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APRIL 2012

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The Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) invites you to a dinner to celebrate the good things that are happening up here on the Tableland and plan for the future.

When: Friday 4th May

Where: Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Time: 6.00 - 9.30pm

No cost but bookings are essential.

RSVP by 30th April to Heather 57905301

or feedback@strathbogie.org

(please advise if child care is required and the ages of children)

***There will be a very special guest speaker,
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What a wonderful few weeks on the Tableland - A lot has been happening over the past few weeks - The Irish Night was a great night and the band were fantastic - a wonderful 10 piece band that played genuine Irish music. Stewart McLaughlin was in attendance and they were great. If you missed them this time, a little bird has said they may be back for more. Watch this space.

And the 535 Art with Altitude - wow, what a weekend. Thanks to all the volunteer organisers and helpers for all your hard work. From the lovely Friday night Art show opening to the fantastic Bombay Royale on Saturday night (what a band - and didn't we all dance!) to the Jazz on the Green on Sunday afternoon and the labyrinth, and the felting and all the kids and everything in between, it was a wonderful weekend. There will be a full report from the committee next issue, but if you have facebook (or know someone who does), have a look at Deb Ellis's fantastic photos of events over the weekend. Well done Strathbogie!

What's on

March 30th - Celebrating our Environment Community Forum

April 8th - Easter Sunday - 11.30am Church Service

April 21st - Nestbox workshop

April 22nd - 10am Steps of Hope - Joseph's Walk to Mt Wombat

April 22nd - 11.30am Church Service

April 25th - ANZAC DAY

May 4th - STAG Dinner

May 19th - Goods and Services Auction

June 22nd - Winter Man + BBQ

August 11th - Bush Dance

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 (except in the School Holidays)

ph Di Mackrell 57905241

Every Fourth Sunday 9-11am -

Friends of the Bridge to Bridge. New members always welcome.

Goods & Services Auction!

Keep this date free—Saturday 19th May 2012

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April 21 & 22

"The Artist" (PG)

April 28 & 29

"Hugo" (PG)

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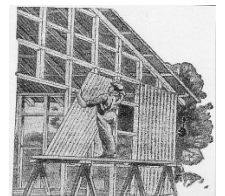
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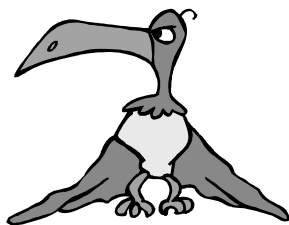
All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345

Deadline - 20th April. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com), ph 57905203, post PO Box 23 Strath-
bogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.

The US Republican presidential candidates

by Donmil

Who is the more forgettable?
It's a matter of dispute:
Is it the one whose name is Nitt,
Or the other one, called Mewt?



The person who wrote in the March issue of Tableland Talk as 'another Strathbogie Ghost' would seem to be extremely ill-informed on local matters and out of touch with reality.

Lets get the facts straight about the gains:

- the new school buildings were funded by the Federal Government - not the Shire
- the Uniting Church paid for the painting – not the Shire
- the Bridge to Bridge Walk was an initiative of Landcare – not the Shire
- the footbridge at Spring Creek was a result of Federal funding and, as an adjunct to this the Shire gave an undertaking to construct a footpath from Magilton Drive to the new footbridge to enable safe passage for school children and parents – for this we are still waiting.

The ghost needs to understand that government (including Council) is elected by the people to serve the people – it should focus on delivering outcomes rather than excuses. It needs to be transparent in all its dealings and needs to listen to the community. We cannot afford apathy and complacency if we are to thrive as a community.

Please ghost – check the facts before you wax lyrical.

David Jamieson

To the Editor

Thankyou very much for the excellent production you and your team produce for our community every month and the diverse content contained in it, keeping the community informed of the happenings taking place on the Tableland.

It is also interesting to read the comments made by and perceptions held by some members of the community and I refer in particular to the article titled An Ode to P McQuinn by another Strathbogie Ghost in which credit is given to the Strathbogie Shire Council for gains to some organisations in the town.

Whilst I cannot comment in regard to the school buildings or walking trail I can comment on the painting of St Andrew's Uniting Church in Main Street. Some years ago the Stag Committee approached the Church asking whether the church would be interested in applying for a grant as part of beautifying the main street. The church accepted this offer however no funds were ever received from the Shire or other body.

