



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

42 issues of The Granite News have now landed in email boxes and another year of excellent reading has come to a close. Where did it go? My thanks to all those readers who have either sent me articles and great suggestions or have given me feedback on the content and weekly topics. It has been most appreciated and I'm hopeful of gaining my 'P' plates for editing in 2019. **Issue # 1** will be out on **Sunday 20th January** so until then have a happy, safe & enjoyable Festive Season. **Pauline And Kenny?** - was catching up with his friend the Brush-tail Phascogale

Ruffy celebrates Christmas and some!!

More than 85 people enjoyed the Ruffy Christmas Party at the Tablelands Community Centre on Saturday 8th December. The annual party is a joint effort between the Ruffy CFA and the Tablelands Community Centre. Apart from a surprise visit from Santa on the Ruffy fire truck, a highlight was the presentation of an appreciation plaque to Verena and Erwin Weinmann, residents of Ruffy for 26 years, who worked for many years in the Ruffy community enhancing, caring for and maintaining the natural environment that we all continue to enjoy. Their professional leadership within the community has set a standard that we will try to maintain.



Santa successfully locates Ruffy!



Verena & Erwin Weinmann with their lovely rock and appreciation plaque.

NEW social event for Terip Terip a winner!!

Twelve terribly terrific tea loving locals turned up for the inaugural Terip Terip Morning Tea last Wednesday.



Plants, books and seedlings were either swapped or given away and a great time was had by all. Everyone is keen to come again on **Wed. 9th Jan.** Yet another date for the diaries!

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



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"If there be trouble, may it be in my time, so my children can live in peace."

Thomas Paine (1736-1809)

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

MISSING!

Would the person who has "borrowed" a box of a dozen wine glasses from the Highlands Hall please have the courtesy to return them ASAP.

They belong to the local community.

See snake's armpit >>>



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Community Notices & Classifieds

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

Sunday 16th December	The LAST Granite News for 2018!
Wednesday 19th Dec. @ 7.30 sharp - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES LAST CLASS FOR 2018!! 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
Saturday 23rd Dec. @ 2pm	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.
	* * 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 * *
Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th January 10 - 4	DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO 2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands 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.
Wednesday 9th January @ 9.30	TERIP TERIP MORNING TEA at Terip Community Centre This enjoyable social event is open to all members of the community, come along, enjoy a cuppa, swap any books or home-grown produce and enjoy meeting others.
 Friday 11th January @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK at Highlands Community Hall 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. 57969247 & Contact Judy
Saturday 12th January 10am start	TERIP TERIP ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT at Terip Terip Tennis Courts For more details contact Cindy 0429 772 011 or Frances 0427 904 262 or see attachment in this week's TGN.
Sunday 20th January	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
 Saturday 26th January @ 10 - 12	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>
Saturday 16th - Monday 18th February	CARRIAGE HORSE DRIVING TRIALS - Mini Enduro around Ruffy, Terip & Caveat A heads up for this fantastic local event. What a great opportunity to see Carriage Horse Driving happening in our own backyard. Put the dates in your diary now.
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE at Highlands Community Hall The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight - Dates for 2019 - Jan 2nd, 16th & 30th. Don't forget the cake and coffee a bargain @ \$4!
Every Monday 10 am	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 Please note Term 1 2019 will begin on Monday 4th Feb for regular Yogis with casuals welcome.

Our wonderful supporter, the Yea branch of the Bendigo Bank, has commenced a community initiative that aims to support local traders. \$10 or \$20 gift cards can be purchased at the bank and then spent as "cash" at selected businesses in both Yea and Alexandra. Why not call into the Yea branch and find out more?



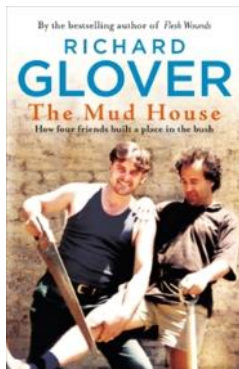
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The Mud House - Richard Glover

As a builder of a mud-brick house, and I am sure there are many of us in the neighbourhood, this book is a joy to read. It reminds those of us who have 'been there done that' of the pitfalls and the joys of getting down and dirty as well as the fact that others can make mistakes too! Glover's books are easy reads and he has the ability to let the reader become a part of his world, however insane it might be. What seemed like a good idea - a mud-brick house - eventually becomes a reality and the reader enjoys the ride. For the non-muddy builders a whole new world is opened up. Great holiday reading.



Blackberries be gone.....

Don't forget that NOW is the best time to kill off blackberries and that HCCC is subsidising the costs for chemicals for blackberry spraying. Each land owner/renter/leasee will be subsidised 50% of the cost of weedicide and wetting agent to a maximum of 3.

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Dear Pauline,
The Spinning Club has just enjoyed their Christmas Party. What a feast!! The **first spinning day for 2019** will not be until **Monday 11th Feb.** I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Cheers, Jan.

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

See attachment in this week's TGN or call Cindy 0429 772 011

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



Kylie's 2018 Yoga Class at Ruffy

Here follow some thoughts by Kylie's yogis on their very successful and happy year of yoga. Why not join them for 2019? **Term 1 starts on Monday 4th Feb.**, call Kylie for more details 0418 899966.

Jan B. - "I absolutely love it. I haven't missed one."

Chris - "Come and enjoy 'Happy Baby' and have a good laugh."

Moira - "Love the positive feeling of the class."

Cheryl - "Belly rises, belly falls..."

Bron - "The quality of the teaching is exceptional - great camaraderie as well."

Heather - "Love the teacher. Love the students - a beautiful way to start each week."

Barb - "Kylie's gift of yoga, heartfelt, sneaky-cheeky and nurturing."

Francis - "I love my Savasana."

Jan H - "Three things we're really grateful for. Socks on, socks off. Breath through you nose and out through your mouth."

Trina - "I so look forward to yoga."

Helen - "Kylie is an exceptional teacher who makes everyone feel like they can achieve and be happily part of the class."

Felicity - "The joy she brings to our community - and the joy we bring to her!"



If you're travelling through bush or grasslands this summer, check the conditions for your destination before you go. Listen to local radio for warnings and advice while you're on the road and check conditions throughout your stay. Download the VicEmergency app from www.emergency.vic.gov.au and save the VicEmerg hotline in your phone 1800 226226.
NEVER travel into bush or grassland areas when a Code Red has been forecast!

'A Highlands Fling'

Wow!!!! what an incredible night, the hall has never looked so good! Approximately 120 guests attended this excellent and very social evening. The event was held to celebrate the wedding of Iain & Alex and the 30th wedding anniversary of Marcus & Geraldine and their inclusion into the Highlands community. The hall looked amazing, Geraldine should be so proud of what she achieved. The weather stayed perfect (until midnight) and the food was incredible. The Karaoke performed in the hall was so entertaining. Some obviously weren't born to be singers but some of our locals starred - Dennis Spiteri and Jono Rumbold as solo artists and the amazing trio - Candy, Miranda and Angela performing a Dusty Springfield number (Judy did video it for anyone that is interested).

And if one night just wasn't enough a 'Really Big Breakfast' was hosted on Sunday morning with great coffee! Thank you Marcus & Geraldine for an enjoyable and entertaining evening and welcome to the Highlands community.



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