



**November, 2020**

### A Message from the Strathbogie CFA Captain



It's that time of year again, the days are getting longer as does the jobs list. Although fire preparation seems far down the list, **DON'T LET IT**. This season has provided great growth and if we let go too far it may be too late. Please remember we may be green for a lot longer than Euroa or Shepparton, BUT our fire restrictions are governed by their conditions. If there is a year to be caught out with long grass and unburnt bonfires, it will be this year.

If you are thinking that because it is a "La Nina" it will be wet all the way through, think again. At some point at the end of January, start of February there will be a grassfire. It happens every year, so be prepared and don't say no one warned you.

So please clean up your property, and clear up your access. This is to help yourself, your neighbours and the CFA crews. After all it may be your house fire not a bush fire we are coming to.

Now to brigade news, due to COVID, the AGM has been postponed until March. This means the distribution of shorts and T shirts (to wear under yellow attire), to our active members will be carried out on Sundays. So please turn up, do your annual burn-over drill, and collect your gear. To all new and aspiring members, could you please turn up on Sundays as well, so we can get your training up to speed.

Thanks to donations, Strathbogie fire brigade is able to apply for a replacement to our number 2 tanker. If successful, the new tanker will have a dual cab and more water than the current number 2, and yes John and Campbell air conditioning too.

We have also purchased a thermal imaging camera for hot spot location. I say this for all those wondering where their donations to the local brigade go. The answer is to equipment the CFA does not supply. So to all those that have donated thank you.

David Hamilton



### What's On

Nov 8, CFA Webinar, see page 15.

Please contact each organiser to check for current arrangements.

**Every Third Monday** - 7.30pm  
STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall.  
Helen Peters, Secretary.

**Every Second Tuesday** of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall  
Committee meets 6pm in the Hall.  
Enq Mary Wynne 0419 592 211

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls -  
usual times 10am - Rec Ground -  
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Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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**Every Third Sunday** of the month  
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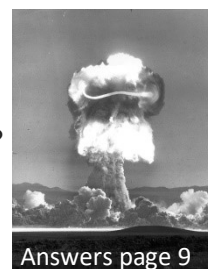
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We hope this gesture will be of some assistance to local businesses for continuing to promote their services to our community.  
*The TT Team.*

## Quiz questions of the month

Who wrote "On the beach", a novel and movie set in Melbourne about a nuclear apocalypse?

Who was the star of the movie and what did she have to say about Melbourne?



Answers page 9

### Tableland Talk is a community newsletter run by a volunteer group.

This newsletter is entirely made up of contributions. Contributions to this newsletter are published as a forum for public discussion.

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Readers are reminded that all contributions **MUST** be submitted with the name and address of the writer.

We would appreciate it if all invoices for advertising are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay for the photocopying.

*The TT Team*

**The Deadline** for the December edition of Tableland Talk is Thursday, November 26, 2020.

e: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), m: 0400 019 607, or via Strathbogie PO / Store.

Preferred formats: Word or Publisher files, font Arial 11, convert pdf to jpeg, images <250k. *TT Team.*

## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

At a recent meeting, committee members all expressed concern at the considerable delays and expenditure being experienced, particularly in relation to the Spring Creek Picnic Area and preparation for the forthcoming bushfire season.

Council has developed two designs in relation to access to the picnic area. However, in a letter to the CEO, STAG has reiterated previous advice that no further work should be undertaken until the issue of vehicle access to the old saleyards via the footpath has been resolved. Continued use of the footpath by vehicles will pose considerable danger to pedestrians, cause erosion and seriously hinder CFA trucks which fill at the creek.

STAG also expressed concern at the excessive amount of time (three years) and budget (\$40K) that it has taken for the project to reach its current stage.

STAG's letter to the CEO also drew attention to requests to address two issues that seriously impact on the safety of the Tableland community:

- Work (requested by the CFA Fire Captain in November 2019) to address the problem of dead trees on the Euroa/Strathbogrie Road reserve which have the potential to block the major access and escape route from the township.

The water access point for the CFA on Mackrell's Lane has been cut off by the installation of Ancap safety railing.

On a brighter note, Council has set up a Zoom account for use by community groups and STAG has successfully used this for its latest meeting.

We understand that the footpath to be created from the township to the Rec Reserve will be extended to Brookleigh Road to link in with existing tracks and trails.

