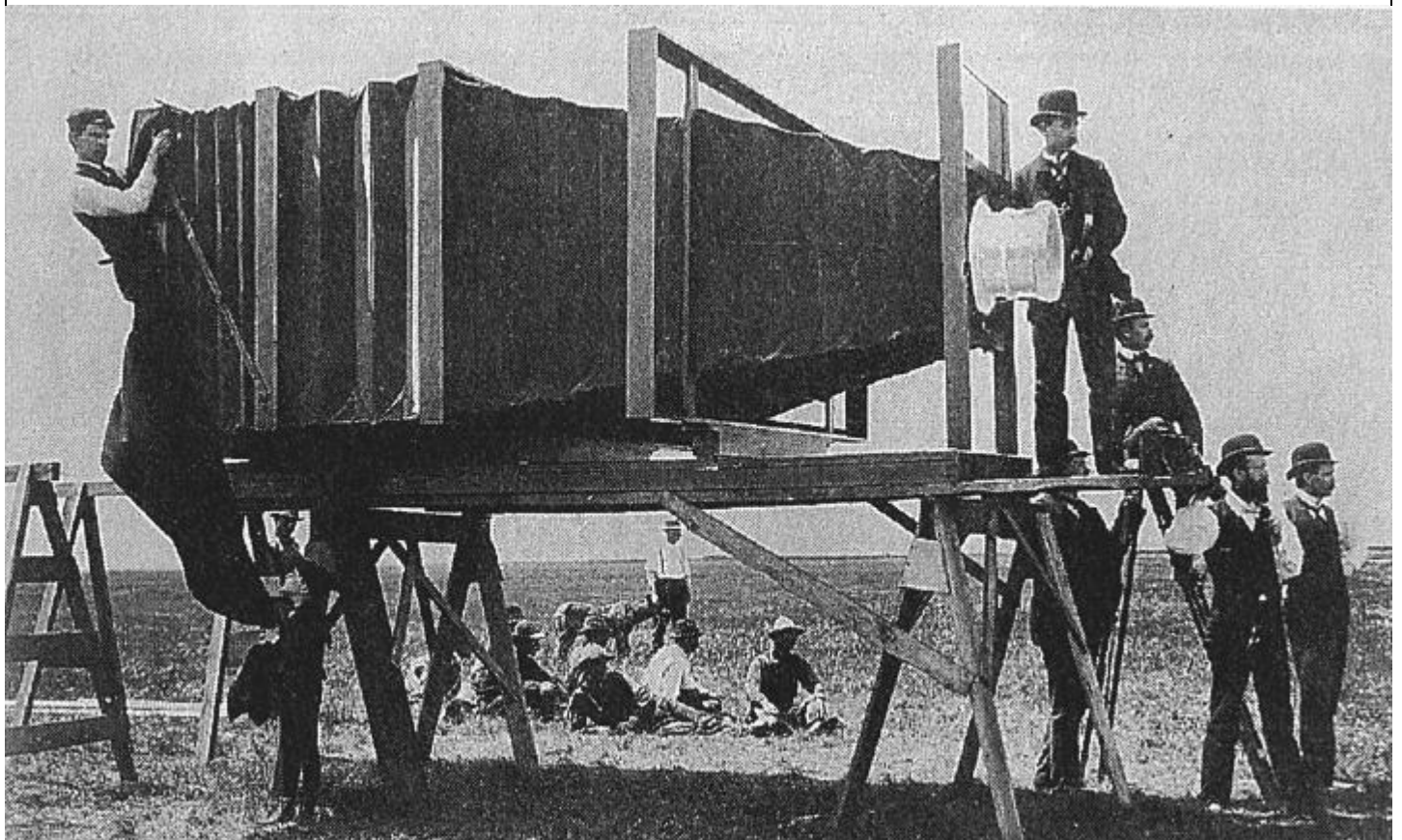




AUGUST 2008

Coming Events - 29th July - STAG AGM at the Hall.
10 August - Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group AGM, 10.30am Strathbogie Hall.
16 August - Progressive community dinner. Ph Toni 57908543 or Robyn 57905364
19 August - Strathbogie Hall AGM, 7.30pm.

