



December 2017



EARLY FIRE DANGER PERIOD FOR STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

The 2017-2018 Fire Danger Period officially began on Monday, 20 November in the Strathbogie Shire. Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to 377 properties identified as potential fire hazards within the Shire. Administrative costs associated with the notices may also be incurred for property owners, with fines of over \$1500 to be issued if they do not comply. It comes after fire inspections have been conducted since August, undertaken by Council's Fire Prevention Officer. To help minimise fire risk, properties within townships should remove all flammable rubbish from their yards and make sure the grass is kept cut and rural properties are strongly encouraged to slash their boundaries. Strathbogie Shire recognises it has a large population of residents over 65 and Council is able to help the more vulnerable residents who may struggle with checking and replacing smoke alarm batteries. Please contact Council if you or a family member or friend needs support with this. In addition to this, each year local fire brigades issue new batteries to all residents in their area. All enquiries regarding this can be made to the Strathbogie Shire Fire Prevention Officer Ken Ross, who is available on 1800 065 993. For more information, go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au.



**Strathbogie Tableland
Christmas—
at the Recreation Ground
16th December
See advert in this issue**

Community Meeting—14th January 10am—Rec Ground Please come and find out about the fuel bowser proposal that will generate funds for the community.

There is a community meeting being held at the Rec Ground to discuss the possibility of having diesel fuel available on the Tableland.

The idea of this is to be able to get competitive fuel up here that will generate a return for the community.

About 70 people responded to a survey that was put out on the Bogie Tree email group, and all indicated that they would be interested in this idea.

Come along and meet representatives from the fuel supplier and the bowser manufacturer. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and to find out more.

We need a strong showing from the community, so put this date in your diary and we look forward to you being there!

What's On in December

December 1 - EVOLVE Youth Showcase

December 6 - Strathbogie School Transition Day

December 10 - Pomona Art House Open Day

December 16 —Tableland Christmas

December 17 - Carols by Candlelight

January 14th—10am Community meeting—Strathbogie fuel

First Monday of every second month (next meeting Dec) - 7.30pm STAG meeting at 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

Every Thursday—6pm Strathbogie Rec Ground Summer of fun, and tennis too.

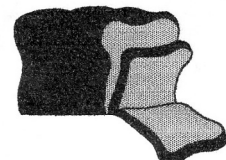
First Sunday every second month - Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group 9-11am Contact Sean Mathews Mob: 0400019607

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 first and third Sunday of the Month - 4pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground



Please note—there will be no January edition of Tableland Talk

Euroa Cinema in December



Madame (91 mins, M, Comedy)
Friday 1st December at 8pm

Thor: Ragnarok (130 mins, M, Action)
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December

A Bad Moms Christmas (120 mins, MA15+, Comedy)
Saturday 9th December at 8pm – Girls Night Out
Maygars Hill Winery is serving from 7pm

Hampstead (102 mins, PG, Comedy)
Sunday 10th December

Polar Express (100 mins, G, Family)
Friday 15th Dec

Murder on the Orient Express
(115 mins, M, Crime)
Sat 16th and Sun 17th

Three Summers (135 mins, M, Comedy) = Sat 6th & Sun 7th January

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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57905340

Ross Walker
Brookleigh Rd
57905111



SWANPOOL CINEMA

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Fri 1st to Sun 3rd Dec—Victoria and Abdul (PG) & "The Beguiled" (M)
Wednesday 6th December we have a very different event – a Short Film Festival that shares the perspective of people with a disability. The films look intriguing!
This event is supported by Benalla Rural City. Admission is free and afternoon tea follows the films.

