

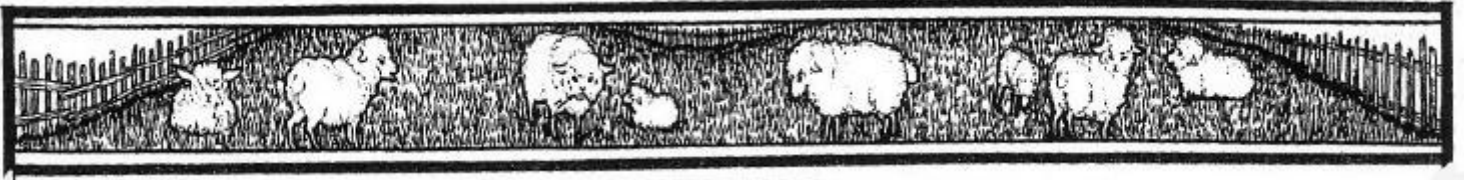


DECEMBER 2008

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL and BEST WISHES
FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I think this is our 9th year of publication for the tableland community. Congratulations everyone, it really is your newsletter. Thankyou for your contributions throughout the year, and from some of you every month. Thanks especially to Ben and Olwyn and Rod-the-mailman who deliver TT totally voluntarily and without complaint. Thankyou to the Shire (and especially those at the front desk) who support the publication of our community newsletter. And especially thanks to Andrew, Alisoun and Johnno, who put up with the editors tantrum's each issue.

Everyone involved with TT would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember there will not be an issue in January, so the next deadline is 20th January 2009. Keep safe and happy over the break. Cheers, Fiona.



WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY ON THE TABLELAND

- 3rd December—Strathbogie Recreation Reserve:** AGM – Wednesday 3rd December. 7.30pm.
- 7th December—Strathbogie C.F.A.:** - 11am – Official truck handover & service medal presentation followed by a b-b-q. All members welcome.
- 8th December—"Women Gathering for Art"** - 9 am at the Strathbogie Hall—first workshop of a series of six—playing with clay. Ph Dana 57905153.
- 11th and 12th December—"Dragon Girl" - Strathbogie Primary School Production:** Thursday 11th December (come to a full dress rehearsal at mid-day) as well as Thursday & Friday evening commencing at 7.30pm at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall. Gold coin donation.
- 20th December—Christmas on the Tableland:** at the Recreation Reserve. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Contact Kim Usher on 5790 5345 or Dayle Tame on 5790 5227.
- 21st December—St. Andrews Uniting Church Strathbogie - Carols by Candlelight Christmas Service:** Sunday 21st December at 8.00pm.
- 9th, 10th and 11th January—Strathbogie Tablelands Market Day & Art Exhibition:** All enquiries to Robyn Patterson 5795 2001 (bh) or 5790 5364 (ah) or Toni Down 0434 071 065 or 5790 8543 (ah)
- 26th January 2009—10 am Australia Day Awards** at the Strathbogie Hall Ph Toni 57908543

Euroa Cinema

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th December

"The Mummy 3:

Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th

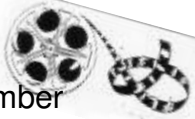
"Beverley Hills Chihuahua"

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st

"Mamma-Mia"—Sing-a-long

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th

"High School Musical 3"



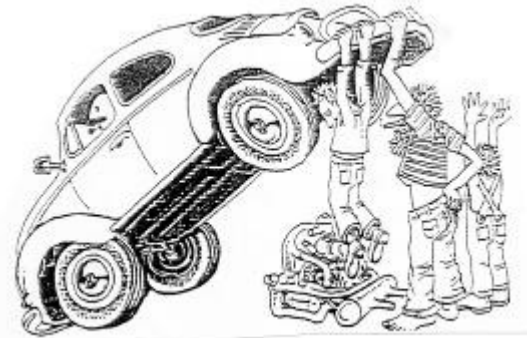
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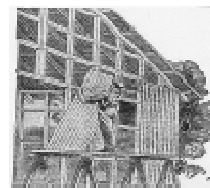
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Deadline - 20th of each month. There will be no Tableland Talk for January 2009. Send contributions to email: f.a.townsend@activ8.net.au, ph 57905203, post PO Box 23 Strathbogje. Fiona.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
AT ST.ANDREWS STRATHBOGIE
ON SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 8PM.**

Bring a candle and holder if you wish, your voices, and your family and friends. Take a moment to wind down, be refreshed and experience the joy and holiness of Christmas.

