

# 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

Welcome to the penultimate Granite News for this term - next week is it for articles, ads and anything else until **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October** so if readers have any time critical items please send to the Editor ASAP.

The Editor is definitely looking forward to 2 weeks 'off' and Peter and I are tootling off to Canberra for a whizz-bang 5 day visit - 2 days travel, 3 days of fun. At a mere 1690kms round trip I'm sure that I hear some readers questioning our sanity BUT there is a main reason for all that fuel.

The National Museum is having an exhibition of over 200 artefacts, some never before seen by the public, of Antarctica!! I have always been fascinated by that magnificent white continent and 15 years ago a 3 week trip of a lifetime cemented that passion.

The aspirational goal of the trip was to see Mawson's Huts but the impact of global warming meant that we didn't quite make it, falling 20kms short. And how did climate change dictate this outcome? Several months before the tongue of the Mertz Glacier had calved an iceberg so big that it meant that the wind and wave action couldn't break up the fast ice and pack ice for our ship to get all the way into Commonwealth Bay.

And that iceberg, named B9B by the scientists, was the size of the ACT - the Australian Capital Territory! Now just pause and think about that for a moment -

- that's 2,358 sq kms or 236,000 hectares of ice
- that's geographical size NOT volume
- and all that ice is fresh water
- with only 3% of all water on Earth being fresh water that's a large chunk of that 3% going to melt and become irretrievable salt water



And that's just one part of the bigger picture, so let's all look after our precious Earth and treat it with the respect it deserves.

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](mailto:pdphroberts@gmail.com)  
The [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) email is still dysfunctional.

Kia kara,  
Pauline.



### Feedback?

[pdphroberts@gmail.com](mailto:pdphroberts@gmail.com) or to  
subscribe on-line go to  
[www.hccclandcare.net.au](http://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

"Climate change denial is the worst type of fuel in the fight against climate change."

**Pedro Sanchez Perez-Castejon**

**Prime Minister of Spain**



The 2 photos are of the same iceberg, not B9B, but this one is about 9 stories high - that's also a lot of fresh water.

|                                                                                     |                                                               | What's On - September & October 2026                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. @ 11am</b>          | <b>HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT SPINNING GROUP</b><br>Rd Tea, coffee, hugs and friendship still available to all.                                                                             | @ 450 Caveat-Dropmore<br>Jan & Ruby 5790 4361                                                                  |
| <b>Details?</b><br><b>See p.5</b>                                                   | <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. @ 7pm</b>           | <b>RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP - everyone is invited</b>                                                                                                                         | @ Ruffy Hall                                                                                                   |
|    | <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. @ 7pm</b>        | <b>HCCC - MONTHLY MEETING - everyone is welcome</b>                                                                                                                               | @ Highlands Hall/Hub                                                                                           |
| <b>Details?</b><br><b>See p.13</b>                                                  | <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. 1-2.30pm</b>      | <b>PAINTING RECOVERY - Watercolour Field Trip</b>                                                                                                                                 | commencing @ Ruffy                                                                                             |
| <b>Details?</b><br><b>See p.5</b>                                                   | <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. 9.30 - 12</b>       | <b>COFFEE CART - Meet the new Recovery Team members</b>                                                                                                                           | @ Ruffy Hall                                                                                                   |
| <b>Details?</b><br><b>See p.13</b>                                                  | <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. 12 - 3</b>          | <b>COMEDY &amp; CONVERSATIONS</b>                                                                                                                                                 | @ Terip Rec Reserve                                                                                            |
|   | <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept. @ 5.30pm</b>      | <b>SECRET MENS' BUSINESS</b><br>All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ, BYO & chat                                                          | @ Michael K's 890 Caveat-Dropmore Rd                                                                           |
|                                                                                     | <b>Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>  | <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rogaining - Tallarook Ranges.</b>                                                                                                               | Interested? Nick 0407 871 046                                                                                  |
|                                                                                     | <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sept.</b>               | <b>AFL GRAND FINAL BROADCAST - Lunch provided BYO drinks</b>                                                                                                                      | @ Highlands Hall                                                                                               |
|  | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b><br><b>Oct. @ 6pm</b>           | <b>TERIP COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER</b>                                                                                                                                             | @ Terip Rec Reserve                                                                                            |
|  | <b>Tuesdays</b><br><b>10.30 - 2</b>                           | <b>CAKE &amp; CUPPA - all welcome every week</b>                                                                                                                                  | @ Ruffy Hall                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Mondays @ 9.30</b><br><b>Thursdays @ 9</b>                 | <b>MAT PILATES with Mel</b><br>Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$20                                                                                               | @ Highlands Hall<br>Enquiries? Mel 0498 643 608                                                                |
|                                                                                     | <b>Tuesdays</b><br><b>@ 5.30pm</b>                            | <b>MAT PILATES with Anastasia</b><br>Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$15                                                                                         | @ Highlands Hall<br>Enquiries? Anastasia 0436 428065                                                           |
|                                                                                     | <b>Sundays</b><br><b>@ 11am</b>                               | <b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERING</b><br>This is a non-denominational meeting, Everyone is welcome to this calm, compassionate and open environment. Tea, coffee & lunch provided. | @ 44 Yorston Rd, Highlands<br>Enquires? John - 0425 840999                                                     |
|  | <b>Every Second</b><br><b>Wednesday</b><br><b>10-30-12.30</b> | <b>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE</b><br>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?                                 | @ Highlands Community Hall<br>Forthcoming dates 16th & 30th Sept. and 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct. |



