



OCTOBER 2008

Alan Moore – Reflections on life on the Tableland last century

By Dayle Tame (this story will run over a couple of issues due to its length)

Alan moved from to Strathbogrie to their property on Moore's Road when he was six years old. He and his sister Margaret and their parents moved from South Melbourne. He did his first year of schooling at Strathbogrie by correspondence and then attended the Strathbogrie School. It was a mile across the paddocks on his bike to the neighbours & then he rode with their two girls another 4 miles to the school.

Alan recalls he & Margaret bringing the mail home in sacks hanging from their bike handlebars to deliver to the neighbors on their part of the Tableland. This happened across the Tableland with other school children as transport was restricted to horse & gig. The children had to help with sorting the mail also.

Laurence Tame (Alan's cousin) & Alan's father carted rocks from the farm to make the stumps for a new house to be built (where Graham & Carmel now reside.) A friend from Melbourne came up to build the house with Alan's father which was built in six weeks.

The Moore's farm was covered in cotton weed, bracken fern and scrub and his father sold what sheep were there and concentrated on destroying the rabbits. During their first year on the farm they poisoned 8000 rabbits using chopped up carrots & apples laced with strychnine. It would take $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day to cut up the carrots or apples. Each rabbit was skinned and the skins were sold by the pound. There would be 8 – 10 skins in a pound. When Alan was old enough he made pocket money from selling rabbit & fox skins to a buyer called Old Gordon from Alexandra. He also made pocket money from harvesting & spreading the chaff in the shed. This was an extremely dusty job and he would use wet handkerchiefs to help prevent breathing in so much dust.

Life was not easy on the domestic front. They had no fridge or ice chest. Cream for butter making was left in the well overnight to chill. Sometimes it would not be cold enough & Alan's mum would spend hours churning the cream trying to make butter. They had a 1000 gallon tank for their only domestic water supply. There was no sink for washing clothes, only a copper. A fire would be lit by the creek & water carted to a tub to heat up in which to wash the clothes. They were laid out on the grass to dry. In those early days there was no telephone, wireless & certainly no hot water.

Water was carted by hand from a dam to a trough & bucketed onto the vegetable garden. Alan would milk cows and chop wood after school. A small kerosene lamp was used to read by at night. Friday night was bath night and water was heated in a 4 gallon kerosene tin on the wood stove. Each of the children bathed and then mum, followed by dad as he was the dirtiest. Alan recalls the thrill they received when they purchased a bath heater. This was a 60 litre oil drum with a water jacket around it and a flue in the centre. A fire was lit using pine cones and it had a tap which then filled the bath with pre-heated water – sheer luxury!!!

During the War coupons were issued for 6 gallons of petrol per month, clothing, butter and meat. As the family had their own butter & meat from the farm they sent those coupons to an Aunt in Melbourne. (cont'd pg 8)



Reminder notice - Launch of www.strathbogrie.org – our new community website!

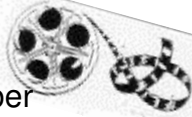
Sunday 12 October, 11.00 am at the Strathbogrie school

STAG and the website group would like to welcome everyone on the Tableland to join them for the official launch of our new community website. The site will go "live" that morning and will then be available to the world at large, but particularly for Tableland residents and friends. After a mercifully brief speech or two, those attending will be able to use the numerous school computers to access the site and learn about it. A light lunch with tea, coffee and wine will be provided and people will be free to stay as long as they like to explore the website.

The site has been developed to foster communication within the Tableland community. There are information pages about interest groups, community organisations and coming events, a page for children to post stories and drawings, and a buy/sell/swap section. There is an on-line message board where anyone can share their reflections about life up here, send in a poem or yarn, and there is a gallery for people to display photos and artwork. Current and past issues of Tableland Talk will be online. Something for everyone!

