

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

*Spring has sprung, the grass is riz
New life has returned, for us to squiz*

Apologies for the doggerel but Russell has sent me these gorgeous photos of the magnificent spring wildflowers that return each year, to the HCCC area, no matter what has happened in the months between the seasons. An indication of some annual normality and splashes of colour to brighten the days and gladden the hearts. Thanks Russell and I hope readers enjoy seeing these beauties as much as I did upon receiving them.



With the 2 week hiatus, needless to say that this week's TGN is jam-packed with all sorts of social event notifications, as well as a couple of great articles to read and, at long last, a list of 'must reads' courtesy of the Highlands Book Club. So kick back and relax with your choice of beverage and enjoy the read.

If you know of someone who needs to be kept in the loop but isn't a TGN reader please tell them to sign up at pdphroberts@gmail.com
The editor@tgn.org.au email is still dysfunctional.

Kia kara,
Pauline.



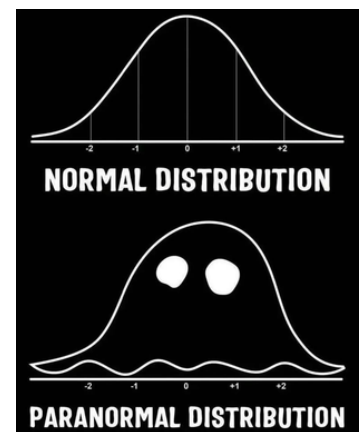
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The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum. Readers are encouraged to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly welcome feedback from you,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

"Error begat error and the events which led to the disaster moved with the inevitability of a Greek tragedy."

**Royal Commission's Final Report
on the collapse of the Westgate
Bridge
15/10/1970**



Month	Highlands
September	27.9 mm
2026 Total	723.7 mm
Rainy Days	9 days

		What's On - October 2026	
	Thurs. 15 th Oct @ 10.30am	TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM - all welcome	@ TCC
	Thurs. 15 th Oct. @ 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE (HCCC) meeting The first HCCC meeting after the winter break - everyone is welcome.	@ Ruffy Hall
Details? See p.8	Friday 16 th Oct. @ 5.30 - 8pm	MITCHELL & MURRINDINDI COMMUNITY DINNER	@ Habbies Howe
Details? See p.9	Friday 16 th Oct. @ 6pm	MEAT & GREET BBQ Dinner Connecting landholders, deer harvesters and local shooters keen to assist in eradication	@ Ruffy Hall
Details? See p.9	Sunday 18 th Oct. from 2 - 4pm	MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP Quality time in a safe, relaxing and quiet environment. Nature embraces you.	@ Caveat NCR
Details? See p.10	Sunday 18 th Oct. from 8.30 - 10am	RECOVERY ON THE HILL Come along for coffee, egg & bacon roll and a chat	@ Upton Hill Fire Station RSVPs by 12 th October
Details? See p.8	Friday 23 rd Oct. @ 10.30am	BREAST CANCER MORNING TEA	@ Highlands Hall
Details? See p.9	Sat. 24 th Oct 2.30pm >>>	TERIP TERIP TENNIS CLUB ** Celebrating 100! **	@ Terip Rec Reserve
Details? See p.6	Saturday 24 th Oct. @ 10.30am	HIGHLANDS VIC EMERGENCY WORKSHOP	 @ Highlands Hall
	Saturday 24 th Oct. @ 6.30pm	HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB - come along & share some good reads	@ Highlands Hall
	Tuesdays 10.30 - 2	CAKE & CUPPA - all welcome every week	@ Ruffy Hall
	Mondays @ 9.30 Thursdays @ 9	MAT PILATES with Mel Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$20	@ Highlands Hall Enquiries? Mel 0498 643 608
	Tuesdays @ 5.30pm	MAT PILATES with Anastasia Bring your own mat/towel and water bottle. Cost \$15	@ Highlands Hall Enquiries? Anastasia 0436 428065
	Sundays @ 11am	CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERING This is a non-denominational meeting, Everyone is welcome to this calm, compassionate and open environment. Tea, coffee & lunch provided.	@ 44 Yorston Rd, Highlands Enquires? John - 0425 840999
	Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in?	@ Highlands Community Hall Forthcoming dates 14 th & 28 th Oct. and 11 th & 25 th Nov.

GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT · 1986 TO 2026

Forty years of Landcare



Come together for an evening of recognition, connection, and storytelling as we celebrate the achievements of Landcare across the region. Enjoy the opportunity to network with like-minded people and share your Landcare experiences.

All past and present Landcare members are welcome.

Please RSVP to assist with catering arrangements.

WHEN

Friday 23 October

2026, 5pm to 7pm

WHERE

Seven Creeks Hotel

Tuscan Garden and Temple
2 Tarcombe Street, Euroa

RSVP



Scan to [RSVP online](#),
or use the link in your email.

RSVPs help with catering. Enquiries:
Karen Brisbane-Bullock, karenb@gbcma.vic.gov.au

Hosted by the Goulburn Broken Catchment
Management Authority with Landcare groups and
networks across the catchment.





WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE HUB



Every Wednesday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Community Market Garden

Lend a hand to get some plants in the ground, help establish our new garden patches, and connect with local neighbours! (As the garden grows and harvests roll in down the track, we'll be cooking and sharing meals together too!) **Location: 44 Yorston Rd, Highlands. Contact: John Leary 0425 840 999 or just turn up!**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Recovery Support (PCC & GV FamilyCare)

Drop-in help with grants, paperwork, insurance, and family support + Rural Outreach with Ivan Lister - drop in for a coffee and a chat.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Mitchell and Murrindindi Mental Health & Wellbeing Local

Free, confidential, place-based support - no GP referral or Medicare card needed. Drop ins welcome! Access LinC Workers for practical support, Peer Navigators for lived-experience guidance, and mental health professionals for ongoing care. **For info or telephone support, call 1300 000 559.**

Friday 16th October - Bon Appetit

The Mitchell and Murrindindi communities are invited to a free monthly community dinner, from

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Habbies Howe - 110 Dropmore Road, Highlands.

Come along for delicious Indian cuisine from Baba's Kitchen, live music by the Kev and Deb band, and a chance to pause, share a meal, and catch up with friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome!

Chainsaw & Firewood Exchange Opportunity

Do you have fallen timber, trees, or property clearing that needs chainsaw work? We are looking to connect landowners with local volunteers who can help clear timber and cut firewood in exchange for keeping a portion of the wood. It's a great way to get your property tidied up while helping neighbours stock up for winter!

Contact Sam to register your interest: 0439 695 632

Highlands Community Garden & Kitchen

A brand-new community market garden is up and running at 44 Yorston Rd, bringing neighbours together to grow fresh produce and share skills. Once the harvest comes in, everyone will be getting together to cook, bake, and preserve in the outdoor garden kitchen. Whether you are a seasoned green thumb or just starting out, everyone is welcome. The team is always on the lookout for spare seeds, seedlings, plants, and gardening wisdom to help the patches thrive.

Drop by every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, or contact John Leary on 0425 840 999.

Breast Cancer Morning Tea

Come along for a wonderful morning of good company, delicious food, and a chance to raise funds for breast cancer research. A special highlight of the day will be hearing the personal breast cancer journeys shared by two locals, one male and one female. There will also be raffle prizes up for grabs.

It all takes place on Friday, October 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Highlands Hall.

Mindful Experiences with Nature

Take some slow, quiet, and safe quality time to open up to the natural world. Led by experienced ranger and accredited Forest Therapy guide Tony Fitzgerald, this gentle 1 km walk on forested terrain offers easy-to-apply mindfulness techniques born from post-fire recovery. Join in on **Sunday, October 18th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Caveat NCR (Dropmore-Molesworth Road)**, with a cuppa and afternoon tea provided. Places are limited, so **RSVP by October 15th tony.fitzgerald@natureinsights.au** to secure your spot and get the meeting point.

Highlands Vic Emergency Workshop

Learn how to navigate the VicEmergency app and website so you can get the right information at the right time. This workshop covers everything from the Australian Warning System levels and issuing warnings to setting up watch zones, custom notifications, and accessibility options. Head down to the **Highlands Hall on Saturday, October 24th at 10:30 AM** to help ensure our community stays informed and safer together.