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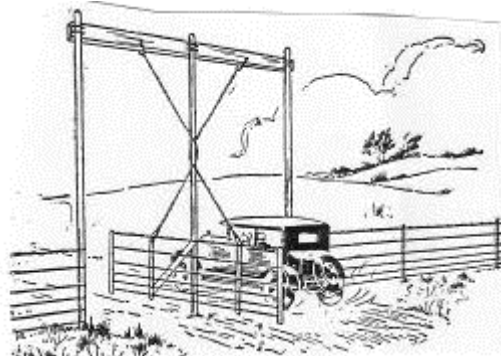
2007 Mobile Library dates for Strathbogie (every second Saturday from 9.30 - 12noon) -
9 August, 23rd August, 6 September



In 1908 the productivity in relation to suggested railway into Strathbogie was measured – there were 276 farmers in Strathbogie with an average of 300 acres, at an average price of £3.3 s10d per acre. There were 3000 acres under cultivation, 7000 ready to plough, 40,000 that could be farmed and 198 acres of orchards. 80,000 acres were Crown Land. (History



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STRATHBOGIE CEMETERY TRUST - 2008 REPORT

The Strathbogie Cemetery Trust held its AGM on the 24th June 2008. The meeting was reasonably well attended and all office bearers were happy to be re-elected.

Chairman, Don Barns continues with his untiring efforts in organising work in and around the cemetery in strict accordance with Department of Human Services guidelines.

Secretary/Treasurer, Anne Simpson must have thought she was thrown in the deep end when taking over from Jack Smith who held the position for approximately 30 years. Anne has been extremely professional in her dealings with people who have obtained prepaid plots, some of which had to be relocated due to GPR findings (see below). Anne's work has been excellent, nothing short of outstanding.

Vice presidents, Graeme Dash, always enthusiastic, made an inspiring speech on the role of office bearers for the Trust.

Other Trustees and committee members play their part with innovative ideas for future improvements.

The Strathbogie Cemetery Trust has had a busy and eventful year. A Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) contractor from Sydney was hired to detect unmarked grave sites and human remains in a non intrusive way. Due to the high cost only half the cemetery received GPR. However 34 unmarked graves were located. Some intruded on new prepaid plots. These plots have now been relocated in consultation with the purchasers.

Owing to the unexpected increase in the numbers of people purchasing pre-paid plots it has become necessary to re-employ the GPR contractor to complete the remainder of the cemetery. This will be done in the near future.

The trust now has more grave sites than names of people buried registered on its records. The Trust believes the extra graves are those of infants and this seemed to be confirmed by the GPR. Because some records have been lost a memorial stone has been erected in the cemetery. People who do not know the exact whereabouts of their relation's burial can have a plaque placed on this stone.

A visitor's book has been placed beside the main notice board and this has been a real hit. Names and addresses indicate people are coming from far and wide and their comments make rewarding reading for the Cemetery Trust members.

Further work in and around the cemetery will be carried out when grant and other money becomes available.

The Strathbogie Cemetery Trust was greatly honoured when it received and Australia Day award for services to the community this year. It also received an accolade from the Department of Human Services recently.

The cemetery Trust was given a tick of approval for its management of the cemetery and its handling of the various matters relating to it, in a professional and dignified way. The Strathbogie Cemetery Trust.



Cemetery Trust member receiving their 2008 Australia Day award.

**Strathbogie Golf Club
FIREWOOD - 6' x 4' Trailer of
wood, split. \$50. Must be col-
lected. Ph Peter 57905371.**

STRATHBOGIE GARDEN GROUP - After a wild and woolly morning, we unexpectedly enjoyed a fine and almost sunny afternoon at Sandra and Michael Richardson's. now that we are visiting each other's gardens for the second or third time, we are more able to appreciate their development and growth over even a relatively short period. None more so than this one. It has really come together and not only was an absolute picture but a great source of interest and ideas for planting and design. Thankyou, Sandra and Michael.

