

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

Yesterday I joined a few other interested locals to discover how to do Biodiversity Mapping of the non-human inhabitants and plants of our local areas. It was good fun and dead easy, so I thought that I would share the basics with a wider audience - YOU the TGN readers.



First of all, this can be done anywhere anytime with a smart phone.

1. Download the i-Naturalist app onto your phone
2. Set yourself up as a user (just follow the app's instructions)
3. Upload photos already taken, or take photos of any wildlife and/or plant life that you discover in your neighbourhood
4. To do this click on Observe and add in the details of the photo
NB: If you don't know what you have taken a photo of, just leave that category blank as another naturalist is sure to fill in the missing information for you.
5. Fill in the location where the photo was taken - you can do that either by an address or locating it on a very detailed map
6. Finally, click on Projects and add your upload to the **Strathbogie Ranges Nature Atlas Project**. This is a database of all the natural observations in our area and is regularly uploaded onto the Victorian Nature Atlas.
7. This statewide atlas is an essential tool when it comes to major developments, urban planning schemes and new infrastructure in environmentally sensitive areas. As a result, all natural species listed on it are taken into consideration when planning decisions are made. A most useful application for this vital information.

Please read on for another excellent issue, Pauline
And Kenny? Was checking out the sustainable farms workshop.

Feedback? editor@tgn.org.au
or to subscribe on-line go to
www.highlands.org.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

"He who is blessed with contentment should wish for nothing more."

Horace (aka Quintus Horatius Flaccus) 65BC - 8BC
a leading Roman lyrical poet

I'm fairly certain that
the person who put the
first r in February also
decided how to spell
Wednesday

War on Waste - Recycling

How much do you know about recycling and the waste facts from the fiction? Test yourself with this quiz - answers in next week's TGN.

1. **How much plastic waste does every Australian throw out on average each year?**

- A - 20kgs
- B - 100kgs
- C - 250kgs
- D - 50kgs

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What's On - August 2023

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	<p>Friday 4th August @ 6pm</p>	<p>FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH @ Tablelands Community Centre It's time to put the fun back into Friday nights! Enquiries: 0427 690970 or tccruffy@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Details see p.4</p>	<p>Sat 5th & Sun 6th Aug. 10-4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO @ YEA BUTTER FACTORY Open first weekend each month - 13 Rattray St, Yea - discover some stunning artwork!</p>	
<p>Details see p.3</p>	<p>Weekends in August 10-4</p>	<p>DENNIS SPITERI - WINTERREISE - a NEW series of paintings @ Hillcrest Studio Dennis is showcasing another excellent exhibition on weekends in August - 5796 9373</p>	
	<p>Sunday 6th Aug. @7.30pm</p>	<p>TERIP TENNIS CLUB AGM @ Terip Clubhouse All welcome! Enquiries: Cindy - temagong@bigpond.com</p>	
	<p>Friday 12th Aug. @ 6.30</p>	<p>DRINKS on the DECK @ Highlands Community Hall Starts @ 6.30pm, bring food to share and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Paula 0419 551882</p>	
	<p>Monday 14th Aug. @ 11am</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2023 at the same place - 450 Caveat - Dropmore Rd, at the same time and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea and coffee will be provided. Enquiries? Jan 57900 4361</p>	
<p>Details see p.3</p>	<p>Tuesday 15th Aug. @ 7pm</p>	<p>CREIGHTON'S CREEK et al NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM @ CC Comm. Centre Everyone is welcome and all residents are encouraged to attend.</p>	
	<p>Every Second Wednesday 10-30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE @ Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Forthcoming dates are 9th & 23rd August and 6th & 20th Sept.</p>	
	<p>1st & 3rd Tuesday 10-12</p>	<p>TABLELANDS KIDS' PLAY GROUP @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy All ages welcome - Nature play - Playground - Toys - Friends - 1st & 15th Aug.</p>	
<p>Details see p.3</p>	<p>1st & 3rd Tuesday 1-3</p>	<p>DIGITAL & ON-LINE LEARNING @ TCC, 27 Nolans Rd, Ruffy 1st & 15th August Enquiries? Bob - 0480 348788</p>	
	<p>Every Monday @ 10am</p>	<p>RUFFY QI GONG has recommenced - EVERY Monday - at 10.00am.</p>	
	<p>2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH - TERIP RUFFY 2nd Sunday 11.15am Pastor Scott Leslie / 4th Sunday 11am Morning tea & Study group</p>	
	<p>Every Tues. & Fri. 8.45-9.45</p>	<p>CUSTOM YOGA is BACK with Ingrid at the Tablelands Community Centre \$20 per hour long class BYO mat and blanket Enquiries? Ingrid ingstar.7@gmail.com</p>	