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

Contact: Andrea Bauer 0417 369 225

RUFFY HALL WEEKLY UPDATE

This update is also available at ruffy.com.au click on Ruffy Mechanics Hall.
Don't forget to **BOOK YOUR EVENT** booking details below

SAVE THESE DATES

NEW EVENTS

COMMUNITY DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT Saturday 14th November,
Dinner and a DIY taco bar start at 6:00 pm; the movie screening starts at 7:00 pm.



Join us for a screening of the classic Australian film The Man from Snowy River on the hall's big screen, organised as part of a student community mentorship project.

The Movie screening is Free and everyone is welcome.

The DIY Taco Bar dinner costs \$15 per adult (kids' pricing and gold coin donations apply). Bookings are essential for dinner and seating via [TryBooking](#).

STELLA DAY OUT - A ONE DAY LITERARY FESTIVAL - IN RUFFY

The Stella Day Out is a mini literary festival and it is coming to 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. Books available for purchase.

All Day, Saturday 31st October.

REGULAR EVENTS

QIGONG (Chee-goong) IS BACK - Join Ingrid for some beautiful calming moves to relax your body and mind.
2pm Tuesdays \$10 exchange.

TCC CRAFT AFTERNOON

Next month it's **Monday 2nd November at 1pm**. Share skills, get inspired and enjoy conversation in good company, while you work on your latest project. Everyone welcome.

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.

HALL BOOKINGS TO DATE

OCTOBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Tuesday 12	Qigong with Ingrid	2 pm
Friday 16	Community Dinner Chicken Stir Fry	6 pm
Tuesday 19	Qigong with Ingrid	2 pm
Friday 23	Community Dinner Steak or Mushroom Sandwiches	6 pm
Tuesday 26	Qigong with Ingrid	2 pm
Friday 30	Community Dinner Pot Luck	6 pm
Saturday 31	TCC Stella Day Out Writers Festival	All Day

NOVEMBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Monday 2	Craft Afternoon	1 pm
Tuesday 3	Qigong with Ingrid	2 pm
Friday 6	Community dinner	6 pm
Tuesday 9	Qigong with Ingrid	2 pm
Saturday 14	Community Dinner & Movie Night	6 pm

HALL BOOKINGS: Bill Eddy 0428 326 567 or Judy Eddy 0459 291 946 email j.eddy29@bigpond.com

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

DID YOU KNOW?

For TGN readers without internet facilities a limited number of hard copies are now available at both Ruffy & Terip.



10:30 am

Highlands Hall

Saturday Oct 24, 2026



**VIC
EMERGENCY**

www.emergency.vic.gov.au



*Stay
informed.
Stay safer.*

Our workshop will cover:

- ✓ The Australian Warning System – the levels and what they mean.
- ✓ How a warning is issued on VicEmergency.
- ✓ The difference between an incident and a warning.
- ✓ Ways communities can stay informed.
- ✓ Where CALD communities and people living with disability can access emergency information.
- ✓ How to set up a profile, watch zone, change settings, toggle overlays, and customise notifications on the VicEmergency app.
- ✓ Other apps to help you stay informed.



Learn how to use the VicEmergency app and website to get the right information, at the right time.

Together we are better prepared

HIGHLANDS SPRING MARKET - Saturday 31st Oct. 9am - 1pm

As our community continues its recovery journey, this special event will bring people together to celebrate spring, support local businesses and enjoy a Saturday morning with family, friends and neighbours with plenty of market stalls.

The day will also feature a replanting presentation and demonstration by Granite Hills Nursery, along with food trucks, a coffee van and community activities.

We're now inviting local (Mitchell, Murrindindi, Strathbogie and Mansfield) businesses, producers, makers and community groups to express their interest in holding a stall (FREE).



Whether you offer delicious food, local wine, fresh produce, plants, handmade products, skincare, art, crafts or something uniquely local, we'd love to showcase what our region has to offer.

If you'd like to be part of this exciting community event as a stallholder, please contact Abby on 0472 628 660 or abby.eager@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au to register your interest.

We look forward to celebrating spring and supporting local together!

"Meat & Greet"

Calling all deer hunters and farmers with a deer problem.

You are invited to an evening at the Ruffy Hall with a free venison dinner.

