

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 we officially move into winter it appears that the cold and wet weather is not going to be a deterrent for the social events across the HCCC area. From the Thank You Day in Ruffy last Sunday, to Bogan Bingo in the Habbies Howe Woolshed at Highlands on Friday evening, to the upcoming Terrific Terip Trivia Night - getting together and having fun is definitely not going to slow down anytime soon.

Last weekend saw the 20th UFO (UnFinished Objects) craft weekend held at the Highlands Hall. Participants came from far and wide with locals being joined by ladies from several different Melbourne suburbs, the upper Yarra Valley, Yea, Alexandra, Seymour and Poowong in South Gippsland. Oh yeah and the organiser trekked up from Apollo Bay.

A great time was had by all with the 4 Fs - fun, food, fabric and friendships definite features of the weekend. Another feature was the appearance of a couple of recipients of the quilts distributed three months ago who popped into say THANK YOU for their unexpected, and much appreciated, gifts.



Two of the attendees, were incredibly active organising the annual raffle, with more prizes than usual and with presales prior to the weekend, which meant that a tidy sum of \$565 was raised destined for the CFA. Highlands-Caveat Captain David Webb accepted the funds on behalf of his own and the Terip brigade, to be split evenly between them. Many thanks to Doreen and Kathleen for their kind efforts and to all who bought tickets. Thanks also to the Hall & Hub committees who made the space possible.

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



Feedback?

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

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

"The time to save a species is while it is still common."

Rosalie Edge (1877 - 1962)

American conservationist & suffragette



Refund anyone?

Did you know that you may be eligible for a **20% discount** on your car registration.

It needs to be a light vehicle and privately owned.

Go to Service Victoria website or app.

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/registrations-rebate>

		What's On - June 2026
	Friday 12th June @ 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.8	Friday 12th June @ 6pm	RUFFY WOMEN'S NIGHT All Welcome - Bookings required @ Ruffy Hall
Details? See p.12	Sat. 13th June 1.30-3.30	MINDFUL EXPERIENCES with NATURE @ end of Sprunts Rd
	Saturday 13th June @ 5.30	CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY - TERIP DINNER @ Terip Rec Reserve
Details? See last TGN	Sunday 14th June 9-12	ENGAGEMENT - RUFFY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN @TCC Site A community engagement workshop to explore and understand community needs, aspirations and priorities for community infrastructure now and into the future
Details? See p.7	Sunday 14th June @ 5.30	RECOVERY on the HILL @ Upton Hill Fireshed Everyone is welcome to come along. BYO drinks and RSVPs to Sue by 10 th June.
Details? See p.12	Wed. 17th June 12 - 4pm	HCCC presents - RESET YOUR SOILS & PASTURES @ Terip Tennis Club Understand where you are up to and the next steps. Lunch provided RSVP required.
	Thursday 18th June @ 6.30	TERIP CFA AGM - Dinner will be served @ Terip Rec Reserve
Details? See p.5	Sunday 21st June 12-3	KIDS' DAY with KATE PERRY @ Ruffy Hall
Details? see p.9	Saturday 27th June 12.30-4	CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY - HIGHLANDS @ Habbies Howe Shearing Shed Enjoy a 2 course Indian lunch followed by a relaxed afternoon tea, music and door prizes.
	Tuesdays only	PRIMARY CARE CONNECT @ Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub
	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 10th & 24th June and 8th & 22nd July.



**** 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

WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB: THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10th June

GV Family Care 10am - 2pm

If you're looking for a bit of guidance, GV Family Care will be on-site to offer a calm space to set goals and get connected with:

- Case management and disaster legal help
- Insurance advocacy and financial counselling
- Health, wellbeing, and government grant registration

PCC Emergency Recovery Team 10am - 2pm

The PCC team will be here to help simplify the recovery process and handle the "heavy lifting" of paperwork. Drop in for help with:

- Grant Applications: Navigating the forms together.
- Financial & Legal Support: Sorting through insurance and hardship options.

Murrindindi Mobile Library 10:30am - 12.30pm

The bookmobile is back in full swing! It's a great chance to restock your bedside table or grab some new reads for the kids. Come down and make use of this fantastic local service while they're parked at the Hub.

