



October 2014

Strathbogie Forest News

There have been a lot of different activities taking place in the forest recently. There was a night walk led by Bert Lobert and Lance spotlighting. This was a great opportunity for people to see first hand some of the nocturnal animals that live in our forest. Some of the species observed were Greater Gliders, koalas, a powerful owl, ringtail possums amongst other species. Then a photo day led by Michael Flatt was held and people from some different camera clubs came and spent a day taking photos in the forest.



Photo: Fiona Townsend

And as reported last month, Victorian Minister for Agriculture Peter Walsh visited the Strathbogie Forest to see first hand the damage to the forests and to listen to concerns. The Minister was accompanied by Member for Benalla, Bill Sykes and the National's candidate for the new seat of Euroa, Stephanie Ryan. Representing the Strathbogie Sustainable Forestry Alliance, Sim and Bert met up with the visitors in Strathbogie Township, car-pooled and then drove out to the forest. As there had previously been communications with the Minister, he was already partly informed of the views of the group. Minister Walsh was shown the type of forest that VicForests insists is sawlog harvesting, as well as the 'failed coupe', an example of what can happen when things go terribly wrong when logging mixed-species forest. The Minister, Bill and Steph listened to the concerns and participated in the discussion. It was outlined how the campaign to better manage Strathbogie Forests had begun; that it was the mis-management of Tolmie Forests to the east that generated the initial alarm. And once it was seen what VicForests was doing at Tolmie and their plans for Strathbogie, local people felt they had to act and become vocal advocates for Our Forest and all the values that these forests contain and the services they provide.

At the failed coupe, the group met up with Ron Jones, a Strathbogie resident who has lived and worked in these forests since the 1940's. Ron impressed on the visitors that current forest management was a direct threat to the forest and that if continued, the forest would only be producing pulp, not the sawlogs that VicForests insist are driving the local industry. Ron also pointed out that the large areas of even-aged stands would pose a significant wildfire-risk. Ron's support is invaluable; his credibility and experience give considerable weight to his opinions and the Strathbogie Forest group's position.

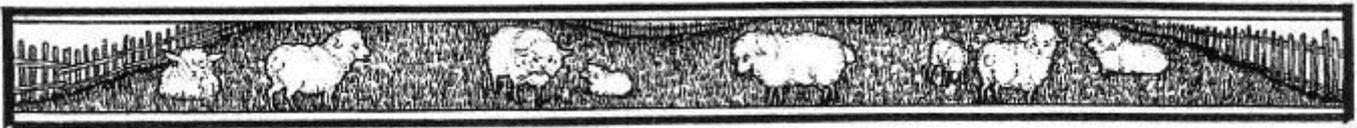
In true form, it started raining towards the end of the one-and-a-half-hour tour and discussions were wound up sheltering under umbrellas and finally at the Strathbogie Store over a hot cuppa.

Since the Minister's visit, the Labor candidate Claire Malcom, and Greens Candidate Jenny O'Conner have also visited the forest.

What's on October

- October 5th** - daylight saving starts
- October 31st** - 1 to 3.30pm - Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Visit - Strathbogie Hall
- November 1st** - Feast on Binney
- November 3rd** - Melbourne Cup eve at the Rec Ground. Ph Kim 57905 345
- November 4th** - Melbourne Cup lunch at the Golf Club. Tickets Jady Roberts 0417346953 or Helen Hill 0407718873
- December 13th** - Christmas on the Tableland

- First Monday** of the month - Over 70's lunch at the Hall Ph Pam 57950000
- Second Monday** of the month - 7.30pm STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall
- Every Tuesday** - 9.30am Tennis at the Rec Ground, Strathbogie
- Every Tuesday** - 10.30am Tai Chi at the Boho South Hall.
- Every Wednesday** - Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. New-comers welcome - Ph Jenny Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith 57905159
- Every Wednesday** - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church - Strathbogie (except in School Holidays) ph. Di Mackrell 57905241
- Every Thursday** - 6.30 pm Twilight Tennis at the Recreation Ground
- Every Thursday** - 6.00 pm catch up with friend over a local beer. Recreation Ground.
- Every Friday morning** - 9.15am Yoga - Strathbogie Hall
- Every Second and Fourth Sunday** - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am
- First Wednesday** of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 57908523
- Every Fourth Sunday** 9-11am - Friends of the Bridge to Bridge. New members always welcome.



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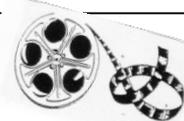
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Sat & Sun 11th & 12th - "Still Life" (M)
Wed 15th - 2pm - "One Chance"
Fri 17th - "Five Films - stories from the view point of disability"
Sat & Sun 18th & 19th - "One Hundred Foot Journey" (PG)
Fri Oct 24th - "Mr Peabody & Sherman"
Sat Sun Oct 25th & 26th - "Magic in the Moonlight"
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Mobile Library dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday, 9.30 - 12 noon)
11th & 25th October & 8th & 22nd November



Deadline for October edition - 30th October. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

Harrys Creek Rd - People who have recently travelled down Harrys Creek Rd will have noticed how much the road has deteriorated recently. The road is a mess, with many potholes gouged at each corner. Who is going to pay to have the road fixed as it is a council road? It used to have an 8 tonne load limit, but this seems to have changed to a 25 tonne limit.