For the communities information the recent painting of the Church both internally and externally has been funded solely by the congregation from funds raised by efforts of members, and in particular from the former Ladies Guild who undertook catering for functions in the community. No funds toward the works has been received from the Shire or any other organisation.

Alan Wood
(Member of the Congregation)

Steps of Hope - Joseph's Walk

Around 2,000 Australians die by suicide each year. Affecting families, friends and communities. In 2008 I lost a close family member under these tragic circumstances.

"Steps Of Hope" is a walk to create awareness. I encourage anyone who has had their own personal

experience to walk together in our fourth year.

Let's reach out to our loved ones and send a clear message to:

"Walk through the Darkness and into the Light"

Where: The Strathbogie Cemetery and walk up to Mt Wombat.

When: Sunday 22nd April 2012

Time: 10.00am

The walk is approximately an hour and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

A gold coin donation would be much appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day for a selection of great prizes donated by the community.

All proceeds will go to Hume Corridor Community Outreach Health Service Violet Town

To assist with their mental health programs in the community.

WANTED

Wanted to buy 20 small bales of good quality hay, prefer clover or clover/rye. ph Roz or Ron 57908679



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COMMUNITY GRANTS ROAD SHOW

Come along and find out about the improvements we've made to the program, how to apply and how we can help.

Tue 3rd April, 6– 7.30 pm, Violet Town Comm House,
Wed 4th April, 6– 7.30pm, Euroa Conference Centre

No bookings required please contact Liz Scarfe, Community Development Coordinator, on 5795 0161 or via email info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

WIRE & WATER

Expressions of interest are sought for a one day workshop at the Strathbogie Hall sponsored by DPI and GBCMA as part of the 'Beyond Soils' Project.

The workshop will concentrate on the development of rotational grazing systems to maximise pasture utilisation.

Topics covered will include :

- layout, number and size of paddocks
- animal movement and health issues
- water requirements and reticulation
- better pasture utilisation



The workshop will be free and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested please contact David Jamieson on 5790 5236 or Greg Bekker at DPI Benalla on 5761 1631 or email greg.bekker@dpi.vic.gov.au

SWANPOOL CINEMA

March 30-April 1 - "Money Ball" (M) & "Restless" (M)

April 6-8 - "The Iron Lady" (M) & "Project Nim" (M)

April 13-15 - "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" (MA)
& "The Debt" (MA)

April 20-22 - "The Women on the 6th Floor" (PG)
& "Late Bloomers" (PG)

April 27-29 - "Albert Nobbs" (M)
& "Whistleblower" (MA)

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Pretty Polly (compiled this month by Andrew T sitting in for Ethel Mc)

By the time you receive this edition of TT we will have participated in and enjoyed the 535 Art with Altitude weekend which was preceded by the St Pat's day dance.

Bravo, well done to all the organisers and workers for these timely events.

Poor Ethel copped some flack after the first Polly's column, but it was great to see that a good result should be forthcoming. Sometimes it is worthwhile to stand out and take a stand.

Now for some bouquets and brickbats. Firstly a bouquet to the Strathbogie Shire Council engineering section on finally doing something about the confusing entry to Spring Creek Rd from the Euroa Rd. Once completed and realigned it will be a lifesaver. Also a bouquet to our local blokes David and DJ who carry out the day to day works. The township and sporting areas look fantastic.

Brickbats to the morons who throw rubbish, especially bottles, onto the roadsides. Maybe we need the SA 10c refund on bottles? Brickbats to the visitors to the Smiths Bridge reserve who leave a mountain of rubbish behind for our volunteers to clean up. Brickbats to the idiots that think recycle means everything including household food scraps – the recycle bins at the rec ground are for recycling only.

A bouquet to Ben B for putting together a farmwatch group in the Sunnyside Toorour area. Great to see the VT police becoming involved in these type of activities.

Bouquets to the State Govt for funding the respraying of some of our roads both on the Tableland and the area in general.

Please feel free to respond to any of the above, and feed in those bouquets and brickbats for next month.



I have read, with interest, correspondence in the most recent Tableland Talk about the P McQuinn column published in the February edition.

I am alarmed by the raising of the spectre of Editorial Policy in respect of what is, after all, a community funded newsletter which gives community members a forum for sharing information and expressing opinion. Tableland Talk already has a Statement of Purpose which is a clear and sufficient expression of community expectation about contributions to the newsletter. In my view it is all the editorial policy we need.

