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DECEMBER 2010

### PINE PLANTATIONS UPDATE

Residents have made it clear to Council (YET AGAIN) that they do not want any more pine plantations established on the Tableland. Around 300 objections were lodged with Council by the due date.

Council has arranged for a meeting of objectors (with the applicant's in-house lawyer) to discuss concerns raised in written submissions. This meeting will take place between 11am and 12.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Euroa Cinema (inconvenient meeting times seem to be the norm when ratepayers are upset).

Letters sent to objectors by Council stated that *"Proposed planning scheme amendment C48 is seeking to rezone land from Public Conservation and Resource Zone to Farming Zone. It is not seeking approval for any particular land use or development. If a Planning Permit is required at any stage in the future, that application would undergo a separate formal statutory process."* However the fact that **Hancock Victoria Plantations has a perpetual Forestry Licence over the land** is not mentioned in the letter.

The Tableland has been identified as an extremely high risk area for bushfires and the development of a timber plantation on the land in question would significantly add to the fuel load considerably closer to the township than existing plantations. How quickly we seem to forget Black Saturday! What has happened to the Township Protection Plan for Strathbogie which appears in Council's current budget?

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### HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY TABLELAND TALK. HIP HIP HOORAY -

can you believe we are 10 years old this month. We should do a grand bash of some sort, or a deluxe edition or something. If you have any ideas how you'd like to celebrate TT then let us know!!

Meanwhile, another busy month(s) - Kim's Christmas party at the Rec ground, Carols by Candlelight the next evening at the Church,, and then the January Festival and don't forget Australia Day at Strathbogie Hall on the 26th January.

Don't forget, no January edition, so February will be the next edition.

In the meantime, we here at TT would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.



### What's on in December

**8th December—7.30 pm**  
Strathbogie singing group at the Strathbogie Church

**12th December—11.30am**  
**Church service** at Strathbogie.  
12 December - 4pm - SCOFF - Recreation Ground.

**14th December—7.30pm**  
**STAG meeting** at Memorial Hall

**18th December—5.30pm**  
**Christmas on the Tableland**, Recreation Ground

**19th December - 8pm - Carols** by Candlelight - Strathbogie.

21st December - Pine meeting

**26th December —11.30am**  
**Church service** at Strathbogie

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**Every Sunday 5—6.30pm—**  
**Family Volleyball Match:** at the Recreation Reserve. All families or budding volleyball players are welcome.

**Every Monday 4.30pm -**  
**Rosen Movement**—anyone is welcome to attend Strathbogie Hall—57908622

**Every Wednesday - Material Girls** meet - Recreation Ground 10-4 All Welcome.

**Every second Wednesday—**  
**Singing Group** meets at the Strathbogie Church at 7.30pm.

**Every second Sunday—**  
**church service** at St Andrews, 11.30am.

**Every Third Saturday of the month - 10am - Spinners** meet at the Strathbogie Rec Ground.

**Last Sunday of each month - 9-11am Friends of Bridge to Bridge** - Smiths Bridge

### Coming events

**7th to 9th January—**  
Strathbogie Festival  
**26th January—Australia Day**

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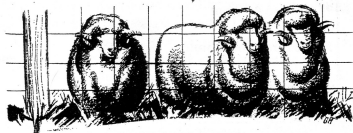
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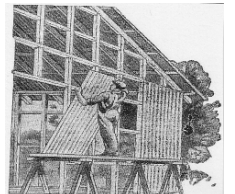
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**Last Mobile Library** date for  
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9.30 - 12 noon) 11th December. No  
visit on Christmas day.



## STRATHBOGIE RECREATION GROUND ALL BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE with Kim Usher

Phone 57905345

## Euroa Cinema

Saturday 4th Dec. -

Sunday 5th

"Boy" (M)

Saturday 11th - Sun-  
day 12th

"Eat Pray Love" (M)

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ph 57905203, post PO Box 23 Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. Fiona & Liam

## Pines Rezoning Update

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In the Explanatory Report to the amendment it states that "*The Vision-Strategic Framework of the Strathbogie Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) expressed the Vision for the municipality as requiring strengthening of the Shire's economic base. The amendment supports this Vision through the rezoning of land for productive agricultural purposes.*"

Hancocks is a largely overseas owned company which offers little if any employment of local people. Plantations tie up land which could be used for general farming and would encourage more permanent residents to the area. Roads, already in urgent need of repair, would be further broken down by an increase in heavy vehicles. Remembering that Council recently increased rates by 15% with further increases over the next two years claiming that one of its major unfunded expenses is road maintenance. **How will this rezoning strengthen the Shire's economic base??**

### **COUNCIL, PLEASE PUT ON YOUR LISTENING EARS!**

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Late addition: Strathbogie Shire Mayor Howard Meyers is reported to have said 'council can knock it [the rezoning] back, but the developers will only take it to VCAT [Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal] and get it through there'.

