

December 2013

Christmas on the Tableland

Dec 14th from 5.30pm, at the Rec.

*2 course meal \$15, free bbq & drinks
for kids, no byo.*

*For bookings contact Kim Usher on
5790 5345*

Hundreds of hectares of local forest to be wood-chipped

VicForests has scheduled a dozen coupes of State forest on the eastern side of the tableland for logging by 2016, affecting a total of 450ha. Current industry practice is for clear-felling rather than selective logging, and for the timber to be woodchipped or burnt onsite.

A recent community meeting at the corner of Barjarg & Ferraris Road was able to see for themselves the failure of re-growth eight years after clearfelling of one coupe. Local timber industry veterans expressed disgust about the impact of clearfelling, which local forests can't regenerate from, unlike the selective logging which was traditional in the area for over a century.



The industry employs less than 1% of Shire residents, with felling conducted by large machinery operated by a tiny number of contractors from outside the area, i.e. nearly no local jobs.

Those meeting resolved to find out more about why VicForests was failing in its duties to log sustainably, to spread its coupes out, and to regenerate the forest. A public meeting is planned for early in the new year to inform more locals and encourage VicForests to come clean about its plans.

VicForests receives millions of dollars a year in subsidies from Victorian taxpayers but has yet to pay any dividend for ongoing replacement of native forest with erosive & wildlife-unfriendly plantations. Cheap native forest woodchips also undercut farm forestry.

What's on December

Sat 14th - Christmas on the Tableland, Strathbogie Rec Ground

Sun 22nd - Carols by Candlelight at Strathbogie Church

January

Wed 1st - Merton Races (catering fundraiser by Strathbogie Primary parents)

Fri 10-12th - Summer Festival Art show opening

Sun 12th - Strathbogie Festival Market Day

Sun 26th - Australia day celebrations at the Hall & BBQ at the Rec.

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

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

Every Friday morning - 9.15am Yoga - Strathbogie Hall

Fortnightly - Strathbogie Knitting Group 7pm. Ph Robyn 0408 529773 or Deb 57905398

Every first Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Olwyn 57908636, or Wendy 57908523

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

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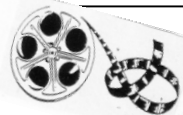
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Strathbogrie

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person is Kim Usher

Ph 5790 5345

Strathbogrie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345

Deadline - 24th January (no Jan. edition). Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post
PO Box 23 Strathbogrie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogrie Store. The TT team.

Letters to the Editor

I have this first week in December 2013, had a savage dog attack on my sheep. One ewe has been severely injured and is at the Vets. If you have sheep, keep your eyes open. For the people who let their dogs run loose, be advised if I catch an unauthorised animal on my property attacking sheep. It will not do it again. The Police and the Shire Ranger have been advised. Regards, Marilyn Mangione

Dog attacks on stock, whether by wild or domestic strays, are a serious issue in many parts of Victoria. Are they a growing issue on the Tableland? Write & let us know, Editors.

Strathbogrie Primary School is seeking to replace the existing wooden playground as it is unrepairable and unsafe to use. Parents will be selling hot food and drinks at the Merton Races on New Year's Day, and at the Strathbogrie Festival we will be serving Devonshire Tea, sausages and hamburgers to put toward the new play equipment. We hope to see you there. Strathbogrie Parents Committee, Peranbin Primary School

Unfortunately the school has had to barricade the playground equipment as it has deteriorated to such an extent that it has now become unsafe. I understand that they are seeking a grant to fund replacement equipment and perhaps this is something with which STAG could assist as it is not just the school children who use the equipment; it is also used by other members of the community, their children and grandchildren. Many I have spoken to seem unaware of who currently makes up the STAG committee. It would be helpful if they could publish this information and perhaps return to a regular report in Tableland Talk. Yours, Ethel McReady

Strathbogrie Summer Festival

The festival is on again, weekend of January 10th - 12th.

The Art Show will open on Friday 10th January @ 7.30pm, and be open for viewing on Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm.

Market Day will be Sunday 12th, at the Strathbogrie Hall.

Entry Forms and Stall Applications are available now from Toni Down 5790 8543 or marraweeney@bigpond.com.



Lambell & Allason families

A recent visitor to the tableland is looking for any information regarding early pioneering families of Lambell and Allason:

".. From an 1884 Parish map, I have been able to identify W. Lambell owned country on both sides of Brookleigh Road, from Sevens Creek to Ankers Road and R.K. Allason owned country running from Sevens Creek to Tames Road. A daughter of R.K. Allason married William Lambell (my great grandfather), hence the relationship between the two families. The response we got from the community on our visit was overwhelming, particularly from Shirley Dash and Harry Broughton, wonderful people."

