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JULY 2012

Bush Dance
Saturday August 11th
7.30pm
Strathbogie Hall

The bush dance has become another exciting annual event in Strathbogie. It is a great fun night out for all the family. You don't have to know how to dance and you don't have to have a partner.

Norm Ellis, an excellent dance caller will lead us through the dances. He will be supported by the Red Raven Morris dance band plus friends who are a group of lively musicians from Melbourne and Daylesford.

There will be a display of Morris dancing before supper. (The Morris dancers can also be seen dancing at the Violet Town market on the same morning.)

Gather up a group of friends and book a table for 8 or 10 or just

What's on

July 14th - 6.30pm Christmas in July, Golf Club

July 30th - 7.30pm STAG AGM

August 5th - Strathbogie Land-care AGM

August 11th - 7.30pm Bush Dance, Strathbogie Hall

First Wednesday of month: 1.30 - 4.00pm - Strathbogie Garden Group, 5790 8636

Every Second and Forth Sunday - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am

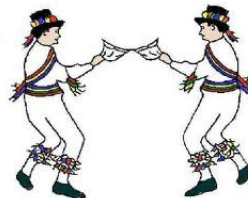
Fortnightly - Guided Meditation—2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm—ph Julie 57905356

Fortnightly—Strathbogie Knitting Group - ph Robyn 9408

come alone and join in the happy frolic.

BYO drinks, Bring a plate supper

Bookings: Judith & Peter 5790 5106



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY

DATE 14TH JULY

VENUE STRATHBOGIE GOLF CLUB

TIME 6.30 FOR 7PM

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KIM USHER 57905345

OR

SHIRLEY DASH 57905341



Group 7pm. Ph Robyn 0408

529773 or Deb 57905398

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 An-
drews Church - Strathbogie (except
in the School Holidays)

ph Di Mackrell 57905241

Every Fourth Sunday 9-11am -

Friends of the Bridge to Bridge.

New members always welcome.

Bush dance Call for helpers



Help wanted for deco-
rating the hall - innova-
tive ideas welcome!

Also help for selling
tickets and serving
supper would be much appreciat-
ed.

Call Judith on 57905106

As part of an ongoing review of Council's Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Centre's, Council is making changes to opening hours. The changes will take effect in July 2012.

As part of this review, Council has monitored current operating times, usage of sites versus population and current cost structures. The proposed changes will ensure we are providing a sustainable level of service that meets the needs of our local communities.

The new operating hours will come into effect in July 2012

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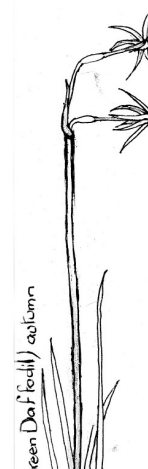
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by Donmil

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While Charles grows old and grey.



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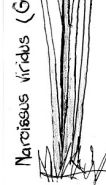
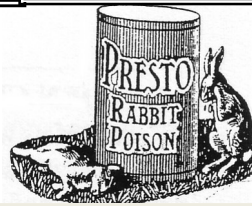
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Improving Liveability for Older People in Strathbogie Shire.

We are currently undertaking an Improving Liveability Project within the Shire of Strathbogie on behalf of the Strathbogie Health and Community Services Consortium. This project is funded by the State Government Department of Health and is looking at ways to make Strathbogie Shire a better place to live for older people. We have undertaken a community consultation and will soon be reporting back to you on the information we have received which is helping us plan some activities that will take place over the next 18 months.

If you were not surveyed and you feel there is any information we should be aware of please call us or e-mail us at kerrie@violettownbushnursing.com.au.

We will keep you informed on activities which will be occurring via Tableland Talk.

Thank-you for your assistance with this project.

Jean McKinnon and Kerrie Reardon 57366366

**Strathbogie Tableland Action Group
AGM**

When - 7.30pm Monday July 30th

Where - Supper Room in the Strathbogie Hall,

What to bring - Food to share for a 6pm dinner

What's the program?

6pm Dinner

7.30pm AGM

8pm Projects planning meeting - if you put your name down to work on any projects outlined in the draft Action Plan, or if you want to stick around and find out more and/or join in one of the project teams, please stay for this session.

9pm Supper

For more info contact Neil 57905349 or
Bert 57908606

WANTED - Joan Cook is looking for a cheap older caravan to be used for extra accommodation so it would need to be in reasonable condition. if you know of one for sale please contact Joan on 57632223.

