

NOTICE IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING 22nd FEBRUARY 3.45pm for a 4pm start Strathbogie Hall

VicForests has scheduled for logging 14 coupes of State forest on the eastern side of the tableland by 2016, affecting a total of more than 500 hectares. Current industry practice is for what is called seed-tree logging rather than selective logging, and for the timber to be trucked out for woodchipping and any residue is then burnt onsite. The forests to the east of Strathbogie have been selectively logged for over a century, but this new practice of seed-tree logging does considerable damage. Local timber industry veterans expressed disgust about the impact of this type of

logging, similar to clearfelling, as the local forests struggle to regenerate from this practice. This can be seen at the coupe on the corner of Barjarg and Ferrars Rd, which was seed-tree logged more than 9 years ago and still hasn't regenerated (see photo).



There will be a public meeting at the Strathbogie Hall on Saturday 22nd February at 3.45 for a 4pm start. This meeting will discuss the value of the forests to our community, and then plan our way forward in our attempts to maintain a sustainable logging practice in our forests.

If you care about our district and the future of our forests, then you must attend this meeting. Please pass this information onto your friends who have enjoyed the use of the forest as well.

What's on February

Sat 22nd - 3.45pm Public Meeting, Strathbogie Forests, Strathbogie Hall

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

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

Every Fourth Sunday 9-11am - Friends of the Bridge to Bridge. New members always welcome.



Whipping The Cream 'Round 'Bogie - Part 5. By Max Burnside (continued from previous editions)

Left at the cross roads to Jack Smith. Jack always brought his cream out to the front gate. Jack was a returned soldier and was in fact a rat of Tobruk. One extremely cold, frosty morning the Bogie baker, Ron Fletcher was wearing his old army coat with Tobruk colour patches. Jack spied these and really got going, asking Ron all sorts of questions about his Army days. I virtually had to be rude to get on the road again. I reckon they'd still be talking! Charlie Leerson just passed us, he's heading towards Violet Town with a load of sawn timber on their G.M.C. truck. They have quite a good little mill at Toorour, probably taking timber to Viberts or S.T.Y. in Shepparton. They deliver to Deniliquin as also, but a bit late in the day to be going there. On now to Chapmans Lane, Ken Chapman will have cream. (continued page 3)

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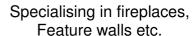
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Deadline for March edition - 26th February. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO Box 23, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

Whipping The Cream 'Round 'Bogie - Part 5. By Max Burnside

(continued from front page) Across the road from Ken is Dougal McCombe. He has a fair bit of cream also. On the roadside near Dougal's place grow many hundreds of little orchids called "Nodding Green Hoods". Other orchids and heath are fairly common down toward Marraweeny also. Heading towards Toorour now, next pick up is at Walkers. I always admire the huge steam engine just inside their gateway. Just along a bit is Roy Ramage. No house here, just sheep yards and woolshed and dairy. Roy has quite a lot of cream. He's a very busy bloke, lives in a cottage down at Creek Junction, just opposite Sam Hodges driveway. Roy seems to do a lot of work for Percy and Ernie Walter. They own an International AL160, fitted with a 32 foot semitrailer which Roy drives a fair bit. We leave Roy now and head to Toorour, pick up a small lot of cream from Frank Bowtell, the Leersons, then down to Norm Watkins. Norm and Mary have a lovely little farm and send quite a bit of cream. They have a nice dairy. Norm works away a lot, I think for the Forestry Dept. A good worker, a lot of Norm's boys worked for the Forestry in latter years. We leave Norm and head to Creek Junction, cross a little stream which is the beginning of the "Sevens Creek", can look back to the left to Mount Piper, it is roughly there where the creek starts. Now, gently up Mallets Hill, very steep and full of bad water courses, some up to twelve inches or more deep, and the whole length of the hill. Near to the top of the hill was very boggy, sometimes I would have as many as five or six attempts to get over this hill. If it was impossible I would have to "back track" to Ankers Rd and come up through Creek Junction to Bill Garsides farm just above Mallets Hill. A shocking waste of time, but these occasions were rare. Bill had pretty girls about my age, so it was eyes front and mind on the job there.

