

# 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

Another week of less than favourable weather - apparently Ruffy is extremely muddy and the Hughes Creek has been running a banker - thanks to Brian Leahy for these photos, that he so kindly put onto Facebook as a video and I managed to recreate as stills. It's a dull day when you don't try something new, and most importantly, it works. Ta.



Even in the depths of winter the events and activities keep happening in and around the HCCC boundaries. From exploring the granite outcrops, to surveying the insects around Longwood, to a film night, a painting day and comedy, there's something for everyone. Which one will YOU choose?

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.



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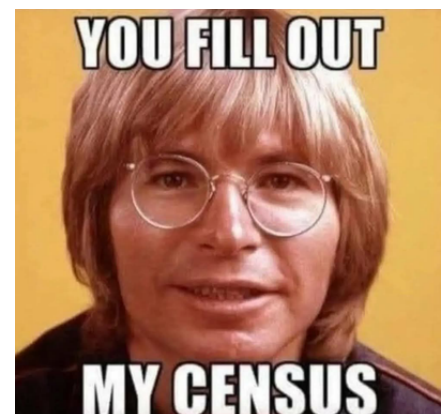
The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum. Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly welcome feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published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

"Sometimes I like to tell people,

'I hope that the rest of your day is as pleasant as you are.'

And then watch their face as they try to determine if it was a compliment or not."

Anon



**Why isn't my/our event in the What's On calendar yet?**

**Short answer** - because there are only 12 flexible spaces (and that might be 10 or 11 depending on how much information needs to be listed) and not everything fits in each week. Rest assured that as soon as space permits every date will be included. In the meantime patience is a virtue. **Ed.**

|                                                                                     |                                                       | What's On - August 2026                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                        |
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| Details?<br>See p.7                                                                 | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>August @ 5pm            | NOMINATIONS CLOSE FOR HaDCRA COMMITTEE POSITIONS                                                                                                                           |     |
| Details?<br>See p.14                                                                | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug.<br>@ 5 for 5.30          | BURNT CREEK LANDCARE - JUST A FARMER - FILM                                                                                                                                | @ Avenel Memorial Hall                                                                 |
| Details?<br>See p.9                                                                 | Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Aug. 9.30-2pm            | INSECT DISCOVERY SURVEY FREE & with morning tea!                                                                                                                           | Longwood Bushland                                                                      |
| Details?<br>See p.14                                                                | Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Aug. 1-3.30pm            | PAINTING by WONDERS - FREE WORKSHOP                                                                                                                                        | @ Highlands Hall/Hub                                                                   |
| Details?<br>See p.14                                                                | Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Aug. from 9.30             | SUNDAY SESSION with JAMES JENSEN                                                                                                                                           | @ Terip Rec Reserve                                                                    |
| Details?<br>See 3&4                                                                 | Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Aug. @ 10-12 &<br>1-2.30pm | LANDSCAPING for BUSHFIRES                                                                                                                                                  | @ Merton Memorial Hall                                                                 |
|  | Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Aug. @ 7.30pm              | TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM                                                                                                                                                | @ Terip Clubhouse                                                                      |
|  | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug. @ 1pm                 | RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' GATHERING                                                                                                                                              | @ 124 Boat Hole Rd, Ruffy                                                              |
|  | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug. @ 5.30pm            | SECRET MENS' BUSINESS<br>All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards BBQ. BYO & chat.                                                         | @ Michael K's 890 Caveat-Dropmore Rd                                                   |
|  | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug. 11-12.30            | HIGHLANDS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY RECOVERY ASSOC. AGM                                                                                                                         | @ Habbies Howe                                                                         |
|  | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug. @ 6.30              | HIGHLANDS BOOK GROUP Bring some food to share                                                                                                                              | @ Highlands Hall/Hub                                                                   |
|  | Mondays @ 9.30<br>Thursdays @ 9                       | MAT PILATES with Mel<br>Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$20                                                                                               | @ Highlands Hall<br>Enquiries? Mel 0498 643 608                                        |
|                                                                                     | Tuesdays<br>@ 5.30pm                                  | MAT PILATES with Anastasia<br>Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$15                                                                                         | @ Highlands Hall<br>Enquiries? Anastasia 0436 428065                                   |
|                                                                                     | Sundays<br>@ 11am                                     | CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERING<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                             |
|  | Every Second<br>Wednesday<br>10-30-12.30              | MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE<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 19th August and 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept. |



# Landscaping for Bushfire

**Sunday 23 August 2026**

**10.00 am - 12.00 noon**

**Merton Memorial Hall, 17 Shaws Rd**

**FREE information session and lunch**



The location, type and ongoing maintenance of vegetation with a property can significantly reduce the impact of a bushfire on any house.