Friday 16th October 2026 starting @ 6pm.

This is a chance to discuss post bushfire deer populations, meet commercial deer harvesters and recreational shooters looking for new hunting areas. Share hunting information and wild stories.

Landholders who have deer on their property causing damage to vegetation, wetlands or fences will have an opportunity to match with suitable shooters willing help with control deer on your property.

Book a seat at this event via the QR code on the poster (see p.9) or text **Janet Hagen 0458 904268**.

Brought to you by Biodiversity Recovery Alliance and Granite to Goulburn Inc



At last....



Secret Mens' Business

will be held this month

Thursday 29th October @ 5.30pm

returning to the Caveat Church's much-loved grotto.

Everyone is welcome.

The site has now been cleared and is completely safe.

Let's get together and discuss a proposal for the site.
Enquiries? Michael K



Pink BREAST CANCER Morning Tea *Together we can make a difference*

Friday Oct 23 | **10:30am** | **Highlands Hall**
Victoria, Australia

Listen to the breast cancer journey experienced by two locals – one male, one female.

- ♥ Raise some money for breast cancer research.
- ♥ Share good company and good food.
- ♥ Raffle prizes available.

Hope Support Research



GROW. COOK. CONNECT.
Highlands Community Garden & Kitchen

We are setting up a brand-new community market garden right here in Highlands, and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Our goal is simple: to grow fresh produce for our community, share and learn new skills, explore self-sustainability, and create a fun, healthy space to connect with neighbours.

WHAT IS IN STORE?

- Grow Together:** Learn and practice gardening techniques, from planting to harvest.
- Harvest & Cook:** What is better than growing your own food? Eating it! As the garden produces its yield, we will be exploring, cooking, baking, and preserving delicious dishes together in our outdoor garden kitchen.
- All Welcome:** Whether you are an experienced green thumb or a complete beginner, or just want some social fun, there is a place for you here.

Got plants, seeds, or skills to share?
We are always on the lookout for donations of seeds, seedlings, plants, or your unique gardening wisdom to help get the patches thriving!

JOIN US

- When:** Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Where:** 44 Yorston Rd (first on the right), Highlands
- Contact:** Reach out to organiser John Leary on 0425 840 999 or simply turn up on the day!



Community Dinner
Mitchell and Murrindindi monthly dinner

Friday 16 October, 5.30pm - 8pm
Habbies Howe, 110 Dropmore Road, Highlands

Join our Mitchell and Murrindindi communities for our free monthly community dinner. Live music from Kev and Deb band, Indian cuisine from Baba's Kitchen and good times!

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

Contact us
t. 5734 6200
e. mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

VICTORIA State Government | **Murrindindi** Shire Council | **MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL**



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS - PLANNING SESSION
Stronger Communities Safer Together

Reflect • Plan • Prepare

10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Highlands Community Hall
Saturday Nov 7, 2026
Followed by lunch

Come and be part of the conversation!
Join your neighbours and community members to reflect on the last fire season and plan for the coming one.

- ✓ Share your experiences.
- ✓ Discuss what worked and what didn't.
- ✓ Talk about what you've learned.
- ✓ Begin your fire plan or refine an existing one.

Facilitated by a CFA presenter.

PREPARE YOUR HOME | **LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER** | **STAY CONNECTED** | **BUILD A SAFER COMMUNITY**

Together we are better prepared



Meat and Greet BBQ Dinner

16 October 2026 • 6:00pm
RUFFY HALL 3 Nolans Rd, Ruffy Victoria 3666

A COMMUNITY BBQ TO CONNECT:
Landholders
Deer Harvesters
Local shooters keen to assist in control efforts
(Shooters already working with landholders are welcome to attend)

Working together for coordinated deer control across the region.

- Connect landholders with shooters who want to assist with deer control.
- Information about important considerations when engaging a volunteer or professional shooter.
- Strengthen landscape-scale pest management across neighbours
- Support data collection on deer in the bushfire-impacted landscape

RSVP to ruffydinner@gmail.com or scan the QR code by 2 October 2026 for catering purposes (dietary requirements considered).

Hosted by the Granite to Goulburn Deer Project Partnership
For more information see: <https://www.biodiversityrecoveryalliance.com/>





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.