It has been a long process to develop the site, but it was important to get it right. Sunday 12th October will mark an important day for the Tableland and we'd love to see a lot of people coming to the launch and learning about our new resource. **See you there!**

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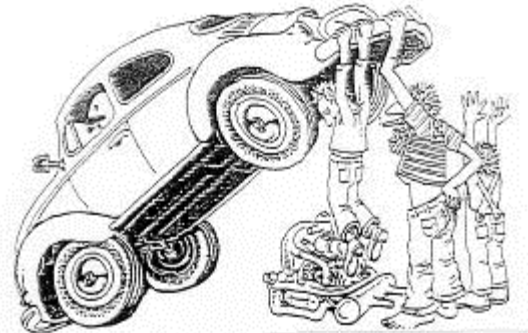
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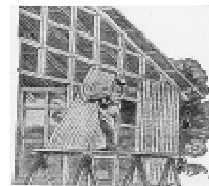
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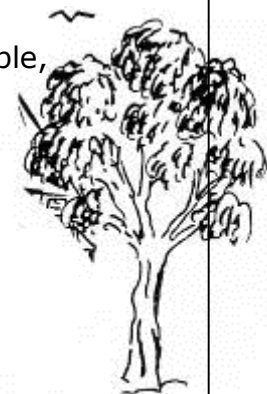
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Tableland Clerihews by Donmil

Whether or not clerihews are easy to write depends very much on the name of the person in question. Sometimes it's not too hard:

Bill Wells
Is a weaver of magic spells:
Wherever he touches the ground,
A tree will later be found.

To Ben Brook
Nature's work is an open book;
Whether animal, mineral or vegetable,
He finds it all perfectly legible.



With impossible-to-rhyme names you have to think a bit more laterally:

Mr Leunig (Michael)
Jumps on his motorcycle,
And rides off bright and early
To commune with Mr Curly.

Of course the person who really deserves a clerihew of her very own is our tireless Editor, Fiona Townsend. But talk about an impossible name to rhyme.....! I'm still struggling with it: who else is game to have a go?

More Tableland Clerihews - contributions

Last month, Donmil introduced the Tableland to clerihews and asked for contributions. The following have been received from readers. Thankyou to all...

Peter and Ken
Are two musical men
On their accordions they play rollicking tunes
While the over seventies eat pudding with their spoons

The enterprising Olga
Can be quite vulgar
When one of her staff tries
To embezzle her fine meat pies

Hospitable Irene Jones
Greets her visitors in dulcet tones
She plies them with sweet Devonshire tea
Then lets them take lavender home for free

Fireman Captain Eric Tame
Could never be described as lame
Of organizing and training he never tires
His team is always ready to fight the fires

Olwyn Brook
Is a wonderful cook
Oh but the beauty of each exquisite flower
Is within the hands of her gardening power

All the above are from Judith Durston.

Kevin and Kevin are in heaven
their guarding sheep
Down at the Woods
Like good alpacas should

Ned has passed my place
down Galls Gap Road
On his way to a bank
Or so I'm told

Polly's face was a disgrace
so clean and bare
thats why his name
is like the lake

These three are from Robyn Betts
the 'alpaca lady'



(Editors note, and a reminder from last month "What on earth is a clerihew? It's a short (very short!) verse form named for its originator, Edmund Clerihew Bentley (1875-1956), and first appeared in his *Biography for Beginners* (1905). The rules for clerihews are straightforward: a clerihew is always about a person, who is named in the first line, and consists of two rhyming couplets (four lines in all); the rhythm (meter) doesn't have to be regular and in fact can be pretty well anything you choose.")

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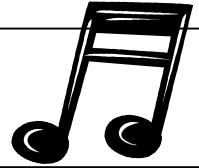
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Dear Editor

May I use your pages to thank the kind gentleman who helped me to change a flat tyre on the Old Bonnie Doon Rd last Monday. I'm afraid that I didn't get his name so I can't thank him in person, but I hope that he reads this and understands that his assistance was very much appreciated.

Ethel McReady



Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) News

Community Website Launch

Reminder that the new community website will be launched at 11am on Sunday 12 October at the School. Following the official opening, a demonstration of the website will be provided, followed by a light lunch. After the demonstration community members will be able to try the site out for themselves and seek guidance from the site's developers. STAG would like to thank the sub-committee (Jon Frederick, Fiona Townsend, Ellen Conroy, John Hooper, Dayle Tame) for the enormous amount of work they have put into the development of the site..

Farmers Market

Several STAG representatives attended Council's information session on the establishment of Farmers Markets. It was agreed that Council should proceed with an application for funding to conduct a feasibility study within the Shire. If successful, this process will take approximately three months and will identify suitable locations, possible suppliers and customer base, etc.

