

GraniteNet NEWS

Granite Belt's online community

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GraniteNet News

This newsletter is doing a good job in getting the message out to the Granite Belt about our services.

We have had phone calls for training, for recycling and for purchasing recycled computers, and also people turning up at the front door with the newsletter in hand! It pays to advertise.

Michael Jefferies

Broadband for Seniors

One of our regular clients is Ranald W. who has been attending GraniteNet since the Seniors Kiosk was first installed. We invited Ranald to tell us about his Broadband for Seniors experience to date:

GN: How did you hear about our Hilton Street Broadband for Seniors (BFS) kiosk?

RW: I was taking the computer course through Learning Network Qld (LNQ) and I received a GraniteNet flyer advertising the kiosk.

GN: What computer skills did you have when you arrived at the kiosk first off?

RW: I had learned the basics from LNQ but unfortunately didn't have a home computer to practice. I really had to start over again.

GN: What's your experience been since taking advantage of the free computer access/training?

RW: I love coming; I'm a slow learner- my mind is like a sieve; all the volunteers have so much patience. I've opened up an email account and can now send emails and communicate with my family who are all overseas.

GN: Any words of advice for our Granite Belt seniors who haven't yet taken advantage of our free computer basics training?

RW: Tell them it's a good environment, very professional and friendly. You get hands on experience and lots of time to practice.

GraniteNet Volunteers

Our volunteers come from all walks of life and all bring different skills to the GraniteNet team.

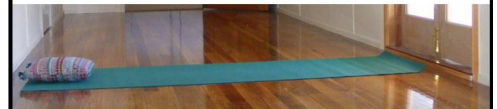
Some of our volunteers come in to our office in Hilton St to help seniors with the Seniors Internet Kiosk. Some of our volunteers do our finances. Some work on the GraniteNet website from home and after hours. Some volunteers don't have any technical skills but help us with keeping the team functioning.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a GraniteNet volunteer, please contact us on contact@granitenet.com.au or 4681 4384.



Wellbeing & Yoga Workshop

Sunday 10th April



Enjoy a relaxing, engaging, informative day with Helen & Maree who will gently guide you through techniques and tips to incorporate relaxation & wellbeing into your daily life.

Theme for this workshop is:
"Awareness of mind, emotion & body to self-soothe & strengthen"

- No prior experience of yoga required
- Book early—places are limited to a small group of 12
- Cost is \$100/person (includes morning tea, materials & delicious vegetarian lunch) 10% discount if you've attended a Mallow Wellbeing workshop before

@ 'Mallow Cottage' 1929 Texas Rd, Stanthorpe

Mallow cottage has recently been renovated & offers a peaceful, beautiful rural retreat for our workshop.

Time : 9.15am (for 9.30am) to 3.30pm

Helen Ferrier Mallow Wellbeing 07 46836371 wellbeing@mallow.net.au www.mallow.net.au	Maree Taylor YogaHeart 07 46834360 yogaheart@halenet.com.au www.yogaheart.com.au
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Positions Vacant

- Ball Director
- Volunteer Director
- Marketing/Media Director

Are you enthusiastic, self motivated and able to work within a team, keen to donate your time and skills in running the 2012 Festival?

Contact: info@appleandgrape.org / Keith Barnett 4681 4111



Order your Christmas Cards NOW!
AND Personalised Gifts—mugs, plates, stubbie wraps, t-shirts, calendars etc

Brekky Club Needs Volunteers!



Lend a hand to ensure our kids get plenty Of nurture and nourishment before school @ Stanthorpe State Primary School
Phone John at CDS on 4681 3777

Inner Shyne

Natural beauty
Corby Westlake, beauty therapist

Ph: 0449 003 212
8 Maryland St, Stanthorpe

Apple Computers



Tuition:
Apple computer tuition \$25 an hour

Contact: michael@granitenet.com.au

About GraniteNet

GraniteNet is the online community for Stanthorpe and the Granite Belt.

We are a non-profit group, with no external funding, made up of almost entirely volunteers.

We deliver website and internet services to the benefit of the Granite Belt community.

