



February 2018

### Whole Farm Planning Course

Expressions of Interest are being sought for people to attend a WFP course for both new and established farmers to be held in Strathbogie in March 2018.

The course will provide a current aerial photo of your property and resource notes.

The cost will be \$150 per farming business

It is proposed the course will run on Friday afternoons 1:30 – 4:30pm



March 2 Session 1. Introduction to farm planning, land classing and creating your plan

March 16 Session 2 Introduction to soils and soil erosion (includes a paddock session)

March 30 Session 3 Farm water budget, farm layout, biosecurity and stock containment areas

The course will require minimum numbers to proceed. Dates will be confirmed once we have confirmed numbers.

The course is supported by Granite Creeks Landcare Network, Strathbogie Shire Council and Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group

Confirm your interest by contacting Greg Bekker, Agriculture Victoria:

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### What's On

**March 2** - Farm Planning Workshop

**March 3** - Longwood Beer & Wine Festival

**June 23** - Winterman

**First Monday** of every second month (next meeting March 26) - 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 & 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



Photo from the Mazda-5 car club taken 14th January. Car owned by Dennis and June Barry, and photo by Geoff Roche.

The Mazda MX-5 club did a run up through to Strathbogie on the 14th January—it was just too good an opportunity to miss! The newly painted Telstra shed provides a great backdrop to this particular car. The Telstra shed on the corner of Spring Creek Rd in Strathbogie has been painted by local north-east artist Tim Bowtell after a really great response by locals to our survey on what they would like it to look like. Hopefully Tim will be able to come up soon to attend an official launch.



## Euroa Cinema in February



Feb 3rd & 4th—"The Post"

Feb 10th & 11th—"The Greatest Showman" (PG)

Feb 17th & 18th—"Breathe" (M)

Feb 21st—"Walk With Me" (G)

Feb 24th and 25th—"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (MA15+)

March 2nd—"Just to Be Sure" (M)  
March 3rd & 4th—"Swinging Safari" ((M))

March 9th—"Paddington 2" (G)  
March 10th & 11th—"Darkest Hour" (PG)

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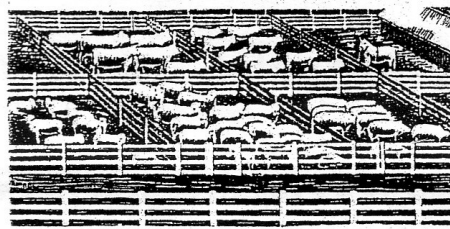
Fri 2nd to Sun 3rd Feb—"School Life" (PG) & "Monsieur Mayonnaise" (M)

Fri 9th to Sun 11th—"Loving" (PG) & Detroit (MA15+)

Fri 16th to Sun 18th—"Goodbye Christopher Robin" (PG) & "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (MA15+)

Fri 23rd to Sun 25th—"Mountain" (PG) & "Loving Vincent" (M)

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



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Business adverts are charged at \$7 per issue for a usual size, or \$12 per issue for a third to half page.

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This will be coming up soon!

The TT team

## Mobile Library

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10th and 24th March



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### Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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Deadline for the March edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 25th February.

Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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

As advised in the December issue of Tableland Talk, the following additions to the Community Action Plan have been proposed:

### *Update and reprint the community phone directory*

The Communications Sub-committee has discussed the project and it is anticipated that a form will be included in Tableland Talk for residents to update information. A reminder that the directory on the community website ([www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org)) is updated as amendments are advised.

### *Provide a roof over the pizza oven*

Several committee members are investigating requirements for this project.

### *Investigate the availability of Wi-Fi at the hall*

Investigations have taken place. It is possible to provide wifi at the hall, but the cost is prohibitive.

### *Support the installation of power and a suitable base for the provision of diesel fuel at the rec ground*

Several committee members have attended meetings with the suppliers. Quotes have been obtained for earthworks and electrical work

### *Purchase a cupboard to house books for community access*

Committee members examined options for a suitable township location. However, without capacity to manage donations, it was decided donations to Euroa's "Already Read " bookshop should be encouraged instead.

### *Hold an annual or biannual celebration of the spoken word "S P O K E N"*

Discussion around this idea has generated interest in including other arts and crafts. A meeting of interested people is to be organised.

### *Install a children's picnic table at the Rec Ground.*

The Euroa Men's Shed is currently working on this project.

STAG would like to encourage members of the community to become involved in these and other projects. STAG meets on the first Monday of every second month in the Soldiers Room at 7.30pm. Meetings will be held in February, late March, June, August, October and December – all community members are welcome.



## Horsetrading by Donmil

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And make their fortunes out of Winx;  
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## Hello Everyone,

Best wishes for 2018.

