



October/November 2012

## November 17 - 24 - The Strathbogie Butterfly Festival

Program inside!



### What's on

**October 30th** - 8pm Guided Meditation 57905356

**October 30th** - 2pm - U3A meeting in Euroa.

**November 12th** - 7.30pm - STAG meeting

**November 17th-24th** - The Strathbogie Ranges Butterfly Festival

**December 7th** - 7.30pm Community Film Night

**December 15th** - Christmas on the Tableland

**February 24th 2013** - Strathbogie Community Clearing Auction

**Every Second and Forth Sunday** - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am

**Fortnightly** - Guided Meditation—2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm—ph Julie 57905356

**Fortnightly—Strathbogie Knitting Group** 7pm. Ph Robyn 0408 529773 or Deb 57905398

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome - Ph Jenny Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith 57905159

**Every Wednesday** - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church - Strathbogie ph Di Mackrell 57905241

**Every Fourth Sunday** 9-11 am - Friends of the Bridge to Bridge.

### STAG submissions successful

The Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) receives an annual funding allocation from the Strathbogie Shire Council that is based on the current population of the Tableland. This year's grant is \$6,180. STAG has to complete submission(s) demonstrating how this money will be spent in the community. Projects need to fit with the stated aims/goals/values of the Strathbogie Tableland Action Plan.

Projects that will be funded in the 2012 – 2013 year are:

- 1) Land management information for landholders. This project will collate current, freely available land management information relevant to Strathbogie Tableland residents and will be displayed in carousels in prominent places in the township.
- 2) Sewing machine for Material Girls group. A new sewing machine will assist the group in community projects it undertakes and will be available for members to use at the group.
- 3) Publicity for the huge community clearing sale that will take place on Feb 24, 2013. The clearing sale will be a fund raiser for the Rec Ground, the Memorial Hall, the local CFA and the golf club.

There are many things that can be funded through the annual allocation. If you have an idea for a community project that requires some money then don't hesitate to contact the STAG committee. Ideas that have been floated for next year are the printing of a brochure for a self-guided tour of former school sites and a streetscape design for the township (the latter done in consultation with the community).

For a project to succeed it needs a) people to work together to undertake, or organise, the work required, and b) some input into the submission that goes to Council. STAG committee members are on hand to assist with the process, as are community development officers at the Shire. Contact STAG via the Strathbogie Post Office, via email to [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org) or by phone to Heather on 5790 5301.

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November 3rd & 4th

"Moonrise Kingdom" (PG)

November 10th & 11th

"The Cabin in The Woods"

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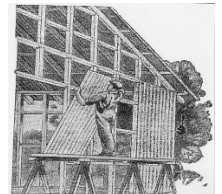
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24th November



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cleaning is required. Bookings contact  
person is Kim Usher  
Ph 5790 5345

## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345

Deadline - 26<sup>th</sup> October. Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com) ), ph 57905203, post PO Box 23  
Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.



The STAG committee is organising a community film night to be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm start, followed by supper (please bring some supper to share). Tea/coffee etc. provided. Come along and see how well the new audio visual equipment works. Details of the movie will be announced soon.

### Community transport on the Tableland??

Two transport ideas floated at the community engagement dinner in April were:

- 1) car share/car pool group
  - 2) transport for elderly and disabled residents, or people without a car.
- There is some money available through the Strathbogie Shire Council that could support the establishment of both 1) and 2) above as a combined project. A computer based car share group would enable people to register regular trips, request rides and offer rides. I believe ways could be found to include people who need rides and who don't yet use the internet. Some volunteers would be needed to make this project a success. If you are interested in being part of a small group to look at ways to make the above happen please phone Heather on 5790 5301 or contact STAG by email to [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org)

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Oct 26 - 28 - "Margin Call" (MA)  
& "The Words" (PG)  
Nov 2-4 - "Ruby Sparks" (M) & "Margaret" (MA)  
Nov 9 - 11 - "Elena" (M)  
& "Goodbye First Love" (M)  
Nov 16 - 18 - "The Sapphires" (PG) & "The Tall Man" (M)  
Nov 23 - 25 - "Wish You Were Here" (MA) &  
"Take This Waltz" (MA)  
Nov 30 - "The Way" (PG) & "Vincent Wants to Sea" (MA)  
Dec 7 - 9 - "Once Upon a Time in Anatolia" (M) &  
"The Well Diggers Daughter" (PG)

Start Times - Friday and Saturday 7.30pm and  
Sunday 5.00pm (note October Sunday time  
changes to 6pm)  
Double feature: \$12.50/\$10

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A U3A IN EUROA?