Once out of Bills it was down to next left, McCombes Rd, just down a bit to Marsden Gardiners.

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Tames Road Strathbogie, Vic. 3666 24 January 2014

Dear Editor,

We are fortunate to have our bogie-tree to provide instant communication with a large number of residents on a range of community issues, particularly as we live in a high risk bushfire area. However, it concerns me to see some residents using the bogie-tree as a personal facebook or twitter account — who cares if your place is one or two degrees hotter than someone else — the whole Tableland is hot!! It is of further concern that some residents have elected to unsubscribe from the bogie-tree because of the constant barrage of frivilous comments — thereby possibly putting themselves at risk in the event of a REAL emergency.

I feel I am becoming the old grouch of the village however I believe we have a wonderful communication tool for a small community – let's not abuse it.

Yours faithfully, Ethel McReady

Stories from old times - Dayle Tame was swimming recently at Polly McGuinns in the heat and she was reminiscing that Laurie Tame had told her that years ago busloads of kids would be brought over from Shepparton to learn to swim in Pollys before the pool was built in Shepparton! He also told her about the many families that camped during the Easter break along the Sevens Creek between Brookleigh Rd and Smiths Bridge.



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Feb 15th & 16th - "Blancanieves" (M) & "I Wish" (PG)

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14th Feb at 2pm - next General Meeting for members at the RSL rooms in Violet Town.

Vale Laurance Ernest Anderson (14/1/34 - 12/1/14)

New members are welcomed regularly with Branch numbers growing steadily. Service men and women are encouraged to join our thriving and active branch, as are community members. You are eligible to become an associate member if you have or had a family member who was or is a serviceman.

The Presidents Luncheon is on Friday 28th February at 12.30pm at the Ellen Francis Hotel diningroom.

Annual General Meeting - Friday 14th March at 2pm RSL rooms Ross Walker (Pres) 57905111, Rand Alexander (Sec) 57627544



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<u>Team Effort</u> - Thanks to everyone who is helping look after the trees on Main Street. Ric Harrison came and removed the suckers and cleaned out the dead wood from the crepe myrtles. Several others offered to help as well. Thanks to the CFA for timely watering of these trees, just before the heat wave! They are looking good.

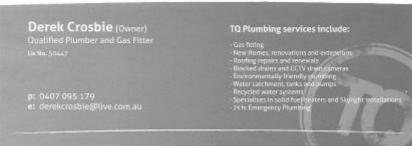
The crab apples also need some attention - mainly to remove suckers and if any more water is forthcoming that would be great. It might even rain!

60 km signs - Thanks to everyone who lobbied for the change of speed sign from 80 kph to 60 kph at the entrance to Strathbogie township on the Euroa side. With persistent phone calls, letters and representations from the roads sub-committee, local residents and STAG, the slow wheels of bureaucracy finally moved and we all have to slow down as we enter the town. This is safer for everyone and especially for the people whose driveways enter onto this section of road. Another good team effort.

Heather Cousland



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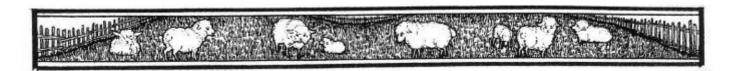
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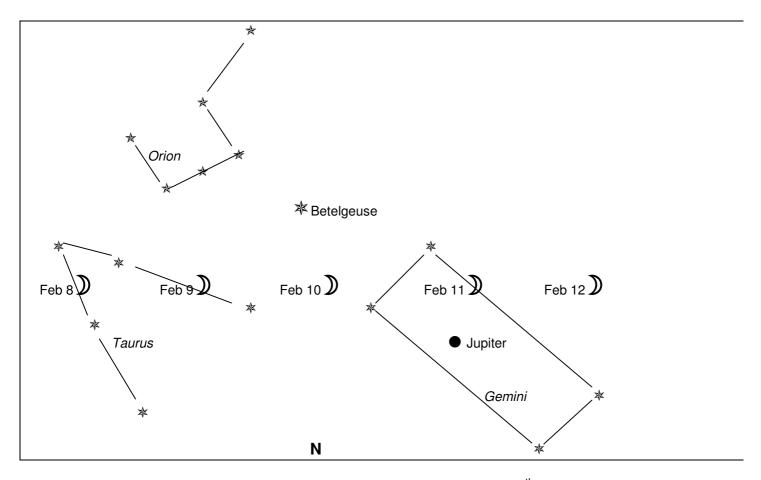
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