## Christmas on the Tableland 2010

A fun night for all the family to join in the festivities which will include a delicious meal, free BBQ and free drinks for the kids, singing of all the old time carols and a special visit from Santa.



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
The Rec Ground. 5.30pm start.**

*A scrumptious meal of Weber cooked lamb, beef and pork served with a variety succulent salads and of course gravy, apple sauce and mint sauce will be provided.*

Cost of the meal will be \$10/head.  
Drinks for adults will be provided at bar prices. ( No BYO).

Bookings are essential for catering purposes.  
Ring Kim Usher on 5790 5345.

***Please remember to bring your own chair.***

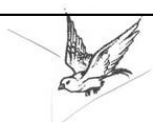
## Annual carol service at St. Andrew's Church



Carols by Candlelight will be held on **Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**, followed by a shared supper at Di and Rolf Eberhardt's place, Main Street Strathbogie.

Everyone is invited to come, sing some wonderful carols, hear the Strathbogie Singers and other guest artists including the children from Strathbogie Primary School, and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas together. Bring a candle and holder if you wish to add to the wonderful atmosphere.

News from France - most of you know that Alisoun is doing very well in at school in Amboise, France. She has now been away for 3 months, and is due home on the 30th January. She is happy, although missing our warmer weather - it has been snowing in the Loire Valley, and very cold. I'll include something from her in the next TT. Fiona.



## Local Food Sharing

The Strathbogie Club of Food Finders (SCOFF) is a group of people who are passionate about locally grown wholesome food.

We meet up regularly to share our excess food, to learn more about growing and preserving our own food and also to explore what amazing food is produced in our local area. All are welcome to come along to our little gatherings, or to participate by inviting us to come to you and pick your excess fruit and vegetables.

We are planning to have a stall at the Strathbogie Summer Festival again this year. Last year we gave away a huge amount of local fruit and vegetables. It was great to watch the responses visitors had to accepting delicious free food. If you have anything that will be ready for harvest in early January and you would like to donate it to our stall we would be very happy to hear from you, or you can come along and help out on the day.

We are also very happy to acknowledge local commercial producers who may like to donate to the stall.



The next SCOFF meeting is at 4pm on Sunday 12 December at the Recreation Ground in Strathbogie, please feel free to come along, even if you don't have food to share – you might be inspired. Or if you just want to know more please feel free to email Ethel [ethelmcready@gmail.com](mailto:ethelmcready@gmail.com).

Has anyone seen the banner that goes onto the front fence advertising the Strathbogie Festival? Please contact Shirley Dash 57905341

## Funded Stewardship of Springs, Bogs and Wetlands

Do you have springs, tea-tree soaks, perched bogs, or other wetlands on your property that you are keen to manage for conservation? Do you need financial assistance to make it happen?

Although wetlands used to be quite abundant in the Strathbogie Ranges, they are now very scarce.

The Strathbogie Ranges Wetland Tender is a government-funded program that offers landowners stewardship payments, through a commercial tender process, to manage local wetlands for conservation purposes.

The program is entirely voluntary and landholders need only tender for the land management actions they decide to undertake.

Successful tenders receive a stewardship payment, in return for managing the nominated wetland according to a mutually-agreed management plan; a plan that will maintain or improve the health of the nominated wetland.

The Strathbogie Ranges Wetland Tender was launched in October 2010 and is taking Expressions of Interest. You can arrange a no-obligation site visit by contacting Bertram Lobert, Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group (5790 8606), or Jenny Wilson, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (ph.5820 1115).



### ALL GENERAL EARTHWORKS

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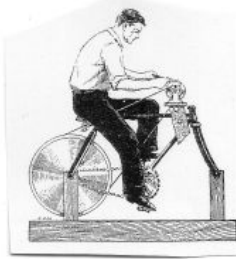
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## Great Victorian Bike Ride

What a huge day on the Tableland as thousands of energetic cyclists streamed into the Recreation Reserve for lunch and a well deserved rest.



The Rec Reserve looked fantastic - well done to everyone who worked tirelessly in preparation for this event. The Junior CFA sold out of their 600 hotdogs by 1pm, the Golf Club women prepared & sold hundreds of devonshire teas, and STAG sold drinks, Strathbogie sweat bands and circulated local brochures. Due to the cool weather the Primary School icy-pole sales were a little slow, in spite of Virginia's marketing perseverance!

**STAG Meeting:** The STAG meeting **originally** scheduled for Monday 13 December has been **moved to Tuesday 14 December**. Representatives from community sporting and interest groups have been invited and all community members are welcome to attend. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.



