



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Well the TGN gremlins have struck again. Not only have several people contacted me in the last week to let me know that they didn't receive last week's issue, but there also appears to be a problem with emails bouncing back from the editor@tgn.org.au mailbox. I'm afraid that I have no idea why this is so and the website guru is on to it, but nothing has been resolved quite yet. In the meantime if you know of someone who has missed out on this week's TGN please get them to contact me at pdphroberts@gmail.com & I'll email a copy. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** - was right up there between letterhead and issue number.

Feedback? - contact editor@tgn.org.au
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"Handmade presents are scary because they reveal that you have too much spare time."
Doug Copeland - Canadian novelist & artist (1961)

HCCC News

Rebecca Rocks!!

A couple of months ago Michael Kopanica went out to do an excavation job on a farm at Longwood, and was so impressed by the co-manager's trailer backing abilities and forthright, direct manner that he offered her a job. On the spot! 23 year old Rebecca Threlfall has been working with Kopanica Excavations ever since and is just loving the challenges that her new job presents. She is quite a unique person who, as well as working for Michael 2 days a week, co-manages the family farm and does part-time modelling with local Karen Mitzi and her vintage clothing label. And for a bit a of recreation she is also a talented actor who has performed over the last 8-9 years with 6 local theatre companies extending from Broadford to Shepparton and everywhere in between. She has just wrapped up the part of Cha Cha in the Seymour Performers' Workshop production of "Grease" but can also list Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" and her favourite part Jeannie Muldoon in "Nice Work If You Can Get It" on her CV as well. Michael is pretty impressed with his new employee who is not only developing all manner of skills with alacrity, but has a natural "feel" for the co-ordination necessary to get the jobs done. Rebecca for her part is thoroughly enjoying "corrupting the boys" (her words not mine) as well as doing a variety of jobs from laying water pipes to pulling down sheds to putting in tracks on farms. Every day is different. Her favourite vehicle is the Little Red Truck, because it has "personality", just like Rebecca herself. It is so exciting to see a very capable, young woman starting to

make her mark in a traditional men's world. Not only that, but to see how her male co-workers heartily approve of their new team member and although she is "one of the boys" treat her with courtesy & respect. Rock on Rebecca!!

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**

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Month	Highlands	Ruffy
November	56.1 mm	mm
2018 Total	563.48 mm	mm
November Rain Days	109 Days	Days

Community Notices & Classifieds

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — December & January

<p>Tuesday 4th December @ 7.30pm</p>	<p>RUFFARTZ AGM at Ruffy Hall All welcome! New members of committee most welcome to fill vacancies. Enquiries? 0448 978432</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th Dec. @ 7.30 sharp - 9pm</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASSES at Ruffy Hall The swinging dancers are at it again with another series of classes, come along and join in the fun bopping away to the music of Glenn Miller and his friends. Enquiries? - Ray 0467 951559</p>
<p>Saturday 8th December @ 6.30pm</p>	<p>RUFFY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy This traditional celebration gets underway at 6.30pm and will see the lighting of the Christmas Tree as well as Santa's visit happening on the night. See wee article on p.3 and attachment for further details.</p>
<p>Monday 10th December @ 11 am PARTY!!</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2018 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! This is our Christmas break-up, so please bring a plate or bowl of something to share. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</p>
<p>Friday 14th December</p>	<p>No Drinks on the Deck for December, but the weekly party returns on Friday 11th January, same bat time, same bat place - be there!</p>
<p>Sunday 16th December</p>	<p>The LAST Granite News for 2018!</p>
	<p>NO BLACK MARKET in December - back in 2019 on January 26th - see below</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd Dec. @ 2pm</p>	<p>RUFFY STORE PRESENTS VICTORIANA GAYE at The Ruffy Store The delightful duo, Victoriana Gaye, will be back at the store on Saturday 23rd December @ 2pm. A unique blend of folk/pop/jazz and it's FREE! Contact Helen for more details, including lunch bookings 57904387.</p>
	<p>* * Best wishes for a peaceful, happy and relaxing Festive Season celebrating the joys and milestones of 2018 with family and friends. May Peace on Earth & Goodwill to All become a reality in 2019 * *</p>
<p>Saturday 12th January 10am start</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT at Terip Terip Tennis Courts For more details contact Cindy 0429 772 011 or Frances 0427 904 262</p>
<p>Sunday 20th January</p> 	<p>The RETURN of Granite News for 2019! Don't forget to send in your articles, ads & attachments in advance for inclusion in TGN Volume 13 Issue 1 to editor@tgn.org.au</p>
<p>Saturday 26th January @ 10 - 12</p> 	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Candi 57969366 <i>Please note NEW Summer times!!</i></p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - Dec 5th & 19th Don't forget the cake and coffee a bargain @ \$4!</p>
<p>Every Monday 10 am</p>	<p>YOGA AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Yoga with Kylie Penny is in full swing. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$15 per class. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com</p>



