



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

A quarter of the year has disappeared and by the time the next issue of TGN appears Easter will be just about over and ANZAC Day looming. Both these occasions are cause for pause in the district and between the Good Friday Appeal and the CFA's Fish'n'Chip Luncheon happening at Ruffy and Terip's annual ANZAC Day Service there will be a lot of activity in the next few weeks. Both these community events have fliers attached this week for further information. With all the extra traffic on the roads over the school holidays and Easter, stay safe and take care.

Until the next issue on April 21st, **Pauline** And **Kenny**? - was hiding in plain sight with his NSW's friends.

Thank You from the Terip Community

From a ferocious electrical storm that started several fires last Friday to a very damp and chilly conditions this weekend, we have seen some amazing weather in Terip within a week. Thank you to all of the CFA volunteers that attended to several fires in and around Terip last Friday and in the following days putting out flare ups. Thankfully there was very little wind and helicopters were available or we could have seen a very different outcome.

Some more information about the Sugar Glider

The Sugar Glider is found in northern and eastern Australia, including northern Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and south-eastern South Australia. The Sugar Glider's viability is threatened by the clearing of its native woodland habitat, by urban and agricultural development, altered fire regimes and predation by introduced predators including cats and foxes.

The Sugar Glider has a membrane extending from its fifth finger to its ankle enabling it to glide up to 50 m between trees. In flight, the Sugar Glider uses its long bushy tail for stability and steering and is most active at night. It sleeps by day in nests made of leaves in tree hollows. Groups of up to seven adults and their young may form a 'clan' and share a nest. Among their own clan they are playful and social but will defend their territory aggressively and noisily if threatened by other animals or approached by Sugar Gliders from a different clan. Dominant males mark other clan members and the territory around the nest with secretions from scent glands on their chest. Breeding starts in June or July, and females usually give birth to twins, which remain in the pouch for just over two months, they then leave the nest to forage for food, usually with their mother. They become independent of the group when they are seven to ten months old.



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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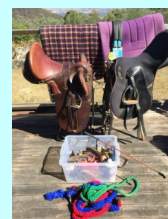
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Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)
Comedian

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
March	18.6 mm	?? mm
2019Total	48.4 mm	?? mm
March	6 Days	?? Days
Rain Days		

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — April

Mon. 1st - Sun 28th April 10am - 4pm daily	A MASS of LIFE - Dennis Spiteri's 2019 Exhibition at 94 Old Highlands Rd Dennis Spiteri's annual exhibition commences with a preview on March 30th and runs until April 28th. Bookings for the preview are essential contact Dennis on 57969373 or dennisspiteri@activ8.net.au
Friday 5th April @ 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. NOTE: Day change for April !!
Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th April 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.
Monday 8th April @ 11am 	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am & with the same good company! BYO lunch & great tea & coffee will be provided. Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Friday 12th April @ 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
Friday 19th April (Good Friday) from 12.30pm	RUFFY CFA LUNCHEON & ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL at Ruffy CFA The annual Ruffy CFA Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and a seriously yummy Fish'n'Chips lunch are on again. See p. 3 and attachment for more details.
ANZAC Day Service commences @ 9.30am	TERIP TERIP's Annual ANZAC Day Service at Terip Terip Rec Reserve- All people in the district are welcome, see p.3 and attachment for further details. And don't forget the ANZAC Biscuit Bake-off. Bring along 6 of your best ANZAC biscuits to be judged on the day.
Thursday 25th April @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS at Caveat Church All people in the district are welcome, gold coin donation towards a BBQ
Saturday 27th April 10 - 12	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET at 94 Old Highlands Rd Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other. Enquiries? - Clare 57969366
Saturday 27th April @ 8pm 	RUFFARTZ presents THE NEW HIP at Ruffy Public Hall It's an intelligent, insightful, biting honest comedy presented in a musical show by television's Steve Blackburn and his trio. Tickets available at ruffartztickets@gmail.com
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. Why not pop in?? Term 1 dates for 2019 - April 10th & 24th.
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy Yoga with Kylie Penny is about to start. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$20 per class or \$153 per term paid upfront. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418 899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.
Every Wednesday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! at Ruffy Hall Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!! Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559



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The Annual Fish 'n Chips Luncheon at the
Ruffy CFA, 1 Nolans Road, Ruffy
In aid of The Royal Children's Hospital Good
Friday Appeal

Good Friday 19 April 12.30pm

Adults \$15

Kids \$5 under16

Jumping castle, Easter egg hunt and maybe even
an Easter bunny appearance on the fire truck if
we are lucky! Raffles. Local Firewood Tandem
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La Garde on 0439697815 for final auction on the
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Water Wise Ways

Even though Yarck scored 42mm of rain the other
week rainfall on the Tablelands has been pretty
underwhelming this year. Despite Australia's average
rainfall being well below the global average, we are
the world's greatest per capita consumers of water.
Here are a few water saving tips for future reference

1. Leaks - dripping taps and leaking toilets can waste
more than you think. For toilets a slight leak = 4,000
litres a year, a more significant one 96,000 litres! For
taps that drip once per second it's 7,000 litres a year.
2. A shower is the biggest water guzzler in the house
accounting for an average 34% of indoor water use.
Fitting a waterwise shower head can reduce this by
50%. Turn the tap off when cleaning teeth is a must!

Terip Terip's Terrific Trivia Night

That very efficient and extremely social community of
Terip is holding another Trivia Night in 2019 so the
date for you diary is - **Saturday 22nd June**. With a new
quizmaster booked in it's sure to be a fun night for all.

Anzac Day Service and Farewell for Helen and Donna McKenzie

Our annual Anzac Day Service will commence at 9:30
and will be followed at 10:30 by a Morning Tea
Farewell for Helen and Donna McKenzie who are
leaving Terip after **60** years of significant contribution
to our community. See attached flyer for more
information.

The Committee is organising the
purchase of a garden seat as a gift for
Donna and Helen and any contribution
would be greatly appreciated. Deposits
can be made by EFT to -

**Terip Terip Recreation Reserve, BSB
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Did you know??

Eight million, that's **8,000,000** tonnes of plastic ends
up in our oceans every year. It's no wonder that
more than half of all whales and dolphins have
ingested plastic. Tragically many of them die a slow
death. And that's not the only threat. Marine animals
can become entangled in plastic bags or discarded
nets and eventually drown or end up with painful
open wounds. Here are a few ideas to stop plastic
from invading our marine environments...

- * **Replace you plastic toothbrush with a bamboo one**
(a plastic one = 500 years to decompose)
- * **Swap your take-away cup for a reusable one**
(a take-away cup = 30 years to decompose)
- * **Say no to plastic straws, try a reusable one instead**
(a straw used for 20 mins = 200 years to decompose)
- * **Swap a plastic ice-cream cup for a cone**
(a plastic ice-cream cup = 450 years to decompose)
- * **Take reusable shopping bags and leave the
unnecessary vege plastic wrappings behind**
(a plastic bag = 20 years to decompose)
- * **Replace plastic bottles with a reusable bottle**
(approx. 75% of plastic bottles are not recycled and
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