On Friday 1st August (1.30pm) it's back to Olwyn and Ben Brook's "Peppermint Ridge", 1443 Bonnie Doon R., Boho South. That's also when we will decide on transport arrangements for our trip to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens on Monday, September 1st.

Those who have already put their names down will be contacted over the following fortnight and anyone else out there who would like to come with us needs to contact either number below **A.S.A.P.**

Olwyn 57908636

Sandra 57951109



Farewell to Beverley Young who passed away on Tuesday the 15th July. Bev lived on the Strathbogie Tableland for 10 to 12 years, and she supported many things and was a tremendous help in the organization of the first Summer Festival. Rest in peace.

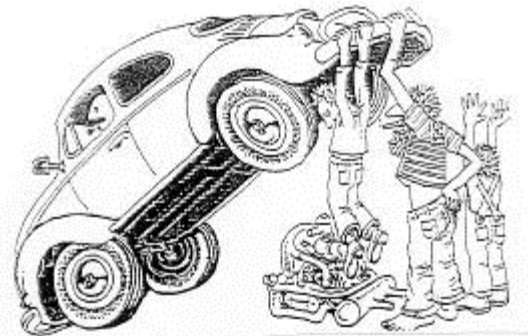
Snippets from the history book - "It is generally agreed that a man named "Polly" McQuinn lived by the large & deep water hole and that he received the nickname "Polly" from the fact that he had no beard."

"The first school was opened at Strathbogie (South) in 1879 and the attendance numbered 45 children."

"The first church service was held in 1878 under a large gum tree on the site of the present saleyards where a party of settlers was invited to join in worship."

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Hume Corridor Community Outreach

Health Service - has farewelled **Jennifer Craggs** who has been with us for a number of years, has done great work with people here and is well-known in the area. **Counseling services** will now be provided by **Grace Beer** (Tuesdays) and **Diana Chomley** (Fridays).

Diana, a trained and experienced Counsellor, has a nursing background. Grace is a Social Worker and has a particular interest in children and families.

For the majority of people this service is free and anyone is welcome to **telephone us** on **5736 6300** or call into the Centre in Cowslip Street, to make an appointment for themselves. Alternatively, a parent or professional person may like to talk with Diana or Grace about a possible referral of a family member or client.

The next **Pap Clinic** will be on Tuesday 19th August. The clinic is conducted by a female doctor and requires an appointment, presentation of your medicare card and a \$10 co-payment fee. Please call **5736 6366** for more information and appointments.

FOR SALE WANTED FREEBIES FOR SALE

For Sale - Ashford spinning wheel plus chair, \$200. Contact Ros 0407 604 437

Free to good home - Steel frame and netting ferret/guinea pig/rabbit/ or similar cage GC; Computer/Office/student desk. Has adjustable sections for keyboard and display. Desk height also adjustable GC; Free - Glass jars with lids (all clean) Ph Glen 57905360

Wanted to buy - One (1) Medium to Large capacity wood heater, suitable for heating work shed. Please contact Sharyn on 5795 0033 (Business hours).

Wanted - Hyco's — hyco's are plant pots, 40 round cells per unit. I am after any quantity. Please ring if you have any you'd like to off-load or they can be left at the school.

