

## STRATHBOGIE COMMUNITY CLEARING SALE Saturday 24th February

As a result of a conversation between members of the Golf Club, Rec Committee, Hall Committee, STAG and members of the CFA, it was decided to organise a Community Charity Clearance Auction, with any funds raised to go directly to the community. Landmark Euroa has generously donated their services both on the day and prior to the auction.

We require new or second hand items (**No Junk**) to be sold on 10% commission or wholly donated.

To assist you with notifying us of your items for sale we have set up an email address, [bogieclearingsale@hotmail.com.au](mailto:bogieclearingsale@hotmail.com.au) or you can ring Landmark Euroa on 57952535 or call 0499605996 and leave a message.

It would be helpful if you would notify us as soon as possible of any items you intend to sell so we can compile a catalogue of goods.

Items for auction are to be made available on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February after 12 noon and before 6pm. To ensure the safety of the items, overnight security has been organised.

The venue for this event will be the Strathbogie Rec Reserve. Gates will be open from 7am Sunday morning and the auction will commence at 10am. The ladies from the Golf club have generously offered their services to provide Devonshire tea, sandwiches, tea and coffee.

On the Saturday and Sunday we will need the help of volunteers to assist in the smooth operation of this event.

To volunteer your services contact, Paul Buckley 0408624501, Kim Usher 57905345, David Joyce 57905235 or David Hamilton 0427051446.

### What's on

**February 24th** - 10 am- Strathbogie Community Charity Auction, Rec Ground.

**March 15-17** - 535m Art and Music with Altitude Festival, Strathbogie.

**April 12th** - Glow in the Dark Golf Night, Strathbogie.

**May 12th** - Bush Dance

### **Every Second and Forth Sunday**

- Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am

### **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

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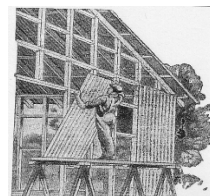
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Keep this weekend free and invite your friends and family for a weekend of events where there is something for everyone. As in previous years, the weekend festivities begin with the opening of the **535m Art Show at Under The Sun**, Main Street, Strathbogie. Doors open at 6.30pm with special guest presentations at 7pm. Lisa Jensen has brought together artwork from the tableland region and beyond to create a unique range of work from a diverse range of artists.

Cate Kennedy, a wonderful speaker and writer from Benalla, will open the festival with reflections on her experiences living and working in Mexico together with thoughts on celebration, creativity and community life. We also have a surprise guest and local wine and nibbles so come and enjoy the community party.

After the bubbles have settled a little, Sim Ayres settles us down around the campfire (with or without fire) to tell an old tale of Baba Yaga. So bring a swag or blanket for the little ones (and the big ones) and allow our imaginations to run wild in the night sky.

The art show reopens at 10 am on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 5pm each day where there will be opportunity to create your own mexican themed art and craft works.

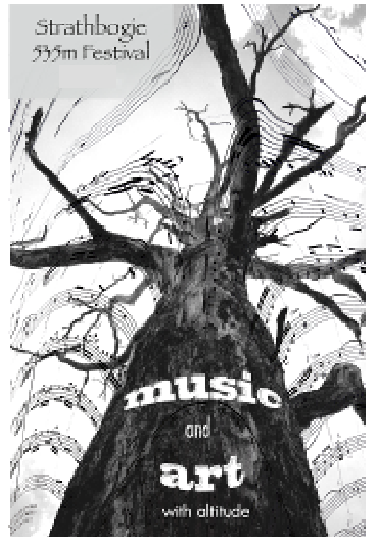
Saturday morning at 10am, Rick Harrison leads a workshop in the practice of Wu Tao bringing together the flowing and refreshing movements of dance and tai chi type practices. If the weather is fine we will be outside Under the Sun, otherwise we will be at the Memorial Hall. It's a lovely way to start the day if you are not at the Euroa Farmer's Market.

The grounds around UnderThe Sun will be the hub of the weekend activity with the Art show, the open mic tent for those wanting to have a jam or sing a song, the red tent, Trevor's spicy chilli choc and coffee stall, the Junior CFA barbecue and local wine and produce stalls.



Our Mexican band **Sin Frontera** will be holding music workshops from 3.30pm in percussion, guitar and singing, joining with the school children playing their handcrafted panpipes to create some big Mexican sounds.