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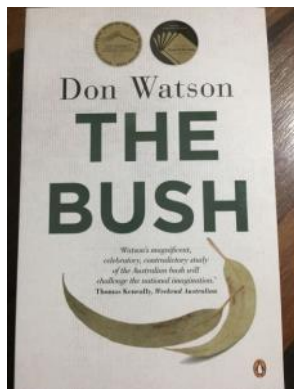
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Please note: Thursday evening is the deadline for inclusion in the following week's TGN although this will depend on space and time constraints—thanks

WOW!! What a feast of culture, sport & entertainment ~ why would we want to live anywhere else??

The Bush - Don Watson

The Bush is a multiple award winner, an absolute gem of a book and takes you right into the heart of the Australian psyche, or for those of us who live outside the urban areas, into our "backyards." Watson covers all aspects of our beloved bush from the initial efforts to tame it



under European occupation to the likes of Lawson and Paterson capturing it for posterity in print. The ravages of fire and flood and the impossibility of successful soldier settlements in the Mallee, Wimmera and South Australia. How salinity is making so many

areas marginal for farming and the tall timbers are becoming woodchips. "The Bush is a milestone work of memoir, travel writing and history." It would be a welcome addition to Christmas pillowcases everywhere.

Highlands Ramblers

On November 25th 11 people joined Andrew Shaw on a walk to Jack's Creek Falls where we enjoyed lunch and we imagined what the falls would look like after heavy rain. We then slowly climbed the hill and were startled when a large deer came crashing through the bush narrowly missing us. We thank Andrew for taking us on



wonderful walks of discovery in 2018 and look forward to more great ones in 2019. The first one will be on **March 31st**. For more information closer to the time contact Andrew on 0427 969297 or ajshaw577@hotmail.com

Ruffy Store News

The delightful duo, Victoriana Gaye, will be back at the store on Saturday 23rd December @ 2pm. A unique blend of folk/pop/jazz and it's FREE!

Save the Date - Saturday 12th January

Fancy yourself the next Rodger Federer or one of the Williams' sisters? Well brush up your forehand, drop volley and on court antics and you'll have an excellent time at the annual TTTT Terip Terip Tennis Tournament.

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Details in coming issues or call Cindy 0429 772 011

You've got to be in it to win it!!



Highlands Celebrates in Style!!

At least 109 adults plus a handful of children attended the annual Highlands Community Celebration. The evening started at 6.30pm and at approx. 12.30am the usual stayers, who shall remain nameless, finally left.



Catching up with not so old friends, Laura, Jess & Peter



Happy campers Trish, Nicole, Heather & Frits at 9.30pm

Ruffy Christmas Party THIS Sat.

Santa is coming and can't wait to meet all the Ruffy children. The party starts at 6.30pm with Santa arriving soon after. There is also a Jumping Castle to enjoy. So be there!! See attached flier for further details.



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