SWANPOOL CINEMA

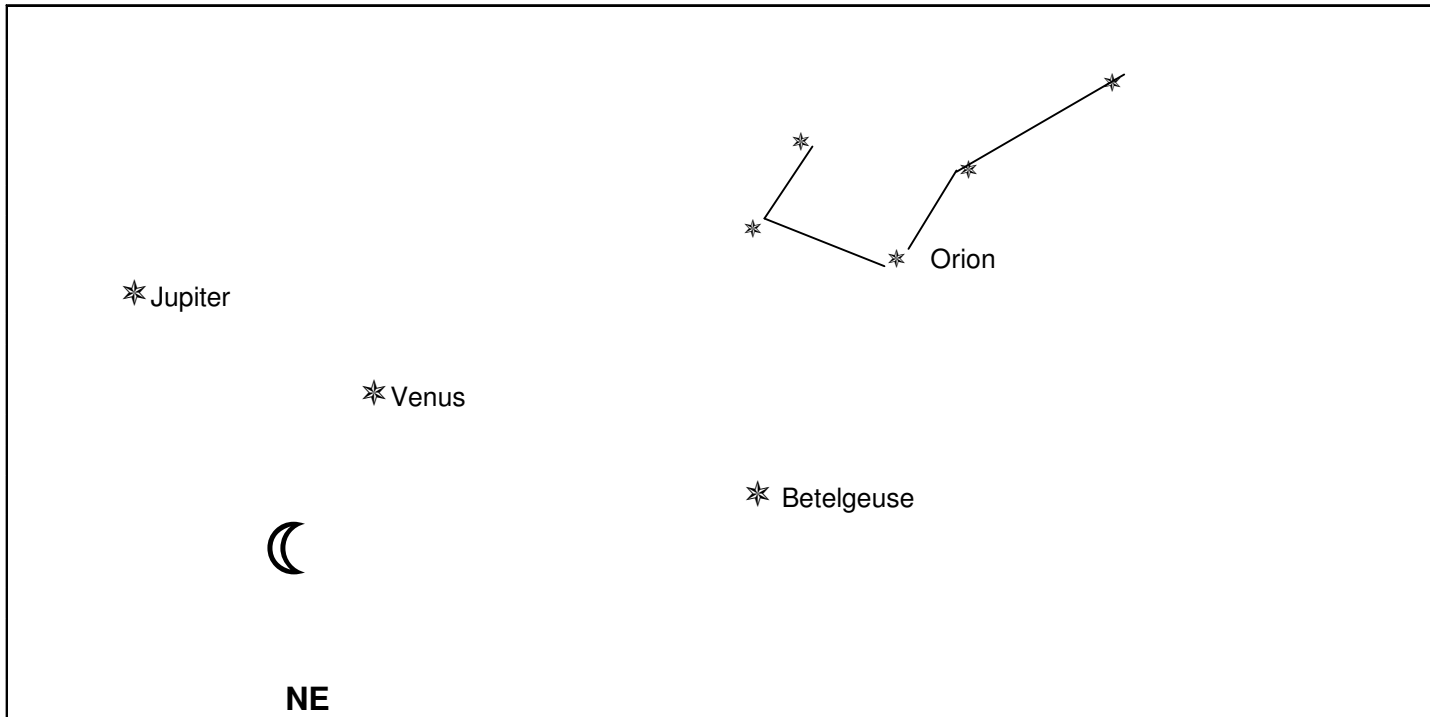
Is in recess for the winter, and will resume in September.

The Age of Rinehart

by Donmil

When Gina takes over
And wields the big axe,
The company might become
UNFairfax.

Stargazing in Strathbogie



The view looking North East from Strathbogie just before Sunrise on the 16th July, showing the position of the Moon and Jupiter near Orion (the Saucepan) and Venus returning as the morning star after crossing past the Sun last month.

Information from Kstar(David Joyce)

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Do you need a Justice of the Peace?

- Neil Barter
20 Magiltan Dve
57905349
- Chris Thomson
'Aberdeen'
57905340
- Ross Walker
Brookleigh Rd
57905111

Euroa Cinema

July 14th and 15th
"Romantics Anonymous" (M)

July 21st and 22nd

"Men in Black III" (PG)

July 28th and 29th

"Wish You Were Here" (M)

Coming soon

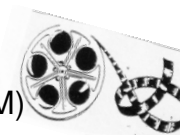
"Take This Waltz", "Brave",

"The Cabin in the Woods",

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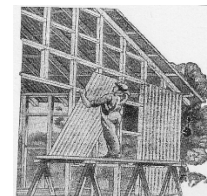
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Mobile Library dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday,
9.30 - 12 noon) -
7th and 21st July
4th August



Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345

Deadline - 27th July. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO Box 23 Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.