There will be a light supper after the service, and if you can bring a plate of food to share, it would be most appreciated.

An offering will be taken to go to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Women Gathering for Art—A series of six workshops for women of the Tableland, to get together, make art, catch up and relax. We will be playing with clay—doing clay modelling, sculptures on the first day, so bring a bread board and any tools you may have.

First workshop will be on Monday 8th December at 9am at the Strathbogie Hall.

Bring some favourite sandwich fillings for sandwiches for lunch. I'll bring some nice bread.

Bring your ideas for future art gatherings.

Ph Dana 57905153 for more information or

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Friday - Curry night
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**CHRISTMAS ON THE TABLELAND
20TH DEC 2008**

THIS IS AN EVENING FOR YOUNG AND OLD WITH FREE DRINKS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS.

AN APPEARANCE BY SANTA CLAUSE AND HIS HELPER.



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SERVINGS OF APPLE SAUCE, MINT SAUCE AND GRAVY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

COST OF THE MEAL IS BY DONATION ONLY.

DRINKS FOR ADULTS ARE AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES.

VENUE ---THE STRATHBOGIE RECREATION GROUND

START TIME SOMETIME AROUND 6PM.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES AND WILL ALSO HELP TO DETERMINE A PROPER VENUE.

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a time to receive, and a time to give;
a time for distress, and a time for healing;
a time for clear skies, and a time for fog;
a time for a car, and a time for a bike;
a time for draughts, and a time for being cosy (we hope);
a time for proximity to friends, and a time for distance;
a time for enchantment, and a time for facing facts;
a time to settle, and a time for adventure;
and so on, with one exception:
There is never a time for a satellite phone!



With apologies to Q'ohelath, we take this opportunity to say to our community: "Thank you, go well and goodbye, Tablelanders."
Maddy and Sophie Graley

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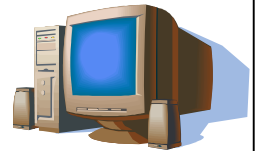
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the oak tree restaurant

Open every Friday and Saturday nights for dinner, and Sunday for lunch. Bookings essential. Ph Olga 57908510

Strathbogie Garden Group wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

STRATHBOGIE SEEDSAVERS

We met last month on a hot afternoon at the community garden at the primary school ready for a work afternoon—thanks to all the hardy souls who turned out to help!! The weather was kind, and fortunately it quickly clouded over which made the afternoon much more pleasant. It's such a lovely garden it's an absolute pleasure to work there. Lots achieved—the mandarin tree was moved to a new temporary home in a wine barrel; the chook dome was moved onto new pastures and the area just vacated planted down after erecting bamboo climbing structures; weeding was bowled over; mulch carted & spread & lots of seedlings planted. It's fantastic what a group of people can get done in a short time, it certainly makes the jobs easier, and much more fun!



Our Christmas breakup this year will be held at Barb & Kevin's place at 903 Ankers Road, Strathbogie, phone 5790 5141 on Sunday 7 December. Ankers Road runs from Tames Road to the Bonnie Doon Road (from the Boho Sth corner, first turn to the right is Ankers Rd), from the Tames Rd end turn left (if coming from Bogie). Come at 1.00pm, BYO drinks, chairs & some yummy Christmas fare to share for lunch and afternoon tea while we enjoy a social afternoon together in the cool of Barb & Kevin's garden. We'll also try and put together some meeting ideas for 2009. Look forward to seeing everyone there.
Terry 57908635

A note from Jackie Laughlin:

I would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support over the past 3 years as your local representative at the Local Government level. There are some wonderful people in our small community that are always there to help and work in many areas.

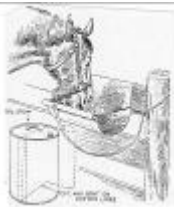
Some people don't think that the Tablelands got much of a hearing over the years, but I will just list a few things we did achieve...