'WINTERREISE'
A new series of paintings
by
Dennis Spiteri

Exhibition runs from Saturday 5th August to
 Sunday 27th August
 Gallery only open on weekends during these dates.
Opening times: 10am – 4pm Saturdays and Sundays
 Telephone (03)57969373
 Email: dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au

**Hillcrest Gallery 33 Old Highlands Road, Highlands,
 Victoria.**

**Last Friday night the Highlands
 Community BookHUB was opened.**

An idea mooted by Clare Daly and helped by funding through DELWP (now DECCA) the old unattractive entry has now been insulated, ply lined, and set up as a READ REVIEW & REPLACE BookHUB for all.

Much needed repairs have been mainly completed with acoustic panels now lining the old schoolhouse meeting room. This improved cosy space is now ready for our first book-group which will be held on **25th August from 6-8pm**. All ideas of the format will be decided by attendees.

The Highlands Hall Committee wish to thank DECCA for their ongoing support and particularly mention the huge effort of Vitto Oles our local master cabinet maker and his keen apprentice Richard Lingard.



An INVITATION

Book-group initial meeting planned for

Friday 25th August 6 - 8pm

BYO Finger food to share and Drinks

Expressions of interest call Robyn on 0409 528235



Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Creighton's Creek, Ruffy, Terip Terip, Longwood East Neighbourhood Watch group will be held on **Tuesday 15th August at 7pm** at the Creighton's Creek Community Centre.

All residents are encouraged to attend.
 Security and safety of our community is in our hands.

**Community Learning Euroa
 will be at the
 Tablelands Community Centre**



1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
 1pm - 3pm

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Contact: Community Learning Euroa
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 Contact Roger 5796 9213 if you
 think it might be yours.

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an ARTBOX
exhibition featuring Ann Cremean

 **July 29 - August 29**
Seven Creeks Park, Euroa (adjacent to Foy Street)



Strathbogie
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CREATIVE VICTORIA

Darren Gilbert - Open Studio @ Yea Butter Factory

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August
10.00am to 4.00pm each day
Yea Butter Factory
13 Rattray Street, Yea

This is the last open studio at the Butter Factory (very sad), Darren will be moving his studio to Giffard St in Yea over the next couple of months and launching the open studios again in October.

Know Your Weeds

Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)

Fennel or Aniseed / Sweet Anise, whilst great for cooking, is a restricted weed that can be easily spread by soil disturbance, movement of bulbs, water and seed eaten by stock.

It is usually found in moist places - roadsides, channels, banks and depressions - and is an erect herb 1.5 to 2.5m tall.

Flowers are small and yellow in colour, appearing in summer and leaves are stringy, up to 45cm long and have an aniseed scent when crushed.



It is a perennial plant that can be controlled by many different means - spraying, cutting and painting with herbicide, hand weeding and mechanical removal. Optimum time for this control is from October to March

For further information re eradication email - info@hccclandcare.net.au

we need your recipe

Tablelands Community Centre COOKBOOK

Many traditions and memories centre around food. A custom cookbook is a great way to preserve those memories.

Help us celebrate the 30 plus years reprint of "Tastes of the Tablelands"

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Include: Title, submitted by, ingredients, method

Thank you for your support

Email: tccruffy@gmail.com or 0427 690 970

warm up this
WINTER

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The Granite News is usually created on the lands of the Taungurung clans - First people of the Rivers and Mountains.

We thank the Taungurung ancestors and elders who, for millennia, have cared for this country on which we now live, work, play and grow.

May the current generations of Taungurung, HCCC residents & landowners continue this important custodianship into the future.