

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

More decades ago than I care to admit, I set off on my first overseas trip. The eventual destination was Europe but my friend, Fiona, and I decided to go overland across Asia to get there for a couple of reasons.

1. Top Deck tours offered incredibly cheap tours (for reasons that soon became obvious) but travelled to amazing and far-flung places off the beaten track that one would not have considered visiting independently and
2. Fiona, being a fit secondary phys-ed teacher, wanted to go trekking in the Himalayas in Nepal at the start of the trip and, as I like mountains, that seemed an excellent way to commence an adult 'gap year'.

As has subsequently become the norm, I never quite got around to doing any serious pre-trek training prior to departure, but figured that the first few days on the Annapurna- Dhaulagiri trek would get me up to an acceptable level of fitness. As if... but it was definitely the trek of a lifetime & I loved it.



It is said that visitors go to Nepal looking forward to seeing the majestic mountains but leave raving about the people - their hospitality, their friendliness and their incredible happy stoicism despite their harsh living conditions. I was no exception.

It was therefore tragic to see yet another climate change catastrophe, a massive flash flood, impact this magnificent country with its caring people. With the drowned and missing in the thousands, one wonders how many people have to die, how much land has to be devastated and how many more of these 'once in a lifetime' events have to be witnessed before all humans start to take the irreversible impact of global warming seriously? I live in hope it will be sooner, rather than later, as life is already too short.

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

"I decided I shouldn't delay anymore. Even if the flood was not coming, it was just a matter of a single day's classes."

Rajendra Dawadi
Principal of Tribhuvan Trishuli
Secondary School
Nawakot - Nepal

who evacuated his school & saved
the lives of 900 students & staff



Month	Highlands
August	112.7 mm
2026 Total	695.8 mm
Rainy Days	15 days

		What's On - September 2026	
	Monday 7th Sept. @ 1pm	CRAFTERNOON BYO craft projects & plate to share.	@ Ruffy Hall Enquiries? Gabriele 0402 335 840
Details? See p.12	Saturday 12th Sept. 9-noon	ORGANIC COMPOST COLLECTION	@ end of Yorston Rd
	Saturday 12th Sept. @ 5pm	RUFFARTZ - CON KALAMARAS - MUSIC & A GREEK FEAST	@ Ruffy Hall
NB NEW Date	Sunday 13th Sept. @ 4.30pm	TERIP TERIP REC RESERVE AGM - Everyone is welcome.	@ Terip Rec Reserve
Details? See p.11	Sunday 13th Sept. 10-2	UPTON HILL - LANDSCAPING FOR BUSHFIRES - Free Lunch	@ Upton Hill CFA
Details? See p.11	Sunday 13th Sept. @ 8.30am	SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK	Commencing @ Yea Railway Station
	Monday 14th Sept. @ 11am	HIGHLANDS-CAVEAT SPINNING GROUP Rd Tea, coffee, hugs and friendship still available to all.	@ 450 Caveat-Dropmore Jan & Ruby 5790 4361
Details? See p.4	Sunday 14th Sept. @ 7pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP - everyone is invited	@ Ruffy Hall
	Wednesday 16th Sept. @ 7pm	HCCC - MONTHLY MEETING - everyone is welcome	@ Highlands Hall/Hub
Details? See p.8	Saturday 19th Sept. 1-2.30pm	PAINTING RECOVERY - Watercolour Field Trip	commencing @ Ruffy
	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 16th & 30th Sept. and 14th & 28th Oct.

Tablelands Community Centre Garden Renewal Workshop – What a Day!

The Tablelands Community Centre Garden Renewal Workshop, held on Sunday 30th August, was a resounding success!

People travelled from all across the Tablelands, and even as far away as Griffith, NSW, to lend a hand. They arrived with tools, wheelbarrows and plenty of enthusiasm — but most importantly, they brought an incredible sense of positivity, generosity and joy.

Despite shovelling what seemed like endless mounds of mulch, the laughter and cheerful banter continued throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many people working together to breathe new life into our garden and community space.

And what a beautiful day Ruffy provided! Calm, wind-free conditions and glorious sunshine made the perfect setting for a day of gardening, connection and community.

The day finished with a well-earned celebratory barbecue, with Peter Bridges expertly manning our new barbecue on its maiden run. It certainly received a good workout!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and contributed. The transformation is already amazing, and it simply would not have been possible without the generosity of our community and friends from further afield.

