



**JULY 2008**

What a month it has been! Our community should be proud. There was a wonderful "Meet your neighbour" night at the golf club, followed by the incredibly well supported 'eat-and-auction' for the school, and then the fantastic turnout on a glorious evening for the Winterman ceremony. And there is heaps more coming up this month. Once again thank you to all the contributors, regular and otherwise. Donmil has once again provided us with a limerick (or two), and Donmil has obviously inspired more than one person as several poems have been contributed.

Thankyou to each and everyone of you!

Coming Events - 26th July - meeting for local group for Growing Australian Plants, Ruffy Rd Longwood. More details inside. Contact Tony Court 57985579, or Val Kneebone 0419328731

26th July - Kim's dinner - at the Golf Club.

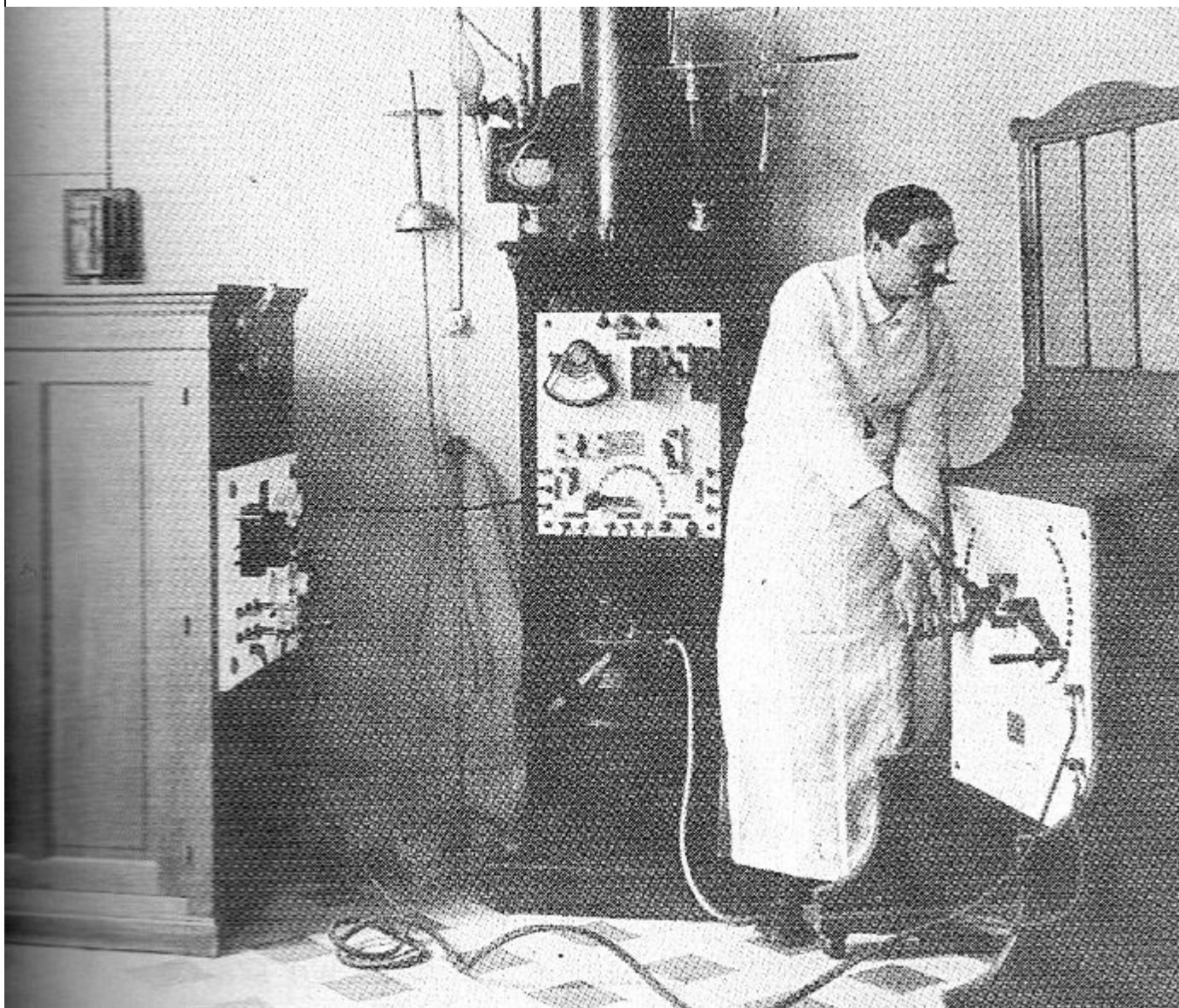
29th July - STAG AGM.