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can enjoy another pizza night. Plenty has been happening and is planned for the Rec:

- The tennis group have done a great job cleaning up the courts and competition is about to start
- The architects have arranged testing of the concrete at the pavilion in preparation for building works

Work is about to commence on the installation of the 200,000 gallon tank and backup generator to service the CFA.

STAG would also like to congratulate the History Group on their successful application for grant funding to be used for signage around the township.

*Helen Peters, Secretary.*

### Recipe of the Month

#### Spinach and Feta Filo Pie

Perfect for Spring with all the leafy greens coming on strong. From the Valmorbidia Family.

Serves 4 - 6

100g pine nuts

5 large eggs

300g feta

30g cheddar

20g parmesan

1 tspn dried oregano

1 lemon's zest

Knob of unsalted butter

400g spinach / silver beet

270g pack filo pastry

Pinch cayenne

1 grated nutmeg

Olive oil



#### Method

Preheat oven to 200C

Dry roast pine nuts. Mix eggs and crumbled feta. Grate in cheddar and parmesan. Add cayenne, oregano, zest, a lug of oil and nuts when golden.

Fry greens in butter and a little oil.

Brush oil over each sheet of filo.

Add the greens to the egg and cheese, mix well with grated nutmeg.

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- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about
- Information on your local business or service

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## My Favourite Tree

Every day, at breakfast and at lunch, I look out through our front windows at this tree. It is a manna gum that was planted about 25 years ago by my partner Kath.

The paddock in front of our house used to be bare of trees, so in an attempt to transform the paddock, she planted many trees over the years. Many have now grown into large mature trees which provide shelter for many animals, and provides a very pleasant well treed outlook.

Many birds roost in its canopy, an echidna lives under the fallen bark and debris at its base, it is not unusual to see a koala walking down the paddock to feed on its leaves and every afternoon, the eastern grey kangaroos hop down from the bush behind the house to sit in the tree's protective shade.

When friends have come to stay, their children have run down to the tree and have spent a weekend building a cubby house under the tree's spreading branches.

Its not the largest or prettiest of the trees on our block but it provides us with a wonderful outlook from our front windows and has become part of our daily focus as we sit and eat our breakfast and contemplate the day ahead.

*Stuart*



**The VT RSL** has formed a team to proceed with a project to create a significant artwork celebrating the role of women from our area and their contribution to Australia's Military history. We believe it will: (1) add to the history of Violet Town's contribution to the war effort, (2) provide a valuable education resource for all, and (3) become part of the already established Military Trail. We are confident that our new project would be of interest to travellers and a benefit to our area.

We would like to express our thanks to historian Kirsty Harris for her contribution to this important project. As you can imagine there is a lot of work to do to get it right and the committee will be holding discussions with various groups and interested parties.

Our fingers are still crossed that we will be able to commemorate REMEMBRANCE DAY at 1100 hrs on 11 November

If you want any further information about the RSL or want to contribute in any way to our important project, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [dualbrook@hotmail.com](mailto:dualbrook@hotmail.com)

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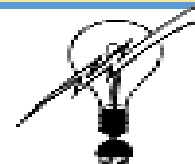
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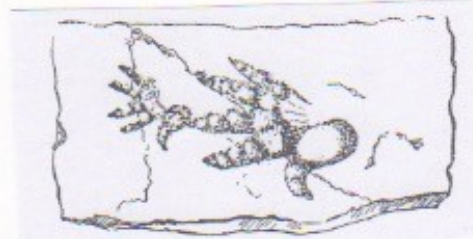
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## The Name Game: How much is enough?

Angus Martin

*Dreadnoughtus* (see TT for September 2020) started me on a train of thought. If dinosaurs (and other species known only from incomplete fossil remains) can be described and given scientific names, how much of the creature do you have to have before you can attach a name to it? Do you need (say) at least half the skeleton, or could it be less? Might it depend on how informative the available remains are? If you had the skull, for instance, wouldn't that be likely to reveal a lot more than just a toe-bone could?

No doubt of that. But if your knowledge of anatomy is comprehensive enough, you might well be able to deduce that the form of the toe-bone is characteristic of a particular group of species, but is identifiably different from all previously known members of the group. So you could then give it a name and a description – but why would you? What's the point (other than boosting your scientific profile)? Simply that you can then publish the name and description, making them available to all scholars in the field in the hope that one of them might find that bone associated with other parts of the skeleton, hence increasing the likelihood of gaining further information about whatever the creature is.