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE HUB

Here is your snapshot of what's happening around the Hub this week!

### MONDAY

- **9:30 AM: Mat Pilates with Mel (\$20)** All levels. Bring mat and water. **Book: Mel 0498 643 608**

### TUESDAY

- **5:30 PM: Mat Pilates with Anastasia @ Highlands Hall (\$15)** Bring mat/towel and water.  
**Enquiries: Anastasia 0436 428 065**

### WEDNESDAY

- **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.
- **10:30 AM - 12:30 PM:** Murrindindi Mobile Library

### THURSDAY

- **9:00 AM: Mat Pilates with Mel (\$20)** | All levels. Bring mat and water. **Book: Mel 0498 643 608**

### SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

**Seymour Fishing Festival @ Goulburn Park** A free family day focused on getting kids into fishing, packed with giveaways, food trucks, live music, the Snake Hunter display, face painting, and fish dissection demos!

- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Goulburn Park ([12 Progress Street, Seymour](#))
- **Who:** Kids aged 6-17 (must be accompanied by an adult)
- **Bonus:** All gear is provided, and participating kids get a free fishing rod to take home!



### SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

**AFL Grand Final Live Stream @ The Hub** Catch all the action of the AFL Grand Final live on the big screen! Lunch is provided. BYO drinks. Details to come!

Editor still living in hope!

### COMMUNITY NOTICES & UPDATES

#### Highlands Hub - Offers & Skills Board

Have you checked out our Offers & Skills Board? It's a simple space for locals to trade skills, share equipment, and help each other out, either in person at the hall or online!

- **Post a listing:** <https://forms.gle/D2dkamHzms06x63Z6>
- **Browse current listings:** <https://tinyurl.com/offers-and-skills>
- **Note:** Physical and online boards are managed separately. Want yours in both places? Fill out a paper card at the hall AND submit online!

#### Tallarook Firewood Working Bee Update

Need burnable (not green) firewood or have a couple of hours to lend a hand? Join Sam and the team in Tallarook! Schedule depends on numbers; call Sam directly if you need wood or want to help.

- **Contact: Sam 0439 695 632**

#### CLOSING DOWN SEPT 30 - The Highlands Hub Grocery Store

The CFA container grocery store at the Hub is closing down - the final day being **Wednesday September 30th**. Please come and take whatever you can use.

The store will be refilled over the next few weeks to clear as much as possible.