An initial information session will be conducted in Euroa at 2.00 pm on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> at The Flour Mill, 17 Kirkland Avenue, with a guest speaker from another U3A to discuss how their club operates. Afternoon tea will be served following the information session.



### What is the U3A? How does it work?

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is a voluntary community organization that provides low cost learning to older people

It is an international movement designed to encourage retired or semi-retired people to take part in life-long learning activities for pleasure so that they become aware of their intellectual, cultural and aesthetic potentials. There are currently 100 U3A groups in Victoria, providing opportunities for about 30,000 members.

U3As are open to everyone as no education qualifications are required or given.

A range of different learning activities are offered and taught by volunteer tutors

The educational and recreational mix of courses offered varies across U3A groups, depending on the strengths and interests of its members and on the resources in their community

### How is a U3A run?

It is managed by a volunteer committee

A U3A group organizes its own programs by drawing on the skills of members, and community resources available

Annual Membership Subscriptions are around \$20 - \$40 per member.

As this edition of Tableland Talk will probably come out after the 30th, please contact Harry or Kerrie if you would like more information.

### For further information, please contact

Harry Dobson, U3A Network Victoria Development Officer

Email: [dobson@alphalink.com.au](mailto:dobson@alphalink.com.au) Mobile: 0413 079 394

or Kerrie Reardon, Improving Liveability for Older People Project Worker on 57 366366 or 0407 582747.

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### Silver and gold by Donmil

It varies from season to season:

The blossom, I mean, on the wattle;

In some years a few trees have flowers,

In others it seems the whole lot'll.

*Note: Donmil doesn't claim that this is entirely his  
own work, but its source or original version is un-  
known to him – can anyone help?*



# FACT SHEET - FIRE PREVENTION PROPERTY INSPECTIONS SIGNIFICANT FINE INCREASES APPLY



Is Fire Prevention Your Responsibility?  
If you own property in Strathbogie Shire, this may apply to you.

## PROPERTY INSPECTIONS ARE ABOUT TO COMMENCE

During the declared Fire Danger Period, if you own or occupy a property within, or near a built up area, the following applies:

Owners/occupiers are responsible for –

- ◆ Small blocks ie less than 2.6 hectares, grass must be kept to a maximum height of 100mm.
- ◆ Ground fuels ie. dry grass, twigs, dry leaves and branches must be kept to a minimum.
- ◆ If the property is over 2.6 hectares, a minimum of 6 metre boundary break is required.

Council will initially inspect all properties in and around built up areas and may issue a letter bringing to the land owner/occupiers attention if a fire hazard exists.

A follow up inspection will result in a Fire Prevention Notice being served if the fire hazard still exists. If after 14 days action has not occurred to reduce the fire hazard eg. block slashing, Council may issue an Infringement Notice, which carries a fine and undertake the slashing works at the property owners expense.

The fines have been increased this year by CFA for failing to comply with a Fire Prevention Notice by 500%. This means a fine of \$1,408.00

Fines apply to people not complying with the above requirements.

During the declared Fire Danger Period, lighting of fire in the open for burning off is not allowed unless a written permit is obtained from the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

More information is available by contacting the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer on 1800 065 993.

## Green Land

by Donmil

Restoring the land is the reason  
Many folk in the 'Bogies put trees in;  
If you've done it you'll know  
How fast the trees grow  
When the weather gods smile on the season.

## Strathbogie Shire Council Election Results -

Mt Wombat ward -  
Robin Weatherald 531 votes,  
Neil Murray 484 votes. Informal vote 4.34%  
Honeysuckle Ward -  
Patrick Storer 831 votes  
Tom Maher 202 votes. Informal vote 2.18%

## THIS IS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY - WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

All of us need to breathe, drink and eat. These are all benefits that are fundamentally provided by biodiversity. Biodiversity collectively describes the vast array of approximately 9 million unique living organisms (including Homo sapiens) that inhabit the earth, together with the interactions amongst them. The concept includes every species of bacteria, virus, plant, fungi, and animal, as well as the diversity of genetic material within each species. It also encompasses the diverse ecosystems the species make up and the ongoing evolutionary processes that keep them functioning and adapting. Find out why we can't get by without it, why biodiversity is in decline, and what we can do about it. <http://csironewsblog.com/tag/climate-change/>

**Guided Meditation with Julie Bond-Rowe** - Now Monthly for the rest of 2012  
Tuesday 30th October (Full Moon)  
Thursday 29th November (Full Moon)  
7pm, \$8 per 1 hour session  
2122 Euroa-Strathbogie Road, Strathbogie.  
Ph 57905356 or 0409 432945

## EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

November 17, December 15th.  
9am to 1pm, Rotary Park, Kirkland Avenue, EUROA  
Authentic, community based farmers' market coordinated by the Rotary Club of Euroa More info 0407680320 Meggs.