Join Owen Gooding, author of *CFA Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection*, for a discussion followed by a Q&A session.

To register for this free event or for more information:

- scan the QR code
- visit [events.humanitix.com/host/cfa-north-east-community-safety](https://events.humanitix.com/host/cfa-north-east-community-safety)
- phone Amanda Smith, CFA Community Safety on 0407 604 012 or
- email at [northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au)



Mansfield Shire acknowledges the support of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments



Merton Memorial Hall Committee

Merton Fire Brigade

CFA D23 Community Safety



# Landscaping for Bushfire walk & talk garden tour with Owen Gooding



**Sunday 23 August 2026**  
**1.00pm - 2.30pm**



Join Owen Gooding, the presenter for the mornings Landscaping for Bushfire session, on a walk and talk through a local property.

This is not a bushfire risk assessment but an opportunity for discussion and further learning.

To register for the walk and talk garden tour phone or text Amanda Smith, CFA Community Safety on 0407 604 012 or email at [northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au)  
**Bookings are essential as places are limited.**





## IMPORTANT HUB UPDATE

**Wednesdays:** We remain open every Wednesday to host visiting services, agencies, and support teams.

**Saturdays:** The Hub will now be open by appointment, or you can drop in and catch our team when events are taking place at the Hall.

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE HUB

#### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August

**10.30 - 12.30 - Mobile Library Van**

**10am - 2pm - PCC Emergency recovery Team & GV Family Care**

(Help with paperwork, grants, family support and legal/financial options)

**10am - 2pm - Rural Outreach Support with Ivan Lister** (Cuppa, yarn or support referrals)

#### SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August

**"Paint by Wonders" Highlands Hall @ 1:00- 3:30pm FREE!! Last chance to book by Thurs. 20th**

Max 20 people. **Please book with Andrea 0417 369 225**

A fun, relaxing "paint by numbers" session. No previous experience required. A selection of pictures of various details will be available for you to choose from. All materials provided PUS yummy afternoon tea.

Facilitated by Art & Family Therapist Mary White (funded by Sisters of Mercy Parramatta)

**Everyone is welcome - some men are attending and children can participate.**

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August

##### SUNDAY SESSION WITH JAMES JENSEN

Terip, Highlands, and Ruffy are coming together for a combined community morning!

Drop by for a cuppa, a bite to eat, and a catch-up with your mates from next door. Former SAS Patrol Commander James Jensen will be joining us for a down-to-earth chat on resilience, leadership, and getting through life's tougher times.

**When:** Sunday 23rd August (Morning tea from 9:30 AM, chat starts at 11:00 AM)

**Where:** Terip Terip Recreation Reserve (8 Springs Rd)

**RSVP for catering is a MUST:**

✉ [teripterip3719@gmail.com](mailto:teripterip3719@gmail.com)

☎ 0418 886 915

#### IMPORTANT PROGRAM DEADLINE

**Free State-Funded Clean-Up Program Closing Soon**

**Deadline: Monday, 31st August 2026 at 5pm**

**Coverage:** Free demolition and debris removal for eligible structures damaged in the January 2026 bushfires (including uninsured or partially insured properties).

**How to Apply:** Register via the Victorian Government Relief & Recovery Portal at

<https://www.vic.gov.au/clean-support-january-2026-bushfires>

**FIREWOOD INFO** Our firewood working bee run on Saturdays as a regular feature to keep local wood supplies flowing, though it is dependent on weather. No one will be going cold this winter! If you can lend a hand, need firewood for your own place, or want to arrange a delivery - **contact Sam 0439 695 632 for more details.**

**\*\*\* 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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## HIGHLANDS HUB HAPPENINGS...continued

### SATURDAY 29th August - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All HaDCRA members are encouraged to attend to elect our new Management Committee and help guide our future priorities.