**Any remaining stock being given to charity.**

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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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## RUFFY HALL WEEKLY UPDATE

This update is also available at [ruffy.com.au](http://ruffy.com.au) click on Ruffy Mechanics Hall.  
Don't forget to **BOOK YOUR EVENT** booking details below

### SAVE THESE DATES

#### FRESH COFFEE VAN IN RUFFY!

Yippee, come along and enjoy a freshly made coffee with an egg and bacon roll, delicious!  
Meet the Ruffy Community Recovery Committee (CRC), put faces to names and have a chat. Everyone welcome, invite your neighbours. **FREE EVENT Sunday, 20 September, 9:30 am – 12:00**

#### 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

#### 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-gong) with INGRID

Ingrid is offering another FREE Qigong session on Tuesday 14th September 2pm in the Hall.  
Come along and enjoy beautifully guided movement, music & breath. Everyone welcome, come and join us, wear loose clothes. **Contact Ingrid 0456 720 498**

#### 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 weeks notice if you would like to do something.

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

### HALL BOOKINGS TO DATE

#### SEPTEMBER

|               |    |                                         |             |
|---------------|----|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Every Tuesday |    | Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services        | 10.30am-2pm |
| Monday        | 14 | RCAG Meeting (C. Kearney 0409 0197663)  | 7pm         |
| Monday        | 14 | CFA Research Interviews                 | 10am - 8pm  |
| Tuesday       | 15 | CFA Research Interviews                 | 10am - 8pm  |
| Friday        | 18 | Community Dinner Pot Luck               | 6 pm        |
| Sunday        | 20 | Coffee Cart, Egg & Bacon Rolls meet CRC | 9.30am-12   |
| Friday        | 25 | AFL Grand Final Community Dinner        | 6 pm        |
| Saturday      | 26 | Recreation Reserve Catering             | 7am-9am     |
| Sunday        | 27 | Recreation Reserve Catering             | 7am-9am     |
| Sunday        | 27 | St Davids Church Luncheon               | 12.30 pm    |

#### 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](mailto:j.eddy29@bigpond.com)**

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

## DON'T FORGET.....

the Granite News has a traditional 'rest' over the term school holidays for 2 weeks. Due to extenuating circumstances this hasn't happened for the last two breaks however the Editor is intending to take both weeks off - **27th September and 4th October** - this time around. That leaves just 1 more week to get any articles, ads, fliers etc into TGN before the hiatus so please plan ahead with your timelines and publicity.

**The last Granite News for this term will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

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## Jordan and the team at the Victorian National Parks Association

Join us for a webinar on **Monday 28th September at 6.30pm** to find out about the impacts of feral deer on the rainforests of East Gippsland. (and no doubt everywhere else in the state - Ed.)

You'll hear from Tom Crook, Environmental Scientist and Facilitator of the East Gippsland Rainforest Conservation Management Network. He's been keeping an eye on the damage done by feral deer to East Gippsland's rainforests for over a decade.

**RSVP – Monday 28th September at 6.30pm**

For over 10 years Tom has worked to restore and care for rainforests across East Gippsland. He's seen the growing impact of feral deer on these habitats.

Join us and Tom to hear about different trials to bring down feral deer numbers, mitigate damage to rainforests and their results. Need further information? Email [vpna@vpna.org.au](mailto:vpna@vpna.org.au)

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## Spring is for Gardening

and what a lineup of great events there is - **see p.?** for all that is on offer.

Also on offer are seats on the bus to **Alowyn Gardens on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.**  
BUT  
they are filling fast!

Don't be disappointed - **BOOK NOW**



## Ruffy Community Meeting

The Ruffy Community Action Group warmly invites all community members to join us for a community meeting.

**Monday, 14th September 2026**

**7.00 pm**

**Ruffy Hall**

This is an opportunity for our community to come together to:

- Share ideas and suggestions
- Raise concerns
- Discuss issues affecting the Ruffy community

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Enquires contact the Secretary Cheryl on: 0409 019763**

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## SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Cart on site Ruffy Hall

**9.30am - 12 Sunday 20th September at Ruffy Hall.**

Enjoy fresh coffee with an egg and bacon roll.

Bring your neighbour.

Meet your new Recovery Committee Team members.

**FREE EVENT**

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

Thank you.