Friday 12th June

Drinks on the Deck 6pm

Time to kick back and catch up! Please bring some finger food to share. All are welcome!

Saturday 13th June

Mindful Experiences with Nature 1.30-3pm meet at the end of Sprunts Rd (see p. 12 for more details)

FREE More second-hand pine posts are available for collection at The Highlands Hub.

Wed 10-2 and Sat 9-12



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

Contact: Andrea Bauer 0417 369 225



**** HIGHLANDS ****



Bogan Bingo Was an Absolute Ripper!

What a brilliant night! Our recent Bogan Bingo night was an absolute standout success, bringing the community together for a massive evening of laughs, questionable fashion, and top-tier entertainment. If you weren't there, you missed an instant classic. The dress code was understood perfectly, transforming the room into a glorious, rolling ocean of flannel shirts, beanies and Uggs as far as the eye could see.

The entertainment kept everyone on their toes, featuring an air guitar competition that absolutely ripped and a hilarious Bogan Catwalk that will stay with us for a long time. Amidst all the laughs and fierce competition, I somehow managed to walk away with the official title of Biggest Bogan. I'm still not entirely sure if congratulations or concerns are in order, but I'm wearing the crown with pride!

We want to send a huge shoutout and a massive thank you to the Murrindindi and Mitchell Shires and the incredible Bogan Bingo hosts for putting on such an amazing night. The music was fantastic and the laughs were completely non-stop from start to finish. It was exactly the kind of fun we all needed.

What's Next? We Want Your Ideas!

We had so much fun that we're already thinking about the next community catch-up. What kind of shindigs do you want to see next? Whether you're keen for a trivia night, a bush dance, a retro disco, or something completely different, we want to hear from you! Please put forward your ideas and let us know what kind of events you'd love to see us tackle next.

Kate McAlpin



Foundation Murrindindi

has gratefully received a donation of \$145,620 to the **Murrindindi Disaster Fund** following the hugely successful **Rise From The Ashes** concert held in Yarck on 7 March 2026.

The fundraising concert organised by local Terip and Yarck residents Chris Sharman and daughter Chloe with support from the Frankston Bombers Football Netball Club, brought communities together in support of people impacted by the devastating Longwood bushfire in north east Victoria.

Funds raised through the event were originally intended to be distributed in collaboration with local CFA brigades. Following discussions with local stakeholders, Foundation Murrindindi was approached to manage the distribution process through the **Murrindindi Disaster Fund** to ensure the funds could be directed efficiently and equitably to communities most affected by the fires.

The funds will be distributed through the **Murrindindi Disaster Fund** to support bushfire-affected communities, with a focus on local recovery needs identified in partnership with community organisations and leaders.

This extraordinary contribution reflects the compassion and community spirit that emerges during difficult times. Foundation Murrindindi would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in organising the concert and all those who donated so generously."



**** RUFFY & TERIP ****



TABLELANDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB - KEY DATES

JUNE

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 9th - Visiting services and cuppa and chat 10.30 am

Friday 12th - Ladies' Night don't miss out book now (note no community dinner that night)

IT'S TIME FOR A GIRLS' NIGHT OUT We have received support by a Look Over The Farm Gate grant; and have Clinical Psychologist Dr Sharon des Landes joining us! Thanks to Agriculture Victoria and National Centre for Farmer Health #LookOverTheFarmGate **BOOK NOW!!**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLFEC> Or chat to one of the Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub Crew if you are unable to register!