**Date:** Saturday, 29th August

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30PM

**Location:** Habbies Howe Shearing Shed

All HaDCRA members are encouraged to attend to elect our new Management Committee and help guide our future priorities. If you haven't nominated (or been nominated) for the committee, please do so now on through the Management Committee page - <https://highlands-hub.org.au/committee>.

Mitchell & Murrindindi Community lunch will follow at 1pm.

### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August - COMMUNITY LUNCH

Come along to our monthly Mitchell and Murrindindi community lunch. Enjoy a free meal, live entertainment and an opportunity to connect with your friends, neighbours and community.

**Saturday 29 August, 1pm - 3.30pm**

Habbies Howe Shearing Shed, 11 Dropmore Road



**It's 25 years since the Tampa Affair  
Why does it still matter?**

Welcome drinks, music by Harpist, Christine Tate

Special Guest Speaker

**Gillian Triggs AC**

Former Assist. Sec-Gen. UNHCR and  
Aust. Human Rights Commissioner

Q&A and Afternoon Tea



Source: Refugee Council of Australia

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug, 2-4pm**

Bookings essential via Robyn Walsh 0467 413 767

Tickets \$25 / Concession \$20

Cash or card on the day



St. John's Anglican Church Hall - 39 Downey St, Alexandra

### **\*\* Please note \*\***

The August HCCC meeting has been cancelled  
and the next one will be held on  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm** @ the  
Highlands Hall.  
Everyone is welcome.



## Grafting Greatness at the Highlands Hub

We recently hosted Gippsland fruit tree guru Neil Barraclough from the Heritage & Rare Fruit Society for a great grafting session. It was a wonderful turnout, and Neil, along with Stephen Onians, another knowledgeable member from the Society, shared plenty of practical advice while answering questions on rootstock, seed saving, and winter care.

Bringing along hundreds of varieties of scions, their years of experience were clear as the session ran smoothly from start to finish. It was particularly special to see locals bringing in branches from their own older fruit trees to propagate and preserve those loved varieties, as well as getting advice on assessing and recovering fire-damaged trees.

In a generous bonus for our community, Neil stayed an extra night. With the help of a few locals, he spent several hours grafting a collection of potted trees to leave behind for us, a gift that will bear fruit for years to come.



We really appreciate Neil and Stephen taking the time to share their expertise, and we hope to have them back down the track if they have the capacity.

**Over to you: Did you enjoy the workshop? Would you love to see more hands-on sessions like this moving forward? Send us an email or give us a bell to let us know what other skills you'd like to branch out into!**

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## Frozen Meals

For anyone relying on meal support, we are currently setting up a dedicated freezer in the Hall foyer so meals will be accessible 24/7. Watch this space for details soon!

**For any enquiries, please call the Hub phone on 0491 941 005**

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## LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE FOR THE HADCRA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Nominate today and become part of the next chapter of community recovery, resilience and connection!  
Management Committee Nomination Form

Important Information

· Nominations are now open.



· **Nominations close 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 19th August 2026.**

· **You must be a registered HADCRA member before submitting a nomination.** If you are not already a member, sign up to become a member now!

The Management Committee will consist of between five and seven elected members, who will be elected at the **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 29th August.**

We encourage all HADCRA members to attend, have their say and help shape the future of our Association.

**HADCRA = Highlands and District Community Recovery Association - for more info see last week's TGN. Ed**

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## RUFFY HALL BOOKINGS

The Ruffy Hall is now available for bookings.

Please contact Bill or Judy Eddy to lock in your event, their updated contact details are below.

To help you plan your event we intend to provide a regular update of Hall availability in the Granite News

At the moment all Tuesdays are booked for a community morning tea and visits by various services and agencies and all Fridays are booked for a community dinner being coordinated by **Brad Moody (0439 364 993)** and a team of volunteers.

