIGHLANDS!

The Hub is here for the community, but to keep the resources flowing and the doors open, we need to hear from you. Whether you're a permanent resident or a weekender, your voice matters.

We've launched a Community Recovery & Resource Survey to help us make the big decisions. Instead of assuming what you need, we'd rather just ask you.

Why your 5 minutes matters:

Advocacy: We need the "hard facts" to show Council and State Government exactly what recovery looks like on the ground (and why we still need their support!).

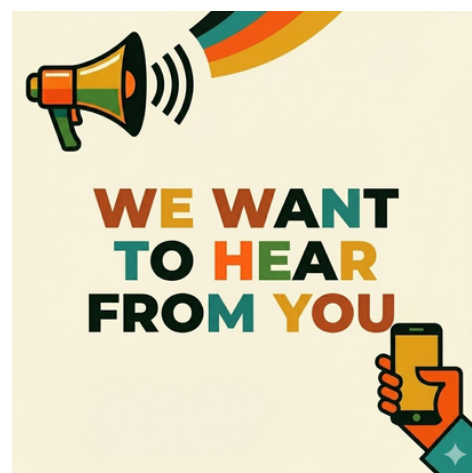
Future Planning: We want to make sure the Hub services, like our groceries, dinners, and workshops are actually hitting the mark for your household.

How to complete our survey:

Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/sAbNXJMnRE4tvFZcA>

Or pick up a paper copy at the Highlands Hub.

Complete by: April 12th.



Your privacy is our priority—all individual responses are 100% confidential and anonymous if you choose.

Let's make sure the Highlands gets exactly what it needs for the long haul. See you at the Hub!



**** RUFFY & TERIP ****



PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID

Learn practical skills to support people during emergencies and crisis situations.



**Sunday
12th April 2026**

🕒 10:00 am – 3:30 pm (4.5 hours including breaks)
📍 In person at Ruffy Hall garden
• Delivered by two experienced facilitators

Maximum of 25 places available

This interactive training covers the key principles of Psychological First Aid (PFA), using discussion and practical activities to build confidence in supporting others while also looking after your own wellbeing. Training follows internationally recognised WHO Psychological First Aid guidelines.

Book your spot
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKOHG>
or scan the QR code



Last week the Tablelands Hub has begun to reduce the amount of days that meals are available. Days where no formal meal is provided will have frozen meals or toasty sandwiches available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. On other days Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays we will have lunch and dinners available. This is only possible by the generous donations and hundreds of volunteer hours that have supported our local community.

Services from Primary Care Connect, Family Care, GV Health Mental Health clinicians, Mental Health Wellbeing Local and more are available several days a week at the Hub. All are welcome to drop in and connect on matters that they may be able to assist you with. The Tablelands Hub is for all, everyone is welcome.

MURRINDINDI - RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRES

The waiving of tip fees at Murrindindi's RRC until 12th May is only for eligible bushfire waste.

Eligible waste that includes:

- material damaged by fire, smoke, ash, or firefighting activities, or
- required to be removed as part of cleaning up a fire affected property.

Examples of eligible waste include:

- fire damaged household items
- burnt or fire affected building materials
- fire affected fencing and structures
- ash contaminated materials.

The waste must be directly related to the January 2026 bushfires and it applies to:

- residents,
- landholders,
- businesses, and
- primary producers disposing of eligible disaster waste.

What do I need to bring with me?

- A driver's licence showing your address, or
- A rates notice or other proof of property location

This information is sighted only and not recorded.

For more information, refer to the the Murrindindi Shire website



Book now for your FREE firewood collection

Bookings for the first free firewood collection are now available by booking your slot online.

The first week for the free collections is between 13th & 17th April.

Please note - there is plenty of firewood and lots more opportunities will be made available in coming weeks.

While free, this firewood is largely green and may not be useable this year. The provision of the free firewood is to support property owners impacted by the January 2026 bushfires.

Collection sites are at Terip Terip and Koriella - the address will be provided in the form and booking calendar.

Collections operate between 9am–5pm in hourly timeslots, with limited capacity at each site.

How it works

- Apply online <https://tinyurl.com/3p64kka3>
- Upload ID and proof of residence
- Book your date and time
- Receive a permit.