Sunday 14th - June Infrastructure workshop by the Strathbogie Shire at the Tablelands Community Centre site - breakfast from 8.30am workshop from 9-12

Tuesday 16th - Visiting services and cuppa and chat 10.30 am

Friday 19th - Community Dinner

Sunday 21st June 12-3 - The Kids' Day with Kate Perry Trauma art therapist (bring bark & leaves from your property for the craft activity) launch of Old Red the story of the little fire engine that stepped up to fight the fires. Also 3 very special guests just for the kids more info soon....(Bookings required) All welcome!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1582692>



TABLELANDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB – WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Kitchen & Hub Operations

Monday:	Kitchen CLOSED
Tuesday:	HUB & KITCHEN OPEN
Wednesday:	Kitchen CLOSED
Thursday:	Kitchen CLOSED
Friday:	HUB & KITCHEN OPEN
Saturday:	Kitchen CLOSED
Sunday:	HUB & KITCHEN OPEN

Meals Available

- Frozen meals available every day.
- Fridge meals in outside glass-door fridge
- Freezer stocked regularly with ready-to-heat meals

Tuesday: All Services Attend

- Primary Care Connect
- Family Care
- GV Health Psychologist
- Other Visiting Services
(Can vary week to week)

Ruffy's Big Thank You Day Celebrates Community Support

On 31st May, over 230 people gathered at the Tablelands Fire Recovery Hub to celebrate and thank everyone who supported Tablelands communities over the past five months. Guests came from near and far to enjoy a delicious meal and great company, while being recognised for their collective efforts in the recovery process.

The event was proudly supported by the Disaster Recovery Fund from the State and the commonwealth fund, through the Strathbogie Shire. Adding to the excitement, the Murrindindi Hub presented a generous surprise donation of \$10,000—a full return of the amount raised by the Tablelands wide community for the Murrindindi Hub 14 years ago. This contribution will help support the Tablelands Hub in its work of the Tablelands Fire Recovery hub to the communities as they move forward in the months and years ahead. Darryl president and Pauline treasurer representing the Murrindindi Hub, attended the event to present the big cheque in a heartfelt gesture of gratitude and community solidarity.

This “pay it forward” moment exemplifies the generosity and spirit of communities coming together. Those who once extended support to others will now see the benefits of this return gesture, strengthening the bonds that make the Tablelands and surrounding areas resilient and united.

Adding to the spirit of support and generosity, Darryl, wearing his Yea Rotary hat, also brought across the Gippsland Rotary shower and facilities trailer, which has been generously loaned for use by the Tablelands community over the coming months. This practical support, together with the donation presentation, highlighted the strong friendships, connections, and goodwill that were felt throughout the day.

The generosity shown through these acts of kindness reflects the strength of community relationships and the enduring spirit of helping one another. It was a powerful reminder that when communities come together in times of need, those connections continue long after the immediate crisis has passed.

Anne Leadbeater was our guest speaker and Steve Tobin dropped off a beautiful parrot on loan to brighten the community's day. Thanks to them both.

Coll Furlanetto





Recovery on the Hill

Longwood East - Longwood - Locksley - Upton Hill - Avenel

*Dinner at the Upton Hill Fire Shed
supported by Red Cross*



**Australian
Red Cross**

When: Sunday, 14 June, 2026
Where: Upton Hill Fire Station
1475 Upton Road, Upton Hill
Time: 5:30 PM

BYO drinks
RSVP by 10 June 2026
sue@uptonhill.com.au

Everyone in the community is invited

It's time for a girls' night out!

We are pleased to have our trusted support, great friend and Clinical Psychologist Dr Sharon des Landes joining us to provide insights and advice in recovery



Join us and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine on arrival and delicious gourmet grazing table provided by The Gypsy Trader Euroa

Friday 12th June 2026 at Tablelands Recovery Hub from 6.15pm with soft drink provided



**Bookings by
Wednesday 10th June
via trybooking link or email
tablelandsrecovery@outlook.com**



This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate





Celebrating our Community - Highlands

Where: Habbies Howe Shearing Shed, 110

Dropmore Road, Highlands

Saturday, 27 June 2026 - 12.30 pm to 4:00 pm

Enjoy a two-course Indian lunch by the Peppercorn Hotel, followed by a relaxed afternoon tea.

There'll be live music from a local musician and the chance to win a door prize.

Everyone is welcome — no registration needed.

You're also invited to honour bushfire volunteers and community members across the Shire by sharing a message or story on our Volunteer Recognition Wall - scan the QR code to make your contribution.



Community Engagement Team
5772 0333
murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Letter to the Editor

Hi Pauline
The next instalment!