I also believe anonymity is sometimes necessary to protect against retaliation and to ensure community members have access to information they may not otherwise have. I would also strongly argue against censorship of articles critical of Council beyond ensuring content is not libellous or unlawful.

I am surprised that the P McQuinn column is seen as a barrier to a positive working relationship with Council; indeed if success is measured by outcome, the column elicited a favourable response and a promise by Council to reinstate the roadside clearance.

While I agree that a positive relationship with Council is in our interest it must be a mature relationship which, while respectful, allows for plain speaking and yes, sometimes robust discussion.

I would submit that we do have such a relationship with Council which is to the credit of previous members of the Strathbogie Action Group and members of other community groups who have worked assiduously to establish the current positive relationship which has enriched our community.

Michael Hand

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For more information contact Bert (5790 8606), or Janet (5790 4268).



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING!!

Pauls Collect-a-Caps is an ongoing fundraiser—if you buy Paul's milk you can drop the caps into the school anytime it's open—the Paul's box is just inside the school's main front door.

Tesselaar Bulbs is one we are running right now so if you would like to support the school and put in some beautiful spring flowering bulbs eg tulips, daffs, freesias, ranunculas, hyacinths, bluebells, anenomes, etc etc please contact the school or one of the school mums to get an order form. 57905250



In Response to the Ghost

Am I imagining things? Or does the Strathbogie Ghost's Ode to P McQuinn have a sniff of righteous disapproval about poor old Polly's column which reported and commented on a Council Officer's response to a question about the whereabouts of funds designated for roadside clearance.

Belittling P McQuinn as a thin skinned perpetual complainer should not blind us to the issue the McQuinn column highlighted; the blatant redirection by Council of scarce grant funding for use elsewhere.

The Ghost's attribution of gains to the community from Council largesse should not pass without challenge either.

- School buildings were funded by the federal Government
- Painting of the church was funded by the church
- Bridge to Bridge was funded from grants obtained by Landcare and contributions by DSE and Goulburn Broken.

Of course Council does make a significant contribution to our community which is readily acknowledged even, as I suspect by P McQuinn, who should be thanked rather than disparaged for her column.

Michael Hand

The Strathbogie Shire has announced its 2012/2013 draft rating package on the 28th March. The 2012/2013 draft rating package, which will now go out for community consultation, will start the gradual process of repaying communities within the Strathbogie Shire for their ongoing support, in delivering what is undoubtedly a strategic, uncompromising rating regime, based on building sustainable communities for the future and protecting our assets by addressing the decline of valuable infrastructure such as roads, bridges and buildings.

Mayor of the Strathbogie Shire, Cr Mick Williams said "Whilst proposed rating increases will be set at 7 per cent for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 financial year, this is a significant decrease to the original forecasts for 2012/13 and 2013/14 of 9 per cent and 8 per cent respectively," said Mayor Williams.

The Strathbogie Shire 2012/2013 draft rating package will be on display for the next 28 days and is available for download of Council's Website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au



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Stargazing in Strathbogie

7th April

★ Spica

☾ Moon

● Saturn

East

Saturn will be at opposition (opposite to the sun in the sky) on the 16th April. It will be clearly visible rising just after sunset and brighter than nearby star Spica. On the 7th April it will be close to the full moon.

Srathbogie Campus

April 2012

Goods & Services Auction!

Keep this date free—Saturday 19th May 2012

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As we write a very busy Term 1 is coming to a close and we're all looking forward to a holiday break which includes Easter this year again.

We're also very involved in Festival preparations with the children making models of all the water creatures they have found during their exploration of Spring Creek during their Water-Watch activities. Hope you were able to admire these along the Bridge to Bridge walk. Some of the children's writing on Water Watch can be seen below.

Hannah Broughton, Malachi Wild, Oliver Valmorbida and Ryley McDonald proudly display their water beasts.



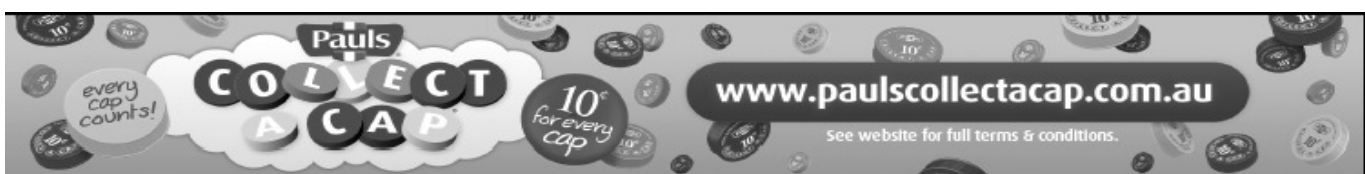
FUNDRAISING!!

