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April/May 2011

535m Festival a HUGE Success

Some thoughts about the wonderful festival we held in Strathbogie at the beginning of April.....there are more to come - three local young people are organising a dance at the Strathbogie Hall on the 7th May - see inside & be there!!

Thank you to all involved in the Harvest Dinner.

What a wonderful happening.

The supper room was transformed.

I do think it doesn't suit SCOFF to hurry though. (I know it was kinda unavoidable) I would have loved to settle in for the evening, slowly worked my way through every dish, found out what was in it and who made it, and the same for the people; Slowly moved around the tables and had a taste of everyone's company.....

But Strathbogie being such a happening place these days, on we galloped to the next equally inspiring community event, the opening of the art exhibition at the Garage.

Shoo-Hoo!!!

Couldn't you just feel it? Everybody there, no matter their level of involvement, eyes wide with delight, witnessing such a creative explosion coming right out of our community.

And the next day the workshops.

People buzzing and humming with enthusiasm.

Who would have thought that little bits of broken china, and small slabs of lino and a bottle of ink, and words strung together by young and old, could have such a gripping effect on people?

Personally I think there is something in the mosaic glue, an addictive fume perhaps, that rose into the air and hypnotised people, so that they forgot their obligations to everyday life and tumbled back to the garage the next day and Glued and Grouted and Gossiped, while the Grass weavers weaved and waggled their tongues.....

and the Gospel singing spilled out of the church and wafted up the Main street like a typical Strathbogie mist...

very beautiful thing...to have harmonies set free on the breeze.....

Very beautiful thing....to have a community set free in creative expression.....

There is more I want to write in thanks. More moments I want to share in case they were missed by some.....(a few photos to share of people 'shakin' what there Mamma gave them' at the Afrobiotics gig) perhaps I will manage a 'chapter two'.....yes, definitely.

But in the mean time I raise my glass to the first of many 535 m's!!



(contributed - see inside for more comments)

What's on in May

May 5th - 7pm Knitting Group - meets fortnightly on Thursday's at Robyn Patterson's - 10 Main St

May 6th - Water Forum - Euroa Flour Mill

May 7th - Now and Then Dance, Strathbogie Hall

May 8th - 11.30am Church Service St Andrews Church - Strathbogie

May 11th - 7.30 pm Singing Group, Strathbogie Church.

May 19th - 7pm Knitting Group - meets fortnightly on Thursday's at Robyn Patterson's - 10 Main St

May 21st - 10am - Bogie Spinners and Weavers - Rec Ground.

May 22nd - 11.30am Church Service St Andrews Church - Strathbogie

May 22nd - Bridge to Bridge working bee

May 25th - 7.30 pm Singing Group, Strathbogie Church.

June 8th - 7.30 pm Singing Group, Strathbogie Church.

June 12th - 11.30am Church Service St Andrews Church - Strathbogie

Every Monday 4.30pm - Rosen Movement Strathbogie Hall 57908622

Every Sunday 6.15 - 7pm Zumba dance fitness Strathbogie Hall Contact Sarah on 0400 016 939

Every Wednesday Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Ph Jenny Walker 57905111

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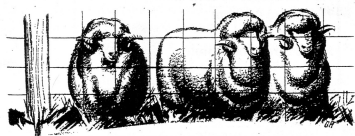
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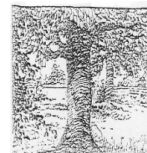
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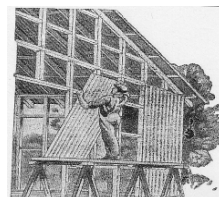


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Deadline - 28th May. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com (Note change of email address), ph
57905203, post PO Box 23 Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.

"Now and Then" Dance - Saturday 7th May - 7pm - \$5

Come along and have a great night dancing to music from different era's.

Dress theme - teenage idol (from any decade).

This dance has been instigated and organised for all age groups within our community, by three of our teenagers, Steph, Alisoun and Mary (with assistance from some adults.) The dance will kick off at 7pm and the dress theme is a teenage idol (from any decade.) The cost will be \$5 per head for anyone who isn't a school student. The dance will be at the Strathbogie Hall. BYO nibbles, drinks, glasses and supper to share.

Please ring Kim on 5790 5345 to reserve your table. This will be great fun. Be there!!!!