But what if you didn't have any part of the creature at all? Here's a case in point: in 1834, in sandstone deposits in Germany about 240 million years old, was discovered a series of animal tracks, the footprints clearly demarcated in the fine-grained stone. But they were very odd. Most conspicuous were imprints which, though a bit larger, looked rather like the impressions of human hands. In some cases, just in front of each large footprint was a much smaller but similarly shaped one. No bones, no other signs of life: just the tracks. Various scholars who looked at them suggested a bear or ape or unspecified marsupial origin, but another school of thought was in favour of a reptile.



What to name the track-maker, then? In a paper published in the following year, a Dr Kaup argued that *Chirotherium* (sometimes spelled *Cheirotherium*) would be an appropriate genus name, the derivation being from Greek *cheir*, hand, and *therion*, beast, hence 'hand-beast'. He did acknowledge the lack of definitive information, however, by suggesting *Chirosaurus* ('hand-lizard') as an alternative, in case the lizard-lobbyists turned out to be right. It might be thought the height of cheek to give a name to a creature when you didn't know whether it was a reptile or a mammal (or for that matter something else altogether), but today's student of palaeontology would be able to gleefully point out that mammals had not yet appeared on

earth at the time in question.

So the case for *Chirotherium* being a reptile takes centre-stage. Eventual discoveries of tracks and associated remains in other parts of the world revealed the maker of the enigmatic footprints to have been an archosaur, a member of an ancient reptile group related to the dinosaurs. Like many carnivorous dinosaurs, it probably carried most of its weight on its large hindlimbs, with the much punier forelimbs touching the ground lightly or sometimes not at all.

However the name *Chirotherium* still carried the day: what a classic illustration of the nomenclatorial rule that a name cannot be changed simply because it turns out to be inappropriate. But at least, the next time you're playing Trivial Pursuit and the question *Why is an ancient reptile called a hand-beast?* comes up, you'll know the answer.



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## Letter to the Editor

A long overdue thank you.

After reading about people in Australia getting orders of Australia by just doing their job, I thought it was time to give credit for those that have gone above and beyond for our local CFA this year.

Roz Willis and Vicki Tuck, and by association Ron and Noel, this year ran a fund-raising dance for the local CFA. The local brigade can't thank them enough for the funds raised.

Not only did Roz and Vicki organise, set up and pay for costs of this event, they ensured it was a thoroughly entertaining night, for the mental relief of the whole of the community, after such a long and firey summer.

Without people like Roz and Vicki, who think of others in our community, Strathbogie would be a lonely place. A personal thank you for all your efforts

The honours don't stop there. There is a couple in our brigade who has shown great initiative and effort. David Broek and Marg Koenig as volunteer firefighters have started up an auxiliary to help clean the trucks after fires. As well as this David has taken the trucks for a run each week and sanitize, each time during this covid period. Your efforts have saved other active volunteers numerous hours. Another selfless act in which the Strathbogie CFA are proud, and another person who makes me pleased to have chosen Strathbogie to live.

Thank you again

On behalf of the Strathbogie CFA Brigade

David Hamilton

## The Australian Sunrise

The morning star pales slowly, the Cross hung low to the sea

And down the shadowy reaches the tide came swirling free

The lustrous purple blackness of the soft Australian night  
Wane in the grey awakening that heralded in the light  
Out of the dying darkness, over the forest dim

The pearly dew of the dawning clung to each giant limb  
Til the sun came up from ocean, red with the cold sea mist

And smote on the limestone ridges, and the shining  
treetops kissed

Then the firey Scorpion vanished, the Magpie's note was heard

And the wind in the Sheoak wavered, and the Honey-suckles stirred

The airy golden vapour rose from the river breast  
The Kingfisher came darting out of his crannied nest  
And the bull rushes and reed beds put off their fallow grey

And burnt with cloudy crimson at the dawning of the day

*James L. Cuthbertson*

## So excited to be back at School

We are so excited that school is back for Term 4 after doing remote learning for most of Term 2 and Term 3. All the students have been excited to be back in the classroom and back at school for the last term in 2020. The school would like to extend a massive thank you and congratulations to the children, families and staff who have been able to continue learning and working together throughout the remote learning this year.

While remote learning has been happening we have been lucky enough to have some grounds maintenance and cleaning happening at our Strathbogie campus. We would also like to extend a thank you to the Parent's club who used some of the fundraising money to get all new line marking happening at the school (pics page 14).