16th August - Progressive community dinner.

Ph Toni 57908543 or Robyn 57905364.

19th August - Strathbogie Hall AGM.

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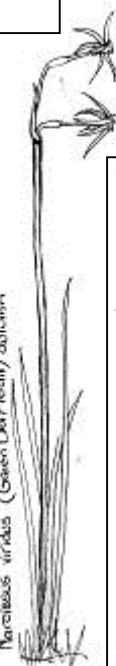
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Friday 11th - Sunday 13th

"Sex and the City"

*All session*

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th

*times 8 pm*

"Hey Hey Its Esther Blueburger" *except*

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th

*Sunday's*

"Horton Hears a Who"

*4 pm*

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# More donlimericks

by Donmil

With the greatest regret I must state  
That yoghurt is something I hate;  
But if I had a will  
To develop the skill  
Of making it: I'd go to Kate.

Oh dear! – For Lake Tarli Karng I'm  
At an absolute loss for a rhyme;  
Were it Lake Tarli Kong,  
I'd compose a fine song  
For an eighty-year-old in his prime.



## The Rain Came By Robyn Betts

The pump broke down and  
The water stopped  
The pipes blocked up and  
The window broke  
The alpacas whinged about  
Dirt in their eyes and  
Then the rain came



But the dogs came inside  
With muddy feet  
The spouting showed me  
Where it leaked  
The car windscreen dripped  
From the frayed rubber edges  
But the rain came

It's not enough to break the drought or  
Promise an average season  
But it's more than enough to plant some seed  
And to bring on the coughs and the sneezes

(I penned this poem from an inspiration during  
my shower – then I had to run to the dining  
room and quickly write it down before I forgot  
what I had come to the dining room for!!)

There is a progressive dinner coming up. Note that this is a Community Dinner not a FUND Raiser for the Hall. Details are as follows - Assembly at 6pm @ Hall Carpark, Pre Dinners @ Strathbogie Store (Bus pick up at 7pm sharp), Entree @ Strathbogie Golf Club, Main @ The Oak Tree Restaurant, Coffee & Cake & Port @ Strathbogie Hall.

Please note limited seats 50 Only due to Venues and Bus.

Enquiries to Toni Down 57908543, or Robyn Paterson 57905364

## " Strathbogie Community Progressive Dinner"



Saturday 16th August 2008

Fantastic 3 Course Meal

Assembly 6.00pm @ Strathbogie Memorial Hall Car Park

Limited Seats - Bookings Essential

\$35.00 per ticket. Drinks at Bar Prices.

Tickets Available at Strathbogie Store &

Spring Creek Clothing, Binney St, Euroa.

Enquiries to Toni Down 57908543 OR

Robyn Paterson 57905364 A/H or 57952001 B/H

## A Lament

Inexcusably, Sim,  
(Acting on a whim),  
Has stopped retailing bread  
And left us all for dead. Harrumph.

How very dare he, just  
As we had come to trust  
That once a week he'd bring  
Loaves to make hearts sing.

"But at markets you will find  
My bread of every kind"  
Yeah right, Sim, p'raps that's so,  
But for some, too far to go.

But he is a good sport,  
Tutorials will be taught!  
For we who'll miss his bread  
He'll train us up instead

To make our own sourdoughs  
Without paying through the nose.  
Though I suspect our baking  
Won't rival those delicious crusty, warm, fresh whole-  
meals, fruit breads, whites, pizzas and all that other  
lovely stuff of his making.

Anyway, thanks, Sim, for the pleasure you have given  
us and see you in class.

A Milkwood Fan



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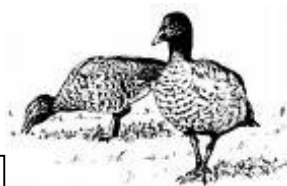
The Oak Tree Restaurant  
1042 Bonnie Doon Rd  
Boho South

### **Coming Up**

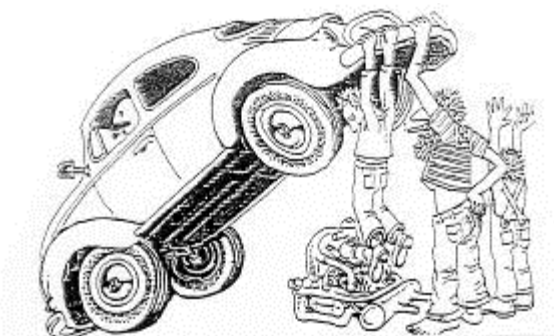
Saturday 12th July -  
Curry Night  
Saturday 16th August -  
Progressive dinner



**STRATHBOGIE MEMORIAL  
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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Experience is not necessary. Come early, 7:10 or so, then we can teach you.

