



February 2017



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When: Sunday 12 February
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What's on in February

Feb 12th—10am Fire Preparation meet-
ing at Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Feb 13th—5 to 7pm Conversation Café at
"Under The Sun", Strathbogie

First Monday of the month - 7.30pm
STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall

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

Every Wednesday - Material Girls -
10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. New-
comers 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 Tennis and bar at
the Recreation Ground.

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 Thursday—Summer tennis and
drinks at the Rec Ground

Every Fourth Saturday of the month—
Australian Plant Society Group meeting -
contact Pete 0402 882 959

Third Sunday of the month - 10.30am
Dance at the Hall

Every first and third Sunday of the
Month - 4pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground—
Main St.

Strathbogie Shire is running a
series of Conversation Café's 
that start here in Strathbogie
next Monday 13th February from 5 to
7pm. Call in to "Under the Sun" in Main
St Strathbogie to meet your Councillor
and have a cuppa and a chat.

ART COMPETITION—Expressions of interest from all artists to make lovely the Telstra
shed on the corner of Main St and Spring Creek Rd. Entries close of the 28th Feb.
Submit all designs to The Secretary, Strathbogie Tableland Action Group,
Post Office, Strathbogie. 3666

Euroa Cinema in February



Fri 3rd—"Queen of Katwe" (PG)
 Sat 4th to Sun 5th—"The Founder" (M) -
 Sat 12th to Sun 12th—"Red Dog
 —True Blue" (PG)
 Sat 18th to Sun 19th—
 "Passengers" (CTC)
 Sat 25th to Sun 26th—"Collateral
 Beauty" (CTC)

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.

Do you need a Justice of the Peace?

Neil Barter
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 57905349

Chris Thomson
 'Aberdeen'
 57905340

Ross Walker
 Brookleigh Rd
 57905111



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 "High Rise" (MA15+)
 Fri 10th to Sun 12th—"The Fencer" (PG)
 & "Summertime" (MA15+)
 Fri 17th—6.30pm—"The Light Between
 The Oceans" (M)
 Sat 18th to Sun 19th—"The Light Between
 The Oceans" (M) & "Café Society" (M)
 Fri 25th to Sun 27th—"Joe Cinque's
 Consolation" (M) & "The Jammed" (MA15+)

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

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 are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay for the
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The TT team

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 each month, or it can be read on-line
 at www.violettown.org.au

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Dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday,
 9.30 - 12 noon)

11th and 25th February
 11th and 25th March



Boho South Hall

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 Bookings contact:
 Margaret Mactier
 Ph 57908544

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 contributions. Contributions to this
 newsletter are published as a forum for
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Bookings contact person is Kim Usher
 Ph 5790 5345



Strathbogie Rec- reation Ground

All bookings are to
 be made with Kim
 Usher 57905345



Deadline for March edition - 27th February. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO,
 Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

Council Plan

All members of the community are encouraged to attend Council's "Conversation Café" to be held between 5pm and 7pm on Monday 13th February at Under the Sun. It is our opportunity to talk to our Council representative about what we think should be included in the plan (which is compiled once every four years). You may want improved telecommunication services, alternative energy options, increased transparency, assistance for primary production, improved roads and attention to dangerous intersections ... etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting or reluctant to make suggestions in a public forum you may submit your ideas in writing to Council by the end of February. Alternatively you can contact a member of the STAG committee (listed below) to speak on your behalf.

Action Group Planning

As mentioned in the December issue of Tableland Talk Council is considering a proposal to cease funding Action Groups and to remove them as Section 86 Committees, thereby removing any insurance cover.

It is suggested that groups and volunteers would set up less formal project teams to deliver individual projects. These teams would have to apply for funding, would be unlikely to be covered by insurance and would need to complete the paperwork for the application and acquittal for each project. Currently STAG receives an annual funding allocation to support projects in the Action Plan and these funds are acquitted once at the end of the financial year.

STAG believes this proposal will significantly disadvantage the smaller townships which don't have established "teams" or "committees" such as sporting and service clubs and which in most instances would be incorporated. While Strathbogrie has a Hall Committee and Rec Ground Committee, their brief is to manage the two facilities, not participate in community wide projects.

STAG met with Tracey Reid, Council representative, on 13th December and raised these issues. Tracey is still to meet with representatives from some of the other Action Groups and is then planning to meet with the wider communities.

STAG COMMITTEE

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So that's where my pension went

by Donmil

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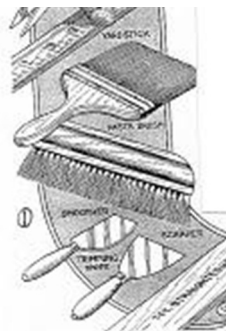
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The Ferguson Tractor—Reminiscences by Ken Dunnachie.