Council is back at work for the year, so I thought I would let you know what I see as the priorities for this year, and give you the chance to tell me what should be added to the list!



### Fair Rates

We all know that we pay some of the highest Rates in Australia and while our relatively low population in a rural Shire with a large road and bridge network will always be a challenge, our Rates burden should be fairer. I think fair Rates means our charges being in line with comparable Shires. Rates and charges on a farm property valued at \$1 million in the Strathbogie Shire would be \$4,805. In the Mansfield Shire \$2,241. Council will set its budget for 2018/2019 in June.

### Repairs to infrastructure from the rain event on 1st & 2nd December.

The Shire has applied for and received National Disaster Relief Funding to repair infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the December rains. The repairs will be a separate project from normal Shire maintenance and will be funded via the Victorian Government. Work will go to tender in February and commence in March. I understand that the delay to repairs is frustrating, particularly to residents who are seriously inconvenienced. It is important that the Shire is aware of all the damage caused by the rain, as anything not identified in the project will eventually need to be fixed by the Shire's maintenance program and this will take much longer. Please ring 1800 065 993 to report any damage you know of.

### Continue the rollout of the Zero to One Road Upgrade

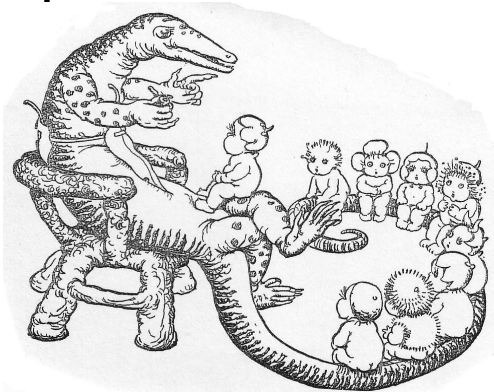
This Program which started in 2017 moves gravel roads with a residence that are currently a 'Zero Rated Road' (receive no regular maintenance) to a 'Class One Road' (included in the annual maintenance program). This program has started to make a real difference to residents and needs to keep expanding.

### Roadside Management

The right balance needs to be found between potential fire fuel loads on the roadsides from fallen trees, weed and vermin control in the road reserve and preservation of native vegetation. A balanced roadside policy will be released and implemented this year.

### Waste Management

I would like to see an extension of the waste collection service to more residents on the Tableland. Hopefully it will be possible to expand the collection routes this year.



As I said at the beginning of this article please feel free to add to this list. My contact details are below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at [Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or on 0427 335 766.

Please note that the comments in this article are my own as Ward Councillor and should not be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.

**Local Australia Day**—a great community event was held on 26th January. This event honours those who are nominated by community members for their significant contributions within our local and the wider community. About 70 plus people attended and enjoyed the various speakers. The Citizen was awarded to Allan Rowarth for his contribution to the Strathbogie community over many years and it was fitting that we were gathered just across the road from the house that he was born in. The Young Citizen was awarded to Grace Arnold acknowledging her involvement in hockey and also in secondary school where she has been a significant mentor to many younger students. The Community event was awarded to Kylie Penny's World Yoga Day event which brought together many people of different ages from the wider community. The Community group was awarded to the three local CFA Brigades, and Anthony Delahey (Captain Kelvin View) and David Hamilton (Captain Strathbogie) accepted these awards on behalf of all members and families of all three brigades. The Kelvin View crew had just come from blacking out at a fire started by lightening at Sugarloaf just the evening before. The Ambassador, Professor Deb Bateman gave a really interesting talk about her life and her interest in education. Lamingtons and a cuppa were enjoyed by all before a BBQ lunch at the Rec Ground.



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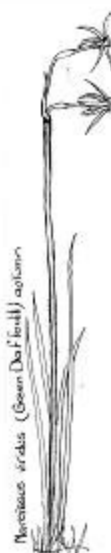
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I am calling for local artisans who would be interested in taking classes here at Pomona to make contact with me. It is also intended that the craft store will showcase and sell local products and produce and is therefore calling on local food producers, 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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## The Strathbogrie Tableland Landcare Alternate Fertiliser and Lime Trial Demonstration Sites

The aim of establishing an alternate fertiliser demonstration site on a Strathbogrie farming property was to compare organic fertilisers with the traditional inorganic fertiliser, superphosphate. There are many organic fertilisers on the market. Eight well known products were selected to trial against single superphosphate.