You will get better over time, even hopeless cases like myself.

We hope to see lots of new faces soon. It really is a fun social evening. It would be a shame, if the bowling would fold after 41 years.

We finish 10:15 most times.

For more info ring Ingrid on 57905348 or Max on 5795 3597



## **STRATHBOGIE GARDEN GROUP**

### **JUNE GET TOGETHER**

Even though it was officially the second day of winter, we had a very pleasant afternoon in Jean Brock's garden.

With Jean's deciduous trees closing down, her conifers, evergreen hedges and topiaries were accentuated giving real interest. Standing out also was Jean's new wisteria arbour and bench seat, you could picture what this area will look like in a couple of years when the arbor is covered in colour and shade.

The rest of the afternoon was enjoyed over a cup of tea and a wonderful table full of delicious food. Thank you Jean for a really relaxing afternoon.

### **JULY GET TOGETHER**

Our next get together will be at Sandra & Michael Richardson's garden at 112 Fernhills Rd. Sheans Creek at 1-30 pm on Tuesday, 1st July.

### **CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDEN OUTING**

Don't forget to let us know if you wish to join in on our proposed bus trip to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens in early September.

Contact: Olwyn Brook

57 90 8636

Sandra Richardson

57 95 1109



## **STRATHBOGIE GOLFCLUB FUNDRAISER**

# **KIM'S DINNER**

**Saturday 26th July at the Clubhouse  
at 7 pm**

**Come along and enjoy a homecooked meal  
in the warm surroundings of our clubhouse.  
Numbers are limited, so first in best  
dressed.**

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## STAG NEWS

### Annual General Meeting

STAG's AGM will be held on Tuesday 29 July in the Supper Room, Strathbogie Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Members of the community are encouraged to join the STAG committee and help us work together to provide a positive future for the Tableland.

Nomination forms are available at the Store or by contacting the Secretary (Helen Peters) on 57905236.

### Farmers' Markets

STAG and the Hall Committee have submitted a joint expression of interest in being part of the Shire's feasibility study to develop a market plan and assist with the startup of markets throughout the Shire.

The Farmers' Markets program aims to help Victorian Farmers' Markets to grow and operate sustainable community events that bring clean, green, local produce direct from farmer to consumer.

Eligible Farmers Markets are predominantly local fresh food and produce markets that operate regularly at a public location, to sell farm-origin product and associated value-added primary products direct to consumers.

We are seeking to establish a community group of people who would like to assist with this project. If you are interested in being part of this group, please leave your name and contact details (address, phone, email) at the Store addressed to Secretary, STAG.

Note: As the AGM is scheduled for the end of July, there will NOT be a STAG Committee meeting on Monday 14 July.



### Hume Corridor Community Health News

Farmers in the Euroa district have an exciting opportunity to attend a **Sustainable Farm Families** program in Euroa on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008. This is a free health education program for farming families which covers a range of areas including cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, women's and men's health, stress, depression, farm safety, nutrition and exercise. All participants also have a health assessment and the program is available to farming men and women. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your overall health. Please contact Jean McKinnon or Nicole Schryver on **5736 6366** if you are interested in attending.

**Pap Clinic** will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1pm – 3pm. Conducted by a female doctor. Please book for an appointment on **5736 6366**. Medicare card and \$10 co-payment fee required at time of appointment.

**Pole Walking**: final session will be held at the Strathbogie Hall on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



### BOHO SOUTH PHOTOS WANTED

As a part of completing my VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) this year I am putting together a photographic history of Boho South. It will be in the form of a book which will show a timeline of the local community and area. I'm looking for any photos of local people, places and events, anywhere from during the last couple of years to way back.

As it will be printed from a digital file I only need scans of the photos, so you will get them back asap, and all contributors will be acknowledged in the book, unless requested otherwise. Captions and dates for photos would be appreciated.

