

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

As another week of winter bites the dust we are closer to spring, daylight saving, a bit more warmth and less rain. Bring it on!

Even though we are in the depths of winter there's still no stopping the social activities across the wider Tablelands. If you were wanting to test your knowledge at the Terrific Terip Trivia Night well get the diary out for 2027, because ALL the tickets for next Saturday night's extravangza are **SOLD!**

However, in the rollercoaster of life, if you miss out on one thing you can always try out another - to that end Mel is now running a second Pilates class at the Highlands Hall, **commencing on Monday 27th July at 9.30.** As that now makes 3 Pilates classes running weekly in Highlands the fitness levels of locals should soon rival some of the athletes competing at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.



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.



DON'T FORGET!!

**TABLELANDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB - KEY DATES
JULY - AUGUST**



Please note the Tablelands Hub is only open now on Tuesdays with services in attendance, morning tea Cuppa and Chat at 10.30am all welcome, Friday night dinners and other events updated regularly.

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

"It's impossible to protect things that you don't understand, things you don't even have names for."

Danielle Clode
Australian academic & author

Extract taken from her book
'In search of the woman who sailed the world.'



		What's On - July & August 2026
	Thursday 30 th July @ 5.30	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.
Details? See p.6	Friday 31 st July 5.30 - 8pm	XMAS in JULY @ Highlands Hall/Hub
	Saturday 1 st Aug Booked out!	CHRISTIAN TRIVIA NIGHT @ Terip Rec Reserve
	Saturday 1 st Aug 6.30-8.30pm	SARAH BELKNER - Acclaimed musician performance @ Alexandra Shire Hall
	Monday 3 rd Aug. @ 1pm	CRAFTERNOON is back to stay! @ the MASH tent, Ruffy Hall
Details? pp.7&8	Monday 3 rd Aug. 6-8.30pm	SUPPORTING the PHOENIX - Bushfire Home Protection @ Ruffy Hall
	Thursday 6 th Aug. @ 6pm	TERIP COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER @ Terip Rec Reserve
	Monday 10 th Aug. @ 11am	HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT SPINNING GROUP @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd Tea, coffee, hugs and friendship still available to all. Jan & Ruby 5790 4361
Details? See p.9	Sunday 16 th Aug. 12-3pm	COMEDY & CONVERSATIONS - Laugh, Listen & Connect @ Highlands Hall/Hub
	Wednesday 19 th Aug. @ 7pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING @ Highlands Hall
Details? See p.6	Every Saturday in July @ 6.30	EUCHRE CARD NIGHTS ARE BACK AGAIN!! @ Terip Rec Reserve
	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 5th & 19th August and 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept.

YEA GARDEN CLUB VISIT TO HIGHLANDS

The Yea Garden Club came up to Highlands on Saturday the 25th July and hosted a delicious lunch of soups, bread, cakes and slices.

We all had the opportunity to take home plants which they kindly donated to our community. We connected with friendship, kindness and garden talk.

Many of the plants were cultivated from home gardens in Yea which will now thrive in new gardens in Highlands. It was a great Winter afternoon gathering and one we hope to repeat again, perhaps in Spring, to reconnect with our Yea neighbours.

Thanks to the club for their support. Some good plants are still available and are awaiting your collection so head to the hall and make a selection!

Margaret-Anne Milburn



Yea Garden Club plant day at Highlands Hall

The three varieties of hot soup went down a treat on such a cold day and was followed by a cuppa and cake - all home made by the club members.

Many went home with armfuls of plants but there are heaps left at the Hall for any others to come along and choose some to take home.

