



DECEMBER 2011

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Carols

SATURDAY 17TH DEC 2011
STRATHBOGIE REC GROUND
FROM 5.30 PM ONWARDS
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A delicious gourmet meal of weber cooked roast
beef, lamb & pork will be served with a variety of
succulent salads and your choice of gravy, mint and
apple sauce

Cost of the meal will be

\$12 per head

Drinks for adults will be available at bar prices

NO BYO



Bookings are essential for cater-
ing purposes

Ring Kim Usher on 57 905345

STRATHBOGIE CFA - MEETING

Short Strathbogie brigade briefing/ meeting @ fire
station 6.00pm Tuesday 20th December . Discus-
sions will include turnout procedures, incident re-
porting to Vicfire/District, new Tait radios and group/
Vicfire handling of local events.

Eric Tame - Captain, Strathbogie CFA



What's on

December 11th—12-2.00pm

Strathbogie Landcare Picnic,
Smiths Bridge

December 16th—5.30—7.30 pm

Wetland Wandering—McCombes
Rd, Strathbogie, Strathbogie Land-
care

December 17th—10—12 am,

Spring Creek Rd, Strathbogie,
Strathbogie Landcare.

December 17th—5.30pm—

Christmas on the Tableland, Strath-
bogie Rec Ground.

December 18th - 8pm - Carols By

Candlelight Service, Strathbogie
Church

January 13th - 15th - Strathbogie

Summer Festival

January 26th - 9.30am Australia

Day

Every Second and Forth Sunday

- Church service at Strathbogie
Church - 11.30am

Every Sunday at 4pm - family soc-

cer - at the Rec Ground (weather
permitting)

Fortnightly in Spring - Guided

Meditation—2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month, 7pm—ph Julie

57905356

Every Wednesday - Material Girls

- 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch.

Newcomers welcome - Ph Jenny

Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith

57905159

Every Wednesday -7.30pm Strath-

bogie Singing Group - St Andrews

Church - Strathbogie (except in the

School Holidays)

ph Di Mackrell 57905241

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Euroa Cinema

December 3rd—4th
"Eye of the Storm" (MA 15+)

Dec 10th - 11th
"The Cup" (PG)

Dec 17th - 18th
"The Hunter"

Dec 24th - Jan 8th - **closed**

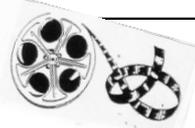
Jan 14th - 15th

"Midnight in Paris"

Jan 21st - 22nd

"I Don't Know How She Does It"

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8 pm
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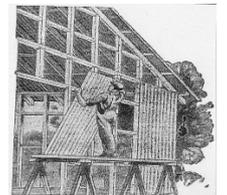
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Mobile Library date for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday, 9.30 - 12 noon) 10th & 24th December, and (I think) 7th & 21st Jan



Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345

Deadline - 20th January (remember no January issue). Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com , ph 57905203, post PO Box 23 Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) meeting report.

The first meeting of the new STAG committee was held on Monday 7th November, 2011 in the soldiers room at the hall. In attendance were Neil Barter, Robyn Betts, David Hamilton, Bertram Lobert, Ellen Conroy and Heather Cousland (new committee), Helen Peters, David Jameison, Hugh Campbell and Kim Usher (former committee) and Kate Hand from the communications committee. Annie Ross and Liz Scarfe, Shire community development workers, also attended.

The main business of the evening was handover from the previous committee, together with discussion about the role of community action groups and the current community action plan.

Helen Peters spoke to a written handover report she had prepared. The report covered the history of STAG, the Action Plan and the role of Action Groups, the Community Emergency Plan, financial report, Communications sub-committee and the items and files stored at the hall.

Annie Ross and Liz Scarfe spoke about the obligations and responsibilities of the STAG committee. The main role of STAG is to develop community action plans in consultation with the community and oversee the plan's implementation. The structure of community action groups is under review and this will be done in consultation with the Shire's action groups. One recent change to community action groups is the extension of committee membership from 12 months to 2 years.