### HALL BOOKINGS TO DATE

#### AUGUST

All Fridays Community Dinner 6 pm

All Tuesdays Community Morning Tea & Services All day

Wednesday 19th Community Recovery Committee Meeting 11.30 am

Monday 24th Ruffy Hall Committee Meeting 7 pm

#### SEPTEMBER

All Fridays Community Dinner 6 pm

All Tuesdays Community Morning Tea & Services All day

Monday 7th TCC Crafternoon 1 pm

Tuesday 8th Community Recovery Committee 6 pm

Saturday 12th RuffArtZ 8 pm

Sunday 13th CFA Event

Monday 14th CFA Event

Tuesday 15th CFA Event

**BOOKINGS can be made by contacting:**

**Bill Eddy 0428 326 567 or Judy Eddy 0459 291 946 or via email [j.eddy29@bigpond.com](mailto:j.eddy29@bigpond.com)**

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

**Ruffy Hall Booking availability & contact information can also be viewed online at [ruffy.com.au](http://ruffy.com.au)**

**You need to click on the Ruffy Mechanics Hall page to see it**

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## Landscaping for Bushfire

**FREE information session and lunch**

**Sunday 23rd August**

**10.00 am - 12.00 noon**

**Merton Memorial Hall, 17 Shaws Rd Merton**

Register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/landscaping-for-bushfire-merton>

Followed by a walk & talk garden tour at 1pm - places are limited so bookings are essential.

Contact Amanda Smith, CFA Community Safety on 0407 604 012 or by email

[northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au)

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## Highlands Book Group recommendations from July's meeting

1. Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke
2. The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
3. Six Little Words by Sally Page
4. London Falling by Patrick Radden Keefe (non-fiction)
5. A Woman's Eye, Her Art by Drusilla Modjeska (non-fiction)
6. Saoirse by Charleen Hurtubise
7. Always Home, Always Homesick by Hannah Kent (Memoir)
8. The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick
9. Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See
10. River of Secrets by John Thompson (self-published)
11. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lax by Rebecca Skloot (non-fiction)
12. Tribal Lores by Archimede Fusillo
13. Mother Mary Comes To Me by Arundhati Roy (Memoir)
14. When Crickets Cry by Charles Marin
15. Stasiland by Anna Funder
16. Thomas Mann- Eros & Literature by Anthony Heilbut (non-fiction)
17. When the World Sleeps by Francesca Albanese (non-fiction)
18. Books by John Pilger (Documentaries – Cambodian Series)

### Discussed and recommended TV and movies

Crossing Lines (TV Series, SBS On Demand)

The Atomic Café (1982 movie)

Ex Machina (2014 movie Sci-fi/Thriller)

Northern Exposure (1990 Series, SBS On Demand)



# FREE Longwood Insect Discovery Walk and Survey

WITH EXPERT

**KAREN RETRA**

**COST: FREE**

**22nd August 2026**



**9:30 AM — REGISTRATION AND  
INTRODUCTIONS**

**10:00 AM — MORNING TEA**

**10:30 AM – 2:00 PM — SITE  
INSECT SURVEY**

**(FEEL FREE TO LEAVE WHENEVER  
YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH)**

*PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE AND A CHAIR.*

*NOTE: THIS IS A BUSHLAND ACTIVITY — ACCESS IS BY FOOT ONLY. PARKING AVAILABLE NEXT TO  
SITE.*

**DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE! WHETHER YOU'RE A  
NATURE LOVER, A KEEN EXPLORER, OR JUST CURIOUS ABOUT THE WORLD OF  
INSECTS — COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN. SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE MORNING DISCOVERING OUR LOCAL INSECT LIFE.**

**GREAT ACTIVITY FOR KIDS**

**For more information and to register, contact:**

**Jemma Norman, Landcare Facilitator**

**facilitator.lpcmn@gmail.com**

**0447 298 616**



*THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY THE GOULBURN BROKEN CMA THROUGH FUNDING FROM  
THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S VICTORIAN LANDCARE GRANTS.*

*Terip Terip*

TERIP TERIP  
RECREATION RESERVE  
INCORPORATING TENNIS CLUB · CFA ·  
AND COMMUNITY HALL ·  
CONTACT PERSON SEE NOTICE AT HALL



# Annual General Meeting



**DATE:**  
Monday,  
7th September, 2026



**TIME:**  
7pm



**ADDRESS:**  
8 Springs Road,  
Terip Terip VIC

We invite you to join us for the  
**Annual General Meeting** of the  
Terip Terip Recreation Reserve Inc.