As far as I know, Harry Ferguson, an English engineer introduced hydraulics to the world about 1950. Until then all the implements were pulled behind the tractor or horses (sometimes steel wheeled tractors) and the depth was controlled by big levers. Now implements can be raised or lowered from the tractor seat once they are connected by the three point linkage system.



Sometimes the early models played up a bit and the implement went down instead of up because the engine ran backwards (a bit like mum's sewing machine). This was very handy for getting out of a bog.

Before we came to Strathbogie we leased a little farm on Furlonge Rd, near Gibsons. While here we bought our first tractor, a Fergie. And what a wonderful machine it was. We bought it at Numurkah and I drove it home, never thinking, of course, to get it registered (or getting a licence to drive it). It came with two exhausts—one upswept and a down under. It ran under the footplate. I can remember looking forward to the Autumn switching to the down under because it ran so quietly.

It was a petrol-kero model and it presented a bit of a problem when we moved to the Tableland. Unless the tractor was working on a fairly big job, the engine never got hot enough to switch over to kerosine, even with a bag in front of the radiator. Which meant I often as a petrol model. All the Ferguson implements were so beautifully made there are still a lot of them about today. Once the ground was broken up, the tiller was my favourite implement. Many a big stone I have carted off the paddock if I could lift it onto the implement.

In those days we had three 44 gallon drums (200 litres) of fuel. One for petrol one for power kero and one for lighting.

How we hated those kero fridges. Turn it down too much and it didn't work. Turn it up too much and it smoked no matter how much we trimmed the wick.

The Ferguson Tractor is still popular today for certain jobs. There is a very strong Ferguson Club Society around which I believe can be looked up on the internet.

Note: when I was typing this up I of course had a lot of thoughts of Bob Mackrell, late of Burnside in Spring Creek Rd. Bob loved his Ferguson tractors and was a member of the Ferguson Tractor Club and attended many club meets. Those who knew Bob know that when he talked, he really talked, and talk he did about Fergies!

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the
SUN
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Friday 9am - 10pm
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Australia Day—the Strathbogie community hosted the Shire-wide Australia Day awards on a cool January 26 morning. As always, Andrew Townsend did a great job as MC. The Australia Day Ambassador guest speaker was Richard Rozen, and we were all incredibly fortunate to hear his talk about his experience in the 2nd WW as a Polish Jew. He was only 6 when the war started, and told an amazing story of survival. Only 1 in 1000 Jewish children survived the Nazi occupation. He dedicated his talk to the more than one and a half million Jewish children who died and asked us to remember them. This was a very moving talk.

Our local award winners were: Community Event—the Winterman Celebration, Junior Citizen of the Year—Ada McKeachie and Charli Hill, Young Citizen of the Year—Lucy Broughton, and Citizen of the Year—Helen Peters. All award winners were richly deserved for their volunteer work in the local and wider community.

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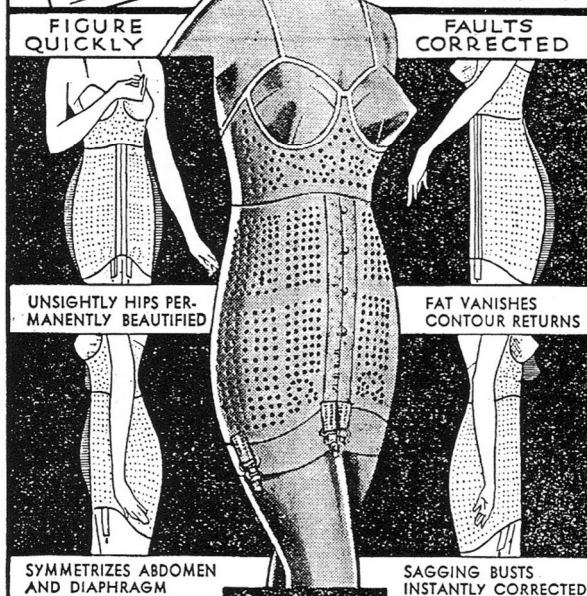
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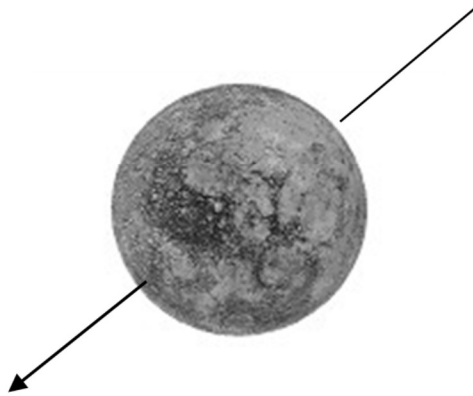
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



The full Moon in the early hours of Sunday morning on the 12th Feb will occult the star Regulus. Disappearance of the star should be about 12:27am, with it's reappearance from behind the Moon around 1:50am.

Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)

Ed note: Information about possible power outages in bushfires and extreme weather events from DELWP

Hello,
I am seeking your assistance in sharing this public information campaign about keeping safe if the power goes out this summer in the Tableland Talk paper.
As the summer heat continues, the Victorian Government's summer campaign, Your Guide to Power Outages, is seeking to help Victorians keep safe during a power outage in bushfires and extreme weather conditions. While Victoria has very reliable electricity supply, power outages can happen – particularly during heatwaves, bushfires and grassfires.
A guide has been produced [Your Guide to Power Outages](#) with a call to action: It only takes a few simple things to prepare.
Some simple tips include having access to:
A torch or battery-operated light
A phone that doesn't rely on electricity (such as a fully-charged mobile phone)
A battery powered radio for news and updates
Fresh water (if you rely on an electric pump for water)
The faults and emergencies contact number from your latest bill.

There's a lot of useful advice online on how to be energy safe with resources to download, such as: [Guide](#), [Poster](#), [Video](#)
Visit delwp.vic.gov.au/poweroutages for more information on how to get prepared, or call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186. Hard copies of the guide are also available at your Council offices.

Your assistance in placing this in your news would be greatly appreciated.

with regards

Georgina

Georgina Waters | Senior Communications & Engagement Adviser | Powerline Bushfire Safety Program

Energy Policy and Programs | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Please note: I am in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

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RuffArtZ ...

says a **huge** thankyou to four retiring committee members **Sharron Batt** (founding member, creative heart n soul & coordinator for many years), **John McLean** (talent spotter, tech-wiz & hall set-up guru), **Robyn Sheehan** (fabulous long-term committee member, ideas person & cake coordinator extraordinaire) and **Brian Sheehan** (set-up and valuable all-rounder). What a mighty effort, with so many wonderful shows brought to Ruffy Hall over the past 18 years. Thankyou!!

But, never fear: the show(s) will go on – with new people joining the committee - rolling up their sleeves to keep RuffArtZ vibrant - and bringing new ideas and oodles of enthusiasm.

Season Tickets now available for the 18th RuffArtZ Season of Saturdays The Four Fabulous Shows are:

Saturday March 4 Sonidos Flamenco

Choreographer and dancer Tomas Arroquero stretches the boundaries of the flamenco form in this new work. Male & female flamenco dancers, singing and guitar accompaniment.

Saturday May 13 Bush Gothic

Winner of the Golden Fiddle Award, Jenny Thomas, in her trio "Bush Gothic" re-tell tales of Australia's dark history with original & haunting arrangements of early Australian songs

Saturday September 9 I Viaggiatori

Italian film director Angelo Drovetti's 1924 silent film Dall'Italia All'Australia (From Italy to Australia) screens with live music by 4 piece band "I Viaggiatori" (The Voyagers).

Saturday November 18 The Wikimen

Upbeat & fun band "The Wikimen" play a huge repertoire including Hawaiian blues, pop, samba, Western Swing & Mills Brothers' songs complete with heavenly harmonies.

Season tickets order forms now available from Kym ph: **0409 172 595**
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We gratefully acknowledge the support of *Creative Victoria*.

Strathbogie Shire Immunisation Dates 2017

WHERE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Euroa	18	15	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	20
Nagambie	18	15	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	20
Violet Town	18		15		17		19		20		15	
Avenel		15		19		21		16		18		20

Euroa Maternal & Child Health Centre Bury Street Euroa 10am—11am	Nagambie Maternal & Child Health Centre 16 Vale Street Nagambie 12.30pm—1pm	Violet Town Maternal & Child Health Centre Hyacinth Street Violet Town 3pm—3.30pm	Avenel Maternal & Child Health Centre 15 Queen Street Avenel 3pm-3.30pm
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Council holds free immunisation sessions open to all members of the public for vaccinations on the National Immunisation Program Schedule. No bookings are required. Council also provides certain vaccines for a fee, including the influenza, whooping cough, hepatitis A and B vaccines (note these vaccines are available free of charge to certain groups). Cash payment is accepted at all immunisation sessions. Parents are asked to bring their child's health record book, so that vaccinations may be recorded. If the client to be vaccinated is aged less than 18 years, consent for vaccination must be given by a parent or legal guardian. If you have any questions regarding immunisation please contact the Mobile Immunisation Service on **1800 655 360**.



The School news will be back next issue once the school has settled back.