Discussion followed re the current status of the 2011-2012 action plan 12 month objectives. Current status is:

- Picnic facility at Spring Creek near the bridge – no action taken as no community people have come forward to progress this project
- Erect signage at Polly McQuinns – This priority was supported by the Euroa Historical Society. The project has not progressed and has not had a budget allocation. Landcare have recently received funding for environmental signage at Polly's. STAG will liaise with the Historical Society and with Landcare in order to progress this project.
- Update the local community telephone directory. Funding has been allocated by Council for this project which is being managed by the communications Sub-committee.
- Support and encourage local community groups to install solar power generation systems at community venues – completed at the rec ground and ongoing for the hall.
- Regular discos and dances – continuing.
- Community forum on Tourism – did not take place.
- Printing of brochures about Strathbogie – completed.
- Follow-up with Council regarding completion of works on the footbridge, footpath works especially the crossing and the link to Magiltan Drive. Liz Scarfe will follow-up with Council and report back to STAG.
- Complete Emergency Planning document – Bushfire Emergency Information was published in Jan 2010 and General Emergency Information published in May 2011. Update of bushfire information will be distributed by the CFA. Monies remaining from this funding allocation will be used to purchase a generator for the Golf Club provided Golf Club goes ahead as a Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort. (NSP-PLR)



Robyn Betts tabled a letter from the Shire outlining STAG's funding allocation for 2011/2012. Submissions for funding to revise and update the community directory (\$1,830) and for the purchase of equipment for the projection room at the hall (\$3,170) have been successful. A further \$1000 has been granted for administration. This expenditure covers our total allocation of \$6000. STAG can apply to Council for extra funding for other projects that the community might like to see, and is also able to apply for grants from other sources.

A decision was made to review the current action plan in March 2012 and community members will be invited to submit ideas or projects that they wish to see happen and to get involved in projects within their community.

STAG has one active sub-committee at the moment. This committee oversees the website, Tableland Talk, the new Community Directory and the purchase of audio-visual equipment. Sub-committee members are Ellen Conroy, Kate Hand, Dayle Tame, Helen Peters, Fiona Townsend and John Hooper.

NEXT STAG COMMITTEE MEETING IS ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 2012 – ALL WELCOME

Strathbogie Summer Festival, Market Day and Art Show - The Art Show will open on the evening of the 13th January at 7.30pm, and will be open on the Saturday and Sunday. The Market Day will be held on Sunday from 9am, with live entertainment and face painting. The Annual Decorated Sheep Auction will be held at 3pm. Sheep are available for decorating - please phone Toni Down for any information about the festival on 57908543 or email on marraweeney@bigpond.com



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535M Music and Art with Altitude will be held 23, 24 and 25 March 2012. For further information, input or interest, please email 535mlisa@gmail.com or ph 0488173143

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just made for clerihews!
by Donmil**

Elect me and I won't fail you,
Said Baillieu;
Well, I tell you what, Ted:
I don't believe a word you said!



Landcare Activities Reminder

Sunday 11th Dec. 12 – 2 pm. Strathbogie Landcare Picnic at the Bridge to Bridge Reserve. BYO food, seat and conversation. We'll supply refreshments and Christmas Cheer!

Friday 16th Dec. 5.30 – 7.30 pm. Wetland walk, McCombs Rd.

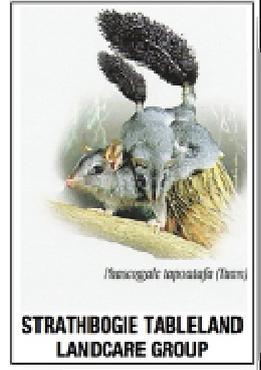
Saturday 17th Dec. 10 am to 12 pm. Wetland walk, Spring Creek Rd.

See last Tableland Talk, or Main St Notice Board, for details.

Successful Landcare Field Day at - Alternative Fertiliser Trial

About 30 landholders from Strathbogie and surrounding districts (incl. Euroa, Violet Town, Warrenbayne and Swanpool) travelled to the Hamilton farm on Friday 18th December, to see the trial site that has been set-up to 'test' the effectiveness of a variety of different fertilisers on pasture growth, under local conditions. The project expects to run for several years and this was the first public viewing of the site.

The audience heard from several speakers and had the opportunity to wander across the trial plots and get a feel for the site, at this early stage of the experiment. It was great to see a local project be so well attended and there was plenty of opportunity to ask questions and gain some insight into what the trial might achieve in the next few years. Perhaps the most popular item of the day were the free soil tests being offered on the day by DPI, to assist farmers in improving their knowledge of soils on their properties and collect regional information about soil type and health. The trial site is being run collaboratively by Strathbogie Landcare and the Gecko Landcare Network. The next field day is planned for Autumn 2012. Thanks to Kerry Robson, Dave Cleeland and the local Landcare team for getting this project off the ground and for organising such a successful day. Special thanks to David Hamilton and family for hosting the trial site.



