



April 2017

## Councillor News from Alistair Thomson

Thank you to the Tableland Talk team for giving me the opportunity to inform the community about what the Strathbogie Shire is doing for the residents of the Tableland. I hope to have an update for each issue.

My intention is to try and be informative, interesting and to spark input from you. Please contribute to the discussion and email me on the contact details below.

The new Strathbogie Shire Council took office in November and by 30<sup>th</sup> June it must complete, a) the Council Plan, b) the Budget for 2017/18 and c) the Long Term Financial Plan. Essentially what this means is that the Council at the beginning of its term sets out the strategy it will follow for the four years it will be in office.

This Council has been committed to involving the community much more than ever before in developing the Council Plan. Thank you to all the residents who have contributed by attending a 'Conversation Café' or who have sent in a submission by mail, email or the electronic survey.

Council is currently working to incorporate all the input, and our own ideas, into a sound plan. This plan will be released for formal community comment later in April or early May.

Just before I sign off I have a couple of dates for your diary:

1. On Tuesday 18 April the Council will be holding its full monthly council meeting at the Strathbogie Hall. Residents are invited to attend at 5.30PM for a "cuppa and cake" with Councillors and the meeting will start at 6PM. Public Question Time is the opportunity for Tableland residents to ask questions and receive answers on any of the range of services that the Shire provides. Question Time is also important as it reminds Council what matters most to residents.
2. On Wednesday 19 April from 4.30 – 6.30PM there will be a drop-in session at the Hall in relation to the planning application that Council has received for a National Broadband Network (NBN) tower on Kibbles Road, Strathbogie. Council officers and staff from the applicant will be there to explain the proposal and the process that will be undertaken. If you wish more information on the proposed NBN tower, please take this opportunity to attend the drop-in session.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at

[Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto: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 necessarily be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.

## What's on in April

**April 7th**—6pm Glow in the Dark golf at Strathbogie Golf Club

**April 8th**—Fast Track—all-ages talent show Strathbogie Shire

**April 15th**—sunrise -Easter Sunday service at Mt Wombat

**April 18th**—5.30pm for a 6pm start—full Shire Council Meeting - Strathbogie Hall

**April 19th**—4.30 to 6.30pm—drop-in session re proposed NBN tower - Strathbogie Hall

**April 20th**—10.30am to 2pm—free health checks

**April 28th**—midday. Community lunch for past and present residents at Under The Sun.

**First Monday** of the month - 7.30pm STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall

**Every Tuesday** - 10.30am Tai Chi at the Boho South Hall.

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. New-comers 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

**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 first and third Sunday** of the Month - 3pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground

**Community Lunch** STAG has organised a community lunch for current and past residents of the Tableland

Date: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Time: **12 noon**

Location Under The Sun, Main Street, Strathbogie

Two course lunch with tea or coffee for \$20 – BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and can be made by contacting Doug Watson on 0427 317 694 by 26th April please.—see page 5 for more details

## Euroa Cinema in April



Sat 8th—Fast-track event—cinema closed

Sat 15th to Sun 16th—  
"Hidden Figures" (PG)

Monday 17th—4pm—"Ballerina" (G)

Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd—  
"Jasper Jones" (M)

Coming soon—"Beauty and the Beast",  
"Trainspotting T2", "The Eagle Huntress",  
"Born Leader"

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

[euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) Screening Times—Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm. Tickets \$10, school age kids free.

## Do you need a Justice of the Peace?

Neil Barter  
20 Magilton Dve  
57905349

Chris Thomson  
'Aberdeen'  
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Ross Walker  
Brookleigh Rd  
57905111



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### April

Fri 6th to Sun 9th—"Queen of Katwe" (PG) & "A Hologram for the King" (M)  
Fri 14th to Sun 16th—"A United Kingdom" (PG) & "Love and Friendship" (PG)  
Fri 21st—6pm "Lion" (PG) Special Event  
Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd—"Lion" (PG) & "Queen of the Desert" (PG)  
Fri 28th to Sun 30th—"Paterson" (M) & "Hell or High Water" (MA15+)

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*The TT team*



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Bookings contact person is Kim Usher  
Ph 5790 5345



## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345



Deadline for the May edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 29th April. Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

## Changes to public question time at Council meetings

Public Question Time is undergoing an overhaul at Strathbogie Shire Council's meetings.



As part of Council's commitment to transparency, and to ensure all customer enquiries are dealt with efficiently and effectively, residents can now submit their questions before the monthly Ordinary Meeting takes place.