## AVENEL ACTIVE GRANITE TREK – Something Different – 29th August 2026

The Avenel Active Granite Trek on 29th August 2026 was promoted as “Something Different” and it did not disappoint. A few people were unable to make it on the day, but we still set out with 23 walkers on a beautiful sunny day, although with a chilly breeze at the start.

The first stop was at Highlands on the property of Cameron Dalley and Sarah Fitz-Gerald AM. Sarah is a former five-time world professional squash champion. Cameron is building a squash court on their property, but extraordinarily, he is building it by cutting into and removing large blocks of granite from an expanse of intrusive igneous rock on the side of a hill. If you hadn't seen it with your own eyes, you would not believe it. For the granite aficionados among us, this was an opportunity to get up close to bedrock granite unmodified by the surface weathering over the millennia that we usually observe.



Cameron Dalley explaining how you build a squash court in solid granite (Photo Glenys Pentland)

Unfortunately, the Magadan Cutting on Highlands Road, our second planned visit, was a drive-by rather than a close inspection, because we had too many vehicles to safely park on the side of the road. Neil had provided us with a printout of a cross-sectional diagram of the cutting as well as colour photos showing granitic dykes. Dykes are sheets of granitic rock that form when molten magma squeezes into a fracture in the older rock. They solidify on cooling and appear as vertical or steep ridges across the surrounding rock.



Large, excavated blocks of granite; Sarah is on the left in red (Photo Glenys Pentland)



Master stonemason Howard Mitchell wondering what he could do with this saw??  
(Photo Glenys Pentland)

You may be wondering about the name Magadan Cutting. Possibly the shire engineer responsible for its construction was named Magadan? No, Google AI tells us that Magadan is a town in Siberia with an infamous history as a gulag during Stalin's time, when political prisoners were forced to work in the area's gold and silver mines. There had to be a geology connection! Magadan Cutting is an unofficial name coined by Neil and his fellow researchers recognising a Russian geology colleague (from that town) who is shown below pointing out dykes on the rock face.

The first serious walking for the day was along the great Victorian Rail Trail where Neil took us up to a vantage spot to demonstrate the boundary between granite and hornfels. Our tree experts helped to identify the wide range of species along the trail.

We then travelled in our car convoy to the historic property Rokeby on the Upper Goulburn Rd at Tallarook where we were welcomed by the owners Mark Plaisted and Jason Ronald in the beautiful garden they have established around the homestead.

Rokeby was settled in 1837 by Joseph Hawdon as part of the 'Tallarook Run' which spread some 27,000 acres from Sunday Creek to King Parrot Creek with the Goulburn River as its northern boundary. Parts of the boundaries were unfenced and simply defined by trees marked with an axe or by the watershed of the Tallarook Ranges.



Professor Nikolai Goryachev from Magadan, Russia in the “Magadan Cutting” Highlands Road, Victoria  
(Photo Neil Phillips)

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## AVENEL ACTIVE GRANITE TREK – Something Different - continued

The Victorian homestead dates from the 1870s and has been extended over the years. The cottage to the east of the homestead is the original home and parts of it is handmade bricks with the original shingle roof remaining under the corrugated iron roof.

For much of its time, Rokeby was operated as a sheep station. The two stand shearing shed is located to the east of the homestead.

During World War II Rokeby was leased by the Australian Army for the 2/22 battalion and became a tented city for thousands of Australian and later, American, troops. Remnants of the Army's kitchen and ablution blocks remain on the property dotted along the Rokeby Creek. The army officers resided in the main homestead.



The garden at Rokeby with homestead (left background) and original home on right (Photo Glenys Pentland)

Rokeby is the site of a significant landslide that occurred in October 2022 after a period of heavy rainfall. The Rokeby (Tallarook) landslide deposited rock, sand and trees over 1.5km and blocked the Goulburn Valley Highway near Tallarook.



Landslip at Rokeby October 2022 (Photo Neil Phillips)

By general agreement after a longish day, the group decided to postpone the last planned part of the trek to Greenslopes, to a later date.