# Strathbogie Campus

NOVEMBER 2012

We've bounced back into school with a very full program ahead of us. This term is 11 weeks long and super busy—camps, excursions, transition days, P-2 sleepover, graduation dinner, and quite a bit of assessment as we prepare to write final reports. With that in mind we also have a play to finish writing, learn the script, songs, choreography, create backdrops, props and costumes. Anyone need a rest yet?

We welcome Tynan Wellington to our campus. Tynan is in Year 4 and is staying with his grandma, Toni Down, while his parents are preparing for an interstate relocation. We are certainly enjoying having Tynan on board.



Our first week back saw us being spoilt with lots of surprises. Tynan brought in a delicious watermelon for us all to share; we had Jacob's 10th birthday with yummy chocolate mud cupcakes thanks to Sonia; and then our dear Kim brought in MORE cupcakes for us all to share!! How lucky we are to get so many lovely treats!



## Welcome to Jessica Schulz

During the school holidays there was some serious work underway at Strathbogie and we are so happy to announce that Jessica Schulz has been appointed to teach the Prep-2 room next year. Jessica spent a number of weeks with the staff and students at Baddaginnie-Swanpool and we all had the pleasure of working with her at the Athletics day. Jessica has just completed the final year of her 4 year teaching degree and hopes to spend some days in Bogie in the upcoming weeks. As sad as we are to be farewelling Ms Conroy we know that Jessica will be a much loved member of our Strathbogie family.

## The Super Cupboard

Our first week back saw a lot of banging and sawing in the Office and Art room as Tom the Builder removed the old gas wall heaters, patched the holes from the removed flues and then got stuck into building a super strong, super big cupboard. Thanks Tom for a great job, and thanks to Chris McKeachie who is painting it inside and out before we fill it up with all sorts of art materials, play costumes and so on.



## Fundraising

It has been a little while since we mentioned fundraising but a few things we need to report on.

1. Peranbin Cookbook—Delish—will be out before Christmas. With over 140 recipes from families, staff and community members you can snap up a great gift for Christmas or treat for yourself for just \$30. If you would like to pre-order a copy or two (or more for those looking for something for the relative you can never shop for) please let us know.

2. Scouts Raffle—we received a big thank you from the Scouts group for participating in their raffle AND we received a cheque for \$508.50 as monies raised for our campus through ticket sales. A fantastic return so thank you to everyone who sold and purchased tickets.
3. Pauls Milk Caps—we continue to collect Pauls Milk Caps so send them in please!

## Water Watch

The senior kids have enjoyed another Water Watch session with Jill and this month our focus is on birds. The kids were asked to prepare for the session by bringing:

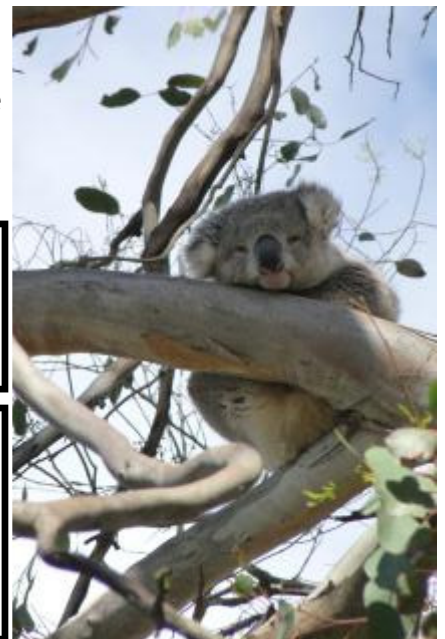
1. A feather for a new experiment (seeing the effect oil has on the feather structure)
2. Note in their diaries birds they spot in and around Strathbogie and where they spotted them eg. duck on the dam, cockatoo in the grass. These were classified into groups such as bird of prey, scavengers and seed eaters.



*Brianna carefully adding a solution to our water sample to test the oxygen levels.*

They also completed last month's experiment of observing the effect of sunlight on the decomposition rate of common items that end up in our water ways as rubbish including newspaper, food wrappers, screws, cigarette butts and rubber tubing. There were some very dirty looking samples and a number of really stinky samples. Following this we set up a new experiment of different oil based products in water; these are sitting on the window sill and so far a noticeable change has already occurred to the butter and water combination.

*Our latest koala resting and looking very cute!*



**Chickens** - Where did those cute little fluff balls go? Into their run as they have lots of grown up feathers and love to leap and flap their ever growing wings. The chickens have been fulltime outsiders since the start of term 4 and despite some wet moments have been loving their super improved enclosure. No news yet as to who can crow and who cannot but it won't be too long.