Now, residents can fill out a form either in person at our Council office in Euroa, the Ordinary Meeting location or online, and indicate their intention to ask a question and give further detail on any issue/s at hand.

This will ensure the issue is dealt with promptly and Councillors/Officers are well-informed ahead of the Ordinary Meeting.

Any question asked will need to ensure it meets the requirements of Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law Number 1 (2014)

The questions (and answers) will also be made available in the Council Minutes.

According to Council's Local Law 1, a period of 30 minutes shall be allocated to enable any member of the community to direct questions to Council.

"Questions are to be written and a person may not submit more than two questions at a meeting," the law states.

"A Councillor/Council Officer may require a question to be taken on notice until the next Ordinary Meeting or elect to submit a written answer to the person asking the question."

Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council was committed to good governance, stronger communication and better engagement with its residents.

"Having questions submitted prior to the meeting, as per the Local Law, will enable us to provide more informed responses and the minuting of these responses will help inform the community," she said.

"If residents need assistance with the process, please contact your local Councillor prior to the meeting."

Visit Council's website to download the Question Time form or fill it in online before the third Tuesday of every month.



### CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

**AT SUNRISE  
(6.47am)  
ON MT. WOMBAT.**

Come and join with others and be part of this Easter celebration.

Watch the sun come up and experience the joy of celebrating the **Resurrection of Jesus this Easter** on the mountain top.

(Bring your chair and camera too.)

Details of time and place to meet to be given later in the Euroa Gazette and the Hub.

For further enquiries contact:

Ps. Bob Bruce, Euroa Baptist Church.  
or Joan Wood. 57905297

St Andrews Uniting Church Strathbogie



### Glow in the Dark Golf A Fun Night for All All Welcome

**Friday 7th April at 6pm**

The strange yet wonderful game of night golf is once again to be staged at the local golf course. Please keep free the date of Friday, the 7th of April for an unforgettable experience of great food and rather odd golf.

The evening begins at 6pm with a main course and then in the dark with only glow lights and luminescent golf balls people are free to attempt to belt a golf ball around parts of the great golf course. Following that escapade, dessert will be served.

3 person ambrose. \$20 per person includes dinner and golf. Children under \$12 \$10, and a \$5 refundable deposit on the ball.

Drinks at bar prices.

Please bring a torch, and golf clubs if you have some, although the club can arrange these.

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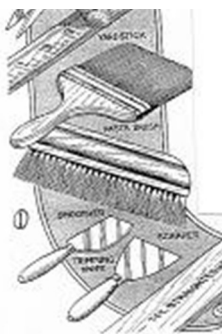
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## ASU (that's USA going backwards)

by Donmil

No wonder the old Stars and Stripes  
Are looking somewhat crumpled;  
The flag, you see, is telling us:  
This country's getting Trumpled!  
And no-one knows quite what to do –  
They're all completely stumped.



## Fast—Track—a part of National Youth Week

An all-ages talent show at the Strathbogie Shire  
Community Cinema in Euroa

When—Saturday April 8th

Commencing at 9am and running all day til the finals at 7pm

Cost free all day, and \$5 for admission to the big finals.

Fast Track are looking for singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, DJs, poets and more to strut their stuff on the big stage.

The event was last held in the Strathbogie Shire in 2015, when Moama's Isaiah Firebrace came second in the competition. He eventually went on to win Seven's The X Factor in 2016, and has been selected to represent Australia in the International Eurovision song contest in May 2017.

For more information contact [strathbogie@fasttrack.com.au](mailto:strathbogie@fasttrack.com.au).



## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

### Community Lunch

Following the demise of the Seniors Lunches, STAG has organised a community lunch for current and past residents of the Tableland. This event is not limited to any particular age group however our senior citizens will be made very welcome.

Date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 12 noon

Location Under The Sun restaurant, Main Street, Strathbogie

Doug will provide a two course lunch with tea or coffee for \$20 – STAG will subsidise fifty percent of the cost of lunch for those over 65. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and can be made by contacting Doug Watson on 0427 317 694 by 26th April please.

Anyone who may need transportation from Euroa should mention this when booking.

Contact your friends who used to come and make a day of it.

### Telstra Exchange Building

As part of the streetscape program, STAG is seeking expressions of interest and suggestions from four local artists to camouflage/enhance the Telstra exchange building. Suggested themes to date have included: a natural landscape, scenes from local history and indigenous art. Please contact Helen Peters (57903236) if you are interested in being involved.