CPR Information Session

It is planned to conduct a CPR Information Session for members of the community using Ambulance Victoria's '4 Steps for Life' program. The session will provide attendees a basic knowledge that will enable them to provide CPR should the need arise. Date will be confirmed in the next Tableland Talk and in the Strathbogie column of Euroa Gazette.

Review of Action Plan

STAG is about to commence the bi-annual review of the Community Action Plan and will be seeking input from the community.

Next Meeting: Owing to a clash with a combined meeting the Shire has arranged for representatives from all Action Groups, the next meeting of STAG has been brought forward to Monday 6 October at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room.

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**** TV RECEPTION UPDATE ****

Rosemary Matthews

You will remember in the latter months of 2007 my article regarding the poor quality of television reception in the Strathbogie district. Firstly I must apologise for the time lapse since that article in the Tableland Talk with no further update for those who were good enough to send in their forms but, the issue has NOT been forgotten.

I attempted to make further contact with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Melbourne) in a bid to obtain more detailed information regarding the Strathbogie reception status and there began the dreaded telephone recorded messages of "select one of the following" etc...etc...etc....." Totally frustrating, irritating and very time consuming! Somehow in the space of a few weeks over the Christmas period the telephone number of the Melbourne office of ACMA had become a 1300 number and I now found myself speaking to someone in Canberra.

During quite a long conversation, having explained yet again our position, I was able to elicit some factual information albeit not what I wanted to hear. The following is a very brief outline of that conversation:

1. I asked if we could be assigned a case manager / liaison person in the ACMA with a direct telephone number to make further communication easier.

Reply: "This is not done as all service operators are trained to handle any calls."

2. I explained that we are in a "secondary broadcast" area (I had previously obtained this information via the AMCA website) and asked for clarification on that point and what, if any, plans were in place to increase the broadcast output from Mt Major (near Shepparton/Dookie).

Outcome: The operator then spent some time checking with the Planning Engineer for NE Victoria.

Reply: "You have hit into something bigger than Ben Hur here. It is a huge problem for planning and service because of the geography and nature of the area stretching down the mountain range from northern Victoria to south of Strathbogie. It is very difficult to develop and implement broadcasting services into such mountainous terrain"

3. At this point I asked about the requirements under the Broadcast Licensing ACT for television stations to upgrade and improve the quality of station output.

Reply: (quite complex but I believe the following is what they were trying to say) "The Broadcasting Authority does not tell the broadcasters what level of output they must have. The television stations choose their own level of output and in view of the fact that digital television broadcasting is imminent it is **NOT** likely that any broadcaster will increase or improve their existing service considering their cost to upgrade equipment for digital broadcasting."

They were, however, optimistic that the introduction of digital broadcasting would provide much improved services to more remote areas.

Certainly none of the above is very encouraging and, sadly, our problem is much bigger than merely registering a complaint for poor reception/interference which I first believed was the case from information received from ACMA Melbourne.

At this stage it seems unlikely there will be any significant improvement to broadcasting services in the short term however you could try some of the following:

1. Have your antenna checked by a qualified antenna specialist.
(Just for the record, our own reception was effectively zero so we called an antenna service and within a few minutes we were enjoying near perfect reception on all channels. The problem was that booster on our antenna, less than twelve months old, had either been struck by lightning or damaged by a power surge.) Please make sure your antenna is working properly.

2. Have your reception capability checked by an antenna specialist.

Note: It is a good idea to obtain written quotes before proceeding with any work – several residents have been presented with excessive bills after the work has been completed.

3. Try installing a digital box (these can be purchased from about \$50 upwards). I believe a number of people in the area have already tried this with great success plus it gives you the advantage of additional television and radio channels.

4. You may even want to go to the expense of a new digital television set.

Good luck

Rosemary Matthews

Footnote:

When I realised it was beyond my ability to take this issue any further prior to the introduction of digital broadcasting, I approached the STAG Committee with the view to them following this through in the long term and, although television/radio reception is not currently on their project list, they did offer their support via the establishment of a sub-committee with two committee members.



SP Ausnet Community Development Fund Now Open for Applications

Local electricity distributor SP AusNet is pleased to announce its inaugural Strathbogie Shire Community Development Fund is now open for submissions.