Fri 8th to Sat 9th—"Baby Driver" (MA15+) & "T2 Trainspotting" (R)

Note—no film on Sunday 10th
Fri 15th to Sun 17th—"God's Own Country" (MA15+) & "Personal Shopper" (MA15+)
Fri 22nd to Sat 23rd and Tues 26th—"A Monster Calls" (PG) & "Hampstead" (PG)
Fri 29th to Sun 30th—"The Big Sick" (M) & "Gifted" (M)

Sun 31st—A New Year's Eve Double (M)

Normal screentimes Fri & Sat 7.00pm, and Sun 6pm. Tickets \$13.50/\$11

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 going up soon!
The TT team*

Mobile Library

Dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday, 9.30 - 12 noon)

2nd, 16th and 30th December



Boho South Hall
Available for hire.
Bookings contact:
Margaret Mactier
Ph 57908544



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Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Available for hire—\$125 with \$250 refundable deposit in case carpet cleaning is required.

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 February edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 27th January.

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

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

Community Action Plan

Further to the request for additions to the Community Action Plan, the following have been proposed:

- Update and reprint the community phone directory
- Provide a roof over the pizza oven
- Lobby Telstra to upgrade internet access through Mt Wombat
- Investigate the availability of wifi at the hall
- Provide support for the installation of power and a suitable base for the provision of diesel fuel at the rec ground
- Purchase a cupboard, to be located at the rec ground, to house the books currently available at the hall
- Hold an annual or biannual celebration of the spoken word "S P O K E N"
- Encircle the township of Strathbogie by a creek side walking trail extending from both ends of Bridge to Bridge.
- Provide a children's size picnic table at the rec ground

The committee will discuss these proposals, prioritise and allocate funding at its next meeting.

Telstra Exchange

Many will have already seen the work being undertaken on the Telstra Exchange building. Weather permitting, the work should be finalised by the time Tableland Talk is distributed. We are indebted to the artist, Tim Bowtell, who has taken into account all the local information that has been provided to him.

Recycle Bins at the Rec Ground

Several persons have been observed (and identified) dumping household rubbish in the recycle bins (and the bins allocated for rec ground users). If this practice continues it is possible that the community as a whole will lose this service.

Polly McQuinn's Project

This project has been completed and Parks Victoria provided afternoon tea for all those who contributed to the work to improve the facilities:

Parks Victoria removed a dangerous tree which was mulched and distributed plus they have recently slashed the long grass

The Euroa Men's Shed built two new picnic tables and refurbished the existing noticeboard

STAG committee members assisted with the concrete slab to which the tables have been bolted

A new sign has been installed in the noticeboard – one side provided information about the history of Pollys and how it came to be named; the other side contains information on local fish provided by Goulburn Broken CMA

Shire of Strathbogie staff installed barriers to ensure the safety of swimmers in the rock pools.

Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group contributed funds toward the signage.

This project has been a great example of numerous bodies working together.

STAG would like to wish all community members a very happy and safe Christmas. We live in a wonderful community – we have our differences but when the chips are down we are there for each other – that's what community is all about.



Mal-function

by Donmil

Said the PM: Here's my latest plan
That'll see Bill Shorten smashed;
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Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group

The Tree Storey: grow back or dieback?

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Communities strategy, is working with the Strathbogie Ranges community to develop a plan that considers possible future climate change scenarios and prioritise actions to help the community and the environment adapt.

CSIRO climate change scenarios indicate that temperatures will increase and rainfall patterns will change. This is likely to affect our native vegetation in a variety of unpredictable ways. Will some species thrive while others die out? Will we see ecosystem shifts 'up mountains' as plants and animals move to adjust to a hotter climate? No one is sure, but we need to start understanding likely changes now so that we can prepare for the future, and continue to maintain the things that we love about the Strathbogie Ranges. One consequence of a drying climate in the Strathbogie Ranges seems to be that some large old trees are dying.

We can tell this because trees show 'dieback'. Dieback occurs when trees are stressed, and this can happen through a range of interconnected pressures. For example, clearing native vegetation for stock grazing, and leaving just a few paddock trees results in stock camping under trees, which causes soil compaction making it more difficult for water to penetrate the soil.

In addition, there are increased nutrients from manure, which can result in increased insect attack as tree leaves have increased sugar levels. These sugary leaves can in turn feed more insects, which attack the leaves reducing the ability of the tree to photosynthesise.

