



April 2018

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What's On

April 8th—2pm Golden Mount Forest Walk

April 21st—Boho Sth Car Boot Sale

April 24th—5pm Extraordinary Council meeting—see page 3 for details

May 14th—STAG meeting, 7.30pm Strathbogie Hall

June 23 - Strathbogie Winterman

First Monday of every second month (next meeting May 14th) - 7.30pm STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall

Every Monday—9.30am Qi Gong classes with Tutor, Frank Pierce, Supper Room, Strathbogie Hall

Every Tuesday—10am Tennis at Strathbogie Rec Ground.

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 (except in School Holidays) ph. Di Mackrell 57905241

First Sunday every second month - Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group 9-11am Contact Sean Mathews Mob: 0400019607

Every Second and Fourth Sunday - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am

First Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 57908523

Every Fourth Saturday of the month—Australian Plant Society Group meeting - contact Pete 0402 882 959

Every third Sunday of the Month - 3pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground

Early Lessons From Tathra Fires

Even if we get rain this coming weekat the end of this fire season, and after multiple late fires there are lessons we can all learn. The Tathra fires, a township near heavy bush, will have similarities to Strathbogie if there was a fire here.

Telecommunications were and are poor. Reliant on a single mobile phone tower when it went down warning messages failed to get through. This can happen in Strathbogie with a tower 160% subscribed, with power and links vulnerable. **So, keep your landline phone if you have one.**

Power went down rapidly. We have areas relying on a single line coming up the hill and if a fuse trips or a power pole burns we will be without power. **Personal generators will be required during, if not after an event,** remember your food refrigeration, as well as the fire fight.

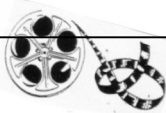
Speed of fire approaching took a lot by surprise. And in Strathbogie with large patches of grass, which burn at the speed of wind, and trees, which burn radiating embers, **this will happen.** In Strathbogie we have a fire tower contacting the fire brigade on fire channels and channel 13 (UHF), but that is only during daylight hours. This gives us all hope on finding and getting to fires early **BUT NOT Guaranteed**

If evacuated you will be safe, **BUT you will not be allowed back in.** THIS WILL AFFECT YOUR FIRE PLAN. If your place is not defensible, leave early and keep up the insurance payments

If your place is defensible you may wish to stay and defend, **BUT it must be prepared properly. Actually, you have no excuse, you have a winter to prepare your property properly.** This action alone may save your life if you get caught out, save your property, or in the very least help the fire **Volunteers control** or get to a fire.

Thankyou for reading this, David Hamilton

Euroa Cinema in April



Sat 7th 4pm "Jumanji—Welcome to the Jungle" (PG)

Sat 7th & Sun 8th—"Sweet Country" (MA15+)

Wed 11th 2pm and Sat 14th 4pm—"Coco" (PG), and Fri 13th 2pm—sensory friendly screening

Sat 14th and Sun 15th—"Phantom Thread" (M)

Sat 21st and Sun 22nd—"I, Tonya" (MA15+)

Fri 27th and Sat 28th—"Peter Rabbit" (PG)

Sat 28th and Sun 29th—"Lady Bird" (M)

If you wish to receive a weekly email update, then send your details to

euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Screening Times—Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm. Tickets \$10, school age kids free.

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Fri 6th to Sun 8th—"Wonder" (PG) and "All The Money In The World" (MA15+)

Fri 13th—6.30pm "The Post" (M) - special event

Sat 13th to Sun 15th—"The Post" (M) and "Molly's Game" (M)

Sat 21st to Sun 22nd—"The Florida Project" (MA15+) and "Wind River" (MA15+)

Fri 27th—1.30pm—"Darkest Hour" (PG)

Sat 28th to Sun 30th—"Darkest Hour" (PG) and "Victoria and Abdul" (PG)

Normal screen times Sat 6.00pm, Sun 5pm Tickets \$13.50/\$11

Got something to say?

Why not drop us a line in our new Letters to the Editor feature - coming soon.

A reminder that Tableland Talk is a community newsletter run by a volunteer group.

All community adverts are free.

Business adverts are charged at \$7 per issue for a usual size, or \$12 per issue for a third to half page.

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

This will be coming up soon!

The TT team

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5th and 19th May



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Deadline for the May edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 28th April.

Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING



In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 1989, notice is given that Council intends, at a Special Meeting of Council to be held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 5.00pm, to put forward a resolution to reappoint Mr Steven Crawcour as Strathbogieshire Council's Chief Executive Officer for a period of no longer than 18 Months from the completion of the current contract without the position being advertised.

