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### TWITTER BOGGLE

Ever wondered how to use twitter, but were afraid to ask? Volunteer Mitchell Drake has kindly put together a helpful and easy to read 2 part guide for the beginner. It contains a wealth of information for the new, and a few pointers for the veteran. The twitter guide for beginners can be found at:  
<http://www.granitenet.com.au/twitter>

### TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

With everything we purchase, sometimes it would be nice to take it out of the box, and give it a test run at the shop, before getting it home, only to realise it does not do exactly as was promised or is missing something, or there is something else you need to buy. The good news is GraniteNet gives you the opportunity to take a full test drive of any recycled computer system, before you say yes; From as little as \$90 (for concession, seniors or pension card holders) you could be the proud owner of a newly refurbished Internet ready computer, that comes pre-loaded with all the software you need to get you started, and keep you safe online. PLUS you also get peace of mind knowing you have prevented unnecessary landfill, and that your supporting your community!



### INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

Finding the right Internet Service Provider (ISP) can turn into a virtual nightmare; although there are a great many (too many) resources on the web to try to find the 'right fit' for you, it can become daunting for the best of us. There are a number of important issues to consider such as:

- what kind of Internet service you can or cannot obtain at your home or office;
- getting the best deal;
- your geographic location;
- locking into a contract and for how long;
- getting the right service that actually works

Many of us have been through various ...

issues/problems with an Internet provider. Don't forget, though, there are several issues that are beyond the control of your ISP. For instance, topographically, the Granite Belt is fraught with potential quality of service issues, granite outcrops and hidden ravines notwithstanding - and don't forget our periodic lightning strikes. Of course, if your ISP is to blame, and they have not acted to fix a problem within reasonable time, you can always take it up with the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman. This is a free service and their number is **1800 062 058**

### HELP IS AVAILABLE!

GraniteNet have devised a comprehensive list of potential ISP operators for the Granite Belt district and a beginners guide to 'getting connected'. Wireless internet, satellite broadband plus ADSL broadband and dialup companies are listed. If you are thinking of changing providers or are wanting to upgrade or maybe looking for a better deal, the free ISP list is available at <http://www.granitenet.com.au/isp>

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Full & Part Time volunteers are needed to help perform certain functions within GraniteNet to help us meet the needs of the community; If you have experience in:

- Marketing (Sales and Promotional)
- Editorial or Blogging
- Radio Broadcasting or there-in
- Funding & Grants Management
- Centre Coordinator

We would love to hear from you! Drop in, call or email us. (07) 4681 4384 [contact@granitenet.com.au](mailto:contact@granitenet.com.au) Your contributions, expertise and abilities would greatly enhance GraniteNet in the community! Open to all ages!

### GRANITENET IS:

GraniteNet is a not-for-profit local community organisation. Our focus is on the community, and supporting community groups and local business. Our website helps newcomers to town by providing everything you need to get involved! Call in today to 15 Hilton St. (opposite Mitre 10 car park) and find out how we can help you...

**ENGLISH SPEAKING LESSONS**—Contact Marion 46810665 **When:** Every Monday 10:30am & Tuesday 10:00am **Where?** 15 Hilton St

**EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**—Contact 46852981 **When:** Every Sunday 8:00am **Where?** 15 Hilton Street.

**YMCA GYM CIRCUIT**—[www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) Contact: 46812411 **When:** Every Monday 9:00am **Where?** YMCA Hall

**SPORTERS 9 HOLE GOLF**—Contact 46811276 **When:** Almost every Sunday 8:30am **Where?** Stanthorpe Sports & Country Club

**YMCA STEP/PUMP**— [www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) Contact: 46812411 **When:** Every Monday 6pm / Every Wednesday 9am & 6pm **Where?** YMCA Hall

**YMCA TAI CHI GENERAL**—[www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) Contact: 46812411 **When:** Every Tuesday 5:30pm **Where?** YMCA Hall

**YMCA TAI CHI BEGINNER**—[www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) Contact: 46812411 **When:** Every Thursday 9:30am **Where?** YMCA Hall

**YMCA TAI CHI ADVANCED**—[www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) Contact: 46812411 **When:** Every Thursday 10:00am **Where?** YMCA Hall

**LADIES GOLF COMPETITION**—Contact 46811276 **When:** Wednesdays 9:00am **Where?** Stanthorpe Sports & Country Club

**OPEN GOLF COMPETITION**— Contact 46811276 **When:** Every Thursday 8:30am / Every Saturday 11:30am **Where?** Stanthorpe Golf Club

**500 CARDS**— Contact: Keith Barnett 46833200 **When:** Every Wednesday 9am **Where?** Stanthorpe RSL Club

**WHISTLE STOP—GARDEN DAY**— Contact Carol (07)46813553 **When:** Every Thursday from 8am to 3pm **Where?** Stanthorpe Railway Site

**LADIES BOWLS**— Contact The summit Bowls Club for more information on 46832366. **When:** Every Thursday 1pm **Where?** The Summit Bowls Club

**SLIMMERS MEETING**—Contact Sue Boyce 0417 836 225 **When:** Thursdays 4:30pm **Where?** Baptist Church Hall, cnr. Hillcrest & Railway Streets.