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## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND SUMMER FESTIVAL - JANUARY 2011

**Strathbogie Tableland Festival Art Exhibition**

Strathbogie Memorial Hall

**Opening Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.30pm**

Local Wine Tasting

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> 9am -4pm**

**Entry Gold Coin Donation**

**"Cherry Time Golf Tournament"**

Strathbogie Golf Club

Sponsored by Brookleigh Cherries

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Entries Pam Tacken 57905381**

**"Twilight in the Ranges Dinner"**

Strathbogie Golf Club

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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 @ 7pm**

\$25.00 per head, Drinks at Bar prices.

**Bookings Essential. Phone Kim Usher 57905345**

**Strathbogie Tableland Market Day**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**9am to 4pm**

Strathbogie Memorial Hall & Grounds

Local Berries/ Cherries, Regional Wines, Jams & Preserves

Locally Baked Breads, Gourmet Cheese, Farm Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Devonshire Tea, Sausage sizzle, Assorted Live Music.

**Sheep & Alpaca Art Auction**

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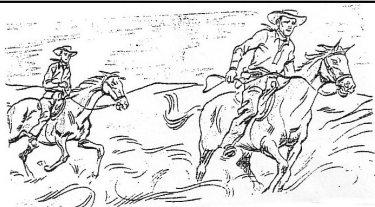
**"Discounted rates for  
Strathbogie Tableland  
Landcare Group members"**

## **Scholarships for rural school leavers moving for study**

Applications are invited for the 2011 Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be: a school leaver (or have taken a gap year), an undergraduate in 2011 in your first attendance at an Australian university/college, from a rural or regional area and you must move away from the family home, and an outstanding student who can demonstrate extensive community involvement. You must also be able to demonstrate the disadvantage that is preventing you from taking up the opportunity of this further study. Applications are welcome until 4pm on Friday 28 January 2011. For further information visit:

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holarships.asp](http://www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/public/in_the_community/2011_scholarships.asp)



**Strathbogie School News:** Last week the teachers have nominated Dylan Frigo as Student of the Week for his commonsense when Megs dogs escaped from their yard during the electrical storm on Thursday. He used his brain and made some good decisions. Paige and Natalie have also been nominated for their excellent persistence with bike riding. In just a few short sessions their skills improved dramatically.

Bike Education was a big hit last week. Thanks for bringing in the children's bikes. Fortunately we had enough for everyone and between showers we accomplished quite a lot. Wednesday morning we carried out bike checks ensuring that all bikes were road worthy and of a suitable size. This required some minor adjustments and the senior students worked well with the younger ones pumping up tyres and putting seats up and down. During each session the students undertake a range of tasks to improve their bike handling and safety skills. This includes slow riding, safe braking, tight turns and straight riding. The seniors also focused on scanning and listening, safe driveway ride outs and right and left turns. The teachers were pleased with the positive attitude and supportive nature with which all students participated in the pro-gram.

On Thursday night the students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 returned to school for a sleepover. This annual end of year event is a vital part of the school camping pro-gram enabling the children to meet the many challenges associated with staying away from home, organising their things independently, trying different food and socialising. We had a great night sleeping in the "Big Room" and watching a DVD in bed. The highlight as always was "Meet my Teddy".

## **Share Farming Land - Free use in return for re-establishing pasture or crop (Ideal for Hay).**

Land was previously cleared in 2008 though has since had regrowth of wattles etc. Arrangement would be for Year 1 - free use, Year 2 - 10% of any gross income, Year 3 - 20% of any gross income. The property is at the end of Tames Road (corner of Bonnie Doon Road), and has approx 50-60 acres of fenced area with deep loamy soils and good rainfall. For more information please contact Matt Busby on 0409 078 368.

## **Bogie Spinners & Weavers 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month (weekend after VT market)**

At the Recreation Reserve  
10.00am onwards, \$2.00 per person

Bring your spinning wheel, weaving loom, knitting, crochet or any crafty project to sit and craft the hours away one Saturday each month. All skill levels welcome. Contact: Deb Ellis 5790 5398 or Robyn 57905364 or just turn up.



School News. *Continued from page 6.*

Last week Meg, Jayson, Jordaan, Finn, Sam and Themeda attended the four day Benalla and District Music Camp in Benalla. This annual camp is run by the local music teachers. While we don't have a music teacher this year we are most appreciative of Mr Spencer's efforts as he joined the campers each day after school. The camp concluded with a wonderful concert on Friday evening.

The front garden bed badly needs weeding and Terry has some more plants to go in there. This may be a "parent" job. If you have an hour to spare pop in and we will find some helpers for you.