Avenel Active trekkers would like to thank our hosts Cameron Dalley and Sarah Fitz-Gerald, and Mark Plaisted and Jason Ronald, for allowing us to visit their properties and for their wonderful hospitality. Mark Plaisted provided the information about Rokeby. Thanks to Glenys Pentland for being our first aider as well as taking most of the photos.



Landslip at Rokeby in August 2026 almost 4 years after the event (Photo Glenys Pentland)

We also thank Neil Phillips for again sharing his knowledge of geology with us and for the benefits we enjoy from his extensive network of contacts, both locally and internationally.

**Kevin Whithear**

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### Did you know?

A single ear of corn contains hundreds of kernels, each capable of growing into a new plant under the right conditions!

Thanks to this week's Aldi catalogue for that little snippet.

## BIRD MONITORING IN A POST-FIRE LANDSCAPE



Join us for a field day in the grassy woodlands of Merton  
Wildlife ecologist Chris Tzaros will demonstrate practical skills and techniques in bird monitoring within fire-affected landscapes and how to apply this knowledge on your own property and in the field.

Take part in practical monitoring demonstrations and see how birds are responding to the most recent bushfires in the area.

***When: Thursday 17th September***

***Time: 10am to 1pm***

**Where: Merton Rail Trail Reserve**  
**Meet at the Merton Cemetery car park. Dukes Road, Merton**

- *Light lunch provided*
- Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear
- Bring a water bottle and binoculars if you have them

***A collaborative event between Upper Goulburn Landcare Network and Strathbogie Ranges Conservation (SRCMN)***

***To register contact UGLN Landcare Facilitator Chris Cobern on 0413 855 490 or [ugln.projects@ugln.net](mailto:ugln.projects@ugln.net) (numbers are limited)***

- Do not attend the activity if you have Covid19 or any cold or flu symptoms.

***Funded by the Landcare Australia 2026 Bushfire Recovery Grants***



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Friday, 2nd October 2026  
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# 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)

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RSVP to [teripteriptennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:teripteriptennisclub@gmail.com) by 14 October

## Letter to the Editor

Hi Pauline,

There are a number of people in the area who would appreciate being able to pick up a hard copy of the Granite News.

Remarkably both the Ruffy and Terip Granite News pick up boxes have survived the fire, hooray!

We now have a colour printer at the Hall that is easy to use.

I am hoping there may be a person in the Granite News community who may be up for a regular job of printing it off and putting it in the boxes for collection.

I am happy to do it for the next couple of issues but I can't do it regularly after that.

I can get someone set up on the printer at the Hall, if they bring their laptop or phone. It would be great to get this back up and running for the many people who are not online.

Thanks,

**Sharron Batt**

**Is anyone up for a job that is simple and makes other people happy?**

**If so contact Sharron. Ed.**

### 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](mailto:juncball@icloud.com)

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



## How to Use Snap Send Solve

### Snap it. Send it. Solve it.

Snap Send Solve is a free app that helps you report local problems. Our current focus is getting very hazardous trees actioned as soon as possible, but the app can be used for many issues involving public safety.

#### Step 1: Download the App

Download Snap Send Solve from the App Store or Google Play.

#### Step 2: Open the App

Allow location access so the app can identify where the issue is located.

#### Step 3: Snap a Photo

Take a clear photo of the problem and include nearby landmarks if possible.

#### Step 4: Send the Report

Confirm the location, choose the issue type, add a short description, and tap Send.

#### Step 5: Follow Progress

You may receive updates and can view your reports in the app.

#### Tips for a Good Report

- Take photos in good lighting.
- Include the exact location whenever possible.
- Keep your description brief and clear and professional.
- Submit one issue per report.

**See something that needs fixing? Snap it. Send it. Solve it.**

## Want to be heard - now is your chance

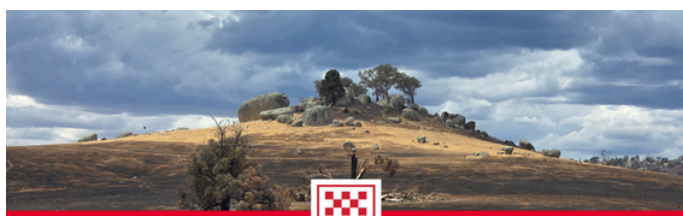
Between 12-15 September, researchers will be in Ruffly and Euroa to speak with residents who were affected by the Jan 2026 bushfires and those who were impacted by the emergency warnings sent out. Please register so we can all learn from our collective experiences.