Shelagh and Tim Barlow, who live 7 km from Violet Town have noticed a huge increase in log trucks carting pines out, from no trucks at all to up to 6 or 7 trucks per day barrelling down the road at quite a speed. They have nearly been collected on a couple of occasions, and worry about themselves as they ride their horses along the road, as well as a neighbour Athol who moves his cattle along the road, and Ewan who moves his sheep between properties by truck. There are also children who ride their bikes into VT along the road. But who is going to fix the road? The TT team

Australia Day Nominations are now open and close at 5.00pm on Friday 14th November.

Nominations can be made for various categories now!

Forms may be collected at the Strathbogie Store, the Shire offices or downloaded online from www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au. Alternatively phone Toni Down on 57908

The various categories are Community event and organisation, Junior citizen (under 15 years as at 26/01/2015), Young Citizen (between 15 and 25 years as at 26/01/2015), and Citizen of the Year (over 25 as at 26/01/2015).

These awards will be presented at the Strathbogie Australia Day community event on the 26th January 2015.

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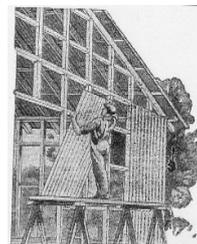
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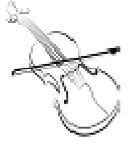
Remember Bill Shorten's budget reply?
Fluent and forceful – so I wonder why
(Someone please tell me, if anyone can)
Since then he's become the Invisible Man.

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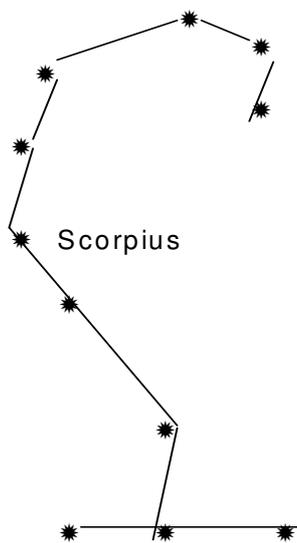
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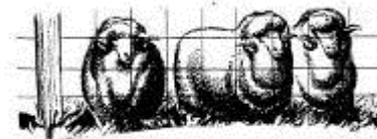
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The view looking West from Strathbogie just after sunse on the evening 25th through to the 28th October. Showing the position of the Moon, Saturn, Mars and the constellation Scorpio.

Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)

Strathbogie Forest

update - there are postcards available at the Strathbogie Store, in places in Violet Town and Euroa, at Swanpool and Mansfield. They have some information about the Strathbogie Forest and links to the facebook page and websites for updates on the forest. They are designed for people to write to the candidates in the upcoming state election, alerting them of the concerns. A list of addresses for the candidates is available at each location. If you would like more, postcards please contact Sim 57905139 or Fiona 57905203.



STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP NEWS

Since its election, the new STAG committee has commenced planning a number of initiatives and activities:

- Work is underway to develop a plan to beautify the streetscape in the township. Further details will be available once the plan is complete.
- It is planned to run a basic first aid session for members of the community prior to Christmas. This will not be a certificate course but will cover issues such as CPR, snake bite, etc. If sufficient persons are interested a Level 2 First Aid course may be run. This is a certificate course which would have a fee attached and would need a minimum of ten persons for it to proceed. Dates are still to be finalised however it would be helpful if we could have an idea of numbers – if you are interested in either course please advise Helen Peters on 5790 5236 or email helday3@bigpond.com.
- Several members of the STAG committee have been invited to join representatives from the other Action Groups across the Shire to meet with Councillors on 14th October. Details of discussions will be in the next issue of Tableland Talk.
- Our Roads Sub-committee has been communicating with Council on a number of issues:
 - the need for yellow lines on fog prone roads
 - the need for a central line on Spring Creek Road and Boundary Hill Road
 - the dangerous intersection at Creek Junction Road and Strathbogie Road
 - the use of Shire roads by logging trucks, in particular Bonnie Doon Road and Harrys Creek Road
- STAG is aware of log trucks using Bonnie Doon Road, Harrys Creek Road, Euroa/Strathbogie Road, Spring Creek Road and Tames Road with motorists have numerous “near misses”. Our committee has questioned Council concerning:
 - the danger to motorists
 - the degradation to road surface
 - the fact that load limit on Harrys Creek Road has been lifted from 8 tonnes to 25 tonnes even though Council is yet to be advised (as at 7 October) by the timber harvesters re volume of timber to be carried and truck types being used.

We urge all motorists to drive with the utmost care – if you have an issue with log trucks ring Council (Toll Free 1800 065 995) or write and lodge a complaint.

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Oct 4 & 5 - "The Babadook" (M) & "On My Way" (MA)

Oct 10 to 12 -

Oct 17 to 19 - "The Trip to Italy" (M) & "The Lunchbox" (PG)

Oct 24 to 26 - "The Finishers" (PG) & "The Double" (PG)

Oct 31st - "The Man from Cox's River" (PG)

Nov 1 to 2 - "The Hundred-Foot Journey" (PG)

Nov 7 - 11am "Gardening with Soul" (PG)

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