- new safety path at Strathbogrie Primary School
 - extension of safety guard rail at Smith's Bridge
 - the setting up of the community group STAG
 - resealing of the Main Street
 - paving and redesigning outside the General Store
 - resealing and new drainage works along Ankers/ Tames/Creek Junction Roads
 - Strathbogrie Hall repairs - new roof, repainting, new office, airconditioning, heating and soon repaired floor
 - Boho Hall - airconditioning and heating, painting
 - Kelvin View Hall - upgraded kitchen and painting
 - water tank for Golf Club
- plus many other smaller projects.

I look forward to our new Councillor working for our Community and a even more productive 4 years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Be safe!

Jackie Laughlin. 16/11/08



Families from the farming and rural industries are invited to the.....

Farmer's Harvest Dance

Live music by 33 1/3
Children's entertainment
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Saturday 13th December
8pm-12am

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Dear Editor,

Since moving recently to the Strathbogrie Tableland, I've become interested in tracing my roots. I wonder if any of your readers recall my uncle, Edward McReady, who lived for many years somewhere around the Marraweeny district. Any information would be much appreciated.

Yrs.

Ethel McReady
c/- Tableland Talk



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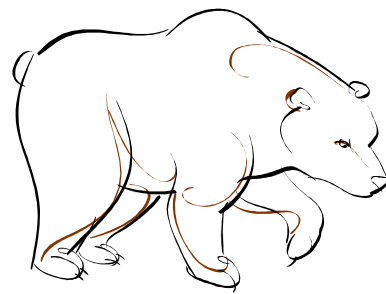
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The art of the limerick

by Donmil

When you've got over clerihews you might like to move on to limericks, the most addictive verse form ever. Once you've started it's impossible to stop. The history of the limerick is ancient but controversial; there is a hotly-contested connection with the town of Limerick in Ireland. Whatever the case, limericks were made popular by Edward Lear in his *Book of Nonsense* (1846). In his hands they were just simple, silly rhymes; their great merit was that they were easy for children (or anyone) to read or indeed to compose. Today most of Lear's efforts seem a bit lame, because they aren't particularly witty and because their last line usually does little more than repeat the first, for example:



There was a young lady of Clare
Who was hotly pursued by a bear.
When she found she was tired
She abruptly expired,
That unfortunate lady of Clare.

– EDWARD LEAR

Apart from being unimaginative, this stands in the way of one of the modern practitioner's favourite tricks: putting a sting in the tail, as in the classic:

There was an old fellow in Lyme
Who married three wives at a time;
When asked "Why the third?"
He replied "One's absurd,
And bigamy, Sir, is a crime."

– ANON

Is there any more to be said about limericks? Is there ever!

Wanted - any unused magazines eg Women's Weekly or Women's Day for the children at the Special School for Kids at Seymour. Call or drop off at Ike's 57905317

FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS



Funding is available for environmental work on private land.

Priorities include-

- Fencing remnant vegetation including *Springs, Soaks and Peatlands* from stock
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Department of Primary Industries,
Benalla

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New Year. Next session see notice
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Boho Hall
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Strathbogie Tablelands Market Day & Art Exhibition

BOOK THESE DATES

Art Exhibition Opening

Friday 9th January 2009 @ 7.30pm

Art Exhibition

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th January 2009

9am - 4pm

Twilight in the Ranges Dinner

Saturday 10th January 2009 @ 7pm

Strathbogie Tableland Market Day

Incorporating

“Sheep Art & Auction”

“Antique Roadshow–

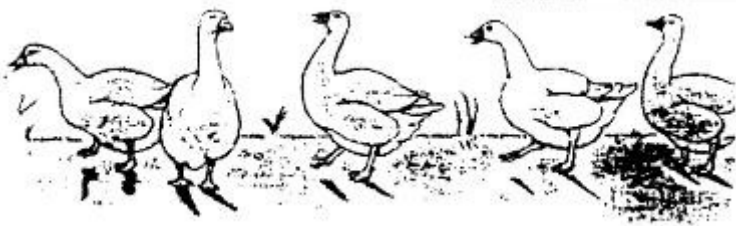
Antique Appraisal”