**TOASTMASTERS MEETING**— Contact 46836252 **When:** Bi-Monthly Thursdays 7:15pm 12th & 26th **Where?** Learning Centre, McGlewe St.

**YMCA—ZUMBA!**— Contact: 46812411 [www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au](http://www.stanthorpe.ymca.com.au) **When:** Every Friday 9:30am **Where?** YMCA Hall

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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](mailto:info@appleandgrape.org) / Keith Barnett 4681 4111

## APPLE COMPUTERS

**Tuition:**  
 Apple computer tuition \$25 an hour

Contact [michael@granitenet.com.au](mailto:michael@granitenet.com.au)

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### Spotlight on GraniteNet Group: Stanthorpe Community Garden.

The Stanthorpe Railway Station has become a hub of activity over recent weeks as vacant land surrounding the station is being transformed into the Stanthorpe Community Garden. The Stanthorpe Community Garden will operate alongside the existing 'Whistlestop' project, responsible for the caretaking duties of existing gardens at the Station.

The concept of a community garden has received overwhelming support and enthusiasm from the Stanthorpe residents and local community groups. Feedback from community consultation over the past 12 months has shown that people want to get involved in the community garden, to grow and eat fresh fruits and veggies, to learn gardening techniques for their own backyards and to socialise and work with others. The community garden will consist of a variety of garden plots.

The main gardening areas will incorporate raised beds for people with disabilities and a shared garden area where community members can work in their individual raised bed plots that surround a communal herb garden where community members can share in the produce. There will also be some demonstration gardens where people can see and experience various organic and water-wise gardening methods.



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Additionally, the proposal plan for the garden incorporates an Art and Sculpture garden that will feature works by local artists and an Indigenous/bush food garden that aims to expand our knowledge of native plant foods.

As a not-for-profit community project we seek partnerships with local businesses that may be interested in supporting the projects construction and development. Any local residents who can offer any spare gardening and/or construction tools and equipment would be appreciated.

We welcome proposals of interest from local artists/sculptors to contribute to the Art Garden and call on local Indigenous people to aid in our understanding of local food and medicinal plants, their uses and how to grow and propagate these plants.

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 **GraniteNet**  
Granite Belt's online community

### Spotlight on GraniteNet Volunteer & President: Michael Jefferies

GN: How did you come to GraniteNet?

MJ: *In the early days of the revamp of GraniteNet, I signed up for editor training so that, as newsletter editor for the Field Naturalists Club, I could get the club on-line. I felt it would bring the Club's presence and activities to a wider audience. After that I got involved with the Board and so I got more involved with the project as a whole..*

GN: What other community groups are you involved with?

MJ: *I setup the Croquet Club site on GraniteNet, but am no longer involved with that now.*

GN: What does your day at GraniteNet involve?

MJ: *In one word, Varied. We get such a diverse range of people, from seniors doing basic training to helping people recover from nasty things happening to their home computer on any one day so I can end up doing many different things. Fortunately we have a set of volunteers who have a range of skills; I mainly do things like showing people how to do the basics of computing and leave the technical stuff to others!*

### Did you Know?

GraniteNet offers our community a huge range of free & affordable services...

- Computer Repairs-
- I.T. Training-
- Seniors Training & Free Internet-
- I.T. Advice & Assistance-
- Internet Cafe-
- Refurbished Computer Systems-
- Free Community Online Emails-
- Free Community Group Hosting
- Business Hosting & Directory-

**Come in and find out how we can help you!**

This information would be an invaluable asset to the development of our garden and to the community's knowledge of these under recognised resources within our local environment.

Anyone who would like to get involved in the creation of the community garden can call Melissa or Kath at Community Development Services Inc on (07) 4681 3777.

### Pursiah's Empire

#### Belly dance classes

It's lots of fun - come and give it a go!

Every Monday  
CWA rooms, Victoria St, Stanthorpe

Beginners 5.15-5.45pm - \$3  
Choreography 5.45-6.45pm - \$5

**For more info phone Leah on 07 4683 6252**

Mention this ad to receive a free beginner's session for you and a friend.

Do you find GraniteNet News useful in any way?

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