



## Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

You may have noticed some new advertisements pending on the back page of last week's TGN, which just leaves **one space free** for any further businesses to advertise their wares in 2018. Does that appeal to you? If so please email me at [editor@tgn.org.au](mailto:editor@tgn.org.au) to let me know of your interest. The cost for 12 months or 42 issues is \$250 per annum or approx. \$5.95 per issue. This revenue supports The Granite News, so maybe TGN readers could in turn support the advertisers. Whilst I have been known to joke that "luddite" is my middle name sometimes the attachments and/or fliers that are being sent for inclusion do provide me with a challenge to shrink them down to a suitable size. So to lessen my stress levels all attachments need to be as small as possible and definitely **UNDER 1MB**. Many thanks in advance for your consideration with this.

Last week Miranda Yorston, the original editor of TGN, sent me a really interesting email from the team at [www.climateforchange.org.au](http://www.climateforchange.org.au), here a few snippets... "SA got a whopping 46% of its power demand from renewable sources for the summer of 2017-18 and Morocco is turning the Sahara into a solar oasis with a solar farm the size of Paris." Wow! Until next week, **Pauline** And Kenny?..was driving Kopanica's excavator, Fangio eat your heart out.

## Natania is bound for Borneo - help her to get there

In this 21st Century of instant gratification and "everything" literally at one's fingertips it comes as a very pleasant and welcoming surprise to discover that not all the millennium generation are focussed on themselves and social media. Natania Maddock and several other students from Euroa High School will be putting themselves outside their comfort zones when they head to Borneo in November this year. On this expedition they will be helping with humanitarian and conservation projects such as tree planting, kindergarten building and immersing themselves in the local culture. They will also be trekking through the jungle for 5 days carrying everything they need. As Natania aspires to be a conservation scientist or marine biologist this is a fantastic opportunity for her and seeing Orang-utans in the wild will be the icing on the cake. You can help



this socially-aware teenager to not only have the trip of a lifetime, but also to help others less fortunate than ourselves. She needs to raise **\$5200**, half of which is used to buy the materials & trees to continue the designated projects. To assist with this fundraising a **Spit Roast and Auction** will be held on **Sat. 21st April** at the Ruffy Hall. Why not come along and support this excellent project? For further details a flier will be attached to next week's TGN, check it out.

Kerry is holding a rather **large clearance sale** at 'Bundanoon' 616 Longwood—Ruffy Rd on **Sunday 25th March** commencing at **10.30am**. Cash or cheque on the day. For further details and pictures click on the link - <http://www.khre.com.au/clearing-sale/longwood-5a93340d29c27>



As Marcia Hines once sang... "Something's missing in my life..." and maybe it is for you too. Judy has an impressive collection of "leftovers" from last year's Christmas party - platters, bowls, glasses, folding chairs. Ring 57969247 to claim yours back.



HCCC Landcare is now on Facebook—keep up with all of our activities

[www.facebook.com/HCCCLandcare](https://www.facebook.com/HCCCLandcare)

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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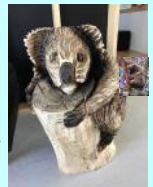
**"It wouldn't be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love."**  
**Stephen Hawking (1942 - 2018)**  
**Physicist extraordinaire**

**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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## WEBSITE of the WEEK

Like to discover more about the massive and magnificent continent to the south of Australia? Then go exploring.... [www.antarctica.gov.au](http://www.antarctica.gov.au)

# Community Notices & Classifieds

## COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — March & April 2018

<b>Friday 23rd</b> <b>March @ 6.30pm</b>	<b>HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING</b> The next meeting will be held at the Ruffy Store, commencing @ 6.30pm with dinner. All welcome.
<b>Saturday 24th</b> <b>March</b>	<b>FINAL CRICKET MATCH FOR THE SEASON</b> <b>POSTPONED TO OCT 13th !!</b> A combined Tablelands (Wilderness) team will take on the Riverine team. Further details on page 3...
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <b>March</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS</b> A big thank you to Andrew Shaw & Louise Currie for leading our Ramblers Walks in 2017. Our first one for 2018 takes us to the Tallarook State Forest. This will mean an earlier start than usual—see previous issues.
<b>Thursday 29th</b> <b>March</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> <b>Please note date correction!!</b> <b>at Caveat Church</b> All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>30th March</b> <b>starts @ midday</b>	<b>ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY SEAFOOD LUNCH</b> <b>at Ruffy CFA</b> Lots of great things to enjoy on this day and a chance to donate some money for the Good Friday Appeal. See page 3 article for all the details and contacts. Help support a worthy cause and have some fun too.
<b>Sat 31 March ~ 29</b> <b>April 10~4 daily</b>	<b>DENNIS SPITERI's NOCTURNE EXHIBITION</b> <b>33 Old Highlands Rd, Highlands</b> Dennis's unique and impressive art is again on display at his stunning gallery. Come along and be inspired.
<b>Sat 7th &amp; Sun 8th</b> <b>April</b> <b>10-4 ~ both days</b>	<b>DARREN GILBERT's OPEN STUDIO</b> <b>2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands</b> Darren's studio, with his stunning, creative works will be open to the public on the first weekend each month, commencing in April. Quality art in the local community and not too far to travel to enjoy it.
<b>Sunday 8th April</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>WORKING BEE @ Terip Terip Rec Reserve</b> A general tidy up is necessary prior to ANZAC Day. All welcome, with a sausage sizzle to finish!
<b>Monday 9th April</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB</b> 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! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided. <b>Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361</b>
<b>Friday 13th</b> <b>April</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>DRINKS ON THE DECK</b> <b>at Highlands Community Hall</b> 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. <b>Contact Judy</b>
<b>Sat 14th April</b> <b>Food @ 6.00</b> <b>Music @ 7.30</b>	<b>KERRY N FIELDS &amp; her band The Jimmie Deans</b> <b>at the Ruffy Store</b> Every song tells a story with Fields' huge personality and striking voice melding perfectly with her alt-country roots and style. Tickets \$30 each. Bookings essential. <b>Contact Helen</b>
<b>Sat 21st April</b> <b>6pm onwards</b>	<b>SPIT ROAST &amp; AUCTION</b> <b>at Ruffy Hall</b> Fundraising event for Natania Maddock's trip to Borneo in November 2018 where she will be part of the student team from Euroa High School engaged in humanitarian and conservation projects.
<b>Every Monday</b> <b>10 am</b>	<b>YOGA AT RUFFY</b> <b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b> 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 <a href="mailto:kyliepenny@gmail.com">kyliepenny@gmail.com</a>
<b>Last Friday of the</b> <b>month</b>	<b>MASSAGE THERAPIST - Kristy Adams</b> <b>at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy</b> Kristy Adams is visiting the Ruffy Community Centre once a month for remedial massage sessions. Treatments commence at 10am. For further details, or to book a session, contact Kristy on 0409 999957.

