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STAG NEWS - STOP PRESS

STAG has been corresponding with the Shire on several issues over a number of months and has recently been advised:

- Funding has been secured through the Regional Infrastructure Fund for provision of pedestrian access across Spring Creek at the entrance to the Strathbogie Township
- The need to address several dangerous intersections on the Tableland will be presented to Council for consideration in the 2009/10 budget (details of these intersections was provided to Council last year, however funding was not allocated in the 2008/2009 budget).
- Council has recently signed an agreement and will be developing guidelines with DSE for the management of Roadside Native Vegetation. This will allow Council some more latitude to deal with this issue in co-operation with DSE.
- The Strathbogie-Euroa Road will be included in the traffic counter program to assess the traffic volumes on this road following submissions from STAG re the state of this main access road to the township
- Council will provide support to approaches to the Mansfield Shire for upgrading of the Strathbogie-Merton Road. STAG - Helen Peters 57905236

Rock'n Roll Dance

Dress code:
Rock'n Roll gear

Date: Saturday
11th April

Time: 7.30pm

Where:
Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Admission:
\$2 each or \$5 family. Donations to the Bushfire Appeal



For enquiries contact Dayle Tame on 5790 5227 or email bogieweb@gmail.com

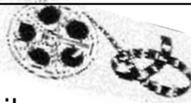
BYO drinks & glasses & a plate of 50's style supper to share—there's a challenge!!

Reminder - Draft Submission - remember to comment on the draft submission to the Bushfire Commission sent out in the recent special TT edition by the 24th April. More copies are available at the store!

WHAT'S ON -

- 4th April: Mobile library 9.30 - 12 noon outside the Strathbogie Hall.
- 5th April SCOFF meeting at the old garage. Exchange of fresh local produce.
- 11th April : 7.30pm **Rock 'n Roll Dance at the Strathbogie Hall.**
- April 12th: evening at the **Oak Tree Restaurant.** Phone: 5790 8510
- 14th April: **Women & Climate Change Workshop:** Flour Mill Euroa
- 18th April - Walk for Joseph (see pg 8)
- 18th April: Mobile library 9.30 - 12 noon outside the Strathbogie Hall.
- 19th April SCOFF meeting at the old garage. Exchange of fresh local produce.
- 20th April: **STAG Meeting:** 7.30pm Soldier's room - all members of the community are welcome to attend
- 23rd April Bridge to Bridge meeting, 7.30pm, Strathbogie Hall. (see pg 3)
- 24th April **Bohogie Music,** 7.30pm. Boho South Hall. Come along for a great musical night out.
- 2nd May: Mobile library 9.30 - 12 noon outside the Strathbogie Hall.

Euroa Cinema

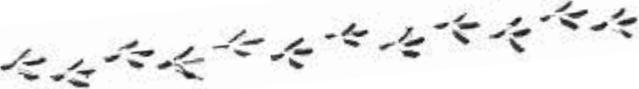
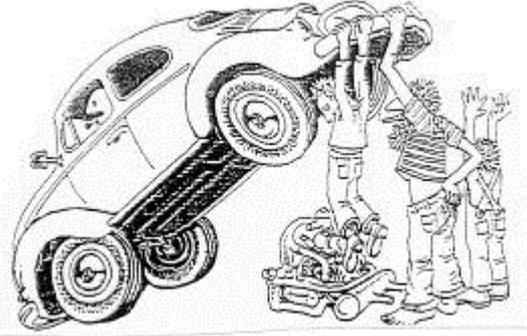


Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April
 "He's Just Not That Into You" (M)
 Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th March
 "Hotel For Dogs" (PG)
 Saturday 18th -
 Sunday 19th March
 "Last Chance Harvey" (PG)
 Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th
 "Gran Torino" (M)

Session times
Saturdays
 8 pm
Sunday's
 4 pm



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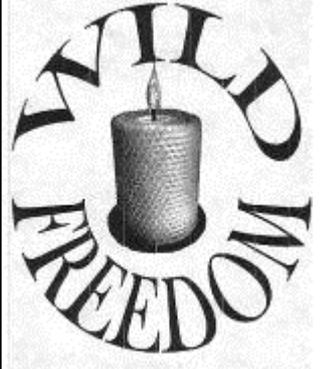
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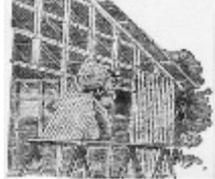


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Water thoughts

by Donmil

Donmil went to the forum on water,
Lined up at the door to get in;
He learned a fair bit about water
And quite a lot more about spin.