Regards
Elaine White





**** HIGHLANDS ****

The Hub @ the Highlands Hall is open
Wednesday 10am to 2pm & Saturday 9am to noon
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
NEW TIMES Wednesday 10-2 and Saturday 9-12 NEW TIMES

HUB HAPPENINGS

Monday, July 27

- NEW: Mat Pilates with Mel
 - Time: 9:30 AM (Also runs Thursdays at 9:00 AM)
 - Cost: \$20
 - BYO: Mat, water bottle, and a wicked sense of humor.
 - Contact: Mel at 0498 643 608

Tuesday, July 28

- Weekly Mat Pilates with Anastasia
 - Time: 5:30 PM
 - Location: Highlands Hall
 - Cost: \$15 per session
 - Details: Start your week with some mindful movement. Bring your own mat or towel and a water bottle.
 - Contact: Anastasia at 0436 428 065

Wednesday, July 29

It's a big day of support and connection at the Hub this Wednesday:

- PCC Emergency Recovery Team & GV Family Care
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - Details: These teams will be on-site to help simplify the recovery process and handle the heavy lifting of paperwork. Drop in for help with grant applications or navigating insurance and financial/legal hardship options.
- Rural Outreach Support with Ivan Lister
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - Details: Ivan is making the Hub his base every Wednesday for the next few weeks. With over 15 years of trauma-informed experience, he's here for a brew and a yarn. Anonymous referrals to check in on loved ones are also welcome.
- AgVic
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - Details: Visiting to assist primary producers with financial, technical, and wellbeing support.

Thursday, July 30

- Secret Men's Business
 - Time: 5:30 PM
 - Location: Michael Kopanica's place
 - Cost: \$5 (includes BBQ)
 - Details: A local favorite! Open to everyone in the community—come down for a great chance to laugh, vent, and catch up with mates

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***** 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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Friday, July 31

- Highlands Christmas in July
- Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Habbies Howe, 110 Dropmore Rd, Highlands
Cost: Free

Details: Join our Mitchell and Murrindindi communities for a free roast dinner! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, enjoy live country music by Brock Edwards, and don't miss Santa with presents for the kids. Bring yourself, your family, friends, and neighbors - everyone is welcome to pause, share a meal, and feel supported.

HUB NEWS

Currently available:

Carpet Rolls - new and used Jackets Jumpers Beanies
Scarves Handmade blankets
Pine Posts- second hand Warm socks Hor water bottles with covers Doonas & pillows

CLEARANCE: All clothing and bedding to be cleared by July 31st. So come in and grab some more.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Pauline

Thank you for your on-going Editorial work of producing our "Local" paper.

Recently I noticed that sadly the large timber mail drop off box that was located on the Highlands-Seymour Rd opposite Lades Rd is a case of RIP since it had been incinerated in the Jan fires.

You might recall that this letterbox was the subject of an article in the Granite News several years ago. It dates back about 100 years & was the drop off location for deliveries from Seymour of mail, milk, papers & groceries for families in Lades & Yorston Rds

Best regards
Norm Drew

Letter to the Editor

Hi everyone,

The Victorian Government has opened for application its Community Recovery Grants for January 2026 Bushfires.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/community-recovery-grants-2026-bushfires>

Grants of up to \$75,000 are available for projects to help support the following:

- locally-led recovery projects that work alongside the activities of the local council
- staff who work on the projects
- community resilience and social connection
- Aboriginal communities to lead relief and recovery through local decision making and culturally safe, community-led activities
- communities in their recovery, with a focus on people's mental health and wellbeing.

Applications are open to incorporated organisations delivering recovery support in an area affected by the January 2026 bushfires.

Your organisation must also have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.

If you don't meet these requirements, you may still be able to apply with an auspice.

Applications close 31st August.

Regards,
Avenel Active Inc.



**The Editor is wondering if anyone has a photo of this very large letterbox that they can send to pdphroberts@gmail.com so that TGN readers unfamiliar with it can view this piece of domestic history that has been lost.
Thanks in advance...**

What a fantastic afternoon of laughter, connection and community!

On Sunday, 12th July, the Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub welcomed more than 60 community members for our **Comedy & Conversations** event.

The afternoon was filled with plenty of laughter, meaningful conversations and shared moments, reminding us of the important role that coming together plays in community recovery and wellbeing.

A sincere thank you to Alexandra Events for their wonderful support, and to our incredible Warren Davies, comedians Des Dowling, and Dave O'Neil for bringing so much humour and warmth to the day.