Robert Lambell, Eleebana NSW. Contact-mob# 0458 254 360 or email rob-ert@jbaccountants.com.au

Whipping The Cream 'Round 'Bogie - Part 4

(continued from previous editions)

Tom Laws cream on board, back track out past Broughtons, give Harry a toot, turn right, next stop was Bill Ellis' place, Barry & Ives father. Just before their place was a bit of an obstacle, the gravel road ceased to exist and was replaced with a large rocky area. I think I travelled every inch of that rock trying to find a less tortuous route across it.

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Friday 13 December 7.30 pm;
Saturday 14 December 7.30 pm;
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Saturday 21 December 7.30 pm;
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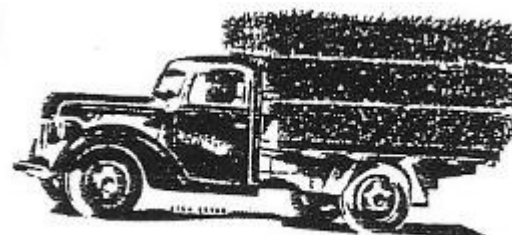
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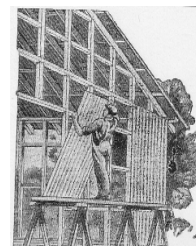
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Whipping The Cream 'Round 'Bogie. *continued from page 3*

I recall one absolutely beautiful summers morning I reached this spot and there was a car parked there with a bloke leaning on it. "Hello" I thought, "he's hit the rock too fast and broken something". I naturally pulled up beside him to enquire as to his problems. "no worries" was his reply, "I am just soaking up this beautiful country". The man introduced himself, an in-law I think, of Alstergrens who had recently purchased Barry Ellis' sawmill. As there had just been a heavy shower of rain the bush smells were something out of this world, and Gordon was absolutely enchanted; us locals know of these lovely smells, but just imagine how they must be to a city man.

Just up ahead to Bill Ellis', drop off bread, butter, ice and pick up cream, then just a little distance ahead is Marmo Lane. Tony would leave his cream out at the start of this lane. In all of those years I never saw his house. Marmo's Lane was the boundary between Euroa & Violet Town shires, dairy supervision existed in Euroa shire but not in Violet Town Shire, which meant that legally one did not need a proper dairy to milk in if you were in Violet Town shire. One person in this run built a little bark shelter in his paddock over in Violet Town shire and consequently did not have to abide by the rules.

Around the next corner to Les & Rita Green, same procedure, then down to Barry Ellis, pick up cream, drop off groceries etc. Seldom see Barry, he has a sawmill to run, also works a lot with machinery, he is at present converting an ex-army tank into a bush clearing machine. Barry & Jack Smith are also building a potato digger, Barry is a very clever man. Back out onto Boundary Hill Road, next stop Allan Fells farm. Allan and Dot had two very pretty daughters who were rushing to get to school, I could have dropped them at Boho South school but had too many calls before I reached it.

Next stop Ralph Steen's for cream pick up only, Ralph used to leave his cream on a purpose built stand on the corner of Steen & Boundary Roads; Ralph and his family were the most gentle people ever. Boundary Road in this area was corduroyed, even more so than the Kithbrook Road near Clem Hobbs, a lot of ti-tree about in this extremely wet area. I recall once while approaching Ralphs turnoff that something was amiss with one of Castle Creeks white log trucks. It had broken through the corduroy and was stuck in the middle of the road, and the whole of the timber jinker was out of sight, the logs were actually sitting on the road surface. I used to see a lot of echidnas around this area; they are plentiful all through the district but to me seemed more so here.

Here I leave Boundary Road and turn left towards Violet Town on the Bonnie Doon Road, first stop around the corner was Lin & Joyce Ellis, small lot of cream here, drop off various goods, next was Don Ellis. Don was a great fisherman and had a large dam on the creek behind his house, it was stocked with many hundreds of sizeable trout. Once after a very wet time the dam wall broke and Dons fish escaped. Next call was Bert Ellis, his cream was always out ready, sitting on a purpose built stand shaded by a large black wattle tree in which perched the most vicious jumping jack ants, they would evidently hear me coming and gather for their attack.