The Professor who came from the city
Said: "This is what scientists have found:
You can't regard water in rivers
As separate from that underground."

And the man from the government department
Said: "The size of the water resource? –
We haven't the foggiest notion,
But we'll give you a permit, of course."

And as Donmil drove back up the mountain,
He recalled what his dad used to say:
"You should always be sure that you've got it
Before you can give it away."

FRIENDS FOR BRIDGE TO BRIDGE

Landcare has created an attractive walk along the creeks behind the Strathbogie township. This area now needs a band of "friends" to help maintain it and make it a safe place for us to enjoy and learn more about our environment. Parks, Victoria has ultimate responsibility for the area and with their guidance it should be possible to make it a special spot for locals and visitors alike.

All people interested in joining the Friends of the Bridge to Bridge are invited to attend a meeting with the Parks ranger at the hall on Thursday the 23rd April at 7.30pm.
Enquiries: 5790 5106.



For millennia, the place we know as Strathbogie has lain in the heartland of the Taungarong people, also known as the "Daung Wurrung". This country includes the watersheds of the Broken, Delatite, Coliban, Goulburn and Campaspe rivers. Christian settlers referred to these people as "Devils River Tribe" or "The Awesome Tribe". Their main totems included Bunjil- Eaglehawk, and Waang-Crow. What would these intrepid and fierce-seeming people have made of the recent horrific bushfires in their lands? Hard to say, as much of their myth and story, orally transmitted, has been lost, though not all.

A story. Two women, extracting honey from an ants' nest, were attacked by a swarm of snakes. While fighting them off one of the women accidentally struck a stone with her stick, breaking it in two, and a sheet of flame flew out from one end. Crow, watching overhead, fascinated, swooped down, snatched up the fire stick and sped away, hotly pursued by two men who followed his smoke trail as he flew. Startled, Crow dropped the stick into the grass, starting a fierce conflagration, in which no doubt many animals and people perished.

The great Eagle Hawk, Bunjil, seeing all this kerfuffle, took the two men to his sky-home and told them that fire was a gift, that they must use wisely, never allowing their camp-fire to die down, so that they might always be warm, and have cooked food. In his wisdom, he also counselled them that it must be contained, and not allowed to break free again. The tribe at first paid heed to these words, but with the painful memory of the fire so recent, they grew careless and allowed their campfire to die down and soon the world was once again fireless, and the snakes returned in their droves, to attack people in their camps and gunyahs.

Shaking his head, Bunjil sent his sister Karakarook to defend the men and women digging yams. Once again flame flew from a stick that struck a stone in the fight, and once again Crow pounced on it and flew away. This time Bunjil lifted the same two men onto a mountain in the path of Crow, and flying into their outstretched arms, they wrested the firestick from him. This time the stick was delivered to the two women for safekeeping. Bunjil then warned the tribe "This is the last chance you will have to preserve fire, but to help you I will show you how to make fire safely, by rubbing two sticks together in a special way."

The Taungarong have lived here for tens of thousands of years and would no doubt be shaking their heads watching us whites floundering along learning the same hard lessons that they no doubt learned. Perhaps by not backburning we too have let our campfires die down, only for the snakes to return, fire to escape and Crow to once again weave his mischief upon the land.

Perhaps we too will eventually learn to find the right balance, and create a story for the next generation to learn from.

Contributed by Andy Ward, Strathbogie.

Sources, "Aboriginal Myths Legends and Fables" AW Reed. "Aboriginal Tribes of Australia" N Tindale. Wikipedia.

Zucchini Walnut Loaf

3 eggs, 1+1/2 cups firm packed brown sugar
1 cup oil, 1+1/2 cups finely grated zucchini
1 cup chopped walnuts 1+1/2 cups SR flour
1+1/2 cups plain flour

Grease 15 cm x 25cm loaf pan, line base and sides

Beat eggs, sugar and oil until combined. stir in zucchini and walnuts, then sifted flours, in 2 batches.

bake in moderate oven for 75 mins or until cooked through. (took nearly 2 hours in my gas oven)
stand 5 mins before turning onto wire rack, serve with butter if desired.

(Sonia Chapman)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY!!!