To make matters worse, the small insectivorous birds who would normally keep the insects under control are not around because of the lack of a

shrubby understorey. In addition, isolated trees are no longer buffered from strong winds by other trees, soils are exposed to heat, and trees are more likely to suffer limb loss and drying soils. There are also other interactions that we know less about, such as how fungi and soil microbes are affected by clearing and stock grazing.

All these pressures can result in tree dieback, signs of which include dead branches, brown leaves and epicormic growth.

We will be carrying out a citizen science project that aims to answer questions such as:

- If trees are showing dieback, and dying in the Strathbogies, then how many are dying?
- How fast are they dying?
- Is it all species or just some species that are showing signs of dieback?

We will also be taking action to increase the health of our trees through revegetation and habitat improvement by providing incentives to landowners.

You can get involved in a variety of ways:

- Join the 'Tree Storey' working group
- Participate in citizen science projects
- Learn more about protecting your paddock trees

<https://strathbogierangesnature-view.wordpress.com/2017/11/15/dieback-or-growback/>



Phascogale tapoatafa (Murray)

For more information, please contact:

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168 Welsford Street, PO Box 1752, Shepparton 3632 |
w. www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

t. (03) 5822 7715 | f. (03) 5831 6254 | m. 0459 023 690 | e. jennyw@gbcma.vic.gov.au



A BIG thank you from Rolf

I was overwhelmed with the recent gift to myself. I don't know who you all are but I am sending a big thank you to you all. It was a truly wonderful surprise.

Thank you also for your books, cakes, lawn mowing, mulching, cards, visits and your thoughts and offers of help. Di and I appreciate all you have done for us over the past months.

Thank you wonderful people and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party.

Thank you. Rolf

Councillor News

Outcomes of the Strathbogie Shire Ordinary Council Meeting hold the promise of major economic growth and development opportunities for the region.

One of the biggest items that came out of the meeting was the extension to the Shire Offices complex to house a new Visitor Information Centre.

Alongside this were options brought forward for development to the Nagambie Toilet Block at the central median strip on High Street.

Council endorsed the recommendations to commence community consultation for the toilet block and the Visitor Information Centre, as well as consulting with relevant Council advisory groups and stakeholders for consideration.

A major theme put forward in the meeting was Council's desire to consult with the community before making final decisions on key items, particularly those that will be key facilities for our local community.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said this is all part of being a more open and transparent Council, which are key values supporting their Council Plan.

"We want to hear from our community about their views on the direction for these development proposals before making a final decision," she said.

Another proposal put forward was the expansion of the Euroa RSL Sub-Branch, which was discussed at a meeting held in July with relevant parties.

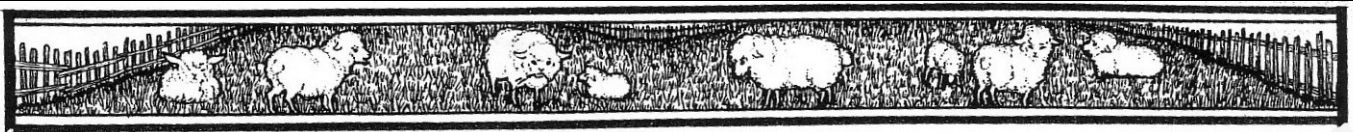
Council resolved to refer the project for consideration in the 2018/19 Council Plan and budget process and to organise a drop in session for consultation.

The consultation sessions for the community will be taking place over the coming months, and specific details will be provided at a later date.

Other key agenda items that were endorsed at the Council Meeting included:

- ✓ Campbell Street and Palmer Avenue Special Charge Scheme
- ✓ Community Grants 2017-18 Program Round 2
- ✓ Proposal to investigate establishment of Nagambie Whitewater Centre
- ✓ Community Satisfaction Survey Results 2017
- ✓ Foreshore Walk at Nagambie between Jacobsons Outlook and Bryde St

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.