Contributions can be made until the end of August, but the sooner the better, and they can be posted or dropped into me at

Helena MacLaughlin

6 Marmo Ln,

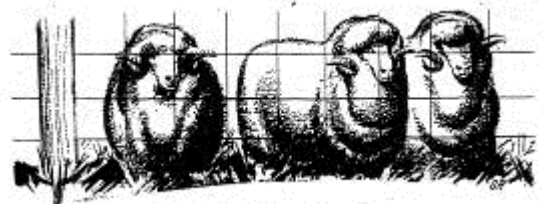
BOHO SOUTH, 3669

or

pick up can be arranged

or

I will be at Boho South Hall on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July from 2 till 4pm with a computer and scanner set up. If you have any queries please contact me on 57908607





## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND LANDCARE GROUP NEWS

### REPORT ON 2008 LANDCARE FORUM 'SHAPING OUR FUTURE' HELD AT NOVOTEL RESORT, CRESWICK on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May.

Approximately 300-400 Landcarers attended the Forum.

After an impressive welcome by local indigenous people, Landcarers broke into groups of interest to hear the stories of different folk with emphasis on 11 different issues arranging from –

Revitalizing Landcare; Taking Landcare ethic into towns and cities; Sustainable farming; Building knowledge and skills in rural communities; Climate change; Finding our voice on local, regional and state issues; Engaging with indigenous Victorians; Action in rural/urban interface; Working with regions; Community business partnerships; Biodiversity.

There were many inspiring stories of groups taking action in most of these areas – too numerous to mention.

I have chosen one that from my point of view was truly moving and inspirational. This was from Saint Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East (see separate sheet).

The two Keynote Speakers gave a current and future appraisal of climate change and its effect with examples of possible scenarios that may appear by 2035 – very challenging stuff. It was meant to shock and it did. Remedies which are beyond the scope of Landcare alone will need full community involvement to make a substantial difference.

Friday morning was spent having people nominate action that they would like to be taken in different areas of concern.

A very useful exercise apart from the large carbon footprint caused by travelling to the Forum and running Forum over 2 days.

Hopefully outcomes will more than offset this.

A highlight of the Landcare Forum stories for me was 'Harmony Dreaming' by students of Saint Francis Xavier Primary School Ballarat East.

This story was told by 3 early primary school students (2 girls and 1 boy). They were telling their story to an audience of approximately 80 people and described the progress their school has made in achieving environmentally friendly projects within their campus. Such progress included a vegetable garden, tree planting. Indigenous message stick significance, enhancing biodiversity, recycling through to containing natural waste by means of septic tanks in next paddock, care of waterways.

Funding was derived through Australia Post and Bi-Lo.

The school children have received several awards recognizing their wonderful work and enthusiasm typified by their great presentation.

The audience was blown away when a young man I would estimate to be maybe 5-6 year old took the microphone, looked the audience in the eye and announced 'in conclusion..' and proceeded to wind up a wonderful presentation.

I don't think I have experienced such a universal feeling of warmth and admiration for such a young person, although it was tinged with pathos for some with the knowledge that little Jim and his friends will be working with a very different situation when he is grown up.

Which poses the question – are we giving little Jim's generation a fair go or are we borrowing from them?  
An Older Landcarer



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## STRATHBOGIE SEEDSAVERS

Thanks to Judy Wills for hosting last month's Seedy Sunday. We found a sunny warm spot on her verandah out of the chilly breeze, and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon checking out the new seed deliveries and doing all the jobs that go with saving our seeds—recording, packaging, labeling, sharing information etc.

Anyone in the community is welcome to come to any meetings if something catches your interest. We always welcome donations of tried and true favourite seed varieties—any varieties that do well in our area are worth preserving and passing on.

Sal's list of her favourite Top Ten veggie varieties generated a lot of discussion and we decided to buy 2 or 3 varieties for the group's use.

Our next meeting will be held at Michael & Sandra Richardson's property at Shean's Creek. Our last visit there was in summer and members will recall her collection of wonderful grape varieties & the extensive orchard.

July is our propagation month—time to take hardwood cuttings, divide clumps / runners etc. Olwyn has donated some crab apple seedlings & Chardonnay grapes which are looking for good homes, and as usual there will be excess plants, produce etc there to share. Does anyone have any strawberry runners?

Don't forget to check out the list which was circulated to all members, of the list of fruit tree varieties etc within our group—and if you're after any wood, to contact that grower. For example, you might like to try your hand at propagating grape varieties, kiwis or berries. Now is the time to organize propagating material.

Meeting date—Sunday 6 July, 1.30pm at Sandra & Michael Richardson's, 112 Fernhill's Rd (off Shean's Ck Rd), Shean's Creek. Phone 5795 1109.