Volunteers are needed to water the trees & shrubs in Main Street (between Spring Creek Road and the school entrance.) Charles & Hazel O'Connor have been doing this to date by themselves & we thank them for this. The time has come for other members of our community to take a turn. Let's get a roster up & running. Please contact Charles & Hazel on 5790 5378 if you can assist.



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Hume Corridor Community Outreach Health Service "Pap Clinic"

Hume Corridor Community Health Service has a **female Doctor** available to do a pap test.

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Submission to the Bushfires Royal Commission

Following two very productive community meetings, Steven Sagona has drafted a submission to the Bushfires Royal Commission. The draft has been circulated as a special edition of Tableland Talk and is available on the community website www.strathbogrie.org. Comments on the draft should be sent to STAG, C/- Post Office, Strathbogrie 3666 or emailed to helday3@bigpond.com by Friday 24 April. Following receipt of comments, Steven will write the final submission.



STAG has also extended an invitation to the Commission to visit the Tableland and see first hand a very bushfire-prone environment which may help to provide a better understanding of some of the causes and issues that will be raised in submissions.

Action Plan

Although STAG's Action Plan was revised late last year, the committee felt it important to add the development of a Community Emergency Plan and a sub-committee will be formed to undertake this project. It is planned to hold a combined workshop for all sub-committees of Action Plan projects towards the end of April.

Mobile and Wireless Internet Coverage

STAG has written to Sol Trujillo expressing the community's concern at the decreased level of mobile phone and internet services on the Tableland since both CDMA and ISDN were shut down. We have urged Telstra to commit to installing a mast on Mount Wombat to provide an appropriate level of service to the Tableland. Copies of the letter were sent to both federal and state parliamentarians, local council and regional Telstra personnel. (see more below)

Next Meeting

Because of the Easter break, STAG's next meeting will be on Monday 20 April, commencing at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room. Helen Peters (Secretary 57905236)

STOP PRESS - Media Release (dated 31 March) states that Telstra Countrywide's General Manager Robert Bell has said that Telstra will upgrade the exchanges in the Strathbogrie region to ADSL 2+. This will provide internet download speeds of 20Mbps. This media release also states that Telstra will upgrade the Next G network with an additional tower to be installed by June 2009 "in North East Victoria". (Editor - *NE Victoria is a large area, so we need to continue to apply pressure to Telstra about our service!*)



More mobile phone news....

Dear Tableland Resident,

Getting good mobile phone access is one of the big challenges we have to meet on the Tableland - to give better safety in bushfires, and security for schoolchildren and others who are away from home. A Next G mast on Mount Wombat would dramatically improve the service; and Telstra have established plans for installing a mast, but no commitment or funding yet to go ahead.

The STAG committee are writing to Telstra to remind them again of the case for a Mount Wombat mast - in the light of experience in the bushfires. But we need to keep up the pressure in other ways as well - and especially by complaining where there are examples of how the Next G service compares unfavourably with CDMA.

So if, for you, the Next G signal is clearly less good than CDMA used to be, please put in a complaint to the ACMA - this week! The ACMA "keeps an eye on" the quality of Next G, and reports to Senator Conroy, the federal Minister for Telecommunications. But the ACMA will take no notice of just one complaint; we need lots of well-based complaints. Every well-based complaint supports the case for a Mount Wombat mast. So please get to work on the forms!

To complain, you need ACMA form T054. Just send me an email - to andrewlaing@mac.com - and I will send you the form - and some hints on how to fill it in. Or you can contact me on the telephone numbers below. And please talk to your neighbours about how they can help as well; we don't have addresses to make direct contact with everyone.

From

Andrew Laing

Telephone 03 9397 3008 Mobile: 0418 618 684

Marraweeny (Olives) 03 5798 1230



REPORT ON WATER FORUM HELD 13th MARCH

An important forum titled 'A Reality Check on Water Use in the Strathbogie Ranges' was held on Friday 13th March 2009 at the Euroa Cinema Centre.

The Forum was attended by approximately 130 people from all parts of the region i.e. Highlands in the south to Warrenbayne in the north and all points in between including Avenel, Balmattum, Boho South, Burnt Creek, Caveat, Creighton's Creek, Dropmore, Euroa, Gooram, Hughes Creek, Kobyboyn, Longwood, Ruffy and Strathbogie. This included a group from the Euroa Secondary College.

The objectives of the day were to gain a better understanding of inter relationship of ground water and surface water, environmental flows and effect of current water use.