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BOTH GONE

SWANPOOL CINEMA

Dec 2nd - Dec 4th

Beginners (M) and From Time To Time (PG)

Dec 9th - Dec 11th

The Cup (PG) and Crazy Stupid Love (M)

Dec 16th - Dec 18th - CLOSED

Dec 26th - Dec 28th

Midnight in Paris (PG) and Africa United (M)

Dec 30th and Jan 1st

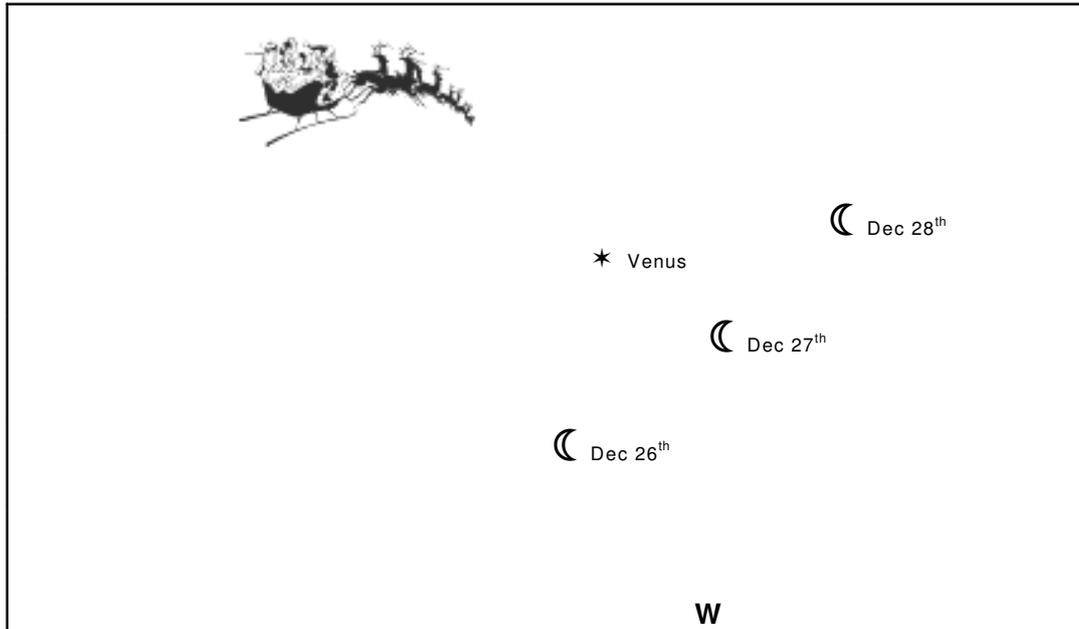
Eye of the Storm (MA) and Griff the Invisible (M)

Dec 31st - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Some Like It Hot (PG) and The Smallest Show on Earth (G)

Start Times - Friday and Saturday 7.30pm and Sunday 6.00pm - Double feature: \$12.50/\$10

Stargazing in Strathbogie



The night sky during the Festive Season in Strathbogie, presents a great opportunity to have a look, you never know what you might see.

Merry Christmas

Information from Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)

ETHEL'S GINGER BEER RECIPE

Ingredients for Plant

Juice & pulp of one lemon
8 sultanas or 1/2 teaspoon of brewers yeast
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger
2 cups of cold water.

Method

Place all ingredients in a large screw top jar and leave to ferment for at least 3 days before feeding. Ready when there are bubbles clearly visible around the edge.

Feeding of the Plant.

Daily, for a week, feed with 2 teaspoons of sugar and 1 teaspoon of ginger.

Ginger Beer Bottling

Ingredients

4 cups of sugar
Enough boiling water to dissolve,
The juice of four lemons
One plant, strained
Enough cold water to fill bucket.

Method

In a 10 litre bucket dissolve sugar in boiling water, add lemon juice and enough cold water to make tepid. Filter plant through a flour bag (or similar). Fill bucket with water, and keep stirring whilst bottling. Yield is approx 12 - 13 750ml bottles, or 26 stubbies (use crown seals or screw top caps)
Leave one week to 10 days before drinking.

Annual Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church

Carols by Candlelight will be held on **Sunday December 18th at 8pm**, followed by a shared supper at Di and Rolf Eberhardt's place, Main Street Strathbogie. Everyone is invited to come, sing some wonderful carols, hear the Strathbogie Singers and other guest artists including the children from Strathbogie Primary School, and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas together. Bring a candle and holder if you wish to add to the wonderful atmosphere.

Things to watch.

1. Make sure all containers are clean.
2. One person to feed the plant.
3. Store in a safe place
4. Always chill before decanting.
5. It can be explosive, so drink as soon as possible!!