Let's celebrate our community and  
plan for the coming year.



Apologies and committee nominations  
can be emailed to  
[teripterip3719@gmail.com](mailto:teripterip3719@gmail.com)

## Letter to the Editor

Hey Pauline, I hope you're well.

You'll likely recall that I've been researching 'small homes' built in and outside of Australia. I feel our community is pretty much briefed on general council requirements and the changes that have been made, within Victoria, to allow for 'secondary dwellings' to be installed into properties of varying size. And, acknowledging the forward approach of Murrindindi Shire Council, and their proactive response to the needs of the fire-affected community and rebuild procedures, it has become clear to many of us that there are still a number of significant hurdles and blockers that, though we engage meaningfully on the issues, the rigours of local government process are potentially less forgiving and supportive.

How the Murrindindi staff have conducted their outreach has been nothing short of exemplary, to which, the State Government should take note.

In the search for a replacement primary home, I've talked to many of the small home providers and builders around the country. The support and genuine concern that they have expressed, for our community, has been heart-warming. The research led me to kit-home suppliers; wherein a handsome modern kit home design can be modified to specific requirements, and supplied in kit form, ready to erect by qualified builders or certified 'owner-builders'. And small homes on wheels are also very attractive constructions of either timber or steel, on top of galvanised steel towable trays. These can be designed, built and delivered between the range of \$175-295k, less the cost of delivery.

It's worthwhile to note that, around 15 years ago, there were about seven suppliers operating in the small homes that now, currently occupies around three hundred operators! The demand for small housing is growing due to the effects of the 'cost of living' and amplification of the homelessness issue. So, it appears logical that the small home supply should be considered as a serious opportunity to remediate and potentially mitigate these issues.

During the research into small housing, I also ventured further afield to look into 'pod home' suppliers and products. I found that there are a number of suppliers in Australia that either design and construct locally, at costs equal-to or marginally more than the transportable small homes, and suppliers that are builds outside of Australia. Though we often aim to support local industry, price-point can and usually will determine final decisions, and with a limited budget as a primary constraint, it's necessary to stick within the budget. It's important to call-out the other constraints hindering the process of re-locating back to country, our ground.

Nearly all suppliers of kit homes, modular homes and the like will at some point refer the build process or part thereof, to local builders. If you aren't an Owner-Builder, there is a heavy reliance on local trades to install footings, or construct the kit or modular components, to prepare concrete surfaces or to supply power or water connections.

The constraint here is that of all the local builders I reached out to, none would take on the project. I could not find a builder to install footings, or a kit home. This isn't a comment regarding willingness but it really captures a significant issue for our community, and other communities facing similar, post-event, issues. Trades are thin on the ground in our area and to maintain a positive business posture it is necessary for them to focus on the higher-profit opportunities. So it is important, if venturing down the path of small home or kit builds, to factor in trade-support that may likely be very hard to find, or excessively expensive to afford.

**Luke Pallett**

**NB: Luke's letter will be continued in next week's TGN with further details**



## The Strathbogies Responsible Renewables Community Group (SRRCG)

will hold their **Annual General Meeting** on  
**Monday 31st August, 7:30pm, at the Terip Terip Recreation Reserve**

If you would like to comment on the performance of the committee, suggest future activities, or make a contribution by joining the committee, please come along and have your say.

All are welcome.

Darryl Otzen  
Secretary [srrcg.com](http://srrcg.com)

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## SAVE THE DATE



**100 years of tennis at Terip Terip**  
celebration afternoon/evening on October 24th 2021  
More details coming soon...



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## ANOTHER DATE for your DIARIES

**Sunday Sept 6th, 10am-11.30am**  
**Ruffy Fire Station**

CFA Community Safety team coming to conduct a get together for whole of community including a pre season review of personal response to fire and your plans for the coming summer.