## 535m Arts weekend March 15/16/17 2013



Dress up and join the band in procession from Under the Sun at 5.30 bringing us to the Memorial Hall for the fiesta.

Doors open at 6pm to reveal another spectacular decoration feat by Suzie Bates, Dana Coleman and the decorations team who have been beaver away creating pieces of authentic beauty at the decoration making workshops.

The bar will be open and Kim Usher may well be serving margaritas!

Come and share the **mexican feast in the supper room at 6.30** by our kitchen master Doug Watson and the kitchen team before Sin Frontera takes the stage at 8pm. From then on it's a Mexican Dance Party Bogie style.

**Sunday** morning we are up for it at **10.00am** with the art show open and the opportunity to be led in a group **meditation with local**

**meditation teacher Julie Bond-Rowe at the Memorial Hall Supper Room.**

At 11am come and sing some traditional Mexican songs at the Strathbogie church with singing leaders Di Mackrell and Barb McFarlane. A big thank you goes to the church community for allowing this well loved event to take place in this beautiful space.

Robyn Betts brings ABC radio presenter Matt Dowling and seasoned young actor Nikki Pommeroy to Bogie Golf Course at 2pm for the performance of George Bernard Shaw's play "A Village Wooing". This sounds like a hoot!

So that just about rounds up the weekend even though there will be little surprises popping up here and there over the weekend that I could not hope to describe this early on! We hope to see you over the weekend enjoying the festivities helping create this unique and wonderful tableland celebration.

### 535m Arts Inc. Contacts

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## Strathbogie Tableland Action Group NEWS -

### New Councillor for Mt Wombat Ward

Our new Councillor for Mt Wombat Ward is Mr. Robin Weatherald of Euroa. This was a pretty tight contest with 531 first preference votes recorded for Robin Weatherald and 484 first preference votes recorded for Neil Murray. Of the 1375 enrolled voters in Mt Wombat ward, 1061 people turned out to vote, and 46 of these votes were informal (4.3%).

Mt Wombat Ward now comprises the areas of Strathbogie and Ruffy.

**Cr Weatherald can be contacted at 23 Hunter Street, Euroa. Phone 0408 918 987**

### SECRETARY NEEDED

STAG is still in need of a secretary. If you have some skills to offer and would like to be part of the local action group please email your details to [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org) or leave a letter to STAG at the general store or ring Heather on 5790 5301. THANKS. More STAG news on page 4 and 7



## MORE STAG NEWS

### OUR COMMUNITY WEBSITE – [www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org)

Why not start the New Year by making the Strathbogie website your home page? This works as a reminder to check what's new on the website and to contribute to it.

It is important to update your group's dates for 2013 on the web page. This information can be sent to [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org). The sub-committee will conduct further training sessions in Word Press for people who don't know how to update their group's information. These dates will be advised on the website and in the Euroa Gazette shortly.

**ALSO.....**When planning a community event have a look at the calendar on the website. If everyone posts their activities on the website and we all check before staging an event, we should be able to avoid doubling up on community events.

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"Dalkeith" (PG)  
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"Chinese Takeaway" (M)  
Feb 15 - 17 - "Shadow Dancer" (M) &  
"The Human Resources Manager" (M)  
Feb 22 - 24 - "The Intouchables" (M) &  
"Bully" (M)  
Feb 28 - 30 - "The Intouchables" (M) &  
"Bully" (M)

Start Times - Friday and Saturday 7.30pm and  
Sunday 5.00pm

Double feature: \$12.50/\$10

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## Australia Day Awards 2013

### Strathbogie Citizen of the Year

The recipient for Australia Day 2013 Strathbogie Citizen of the Year is person whom has dedicated their time to assisting the Strathbogie Community for numerous years.

Our recipient has been an energetic, enthusiastic and selfless contributor to our Tableland Community and her contribution as a teacher at our school in Strathbogie, as well as Euroa and Violet Town schools has been enormous and must be commended. She has been an outstandingly dedicated teacher who has constantly worked above and beyond the call of duty. She has nurtured and educated our local children over many years. The connection and bond which she has made with her students is admirable and reflected in respect and affection shown towards her and the numerous nominations for this truly well earned award!

Our recipient has been the listening ear to parents and has always made time to discuss concerns and provide both practical and emotional support to those requiring same. her calm and considered manner and advice is a reflection of her experience and expertise.