We also extend our gratitude to the Thornton General Store for providing the delicious catering that everyone enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a memorable success. Events like these continue to strengthen the connections that help our community recover, rebuild and thrive together.

Coll Furlanetto



Community Dinner

Christmas in July

Friday 31 July, 5.30pm - 8pm

Habbies Howe, 110 Dropmore Road, Highlands

Join our Mitchell and Murrindindi communities for Christmas in July with a free roast dinner at Habbies Howe. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, enjoy live country music by Brock Edwards and don't miss Santa with presents for the kids!

Bring yourself, your family, friends and neighbours – everyone is welcome! Let's come together for a chance to pause, share a meal, and feel supported.

Contact us

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www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au



COMMUNITY EVENT • RUFFY, VIC

SUPPORTING THE PHOENIX

A free community information evening on bushfire home protection

**FREE
EVENT
CATERED**

After the January 2026 bushfires devastated Ruffy and the surrounding district, many residents are rebuilding - and asking: **how do we protect ourselves if there's a next time?**

Join us for a free community evening bringing together fire scientists, industry experts and local voices to share practical, proven solutions for protecting your home and property from potential future bushfires.

WHAT'S ON



Expert presentations on bushfire home protection



Live fire demonstration using protective coatings



Open Q&A – ask the experts your questions



Catering provided - come, eat and connect



DATE

Monday, 3 Aug 2026



TIME

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Catering provided



VENUE

Tablelands Fire

Recovery Hub

@ Ruffy Hall

3 Nolan's Rd, Ruffy VIC 3666



EVENT

FREE

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING



To help us with catering, please RSVP by scanning the QR code.

HEAR FROM OUTSTANDING REBUILDING & FIRE PROTECTION PARTNERS

For more information on who is coming and their expertise, please read the next page.

SUPPORTED BY



ENQUIRES:

Coli Furlanetto

P. 0427 920 245

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Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub



Dave Owens

Master of Ceremonies. Dave is the Founder and Managing Director of Risk-e Business Consultants and a former Deputy Commissioner of the NSW Police Force. A recognized leader in risk, emergency management, and crisis response, he brings extensive experience advising government and industry on resilience, security, and business continuity.



Dr. Matthew Robards

is the Co-Founder and CEO of FiSci, an AI company focused on bushfire risk and mitigation. A machine learning expert, entrepreneur, and volunteer firefighter, he combines advanced technology with frontline experience to help organizations make smarter, data-driven decisions that strengthen wildfire resilience and community preparedness.



Kishen Khosa

is the Managing Director of Sto Australia, a leading provider of façade systems and sustainable building solutions. He is passionate about advancing innovation, sustainability, and diversity in construction, helping shape healthier, more resilient communities through responsible building practices and high-performance construction technologies.



Ben Hughes-Brown

is a Fire Safety Engineer and Managing Director of Ignis Labs, a leading Australian fire testing and research facility. With more than 20 years of experience, he is a recognised expert in fire engineering, building material compliance, and construction safety, helping shape industry standards and improve fire resilience across the built environment.



Trent Dunn

is an experienced industry executive and workplace relations specialist with more than 25 years of leadership experience across construction and related industries. He is an advocate for workforce development, industry collaboration, and organisational excellence, helping businesses build strong, resilient, and future-ready workforces.



Tony Overstead

is Co-Founder and CEO of Flame Security International (FSI), the company behind FIRECOAT, an award-winning fire protection technology developed to improve resilience against bushfires and urban fires. A technology entrepreneur and business leader, he specialises in commercialising innovative solutions that deliver real-world safety outcomes.



Dr. Cheng Wang

is a Lecturer at UNSW and Chief Operating Officer of the ARC Research Hub for Fire Resilience Infrastructure, Assets and Safety Advancements (FRIASA). His expertise spans fire safety engineering, flame-retardant materials, fire risk management, and infrastructure resilience. Dr Wang works with industry, government, and academia to develop innovative solutions that enhance fire safety and strengthen resilience across Australia's built environment and critical infrastructure sectors.

COMEDY & CONVERSATIONS

Laugh. Listen. Connect.