A very special thank you to:

- Lou Costa from Nature by Design and her family
- Cath Olive from Euroa Arboretum
- Millie Ross from Gardening Australia
- Councillor Laura Binks, for her respectful Acknowledgement of Country before the Taungurung flag was reinstated.

Your support, knowledge, hard work and encouragement mean so much to us.

The day was a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together.

Ruffy recovery activities are supported by the Victorian Government and Strathbogie Shire Council

Regards Cheryl Kearney
Secretary TCC



DON'T FORGET.....

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

The last Granite News for this term will be Sunday 20th September.

DANGEROUS TREES and what to do about them.

The Highlands and District Community Recovery Association formed a working group around Dangerous trees. They have found that a much more expedient response is obtained by logging the concerns through the **Snap, Send, Solve** App where you can record the exact location and include photos and a description.

If you have any trees you are concerned about please use the App or you can let Alex Bauer know by phoning **0432 809 263**. Please note: the App can be used for other hazards such as potholes, animals on the road, dumped rubbish, graffiti, roadside blackberries, etc.



NB: The promised Tree Matrix has issues and will be included in TGN...soon.

Spring is for Gardening

and what a lineup of great events there is - **see p.13** for all that is on offer.

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

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



Ruffy Community Meeting

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

Monday, 14th September 2026

7.00 pm

Ruffy Hall

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

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

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

Enquires contact the Secretary Cheryl on: 0409 019763

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Cart on site Ruffy Hall

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

Enjoy fresh coffee with an egg and bacon roll.

Bring your neighbour.

Meet your new Recovery Committee Team members.

FREE EVENT

A gentle reminder to all...

Articles, ads and anything else need to be received by the Editor by Thursday evening to ensure inclusion in the next issue of TGN.

Please send items in the smallest, editable format possible and in either .jpg or .png format **NOT** .pdfs.

Thank you.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT THE HUB



MONDAY SEP 7th

9:30am Mat Pilates with Mel

Details: \$20 per session. Open to all fitness levels. Please bring a mat and water bottle.

Bookings: Call or text Mel on 0498 643 608.

TUESDAY SEP 8th

5:30pm Weekly Mat Pilates with Anastasia

Where: Highlands Hall

Details: \$15 per session. Open to all fitness levels. Please bring a mat and water bottle.

Enquiries: Call Anastasia on 0436 428 065.

WEDNESDAY SEP 9th

10am - 2pm PCC Emergency Recovery Team & GV FamilyCare

Details: On-site support for grants, paperwork, family services, and legal/financial navigation.

10am - 2pm Rural Outreach Support with Ivan Lister

Details: Drop in for a cuppa and confidential chat or trauma-informed support. Anonymous referrals welcome.

THURSDAY SEP 10th

9am Mat Pilates with Mel

Details: \$20 per session. Open to all fitness levels. Please bring a mat and water bottle.

Bookings: Call or text Mel on 0498 643 608.

SATURDAY SEP 12th

9am - noon Organic Compost Collection See p.?? for more information

Where: End of Yorston Rd (next to the cattle yards)

Details: \$30 per load (limit 1 per person). Single axle trailers and utes only due to access. Hand-loading is welcome at your leisure, but machinery/operator loading has limited availability.

Firewood Working Bee Update (Tallarook)

Details: If you can spare a couple of hours or need to load up firewood, head down to join Sam and the team. Extra muscle is always appreciated! (Note: This event depends on numbers and may move to monthly. If you are in need, please call Sam).

Contact: Call or text Sam on 0439 695 632.



The Editor lives in hope....

SAVE THE DATE!

AFL Grand Final Broadcast Live at Highlands Hall

Details: Join us to watch the big game! Lunch provided (TBC) and BYO drinks. More details to come soon.

**** Apologies to Carolyn Rogers whose name was inadvertently omitted from last week's list of new committee members for the Highlands & District Community Recovery Association.**

Thank you Carolyn for your ongoing commitment to your local community. **

***** 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

COFFEE VAN IN RUFFY!

Yippee, come along and enjoy a freshly made coffee with an egg and bacon roll, delicious!
To celebrate your newly formed Ruffy Community Recovery Committee (CRC), join us for a casual community brekky/morning tea. Drop in to meet the committee, put faces to names, and open the door for community feedback and conversation. Everyone welcome. **FREE EVENT**
Sunday, 20th September, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

SLEEP WORKSHOP - wear your pyjamas (just kidding!)

Come along and find out why we are all awake at 3am and what we can do about it!
FREE workshop followed by a PIZZA Night, yum, yum.