How our recent lived experience has provided us with greater knowledge and a chance to review our fire plans and preparing your property etc

Felicity Sloman  
Community Safety Coordinator  
 CFA Ruffy  
Mobile: 0413 483 450

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## \*\* Wildlife Observations - Good News & Bad News \*\*

At the June meeting of the HCCC Facilitator Janet Hagen noted in her report the following observations of our wildlife and plant life post January fires...

- The Greater Glider colony in the Caveat Forest has been lost. A recent drone heat survey found no glider survivors but many koalas, wombats and deer.
  - Roadside vegetation - 50% of mature habitat trees lost, it takes 2 human generations for hollow regrowth
  - Bird surveys - have noted that small bird populations are largely intact, although the blue-winged parrot nesting tree has been destroyed - nesting boxes are needed at Bluetop Rd before September migration
  - Nesting boxes - a target of 1,000 has been set for 2026 with a production line running at the Euroa Hub
  - Deer population - estimated halved by fire but now concentrated in sensitive riparian areas!
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## RUFFY VEGE GROWERS' GATHERING

The next meeting is on **Monday 24th August at 1pm** at **Don and Flic's place 124 Boat Hole Rd Ruffy**. A planting and working in the garden session to keep us warm is scheduled. As usual bring something yummy to share and some extra spades would be really helpful. New members always welcome.

Queries please contact **Cheryl** on **0409 019763**



**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**

VICTORIA 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 

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

**Euroa Garden Club**

Gardening with Friends

**Launch into spring with plants for your garden!**

*The Euroa Garden Club 'Garden Recovery Project' invites anyone affected by the 2026 fires to come fill a box or two with plants for the garden and join us for a scrumptious morning tea and garden chat.*

**Friday, 11 September 2026  
10:00am – 12:00pm**  
**The Third Age Hall - Kirkland Avenue Euroa**

Also register for a **FREE Fruit Tree** of your choice,  
proudly supported by the Euroa Uniting Church.

All free but **RSVP** text or call to **0417 807 196**  
would help with catering.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SEPT 12 & 13**  
WEEKEND EVENT

**THE GREAT  
GARDEN  
GIVEBACK  
WEEKEND**

*Celebrating recovery,  
gardens and community spirit.*

**FREE GARDEN  
GIVEAWAYS**  
Fertilizers, potting mix,  
seeds, seedlings,  
plants, garden art  
& more!

**COFFEE, CAKE  
& SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**

**GUEST SPEAKERS  
GARDENING  
WORKSHOPS**

**KIDS  
ACTIVITIES**

**FREE FOR FIRE IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS**  
If you need to replenish or renew your fire damaged garden. Come along!

FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING

# Just a Farmer

Friday 21 August

Avenel Memorial Hall, 15 Queen Street

Presented by Burnt Creek Landcare Group

This film is a powerful reflection of rural life, mental health, and the strength of our farming communities.

Doors open 5.00pm  
5.30pm screening.  
Light supper and beverages to follow

Bookings are essential by Aug 18th by scanning the QR code below.



Any queries please contact  
Susie Bate 0409 174 041 or  
benacre49@gmail.com



Burnt Creek Landcare Group



This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2023 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate



## You're Invited to a SUNDAY SESSION with JAMES JENSEN

MORNING TEA • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

An honest, down-to-earth conversation about leadership, resilience, purpose and finding strength through life's toughest challenges.

**FORMER SAS PATROL COMMANDER**  
• FOUNDER OF K6 CONSULTING

Over more than 20 years leading teams in some of the world's most demanding environments, James discovered that true leadership isn't about rank or recognition.

It's about creating calm in chaos, earning trust and helping people find the confidence to keep moving forward when life is at its hardest.

Drawing on his experience in the SAS and his work developing leaders across Australia, James will share practical insights that are relevant to all of us—whether we're leading a business, a family, a farm or simply navigating life's challenges.