Sunday 18 October 2026, 2:00-4:00pm
Caveat NCR, Dropmore-Molesworth Road, Caveat.

Cuppa and afternoon tea provided
Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoors and weather.
We will be walking on gentle, forested terrain for about 1 km

Meeting point will be provided upon registration

RSVP 15.10.26 and questions: tony.fitzgerald@natureinsights.au
* Limited places to provide everyone a calming experience




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)

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY





RSVP to teripteriptenniscub@gmail.com by 14 October




STELLA DAY OUT Ruffy

A free one day literary festival
Saturday 31 October
Ruffy Hall, 3 Nolans Rd,
Ruffy VIC 3666

Hear directly from Stella Prize-listed writers as they discuss their craft. It will be a vibrant day of exciting conversations, celebrating some of the best new Australian writing.

TALK ONE: 11AM-12PM
Edwina Preston in conversation with a local moderator

TALK TWO: 1PM-2PM
Louisa Lim in conversation with a local moderator

Stick around for book sales with Ink Bookshop and signings after talks one and two.

For bookings scan the QR code









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 (preferably less than 1MB)

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

Thank you.

Tablelands Community Centre Inc

27 Nolans Road Ruffy

AGM

Thursday 15th October 2026

10:30am at the TCC

Letter to the Editor

What's in a name?

Yea Arts Inc committee members have for some time been having an ongoing discussion for some time about the name "Yea Arts Inc."

The questions we have been asking ourselves go something like this:

- Does our name reflect the community we embrace?
- Does the name unintentionally exclude people from outside the Yea township?
- Does it discourage people outside Yea from participating in our events?
- How can we be more inclusive of all Murrindindi Shire ... and beyond?
- How can we make sure we don't become confused with other existing Arts organisations?
- Does the name clearly describe what we DO?
- What might be a better name?

We received some suggestions from members, and now we'd like to hear your thoughts on these questions - and whether you think we would serve the broader Murrindindi community better if we changed our name. Hit Reply to share your thoughts. If we receive one or more suitable names we will submit a proposal for consideration by our Annual General Meeting next month.

Regards,

Yea Arts Inc Committee:

Adam Dennis, Nicole Kelly, Jonathan Fisher, Alison Huth, Vikki Menhennitt, Miranda Yorston, Ron Litjens



DON'T MISS OUT!!!
DEADLINE FOR THESE GRANTS CLOSING ON 21st OCTOBER

GRANT OPPORTUNITY 1:

Primary Producer Bushfire Recovery Grants

Grants of up to \$75,000 are available to eligible primary producers, to help cover the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of primary production enterprises that have suffered direct damage as a result of the January 2026 bushfires.

For information on eligibility, funding guidelines and how to apply contact Rural Finance at ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

Applications will close at 4pm on 21 October 2026.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY 2:

Primary Producer Bushfire Recovery Concessional Loans

Loans of up to \$250,000 are available for eligible primary producers who have suffered significant damage to their assets as a result of the January 2026 bushfires.

Loans of up to \$100,000 are available for eligible primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a direct result of the January 2026 bushfires.

For information on eligibility, including loan guidelines and how to apply contact Rural Finance at ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

Applications close at 4pm on 21 October 2026.

Please Note: AG VIC have been attending Tuesdays at the Ruffy Hall to support residents with questions. Please drop in to access support. Or email recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

COMING UP AT THE RUFFY RECREATION RESERVE

The Rec. Reserve Committee and their enthusiastic support network are getting back on track with many events planned at the Reserve in the forthcoming months.

November 20th, 21st & 22nd Recreational Vehicle Gypsies Annual Christmas Gathering

They are also hosting three weekend Horse Events early in 2027:

January 9th & 10th, February 16th & 17th and April 17th & 18th

The Carriage Driving Folk are also keen to return on the first weekend in May

SAVE THE DATE

January 1st 2027 New Years Day Family Picnic and Old fashioned Sports Day

Save this date and invite your family and friends to this re-creation of the famous "Boathole Sports" A Ruffy tradition for many years the "sports" were held every New Years Day at the Boathole with locals competing in wheelbarrow races, sack races, egg & spoon races, nail driving & gumboot throwing competitions as well as sheaf tossing & pillow fights over the water! Sounds exciting & maybe slightly dangerous!