POMONA ART HOUSE—OPEN PUBLIC DAY SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017 FROM 10am – 3pm

JOIN US on open public day, there's plenty to see and purchase on the day... Meet and talk to the creative people, view the various works and garden art as you walk around.

A special exhibition of Paul Margocsy's most recent works, one of Australia's award winning wildlife artists and are reasonably priced for the day.

Botanical artist Marg Zaal will be demonstrating the art of drawing and using water colour. Course information will be available.

The store will be open showing selected pieces from Di Simone', Europe's renowned ceramist.

Refreshments on site with a local coffee van & crepes and fresh paella.

Live instrumental music on the day

Gold coin donation at the gate, parking available.

Please NO dogs, flat shoes to be worn & small children must be supervised at all time

Trumpbull By Donmil

The things our so-called leaders do

(Last gasp before they fall?):
Malcolm's pointless plebiscite,
Donald's stupid wall.



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Tableland Talk update

Due to increases in costs of printing and paper, the cost of advertising in Tableland Talk is going to be increased slightly. The charges will be increased from \$5 to \$7 for regular sized adverts, and \$12 for 1/3 to 1/2 a page. This is still remarkably inexpensive. This increase will start in 2018.

Thanks to all those who do help in this voluntary capacity. We think that TT has now been going for about 17 years, although we may have to check the archives at some stage!

Euroa Arboretum Winter Orders

It's time to place your order at the Euroa Arboretum Nursery - Begin to think about what to plant next Winter.

The Arboretum will plant the seeds and prepare your order, you may pick up from April onwards. Prices are on our website.

Simply download the interactive form, save it to your computer, complete and upload from this page - www.euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-order-form

You can also visit the nursery any Monday or Thursday from 9am-4.30pm



Euroa Arboretum
Growing Back the Bush



2017 EVOLVE YOUTH SHOWCASE

Evolve Youth Committee members cordially invite you to celebrate an evening of achievement, highlighting the projects and events delivered throughout 2017.

The Showcase will be followed by a light supper in the Evolve Youth Space, Bury Street Euroa

Date: Friday 1st December

Location: Strathbogie Shire Council,
Conference Room

Time: 6.30pm

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I locked the cell door
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Didn't really care much
About why his eyes so wide

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To test I be a phony
Pity I didn't have a chat
To sense that he be lonely

Then in the early hours
I felt a bit of a goose
For when I spy into his cell
He be hangin' by a noose.

I locked that cell door
To keep inside that crim
His only chance to escape
-when I turned my back on him...