### Action Group Future

Three members of STAG committee attended an information session (for all Action Groups) at the Shire to discuss feedback that had been received in relation to the proposed changes to the community planning program. It was disappointing that no Councillors were invited to attend to hear the feedback and discussion. They will be provided with a report for consideration and STAG will be advised when a decision is to be made by Council.



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## Strathbogrie Health and Wellbeing Community Program

### Are you concerned about yourself, family or friends wellbeing in our community?

Strathbogrie health and wellbeing community program is an outreach service that spans across the entire Strathbogrie region. We assist community members with Chronic (long-lasting, persistent effects) Disease. The aim of the program is to help rural people be healthier as they age.

Would you like support to manage your health conditions? i.e.

- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease ( or commonly known as heart disease)
- Cancer
- Musculoskeletal ( osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, rheumatoid)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Respiratory disease ( asthma and COPD)

So it is fair to say that most of us are either at risk of, or have a chronic disease. We are an aging population.

Many chronic diseases have risk factors that are largely preventable (AIW, 2015)

This is where our program is able to help the people that reside in the Strathbogrie shire

We are about

- Prevention
- Education
- Early detection and treatment
- Integration and continuity of care
- Care co-ordination
- Self- management support

Would you like support to manage your health conditions?

**We provide:-**

#### **Screening**

We provide risk factor screening in both the community and the workplace. Participants receive free Total Cholesterol, blood pressure testing, Type 2 diabetes risk assessment and educational information.

Do you have difficulty understanding information given to you by a doctor or other Health Professionals?

#### **Self -management support and care co-ordination**

We provide one on one support to promote better management of health conditions. The aim is be as healthy as possible as we get older rather than accepting poor health as a part of getting older.

It's about early recognition and intervention, we can teach you the skills to achieve this.

**For more information on the program or if you wish to book a screening, group information session or one on one support call Katrina McMaster on 0409664345 or email**

**K.McMaster@hsrh.com.au**

**In Strathbogrie on 20th April, doing free health checks including blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes risk etc in the Soldiers Room at Strathbogrie Hall**



### **Council says no to roadside dumping**

Strathbogrie Shire Council has had to pay almost \$20,000 in the last year to collect and properly dispose of dumped rubbish throughout the municipality.

While most residents have taken to the new regime, others have taken the drastic measures of dumping their landfill rubbish on the side of the road – all throughout the Shire.

It costs Council staff about \$16,000 per year to collect the dump rubbish and an additional \$3000 to deliver the rubbish from the transfer stations to landfill.

Strathbogrie Shire would like to remind residents of the following points:

- Dumping of rubbish on our roadsides (or in parks and vacant blocks) costs the shire around \$20,000 each year.
- Dumping is not only illegal, but it is also dangerous for our communities. Particularly when pets and small children are around – not to mention what it does to the environment.
- Recycling is the best option and many 'op shops' and charity shops would welcome unwanted (safe) furniture and goods to sell and benefit others in our community needing help.
- Long-term, it costs ratepayers more for illegal dumping than the ordinary waste collection service.
- These are our towns and our communities, if we don't say or do something – who will?

Mayor Amanda McClaren said Strathbogrie Shire wants to be a leader in waste management.

"We have pride in every town in our Shire and each and every resident should remember the importance of disposing of their waste items and not damaging the environment," she said.

"We take pride in the beauty of our Shire, as it attracts people far and wide to visit and stay in the region.

"Council wants to do the right thing by its ratepayers and would like to put a stop to roadside dumping."

For the waste depot opening hours, as well as fees and charges, go to <http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/residents/roads-rates-a-rubbish/waste-depot-opening-hours>.