Terry 5790 8635

Wanted -



Advance notice – a 70's dance night in Spring

I think it's about time we had some dancing fun on the Tableland so I've decided to organise a 70's dance at the hall to welcome in Spring (a date yet to be set.) I have a few ideas but would welcome input from anyone else interested. The cost will be minimal (to cover hall hire) & we can all bring food to share (70's cuisine of course – anyone for prawn cocktails and fondue??) So start going through your wardrobe or the Opp Shops and plan your 70's attire for the occasion. Here are a few ideas:

Bell bottoms, safari suits, cork platform shoes, micro mini or maxi skirts, hotpants, witches britches, chokers, cheesecloth, crochet vests & hair buns, desert boots, gabardine pants, halter neck tops, knickerbockers, ponchos, macrame anything, smocked & shirred blouses, trench coats..... etc etc etc

It will be BYO green ginger wine, mateus rose, passion pop, blackberry nip, cold duck bubbly & home made ginger-beer.

If you would like to help with plans or have any ideas to contribute please give me a call on 5790 5227. Dayle Tame



Seedsavers Group - A big thank you to Sandra & Michael for inviting us to their beautiful garden & property in Shean's Creek last month. We welcomed Margaret from VT (not to mention her beautiful strawberries, limes & asparagus donations!) & it was good to catch up with Carley from Shepparton and Tracey from Buxton. Being propagation time everyone had come laden with cuttings, plants, seeds, produce etc to swap and share. I always come home with heaps of stuff that I just can't resist, which takes a goodly part of the following day to get potted & planted etc, but what a joy it is to have such bounty to choose from. This month I brought home some of Margaret's Cambridge Rival strawberries (a delicious variety which is too soft for commercial growers), asparagus roots to fill up a few gaps in a bed, some interesting kale & cabbage seedlings from Sandra, more strawberry runners, wood for grafting onto fruit tree rootstocks at home and cuttings, cuttings and more cuttings. Great fun!

We were all impressed by Sandra's raised vegie beds (made from old water tanks cut into circles, which she is planning to eventually lay rock around) They were chock full of a great variety of very healthy vegies - some unusual brassica varieties generated much interest. Thanks again to our hosts for a beaut afternoon.

In August we'll be meeting at the VT Community Garden at the primary school. Sal will be there to explain the garden concept, design and workings and Dave Arnold (who has been appointed as the Eco-living Project manager) will give us a briefing on the project and how we as a group can do our bit to help. There's plenty of undercover area if damp, and tea facilities. BYO mug.

Anyone is welcome to come along on Sunday 3rd August, 1.30pm, Tulip Street, Violet Town. Terry 57908635



BOHO SOUTH PHOTOS WANTED

As a part of completing my VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) this year I am putting together a photographic history of Boho South. It will be in the form of a book which will show a timeline of the local community and area. I'm looking for any photos of local people, places and events, anywhere from during the last couple of years to way back.

As it will be printed from a digital file I only need scans of the photos, so you will get them back asap, and all contributors will be acknowledged in the book, unless requested otherwise. Captions and dates for photos would be appreciated.

Contributions can be made until the end of August, but the sooner the better, and they can be posted or dropped into me at

Helena MacLaughlin
6 Marmo Ln,
BOHO SOUTH, 3669

Or pick up can be arranged. If you have any queries please contact me on 57908607.