Although our recipient doesn't live on the Tableland she has been very much a part of our community outside of the school. She is a key member of the Strathbogie Community Website Committee and her expertise and contribution to the Website has been invaluable. She has held positions on the boards of a number of Community based groups including the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group and Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee and always passionately represented the school and our community.

When asked to describe our 2013 Recipient of Strathbogie Australian Citizen of the Year there have been repeated descriptions of this truly deserving person some of which included caring, loving, passionate, fun, fair, loyal, committed, mischievous, energetic, enthusiastic, selfless, fun to be with, all of which only begin to describe her!

#### **Congratulations to Ms Ellen Conroy - Strathbogie Citizen of the Year**

*Thankyou from Ellen - Thank you so much for my award. Totally unwarranted on so many levels (mostly I was just doing my job... A job I was paid to do! AND as you all know the satisfaction that comes from working with others is a reward in itself). While it was unwarranted and there are so many other community members more deserving I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Bogie is really a very special community and I have loved my time working with you all whilst at school and I hope to stay involved in the future. I still love coming up the hill.*

*Thank you to Toni and Shirley and the team from Hall committee and Australia Day committee for their great work organising a lovely day. I know there is a*

*lot of work involved and you all just keep doing it every year and it is a great day for the community and you do it so well.*

*Thank you to Kim for your great catering. As always you have done a wonderful job feeding the multitudes.*

*Thank you to Dayle, Eric, Alistair and Steph for sharing your home with us for a fun day at the Community BBQ. It was lovely to have all the oldies and the youngies having fun together. I love the family*

*that is the Bogie Community. Thanks! Ellen*

### Strathbogie Junior Citizen of the Year

The recipient for Australia Day 2013 Junior Strathbogie Citizen of the Year is person whom has recently completed her secondary schooling at Euroa Secondary College having finalized her Year 12 commitments in December 2012.

She has been the Student Representative Council of Euroa Secondary College President throughout 2012. She has led this student body exceptionally and had many initiatives such as Jeans For Genes Day, Daffodil Day, Shave your Head for a Cure Day to her credit.

This young woman has provided wonderful leadership and commitment in really raising the profile of the Student group within both the College Community and beyond.

Our recipient spent time in 2011 as an exchange student in France. This experience certainly has opened the doors for many students at Euroa Secondary College in their consideration of embarking on similar experiences.

She has always been a positive, co operative and energetic person in her time at Euroa Secondary College and is a wonderful young ambassador for our township of Strathbogie.

The recipient of Strathbogie Young Citizen of The Year 2013 is Miss Alisoun Townsend.

#### **Congratulations to Miss Alisoun Townsend - Strathbogie Junior Citizen of the Year**

*Thankyou from Alisoun - When I received notification that I was to receive the Strathbogie Community Young Citizen of the Year Award, my first reaction was pure pleasure and excitement. This then changed to why me? What have I done to allow me to receive this award?, then to wow what an honour. There are so many people to thank.*

*Firstly my family – Community has always been very important to them. And this filters down to my brothers and sister.*

*Secondly my community – I have lived on the plateau since I was six months old – it is my family, my friends, my security blanket. I would like to thank*



## Australia Day Awards 2013 (continued from page 5)

each and every one of you.

*Thirdly our school – and it's still our school even though i finished 6 years ago! - from my first teacher Libby Hamilton through to Heather Bamford and the ever present Ellen Conroy.*

*I suppose going to Euroa Secondary College opened up a lot of doors for me and it also allowed me to spread my wings as well. My only thing to say about high school is to take as many opportunities as possible, because they offer you a lot. My exchange time in France two years ago helped my self-confidence enormously, and my current Gap year in Europe will further equip me to take on challenges in the future.*

*So thank you for bestowing this honour on me, and thank you to everyone from the Strathbogie community!*

### Strathbogie Community Event of the Year

The Strathbogie Community Bush Dance has been the successful Nomination for the 2013 Australia Day Award for Strathbogie Community Event of the Year.

Peter & Judith Durston have successfully run the Strathbogie Tableland Bush Dance for the Community in July/August each year for a number of years now! Each year they have organised and hosted Morris

Dancers whom have come from far and wide with their wonderful Bush Band, to lead and assist in dance instruction.

Initially these Strathbogie Tableland Bush Dances were enjoyed by limited numbers but through perseverance and dedication from Peter & Judith have now cemented this Community Bush Dance into Strathbogie Tableland annual Calender of Events.