Why not come along and join us for the safe 2027 version of this fun event at the Ruffy Recreation Reserve on New Years Day 2027?

Everyone welcome.

Contact Pam Sprunt for more info 0461 283913

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
 RSVP Quiz: Judy Brookes juncball@icloud.com

upper goulburn
landcare network

Atticus Ecology

DETECTION DOG WORKSHOP

Can dogs help with pest animal control and conservation?

Have you ever wondered whether your dog could learn scent detection? This one-day workshop, hosted by the **Upper Goulburn Landcare Network** and **King Parrot Pest Animal Cooperative**, will give you the foundations to understand what's involved and how to begin. You'll learn:

- What conservation detection dogs do and where they're used for
- What makes a dog suitable for scent work?
- How to introduce odours and build early search behaviour
- Common pitfalls and how to avoid contamination
- Demonstrations with a working conservation detection dog
- Simple exercises you can try at home

Facilitator: Annett Finger (PhD Ecology) and her detection dog 'Atticus'

Saturday, 14th November 2026, 10 am - 3 pm
 Strath Creek Hall, 10 Ferguson St, Strath Creek
 Price: **FREE** (light lunch provided)
 Funding provided by the Victorian State Government

Save your spot!
 (places are limited)

Contact Chris Coburn on
 m: 0413 855 490 or
 e: ugln.projects@ugln.net

Healthy Wetlands on the Goulburn Community Day

Walk 'n' Talk at Homewood Lagoon meeting at Yea Angling Club

When: Wednesday 21st October
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm with a lunch provided following the event
Meeting Place: Yea Angling Club, 332 Ghin Ghin rd, Ghin Ghin

What to bring: Walking Shoes, pants and weather appropriate clothing, hat and a water bottle

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GB CMA) and Taungurung Land and Waters Council are working together to care for Goulburn (Waring) and its wetlands.

We look forward to welcome Damien Cook (wetland ecologist) and Lyndsey Vivian from Arthur Rylah Institute to talk with us about understanding:

- how the billabongs are connected
- what makes a wetland healthy
- eDNA testing and what it provides
- how to look after billabongs on your property

RSVP and further information:
 Sue (GBCMA) on 0458 324 780 or suek@gbcm.vic.gov.au
 Kerstie (TLWC) on 0408 114550 or klee@tlawc.com.au

We invite others to walk along side us in healing Country and developing ways to work together for the benefit of all

WESTGATE TRAGEDY - the legacy

Next Thursday it will be 56 years since the collapse of the Westgate Bridge into the muddy waters of the Yarra River, taking the lives of 35 workers in a tragedy that was both predictable and totally preventable.

The box girder construction was already under a cloud prior to work beginning on the bridge as at least one bridge had collapsed overseas.

Students studying engineering at Uni in the 1970s learnt that the engineers knew there was a huge problem on the day. There was a 1.14 metre gap between spans 10 & 11 and as they tried to bring that gap together on one side bolts were popping out on the other side. It was only a matter of time before the edifice came tumbling down.

But did management notify the workers of the problem or suggest an evacuation of the men working on top of the span, or inside the span or eating lunch in the huts below? Of course not.

We might complain about what seem excessive OH&S measures in the 21stC but in 1970 such protections were non-existent for workers and as a result of the Westgate tragedy safety regulations were put in place to ensure that such an 'accident' never happened again.

Maybe pause to consider that next time you drive over the beautiful archway up in the sky. **Ed.**

Highlands Book Club - book recommendations from September's meeting.

TITLE & AUTHOR

DESCRIPTION

Buckeye

Patrick Ryan

Skillfully explores the internal reality versus the external reality, secrets, consequences and how life happens and how truth is complicated. The interconnected lives of two couples and their children. Spans a timeline in a small town USA from WW2 to the Vietnam war. Available through the library.

Clarice Cliff

Lynn Knight

Written in 2005. It is a biography of CC the English potter. It spans the end of the Victorian era to the mid 20th century and outlines a social history in Britain from the perspective of the 5 small pottery towns that now make up Stoke on Trent. The author highlights the restraints on women as well as the opportunities between the wars. Clarice Cliff is a biography of a woman who became a prominent ceramic designer and practitioner who helped drag populations in Britain and abroad into 20th century modernism.

