



July 2017

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

STAG's AGM will be held on Monday 17th July in the Supper Room at the hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Supper will be served.

Community members are encouraged to attend the AGM and participate in STAG's future whether it be as a Council Reference Group or Incorporated Association.

Community Meeting Outcome—18th June

Following a presentation by Tony Dawson re the erection of a steel/powder coated pavilion on Council land between the saleyards and the creek reserve at the Spring Creek bridge, there was considerable discussion.

Cr Thomson chaired the meeting and, following a show of hands, declared that the community was split 50/50.

General feeling was that a shelter of some sort, either on Council land or closer to the creek, would receive support however there needed to be considerably more community consultation and detailed planning. The following issues were raised by the community during general discussion:

- ⇒ Any structure should aesthetically fit with the location
- ⇒ Parking would need to be considered
- ⇒ Potential for increased rubbish to be addressed
- ⇒ Additional traffic management may be needed
- ⇒ Increased use of this area by the public without access to toilets
- ⇒ The size of the structure
- ⇒ Who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance
- ⇒ Would it attract campers

In the very recent Strathbogie Shire budget, \$15000 was earmarked for a Strathbogie picnic area close to the town.

Telstra Exchange

STAG has been in discussion with a local artist in relation to the Telstra Exchange building on the corner of Main Street and Spring Creek Road. The designs will be on display in the public noticeboard, or on the Strathbogie.org website, and any feedback needs to be received by the AGM on the 17th July. Feedback may be left in the box in the store or at Under The Sun.

What's on in July

July 14th—Community Seniors lunch

Christmas in July— at Under The Sun

July 17th—7.30pm Strathbogie Tableland Action Group AGM

July 18th—6pm—Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee AGM

First Monday of the month - 7.30pm

STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall

Every Tuesday—10am Tennis at Strathbogie Rec Ground.

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 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 third Sunday of the Month - 3pm

SCOFF at the Rec Ground



Christmas in July

Following the success of the previous community lunch, a special Christmas in July lunch is planned to be held at Under The Sun.

Date: Friday 14th July

Time: 12 noon

A two course lunch (roast plus plum pudding with tea or coffee for \$25 – STAG will subsidise \$10 of the cost for those over 65. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

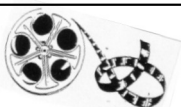
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by 10th July.

Anyone who may need **transport** from Euroa should mention this when booking.



Euroa Cinema in July



Wed 5th—2pm—"The Lion King" (PG)
 Fri 7th—"The Country Doctor" (M)
 Sat 8th to Sun 9th—"Wonder Woman" (M)
 Wed 12th—2pm—"Willie Wonka & The Chocolate Factory" (PG)
 Fri 14th to Sat 15th—"A Dog's Purpose" (PG)
 Sun 16th—"Wilson" (MA15+)
 Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd—"Churchill" (M)
 Wed 26th—7pm—"Car3" (PG) - fund-raiser event
 Fri 28th—"Despicable Me 3" (PG)
 Sat 29th to Sun 30th—"Rough Night" (MA15+)
 Fri 4th—"Monsieur Chocolat" (M)
 Sat 5th to Sun 6th—"Hotel Coolgardie" (MA15+)

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
 20 Magilton Dve
 57905349

Chris Thomson
 'Aberdeen'
 57905340

Ross Walker
 Brookleigh Rd
 57905111



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July

Fri 30th to Sun 2nd July—"A Man Called Ove" (M) & "The Carer" (MA15+)
 Fri 7th to Sun 9th—"Land of Mine" (MA15+) & "Perfect Strangers" (M)
 Sat 8th—1.30pm "Pete's Dragon" (PG)

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

Then Swanpool is in Winter Recession, but make sure you call in and see the Bald Archy's which open on 25th August and run until 11th September.



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 The TT team

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 Ph 5790 5345

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Deadline for the June edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 29th July. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

Councillor News

Hello again.

I thought I would focus on the issue of rubbish this month. The 'War on Waste' program on ABC television and the articles in the *Euroa Gazette* make this area of council service very topical.