The Bush Dances have proven to be great family fun where the youngest to the eldest residents and visitors to the Strathbogie Community have participated enthusiastically.

Peter & Judith are to be congratulated on providing the annual event for our community!

### Congratulations to Peter & Judith Durston Organisers

### Strathbogie Community Event of the Year

*Thank you from Judith and Peter - Thankyou to this community for everyone's continuing support. We are delighted that the CFA is taking over the running of the Bush Dance which will be held this year on May 12th, with the usual band and the Morris Dancers in attendance. We look forward to it and to seeing everyone there!!*



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## MORE STAG NEWS -

### STRATHBOGIE PLACE OF LAST RESORT

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### Bookings for AV Equipment

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## My Day at the Show at "The Rock" By Ken Dunnachie

Years ago, I was working in a shearing shed just out of Howlong. The first weekend, having nothing better to do, I decided to go to the Agricultural Show at The Rock. To save a bit of petrol I thumbed my way into Howlong and then up to The Rock. I hadn't been there very long when I met up with two of the shearers who were in the team back where I was working. They offered me a ride back at the end of the show. When we finally met again at the agreed place it was obvious we were at the show for different reasons. They were in particularly high spirits. When I saw their vehicle which turned out to be a smallish two seater I wondered where I was supposed to sit. The back seemed to slope down towards the back wheels. One of the men opened a sort of lid, or cover, and inside was a small seat called a "Dickie seat". I believe the name of the vehicle was a 'Coupe'. I imagine this would be glorious on a delightful spring day, but the clouds had been getting darker and darker all the afternoon. Before we got to Howlong it started to rain. I wasn't exactly dressed for this and felt a bit uncomfortable sitting out in the open. I must have looked a bit pale because when the passenger happened to look around and saw my discomfort he was highly amused. But I was thoroughly alarmed when he reached out over the driver and quite vigorously started working the hand operated Windscreen Wiper. They weren't electronically driven in those days. The shearers seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely. Then they both must have thought of me and to my absolute horror they both turned around and were even more amused at the sight of me. The car seemed to be looking after itself. We somehow got to Howlong and to my sheer amazement they stopped in front of a pub. "One for the road." they said. I could hardly believe it. I thought they had already had several for the road.

I could never understand this mentality. (and I still can't). I declined their kind offer to join them, so, cold, wet, miserable, and now hungry, I sat in my little Dickie seat and sulked.

When they finally emerged they were in even higher spirits. I think they had completely forgotten about me. Eventually we arrived back at the property but tea was well and truly off. The shed was in complete darkness so it was off to bed.

Strangely enough, I haven't been back to The Rock since then!



### **SHEEPDOG TRAINING SCHOOL.....**

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1 1/2 cups castor sugar (1 is fine)  
1 1/4 cups shredded coconut  
125gm melted butter  
3 eggs lightly beaten  
1/2 cup milk

Combine flour, castor sugar and coconut. Stir in melted butter, eggs and milk. Spread half the cake mix into a large cake tin. Scatter half the rhubarb over cake mix. Add remaining cake mix. Scatter remaining rhubarb. Can sprinkle with Demurera sugar or cinnamon. Bake at 180 degrees Celsius for 1+ hrs or until skewer comes out clean.

### **Community Film Night a Success.**

Around 25 people turned up at the free community film night held on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The film night was organised by STAG and was held in the supper room at the Memorial Hall, using the new audio visual equipment that was purchased as part of the Shire's annual funding allocation to the Strathbogie community.

Everyone enjoyed the 1987 classic 'The Man Who Planted Trees'. This was followed by a yummy supper and the main film, 'Into the West'. It was a fun night and thanks to all who came.



# Strathbogie Campus

## FEBRUARY 2013

### The End of 2012

The Mayan Calendar said the end was nigh on December 21st 2012 and in some ways it was as the end of the school year finally arrived. It was a day of mixed emotions as we farewelled our year 6 students Tom McIntosh, Emily Law, Malachi Wild, Brooke McIntosh and Lachy McDonald; we also said goodbye to Ms Ellen Conroy who retired from full time teaching (she is available for the odd day or two when we need her). In amongst the busy packing up and tidying out of lockers and tubs we managed to also celebrate Hannah Broughton's 11th birthday with ice-cream cakes (thanks Jane and Lucy).