If this resolution is passed by Council, it will result in the current Chief Executive Officer being reappointed without advertising the position.

The Chief Executive Officer's proposed total remuneration under the new contract will be available for public inspection within 14 days after the passing of the resolution.

Enquiries can be directed to Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Phil Howard, on 5795 0000.

Phil Howard DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

While Action Groups have always been required to develop an Action Plan every four years, they are now required to provide Council with an Annual Plan to feed into the budget.

STAG has identified the following projects for its Annual Plan:

- * An event to be held, most likely in the afternoon around mid-year to celebrate the spoken word
- * Through Landcare, discussions have taken place with Council to extend the walking track within the riparian reserve from Smith's Bridge to Brookleigh Road and to remove the fallen barbed wire fence between the crown land riparian zone and Council land
- * Provide a shelter over the pizza oven at the recreation ground
- * Provide support for a distribution point for diesel fuel at the recreation ground.
- * Update the printed version of the community directory
- * Provide a children's picnic table at the recreation reserve. (The table has been made by the Euroa Men's Shed) and will be installed in coming weeks)
- * Review and, where necessary, replace signage in the township

An email was received through Bogie-tree with a number of suggestions which the committee has agreed to add to the Action Plan. These include improvements to the hall and recreation reserve, some infrastructure work and an Easter festival. The updated Action Plan will be available on the community website once amendments have been completed.

STAG's next meeting will be held on Monday 14th May commencing at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room. All community members are welcome.



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Councillor News

Hello again everyone,
I would like to take the opportunity to update you on Council matters.

Budget for 2018/2019

The draft Budget for the 2018/2019 financial year is nearing completion and will be released in coming weeks for public comment. Council will consider all contributions from the community before finalising the Budget.

Areas that I have been particularly focussed on are: Rates; Costs and Capital Works.

Rates: I have always been an advocate for a fair rates policy. "Fair" rates for me means charges that are roughly the same as neighbouring comparable shires and where the burden of rates between residential landowners (the towns) and farmers (the rural areas) is fairly apportioned. As you know Strathbogie Shire rates are significantly higher than surrounding shires (in fact the third highest in all of Victoria).

The Victorian government limits the amount that Councils can increase their rates under the "Fair Go Rates" system. In 2018/2019 the rate cap is set at 2.25%. Council will need to decide on whether it sets a rate at or below this amount, or applies to the Government for a higher variation. Obviously, since I believe we need to bring our rates into line with neighbouring shires, I will be arguing for a lower increase.

The burden of rates between the towns and rural areas is determined by the "Farm Rate Differential". Currently this differential is set at 85%, meaning that the farm rate is 15% lower than the general residential rate. Some analysis I did last year, showed that the average differential in similar shires across Victoria is 80% (i.e. a 20% lower rate for farms). I will continue to make the case that this is where Strathbogie Shire should set its Farm Rate.

I encourage residents to review the draft Budget when it is released later this month and provide their comments on rates and spending items included in the Budget.

Cost control is paramount in keeping rate increases down and maintaining the Shire's sustainability. The Shire's administration has a good track record in this regard in recent years and I am keen to see that this focus is maintained.

The Shire's Capital Works program needs to be focussed on priority areas and for our area this means:

1. Continuing funding for Year 2 of the "Zero to One" roads program. This program upgrades the gravel roads that have residences from a standard of having minimal maintenance (only requiring access for a fire truck in dry weather) to Class 1 standard where they are included in the regular maintenance program.
2. Funding resealing, shoulder repair and resheeting of the roads.
3. Maintenance of the Strathbogie Hall and Strathbogie Recreation Reserve buildings.

Flood Damage Recovery

Tenders for \$5 million of work relating to the December flood event have been released work will commence shortly.

Community Grants



Applications for Community Grants close on 20 April. Please see the website for details.

Recycling

Council will shortly start talking to residents on the Tableland about extensions to the Kerbside Waste Collection Service.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or on 0427 335 766.

Please note that the comments in this article are my own as Ward Councillor and should not be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.