SP AusNet North Regional Manager Paul Lane said the company was committed to building stronger relationships with the communities in which it operates, as demonstrated through the establishment of this fund. "SP AusNet's Community Development Fund is aimed at providing local groups with the opportunity to realise their community project ideas," Mr Lane said.

"There is a total pool of \$15,000 available solely for the Strathbogie Shire. All local community groups in the shire are invited to apply for up to \$5,000 each, which will then be assessed according to selection criteria.

"We're looking to support projects that are community-driven and lead and provide benefits in the local community we operate in.

"Projects don't need to be categorised, for example, as arts, environmental or sports, some projects may be a combination of all these categories. As long as the core idea is community-focused and fulfils the criteria, it will be considered," Mr Lane said.

SP AusNet's Community Development Fund is open for applications until Friday 31 October 2008, with fund recipients to be announced in November.

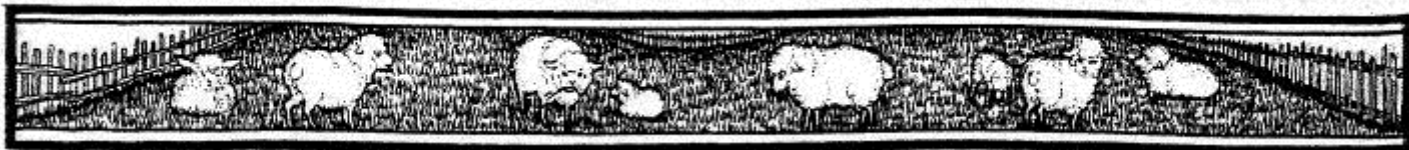
Mr Lane said SP AusNet worked closely with local councils and shires across Victoria; however, it was a priority to develop even stronger relationships with the people that work and live in SP AusNet's operational regions.

"The SP AusNet Community Development Fund is aimed at building better relationships with residents and businesses by making a positive impact on community life," Mr Lane said.

"As a business, we're also focused on sustainability, and that includes contributing to the benefit of the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the community and landscape," he said.

The application form and further information is available at the Strathbogie Shire Office in Euroa and on SP AusNet's website – www.sp-ausnet.com.au.

Entries will be assessed according to selection criteria by a committee made up of SP AusNet and Strathbogie Shire representatives, which is outlined on the fund brochure and on SP AusNet's website.



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We may be concerned for a child who has suddenly withdrawn and is not achieving up to his or her potential at school.

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Introducing our Counselling Team:

Diana Chomley is back working in Violet Town. Diana is a generalist counselor with qualifications and experience in relationship, Grief & Loss and Mediation Counseling.

Diana is also an accredited Workcover & Victims of Crime counselor and is available for appointments in Violet Town every Friday.

Grace Beer has joined the team in Violet Town. Grace has many years of experience with children and families and with health promotion, especially in the areas of stress management.

As well as being a Social Worker, Grace is family therapy trained, has an in-depth understanding of family violence, and teaches self-help methods of relaxation.

Grace is also a practicing artist and uses expressive therapies in her work with people and is available for appointments in Violet Town every Tuesday.

For further information or for bookings please contact:

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STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND LANDCARE GROUP NEWS

Field Day Report

On Sunday 14th September 2008 a Field Day titled 'From Blackberries to Bobucks' was held at 'Aviemore' the property of Angus and Sue Martin, Marraweeny.

Approximately 20 guests were shown the incredible effort put in by Angus and his family to control and eradicate blackberries which 7-8 years ago covered a large part of their 35 acre property. Angus decided to use the softly-softly approach of spraying by backpack and use of a brush cutter. Currently there are virtually no live blackberries left,



Above: Looking at blackberry control works at the field

allowing regeneration and replanting of native vegetation. Nest boxes have been installed to encourage Bobucks (Mountain brush tailed possum) to reestablish as few natural hollows in old trees are available. Not so their favourite food, Silver Wattle which is in abundance.

Jenny Martin, daughter of Angus and Sue, who has an extensive research involvement with Bobucks, gave a fascinating insight into their breeding habits.