Friday 9th October Workshop 4.30pm-6pm Pizza 6-8.30pm ALL WELCOME



REGULAR EVENTS

TCC CRAFTERNOON this month is on Monday 7th of September 1pm.

Enjoy conversation and inspiration in good company with like-minded crafty folk while you work on your latest project by the fire. **Everyone welcome.**

QIGONG (Chee-gong) with INGRID

Ingrid is offering another **FREE Qigong session on Tuesday 8th September 2pm in the Hall.**

Come along and enjoy beautifully guided movement, music & breath. Everyone welcome, come and join us, wear loose clothes. **Contact Ingrid 0456 720498**

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 week's notice if you would like to do something.

No dinner on Friday 11th September. Greek Feast instead with live Greek Music on Saturday 12th.

HALL BOOKINGS TO DATE

SEPTEMBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Monday 7	TCC Crafternoon, Cosy craft by the Fire	1 pm
Tuesday 8	Community Recovery Committee	6 pm
Thursday 10	TCC meeting	Midday
Saturday 12	RuffArtZ Greek Feast with live Greek music	8 pm
Sunday 13	CFA Research Interviews	10am - 8pm
Monday 14	RCAG Meeting (C. Kearney 0409 0197663)	7pm
Monday 14	CFA Research Interviews	10am - 8pm
Tuesday 15	CFA Research Interviews	10am - 8pm
Friday 18	Community Dinner Pot Luck	6 pm
Sunday 20	Coffee Cart, Egg & Bacon Rolls meet CRC	9.30am-12
Friday 25	AFL Grand Final Community Dinner	6 pm
Saturday 26	Recreation Reserve Catering	7am-9am
Sunday 27	Recreation Reserve Catering	7am-9am

OCTOBER

Every Tuesday	Cuppa, Cake & Chat plus Services	10.30am-2pm
Friday 2	Pot Luck	6 pm
Monday 5	Crafternoon	1pm
Friday 9	Sleep Workshop	4.30pm
Friday 9	Pizza Night	6pm
Saturday 31	TCC Stella Day Out Writers Festival	All Day



BOOKINGS: Bill Eddy 0428 326 567 or Judy Eddy 0459 291 946 email j.eddy29@bigpond.com
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS SO THAT YOUR BOOKING CAN BE CONFIRMED

Want to be heard - now is your chance

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

You can register using:

- The QR code on the attached flyer
- Go to this link and click on "register to participate" down the bottom:
[Longwood- East | Bushfire experiences and community feedback | Engage CFA](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfire-experience)
- Or email Paula directly on paula.dootson@qut.edu.au.



Longwood East Bushfire Study



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

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

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

Share your story

We are interested in hearing about:

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

Register to participate

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfire-experience



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

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

Contact the research team:

Paula Dootson, Queensland University
Phone: 07 3138 5312
Email: paula.dootson@qut.edu.au



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EVENT

Biodiversity Recovery Alliance

PAINTING RECOVERY: WATERCOLOUR FIELD TRIP

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



Granite to Goulburn

Letter to the Editor

A warm welcome to the new HADCRA Management Committee. Thank you to each member for stepping forward to support HADCRA's next chapter and contribute to the ongoing recovery, resilience and future of the Highlands community.

A heartfelt thank you to Andrea, Hannah, John, Kate and Vicki for their care, dedication and commitment to the Highlands community over the past eight months. Their contribution during a challenging period of recovery has helped bring the community together and establish a strong foundation for HADCRA's future. Their time, energy and compassion are greatly appreciated.

Abby Eager
Fire Recovery Officer - Mitchell Shire Council

Watercolour Painting Recovery - More details...

Join artist Ann Cremean for a beginners watercolour field trip to observe and paint the landscape as it recovers from fire.

We will specifically focus on the ways that trees are regenerating, taking inspiration from the fresh wattle saplings and the epicormic growth on big ancient gums. The vivid colours of spring against blackened trunks will make for some unique and memorable paintings, and serve as a reminder of the incredible resilience of our local landscape.

Take some time for deep observation. Beginners are very welcome, and all materials and afternoon tea will be supplied.

This field trip is limited to 12 participants, so book promptly to avoid disappointment.



FARMERS FOREST CAMP OUT

Connect. Reflect. Grow.

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

AFTERNOON CAMP FIRE

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

SATURDAY, 19th TO SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

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

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

EVENING STARLIGHTS

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

WHAT TO EXPECT

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

SCAN TO REGISTER

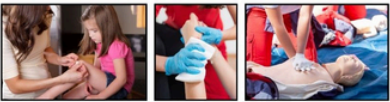


REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND



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





Free Community First Aid Course

Nationally Recognised Training - HLTAID011 Provide First Aid. A First Aid course designed to give you the confidence to respond in an emergency. Learn CPR, first aid basics, and practical techniques that could make all the difference when it matters most. Numbers are limited so be quick.