Sunday 11th January 2009

9am to 4pm

All Enquiries to Robyn Patterson 57952001 (B/H) or
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About David Freeman Antique Valuations

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A highly qualified valuer and auctioneer with twenty years experience as a professional valuer. David is a member of the Auctioneers and Valuers Associations of Australia (A.V.A.A.). The Victorian Antique Dealers Guild, Government Approved valuer for the cultural gifts and bequests program (Australian paintings, drawings and prints, after 1850), David is also a member of The Victorian Artists Society, Watercolour Society of Australia, Gallery Society of Victoria, Museum of Modern Art (Heide), Australiana Society, National Trust of Victoria, Society Art Deco Victoria, The Antique Collectors Club of Victoria. David often talks on radio (re-valuation).

David regularly writes valuation columns for various collecting magazines and related publications, he also conducts free antique talks and valuations for various charitable groups. In addition, he is in constant demand for his knowledge as a valuer.

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NEWS FROM ST. ANDREWS.

Christmas is upon us again. Some call it the silly season. I wonder why that is? Is it because we have become so busy with all the trimmings or trappings of Christmas that we have somehow forgotten what is the real meaning of it all. Here we are frantic with buying presents for our friends and family, stocking our fridges with food to last over the Christmas period, going to a seemingly endless round of Christmas break-ups, making plates of food to take with us to share, putting up decorations in our homes, and dragging out the Christmas tree from last year, or buying a fresh one. Why are we doing all these things? Is it because of tradition that we have always done so, and what is the reason behind it all in the first place?

Someone asked recently what was the first gift of Christmas? The answer given was so beautiful in its simplicity. “For God so loved the world **that he gave his only Son** so that whoever believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.”

Jesus is the real reason for the season, not all the “silliness” that it has become. May we not forget that this Christmas and take a moment or more to give thanks to God for the greatest gift of all **Jesus Christ** and it is his birth that we celebrate at **Christmas**.

Pet Health by Sarah (Veterinarian Nurse)

Snake Bites, how you can help your Dogs and Cats.

Snakes are now active in all parts of North East Victoria. They come onto your property in search of moisture during drought conditions and there is an increase in cases of snakebites associated with the onset of warmer weather.

Our pets have natural instincts to hunt, especially cats. When snakes begin to move our pets may then chase them. Cats seem to have some inbuilt resistance to snake bite venom so aren't as seriously affected unlike dogs. (Cat's still need veterinary attention)

The toxin of snakebite will affect the central nervous system of your pet and cause internal bleeding. If left untreated, it can be fatal. Signs of snakebite include dilated pupils, rapid pulse, trembling (especially in the hind legs), drooling, weakness, paralysis, bleeding or bloody urine, vomiting and bloody diarrhoea and collapse, these symptoms can be seen immediately and sometimes take up to 2 hours too display. Sometimes it is difficult to tell whether a dog has been bitten because snakes tend to bite them on the face. Cats tend to get bitten on the paws.

There are many types of venomous snakes in Aus-

tralia but brown snakes are the ones most commonly responsible for snakebites and snakebite deaths in both animals and humans. The next most common is tiger snakes.

What to do: It is very important to get a pet that has been bitten by a snake to the Vet for antivenin as soon as you realise that they have been bitten. Your vet can examine your pet and assess the likelihood of snakebite.

Treatment involves injecting antivenin and other drugs intravenously, along with supportive IV fluid therapy. If the animal cannot breath on its own, artificial ventilation may be required. Do not wash or clean the wound in any way, as this may interfere with venom detection once in a hospital.

Carry your pet rather than letting it walk as that spreads the venom (through the lymphatics). For first aid it is important to restrict movement, keep the pet calm, apply a pressure bandage, but not a tourniquet, then take the pet straight to a vet. DO NOT try to cut open the wound, or try to suck out the venom. Your dog may appear to be fine or recover but can crash later from envenomation.





The Courtship

Attired in his blue- black satin garb,
He stands resplendent within his bower
Hoping no doubt to seduce one of his lady loves,
While holding aloft a sky-blue flower.
Violet-blue eyes watching with intensity,
He renders his seductive whirring sound,
Then struts and shakes and bows and scrapes
And tosses his blue treasures 'round.

When suddenly a curious female appears,
Attracted by his provocative mating display.