Dear Highlanders (et al),
The wheels have started to turn to produce a revised version of Helen McCall's excellent historical document 'Highlands 1882-1982'.

We are hoping to produce the second hard cover version, in colour, and to also have a digital version on the Highlands website.

Abbey Eager and Casey Southhurst, Fire Recovery Officers from the Shire of Mitchell, are assisting us with this project which is greatly appreciated.

One step at a time. We're hoping to have this project completed in the next 8 months and then we'll tackle 1982 onwards. The format will probably be decade by decade.

If you have any interesting stories to share or if you'd like to be involved in this project in any way, please contact me.

Warm regards,
Miranda Yorston
0408 969261
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Letter to the Editor #2

Hi Everyone,

Please save the date for the upcoming Famous Terip Trivia Night being held at the Terip Recreation Reserve on Saturday 1st August.

Bring your friends, family and neighbours along for a fun evening of trivia, laughter and community spirit.

Event Details

- **Date: Saturday 1st August**
- **Venue: Terip Recreation Reserve**
- **Cost: \$15 per person**
- **Supper included**
- **BYO alcohol**

You can RSVP with a table or simply join us on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there for a great night of entertainment and friendly competition.

Kind regards,
**Terip Recreation
Reserve Committee**



LOST

A 2 year old Angus Heifer with a pink Habbies ear tag went missing in April from the paddock on the corner of Lades Rd & Highlands Rd Highlands



Please call Norm 0418 379 401

NB: photos are for illustrative purposes only



Rationale behind Ruffy Infrastructure Engagement Plan meeting 14th June @ TCC site

Strathbogie Mayor Scott Jeffery said Council recognised strong community interest in reinstating the Ruffy Recreation Reserve and the Ruffy Tablelands Community Centre in their previous forms.

"This broader consultation process to help develop community infrastructure in Ruffy is a timely opportunity to consider options that cater for the future needs of the community," Cr Jeffery said. "We are aware Ruffy Recreation Reserve's Management Committee is progressing its rebuild and design concepts for a replacement pavilion at the oval. Council looks forward to discussing these plans as part of the conversation with the wider community on the day.

"One of the objectives on 14th June is to set clear expectations and community understanding on the process involved in community infrastructure projects. Council is keen to make the best use of available funding for all rebuild opportunities, in the best interests of the Ruffy community."

Planning to plant some farm trees next year?

Master Class series 2026 @ Euroa Arboretum How to grow SUCCESSFUL REVEGETATION PROJECTS with native species

These Revegetation Master Classes will be run by Euroa Arboretum staff as part of the Trees on Farms Incubator Program is funded by Agriculture Victoria.

They support our community of rural landowners to receive in-depth training and planning advice that will help strengthen technical knowledge and informed decision-making when planting trees on farms.

The Trees on Farms Incubator Program aims to:

- promote opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and communities of practice for landowners through existing networks, communities, and other interest groups
- build the skills of landowners so they can gain the technical requirements for growing trees on their farms to support confidence in decision making
- assist landowners to develop high-quality project plans that can be used to apply for the Victorian Trees on Farms Grant and get \$2000 per hectare to establish planting on sites less than 20ha.

Day 1: Natural Regeneration Saturday 4th July, 9.30 – 1.30pm

Interpreting landscape and what that means for plant selection. Creating success despite grazing herbivores. Field trip component – enhancing natural regeneration.

Day 2: Site Design for Multiple Outcomes, 11th July, 9.30 – 1.30pm

Site selection and landscape context. Fire, drought and disease. Stacking success – multiple positive outcomes with revegetation in an agricultural landscape.

Day 3: It's all about Seed, 25th July, 9.30 – 1.30pm

Where does your seed come from? Site preparation and maintenance. Direct seeding as a revegetation technique. Wildflower meadows and grasslands.

Day 4: Building Plant Knowledge, 1st August, 10 – 3pm

Where do your plants come from? 101 Plant identification. Thinning and harvesting opportunities. Site visit – agroforestry sites.