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Red Cross Calling in March As a Red Cross representative I would like to thank the people of the Strathbogie Tableland who so generously donated to Red Cross calling in March. I would like to thank the golf ladies, the guys at the Rec Ground, those people we managed to catch at home, those who placed money in the tin at the shop and those who donated through the school. Considering that this year has been a big year for donations with floods throughout Australia, the people of the Tableland have donated between \$400 and \$500. As always the money raised through the Red Cross goes directly to where it is needed. This was my first year of collecting in the area so I am hoping that I will be able to catch and visit in a wider area in 2012. Thank you again. Heather Bamford on behalf of Red Cross Australia

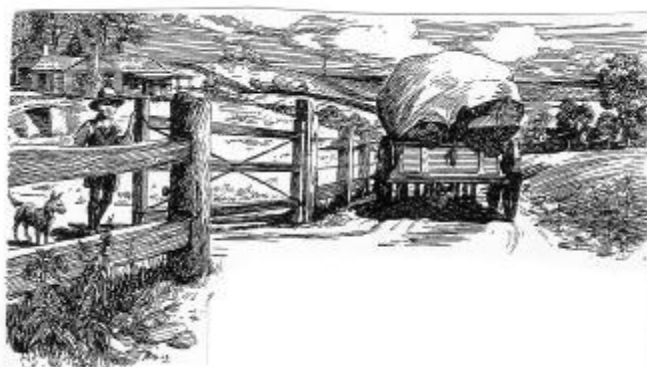
IS THIS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG? *There is a petition going around which is due to be returned by the 13th May ... this petition has been sent by Nagambie residents asking for the Minister for Local Government Jeanette Powell to investigate the financial sustainability of the Strathbogie Shire Council. You can access a copy of the petition at www.strathbogie.org. According to the WIN-TV news story on the 3rd May (see <http://www.wintv.com.au/national/news/item/41287/>), the Strathbogie Shire Council supports the request from the Nagambie group. Have a look. Make a comment.*

The Way Through the Woods - Donmil

An old favourite, Rudyard Kipling's 1910 poem with this title is quite unlike most of his verse. It occurred to Donmil that with some changes in flora and fauna it could serve just as well for a disused track close to his house. Here's his Bogified (and shortened) version:

They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago;
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would hardly know
There was once a road through the woods.

With the trees reclaiming it all,
And at every turn a thicket of fern,
You can faintly make out still
That, where the fantails call,
And the wombats dig at will,
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The wombat lives across the seas,
Among the far Antipodes.
He may exist on nuts and berries,
Or then again, on missionaries;
His distant habitat precludes
Conclusive knowledge of his moods,
But I would not engage the wombat
In any form of mortal combat.



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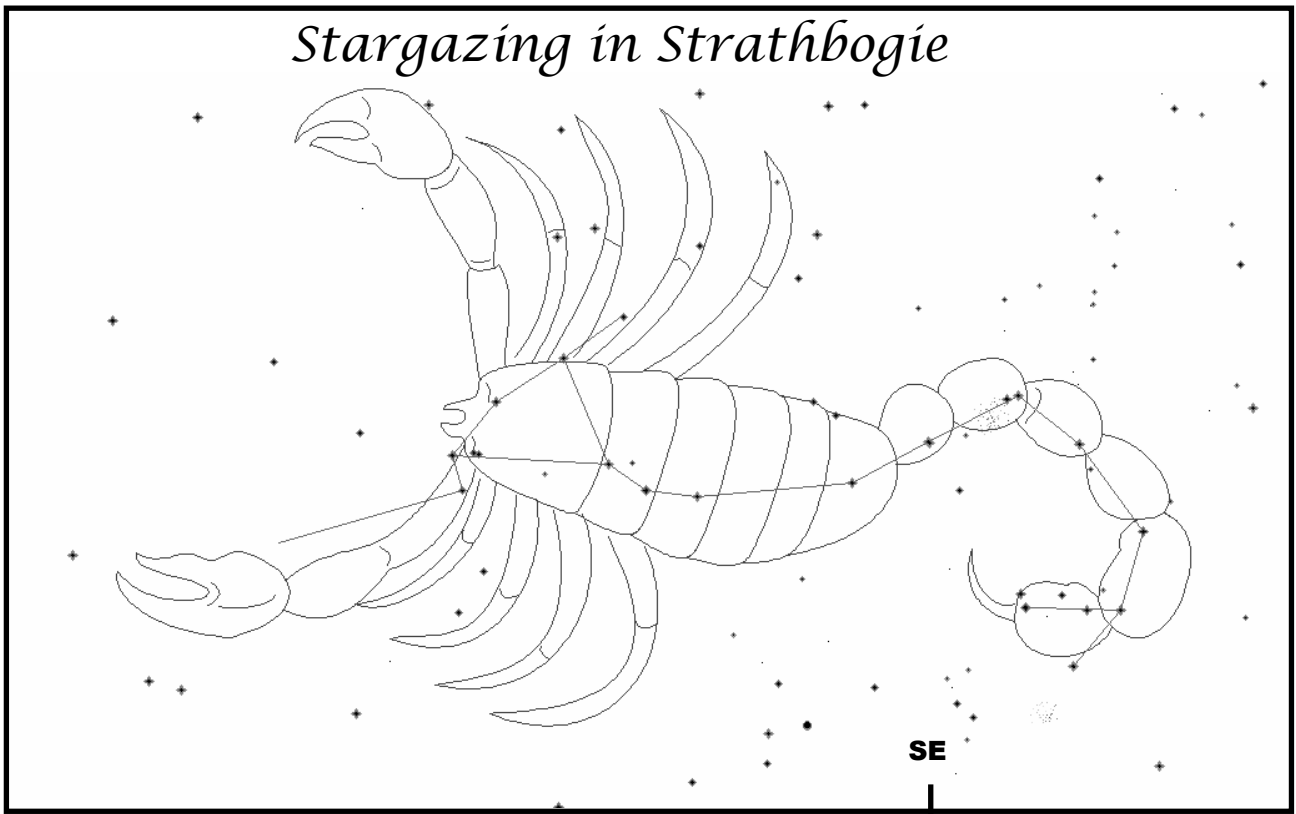
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Scorpius is one of the few constellations that actually looks like the object or creature after which it is named. In Greek mythology, the Scorpion was sent by the God Apollo to kill Orion (saucepan), the Hunter, which is why the two appear on opposite sides of the sky. If you look towards the South Eastern skies after 7:00pm from Strathbogie you should be able to make out the hooked tail within the Milky Way, just above the horizon. Information from Sky & Space (David Joyce)