**JAMES JENSEN IS PASSIONATE ABOUT:**

- Building strong, values-based leaders
- Creating high-performing teams
- Resilience, wellbeing and mental toughness
- Leading with purpose and integrity
- Helping individuals and communities thrive

*"The best leaders weren't always the loudest or the most decorated. They were the ones who could create calm in chaos, make others feel seen, and lead with conviction, not ego."*

**SUNDAY 23 AUGUST**

**MORNING TEA**  
from 9.30am

**CONVERSATION BEGINS**  
11.00am

**TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE**  
8 Springs Road, Terip Terip

**TERIP HIGHLANDS AND RUFFY**

A combined community event – great to catch up with your mates from next door!

**RSVP**

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More dates to be announced

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

Our Granite Treks over the years have explored various locations across the Strathbogie granite. While previous walks have focussed on surface features of the granite, this time we intend to explore what lies underneath, either through man made cuttings in the terrain or through disturbance caused by landslips and river erosion.

The trek will be a combination of short to medium length walks linked by car trips between stops with descriptions by our geology guides, including Neil Phillips.

This will be a relatively long day and we will aim to finish at around 3.30pm including a lunch break. It will be possible to leave the walk at various stages if you do not wish to visit all sites. All up, there will be around 5km of walking, varying from easy to moderate (Grade 2 with minor Grade 3) difficulty.

**We will meet at the Highlands Hall at 9.30am on Saturday 29th August.** We hope to include the following sites of interest.

- 1. Highlands Granite Factory** – a surprise, no further details (thank you Cameron Dalley and Sarah Fitzgerald).
- 2. Magadan cutting** – the granite boundary on Ghin Ghin Road.
- 3. Rokeby landslip** on Goulburn Valley Hwy 5km west of Trawool bridge, and 5km east of Tallarook (thank you Mark Plaisted and Jason Ronald).
- 4. Greenslopes at the end of Greenslopes Rd** along the N bank of the Goulburn River. A rather special place where the boundary of the granite crosses the Goulburn River connecting the main Strathbogie ranges to the Tallarook plateau (thank you Greg and Prue Smith)
- 5. Rail Trail granite contact near Kerrisdale.** Optional addition depending on time.



Rokeby landslip Tallarook 2022

Please register your interest by return email to [kgwhithear@gmail.com](mailto:kgwhithear@gmail.com) by Friday 21st August 2026.

Further information will be provided to those who register.

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**Presenting – Con Kalamaras (Musical Performer)**

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## Early action proves key to successful watsonia control along Hughes Creek

A targeted weed control program along Hughes Creek Road has delivered promising results, highlighting the importance of early intervention in managing watsonia, an invasive environmental weed.

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GB CMA) engaged a contractor to undertake weed control works in July 2025, targeting watsonia infestations along Hughes Creek Road. Watsonia spreads through both seed and bulb division and has become established along sandy sections of the Hughes Creek banks in many areas.

The project was supported by Mitchell Shire Council and focused on treating the weed during its early growth stage. As part of the program, a trial compared the effectiveness of a broadleaf selective herbicide and a non-selective herbicide.

Follow up works carried out this season have delivered encouraging results. Monitoring found significantly fewer re-emerging watsonia plants in treated areas compared with untreated sites, indicating the herbicide applications successfully reduced the bulbs' ability to regenerate.

The positive outcomes also meant less effort was required during the follow up program, with less than half the time needed to undertake control works compared to the previous season. Herbicide was again applied during the weed's early growth stage to maximise effectiveness.

The trial found there was no significant difference in performance between the two herbicides tested, suggesting that timing and targeted application are the most important factors in achieving successful control.

However, the broadleaf selective herbicide offers an important advantage by reducing the risk of impacts on non-target species, making it a valuable option in sensitive environments.

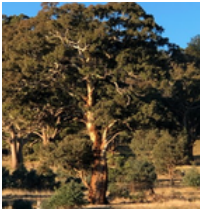
GB CMA River Health Project Officer Christine Glassford said the project highlighted the benefits of acting early to control watsonia infestations. "This project demonstrates that timing is critical when managing watsonia. By targeting the weed early in its growth stage, we were able to achieve better control results and substantially reduce the effort required for follow up treatment,"

The findings provide valuable guidance for landholders, land managers and environmental organisations looking to reduce the spread and impact of watsonia across the region.

As part of its commitment to protecting and restoring Victoria's waterways and catchments, this project is funded by the Victorian Government.

**Photo: Christine Glassford**



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