Sue Ablitt from Strathbogie Shire was responsible for organizing the day with help from Landcare Facilitator Rhianon Apted and the Iron Chef David Jamieson.

A truly inspirational example of blackberry control whilst nurturing biodiversity. Well Done!

Mid Goulburn Landcare Awards Dinner 17th September 2008

The Mid Goulburn Implementation Committee of the GBCMA hosted an Awards Dinner for Landcarers at Benalla Art Gallery. The usual high quality refreshments and catering were followed by the Awards.

The Award for the group went to Warrenbayne-Boho Land Protection Group for their DVD of their Endangered Species Recovery Project. The Award was accepted by Alan Neander.

The Individual Landcarer Award had 3 nominations and was won by Bill Willis, Mollyullah-Tatong Landcare Group, a long time office bearer and Landcare stalwart.

The GBCMA CEO Bill O'Kane explained some of the structural changes to implementation and thanked retiring committee members.

Tony Kubiel then introduced Guest Speaker, Shanaka Fernando from Lentil as Anything, a different type of restaurant chain in Melbourne which provides meals to the public on the basis of clients paying what they can afford or think the meal is worth. He explained his philosophy in coming from Sri Lanka. His outlook is quite different; he is trying to accommodate other cultures and less fortunate people in an environment of mutual respect and tolerance, celebrating multiculturalism.

Other News

- A new interactive CD titled "A practical guide to the biological control of Paterson's Curse" is now available FREE from Meat and Livestock Australia and Australian Wool Innovation. The CD is a collation of the research and information collected by the Weeds Cooperative Research Centre, DPI and CSIRO. For your free copy call 1800 675 717 or email publications@mia.com.au
- The Group has been successful in attracting funding of \$20,000 for Restoration, Revegetation and Regeneration for Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement. This funding will be administered through the GBCMA Waterway Incentives program for approved applications on the Tableland. Further details to be provided At the field day on 24 October.
- The Group will host a Field Day titled "Tableland Treasures (the importance of Springs, Soaks and Peatland)" at Brian and Brenda Law's property, Law's Rd, Kithbrook, from 1.30-3.30pm on 24 October. There will be guest speakers from Melbourne University and the GBCMA. New waterway incentives will

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(Alan Moore story continued from page 1) Alan recalls queues of cars lined up at the petrol bowser outside Levy's store to purchase fuel.

All groceries were purchased from the local Store. The order would be left on the Saturday morning on the way to sport and the Levys' would make up all of the orders and leave them in labeled boxes outside the store for collection on the way home. Mail was also left outside the post office for collection.

Once a fortnight a trip was made to Euroa for extra supplies which couldn't be purchased at the store. It was a great treat to receive a big bag of lollies from Anderson's store when purchases were made there. The trip to Euroa took one hour.

Twice a year an Indian Hawker named "Molidad" would come to the Tableland and travel from house to house on his horse and cart selling a variety of goods such as cookware, clothing, medicines, & some grocery items.

The baker was Johnny Croom. Alec Crosbie was the carrier and he would pick up the cream cans from the local farms and deliver the bread in cream cans. He was also happy to give children a ride on his truck. Every Sunday the Moore family would get fresh bread after church. It was also delivered to mail boxes twice a week, no packaging of course. Clem Hobbs would also drive the football teams to matches in Euroa and surrounding areas. Everyone piled on the back of the truck and the fumes were dreadful. They would have a meal in Euroa after football and go to the pictures before the windy return journey back up the hill.

At the beginning of the war there was no cricket or football. Golf was played and there were three tennis teams in Strathbogie which Alan played for as a substitute. There were also other teams at the West, North, Boho South & Kelvin View. Tennis was played at the Strathbogie East School (now Graeme & Shirley Dash's property), at Hayely Street (now the Council Depot) and also at a court below Les Hill's property. A cream can of water was used for drinking water and it also contained oatmeal which helped to prevent gripes. Cricket was also played at Smiths where there was a rifle range as well. Dick Rowarth was paid to put the targets up. After the War the cricket was moved to Rob Hart's on the Euroa road where the

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football had been played before the War. Before football could be played the ferns on the side of the ground had to be pulled up by hand and taken away and burnt. The dressing room consisted of 4 posts with hessian wrapped around them.