I don't take any responsibility for the authenticity of the following article. It is all Ross McCombe's fault.

It happened back in the days when the McCombe brothers milked a few cows as we all did. And that meant having a few pigs. In those days we sold the cream and fed the skim milk to the pigs. It seems Ross had a very troublesome boar pig. He was always in the wrong place. (I am sure the Townsend's would relate to that). He was always busting out. Finally in sheer desperation, Ross decided to try a "hot" wire. (electric fence). He apparently rigged up a conglomeration of wires that he was certain would do the job. But no, after some time and plenty of noise, he was out again. Frustrated, Ross thought he would watch and see what happened. So next day, he rigged up his wires again and decided to do a few jobs close handy and keep an eye. Sure enough after a while the commotion started again and Ross was on hand to watch.



The pig was in the back end of his sty, and working up a big squeal. Finally he charged at the wires and went straight through. It seems as though he knew it was going to hurt, but must have reckoned it was worth it. Nature is a powerful force.

A word about milking. Ambrose Levy who had the local store in the 40's and 50's told me once that in the early days every single farm on the Tableland sent in a bit of cream to the local butter factory. Sometimes it may have only been a billy full, but it helped to pay for the groceries. Every farm must have had one or two "house cows".

This means that the family shared a cow with its calf. We would lock the calf up perhaps every second night and the next morning take what milk we needed and let the calf out to finish the milking. This meant we had our own milk (real milk) cream., butter. Together with our own eggs and vegetables, we seemed to manage fairly well. There was always plenty of meat with our own sheep and rabbits played a big part of our diet. I would still rather have rabbit any day to chicken. Ken Dunnachie.

Dear Editor

I am a former Euroa resident, and on a return trip home

Report of the Strathbogie CFA AGM
31th May 2012



over the recent long weekend, I picked up a copy of your newsletter. I was particularly interested in the G&S auction and am wondering if you could put in contact with organisers.

I thought such a night might be a good fundraiser for the Riddell's Creek Primary School Parent Club (I'm on the committee) and would like to learn about how the team went about it, costs involved, what they learnt along the way etc, so we could determine if it something we might want to try. Certainly the result was a most impressive one for a small community - fantastic what a bit of dedication, a generous amount of goodwill and amazing amount of hard work can achieve.

It was the first time I had seen the newsletter and really enjoyed it. I'll be checking it out online in future. Keep up the great work.

Warm regards

Allison Sloan

(daughter of Hazel and Bruce Sloan, Miepoll, for any locals who might think they know the name..)

WANTED: On Friday 11th May around 8pm at the Benalla Bowling Club in the room where the coffee machine is, I was talking to a man from Strathbogie. He also showed me something a friend had emailed to him on his laptop.

I then went to check that the people I had come with had their meal OK, and he waited in coffee machine room. I was longer returning than expected, and he had only just left. I would like to get in touch with you again. Phone me on 0357443646, preferably after 7pm evenings.

The election of officers took place during the recent AGM.



It is pleasing to see the baton being passed on to our younger members.

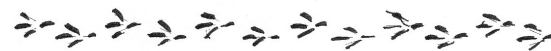
Eric Tame stands aside to leg up David Hamilton as Brigade Captain. Eric remains as Deputy Group Officer within the Euroa group.

Chris Thomson remains as first lieutenant and also Deputy Group Officer. Sim Ayres has moved from fourth Ltn. to second into a training role.

Ian Millar remains as third Ltn. and also in a mentoring role for Dave Joyce to take on the machinery maintenance role in two years time.

Andrew Townsend has been brought out of semi retirement to fill the fourth Ltn. role and to mentor Liam Cranley to take on a management role in two years time.

Regional Group Officer Tony Owens suggested that the brigade hold more community activities throughout the year in an endeavour to assimilate new community members and to create a better understanding of CFA activities, as the local school and the CFA are perceived as being the two major pillars of the community. Andrew Townsend



VALE ATHOL HARVEY DEAN

As those who knew him will be aware, sadly, Athol Dean passed away on March 5th 2012. The following is from the eulogy given at his funeral in Echuca. It is a fitting tribute to the man who was loved and highly respected by the people of the Strathbogie district. Athol's grandfather, Eden Thomas Dean and wife and family were early settlers in Strathbogie in the 1800s, the original family farm being in Strathbogie South opposite Short's 'Roxby'. Athol's father Ernest, with his siblings, walked to the Strathbogie school from there.

Athol Harvey Dean was born in Euroa on the 29th March 1929, thereafter living on the family farm in Boundary Hill Rd. near the township of Strathbogie. He was the only son of Ernest Thomas Dean and Rose Hannah Pearl Dean. He was the middle child of three children. His two sisters, Norma Jacka and Janice Mackrell and their families are with us today.