Please note that Active after school program (AASC) has now finished for 2010. We are most appreciative of the excellent support we receive in running this program throughout the year. In term four Peter Harvey took the children for golf sessions. He was ably assisted by (Princess) Robbie Harrison and Ben Delahey. The children also had orienteering sessions on the golf course with Chris Chittick and Robbie. We are fortunate to have access to such a wonderful golf course right at our back door. We would like to express our thanks to all in the community who have helped with this program throughout the year.

Earlier in the week the holes for the verandah posts were dug and inspected and a number of metal stays / struts were placed around the base of the building. Then the cement was poured and the frame for the verandah has been erected. Compressed cement sheet will be substituted for the base boards. The compressed sheet with appropriate vents is recommended in high fire risk areas to prevent embers going under the building.

The final 70+ Luncheon was held at the hall yesterday. We performed an item from the play and sang a Christmas Carol. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this community luncheon. Each month a small group of children help with waiting on the tables and participate in the luncheon activities. It is a highlight and a privilege for the senior students and a special feature of life at school in Strathbogrie.

Today is the State wide transition day and all new preps and year 6 students attend their new schools for the day.

As you know we planned to sell lots of icy poles at the Great Vic Bike Ride lunch stop at the Rec. Ground last week. Due to the inclement weather sales were slow. Fortunately all our rostered volunteers participated cheerfully and made the most of the social aspect of the day. Thanks to all our helpers.

We do have a surplus of black and gold icy poles in assorted colours and these are for sale. Please contact the school if you are interested.

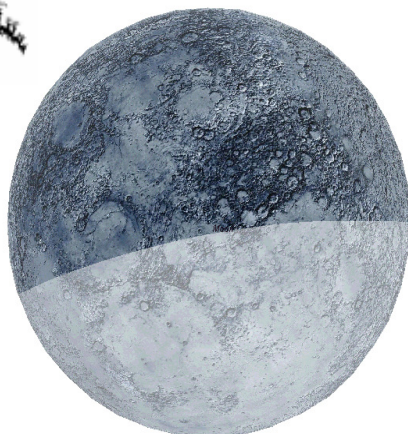
We had our final visit from Jill Breadon for water watch with the senior students last week. In addition to taking the usual measurements to monitor the health of the Spring Creek this month the students learnt about plants. In particular they looked at the seeds and seed pods of some grasses. We have all enjoyed the benefits of participating in this program throughout the year. It has given us all a good feeling to monitor and contribute to the improved health of our local environment. Plans are afoot to continue this work in 2011.

Here are some additional dates as the year draws to a close.

This week all the year 5 and 6 students are attending the beach camp at Camp Manyung near Mt. Eliza from Wednesday to Friday.

**Then in the final week of the year we will have a barbecue with a few small items on the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and hopefully Santa will drop in. All Welcome! For further information give us a ring on 57 905250.**

# Stargazing in Strathbogie



Don't miss the total Lunar Eclipse on the evening of December 21<sup>st</sup>. The Eclipse will begin at approximately 4:30pm, and finish at 10:00pm.

But the moon does not rise until 7:45 in Strathbogie, this will be when the Eclipse is at its maximum and all of the Moon's diameter will lie in the Earth's shadow.

*J*

*Information from Australian SKY & telescope, Redshift (David Joyce)*

## Safe for storage of Historic documents

The Strathbogie Hall Committee and History Committee have purchased a fire proof safe which is installed at the Hall. It is available for old minute books, photos, memorabilia of the Strathbogie district, which will be important for the future research into Strathbogie history.

Limited space is available, which means that large items cannot be accepted. Phone Toni Down 57908543 or Shirley Dash 57905341 for more information or to organise any of these important documents to be stored.



## Community Fire-Ready Meeting

Strathbogie Rural Fire Brigade organised an informative community meeting on Saturday morning. Approximately 60 residents came along to hear Siobhan Carson, who is well known at Strathbogie from past meetings and community fireguard groups, share vital information relating to preparing ourselves and our property for the fire season. At one stage during the meeting, the rain was so heavy Siobhan suggested switching over to flood related information!! What an amazing Spring we are having.

If you were unable to attend on Saturday, but would like general information, visit the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/yourcommunity](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/yourcommunity).

\*Reminder—have the grass cut by the 10th or the council could fine you \$500!

## Koala rhymes with gala .....

by Donmil

'Eagle' rhymes with 'regal',  
Which describes it to a T,  
And likewise 'dove' with 'love', a pair  
In perfect harmony;  
But that 'wombat' rhymes with 'combat'  
Seems incongruous to me!

Donmil takes this opportunity to send his very best seasonal wishes to all who produce, contribute to, distribute and read TT.

## RFB rosters for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

**Strathbogie:** Ian Millar, Jenny Rozema, Trevor Hoare, David Joyce

**Kelvin View:** The Brigade management team will be doing roster duty for the remainder of the year.