Conditions:

- Bookings are required and must include proof of ID and proof of residence
- This service is available to Murrindindi ratepayers and residents
- You need to have been impacted by the January 2026 bushfires
- Your impacted property must be located in one of the 22 bushfire-impacted townships in Murrindindi

One booking is permitted per property

- Please bring your permit with you, either printed or saved on your phone
- Trailer sizes are limited to a maximum of 10ft x 6ft, or one cubic metre
- Participants (or their representatives) will need to drive to the site and load their own firewood.

These requirements help ensure the support is shared fairly and reaches those who need it most—thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Need help applying?

If you're unable to upload documents or complete the form, visit Customer Service or a Recovery Hub in Alexandra or Yea. Staff can sight your ID and help confirm details online.





Emergency Recovery Support Program



If you have been impacted by the January 2026 Victorian Bushfires, help is available.

The **Emergency and Recovery hotline** for people and communities is **1800 560 760**.

Primary Care Connect's Emergency Recovery Team is working collaboratively with other support services to provide help to individuals and families who have been impacted by the January 2026 Victorian bushfires.

PCC's Emergency Recovery Team can help navigate and link in with things such as:

- finding local services near you
- insurance and legal questions
- exploring financial hardship options
- your health and wellbeing
- registering for government services



Strathbogie, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi and Mansfield

How to access support from our Emergency Recovery Team:

The Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. Press 9 for an interpreter or call Translating and Interpretation Service (TIS) on 131 450.



WE are **YOUR** community health connection!

Contact Us:

399 Wyndham street Shepparton
(03) 5823 3200

/primarycareconnect



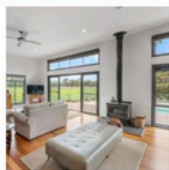
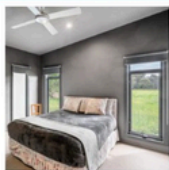
FREE to Good Home(s)

- Fold-away baby cot
- Baby potty
- Car baby seat
- TV Lowboy - long & solid (unfortunately very heavy)
- Samsung 40" TV with remote control (no stand)
- Large coconut palm timber table with 6 leather chairs on castors (table also very heavy)
- Timber liquor / crystal cabinet with double doors and mirror backing with glass shelves (also very heavy)



Interested? **Ring Dianne 0429 977 485** - situated on Highlands Rd

- Might pay to bring along a friend for any removal of the above as heavy loads need to be shared to avoid future back problems. **Ed**



Enjoy the perfect blend of country charm and town convenience with this beautifully positioned home looking out to clear sky and green paddocks. Within walking distance to: primary school (3 min), pre-school (1 min), and all local amenities. This property offers the peace and spaciousness of rural living while keeping everything you need within easy reach.

- **3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double lock-up garage**

OFFERS FROM

\$765.000 to \$795.000

1A Jones Street, Avenel, or contact Merrill on 0438 678 323 to arrange your private inspection.



Foundation Murrindindi is an independent charitable community foundation.

Our purpose is to make a positive impact and create a strong and vibrant future for all communities across the Shire of Murrindindi.

For over ten years, we have supported community-led projects through grants, sponsorships and programs.

In response to the recent bushfires, Foundation Murrindindi has launched the **Murrindindi Disaster Fund** to support affected communities within Murrindindi Shire. This fund will provide practical immediate assistance as well as supporting the medium to long-term recovery.

Every contribution, no matter what the size, helps ensure support can reach those who need it most in our local community.

100% of the funds donated to the **Murrindindi Disaster Fund** will be used for fire recovery purposes. Foundation Murrindindi will not be taking an administration fee.

For more information and to donate, please visit our website
www.foundationmurrindindi.org.au

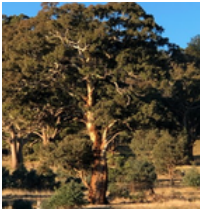
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The Granite News is widely distributed on the lands of the Taungurung clans - First People of the Rivers and Mountains.

We thank the Taungurung ancestors and elders who, for millennia, have cared for this country on which we now live, work & play. May the current generations of Taungurung, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.