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

## Annual Good Friday Appeal & Lunch

Fancy a seafood lunch at Ruffy CFA? Come along on

**Friday 30th March 2018, STARTS 12.00 midday**

There will be fire truck demonstrations, kids activities, an Easter egg hunt and maybe even a special visitor with floppy ears!

Don't be surprised if you see a red fire truck travelling up your driveway on Good Friday morning with tins rattling! You know what to do....

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to provide salads or sweets please contact Bron Jamieson

0409 935 176 or Chris La

Garde 0400 446 623

Enquiries George Noye,

Captain - Ruffy CFA

0432 928 301 or Felicity

Slooman RCH Good Friday

Appeal coordinator - Ruffy

CFA 0413 483 450



## VALE - Stephen Hawking (1942-2018)

This week was a sad week; the world lost a great thinker Stephen Hawking. In memory of this I would like to share a couple of his thoughts that don't relate to Physics but to challenges that we face.

He once said, *"How will we feed an ever-growing population, provide clean water, generate renewable energy, prevent and cure diseases and slow down global climate change. I hope that science and technology will provide the answers to these questions. But it will take people, human beings with knowledge and understanding to implement the solution."*

He also had a simple message about what we learned from the space age, *"When we see the earth from space we see ourselves as a whole, we see the unity and not the divisions. One planet, one human race"*.

I sometimes fear that many don't agree with these simple messages. The current and growing attitude to the pursuit of knowledge is to undermine or distrust it - scientists aren't believed, they are ridiculed for having self-interest or for being elitist. Our politicians now specialise in creating fear and divisions to win elections, I believe the term used is "wedge politics".

I hope that in the not too distant future these attitudes do change, and we begin to see that all we have is one small planet and we are all one race. R.I.P Stephen Hawking

Neil van Buuren

## Tablelands Community Centre Fundraiser

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## CRICKET FINALE - Wilderness .v. the Riverine Club

To be held on **Saturday 24th March**

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**Cricket**

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**chworth.** Lunch is supplied &

Whilst the Wilderness team has been selected

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**CRICKET FINALE POSTPONED to SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER**

## Kitchen Table Coaching with Maxien

**Maxien has been advertising in The Granite News for almost a year now and thought it was about time that she introduced herself...**

"I'm the Life Coach, at the bottom left hand corner of the page 4 ads in The Granite News.

Some years ago I wrote a poem to present to a BNI (Business Network International) breakfast. Its underlying message is to encourage those with whom it resonates, to take that step and ask for help.

### Poem of Positivity

What is this fear of fear of fear?

Fear of your imagination, fear of letting go of fears  
Fear that you are not enough, fear that you will be rejected  
Fear that you can't jump the wall, fear to take a bigger step  
Fear to open up your mouth, fear to ask the question how?  
Fear that you'll be seen as weak, fear to let your greatness shine

Fear to upset applectarts, fear to ride the highest wave

What is this fear of fear of fear?

It's just a way of growing courage

without fear there'll be no action

without fear you'll not progress

without fear there'll be no challenge

without fear there's no raised bar

without fear there is no striving

without fear there is no insight

without fear there's no creation

without fear there's mediocre

Take a step and share your burdens, ask for help to overcome,

Search for vision, search for meaning,

search for your empowerment.

Take the reins, hold the helm. Point your compass to True North.

Find your centre, find your worth.

Let adventure be the journey, destination never reached.

Look for feedback from your strivings

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The participants work with Virtues which I call our "core muscles". As our core muscles are developing we have some fun with metaphors, cooking demos and tastings, telling stories, answering tough questions and arriving in the 5th week with a set of "virtues in action", commonly called Values and a support system.

Or Using the Virtues again I teach, over 5 sessions, the Art of Public Speaking with a wonderful, simple, successful system. Please feel free to contact me either by text or email."

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