Next stop, just beside the school was an Italian named Peggararo, I never knew his name most people just called him Peg. Peg only had a little bit of cream, but must have had a few vines as he was reputed to make a fairly mean brew. Next stop, just a little along was Bill Armstrong, Bill turned out to be a very good friend of mine, he had a fairly large herd of cows, was one of the bigger suppliers, Bill was an ex-RAAF serviceman, his mum and dad lived on the same block and operated the Boho South post office, I always had a cup of tea with Arthur and his wife. Arthur was a WW1 veteran and had some very bad battle scars including a stiff leg but he managed quite well.

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Strathbogie Campus

December 2013

Dates

Tues 10th Dec	Transition Day
Thurs 12 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner - Parish Perfumery – 6:30pm for drinks, 7pm Dinner
Mon 16 th Dec	Strathbogie & Violet Town Breakup Concerts at campuses
Mon 16 th Dec	Student Reports out, Last Peranbin Press for 2013
Tues 17 th Dec	Baddaginnie/Swanpool Breakup Concert at Swanpool Hall
Wed 18 th Dec	Peranbin Pool Party at VT Pool - Free
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of term – 2:30pm Dismissal
Wed 29 th Jan 2014	First day of new school year for all students



Merton Race Day Raffle Fundraising Opportunity

As part of our ongoing fundraising we'll be running a raffle which will be drawn at the Merton Races on New Year's Day. If any family is happy to donate items for the raffle – we're making up a laundry basketful (or if too many items we'll make up 2 or more draws) – it would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be sent into school. To date we have hand towels, face washers, cheese board & utensils to give you an idea. Best not to send in chocolates or such like perishables as it could be very hot on the day.

Other non-perishable food items will be fine. Our next big expense will be replacing the old junior play equipment so any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Miss Hand Update

Miss Hand is doing well. She is home and is continuing her physio to continuously strengthen her back. We hope that Miss Hand gets lots of rest and gets better really soon.

P-2 Sleep Over

The P-2 sleep over was a great success. Thank you very much to Miss Bennett, Ms Conroy, Hannah Broughton and Molly Ayres for sleeping over with all of the P-2's. We had an amazing time. We made some yummy pizza's, ate some delicious ice-cream, and we watched Arthur Christmas. We

cannot wait until next year!!

Strathbogie Campus Breakup

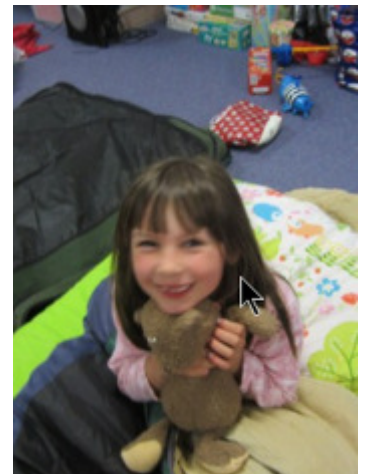
For our end of year Christmas Breakup BBQ we kindly ask any parents to bring along any salads or desserts. If you are able to do so please fill in the slip that was attached to last weeks newsletter along with how many people will be attending our Christmas Breakup BBQ.

2014 Classes

The 2014 classes have been decided for next year. At Baddaginnie and Swanpool Miss Bennett will have P-2 and Mr Donovan will have year 3-6. At Violet Town Mrs Boddenberg will have P-1, Mrs Fitzpatrick will have year 2-3 and Miss Redfern will have year 4-6. At Strathbogie Miss Schulz will have P-2 and Ms Hand will have year 3-6.

Have a good holiday !

Terry, Princess, Kate, Jessica, Lou, John and Ellen



Have you got one?

by Donmil

I can't deny it: I confess
When I cook the outcome is a mess;
But I scan the pages of *Delish*,
And when I've picked a tasty dish,
I ask her: Do you think you could ...?
And she says: Mmmm – that does look good!

Well, I found the Lemon Sour Cream Cake,
And asked: Do you reckon you could bake ...?
She said, Of course: let's have a look;
So I handed her the gourmet book;
It's on page one-two-eight, I said,
Then went to work, out in my shed.

When I came in for a cup of tea,
She said, This gorgeous recipe
Is quite beyond me, I regret,
Unless, that is, you go and get
A **wore rake** – off you go to town,
Or borrow one from Toni Down.

Postscript

But she quickly remedied the lack;
And used, instead, a **wire rack**;
And the cake? – It turned out just as good,
As the recipe had said it would.

*Donmil wishes Toni and all Tablelanders
his very best wishes for the season*

Stargazing in Strathbogie



The night sky during the Festive Season in Strathbogie, presents a great opportunity to have a look, you never know what you might see.

Merry Christmas

Information from Redshift (David Joyce)