Athol attended Strathbogie West State school, after which he worked on the family farm. He enjoyed dancing at the many dances then held regularly in the area, weekends away with his friends (shooting, fishing etc.) and just generally doing things that a young fellow loves to do.

Athol was partner to Dorothy Palmer at the Civic Debutant Ball in Euroa and this was the start of a life-long relationship. In April 1957 Athol married Dorothy at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Euroa; this was a union that spanned almost 55 years. Their children Jennifer and Trevor were born in Euroa in 1958 and 1959 respectively. Jennifer and Trevor attended the same

exams to be rewarded with a steam engine driver certificate. Following in his father's footsteps as a qualified steam engine driver he spent many happy years operating the mill engine as a volunteer with the Port of Echuca Authority. He also had the opportunity to drive a traction engine in the Grand Parade at one of the Echuca Steam Rallies. Whenever visitors came to Echuca he always shared his passion of steam engines and made sure they got a ride on a paddle steamer. The Echuca Historic Society welcomed him as a handyman in the outside area of the museum and again many happy times were spent there and new friendships made.

Athol was an active member of the Echuca community including being a member of the Campaspe Murray Probus Club, the Association of Independent Retirees and the Echuca and Moama Seniors Indoor Bowling Club. Life was enjoyable and busy. One of his many achievements included designing and building an A-frame indoor mat roller on castors for the Indoor Seniors Bowling Club. Those members of the club here today will attest to how life has been made easier by Athol's invention.

Many hours of Athol's life were spent reading, particularly enjoying the classics of Charles Dickens. Live theatre was enjoyed for many years with season tickets to the Melbourne Theatre Company.

Athol also had a talent for home brewing beer. He made and trialled many types of beer with a bitter or a draught being two of his favourites. Not to leave the

spectively. Jennifer and Trevor attended the same school as Athol at Strathbogie West. Athol was an active part of the local community, putting in many hours being involved with the primary school and local CFA to name a few. He was also well known and loved by the neighbours' children.

A talented builder and handyman, Athol renovated the farm house from a small two bedroom home to a large home with four bedrooms and an extra large lounge. Other improvements over the years included an updated bathroom, large laundry and inside toilet. Outside was a large verandah and landscaped garden surrounds. His handyman prowess over the years also included assisting with renovations for both Jenny and John, and Trevor and Nerida.

Together with Dorothy, Athol worked hard on the farm. He was a skilled farmer who took pride in the standard and condition of his pure merino flock and mostly pure angus cattle, and he also took time to care for his land. This was reflected in the top price he received at the wool sales on several occasions. Athol and Dorothy spent many hours establishing several native tree reserves on the farm, favourite areas for the local birdlife and a koala or two.

Bushwalking was a favourite sport, Athol and Dorothy being members of the Cobram Bushwalking Club for many years. They spent many weekends bushwalking and later they spent six months travelling around Australia and walking in many national parks along the way. Eleven years ago many new chapters in life opened up when Athol and Dorothy relocated to Echuca.

In his seventies, Athol returned to study and passed his

draught being two of his favourites. Not to leave the young ones out, he would brew ginger beer and the grandchildren always looked forward to a gift of a few bottles of Grandpa's ginger beer.

Athol always had a wonderful vegie garden; his green thumbs would provide a wide variety of vegetables.

Both on the farm and in Echuca the time and effort put in was always rewarded with an abundance of wonderful fresh vegetables and a visit was never complete without an offering of the latest in-season vegetables, freshly picked. Other talents were not confined to the farm and outside; his special recipe for pumpkin soup along with the smell of warm freshly baked bread to accompany it was always met with watering mouths.

Being a hands-on Grandfather saw Athol spending much quality time with his five grandchildren over the years. Frances, John, Nicholas, Andrew and Stephanie gave Athol much happiness and joy as they spent much of their time on the farm during school holidays. Climbing trees, helping in the garden and on the farm, picnics, yabbing and camp fires were a few of the wonderful things that were done. Teaching the grandchildren to drive was done with patience and nerves of steel!!! Fond memories of driving the Suzuki and riding the Honda around the house paddock for hours are held by all. Athol was very proud of his grandchildren gaining university degrees and trade qualifications in the later years and last year was very happy to welcome Nicholas' wife Susan as another lovely granddaughter.

- thanks to Dorothy Dean for permission to print this eulogy.