Yes, once more the big fundraising drive is on again!! As our numbers are down by a few this year, the money we receive for the parents cleaning the school has dropped, costs continue to increase and the government money we receive never stretches far enough.

So.....we have a few initiatives on the go...and if you can support any of these we'd be most grateful

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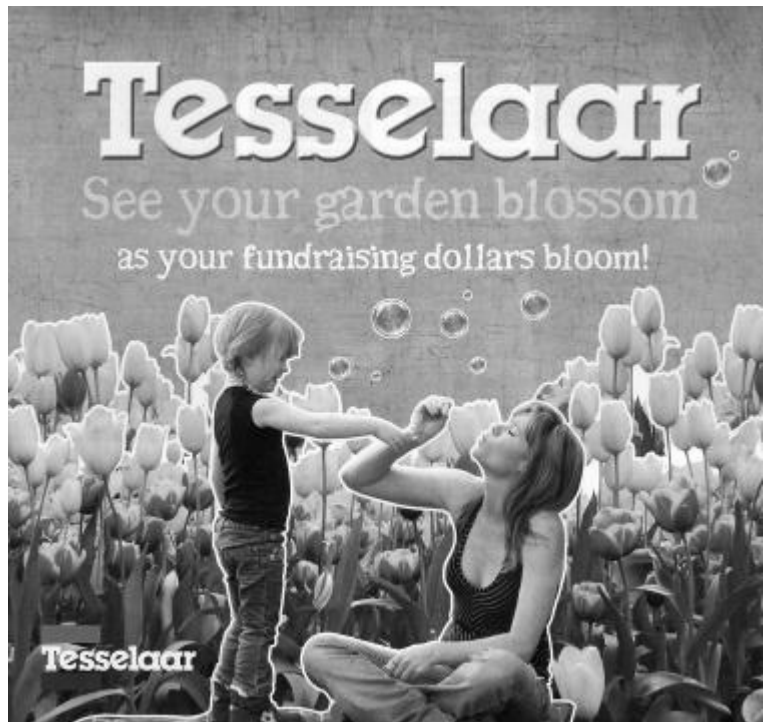


Thank You!!

We are thrilled to be the recipient of generous pledges from the community from the sheep auction at the Strathbogie Festival. We recently received a cheque for \$599.25 from the organising committee, this has been a fantastic start to our fundraising drive. Thank you so much to everyone who bought sheep and pledged the money to our school.

Thank You Brad

Also a big thankyou to Brad Mildren from Euroa Clay Products who kindly donated the tiles for the new veranda on the toilet block. Brad is an old Strathbogie pupil with a soft spot for the school and we certainly appreciate his generosity.



Water Beastie Hunt

by Jack McDonald

On Friday 9th March we had a water Beastie Hunt. My team was Matthew and Brook and Brianna. Our socks got wet as well as our gumboots and we collected heaps of creatures. The creek was a bit murky and we used some buckets and containers to collect them. It was a fast following current and there were rocks showing in the water and there was some frothy water.

We had an awesome day!

Water Beasties

by Paige Deane

On Friday 9th March we had our Water Beastie Hunt. Jessica and Ada and Sean were in my group.

I caught a dragon fly lava and Ada caught a water boatman.

Jess caught a cadisfly.

The water was gushing over the rocks. I didn't get my socks wet.

When we got back to school everyone sat at the koala tree and Jill told us about the bugs and we looked through the microscopes.

I had a fun day. I like the waterfall at the creek and I am happy that the creek is healthy and I had a fun day.

Water Beasties

by Oliver Valmorbida

On Friday 9th March we went to Spring Creek to catch water bugs. I was in Tom and Ryley's group. We caught heaps of water crickets. Water got in the gumboots. We caught a few things at the bridge.

When we came back we had lunch and looked at the bugs with a special microscope. We saw bugs and some looked dead. I caught a dragon fly but it got away. The creek was very healthy and there were lots and lots of bugs in it.



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