You can register using:

- The QR code on the attached flyer
- Go to this link and click on "register to participate" down the bottom:

[Longwood- East | Bushfire experiences and community feedback | Engage CFA](#)

- Or email Paula directly on [paula.dootson@qut.edu.au](mailto:paula.dootson@qut.edu.au).



### Longwood East Bushfire Study

Effective preparedness, warnings and emergency information are most effective when we understand what support and information communities need before, during and after bushfires.

From 12-15 September 2026, researchers will visit fire-affected areas to speak with residents impacted by the January 2026 bushfires.

This is an opportunity for community members in Longwood East and Ruffly to share their experiences with Victorian emergency services and provide feedback on the information that was available, and what is needed before, during and after bushfires.

### Share your story

We are interested in hearing about:

- How you received information before, during and after the fire.
- How you prepared for and responded to the fire.
- Any community engagement activities you participated in before or after the fire.
- What worked well and what could be improved.

#### Register to participate

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfire-experience](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfire-experience)



Participants will receive a gift card for taking part. Sharing your experiences helps shape new approaches that will benefit bushfire-prone communities across Victoria and Australia.

Interviews take approx. 1 hour and will be held in Ruffly and Euroa. Participants must be over 18 years of age, all personal information gathered during research will be stored securely and confidentially.

#### Contact the research team:

Paula Dootson, Queensland University  
Phone: 07 3138 5312  
Email: [paula.dootson@qut.edu.au](mailto:paula.dootson@qut.edu.au)



# FARMERS FOREST CAMP OUT

Connect. Reflect. Grow.

AN AFTERNOON & EVENING OF REAL CONVERSATIONS, PRACTICAL TOOLS & COMMUNITY.

## AFTERNOON CAMP FIRE

Arrive to mingle & live acoustic music, hot drinks & bush tucker. Our host will use campfire storytelling to unpack trauma and support wellbeing. Relax in nature with on-site MHF A support to recharge and feel empowered to move forward.

**SATURDAY, 19th TO SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER**

**START - 4:00PM - SATURDAY FINISH - 8:00AM - SUNDAY**

**EILDON, VICTORIA**  
Exact location released to registered attendees prior to the event

## EVENING STARLIGHTS

Roll out a swag under the stars! Enjoy a hot bush breakfast (gold coin donation) to unwind, digest your thoughts, and chat with on-site staff. Take ownership of your growth and stay connected with our free podcasts.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Live storytelling and practical tools for life's challenges
- ✓ Real talk about resilience, purpose and relationships
- ✓ Creativity, wisdom and reflection in nature
- ✓ A supportive community of like-minded men

## SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND

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### ABOUT THE EVENT

Beyond Labels AU Incorporated invites farmers, landholders and rural men to an afternoon and evening of connection, learning and reflection in the bush.

This is a private, not-for-profit event created to support the wellbeing of our rural community through storytelling, practical tools and open conversations.

### FEATURED PRESENTERS

**YUDHA SCHOLES**  
@YUDHAVERSUS  
Educator, father and creator of Yudhaverse. Yudha is passionate about helping men build resilience, responsibility and purpose. He provides practical tools for navigating life's challenges through stoic discipline, accountability and steady self-improvement.

**JOE ZULLO**  
VET Lecturer & Assessor at Chisholm TAFE. Joe has spent over 20 years in hospitality and education, inspiring students through real-world experience, mentoring and a passion for helping others build confidence and direction.