An afternoon of laughter, storytelling
and meaningful conversation to
strengthen our rural communities
and support mental health.

*Dave O'Neil
Comedian*

*Des Dowling
Comedian*

*Warren Davies
The Unbreakable Farmer*

📍 **MOLESWORTH**

Sunday 9 August

📍 **HIGHLANDS**

Sunday 16 August

📍 **TERIP TERIP**

Sunday 20 September

🕒 **12:00PM – 3:00PM**

🚪 **DOORS OPEN
11:30AM**

🚐 **MURRINDINDI
MOBILE HEALTH VAN
ON SITE FROM 11:00AM**

🍲 **A LIGHT
MEAL WILL BE
SUPPLIED**

Whether you're doing it tough, supporting someone who is, or simply
looking to reconnect with your community, this event offers a welcoming
space to laugh, share stories, and strengthen connections.

Bring your mates. Bring your family.
LET'S RECONNECT, LAUGH AND HEAL TOGETHER.



More dates to be announced


Alexandra
Events Corporation Ltd



BirdLife Australia's Birds on Farms (Yarra to Yea) project are seeking volunteers to help at a farm planting day in Gobur, just north of Yea. This farm was affected by the January 2026 bushfires and the property owners are looking to rehabilitate, whilst creating habitat for birds and other wildlife. We will have lots of plants to get in the ground and would love some assistance! More details below.

When: Saturday 1st August 2026, 9am to 2pm.

Lunch provided!

Where: 1497 Yarck Road, Gobur

What to bring: Sturdy footwear, gardening gloves, water bottle, snacks, warm and wet weather clothes, and binoculars for a spot of birdwatching if you like.

RSVP: caroline.wilson@birdlife.org.au



♥ This project is made possible through Equity Trustees and other philanthropic contributions. This project is also supported by the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network.



Save Birds. Save Life.

birdlife.org.au

The poster features a background image of a sunset over a hilly landscape. At the top left, the text 'MURRINDINDI' is in green, 'DISASTER FUND' is in large white letters, and 'GRANT PROGRAM 2026' is in blue. To the right is the 'Foundation Murrindindi' logo. Below the title, a green heart icon is followed by the text 'Supporting our communities to recover, rebuild and thrive.' in green. Further down, white text states: 'In response to the Longwood Bushfire in January 2026, Foundation Murrindindi launched the Murrindindi Disaster Fund.' and 'Funds are now available for disbursement to community groups impacted by the Longwood Bushfires in Murrindindi Shire.' On the right side, there are two white callout boxes with green borders. The top box has a calendar icon and says 'GRANT OPENS JULY 20TH 2026'. The bottom box has a calendar icon and says 'GRANT CLOSES AUGUST 20TH 2026'. At the bottom, a blue bar contains a globe icon, the text 'For more information visit', and the website 'www.foundationmurrindindi.org.au/grant-programs'.

Disaster Recovery Grants Open to Support Communities Impacted by the Longwood Bushfire

Community groups are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$2,500 through Foundation Murrindindi's new Murrindindi Disaster Fund Grant Program, with **applications opening on 20 July**.

The grant program has been established to support communities impacted by the January 2026 Longwood Bushfire by funding local projects that help people reconnect, strengthen wellbeing and build resilience as recovery continues. The grants are funded through Foundation Murrindindi's Murrindindi Disaster Fund, launched immediately following the fires. Since then, generous donations from individuals, businesses and community organisations have enabled the Foundation to begin investing back into the communities most affected.

Funding is available to not-for-profit community groups and organisations in fire-impacted areas including Alexandra, Acheron, Terip Terip, Yarck, Kanumbra, Fawcett, Highlands, Cathkin, Caveat, Maintaingoon and surrounding communities.

Foundation Murrindindi Chair Naomi McNamara said the grants recognise that lasting recovery is driven by local people. "The Longwood Bushfire affected far more than homes and properties. It disrupted lives, relationships and the sense of connection that makes communities strong," Naomi said.

"Funding can be used for a wide range of grass roots initiatives and practical support including community gatherings, youth programs, wellbeing activities, small improvements to community facilities and emergency preparedness projects. These grants are about supporting local people to lead recovery in ways that matter most to them to deliver meaningful outcomes."