Tony Russell DAWSON



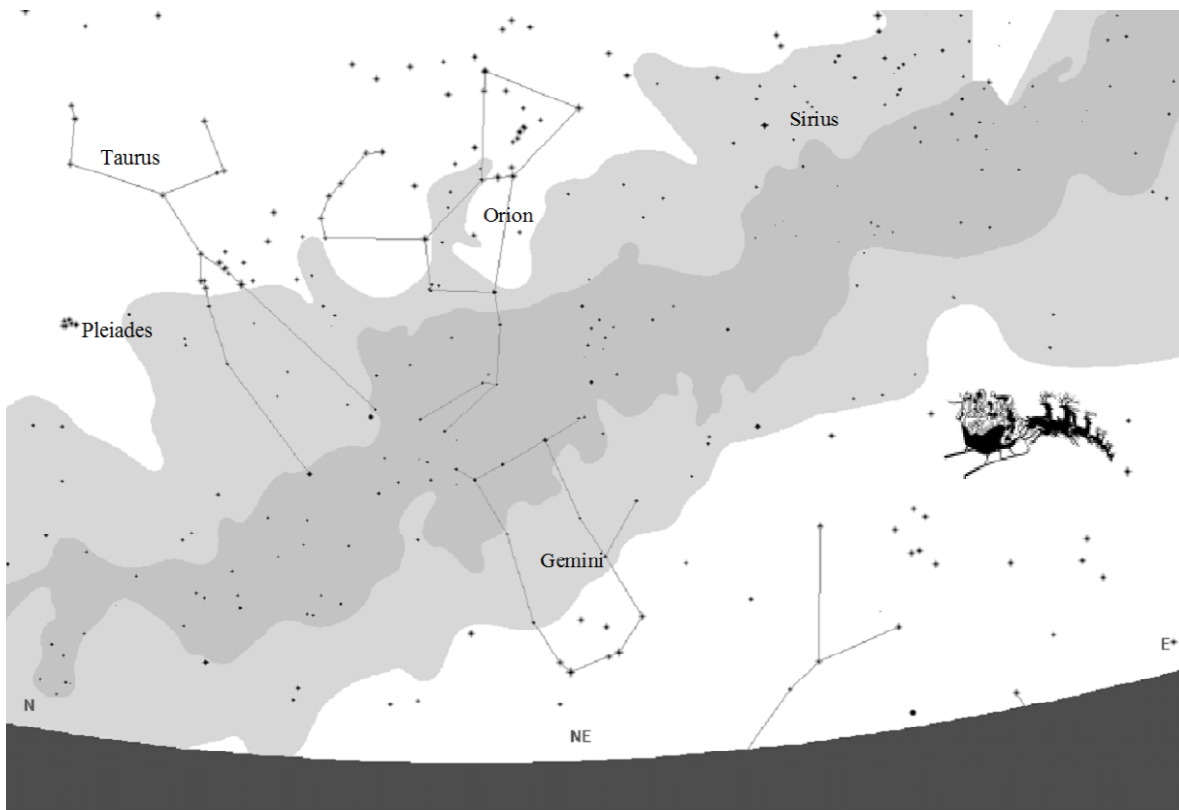
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



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)

Pomona Art House, located next to Polly McQuinn's, is open for business. The Art House will run open craft days and structured tutored sessions by local artisans wanting to share their passion in the arts. Classes will initially run from Wednesday to Sunday with two sessions per day and some open craft days in between. The type of classes to be held will be but not limited to mosaic works, sketching and drawing, painting, wool spinning, knitting and croqueting, quilting, garden art and much, much more.

I am calling for local artisans who would be interested in taking classes here at Pomona to make contact with me. It is also intended that the craft store will showcase and sell local products and produce and is therefore calling on local food producers, handcrafted products and homewares to make contact with me. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Pomona Art House, Lynda Sloan
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Nominations for the Victorian Young Achiever Awards are now open and Labor Upper House Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, wants local young achievers to be recognised.

Ms Symes is encouraging all residents to nominate a local young person into the Victorian Young Achiever Awards.

"We all know many young children and teenagers who contribute to our communities and these awards are a fantastic way to celebrate commitment and achievements to the local community," Ms Symes said.

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Bartercard Online Achievement Award
- Saward Dawson Community Service and Social Impact Award
- The Victorian Government Group Achievement in the Community Award
- The Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award
- Berry Street Create Change Award
- Academy Graphics Regional Achiever Award
- Kangan Institute Inspirational TAFE Student Award
- Royal Flying Doctors Service Victoria Regional and Rural Health Award
- First National Real Estate Leadership Award

The Awards will culminate with a Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday 18th May 2018 at Flemington – The Event Centre.

Category winners will each receive \$1,000 into an account in their name from Bank of Melbourne; a \$1,000 Bartercard Account and a magnificent trophy. One of the ten category winners will be chosen as the Victorian Young Achiever of the Year and will receive a \$2,000 flight voucher from Jetstar and a State trophy.

To submit a nomination, simply go online to www.awardsaustralia.com/vicyaa and click 'Nominate Now.'

Nominations close Monday, December 18, 2017. For assistance please feel free to contact the Awards Office on 9720 1638 or email vicyaa@awardsaustralia.com

(Submitted by the office of Jaclyn Symes)

CHRISTMAS ON THE TABLELAND **SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th**

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as we prepare for Christmas.