GraniteNet services:

- Community group web page hosting & event calendars (over 70 community groups listed so far)
- free @granitenet.com.au email addresses and blogs to residents
- Seniors Kiosk with free computer and internet access and support for seniors
- low cost internet and computer access & computer support to the community
- Computer recycling—we turn old computers into new low cost computers

GraniteNet opening times:

Mondays 9am-12 noon
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
Fridays 9am - 5pm

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Spotlight on GraniteNet Group: Border Landcare Organic Group (BLOG)

GN: What is BLOG?

BLOG: Border Landcare Organic Group, an organisation that is unique in the world of Landcare, as it is based on an interest rather than a locality or a project. Established in 2002, the group has consistently held field days/ meetings every month, attracts between 25 to 50 people at each activity and has over 100 members.

GN: What goes on at your field days?

BLOG: Virtually anything that is of interest to the members. The committee is always on the lookout for new and engaging activities. Some of the activities in the past are: Farm visit to Mallow, to see how Organic Lamb is produced; Bee keeping for hobbyists; A "bring and share" day for hardwood cuttings; Farm visit to Symara Organic Farm to see how they grow over 50 lines of veggies and what the Community Supported Agriculture is all about; Dowsing; Bushfoods and Hands On gardening days.

Our most recent field day was on Rammed Earth building with a demo of how rammed earth is done.

GN: What do members of BLOG get access to?

BLOG: Regular updates on group activities, access to the BLOG libraries, resource list, and lots of friendly people and good food at the activity days.

GN: What kinds of information do you have on your GraniteNet page?

BLOG: Current activities; Previous activities; Resource list (what members have and can share); Fact Sheets; Library Info (books/DVDs/ Tools); Links

For more info on BLOG contact

Sarah Hamlyn-Harris 07 4681 2962

<http://www.granitenet.com.au/groups/environment/blog>

Spotlight on GraniteNet Volunteer: Andrew Williamson

GN: What is your role with GraniteNet?

AW: My GraniteNet 'hat' is Technician, but I like to think of myself as a 'jack of all I.T. Trades'.

GN: How did you first get involved with GraniteNet?

AW: I was introduced to GraniteNet through a CDS project that aids in building on our local community.

GN: What is a day in the life of a GraniteNet volunteer like?

AW: It can become quite hectic, often with all seats filled, and non-stop training, tuition and repairs, but at the end of the day, one can leave satisfied knowing that at least one person is better off for the training we here at GraniteNet have provided.

GN: How did you learn so much about computers?

AW: Right from a young age I have been pulling computers apart, as the years rolled by my lust for technology, and finding out how it worked, grew, and I ended up putting it to paper by way of qualifications. But like everyone does at some point in life, I wandered off the path along the way and I ended up being a chef for 3 years and also a nurseryman for 7 more. Both positions were fantastic, but did not hold my passion. GraniteNet and CDS have provided me with a much needed opportunity down the right path, and I hope that those I assist at GraniteNet can benefit from all that I have to offer...

Andrew is one of our fantastic volunteers that help run our internet and computer café and senior's kiosk. He also recycles donated computers into new low cost computers for the community.

Andrew's website is:

www.blackdognetwork.com

Advertise with us

Reach 5000+ households each month from Wallangarra to Dalveen
www.granitenet.com.au/about/newsletter

"I advertised my Macbook in the December newsletter and sold it straight away. It only cost \$40.00 for a box ad." - Michael Jefferies

'A Growth Through Change' Parenting Workshop

Offering an opportunity to improve parenting skills and develop stronger family relationships.

A 12 hour workshop held over 4 weeks:

Wed 11, 18 & 25 May & 1 June, 2011

9am to 12 noon

Cost \$5.00 per session

For bookings or more information please contact CDS on 46813777



How many Directors does it take to run a festival?



The 2012 Apple and Grape Festival will take 13 Directors and hundreds of willing volunteers. At this point we have had 10 people from all walks of life, step up and take the challenge of being a Director.

We are still looking for several roles to be filled:

- Marketing/Media Director
- Ball Director
- Volunteer Director

Can you help? Are you enthusiastic, self motivated and able to work within a team, and keen to donate your time and skills in running the 2012 Apple and Grape Festival?

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Contact the office or Keith Barnett to find out more via email info@appleandgrape.org or phone 4681 4111. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and volunteer your time for the community. Planning for the festival has already begun.