From this to develop actions to take to government for urgent attention. Each person was issued with SKM Groundwater Report, a list of some suggested actions to discuss.

Some highlights included a talk by Professor Sam Lake from Monash University, giving a broad picture of the vital role of water in the environment.

Some points made in his talk were - The effects of clearing native vegetation on erosion and run off; How soil structure affects run off (permeability); The need for shade and vegetation cover in riparian zones; How land use affects run off (water yield) e.g. The need for vigilance on salinity monitoring.

The next segment featured 2 speakers from Goulburn Murray Water who outlined Murray Goulburn Water Charter and Structure including a broad description of their role and responsibilities in relation to licensing ground water extraction and surface water allocation.

Ground water was covered in some detail highlighting what appears to be a lack of knowledge on extent, quantity and recharge of ground water in the Strathbogie Ranges area.

This would appear to make it very difficult for decisions on sustainable yield to be made.

Wayne Tennant from Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) followed with a broad outline of the CMA's role in achieving catchment health. A point from the floor queried whether CMA could fulfil this role without control over at least an environmental flow.

This talk was followed by a panel discussion and question time involving all of the previous speakers.

Questions and answers were too numerous to mention but no doubt added to and clarified issues for audience.

Quantity of ground water being pumped under license and its effect on surface water e.g. creeks, springs etc. was a major issue.

There was also a strong point made for the need for more equity in water use including environmental flows and downstream amenity.

Participants took a break for half an hour for refreshments to stimulate discussion on suggested actions to carry forward. They also wrote up on butcher's paper their concerns and issues

After the break Cath Botta, Facilitator invited further discussion in small groups from which the spokes people were invited to air their issues.

A member of the convening group then gave an outline on the SKM Report on Ground Water Use which affects the surface flows.

The suggested actions were explained.

Cath Botta with Sandy McKenzie's help then listed actions one by one allowing suggestions/modifications to be made.

The six actions were revised and completed to the majority of the audience's satisfaction and mandated to be taken forward to government.

These are –

Action 1 – That an immediate moratorium be placed on existing and further commercial ground water extraction and commercial scaled dams (does not include stock and domestic) in the Strathbogie Ranges.

Action 2 – A consistent and conservative approach must be applied to allocating a yearly proportion of water licenses for water pumping for commercial purposes that maintains a minimum environmental flow, similar to surface water allocation.

Action 3 – Instigate as a matter of urgency research into hydrological and hydro geological conditions that exist in the Strathbogie Ranges to establish a sustainable water usage level from all land use types and sources.

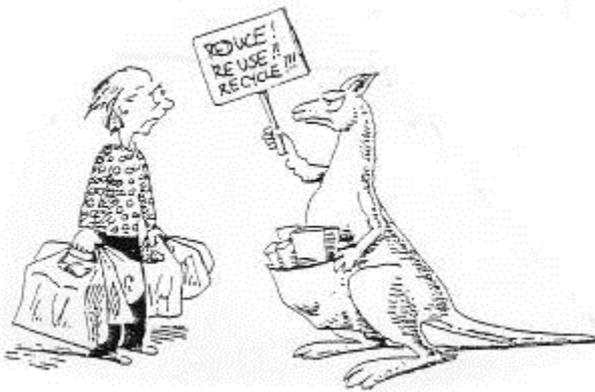
Action 4 – Complete or finalize all environmental flow rates taking into account science and the current climate conditions before licenses and sales start.

Action 5 – Separate the roles of monitoring environmental flows from the authority granting water licenses and promoting water sales.

Action 6 – Stock and domestic including town water are given high security status and are allocated prior to further or future commercial sales (these may have to be capped and metered to achieve water savings needed to maintain environmental flows.

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RECYCLING BINS - Many people are concerned that the Recycling Bins at the Hall are no longer being used for just recycling and local residents are using them for general household waste, thus making them useless for recycling and all contents end up in landfill. PLEASE only put in what is allowed - there is a sign at the bins telling you! Recyclable materials only please! That is unwaxed cardboard, newspaper and paper, cans and recyclable plastic with codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 (please remove lids!) (brochures are available from the Shire offices in Euroa)

Hume Corridor Community Health Service

The Gym is finally re-opening!