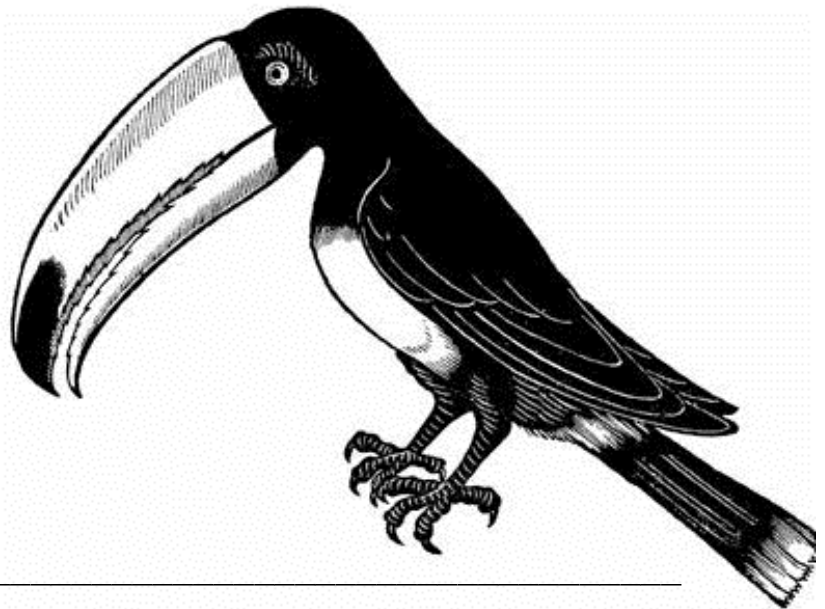


Beaks

by Donmil

With my huge head,
The hornbill said,
I fear that I
Can hardly fly.

If I can, you can,
Said the toucan.



PS: To Anon. Admirer #2. Donmil is so overwhelmed by the revelation that he has two (count them, TWO) secret admirers that he's had to resort to a cup of tea and a quiet lie-down. All that can be said is that the origin of the name "Donmil" is shrouded in mystery. It's presently thought that, regarding himself as one of the great poets in the English language, he felt that he should adopt an appropriately poetic pen-name, eventually choosing "Milton". However, being essentially a humble person, he decided that use of the name in anagram form would be more modest, hence "Tonmil". But being also (in his creative frenzy) sadly prone to hitting the wrong key, he ended up with **Donmil**.

(Just as well he didn't pick Tennyson or we might well have ended up with Tiny nose or Sonny toes).

PET HEALTH (By Sarah Veterinarian Nurse)



Dental Disease in Dogs and Cats

August is dental month for animals, so I thought it was a good time to tell you all about teeth. Dental disease is one of the most common problems in dogs and cats, but it often goes undetected. When was the last time you looked in your pet's mouth?

The problem is **plaque**, the layer of bacteria and food particles that forms on the teeth. **Tartar** develops when this calcifies and hardens. Plaque causes **gingivitis** –infection of the gums. Left untreated, it leads to **periodontitis**, where the infection gets into the tooth roots and damages the ligaments and bones that support the teeth. Eventually tooth loss occurs. Bacteria can also enter the bloodstream and cause other problems including heart and kidney disease.

What can you do to prevent this?

Fortunately, this common disease is usually preventable. There are lots of things that you can do to make sure that your pet maintains healthy teeth and gums. Here are some suggestions:

- **Learn to check your pet's teeth regularly** (including the back teeth).
 - Normal healthy teeth should be clean and white, and the gums should be uniformly pink all the way to the tooth margins.
 - A yellow discolouration of the teeth is an indication of tartar build-up and should **not** be ignored for too long.
 - Redness of the gums, a thick build-up of tartar on the teeth, or bad breath all indicate more advanced disease and mean that it's time to see the vet – as soon as possible.
- **Feed raw bones 2-3 times per week.** This is the most natural way to clean the teeth.
- **Have your vet check the teeth at least once a year**

Max Allen – reflections of living and farming in Strathbogie

Max and his wife Mary and their two sons, Trevor & Steven moved to Strathbogie on 5th September 1973 from the small rural community of Pastoria (east of Kyneton.) Their connection with Strathbogie was through a friend Mary had studied with at Teacher's College. Max and Mary visited the area and it grew on them. The property belonging to Violet and Lindsay Williams came up for sale. This property, "Granite Hills" was 315 acres running fine wool sheep. Max and Mary purchased this property and "Granite Hills" became their home for over thirty years.

Max was a farmer and Mary did relief teaching work. Trevor and Steven were both primary school age and attended the local primary school in Strathbogie and then Euroa Secondary College. At this time there were two Primary School buses running. Around the time that the Allen family moved to Strathbogie another three new families also arrived. This coincided with the beginning of a rise in land values. Sub-division of farms (60 acre blocks) occurred and the township began to change and grow.