Will she succumb to his desire
Or with feminine whim, his ardent passion delay?
Even as he attempts to entice her on
He realizes she's playing hard to get,
For she is not about to give right in.
It seems he will need to perform much better yet!

So he drops his wings and spreads them out
And performs a kind of shimmy shake,
Then struts and prances all about,
Like some lecherous womanizing rake.
Ah! it seems at last success is his
For she begins to whirr and steps inside his bower.
So he offers her, his treasures blue,
As if on her, his worldly goods he would endower.

They step and bow and whirr and prance,
Then scuttle off right out of sight,
Amidst the shelter of the shrubbery dense
Where all is dark and cool and quite...

Helen Dunnachie

LUMBERJACK CAKE

Sonya Chapman

CAKE

2 Apples peeled and chopped
1 egg
1 cup dates chopped
1tsp vanilla
1tsp bicarb soda
1 ½ cups plain flour
125 gms butter softened
½ tsp salt
1 cup caster sugar
1 cup boiling water

TOPPING

60gms butter
½ cup brown sugar
2 tbs milk
½ cup shredded coconut

METHOD

Heat oven to 180c. Grease and line a 20cm square cake tin. Combine boiling water, bicarb, apple and dates. Set aside till lukewarm.

Cream butter and sugar till light and fluffy, add egg and vanilla, beat well. Sift flour and salt together. Stir in apple/ date and butter mixture. Pour into tin and bake for 1 hour.

MAKE TOPPING

Combine butter, brown sugar, milk and coconut in saucepan. Stir over low heat till melted, spread over hot cake and return to oven for 20mins or until topping is golden



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LANDHOLDERS OFFERED FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR BUSH REGENERATION

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in partnership with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) is running another round of the successful Bush Returns program to encourage natural regeneration of native vegetation on private land.

DPI's Team Leader Vegetation Management, Brad Costin said the project arose from the need to build on our existing patches of bush to prevent further decline of native plants and animals and to address issues such as salinity.

"To repair our degraded ecosystems, the extent of native vegetation needs to be increased at a larger scale and faster rate. Encouraging natural regeneration is considered to be a cost-effective means of achieving this," Mr Costin said.

The initial trial of Bush Returns was initiated by the GBCMA in 2004, and resulted in 660 hectares of land being secured and managed for natural regeneration of native vegetation.

This year the project will be targeting the Goldfields, Violet Town, Longwood, Hughes Creek and Strathbogie areas.

Mr Costin said landholders can receive ongoing payments to manage large areas for natural regeneration.

"Following an obligation-free site visit, a management plan is drawn up detailing actions to be carried out over a period of 5 years and payments are made annually based on performance," Mr Costin said.

"Bush Returns uses a competitive tendering process which allows landholders to nominate the financial return they are seeking to manage their site/s over the life of the agreement. "The tendered price is considered against other criteria such as conservation significance, regeneration potential, and management commitments to determine value for money. "All bids are ranked according to this value for money rating and landholders who fall within the available pool of funding are offered contracts. The total contract pool in this round of Bush Returns is around \$400,000."

Landholders are encouraged to take up this valuable opportunity if they are interested in increasing the cover and condition of native vegetation on their property. Ideally the site is large (must be over 10 ha), has scattered trees (seed source) and is largely unimproved, with a high ratio of native grasses to weeds.

Bush Returns is not about planting or direct seeding native vegetation – it is about removing or managing pressures such as grazing and weeds to encourage natural regeneration.

To register for an information pack, including an expression of interest form, call DPI Benalla on (03) 5761 1611. Be quick as late registrations may miss out.



THE BLACK WIDOW

The male black widow spider
Tried all his life
He tried to tickle the hairy legs
Of his larger black widow wife

Years went by but not a smile
She too stern to let him know
That all the while she laughed inside
But to him she dare not show

He started telling jokes
A story line so grouse
But try all day he wouldn't succeed
in a laugh from his hairy spouse

Finally he had a win
Something at last to gloat
His wife began to laugh aloud
As his leg slid down her throat

Poor little male black widow
Was sure to get into strife
All because he didn't understand
The nature of his hairy wife.....

Tony Russell Dawson