Sunday, 13th September 2026

Register today via QR code or click on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/DPEOX>



ABOUT THE EVENT

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

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



FEATURED PRESENTERS



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



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



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

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

EVENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

7:30PM CLOSE
Finish refreshed & inspired

Program times are approximate and may change.

EVENT DETAILS

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

SATURDAY, 19TH TO SUNDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER

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

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND
Spots are limited!



REGISTER TO ATTEND

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





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



Provide your feedback on Council's Draft Municipal Recovery Plan

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

Feedback closes on Thursday 17 September 2026.

Recovery began immediately after the fires and has continued since. Communities, volunteers, local halls and recovery hubs, Council, government agencies and service providers have worked together to support affected people and restore access to roads and properties, reopen key community facilities and provide practical recovery assistance. The draft Plan builds on this work and reflects feedback gathered through recovery hubs, community meetings, recovery groups and direct engagement with affected residents over recent months. It also serves as a public record of the impacts of the January 2026 fires and provides a framework for medium and longer-term recovery across the Shire.

It includes actions for people and wellbeing, buildings and infrastructure, agriculture, business and the visitor economy, environment and biodiversity, Aboriginal culture and healing, and communication and advocacy.

The January fires caused deep and lasting impacts across Murrindindi Shire. One person lost his life, around 1,600 private properties were affected, and 217 homes were destroyed. Farms, livestock, wildlife, businesses, roads, bridges, the Great Victorian Rail Trail and the natural environment were also lost or severely damaged.

Mayor Cr Damien Gallagher said the draft Plan was an important opportunity to ensure the longer-term recovery effort reflects community priorities.

"Recovery did not start with this Plan and it will not end with it. An enormous amount of recovery work has taken place since January, led by fire-affected communities, volunteers, Council, agencies and recovery partners.

"This Plan is about listening carefully to what people have lived through, what they are still carrying, and what practical support is needed now and into the future," Cr Gallagher said.

Council is asking people to check whether the Plan reflects their priorities, local needs and practical barriers. Feedback can be as detailed or as simple as people choose.

The Plan proposes that the Murrindindi Municipal Recovery Committee, which currently includes a range of government agencies, be expanded to include six community representatives.

These representatives will be appointed through an Expression of Interest process and will provide a link between the community and Council.

The Plan also proposes regular updates on recovery actions at quarterly Council meetings. Community members can continue to contact their local Councillor with any concerns or feedback about recovery efforts.

"Community representatives and local recovery groups will help us understand whether actions are making a practical difference, identify emerging needs and adjust our approach as circumstances change," said Cr Gallagher.

People can read the draft Plan and provide feedback through Council's engagement website at www.theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/draftrecoveryplan.

Feedback can be provided online, at pop-ups, through established community groups across the fire-impacted area, or by attending online information sessions.

Come and chat to us in person at:

- Alexandra Library, 7 September 2026, 9.30am – 12.30pm
- Yea Library, 10 September 2026, 9.30am – 12.30pm
- Kinglake Library, 15 September 2026, 1pm – 4pm

- Online sessions on 9 September 2026, 1pm – 2pm and 6pm – 7pm.

Printed copies of the Plan and printed feedback forms will also be available at the Yea and Alexandra Council offices.

Cr Gallagher said Council understood that providing feedback may be difficult for some people, particularly where the fires continue to affect daily life.

"Some people may want to share a lot, and others may only want to tell us one thing that would make a difference. Both are valuable," Cr Gallagher said.

"The most important thing is that community members are heard respectfully, and that their feedback helps guide recovery decisions, advocacy and communication in the months and years ahead."

Council will consider all feedback before the final Plan is presented to a Council meeting later this year. It will publish a What We Heard Report explaining the main themes, what changed and why some matters could not change.



COMEDY & CONVERSATIONS

Laugh. Listen. Connect.