River of Secrets

**Peter Whitelaw &
John Thompson
(local author)**

"When a wave of inexplicable fatigue sweeps through a town on Victoria's Goulburn River, country GP Dr James Chalmers recognises a pattern his training can't explain and the bureaucracy won't acknowledge." He and his friend, retired police detective Charles Aspinall hunt through mountains, river bends and corridors to solve the mystery.

The Whistler

Ann Pratchett

When Daphne notices an older gentleman following her around the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, she doesn't expect it to be Eddie, her former stepfather. Daphne was nine when she last saw Eddie. Separated by a fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Whistler paints a n intimate portrait of the sweetness and impermanence of life, and the power of connection.

Sophie, Standing there

Meg Mason

Sophie works as a freelance sound technician for literary festivals. She is a huge reader but is achingly lonely until she starts obsessing over a famous female author. Creates a funny insight.

The Mountain

Drusilla Modjeska

Into the heart of Papua New Guinea & it's independence. Educational and epic in scope.

Freezing Order

Bill Browder

A true story of Russian Money Laundering, Murder and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath.

Where it all went wrong

Amy Remeikis

Just to remind us how John Howard managed to screw the country in every way possible and have no regrets.

NB: A powerful analysis that has ramifications for our country/society 20 years on - readers will either be impressed by Howard's actions or, like me, want to throw the book at a wall in disbelief of his legacy. Ed.

Next year in Havana

Chanel Cleeton

A great read looking at both ends of Castro's reign through the eyes of two women and how time and revolution, secrets impact the generations.

The Words we Keep

Erin Stewart

A look into mental health and the power of love and acceptance.

NEXT MEETING Saturday 24th October at 6.30pm - Highlands Hall

Tallarook-50 Anniversary Rogaine 2026

Over 500 competitors attended the Victorian Rogaining Championships on 25-26 September 2026 on the Tallarook Plateau. This event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the sport with Tallarook being the site for the world's first rogaine in 1976.

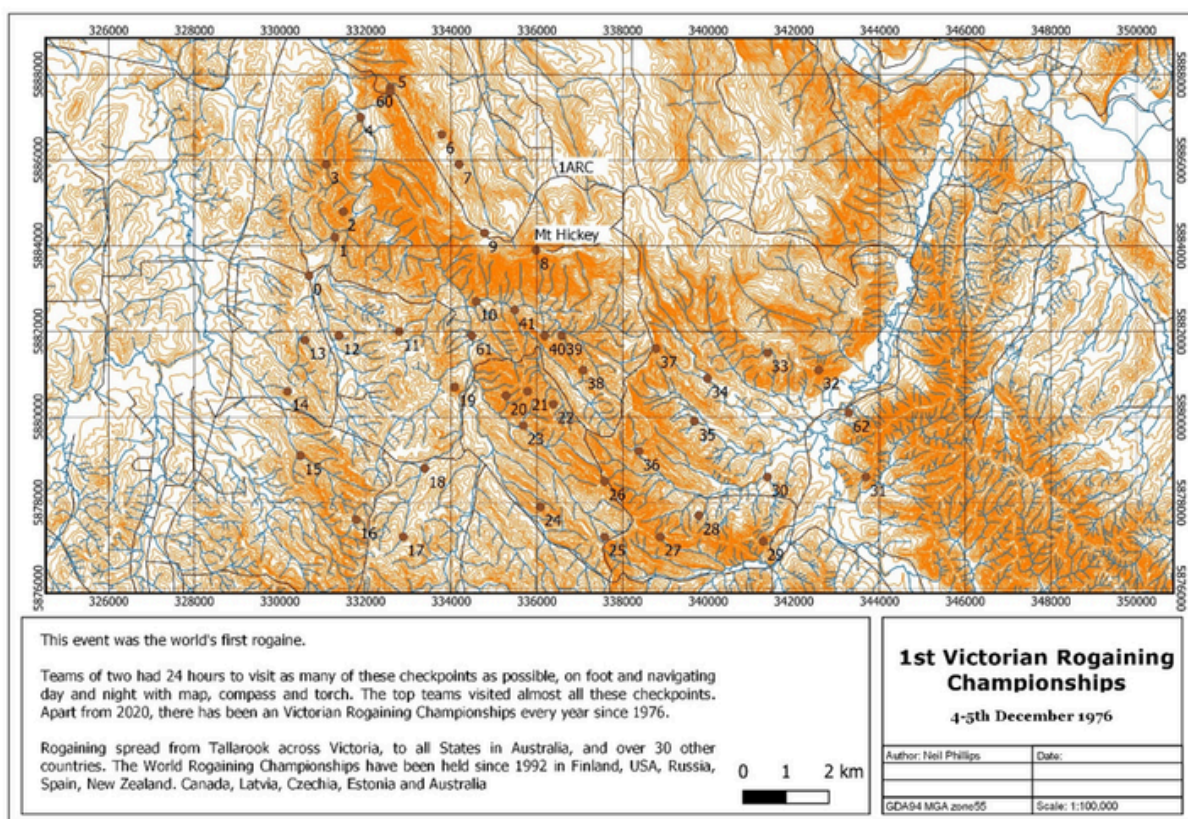
The Tallarook-50 course covered 100 square kilometres with 66 checkpoints, and although no one finished the whole course the elite teams completed nearly all in the 24 hours. Other family and younger teams enjoyed the outing with a few 2-year-olds getting a free ride from parents. Nearly half the competitors entered the 24-hour Championships and the others opted for a 6-hour rogaine finishing on Friday evening.
www.rogainvic.org.au