## **If you can't get rid of the family skeletons you may as well make it dance. George Bernard Shaw.**

*A short guide to writing your family tree. By Mark Blackwell*

1. Start at the beginning: your parents, grandparents all have birth, marriage, military and death certificate, and many can be obtained on line.
2. Try as much as possible to use primary sources they are reliable. The Seven Creeks Estate, has two stories the Templeton and the Forlonges. The Shire story is too good to be true for me.
3. Remember events are relevant to the times. On the Maslow scale shelter, food, clothes and warmth were the prime needs of the early Strathbogie selectors. The hunting of koala and the decimation of the dingo were survival techniques. If you are a convict descendant you are near to divine. 30 years ago you kept it a secret.
4. Stories add meat to the skeletons. Look for clues. A relative who was told her grandfather was kicked by a horse actually found in the cemetery register he died of consumption, TB the poor mans disease. Newspaper articles. The Burnie Newspaper 6 months either side of my parents wedding had no marriage notice while discovering photos of the day produced displeasure. There is a story somewhere.
5. You will find skeletons in the cupboard. Every person, family, nation has its shadow its dark side. "it's not the dead you worry about it's the living." We have just discovered my great grandfather went to jail at 16, there could be incest and some still believe my great grandmother may have murdered her 2 first children on the same day aged 2 and 4. Like a detective if you hide it you are destroying the evidence and the story.
6. The Victorian archives are a goods source of ship manifests and the State library is a wealth of information. Trove is the National Library digitalised web page of Australian newspapers, maps.
7. Look for "swimmers" men who jumped ship. One of my great grandfather a ships carpenter appeared out of nowhere.
8. My brother produced a DVD that had the Family tree matched with the historical events of the day. The Enclosure Laws saw many villages simply disappear. My 10th grandfather back converted from being a Dominican Monk to an Anglican Rector due to Henry VIII.

Happy hunting but remember genealogy is a highly addictive disease that is incurable. I am not a researcher but am happy to help anybody to start. Tel. 0458366136.



### **All about strathbogie.org**

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the community website which can be found at <http://strathbogie.org>

If you're new to The Tableland you may not have realised we have our very own website packed full of interesting information about our area. There are things to see and do; delicious food and wines; and photos and stories to share. There is also much information about special interests and groups to join.

Under the Community tab you will find Landcare with a side tab about the Bridge to Bridge project. Under the Communications tab you can find current and back issues of Tableland Talk and whilst under Tableland you can find a copy of the Community Directory. This Online version is updated periodically so if you wish to be removed or included please let us know.

You may be a page manager or listed as providing food, wine or accommodation and this is a timely reminder to check your page to ensure that the information is current and relevant. If you require assistance to update the page or would just like the information changed on your behalf contact us.

If you would like to contribute messages, community dates, photos and stories or just give feedback on the website we'd love to hear from you.

Email: [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org) or ring Ellen 0419503570

The website is managed by the Communications sub-committee of STAG (Strathbogie Tableland Action Group)





# Strathbogie Campus



## **A VERY BIG THANK YOU:**

We were very fortunate to find out that Steve Wright, the arborist who has been looking after our beautiful tree in front of the school, has offered to donate the cost of the work he has done. This is a very big saving for the school and we are so incredibly grateful for this generous gesture. The tree means a great deal to our school and our community.

## **WICKING BED WORKSHOP:**

On Thursday 23rd March, we had a workshop to turn our fruit crates into wicking beds to grow some vegetables. Cath Olive from the Euroa Arboretum worked with us on this project. Thank you so much to Cath and Janet for coming up to help, to Hayley for her great work organising the day and getting all the materials, and to Kylie, Suzie and Katie for lending a hand. As you can see from the photos it really was a great day and a lot of learning happened.



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# Peranbin Primary College—Strathbogrie Campus

## Kitchen Garden Program Proposal

We are very excited to announce that as of Term 2 we will be running a kitchen garden program for all children at our campus. We will start in the first week on Term 2.

The program aims to link the garden and the kitchen in encouraging children to develop skills and knowledge in both areas so that they have the tools to not only make great food choices, and to see the benefit to themselves and the wider world.

This letter is an initial communication about what we propose and at this stage we are available for suggestions and improvements to our plan. There are a number of things that are not open for negotiation and these will be outlined below, but anything else is open for discussion.

A kitchen garden program has wide ranging benefits not only for our students. A program such as this has the potential to engage a wider community to partner with our school.

For our students the benefits are many. In terms of curriculum, it allows us to engage in active hands-on learning through the garden and in the kitchen. It offers an opportunity for students to work practically with a number of topics across the curriculum. The areas of the curriculum that our program will work in are:

Learning Areas	Capabilities
English Mathematics Science Health and PE Design and Technology Art	Creative and Critical Thinking Ethical Intercultural Personal and Social

The program will be structured so that each week students will either engage in a session of gardening or cooking. These sessions will run from 11.30 am – 1.00 pm, culminating in a shared lunch. One week the senior students cook and the junior class garden and the following week it is swapped. This structure means that we can be properly planned and have a particular focus each week. It also means we are able to collect any produce we need. We really want to make a start and before we have our garden properly up and running we will need to buy produce or use surplus donated to us from the community. We will run the session on the same day each week. The reason for this is so that it is reliable for our students, teachers can plan for it and volunteers know when they are required. We are asking for a donation from families of \$3.00 per week to cover the cost of buying our food until our garden starts to produce. This will provide your child with a full lunch. An example of a lunch might be, coming into autumn-

Zucchini Fritters  
Fresh Pasta with Tomato and Basil  
Pumpkin Dip and flat bread  
Garden Salad.