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MORNING/AFTERNOON/ EVENING SESSION (Including all Facilities)	\$35.00
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Oak Tree Restaurant: Come & join us Easter Sunday night April 12th for a fun night of Rock 'n Roll. Meet Buck and sing karaoke. A light meal will be served from 6pm on. Bookings a must on 5790 8510



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A copy of Final Actions was available to all participants as they left after lunch.

Janet Hagen's provision of images that stimulated much interest was appreciated.

Neil Devaney closed the proceedings thanking everyone concerned particularly the attendees who had traveled some distance.

The convening group will prepare a submission to the Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy c/o DSE - with draft letters including actions to -

Tim Holding, Minister for Water, Victorian Government

Penny Wong, Minister for Water, Federal Government

Goulburn Murray Water, Tatura

GBCMA, Shepparton.

The 13th March represents a line in the sand to measure response to this urgent action.

Bill. Wells for conveners



Dear Editor

Close to sunset on Monday evening on the 9th March 2009, I spotted a dark coloured animal moving on my neighbour's property. As this was about three hundred yards away, and curiosity got the better of me. I armed myself with a pair of binoculars to have a better look.

To my surprise I found the animal to be a dog of Border Collie appearance, with the dog were two foxes

One stayed a few feet away from the dog, whilst the other fox and the dog proceeded to lie down together, where they remained for some minutes. The two foxes ambled off towards the east and the dog headed along a fence line at a walking pace in the opposite direction.

I continued to watch the dog, which I think was wearing a collar, as it continued its stroll.

This took it through a mob of nine kangaroos and neither the dog or the roos paid any attention to each other.

As neither Margaret or I had witnessed a dog and foxes behaving in this manner we wondered if any of the T.T. readers had had similar sightings?

Bill Haines, Fergusons Lane

MORE WOMEN'S GATHERINGS

Following on from the wonderful women's gatherings for art, tai chi and yoga classes will feature over the 10 weeks from April 21st.

Tues April 21 Yoga

Tues April 28 Yoga

Tues May 5 Tai Chi

Tues May 12 Tai Chi

Tues May 19 Yoga

Tues May 26 Yoga

Tues June 2 Tai Chi

Tues June 9 Tai Chi

Tues June 16 Yoga

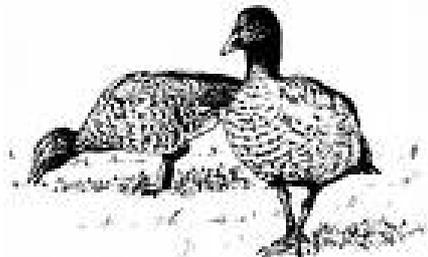
Tues June 23 Tai Chi

Tai Chi will run from **1-2pm**

Yoga will run from **11.30-1pm** and we could eat after

Wear clothes that you can move comfortably in. For yoga bring a blanket or two and a mat if you have one.

Feel welcome to come along
Dana, Annabelle and Jean



Joseph's Walk

You are all invited to a walk in memory of Joseph Flynn on the morning of 18 April 2009. We will be starting at 5am, and will be walking from the Strathbogie Cemetery up to Mt Wombat for sunrise.

This is a walk of hope, and any one is welcome. Bring a torch, water and walking shoes. For more info ph Katrina 0414539737.

SEEDSAVERS NEWS

A great roll up for the March meeting which was held in Noel & Virginia's spacious carport. A terrific lot of seed was donated by various members who despite the adverse year had managed to save plenty—well done everyone! Our next meeting will be held at the Violet Town Community Garden on Sunday 5 April at 1.30pm. The garden is situated at the rear of the primary school and anyone interested is welcome to join us.

If you're not into doing any outdoor gardening, our seed bank manager, Monika, wants everyone to know that there's heaps of seed packing & labeling work to be done and this will be inside the Multi Purpose Room. Also a good opportunity for you to take some fresh seed home for your own veggie garden.

Monika is also after square margarine containers, and any foil packets, such as those that some instant foods come in, also bread yeast.. These can be brought along to any seedsavers day or dropped at Terry's plant stall at the V.T. market, or at the Bogie school. Terry Frewin 5790 8635



ROSEN METHOD MOVEMENT Now available on the Strathbogie Tableland

Experience the joy of moving freely and easily all your life. Rosen method movement encourages natural free breathing and uses gentle stretching, swinging and exercises to improve body alignment and flexibility. The class often allows people to release physical holding and in the process, to rediscover the joy of movement. For those with limitations the effect is often restorative. The classes provide a spacious, joyful sense of one's body at rest and in daily activity.