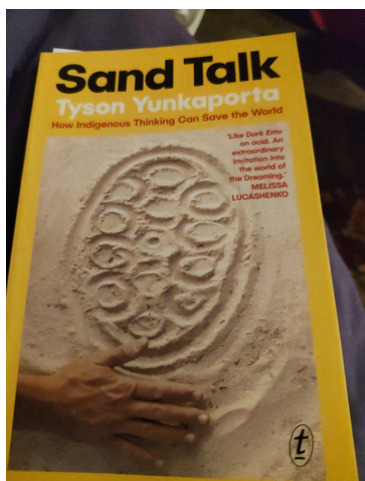
Day 5: Design Your Project, 15th August, 9.30 – 1.30pm

Plant selection, costing, ordering. Fencing and site preparation. Pest plant and animal control via Landcare Programs. Grants and funding opportunities available. Linking to contractors and bushcrews.



Expressions of Interest to enrol in this FREE course are now open.

Please email : janethhagen@gmail.com or cathy.olive@euroaarboretum.com.au or text 0458 904268



Echidnas - more fascinating facts

“Sometimes I wonder if echidnas ever suffer from the same delusion that many humans have, that their species is the intelligent centre of the universe. They are smart enough: their prefrontal cortex, the area of the brain used for complex reasoning and decision making, is the biggest in relation to body size of any mammal.

Fifty percent of the echidna brain is used for some of the hardest kinds of thinking.

In humans it is not even thirty percent!”

Extract from Sand Talk by Tyson Yunkaporta - Text, 2023

HCCC presents 



RE-SET YOUR SOILS & PASTURES

Understand where you're up to and next steps

- ☒ **Soil Assessment -**
What happens to soils after bushfire
- ☒ **Pasture Assessment -**
Assessing pastures and planning next recovery steps
- ☒ **Bring along -**
Soil test results and pasture photos if you have them

LUNCH PROVIDED

Wednesday 17th June, 2026
12pm - 4pm

Terip Terip Tennis Club
8 Springs Road
Terip Terip

Speakers include:
David Hawkey, agronomist, Agrisci
Dr Cassandra Scheffe, soil scientist, Agrisci
Damian Adcock, agronomist, Barenbrug Seeds
Graham Martin, agronomist, Yenda Producers

RSVP Rhiannon Sandford
0429 964 609
rhiannons@gbcm.vic.gov.au



This event is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust Climate Smart Agriculture Program

TERIP CFA ELECTIONS

Terip Terip CFA will be holding its brigade elections over dinner on **Thursday, 18th June at 6:30pm.**

All Terip Terip CFA members are requested to attend.

Dinner will be provided.

Shannon Roach

Captain - Terip Terip Fire Brigade
DGO - Alexandra group
M: 0400 842009
E: shnon1@hotmail.com



DON'T FORGET

FREE disposal of fire affected detritus at the local Resource Recovery Centres ie: Tips

has been extended until June 30th!!

Now for an increase in realistic funding for Shires severely impacted by the January fires as such funding would be most welcome.

Returning on 9th June!

Mat Pilates with Anastasia at the Highlands Hall
Every Tuesday 5.30pm.

Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle.
Cost \$15

Enquiries? Anastasia on 0436 428065

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

MINDFUL EXPERIENCES WITH NATURE

Provided by Tony Fitzgerald, Nature Insights

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

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

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

First of a series: Saturday 13 June 2026, 1:30-3:30pm
End of Sprunts Road, Highlands

Campfire cuppa and afternoon tea provided
Wear appropriate warm clothing and footwear for the outdoors.
We will be walking on gentle terrain for about 1 km

RSVP 11.6.26 and questions: tony.fitzgerald@natureinsights.au
* limited places to provide everyone a calming experience




June 2026

June is Murrindindi Business Month

Murrindindi Business Month is now underway, and there's still time to register and plan participation across the program. Take part in a series of events to strengthen capability, build confidence and support long term growth.

Our regular Business Brunch will also be held on Thursday 18 June from 10.00 to 11.30 am at The Pavilion Bar & Grill, 956 Buxton-Marysville Road.

For the full program schedule, registration and resources, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/mbm

National Tree Day Events 2026

National Tree Day is Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event, bringing communities together to grow a greener future.