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The seventies dance was a huge success with over 200 people attending and all having a great night. There were lots of young people and everyone got dressed up for the occasion, and looked fabulous. The photo competition was lots of fun, and the results of the photo competition - first with 20/23, Fiona Townsend, equal second were Stephanie Tame, Alisoun Townsend & Molly Ralston, and Helen Hill all with 19/23.

This wasn't the only competition - lots of people won prizes for their outfits -

Best Safari suit - Steve Jeffery's (who wore the only safari suit!); Best Kaftan - Norma Cornish (who deserves a special mention for making the most 70's kaftan your correspondent has seen since the 70's! Just the day before - she was in Shepparton, saw the material and whipped the outfit up in a flash!!! And she looked just fabulous!); Best Dressed young person - Matt Delahey (who was unrecognizable in his wig and electric guitar) - Matt and Braydan Millar did an awesome air guitar solo to AC/DC on the stage; Best 70's outfit - Molly Ralston; Best Boy's outfit - Sam Larsson; Shortest mini - Stephanie and Dayle Tame (joint winners); Best Liberty Print - Rosie Nicholls; Best 70's boots - Savvy Harrison (they were amazing white platform boots that made it difficult for Savvy to even walk); Best layered outfit - Molly Ayres; Best Elvis wig - Craig McIntosh; Best mini - Fiona McIntosh; Best flairs - David Joyce; Best afro - Bill Crocker; Lowest Halter top - well there wasn't a low halter top, so Irene Jones was judged the loveliest woman in the room. And a special mention to David and Sandy Joyce, who were a lovely 70's couple! Phil Siems and Dave Arnold both looked like they still lived in the 70's And Andrew Townsend had the best porn star look with his John Holmes style moustache.

A special thanks to Dayle for driving the idea, and to all her band of helpers for such a fantastic, fun night.

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STRATHBOGIE GARDEN GROUP

Everything went beautifully well with our trip to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens on Monday, 1st September. We set off early with a near full busload of passengers from Strathbogie, Euroa, Benalla, Wangaratta etc. Although it was a very windy day, everybody enjoyed exploring these amazing gardens, taking note of 'must have plants' and fresh ideas on landscaping.

I am sure everybody felt the long journey was well worth the effort.

Thank you to Olwyn for organising the trip so well and Stuart Coutts for his very funny and intellectually stimulating quiz during our bus journey.

Our next get-together will be at Barb Selby & Bino Sabin's garden, Tames Rd. Strathbogie on Wednesday, 1st October at 1.30 pm. Tel: (57 90-5162).

We visited Barb and Bino's garden a few years ago and it will be exciting to see the advances which have occurred during that time.

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Strathbogie Tablelands Market Day & Art Exhibition

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Open every Friday and Saturday nights
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Bookings essential. Ph Olga 57908510

Special events -

October 4th and 5th- Tag-a-long tour, Euroa Show
and Shine

Wednesday November 12th - Ladies Tea Party
and Lunch. Tea tasting from the Herb Barn. Bring
along your favourite teapot or tea-cup for a fun
competition. From 11 am. Please book.

STRATHBOGIE SEEDSAVERS

Last meeting we joined with the newly formed GV Seedsavers for a visit to Tanya & Campbell Holt's property at Yalca. We celebrated Kitchen Garden day in appropriate fashion by sharing produce & seeds and enjoying scrumptious home made fare for afternoon tea.

Many also took advantage of the occasion to purchase some of Campbell's fruit & nut trees which are always of excellent quality & size.

We admired the huge veggie area with rows and rows of healthy winter veggies—this extensive area allows them to trade veggies for produce such as fresh milk and citrus etc from local farmers. Tanya makes yoghurt & cheeses from the milk, her fetta cheese in a frittata she'd made was stunning in flavour & possibly the fact that everything in the dish came from their garden helped also! Anyway, a beaut afternoon, and we thank them for their hospitality.

October's meeting will be held on Sunday 5th at 1.30pm and we're welcoming home Noel & Virginia— yes they're back from their travels, so we'll be meeting at their place (10 Tulip Street, V. Town, 5798 1774) for a catch up and the opportunity to get lots of summer seeds from the collection. Please bring along any spare seedlings as per usual. See you there on the 5th. (Terry 57908635)