The view looking North from Strathbogie at around twilight for the 8-12th February, showing the position of the Moon, Jupiter and constellations Gemini, Taurus and Orion. Jupiter was at opposition on the 6th of January. It remains the brightest object in the night sky aside from the Moon and is well worth a look at through binoculars or telescope.

Information from Astronomy Australia (David Joyce)

Whipping The Cream 'Round 'Bogie - Part 5. By Max Burnside

(continued from page 3) Marsden was not a permanent supplier, only when he had a surplus of cream. He would leave a message somewhere for me to call in. When I came out of Marsden's placel could see Jack Ankers just to my left but separated by a very steep water-logged ti-tree swamp. In later years a sealed road was put in here thus making the whole area much easier to service and easier for through traffic also. Down to Sam Hodges, very bad corduroy road just before Sam's driveway. Virtually one was driving through a large spring with rushes growing right up to the poles. Here the corduroy was only about two chains long, but only ten feet wide. One had to be very careful here. Now up to the Creek Junction Post Office, the beautiful little farm of Percy and Glad Anker. Glad is a very pretty looking lady and tends to the post office and their two daughters while Percy is away carting logs. Percy always kept good vehicles in his "stable", would have the current model trucks, always Internationals, and of latter years were the 180 series. Percy also had good motor cars, always Fords. A lovely couple, I liked them a lot. So gentle.

On leaving Percys, I then went up to the school and turned left to Jack Ankers, a brother to Percy, another lovely family. Jack was a very early pioneer of spreading superphosphate with a motor vehicle. The evidence is sitting just there behind the dairy, an old ute, wooden wheels, a Dodge I think. Its little tray would hold about ten to twelve bags of super and had a small cone shaped spreader on the rear corner, spinner was driven by the typical square link chain connected to a cog fastened to the rear wheel of the ute. How I would like to own that today.

Out of Jacks, left at the school, and down to Bogie North Hall. Here I would pick up cream from Ernie Walter. Ernie and Percy Walter lived opposite the Hall. They ran an Ampol petrol agency from the farm, and did a fair amount of stock dealing.

From the North Hall, its left into Fosters Lane and up to its end where Herb Forster had a nice bit of ground. Herb and Lindsay grew very fine spuds here and milked quite a number of cows. Herb's partner Annie was a very happy soul. I used to like going there. Bought a bag of spuds from Herb. Maureen will love that. Off now to Sid Armstrongs.

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Australia Day Awards 2014

Strathbogie Community Organisation of the Year - The Strathbogie Community Volunteers for the monthly over 70's Residents and former residents of Strathbogie Luncheon has been the successful Nomination for the 2013 Australia Day Award for Strathbogie Community Organisation of the Year.

These Lunches are provided on the first Monday of the Month throughout the year, they are prepared, cooked and served by this wonderful band of Volunteers. This program has been running for the past 19 years thanks to the many volunteers whom have assisted.

Their work commences prior to the Luncheon with the setting up of the Supper Room and decorating of tables with beautiful floral arrangements donated from Volunteers gardens then on completion of the Lunch the general clean up again begins.

As Guests arrive at the Strathbogie Hall they are greeted by friends and the volunteers not occupied in the kitchen whom chat and renew old ties and looking out for those whom need assistance.

Entertainment in the form of sing alongs and other Musical Renditions provided again by volunteers keep the guests all entralled during this monthly get together!