Strathbogie Campus

JULY 2012

Well, everyone's just about recovered from the enormous amount of work and excitement generated by the incredibly successful Goods and Services Auction held late May. We're extremely pleased & proud to announce that together with the sheep auction, donations from the community, the bulb fundraiser, the clearing sale profits, plus the G & S Auction the amazing amount of approximately \$25,000 has been raised for our school this year. From just a small community such as ours this is a truly remarkable achievement, and one we are very, very appreciative of.

A BIG THANKYOU also to Wally Dunn who missed being included in the auction and has since donated the school a day's work! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Term 2 winds up on Friday 29th June and we will all be back at school on Tuesday 17th July.

WINTER SPORTS

Now term 2 has drawn to a close the very successful and popular winter sports program for 2012 has finished.



FUNDRAISING

The Junior School Council is running their annual fundraiser of Sock It To You. Most of the items have a \$1 return to school. The

socks are of a high quality and one happy buyer from last year is still wearing weekly worn socks in great condition. If you would like a catalogue please call in to school and collect one.

Another great fundraiser underway is "Our School Raffle". This raffle has an enormous array of prizes from a car to bikes and overseas travel. For more de-





CFA Education Van

We had a great time when Andrew from the CFA invited us into his home on wheels. Arriving in a large truck which expanded on one side, we all entered into a kitchen/laundry space with a lounge-room at the other end. Andrew took us through a number of scenarios of dangers in the home, some were very simple such as safe ways to have pots and pans on a stove top and how to correctly pull out and use a fire blanket.

Everyone was attentive and came away with lots of knowledge and goodies. Each family has a copy of a booklet to develop a home fire plan as well as a fire safety game to play. The kids also received a pencil, ruler, stickers and a tattoo to help reinforce safety ideas.

Andrew was really impressed with all of the kids; he rarely presents to students younger than year 5 but everyone in Bogie from Prep to 6 showed him just how great all kids can be in his sessions.

After having the opportunity to try on some of Andrew's CFA protective clothing we sent him off with a big round of applause and thank you. **Continued over ...**

tails have a look at the website: <http://www.ourschoolraffle.com.au> Tickets cost \$2 and the school receives \$1.50—an impressive 75% return! If you would like to buy one or two for yourself or think you may be able to sell some to friends, family or workmates, drop in to see us.

Our three ongoing fundraisers—Woolies stickers, Coles docketts and Paul's caps—keep reminding friends and family to save these for us, and another reminder—you may need to remind sales staff at Woolies and Coles to give them to you!!



**COLES
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Schools**



Some reflections from the senior students on our session:

Jayden (year 3): I most enjoyed Andrew telling us about the fire triangle because we learnt how to put a fire out and about safety in the kitchen. The thing I liked most was trying on the CFA jacket and the boots because Miss Conroy took a picture of me. I HAD A GREAT TIME !!!!!

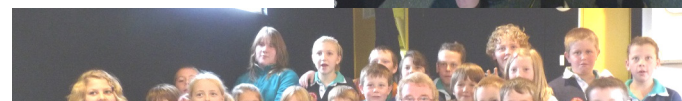
Ryley (year 4): I most enjoyed wearing the fireman coat because it was big and I have never worn one before.

I learnt about the fire emergency escape in homes. If a fire alarm goes off in a bedroom you shut the door and stay in another room.

Malachi (year 6): I most enjoyed listening to Andrew talk about the different appliances in the kitchen and laundry, because it was quite interesting how many different ways something could catch on fire e.g. a toaster. I learnt that tumble dryers are very dangerous & nine times out of ten it was the thing that causes fires to start in the laundry. That fact was later confirmed when my mum told me that she knew a lady whose laundry burnt down because her tumble dryer caught fire.

Sean (year 5): The thing I most enjoyed about Andrew's session was getting to try on his fireman jacket because I would never have believed how heavy his jacket was. It felt like he put lead in the pockets. It was so funny when Brian was in one half of the jacket and Jacob was in the other half.

The thing I learnt was not to stack wood against a structure. If you had a wood shed and there was no more room for wood inside and you started stacking it against the outside wall of the wood shed what do you think would happen if it caught alight



and an ember floated inside the wood shed? If the wood caught alight bye bye wood shed.
Remember stay fire safe.

SALTWATCH

As well as participating in the WaterWatch program, this year we also took part in Saltwatch with many families taking the opportunity to have their dam, bore, creek or tank water tested. The majority of readings were under 100EC, with a few between 100 and 200EC. The highest reading on the plateau came from the creek at Merton at 280EC. It was amusing to find the highest EC score of all came from Neverfail water here at school which at 510 was still well within the desirable limit for drinking water of 830EC. It's good to know the Tableland water continues to have extremely low salt levels.



Intrepid collectors



Recording the data!!