The parents club were also able to organize an end of term virtual disco at the conclusion of term 3. It was great to see all the children and families get involved into a fun and exciting celebration of all their hard work.



With the return to onsite learning, the staff of Strathbogie campus are working closely with each student to help extend or catch-up on their learning. We are also making plans for our end of year celebrations. Hopefully restrictions in regional Victoria will allow us to have families and community members on site, but for the time being we are planning virtual celebrations to share.

Kimberley Amott  
Education Support  
Peranbin Primary College

## Quiz answers (from Page 2)

Nevil Shute, better known for his novel  
"A Town like Alice."



Ava Gardner, who said  
Melbourne was a perfect  
place to shoot a film about the end of  
the world.



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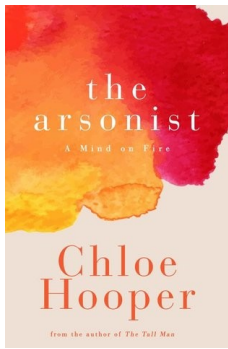
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## **The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub**



*The Arsonist* by Chloe Hooper, Penguin Random House, 2018

To read *The Arsonist* is unsettling. As another summer approaches, residents in rural Australia ponder what the high temperatures and abundant fuel loads might bring? At the front of people's minds are the deadly 2009 Black Saturday fires and the Black Summer fires of 2019 – only a year ago; older folk will perhaps also recall Ash Wednesday, 1983.

Bushfires are bad enough, but deliberately lit out-of-control bushfires can ignite emotions that can also threaten to get out of hand. Chloe Hooper tackles the highly sensitive issue of arson so deftly that it is fair to say the reader will look on all characters involved in the excruciating drama with a degree of sympathy – perhaps even the arsonist.

The setting is Churchill in the Latrobe Valley, an area of grinding, generational poverty and disadvantage, the highest rates of crime and domestic violence in the state of Victoria, and home to 40-year-old Brendan Sokaluk, a lonesome man whose perceptions of the world around him evince a disturbing childishness and simplicity; at the same time, Brendan Sokaluk demonstrates the ability to construct a narrative that allows him to be viewed as manipulative, even cunning. The reader is given the view of the fire that ignited in the Churchill area from a welter of perspectives: the detectives, the neighbours and Churchill community, Brendan's beleaguered parents; the lawyers; the fire experts, the police and, uncomfortably, the suspected arsonist himself.

The need for victims of arson-related bushfire to find a culprit is understandable, but it can also alert us to the potential that hatred on a communal level has the potential to alter the course of justice. This book raises some very strong questions, not least, how does a community ensure that lonesome individuals develop a sense of belonging to the group, a sense of reciprocity in being protected and protecting others, that, "in an age of fire, all of us are gatekeepers"?

*The Arsonist* is a powerful book, a reminder of the importance of community inclusiveness and the courage to accept difference – and that bushfire doesn't have favourites.

Next month: *The Life to Come* by Michelle de Kretser, Allen and Unwin, 2017

## **Fire and flood preparedness permit available for absentee landowners**

### *Key points*

- Absentee landowners issued with a Fire Prevention Notice, or owning a property located in a Bushfire Management Overlay, can apply to travel to undertake fire-preparedness actions
- People whose properties may be affected by floodwater will be able to apply for permits should a significant rain event be forecast
- Permit conditions include a 72-hour time-limit and requirement to declare a return-date
- Metropolitan lockdown laws will apply for successful applicants

Strathbogie Shire has committed to balancing COVID-safe practices with ensuring all property-owners can prepare accordingly for the coming fire danger period. Council is encouraging non-resident landowners to use local contractors to undertake property clean ups wherever possible. A list of people can be found on the Strathbogie Shire website. Alternatively, the assistance of neighbours, family or friends.

Melbourne residents who own property within the Shire and have received a letter requesting them to attend to their property to reduce fire risk following an inspection recently undertaken by Council, or their property is located within a Bushfire Management Overlay, can apply for a permit to travel to undertake fire-preparedness actions. This may include mowing or slashing grass, clearing fallen branches and overgrown weeds, or general property maintenance. However, the permits come with strict conditions, including a 72-hour time-limit and a requirement to declare a return-date.