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RuffArtZ “Sensational Sundays 2018”

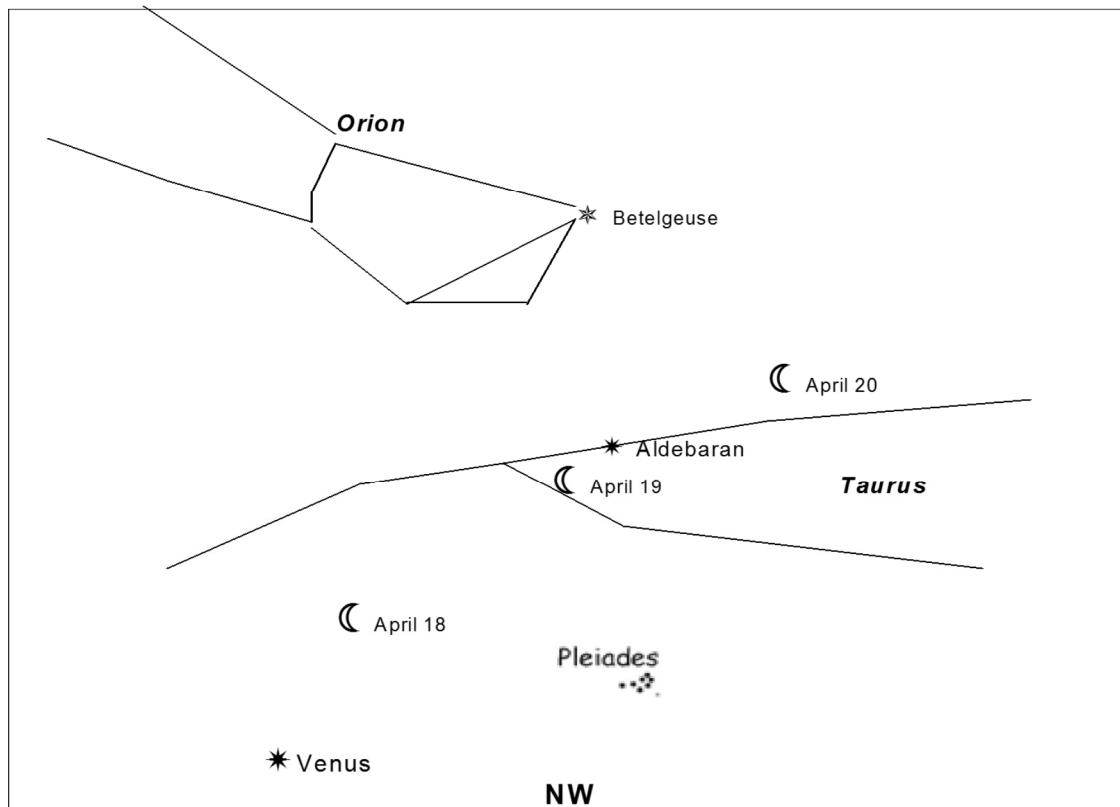
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



The evening sky from the 18th April. Soon after sunset, so you will need a clear view of the Northwest horizon to see the nice grouping of Venus, the moon, and Pleiades (the seven sisters).

Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)



Symes Encourages Locals To Enter Premier's Sustainability Awards—Labor Upper House Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, is urging local sustainability stars to enter the 2018 Premier's Sustainability Awards and spotlight the breadth of environmental success across the region.

"I know that across Northern Victoria there are many individuals, schools, community organisations and companies that are making a difference and doing exciting and rewarding sustainability work.

"The Premier's Sustainability Awards are there for people to share their efforts and be recognised for them," Ms Symes said.

"Our schools, businesses and community groups have a lot to be proud of when it comes to sustainability – let's tell their stories and inspire others through Victoria's most celebrated sustainability awards program."

Now in their 16th year, the Awards are open in ten categories:

- ⇒ Built Environment
- ⇒ Community
- ⇒ Education
- ⇒ Environmental Justice
- ⇒ Environmental Protection
- ⇒ Government
- ⇒ Health
- ⇒ Innovative Products or Services
- ⇒ Small and Medium Enterprises
- ⇒ Large Business



"I'm so proud that there are many local sustainability leaders and, with a category for everyone and every group, I would be delighted to see them enter this year," Ms Symes said.

"The Victorian Premier's Sustainability Awards are a great way to demonstrate how passionate and committed we are to reducing our environmental footprint, helping to stop the effects of climate change and creating a more liveable, engaged, prosperous community.

Entries in the Premier's Sustainability Awards close on Thursday 7 June.

Visit the website www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au for more information and to read about last year's inspiring finalists.