Currently we are well progressed on packing up and tidying the site, but some of this work will continue on private property and the State Forest over the next fortnight.

We are very grateful to the landowners and others in the community who have supported the event though access to their land, logistical assistance, advice and simple encouragement. A fuller report will follow once the site tidy up is complete.

Neil Phillips

Map reproduction from the first rogaine: 1976



October 2026

Free Green Waste in October

Council is offering free green waste disposal from Thursday 1 to Saturday 31 October at our Resource Recovery Centres in the lead-up to the fire season. Normal processing charges will apply outside this period.

Learn more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/rrc

Agriculture Victoria's Farm Fire Preparedness Workshop in Molesworth

Livestock owners are invited to a practical workshop hosted by Agriculture Victoria to strengthen their farm, livestock and business for bushfires.

Places are limited. Register by Thursday 1 October at www.trybooking.com/DPRRB

For more information, contact Sarah Fox, Agriculture Recovery Officer, on 0476 793 512 or email recovery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

How Council prepares for emergencies

Council works year-round to help reduce risk and support community safety through activities such as fire prevention inspections, roadside vegetation management, emergency planning, and coordination with emergency services and other partners. We monitor weather conditions and emergency warnings to help inform Council operations during high-risk periods.

Learn more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/howcouncilprepares

Fire season inspections start in October

Council's Fire Prevention Officers are inspecting properties across Murrindindi to help identify fire hazards that may be a risk to people, homes and the environment.

Where necessary, Fire Prevention Notices may be issued requiring works to be completed.

Find out more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/fireinspections

Free First Aid Workshop in Taggerty

Learn practical skills that could help save a life including Basic Emergency Life Support and CPR at this free first aid workshop delivered by the Australian Red Cross Society.

Come along on Thursday 29 October 2026 from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm at The CH@T, 19 Taggerty-Thornton Road, Taggerty.

This free workshop is part of the LEAP (Local Emergency Action Plan) program. Registrations are essential.

Register online at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/taggertyfirstaid, call 5772 0333 or email leap@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Aussie Bird Count and Birds in the Backyard Webinar

Join us on Tuesday 20 October from 6.00 pm to discover the fascinating world of bird nests, nesting materials and nest boxes, and learn how you can attract and support local birdlife.

Watch online from home or join the live broadcast at Kinglake and Yea Libraries or Alexandra Council Chambers. You'll also find out how to take part in the Aussie Bird Count from 19 to 25 October.

Visit our website for more information, and to register at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/birdsinthebackyard

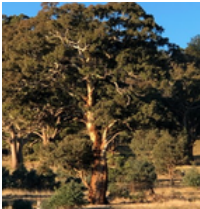


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