During the travel period, Melbourne property-owners need to abide by metropolitan lockdown restrictions, which include no visiting friends or local cafés.

In response to the Victorian Government announcement that paved the way for the permits, the Shire has created an online form, available on the Shire's website, through which applications can be submitted. Applicants need to provide details about the type of work to be carried out and outline the time-period. Council officers will aim to respond within five working days.

For anyone finding it difficult to undertake fire or flood preparedness action, the Shire encourages seeking out local contractors.

For more information and details about how to apply, visit [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au).

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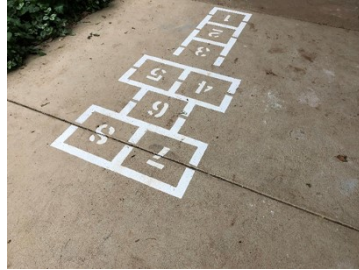
# *Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus*

All students and staff were very happy to be back together at our lovely campus.

## **Thank-you....**

A very big thank-you to the Strathbogie Campus Parents Club! The line marking that was funded and organised by the Parents Club looks great!

As you can see from the photos, the basketball court has been redone and we now have a hopscotch, 4 square and the much anticipated chessboard!



## **Welcome**

Through our Transition Program we have welcomed our newest members to the Junior Class at Strathbogie, our Foundation students for 2021, Violet Tough and Caysa Murray. The girls both did a wonderful job on their first day, participating in the Book Week parade and experiencing a Reading lesson.

## **From Mr. Farrell**

Our examination of rubbish in 4th term's Senior Inquiry Topic gave us the perfect reason to visit our beautiful creek once again for Environmental Science. We didn't find much rubbish thankfully but when we did we discussed its distribution, origin and the chain of responsibility. Junior students are studying Archosaurs (broad classification of dinosaurs), and their adaptations or lack thereof determining how they survived global changes through the Mesozoic.

During home learning recently Alina did a great job writing a creative story about the water cycle and its energy exchanges with the environment around it. It is a great example of bringing creativity to a potentially dry science topic. While inspired by an existing book called "When Water Lost Her Way" by Meg Humphrys, Alina's version nicely adds the extra complexity of energy exchanges. She's agreed to share it. Thanks Alina!

## **Water's Adventure**

Water was flowing down a mountain when she felt something spin inside her. She then felt a little drained of energy. A woman came out of a power plant so water called out "Excuse me! Why was there something spinning in me?" The woman said, "We're a hydroelectricity plant. We put water wheels in flowing water and that turns a turbine which makes power for our town." Water was confused, "But, I'm Water?" she said. "Yes, I know," she replied. "You help everyone quite a bit!"

Water flowed away, thinking about what the lady said. She soon came to settle in a lake.

After a while water began to feel herself evaporating! As she floated up she condensed and turned into a cloud. As she looked up she saw the bright sun. "Hello!" she said. "Sun!" "Who's there!" Boomed the sun. "I'm Water!" she replied. "I was just wondering what I'm doing up so high from my lake?" The sun said "I use my thermal energy to evaporate you so you rain down and water the plants." "What's thermal energy?" Water said. "It's heat." Sun replied. "Some Humans use it by burning coal in a cylinder then releasing the hot air all of a sudden which turns a turbine creating power!" Then she felt herself falling, "Thank yooou!" she called out as she fell, gaining mechanical energy as she went.

Water landed in a field below an ancient gum tree. She sat as a puddle and slowly sank into the ground. After a while the old gum tree's roots began to suck her up. As she travelled through the tree she felt some of the energy that she got from falling drain out of her. "Tree!" Water said. "Why do I feel so weak?" "You bring me most of the nutrients I need to survive!" said the old gum tree. "There would be no plants, animals or humans if there was no water!" "Wow!" Thought water as she transpired through the tree's leaves.

As water floated back up to the clouds she met with wind. "Hello wind!" she said. "Hello!" He replied. "Today I realised that I give humans electric energy and give living things chemical energy!" said water. "I make electric energy too!" said wind, "I spin turbines using my movement energy!" "Cool," said water, "anyway, bye." "See ya!" Replied wind and flew away. So water continued her ancient cycle feeling proud of herself for helping all living things.

THE END



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## Celebrate National Recycling Week

# LET'S RECYCLE RIGHT!

We conducted an audit on kerbside recycling material in your local Shire and these are the most common items found in the recycling bin which do not belong there.