The list of current Volunteers include the following Lorraine Pemberton, Val Macdonald, Lorraine Delahey, Chris Brell, Barb Selby, Jean Lightfoot, Lorraine Short, Betty Broughton, Jill Smith, Margaret Parkinson, Joan Wood, Mely Short, Di Harvey, Trevor Delahey, Kim Usher, Kenn Dunnachie, Anna Reyneke, Neil Barter, Mark Blackwell and Alan Wood

Congratulations to this wonderful Group of Strathbogie Volunteers in receiving Strathbogie Community Organisation of the Year 2014

Strathbogie Citizen of the Year 2014 - The recipient for Australia Day 2014 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 whom has without question or favour given herself to our Tableland Community.

Her commitment to service on many committees and her active duty to each has given each committee strength and purpose to which the Strathbogie Community has received much benefit. *Continued page 8*

Australia Day Awards - *continued from page 7*- Our recipient has a sound understanding of the need for individuals to provide some of their time to organisations that communities of all sizes have in the case of the small community of Strathbogie there are many groups, clubs and committees but a small number of people able to fill the positions.

Our recipient Mrs Shirley Dash has always put her hand up, at great sacrifice to herself and family she is still doing it.

It is obvious this must be imbedded in her "DNA". Shirley has been a long standing member on the committees of the: Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Strathbogie Golf Club, Strathbogie Tennis Club, Strathbogie Football Ladies Committee, Strathbogie Historical Society, Strathbogie Netball Club, Strathbogie Volunteers 70's Luncheon

Shirley has played an active role in each be it President, Treasurer, Secretary and many of the sub committees.

She is the person who not only assists in organising things but rolls up her sleeves and gets in and does it. The lady selling tickets, the lady with the tea pot, the lady ringing around to raise support, the lady making sure things are right on Tournament day and the proud lady whom stands up and argues for the rights of the community.

We commend Shirley Dash a worthy recipient of the Strathbogie Australia Day Citizen of The Year 2014.

Strathbogie Certificate of Appreciation 2014 - The Strathbogie Australia Day Awards 2014 would like to congratulate and award a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs Helen Dunnachie for her ongoing commitment and participation to Strathbogie Tableland and for the long term contribution to gardening in the district. With the establishment of "Forest Hills" garden came a long term commitment to the share her expertise and knowledge of plants and horticulture with all whom she has come into contact with.

Helen is a keen speaker and has been invited to give many informative and interesting talks on all sorts of aspects of gardening, from starting and designing a garden, to a discussion of a particular plant species, to perennials, to maintaining particular plants, etc.

The Crab-apple trees in the main street of Strathbogie were chosen, planted and tended by Helen.

Helen has also provided flowers and flower arrangements for various occasions held in the Strathbogie Uniting Church and at the Hall.

Helen's work in the community has not just been confined to Strathbogie. Through her long association with the Euroa Gardening Club she has regularly pruned and tended the roses at Euroaville and maintained the Euroa Railway Station garden prior to the recent upgrade of the station.

Appreciation by our local community can never be fully delivered and Helen's continued involvement will be much regarded.

Strathbogie Certificate of Appreciation 2014. The Strathbogie Australia Day Awards 2014 would like to congratulate and award a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms Chris Chittick for her ongoing commitment and participation to Strathbogie Tableland Youth.

Chris embodies what it means to be a good citizen, a great community member whilst going about her life in a quiet and understated way!

An active member of Kelvin View CFA, she has on many occasions also joined the Strathbogie Brigade as a

keen team member - always ready to lend a hand.

Chris has for many years facilitated the Active After School Program in Strathbogie and is much loved by those students also she has facilitated the Strathbogie Junior CFA. Her commitment to her much loved hockey is

Her commitment to her much loved hockey is without comparison! Her enthusiasm and encouragement shone through so much that we have seen 10 or more hockey players from Strathbogie turning out for the local Euroa Club.

Chris is truly a most worthy recipient of this award, and is a shining example to us all.