The last day was a miniature version of the term and school year—busy, busy, busy! December was certainly jam packed with a variety of activities starting with the Ned Kelly performance, which rolled on to Christmas preparations at the Church with Mrs Wood, cooking Japanese pancakes with Mizu Sensei, year 6 graduation, a campus breakup and BBQ, a performance by Bravehearts, plus a Peranbin Pool Day at Violet Town. The summer holidays were certainly needed to rest up.

### Ned Kelly Rides Again

The backdrops were up, the lights and sound equipment were plugged in and the cast were eagerly awaiting Malachi Wild, our narrator, to call the audience to order and introduce our play. The Hall was filled with family and friends and shortly after 7 pm we began. The kids were amazing, impressing everyone on stage with their confidence and abilities as well as backstage as quick costume changes and sorting of props took place without fuss. The night was a great success and the kids were amazed at how quickly it all went—an hour all up with a mix of song and dance as well as filming projected on the large screen. Thank you everyone who was able to provide support in any form from costumes to stage and hall set up, backdrops and the learning of scripts at home. Congratulations to the kids who worked tirelessly throughout the year developing the main ideas and learning their lines in record time.



### Campus Break Up and BBQ

We had a most enjoyable evening at our campus break up with lots of performances and a very yummy BBQ dinner. The kids who had music lessons with Steph Thomson kicked things off with 2 short items each and then everyone was in costume for musical numbers with Mrs Wood who takes the kids for CRE. There were also a few songs from each class to show off their hard work in Japanese with Mizu Sensei. Following these items we moved on to the thank yous for all of those special people who come to Bogie and work with us to make it a great place—Terry Frewin and Princess Robbie in the Office, Libby Ahern from Library, Mizu Sensei, Mrs Wood and Steph Thomson, and Sandra Barns and the staff at Walters Bus Company. Next up we



called upon our year 6 students and gave them a farewell gift fitting for members of the technical age—cartoon-ish monkey USB to use on their high school laptops. Continuing the farewell theme we said goodbye to three families who have been a part of Bogie since their children started way back as prep kids in 2006. thank you for all that you have done Brian, Brenda and Rodney Lay, Craig and Fiona McIntosh and Virginia Wild. At this point there was only one more farewell—Ms Conroy. A number of tears were shed, many hugs were given and we gave her a book of photos from the current families and from many happy times over the many years she has been a part of the community. We also made a DVD of the kids recalling funny stories and well wishes which we are sure she will enjoy watching for years to come.

After wiping away the tears we got back on track and belted out a number of Christmas tunes to make sure Santa could find us. We were starting to get a bit worried but we persevered and it wasn't too long that we heard a great deal of noise coming up alongside the building—not reindeer and a sled but a tractor driving Santa. Squeals of excitement filled the air and the anticipation of a present before Christmas was palpable.

After we wished Santa a safe and happy farewell we got down to the eating of sausages and burgers with delicious salads and desserts made by our families.

It was a fitting way to end the year with the kids running about and having fun and the adults kicking back and catching up.



## Winners Are Grinners

Lachy, Ryley and Jack McDonald were the lucky winners of some great prizes for selling the most tickets in the Scout Raffle fundraiser we participated in earlier in the year.

Arranging for sales at the Bogie Store, selling to family and friends

as well as a day at the back of Burtons with Sandra meant the 3 boys all deserved a reward. Well done boys—we certainly appreciate the support you have given the campus this year.



**Left:** Jack, Lachy (who can never help but pull a face when a camera is about) and Ryley McDonald show off their prizes

## Peranbin Pool Day

We all had great time splashing about as we gathered with the staff and students from Baddaginnie, Swanpool and Violet Town to celebrate the end of the school year at the Violet Town Pool. It was very exciting for us all to catch up with friends made on camps and sports days but we were really happy to see Jayden and Paige Deane again—they may have moved from Bogie but they continue to be a part of Peranbin.

The sun was shining, the kids were greasy with sunscreen and we made the most of a day out of the classroom. Thank you to the Violet Town Junior School Council who shouted us a BBQ lunch—many a snag was eaten to counter the huge amounts of energy used leaping off the edge of the pool, performing handstands and splashing teachers. As we were gathered together for the final time in 2012 as a whole school we took the opportunity to farewell the year 6 students and Ms Conroy, who received an enormous and fragrant bunch of flowers from Sharee Fennell, our School Council President. Then it was back into the pool for more fun.

