



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Fingers crossed that the technical glitches, that have been a trial to some of The Granite News readers over the last fortnight, have been resolved and that “everyone” is now reading this TGN. However just a reminder that each week’s TGN is also available on the www.highlands.org.au website so if all else fails, please try this option. Until next week, **Pauline** And **Kenny?** - was waiting for the return of The Granite News in 2019.



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

“A hug is a great gift, one size fits all and it can be easily exchanged.” Anon.

Highlands Happenings!!

It’s the time of the year for celebrations and 85 people attended Norm Drew's 70th birthday at the Highlands Hall on Saturday. The food and company were terrific and Norm's friends and family came from far and wide to help him celebrate his latest milestone. They decorated the hall in silver and black and with the weather being more bearable , after Friday’s heat, people were able to mingle inside and out with a great time being had by all, especially the birthday boy!! Happy Birthday Norm.



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**

SELL IT—BUY IT

WANTED - more bees, would you believe?

Janine would like to acquire a hive - ring 0409 013344 if you have one that needs a new home

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Stop Press - NEW social event for Terip Terip

That incredibly social community of Terip Terip is doing it again. As of **December 12th** the second Wednesday morning of each month will become a fun, social occasion at the Terip Terip Community Centre. This event is open to all members of the community, so come along, enjoy a cuppa, swap any books, home grown produce etc with other members & enjoy meeting others. Morning tea will be supplied.



See attachment for further details.

WEBSITE of the WEEK

<https://www.responsiblecafes.org/>

This website lists cafes that provide incentives for bringing reusable cups to their cafes rather than using disposables.

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

Community Notices & Classifieds

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

<p>Wednesday 12th Dec. @ 7.30 sharp - 9pm</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASSES at Ruffy Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? - Ray 0467 951559</p>
<p>Monday 10th December @ 11 am</p> <p> PARTY!!</p>	<p>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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>Wednesday 19th Dec. @ 7.30 sharp - 9pm</p>	<p>SWING DANCE CLASSES LAST CLASS FOR 2018!! at Ruffy Hall</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? - Ray 0467 951559</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd Dec. @ 2pm</p>	<p>RUFFY STORE PRESENTS VICTORIANA GAYE at The Ruffy Store</p> <p>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></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 & Sunday 5th & 6th January 10 - 4</p>	<p>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</p> <p>Darren's studio, with his stunning, creative works is now open to the public on the first weekend each month. Quality art in the local community and not too far to travel to enjoy it.</p>
<p>Friday 11th January @ 6.30pm</p> <p></p>	<p>DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>Starts at 6.30pm bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">57969247 & Contact Judy</p>
<p>Saturday 12th January 10am start</p>	<p>TERIP TERIP ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT at Terip Terip Tennis Courts</p> <p>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></p>	<p>HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd</p> <p>Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.</p> <p>Please note NEW Summer times!!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Enquiries? - Candi 57969366</p>
<p>Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30</p>	<p>MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall</p> <p>The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - Dec 9th & in 2019 Jan 2nd, 16th & 30th.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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</p> <p>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 Please note THIS Monday is the final Yoga class for 2018. Term 1 2019 will begin on Monday 4th Feb for regular Yogis with casuals welcome.</p>

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E-waste is a growing concern

Murrindindi Shire Council is inviting residents and business owners across the Shire to join in the effort to reduce e-waste going into landfill. E-waste is any item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted, and it's one of the fastest growing categories of waste world-wide. Currently, more than one million mobile phones and 1.5 million TVs are discarded in Australia every year. It is estimated that for televisions and computers alone, the amount of e-waste generated in Australia will grow to 223,000 tonnes in 2023-24, an increase of more than 60 percent since 2012-13. To try and increase the amount of e-waste that gets recycled instead of sent to landfill, Murrindindi Shire Council is teaming up with Sustainability Victoria to tackle the problem by making sure residents understand what e-waste is and how they can dispose of it properly. To protect our environment and work toward recovering more resources from recyclable products, the Victorian Government will ban all e-waste from landfill from **1 July 2019**. With today's unprecedented pace in technology upgrades, we are unfortunately living in an increasingly disposable age. Even larger electrical items are discarded with far greater frequency than a generation ago. It's vital that we get on board with this campaign as many of these items contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, phosphor, arsenic, fluids and refrigerants. If waste is not properly managed, these materials can leach into groundwater and soil, or release into the air, creating long term contamination issues and human health issues. As well as these hazardous materials, there are a range of non-renewable materials, such as copper, silver, palladium and gold, used in the production of electronic and electrical goods. These valuable materials are lost to recovery and future reuse once in landfill. It's important we understand that there are some extremely useful and valuable materials contained within these devices, however broken or obsolete, that can be recycled and reused. In fact, 90 percent of e-waste is recyclable it just has to be taken to the right place & there are special e-waste collection bins at MSC's Resource Recovery Centres. Want more information? www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ewaste

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!!



Wildlife to Wellbeing Project

Deakin University, in collaboration with Land for Wildlife, is seeking volunteers to participate in a citizen science project called *Wildlife to Wellbeing*, which will trial new camera technology to monitor and identify wildlife on properties registered with the Land For Wildlife program in Victoria. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a project that will test new video technology developed at Deakin University, and deployed on this project for the first time anywhere in the world. The technology enables 24-hour, continual monitoring of wildlife that will capture video of a greater proportion of animals in the vicinity than existing wildlife camera technologies. The cameras will operate for up to three months from the time of set up in January/February 2019. Deakin will collect the cameras at the end of the project to reuse in future projects. To participate, your property needs to have healthy dry forest or grassy dry forest ecological vegetation classes (EVC's). You may qualify if your property is located in central Victoria, within the rough area of Bacchus Marsh-Ballarat-Ararat-Maryborough-Dunolly-Bendigo-Elmore-Rushworth-Seymour-Yea-St Andrews-Whittlesea-Sunbury. Like to be a part of this cutting edge project? **For further information see this week's attachment.**



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Ruffy Produce 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!



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