RuffArtZ



2018 Program

Café Culture Series

(4 shows \$75 or \$25 each)

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Sunday Sep 23: AFTERNOON THEATRE: HELL SHIP: THE JOURNEY OF THE TICONDEROGA

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Bring your project to life with a Community Grant

Are you part of a not-for-profit community group, organisation or club and have a project you'd like to get off the ground? Why not apply for a Community Grant?

Strathbogrie Shire Council's Community Grants Program will open on Monday 19 March until Friday 20 April 2018.

Council has revamped the program this year, with brand new grant categories that split the funding into project-focused streams.

Strathbogrie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren encourages groups to consider their goals and upcoming projects and whether a grant may be beneficial.

"Grants are a great opportunity for Council to partner with local groups to deliver projects they are passionate about and that wouldn't necessarily be achieved without financial support," Cr McClaren explained.

"We are looking to support projects that promote community engagement and participation, gender equality and inclusion and accessibility."

2018 Grants Categories include:

- ✓ Active and Healthy Communities- up to \$5000
- ✓ Arts, Culture and Events- up to \$5000
- ✓ Environment and Sustainability- up to \$5000
- ✓ Facilities and Infrastructure- up to \$5000

Please access Strathbogrie Shire website for more information about the grants program: [http://](http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/community/community-funding)

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Strathbogie Campus



The start to the 2018 school year has been a busy one. We have new faces in our College, Ms Angela Holleran is the Acting Principal, Ms Amy Foy is the Strathbogie Campus Manager and Senior Room class teacher, and Ms Monique Ringin is the Junior Room class teacher. Ms. Weeks returns to teach Physical Education and Science, Suzie Bates continues with Art, Miss Green with Music, and Barb Jennings continues in the Admin role. We welcomed two new Foundation students, Carissa Croxson and Alex Delahey and their families to our campus and College.

Swimming Program

Week 2 and 3 saw us undertaking our swimming program at Violet Town where it was great to see everyone's confidence and skill improve. Ms. Weeks was very impressed with the progress children have made over the summer. The program concluded with the Peranbin Swimming Sports, the day kicked off with the official announcement and introductions of our House Captains. We saw EVERYONE participate and have a red-hot-go at performing the very best they could to earn points for their House. The focus was on providing a range of events to cater for the various abilities across all ages that incorporated the swimming strokes, techniques and skills that the children had been working towards achieving at their level in our swimming program. The smiles said it all, and along with a sense of achievement and self-pride while mixing with their peers. Congratulations went to Green House for winning the overall points for the day in a very tight contest. It was wonderful to witness great sportsmanship, support and encouragement by our Peranbin kids.

A team of students were selected to further represent our College and compete at the Euroa District Swimming Sports, Strathbogie students were Charli Hill, Ada McKeachie, Jessica Chapman and Bridget Rowe.

Grade 3/4 Camp

The Year 3/4's had a fabulous time at Fifteen Mile Creek Outdoor Education Camp. The 3 nights/4 days away was challenging for many of our students but they rose to that challenge with enthusiasm and positivity and were a joy to work with for the time we were away.

With activities ranging from canoeing to bike riding and hurtling down the zip line, plus many chances to meaningfully reflect on all they had achieved, the camp provided many opportunities for students to experience many new situations and personal challenges.

Some of the comments overheard about the different challenges and activities included:

"Wow, that zip line wasn't even scary once you did it"

"I didn't think I'd like it but I tried and I did"

"It was great to see everyone trying altogether"

These comments reflect the program's title which was "Challenge and Grow" and I think it is safe to say that the students definitely grew from the challenges the camp presented them.



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House Captains

We have presented our badges to our two house captains: Charli Hill of Yellow House and Bridget Rowe of Green House. We held a small assembly, ably MC'ed by our Campus Captains, Jess Chapman and Ada McKeachie, and Miss. Holleran presented the girls with their badges. We have every confidence that both girls will serve their houses well.



Pizza Nights

Another great initiative that our students have been involved in is the Pizza night at the Rec Ground in Strathbogie. A great fundraising idea, it involves students and their parents preparing and cooking pizzas for the crowds on a Thursday evening. The nights have been attracting huge crowds and only seem to be getting bigger.

Studying trees and water colour in Visual Art.



Camp Manyung

The year 5/6 camp to Manyung, Mount Eliza, was also a hit this term. Students were able to attempt a range of challenging activities, all designed to move them out of their comfort zone and test themselves.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect was the giant rope swing. Many students reported the feelings of exhilaration, apprehension and outright fear they experienced while doing this particular activity. It sounds amazing.

Everyone returned happy and exhausted, with many great stories to share with the rest of us.