The importance of this demonstration site was to investigate using livestock feed fertilisers under local conditions. Sowing pasture is expensive. Efficient feed management requires the most nutritious feed to be grown at the lowest price. The more growth per acre, the greater the livestock carrying rate. The more efficient and sustainable the growth, the more land use is improved, land degradation reduced and profit margins increased. Knowing the best way to manage pasture is essential for improved outcomes on all counts.

David Hamilton (BAgSc) generously volunteered his expertise as a farmer and land manager. David made available a large trial site on his Strathbogrie property and appropriate equipment for working the demonstration plots. Utilising his farm ensured direct relevance of the demonstration to other primary producers working grazing properties in the Strathbogrie Ranges and created significant interest elsewhere.

Research activity and evaluations were initiated and managed by a local committee consisting of David Jamieson, David Hamilton, Brian Law, Denis Taylor and Andrew Townsend. The process was supported by funding and further in kind support from Landcare's Gecko Clan, Granite Creeks and Strathbogrie Tableland Landcare Group. Landcare Project Officer, Kerri Robson and were integral to the success of running the demonstrations. Support was also provided by Greg Becker from Agriculture Victoria. The Euroa Secondary College Year 9 Agriculture Group assisted with pasture cuts and scientific research.

Each product was applied to a 10 X 100 metre plot, with 4 replications and control plots in between. The method involved 3 – 4 years of prescribed pasture cuts on hands and knees using manual shears. The harvest was dried and weighed to measure the dry matter growth of each plot.

From a bang for your buck perspective, the results indicated that for each dollar per kilogram of fertiliser applied, single superphosphate delivered the highest weight of dry matter grown.

Further investigation involved allocating space & dividing the trial site into a 4

section rotational grazing unit to test whether grazing stock demonstrated a preference for feed grown using a specific fertiliser. There was no indication that stock would gravitate toward pasture grown using a specific fertiliser.

As well as delivering results, the alternate fertiliser demonstration sites proved to be successful in generating ongoing interest locally and further afield. Regular public Field Days continued to attract 40 - 50 attendees throughout the trial.

As the primary trial described above approached conclusion, the committee realised the demonstration site also presented an opportunity for a secondary investigation. This was an initiative designed to assess management techniques used to address the acidic nature of Strathbogrie Tableland soil.

There have been many developments in the area of acid tolerant pasture species. 10 species are being compared in the context of controlled lime application. Only perennial species have been selected: 4 rye grasses, 3 crocksfoot and 3 phalaris. 3 comparative plots have been established for each species. One control plot without lime, one using 1 tonne per acre and one using 3 tonne per acre. Each plot has been replicated 5 times to test for consistency. All are being regularly grazed. Regular soil testing and species survival rates are being used as the comparative measures.

This demonstration site remains a work in progress. The next Field Day will be in autumn. All are welcome.



It is wild blackberry spray season, so be sure that you know that berries have **not** been sprayed with a herbicide before you pick any!

### Support STLG agricultural & conservation projects

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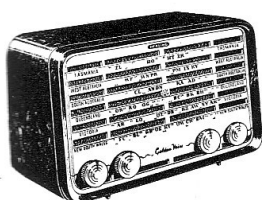
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There were some things I knew as taboo  
to express my love but to question who?  
to touch the pale face of my dad back then  
when touching taboo...when "men were men"

For boys were male and "you cant do that"  
jealous of my sister and that is that  
that man couldn't hug his son for how he was seen  
nowadays if you hugged your son- well, you'd be relieved.

And so my dad the salt of the land  
Wouldn't touch me even by hand  
he knew he loved me and I him  
with a wink of an eye from under his brim

Then that day we all regret came along  
where watery eyes was met by song  
and there he lie with an eerie smile  
I be alone with him for just a while.

As I stroked his forehead cool to touch  
I raised my head automatically as such  
to kiss his temple of which I dare  
I knew his mind was well aware.

Of all the kisses I missed  
they gathered together in just one kiss  
finally as his spirit rose and went  
he left his love and hugs were spent

I never craved again heart be blessed  
that tradition of males their love expressed  
a kiss on his forehead way back then  
ended an era when "men were men" ....

Tony Dawson

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The nursery is open Monday and Thursday from 9am-4.30pm and purchase individual plants or get advice on what to plant in your garden or farm.

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### Freeway fury by Donmil

I meet them again and again and again –  
They're an ongoing source of frustration and pain:  
Those who never get out of the right-hand lane!

**Note: There are no school pages this month. They will be back next month.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**February**

**8.00 pm**

**Doors Open  
7.30pm**

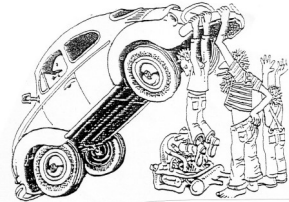
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