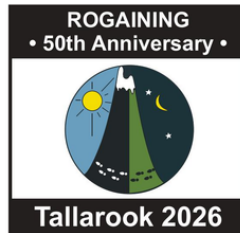
Foundation Murrindindi Executive Officer Robyn Hill said the program was designed to keep recovery community-led. "Every community's recovery journey is different. The people who live here know what will make the greatest difference and are best placed to understand their community's needs, and this program gives them the opportunity to put this knowledge into action," Ms Hill said.

Eligible community organisations must be based in Murrindindi Shire, hold a current ABN and deliver charitable outcomes that benefit fire-affected communities. Funded projects must be completed by 30 June 2027.

Applications close on 20 August 2026, with successful applicants to be announced in late September.

Grant guidelines and application information are available at foundationmurrindindi.org.au.

For further information - Robyn Hill, Executive Officer, on 0488 007 688 or robyn@foundationmurrindindi.org.au



Tallarook – a sport is born

July 2026 Update for landholders and community

- 50th Anniversary of Rogaining (24-hour cross-country navigation)
- Victorian Rogaining Championships: 25-26 September 2026 (Friday – Saturday)
- Location: Tallarook Plateau

Tallarook-50 progress

Numerous landowners have been approached and have generously offered their land to use as part of the 24-hour course. Geoff and Pam Albers have kindly offered Great Missenden property and Steve and Yvonne Taylor an area to use as our base camp and start/finish. To these people and all those who are supporting rogaining, a big thank you and please contact us with any questions. We do not enter private property without landholder permission, and we make areas out-of-bounds if we cannot locate owners.

Our course setters Alaster Meehan and Paul Monks (2025 Victorian Rogaining Champions) have already started setting the course of 60-80 controls on private and public land. They will create options both to challenge the best and to encourage our beginners.

Today controls sites are marked by tape then during Winter will be checked for location. In September electronic markers will be placed, used during the event, and collected afterwards. We would be grateful if landowners do see any of these, please basically ignore them.

Tallarook-50 upcoming preparations

Base camp setup will happen during the final week of September with some tents, portaloos, catering facilities and the start / finish arrangements being completed.

The big event – the Victorian Rogaining Championships in on 25-26 September 2026 (Friday– Saturday). There will be an award ceremony after midday Saturday then the cleaning and pack-up starts around the base camp. The electronic controls are then collected, rubbish taken home and equipment retrieved. During 2026, we will be keeping the Tallarook community and our rogainers informed of our activities through newsletters like this, and we're always happy to address questions or queries as they arise. The 50th Anniversary Rogaine is being advertised on the VRA website: www.rogainevic.org.au as are some shorter rogaines being held during Winter. The sport's Australia-wide policy insurance is also documented on this site.

History of rogaining

After its humble beginning at Tallarook in 1976, the sport of rogaining has spread to all Australian States and then to over 30 countries. It involves a cross-country navigation event for teams using map and compass, and the championship events last for 24 hours. The Victorian Rogaining Association runs a 6hr, 12hr or 24hr rogaine most months and 200 - 400 participants is a typical turnout. It caters for children with their parents, teenagers and adults to octogenarians. The World Rogaining Championships is the elite component with the 20th WRC set for September 2027 in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia.

Contacts for the main volunteers already involved in the 50th Anniversary Rogaine

Neil Phillips gneilphillips@gmail.com 0417 300 400 (Community Liaison)

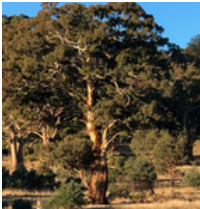
Alaster Meehan 0419 319 965 (Course Setter – close to completion)

Paul Monks (Course Vetter – active over coming weeks)

Boris Bulkin (Catering – closer to September but starting to plan equipment and site)

Nick Somes nick@rogainevic.org.au 0407 871 046 (VRA President)

Grant Jeffrey (Tallarook-50 Co-ordination)

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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. May the current generations of Taungurung, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.