This year, locals can get involved through activities including the 'Love your Pollinators' webinar on 15 July, a community tree planting event in Alexandra on 26 July, and library programs like the Read, Learn and Win draw running until 31 July. With opportunities for all ages to learn, plant and connect with nature, it is a great chance to support local biodiversity and make a lasting environmental impact.

For details, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ntd26

Eildon Key Worker Housing EOLs

Council is progressing Eildon Key Worker Housing, with the first six homes expected to be available for rent from July to August 2026.

The initial release includes four three bedroom and two two bedroom houses, supporting local workforce attraction and retention.

An on site information session was held in May and expressions of interest are now open.

For details visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ekwheoi

Free Fire Waste Disposal Extension

Council welcomes the extension of the free bushfire recovery waste disposal program to 30 June 2026. While the six-week extension is a positive step, Council will continue to advocate for a longer extension.

For details, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/firewaste

Recognising volunteering across Murrindindi

Council would like to celebrate the volunteers who strengthened our communities during and after the January 2026 bushfires.

To acknowledge these efforts Council will host four events to recognise the contributions of volunteers and community members, while also providing an opportunity to connect, reflect on shared experiences, and acknowledge the ongoing recovery journey.

Visit our website to find out more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/recognition26

Kinglake Memorial Reserve Oval upgrade

Council will begin redevelopment works on the Kinglake Memorial Reserve oval from 9 June, with important upgrades set to support local sport and the wider Kinglake community.

Upgrades will include playing surface improvements, drainage works, and a new irrigation system to improve safety, playability and the long-term sustainability of the oval for local clubs and the broader community.

Learn more on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/kmrupgrade

Get in touch

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Help is on the line, please pick up

Council is partnering with recovery provider Windermere to help connect residents to free and confidential support services.

A new Memorandum of Understanding enables the sharing of contact details and relevant information between Council and re, under strict privacy guidelines where personal information remains confidential.

We encourage you to talk to Windermere about your individual circumstances, however it is up to the individual to decide if they want to share information between recovery agencies.

Windemere team members will be telephoning fire-affected residents in coming weeks to help connect anyone who hasn't yet linked into available disaster recovery support.

Essentially all residents and ratepayers with fire-affected properties have a choice whether to accept or decline recovery assistance.

Please take the time to share your needs, explore eligibility for services and access the right help. Whether its emotional support, help navigating services, practical assistance, or someone to talk to, their team is here to walk alongside you through recovery.

The team can guide you through available supports including:

- finding local support services
- insurance and legal questions
- financial pressures
- health and wellbeing support
- registering for government services.

Or visit www.windermere.org.au for more information about their services.

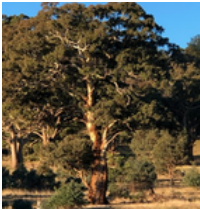
This program is jointly funded by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) & the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

Quick Koala Quiz

1. How much weight in eucalyptus leaves do koalas consume in a day?
 - a) Up to 1 kg
 - b) 500gms
 - c) 200gms
2. Koalas were once hunted to the brink of extinction but, thankfully, hunting was banned across Australia in the 1930s. How are koalas faring in the wild today?
 - a) They're fine
 - b) They're endangered
3. What threats do koalas face?
 - a) the destruction of their forest homes
 - b) climate change and related disasters like fires and floods
 - c) dog attacks, car strikes and/or disease
 - d) all of the above



Answers in next week's Granite News.

HABBIES HOWE BEEF Mature, Well Hung and Available from: Victory Meats, Seymour Victory Meats, Broadford Scotch and Fillet, St Helena Scotch and Fillet, Mentone	 Donated by supporters of the magnificent King Parrots.	DE MARIA & ASSOCIATES <i>Barristers & Solicitors</i> Family Law Conveyancing Power of Attorney & Wills Estate Disputes Deceased Estates ☎ 03 9717 5277 Level 1, Suite 111 95 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen Vic 3754 Justice@demariaandassociates.com.au	 Donated by Friends of Yellow Box (Eucalyptus Meliodora)
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