If you are interested to find out more, then phone Elizabeth Long 57908622 (early or late (up to 10pm)). Elizabeth wishes to start these sessions up here, and the time and day will depend upon demand.

Easter Celebrations in a Large Family in North Dakota – recollections by Diane Mackrell

Growing up in a large family (10 children) on a farm in North Dakota in the 1950-60's, meant that money was very tight and we made our own fun. We had our own unique 'Binde family' traditions for holidays and Easter was no exception. Preparations would start in February, as we all loved Jello (jelly) eggs for Easter. These were made by blowing out eggs as you used them to enable us to dry and save the shells. The menu for Saturday lunch for about 6 weeks leading up to Easter was scrambled eggs – with 12 of us to feed, we would use 24-30 eggs for a meal! Luckily we had our own eggs!! We used the shells in two ways. Some were dyed and they became part of the Easter Egg tree, and the others were filled with Jello.

Easter Egg tree – We were able to buy special Easter Egg dyes – originally they were tablets that needed to be dissolved in a cup of hot water with a tablespoon of vinegar. In later years, the tablets were able to be dissolved in cold water, which made it safer for children. The eggshells were decorated in a multitude of ways – single or multi-colored – or you could draw a pattern with a crayon on the eggshell before you dyed it. These eggshells were carefully saved from year to year to put on the Easter Egg tree, which was a dead branch from a tree that was carefully chosen to have many twigs on which to hang the eggshells. It made a very colourful display through the panoramic window facing the road.

Jello Eggs – By the time Easter arrived, we usually would have up to 15 dozen eggshells to fill with Jello. As one end of the egg had been pierced with a needle to blow out the egg, these holes all had to be covered with tape before starting. We would buy as many flavours of Jello as we could – up to 10 flavours. The Jello would be mixed up on Easter Saturday morning and put into the fridge to partially set to a syrup consistency – this made it easier to fill the eggshells without overflowing – although on occasion this did happen and the eggshell had to be carefully cleaned off so it didn't stick in the egg carton! It was great fun to choose 3 different colours to make a nest in a bed of whipped cream. You were especially lucky if you got an egg with two different flavours, which occurred in the changeover in filling from one flavour to the next! To remove the Jello egg from the shell, it was dipped in hot water for several seconds to loosen the shell and enable it to be broken away from the Jello egg.

Good Friday and Easter Saturday were also spent decorating all sorts of Easter cookies – in shapes ranging from Easter eggs, bunnies, crosses, flowers, etc. A wide range of cake decorations were used ranging from multi-coloured 100's & 1000's to plain coloured sprinkles and round discs in a wide range of colours. Great care was taken to decorate them in intricate patterns.

I have continued these traditions in Australia with my children and also have enjoyed sharing them with friends and neighbours over the years.

Because there was often still snow outside at Eastertime, the Easter bunny would hide eggs all around inside the house. Eggs were hidden in a nest of Easter grass, which was shredded cellophane in colours ranging from green, yellow, purple and pink. We would still be cleaning up Easter grass around the house for months after Easter!! The eggs were not chocolate, but a sort of marshmallow with a hard coating in many different colours and sizes – we had great fun sorting our eggs into "families"!

We had a very active Sunday School, and often would be practicing an Easter cantata to perform. Mom was the church organist and also the choir leader for the Sunday School. I still enjoy singing some of the songs from these cantatas. And it wasn't an Easter Sunday service unless we sang "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"!
Dianne Mackrell



EASTER SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE.

at

**ST. ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH,
MAIN STREET STRATHBOGIE**

on

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL AT 11.30AM.