We will be looking for volunteers to help us with this program. We are really hoping to invite the community to participate with this in order for us to continue our bond with our community. It is hoped that we can get a commitment for each term from at least one core person to be with each group. We also welcome visitors or casual helpers.

Before the holidays we will be sending out a wish list of items that would really help us with the beginnings of our program.

We are looking forward to hearing from anyone who would like to help or that has ideas to support this great project.

If you would like more information please email Eron Chapman  
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## 2017 Strathbogie Shire Business Awards on again



Strathbogie Shire's night of nights is on again this year where local businesses are acknowledged over their achievements in recent years.

The 2017 Strathbogie Shire Business Awards will be held on Friday, September 1, the event aimed at creating a basis to support and encourage business development, improvement and diversity, and to help boost the region's economic development.

Run in conjunction with Business Euroa, Nagambie Lakes Tourism and Commerce and Strathbogie Shire Council, the event is not just about 'the best businesses' – it's also a great networking opportunity for business representatives, from all walks of life, to get together to hopefully work together in the future.

Nominations are now open for the seven Business Award categories, which are:

- *Employee Recognition Award* – recognises employee excellence and those that go above and beyond the call of duty. The employee must be currently employed by the business and have worked for the same business for the past six months. Open to all industries.
- *New Business of the Year Award* – recognises innovation and determination required to start and grow a new business. Open to all businesses established (or purchased) in the Shire within the past two years.
- *Tourism Excellence Award* – recognises ongoing effort required to attract visitors to the Shire. It includes events/festivals, quality accommodation, tourist attractions and/or food and beverage services.
- *Service Excellence Award* – recognises businesses that deliver outstanding customer service. Judged by a secret shopper.
- *Micro Business Excellence Award* – recognises business excellence in delivering quality products and services to our community and beyond. Open to businesses employing 1-5 people.
- *Medium Business Excellence Award* – recognises progression, determination, teamwork, resilience and sustainability of the area's businesses. Open to businesses employing 6-20 people.
- *Large Business Excellence Award* – open to businesses employing 21 or more people. Open to all industries.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said absolutely anyone can nominate any business in the Shire region and businesses can self-nominate – completing a nomination form is quick and easy!

"There is an online nomination form on [www.euroa.org.au/business-awards](http://www.euroa.org.au/business-awards) or a PDF form can be downloaded from the same website," she said.

"Forms are also available from the Euroa Hub, Nagambie Visitor Information Centre and Council Office in Euroa.

"The judges are independent and do not have any business interest in the Strathbogie Shire region."

The event is also looking for sponsors, with several packages available, ranging from \$100 to \$3000 for the major package (this can also be viewed at [www.euroa.org.au/business-awards](http://www.euroa.org.au/business-awards).)

The Strathbogie Shire Business Awards venue will be announced at a later date. (Anthony Cini)



# Stargazing in Strathbogie

☾ Apr 23

☾ Apr 23  
★ Venus

☾ Apr 23

**North East**

Looking towards the North East at dawn. Venus and the Moon.

*Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)*

## DEVOTED FRIEND

What a companion he must have been  
to the battler at the edge of town  
A clever wolf looking German Shepherd  
with a coat of golden brown

At night he guarded by his bed  
but never did he bark  
he'd only growl at the bungling burglars  
as they approach him in the dark

Evil eyes had watched the miser  
and desired his hidden cash  
all along the dog would alert  
his master to the fact

Then one moonlit night  
they blazed away with a gun  
they planned the robbery of their lives  
preparing for the night to come

Strange how legend has it  
that at night when there be evil men  
the old man safe into sleep  
while the dog still guarded his den

If ever shadows approached his house  
a haunting spirit chases them away  
the masters dog stands on a hilltop  
and howls the night away.....

Tony Russell Dawson



Please note that Fire Restrictions for our region (Northern Country) are likely to be in place until at least May 1st. This may change if we get decent rainfall (!) which has been hard to come by of late. This means that any camp fires must be no greater than 1m diameter with a 3m buffer around and an adequate water supply on hand. And NO burning off at all. See CFA Can I Can't I? - <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/>