**HUGH FRASER**  
Experienced Jackaroo in regional Australia. Horticulturist, Landscaper, Educator, and Builder. Hugh spent many years with the SES responding to critical events and educating the volunteers. Hugh is an advocate men's mental health toolbox sessions and supporting others in aspiring to become self-advocating.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Campfire storytelling and live acoustic music
- ✓ Practical tips and tools for life's challenges
- ✓ Honest conversations about resilience and wellbeing
- ✓ Creativity, reflection and connection in nature
- ✓ On-site MHF A support available

**REAL MEN. REAL TALK. REAL CHANGE.**

### EVENT PROGRAM

**4:00PM ARRIVAL**  
Mingle, live acoustic music, hot drinks & bush tucker

**4:30PM CAMPFIRE SESSION**  
Storytelling, guest speakers & open conversation

**7:30PM EVENING STARLIGHTS**  
Roll out a swag, hot bush breakfast (gold coin donation) & connection under the stars

**7:30PM CLOSE**  
Finish refreshed & inspired

Program times are approximate and may change.

### EVENT DETAILS

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GOLD COIN DONATION FOR BREAKFAST

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND**  
Spots are limited!

### REGISTER TO ATTEND

Scan the QR code below to complete the registration form. Location details will be provided prior to the event.



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**Murrindindi**  
Shire Council

## Provide your feedback on Council's Draft Municipal Recovery Plan

Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting community members to help shape the next phase of recovery by providing feedback on the Draft Murrindindi Municipal Recovery Plan for the January 2026 Bushfires.

**Feedback closes on Thursday 17 September 2026.**

# COMEDY & CONVERSATIONS

*Laugh. Listen. Connect.*

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

**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

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19/9 EVENT | Biodiversity Recovery Alliance

## PAINTING RECOVERY: WATERCOLOUR FIELD TRIP

- Join artist Ann Cremean for a watercolour field trip to observe and paint the landscape as it recovers from fire.
- When: September 19th, 1 - 2:30pm
- Where: Ruffy (exact location TBA)
- Beginners welcome, materials provided
- Places are limited, registrations essential

Granite to Goulburn

### FREE COMMUNITY BUS TRIP FOR FIRE AFFECTED TABLELANDS

## ALOWYN GARDENS AND NURSERY

Come along for a relaxing day surrounded by beautiful gardens, good company and fresh Spring air

**Talk on Arrival, Morning Tea & Garden Entry Provided Free**  
Lunch available for purchase at the cafe

## 16 September 2026

bus departs at 9 am  
Tablelands Community Centre  
27 Nolans Road Ruffy

**Bookings Limited & Essential**  
Contact Cheryl 0409 019 763

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**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH**

**TIME TO WANDER RELAX AND ENJOY THE BLOOMS**

Rotary Club of Yea

# YEA GARDEN EXPO

## 19 & 20 SEP 2026

### 9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards  
Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

**Only an hour from Melbourne!**

- Native & flowering plants
- Garden sculptures
- Food and drink available
- Garden tools & Vegetable bins
- Seedlings
- Mulch, fertilisers & compost
- Ride-on & push mowers
- Nurseries
- Small chainsaws
- Roses
- Deciduous & Ornamental trees
- Plant Creche
- Speakers Program
- And much more.....

**NEW IN 2026, TWO SPRING GARDENS FOR VIEWING \$10 INCLUDES BOTH GARDENS**

- Entry \$12 at the gate (\$10 booked online)
- Concession \$10
- Kids U/16 FREE

Pay at the gate or book online via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com):  
[www.trybooking.com/DLLKQ](http://www.trybooking.com/DLLKQ) (Bookings open August 1<sup>st</sup>)

Spring Garden tickets \$10 includes both gardens  
[www.yearthrotary.org.au](http://www.yearthrotary.org.au)

## 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](mailto:yeariversecretary@hotmail.com)**

**RSVP Quiz: Judy Brookes [juncball@icloud.com](mailto:juncball@icloud.com)**

**October is bird month - why not pop along and discover more about our feathered friends?**

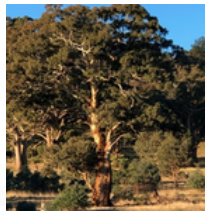
Whether you are a keen birdo or know zilch about birds, this is a chance to have a fun night.

Arrange a team (or come alone) to test your birding skills, or sit back and learn about your local birds.

Your entertainer for the night is the indefatigable Ron Litjens.

Supper is provided - RSVP essential for catering.

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