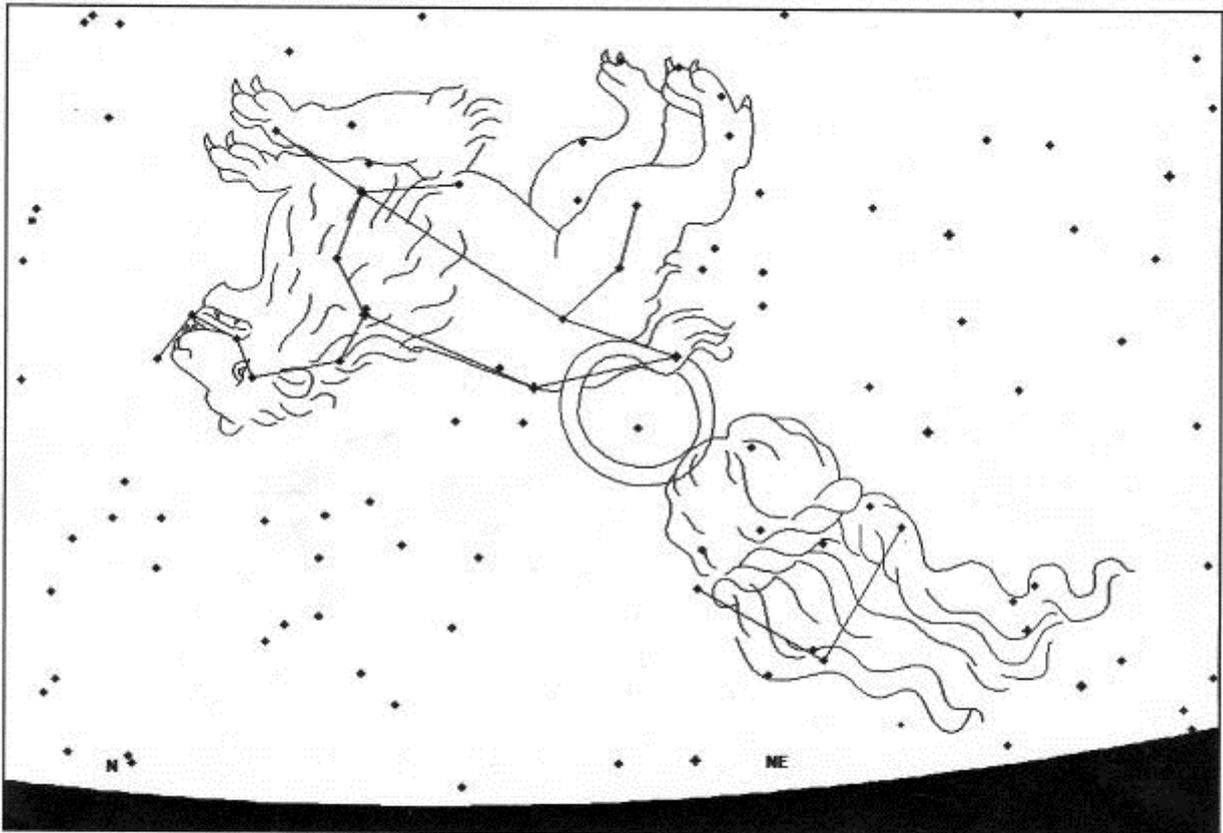
Rev. Mark Blackwell will be conducting the service.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Come and celebrate Easter with your family, friends and visitors.

There will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT for CHILDREN** in the Church grounds after the service.

Stargazing in Strathbogie



Leo is the fifth zodiacal constellation, and certainly one of the more easily recognizable figure: a crouching lion facing westward, its distinctive head and mane marked by a sickle of stars like an upside down and back to front question mark, which can be seen in north-eastern sky just after sunset.

Leo is said to be the lion in the in the tragic story of the lovers Pyramus and Thisbe. In his metamorphoses, the Roman poet Ovid tells how their parents forbade their union. They talked secretly through a chink in the wall between their houses and one day made a plan to meet outside the city beside a certain mulberry tree with white berries. When Thisbe came to the meeting place, Pyramus was not there, but she was startled by a lion, bloody from a kill. As she ran away her veil slipped and fluttered past the lion, which snatched it with its paw. When Pyramus arrived he saw Thisbe's torn veil, bloody from the lion's paw, and assumed that his love had been eaten. In anguish he killed himself with his sword. At this moment, Thisbe ran back and flung herself on her dead lover's body, before taking the sword and thrusting it into her own flesh. The lover's blood coloured the white mulberries red - their colour ever since. To remind parents not to deny young love, Zeus placed a veil in the heavens Coma Berenices floating down by the lion.

Information from Starlore handbook, Redshift (David Joyce)



RIDE THE RANGES - EUROA is coming to Boho South and Strathbogie. Bicycle riders will start in Euroa, and ride through Violet Town, Boho South, along Ankers Rd and Tames Rd and down past Polly McQuinn's back to Euroa for the finish. Please be aware that riders will be about.



BO HO GIE music
Next on 24th April
Boho Hall 7.30pm
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