### SOFT PLASTIC PACKAGING

Take plastic shopping bags and food wrappers to the collection bins at your local participating supermarket. Otherwise, place all soft plastic packaging in your garbage bin.



### RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Place recyclables loose in your recycling bin to ensure they are recycled.



### TEXTILES

Clothing, shoes, blankets and linen should be donated if in good condition or placed in the garbage bin if in poor condition.



### POLYSTYRENE

Polystyrene doesn't go in your recycling bin at home because it breaks into small pieces and can't be sorted from other items.



### BULKY ITEMS

These items cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin. Take them to your local Resource Recovery Centre instead.

Residents are invited to join us online to see where your recycling goes and what becomes of it. Book your place now at [www.rethinkrecycling.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.rethinkrecycling.eventbrite.com.au)

For more information on how to recycle right, visit [www.recycling.vic.gov.au](http://www.recycling.vic.gov.au)



## Sassy Sister Decadent Blueberry Liqueur

A labour of love and passion from Amanda Furlong and Rob Mitchell. We create Sassy Sister at Bilyara Springs, our sustainable farm and craft distillery, nestled in the foothills of Victoria's pristine Strathbogrie Ranges. Made using our organically grown berries, and locally sourced Oak aged spirits, Sassy Sister is distilled and bottled on site at Bilyara Springs.

With Sassy Sister we celebrate and honour generations of strong and independent women. The name Sassy Sister is inspired by two sisters from our family, who combine sweet natures with a zesty wit and luscious vintage style. These sassy sisters have matured into beautiful and capable women – just as our own Sassy Sister has matured into a sumptuous and sophisticated liqueur.

*Available across the North East, in Euroa through Strathbogrie Local Open Food Network, Weekend Local and Burtons SUPA IGA. She is in both supermarkets in Mansfield and she can be tasted as a cocktail at the Luna Bar in Mansfield where "Sassy Smash" is on their cocktail list.*

Or buy direct from [www.sassysisterliqueur.com.au](http://www.sassysisterliqueur.com.au)



## Eastern Long-necked Turtles Looking for Love



Can I just put forward an observation that there are many eastern long necked turtles on the move looking for love, and unwittingly getting skittled on the roads. Please community, slow down and scan the road ahead, if safe to do so, stop and remove the little guys from the roadway and put them well away in the direction they were heading. The Euroa - Mansfield Rd has had many that have not made the crossing due to careless drivers. If injured the Ace Vets in Euroa are very kind to local wildlife, pick them up carefully as they have a defensive manoeuvre of weeing when picked up, place in a box or even large plastic bag to take to the vet or ring Wildlife Vic for assistance – 8400 7300

Cheers Amanda Furlong

### CFA Webinar November 8, 2020

To continue our ongoing partnership with the Strathbogie Community during the era of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the District 22 Community Safety Team and Strathbogie CFA would like to invite you to a zoom webinar. This interactive session will provide you with the opportunity to revisit your bushfire emergency planning, and check in on your seasonal preparedness. Topics include, seasonal outlook, reviewing your planning with a COVID lens and reminders in relation to accessing information and warnings and property preparation. Whilst the session was created with those who have attended one of our previous sessions in mind, we also encourage others to attend, particularly those who are new to the area, and we can provide further resources as needed. We are looking forward to running this virtual session. Copy the link below into your browser.

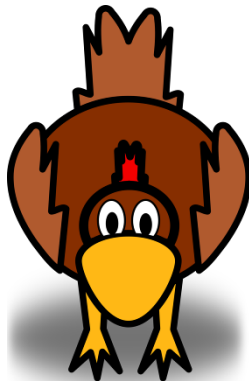
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Emily Guthrie, CFA Community Engagement Coordinator

### Garden aromas

by Donmil

The best manure? –  
You can pick and choose,  
My choice, for sure,  
Is chicken poos.



Wonderful news - **Mass can now be celebrated indoors** although we are restricted to just 20 people.

Next: Sunday 1st November at St Attracta's at 11am

St Johns will have a few masses to be fair to everyone to attend a Mass. Starting Tuesday 3rd Nov followed by Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mass will be at 6PM each night. You will need to ring Fr Tony on his mobile 0439 033 029 to register for the night you would like to attend.

We must still wear face marks through the service. There is to be no gathering in the church after Mass and if outside we must still adhere to the 1.5 metre distancing rule.

God Bless and stay safe.