Terry 57908635



## Sunday Exercise With Neighbours

By Robyn Betts

Hmpf, hmpf, grunt, grunt

If you hold the neck, I'll push from the rump

Hmpf, hmpf, grunt, grunt

If we both lift her front legs we can lever her up

Hmpf, hmpf, grunt, grunt

She's in – "You ok Marg?"

Don't let her out

If she looks like she'll jump just give us a shout.

Hmpf, hmpf, grunt, grunt

We'll lift in the cria that'll settle her down

There's only two more – Bill, why do you frown?

Hmpf, hmpf, grunt, grunt

If you hold the neck and I push from the rump

She's a bit more co-operative, she's already up

Well that lot is in

"Can I come out now?"

Oh Marg – out and at 'em

Come out of the van

We've all done our exercise

Loading alpacas

Please note – that no animals were harmed in the making of this poem or the loading into the van, however Bill, Margaret and Robyn did need a bit of a breather and a nice cup of tea.

Congratulations to Betty Broughton who celebrated her 10th year with Domain Chandon at the end of June. The fellows from Domain shouted Betty and her co-workers and their partners a lunch at Olga's Oak Tree Restaurant. A great effort, Betty!



## For Donmil

As I sit upon a hill,  
I contemplate Donmil.  
(S)He's quilled his way into my heart,  
It is the poet's elusive art.

But what of his name?  
Surely so lame....

Not romantic,  
nor semantic,  
or even frantic,  
perhaps pedantic.....

Can you help me understand,  
Why you took a name ungrand?

Anon. Admirer #2.



## STRATHBOGIE SURI EXPERIENCE

**Sunday 6 July 2008**

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**Hume CC Health, Violet Town**

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## **“Establishing a local group for Growing Australian Plants”**

A damp misty day was welcome on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of 20 or so people who gathered at Doug White's Property in Ruffy Road. The group were meeting to explore the potential of setting up a local group to support each other in learning about and growing Australian native plants.

Participants were treated to a tour of Doug's garden and his fantastic collection of unique and unusual Australian plants. Doug's almost complete collection of Banksias from around Australia was a special treat with some displaying their beautiful flowers. There was much discussion on growing banksias, on soils, frost tenderness and propagating of these wonderful plants. Doug and Paul Kennedy, Vice President of SGAP shared their exhaustive knowledge generously.

The group are keen to meet on a monthly basis, with a focus on enjoyment and learning through visiting various gardens. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am.

The group will meet at Tony Court's property, 450 Longwood Ruffy Road, Longwood. The property is on the right hand side and 4.5 kilometres from the Old Highway. The day will be spent looking at plants that have survived under drought conditions and a fantastic collection of grevilleas that have proven hardy for the area. We will also have a look at a revegetation area of indigenous plants achieved through replanting and direct seeding.

Please bring your own lunch and a chair. Tea and coffee will be available. For further information you can contact Tony Court on ph 5798 5579 or Val Kneebone on 0419 328 731.

If you are interested in enjoying native plants, propagating and choosing plants suitable for your space you are most welcome to attend.



**Pet Health**  
**By Sarah (Veterinarian Nurse)**  
**Winter time and your Pet**

While we are very good at looking after ourselves during the winter months, we often forget that our pets feel the cold as well. They look so cosy in their warm, furry jackets and cats especially seem to pass their days lazing on window sills in the sun or in the warmest spot on the lounge or bed.

It is important that owners of very young or very old pets take extra care during the winter months. Cold can be fatal for young puppies or kittens, particularly during the first few days after birth. Orphaned puppies are particularly susceptible. Older dogs and cats tend to have more sluggish circulatory systems, which mean they are more likely to find it harder to keep warm in the cold weather despite their gorgeous, furry coats. Older dogs often suffer from arthritis and this is exacerbated by the cold.

Pets with very short coats or pets with a low percentage of body fat such as Whippets or Greyhounds are also very susceptible to the cold and must be kept cosy during winter.

To protect your pets against the onset of the cold winter months, make sure they have a warm, safe place to sleep at night, away from any draughts and if your dog is an outdoor dog, be sure that his/her kennel is waterproof. Older animals should sleep on a cushioned bed that is elevated off the ground.

An extra blanket in their bed or kennel will make all the difference - a natural fibre blanket such as wool is a good choice as it actually retains the heat much better than a synthetic blanket. If your dog or cat is very short-haired, they will benefit from the added warmth of a jacket when they go outside. There are some great ones available that are waterproof & weatherproof. Be sure to make sure jackets fit snugly but don't restrict movement in anyway.