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

TERIP TERIP
Sunday 20 September

12:00PM - 3:00PM | DOORS OPEN 11:30AM | MURRINDINDI MOBILE HEALTH VAN ON SITE FROM 11:00AM | A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE SUPPLIED

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

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

More dates to be announced | Alexandra Events Corporation Ltd

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

VICTORIA GOVERNMENT | NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH

Terip Terip

Annual General Meeting

DATE: Sunday, 13th September, 2026

4.30pm for a cuppa

TIME: Meeting starts 5pm

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 terip3719@gmail.com

Free Landscaping for Bushfire Session

UPTON HILL CFA
Sunday 13 September, 2026
10am - 2pm

Join special guest speaker Owen Gooding for an interactive session on Landscaping for Bushfire. Recently retired, Owen has over 18 years experience with the CFA working on land use planning, planned burning, and the management of biodiversity and cultural heritage values in bushfire mitigation work. Owen was also a member of the national Task Force investigating house loss in the 2009 Victorian bushfires. Owen will talk about what we know about bushfire losses and the role of vegetation in contributing to or mitigating bushfire risk. Topics covered will include plant flammability, plant responses to fire, cultural fire use, fire ecology, climate change, and the use of vegetation plantings and soil moisture conservation to reduce fire intensity and protect assets. The session will include a property walk, so please wear comfortable clothes.



~Free lunch will be provided~

Numbers are limited: register by 6.9.26 via Trybooking link or QR code below to secure your place:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DOTNE>

Queries - Emily Birch
0447 415 849 emily.birch@cfa.vic.gov.au



GOULBURN VALLEY SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP

HELD ON 2ND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

GOULBURN VALLEY SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Registration: 8.30 am | Event start: 9 am
Rail Trail loop: Yea Train Station to Two Bridges

Join us for a walk dedicated to honouring the memory of those we have lost, raising awareness, reducing stigma, and supporting families and friends affected by suicide. Whether you have been personally impacted or wish to help increase awareness about suicide, we invite you to join us in this meaningful event.

GVSAG Walk 2026 Schedule

Guest Speaker this Year

Come and listen to the inspiring stories, before your walk this year, featuring Kendall Whyte of the Blue Tree Project.

Cindy McLeish MP will read our Honour List.

Listen to acoustic music performed by the band 'Stoked' whilst enjoying your coffee from Cruisin' Coffee Co.

Once back from your picturesque Rail Trail walk from Yea Railway Station to the Blue Tree and back, enjoy your free sausage sizzle from Yea Rotary Club.

To register, volunteer, and more info, visit gvsag.org.au

facebook.com/gvsaginc

Cindy McLEISH MLA
MEMBER FOR BILDON

Alexandra Rotary Club

Proudly printed by Cindy McLeish MP

FRRR
Regional Rural Roadway

Murrindindi Shire Council

Rotary Club of Yea

RuffArtZ



presents

Con Kalamaras

Musical performance and Magnificent Greek Feast

-  \$10 per Adult. Children Free
-  5:00pm
-  Saturday 12 Sep
-  Ruffy Hall - Nolans Rd.
-  BYO Drinks as usual.

Great
Family
Event

For bookings and catering purposes please email

Ruffartzsecretary@gmail.com

or

SMS Kym on 0409 172 595





ORGANIC COMPOST COLLECTION

Saturday 12th Sept

9-12pm collection

\$30 per load — limit 1 per person

-  Single axle trailers and utes only due to access
-  Loaded by a digger
-  End of Yorston Rd next to the cattle yards
-  If there is any left, another collection day will be announced.
-  Compost can be collected outside these times; however, you will be required to hand-load it.

Direct Deposit

Account name: Highlands Relief Hub
BSB: 633 000
Account number: 241 020 197
Payment reference: Compost Donation



YEA

GARDEN EXPO

19 & 20 SEP 2026

9AM - 3PM

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

Only an hour from Melbourne!

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

NEW IN 2026,

TWO SPRING

GARDENS

FOR VIEWING

\$10 INCLUDES

BOTH GARDENS

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

Pay at the gate or book online via www.trybooking.com:
www.trybooking.com/DLLKQ (Bookings open August 1st)

Spring Garden tickets \$10 includes both gardens

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**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



This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant
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Farmer Health

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.

A FIRE RECOVERY EVENT FOR ANYONE IMPACTED BY THE LONGWOOD FIRES

We have a B double truck full of Garden Goodies to give away for **FREE** to fire impacted community members. Yes a whole truck load!

☐☐☐☐ plants, seeds, fertilizer, garden tools, gloves, potting mix, garden art & other garden related items.
If you need to replenish or renew your fire impacted garden, come along.

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SEPT 12 & 13**

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**FREE GARDEN
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GARDEN ART & MORE!

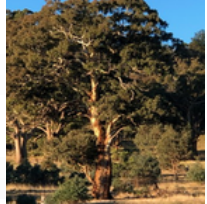
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