*John Ryan*

John Ryan

### The Phoenix Rises!

The Violet Town Honeysuckle Art Exhibition "*The Shape of Things*" is rising from the ashes of 2020 and will be held in March 2021 Opening on the weekend of the Violet Town market.

The HAC group is currently preparing the new posters and information for artists.

Look out for this information on the VT Community noticeboard, the VT website What's On and around the local region later in November.

All artists currently on our email list will be sent an invitation to enter their artwork in the exhibition.

New artists are also invited to enter. Full information, Entry Forms plus Terms and Conditions will be available on the Violet Town website by mid November. Enquiries can also be emailed to our new email address [honeysuckle3669@gmail.com](mailto:honeysuckle3669@gmail.com)

The 2021 *Shape of Things* is reshaping to be bigger and even more exciting than its former self!

More news next month!

## Strathbogie Landcare – Notice of AGM 2020

It's a strange year to be having an AGM – though I suppose the reports will be brief! Seriously though, there's lots to share and catch-up on - 29<sup>th</sup> November is the day. AGMs are the perfect time to review a group's direction and this year provides a substantial opportunity, as it'll be a little like starting afresh.

When: 10 am, 29 November, 2020.

Where: to be confirmed, but somewhere in Strathbogie Township

The group's primary focus in the last 12-18 months has been extending the tracks and trails network around the Strathbogie Township. It's now possible to walk several kilometers on sign-posted tracks and trails along Seven Creeks, Spring Creek and Magiltan Creek. This network of trails has already become a major asset for the township and will only continue to grow in popularity. Huge thanks are due to Sean, our Landcare Secretary (along with many other helpers), for working tirelessly to make this happen. If you haven't walked the trails yet, you're missing out on some of Bogies absolute gems. And we're not finished yet!

Having not been able to conduct many group activities at all in the last 12 months, the next year will hopefully see us jump out of the blocks – continuing our tracks and trails work and (re)starting other projects.

In recent years we've been busy on lots of fronts: farm demonstration sites coordinated by David Jamieson have been a big success, pest plant and animal control, fauna monitoring, guest speakers, plants for revegetation projects, community events/walks, liaising with agencies and other community groups, school educational activities.



Exactly what we do in the next few years depends on landholder interest and input. To this end the committee has put together a survey to better understand the sorts of activities and issues our community has interest in. The survey will be mailed out to members and also shared via Bogie-tree, so readers may already have seen it by the time TT is delivered. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to the committee. We'd love to hear about the sorts of activities that you'd like to be involved in. The Landcare group's success is only limited by the community's imagination and involvement.

More information about the venue for the AGM will be announced on Bogie-tree and via our

membership email list, as it's still not clear what Covid19 restrictions might apply – but the date and time, at least, are set.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

Bertram Lobert, on behalf of the Strathbogie Landcare Committee.



## Tennis is back!

*Mayra Walsh, Secretary.*



After nearly 15 years, a group of community minded people have got together to open up the Strathbogie Tennis Club again. Initiated by Craig Mercuri of Creek Junction with a call out through the Bogie Tree email list, it soon became evident that there was a desire to both play socially and put a team together despite the challenges of COVID which means having no access to club rooms and having to comply with a range of regulations.

A club committee has now been formed and the club has been incorporated and registered with Tennis Victoria. The Committee members are President - Craig Mercuri, Vice President - Mayra Walsh, Secretary - Mark Borthwick and Treasurer - Niki Sales. The Committee want the club to focus on community engagement and participation.

Craig said, "This is all about bringing tennis back to the local community, in particular the children and young people in Strathbogie. We will be running Hot Shots for primary school aged children by first term 2021. We have a few well trained and enthusiastic volunteer tennis mentors who will conduct this program as well as providing tips for anyone else wishing to improve their game." Tennis Victoria will support the Hot Shots program, and several grants are being applied for to assist with refurbishment of the courts and fencing.

The Strathbogie Tennis Club's team in the Benalla and District Tennis Association played their first round of matches in Section 2 on Saturday 31st Oct, and they won! A good start to the season. Playing in this competition means the Club will host tennis teams from around the region for their home matches every second Saturday afternoon in Strathbogie.

While competition tennis is great and we would love to see more teams in the future, many people just want to have a hit and a good social time. The Club is holding evening social tennis every Thursday from 5pm onwards during summer. So please feel free to join us and come on down for a hit. All levels welcome, including children.