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More thoughts of the 535m Festival My sentiments exactly! As a relative newcomer to Strathbogie I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful Strathbogie community and having lived on the Mornington Peninsula for many years it is a completely new experience to be a member of such a caring, friendly and vibrant community.

The weekend was truly amazing and I am in awe of the 535 committee and thank them for their effort and Herculean task in making the weekend a truly memorable experience.

'Toms' shed revealed the depth of talent within our community and what talent within such a small population. I look forward to seeing the community art project adorning the shed to forever remind us what can be achieved by a few inspirational people. Thankyou to all for a truly inspired weekend.

I do hope it will become part of the Strathbogie calendar.

THANKYOU my dear caring inspiring, constantly amazing, community for being who you are at every evolving moment. My gratitude and Joy was spilling over from the second I stepped into Tom's Garage on Fri night and witnessed the barely believable transformation....the items themselves, the manner in which they were presented, and the lighting...oh, the lighting! (I feel sad for those that never managed to see the Art display at night). And there, wandering in and around was MY community, lit up in every sense. Now please don't forget my gratitude and joy are still spilling over, and remained that way through the open mic, Love Letters, the African Feast, Afrobiotics until the meditation, Wu Tao dance and Gospel singing were finished, when I just managed to bundle myself home and climb under the doona.

I need to say over and above all the other thankyou's I would wish to say, there, or rather here is my thankyou to those that had the original idea.....as Einstein said, " Imagination is more important than knowledge." Reckon he had something there.

Thanks to all for their comments - All in all a great time was had. Well done!



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

2011/2012

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To be eligible for funding, all intending applicants must contact Mel Keogh, Grants Coordinator on 03 5795 0016 or mel.keogh@strathbogie.vic.gov.au to discuss their project and obtain a copy of the Application Form and Guidelines.

Only applications on the prescribed form will be accepted.

Applications will be received until **5:00pm on Friday 8 July 2011** addressed to:

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Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Applications will be assessed and awarded by Council in August 2011. Kevin Hannagan Chief Executive Officer



I had a rather messy corner in my horse paddock that had a few ferns through it, so I decided to clean it up while I had the mulcher on the tractor. I knew there was a bit of wire in there somewhere and wire and mulchers don't mix too well. So I walked in a track.

I was pushing my way through the ferns making the track for myself when I froze. One more step and I would have had a very healthy looking brown snake in my hands. I have seen a few snakes in my time, but never one two feet above

the ground. It was neatly coiled up on top of the fern. We eyeballed each other for a couple of seconds and I then backed off and cleared out. I had received a rather nasty shock.

After a cup of tea, I returned with a rather stout stick and banged and crashed my way through the ferns making enough noise to frighten a dozen snakes but it had relocated itself. I found the piece of wire, and the corner has been cleaned up. Hopefully it will stay that way.

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