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Strathbogie Campus School News

Rubicon Writer's Camp

Many of our Grade 3-6 Students recently attended the Rubicon Writer's Camp to work with children's author Anja Wondra. Students worked with Anja over three days to draft, write and illustrate stories. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to have an immersion into the writing process. Thank you to the Merriijig MARC service for organising and running this camp.



Melbourne Camp

Camps have been the focus of this term! Our grade 5 and 6 students went off to Melbourne for four days. During this time they visited the Eureka Sky deck, Parliament, The Shrine and the aquarium. They enjoyed a leisurely cruise down the Yarra, ate a range of foods and are now experts at catching tram, even at peak hour all loaded with their gear.

Junior Sleep Over

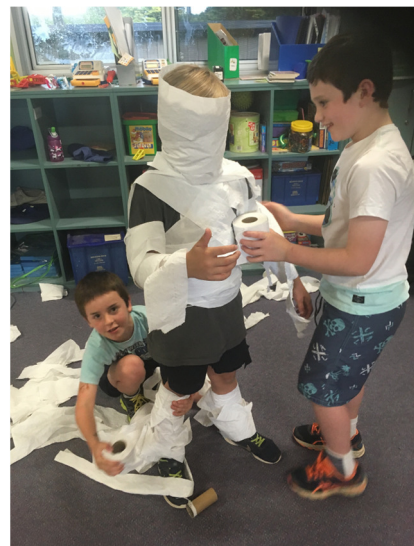
Our junior students also attended a camp- a sleep over at school. They had a wonderful time even though it was a stormy night. They played games, ate a hearty dinner followed by ice-cream and watched a movie. Waking up early in the morning they spent time playing, eating pancakes and generally having a lovely time with their friends.

Open Garden at Forrest Hills

Thank you to the Margrie family, our school had an extremely successful fund raising opportunity by hosting an Open Garden at the beautiful Forrest Hills garden out at Tames Rd.

The Margries kindly gave the takings of the garden entry fee to the school and the school community provided refreshments on the day. It was a beautiful day and we were lucky with that the rain had freshened everything up the days before and held off for the big event. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to making it such a wonderful success.

We had people coming from all over and it truly was a lovely way to bring the community together.



Responsible Pet Ownership

The students had a visit from Dianna and Romi from the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program. The students had a lot of fun learning the correct way to approach a dog they want to pat. Romi had lots of fun getting pats from all the students. The students learned the correct way to approach a dog is: STOP (ahead of the dog), ASK (the owner), SNIFF (let the dog sniff the back of your hand) and PAT (come around to the side of the dog and pat from the collar along their back).

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT- MONDAY 18th DECEMEBR at STRATHBOGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL.
SEE FLYER OVERLEAF**

Looking forward to 2018..... we would love to hear from people who would like to commit to 1 ½ hours a week to help with the Kitchen Garden Program anyone who would like to be reading helpers.

Please contact the school on 5790 5250 if you would like to volunteer in any way

Transition dates for 2018
Foundation students
Wed 6th Dec – all day





Telstra Shed—the Telstra exchange building has a new look thanks to an initiative led by the STAG group, a small grant from Telstra, and of course to the wonderful skill of North East artist Tim Bowtell. If you haven't had a chance yet, take a drive into Strathbogie and have a look at the exchange building.



MAINTENANCE

- Fences up - line, etc
- Road, driveway, gravel, etc
- New line for mains
- General earthworks

We need your help to monitor groundwater in the Strathbogie Ranges



One of the most important natural resources in the Strathbogie Ranges is groundwater. Many of us rely on groundwater to fill dams and tanks and it's critical for maintaining the health of our creeks and wetlands.

Currently the groundwater resources in the Strathbogie Ranges are poorly understood. To improve our understanding we are seeking to work with landholders who have a groundwater bore/well and would be interested in learning how their groundwater varies from season to season and year to year, over the next three to five years.

If you're interested in getting involved in this project, please complete and send in the EOI form that can be downloaded from the Goulburn Broken CMA website by December 31 or phone Jenny Wilson on 5822 7700 for more information.