When they first came to Strathbogie the Tableland was mainly fine wool sheep grazing and there were very few cattle. Subsequently the wool floor price was scrapped leaving a huge stockpile of wool nation wide. The premium prices which Strathbogie wool had fetched plummeted. Many local farmers made the move to cattle and cross-bred sheep. Grapevines have also created local employment.

What is now the Estate off Magilton Drive was originally a farm belonging to Rob Hart. Fifty two blocks were sub-divided and, where the golf course currently is, 500 acres were sub-divided into smaller blocks. This led to the weekend population of Strathbogie effectively doubling. Max and Mary bought an additional piece of land in the township in 1984.

When the Allen family moved to Strathbogie the Blacksmith Shop was still operating, regular sheep sales were held at the sale yards and there were two Churches being attended. The sheep sales ceased around 1975.

Sporting and recreational activities included the golf club, two cricket teams plus an under 16 team, several tennis teams, a football team, regular Saturday night dances at the Hall run by the tennis or football clubs, indoor bowls (commenced around 1969), card nights as well as National Party nights. Trevor and Steven participated in cricket and football.

Max recalls the bushfires which destroyed all of the pasture and much of the fencing on their property in 1990. At this time Max was fire-fighting at Creighton's Creek with the CFA. He arrived home just as the fire engulfed their property. They did not lose any buildings, thanks to the assistance of the Kelvin View Fire Brigade. As well Max had a fire-break ploughed all around the farm buildings. A few days after the fires Strathbogie received 75mm rain within ½ hour which was disastrous for the landscape. Trees were washed into the creek which banked up against the bridge leading into their property. The Allen's were unable to leave their property for 48 hours. Max & Mary's neighbours, the Moores, had all of their property burnt bar around 100 acres.

Max reflects on what a great childhood their boys had growing up on their property. They spent untold hours ferreting together and with friends such as Brian Broughton and John Moore. They sold the rabbits and skins. When they were older they also hunted for foxes.

Max has recently sold the farm to a young family from Melbourne whose three sons are also thoroughly enjoying the country lifestyle on their weekends. Max now lives in Euroa but is still an active member of the Strathbogie community, remaining on the Hall Committee, attending the monthly Seventies plus luncheon and playing indoor bowls.

We hope you continue to be involved with our local community for many years to come Max. Thankyou for sharing your reflections with us.

Written by Dayle Tame



Strathbogie Tableland Landcare News:

**Annual General Meeting – Sunday 10th August, 2008
at the Strathbogie Hall.**



Meeting the Challenge.....the future

Program:

- 10.30am Annual General Meeting
11.00am Janet Hagen
*'Working together on common issues
In the Strathbogie Ranges'*
11.30am GBCMA Speaker
'The value of springs & bogs on the high country'
12.00 midday Open discussion/Question time/Suggestions
eg plantations, Bridge to Bridge project, climate change etc.
12.30pm BBQ lunch & wine tastings

Displays:

Dung Beetles, Riparian management & incentives, Springs & bogs, Sustainable farming, Climate change challenge

New member welcome. RSVP by 6th August for catering purposes to 5790 8563.

Climate change challenge:

Basic Facts:

Emissions – carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane

Some average greenhouse emissions (CO2 equivalent):

<i>One car/vehicle</i>	<i>4 tonnes pa</i>
<i>Average household</i>	<i>15 tonnes pa</i>
<i>Per 100 cattle</i>	<i>220 tonnes pa</i>
<i>Per 1000 sheep</i>	<i>200 tonnes pa</i>

Sequestration:

Soil 1 hectare of trees absorbs between 8-16 tonnes pa
Vegetation for first 30 years in 600mm rainfall
Uptake & storage of carbon use average figure of about 12 tonnes pa

The Challenge

Estimate your carbon footprint - commit to reduce it.

Emissions - (as per table)tonnes p.a.

Sequestrationtonnes p.a.

Current carbon footprintor neutral

Some ideas for reducing carbon emissions -