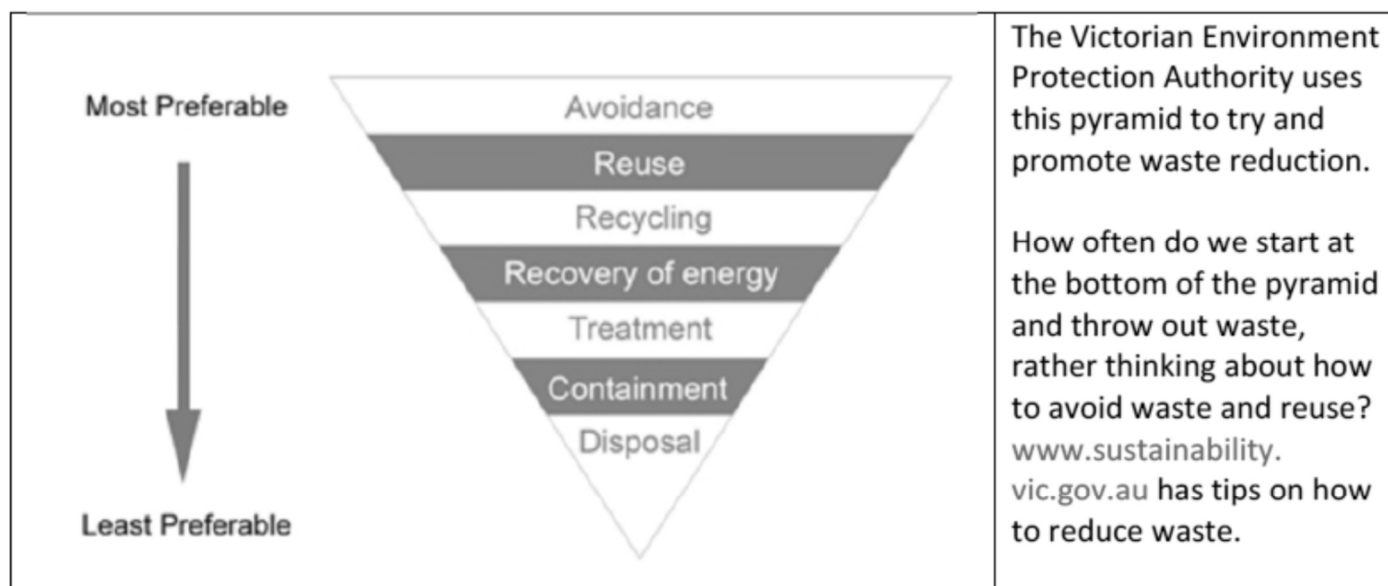
Recently I visited some landfill and recycling facilities and came back with concerning impressions:

- I visited the Hampton Park Landfill in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Every day one municipal refuse truck arrives every minute to empty its load into the landfill.
- The power station at the landfill (electricity produced from the methane gas generated by the waste) would power the whole of the Shire of Strathbogie.
- I also went to the Heidelberg Materials Recovery Facility where the Strathbogie Shire sends the recycling collected in our bins. This centre processes 400 tonnes of recycling every day. After sorting the recovered material is compacted and baled for reprocessing.
- Australia's 24 million people use 400 million plastic coat hangers. These hangers are collected from retailers and sent back to China for recycling. After being melted down and formed into new hangers, they come back again with new clothes hanging on them!
- Australia throws out over 1 million mattresses every year. Strathbogie Shire sends its mattresses to be deconstructed to recover the component materials.
- The Shire collects over 3000 tonnes of refuse per annum, that's over 300 kg per head for every man, woman and child who live here!

Strathbogie Shire does better than the State average in diverting this waste from landfill (almost 70% is recovered for recycling/composting). But waste is growing. We are throwing out more and more.

It's a sobering problem. We are lucky enough to live in an affluent society that allows us to meet our needs and wants. The by-product however, is the waste we generate.

What can we do?



We're creating the problem, we need to be the solution.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at

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 necessarily be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.



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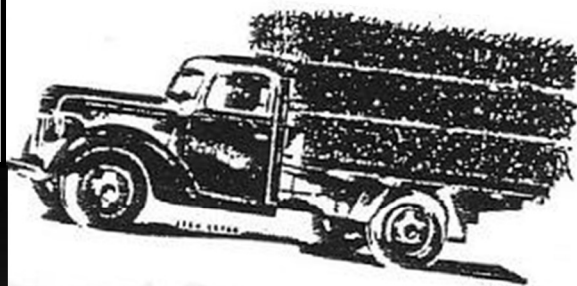
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Winterman celebration—Approximately 60 people came and celebrated the Winterman in Strathbogie on a beautiful evening on the 24th June.

Thanks to David and Libby Hamilton for hosting, and to Andrew Townsend, Johnno Townsend, Les Lavers, David Joyce, Kim Usher, Wayne Starkey, Paul Nicel and Phil Siems for the making of the Winterman in the afternoon.



Euroa Basketball Association is starting its Mens competition on 21st of July and is seeking players. If you would like to enter a team, register as an individual or would like to know more, please contact us ASAP on the following:

Jarrold 0418 849 916 or jaye2684@hotmail.com

Brendon 0423 003 565 or load-erhire@bigpond.com



News from Swanpool Cinema

The Swanpool Environmental Film Festival is over for another year. We had 174 attendees which is excellent and it all flowed very well with impressive speakers and great films to match. Much of the information was quite confronting but environmental issues do need to be addressed and urgently—we make no apologies. You can however escape to a fictional world at Swanpool Cinema! Next weekend we are screening 'Pete's Dragon' as a Fundraiser for our local Peranbin Primary College. This is on THIS Sunday 8th July at 1.30pm. It's a film for the whole family and all in a very good cause.

The double feature in the evenings next weekend is 'Land of Mine' (MA15+) and 'Perfect Strangers' (M). The Sunday night screening is our final one for this season. We then have a Winter Recess, a well-earned rest for our volunteers, until we start up again on Friday 15th September.

That's a bit later than usual as the Bald Archy Exhibition is showing in the Swanpool Hall from 25th August to 11th September.

Thanks for your patronage throughout the season and if we don't see you next weekend then we do hope to see you at Swanpool Cinema in the Spring.

Ian at the Swanpool Newsdesk



Strathbogie Tableland Art Exhibition (STAX)

The biennial art show is on this year on the weekend leading into the Melbourne Cup—3rd to 5th November.

This event will showcase the talent that we have in Strathbogie and surrounds.

There will be more news in future Tableland Talk's

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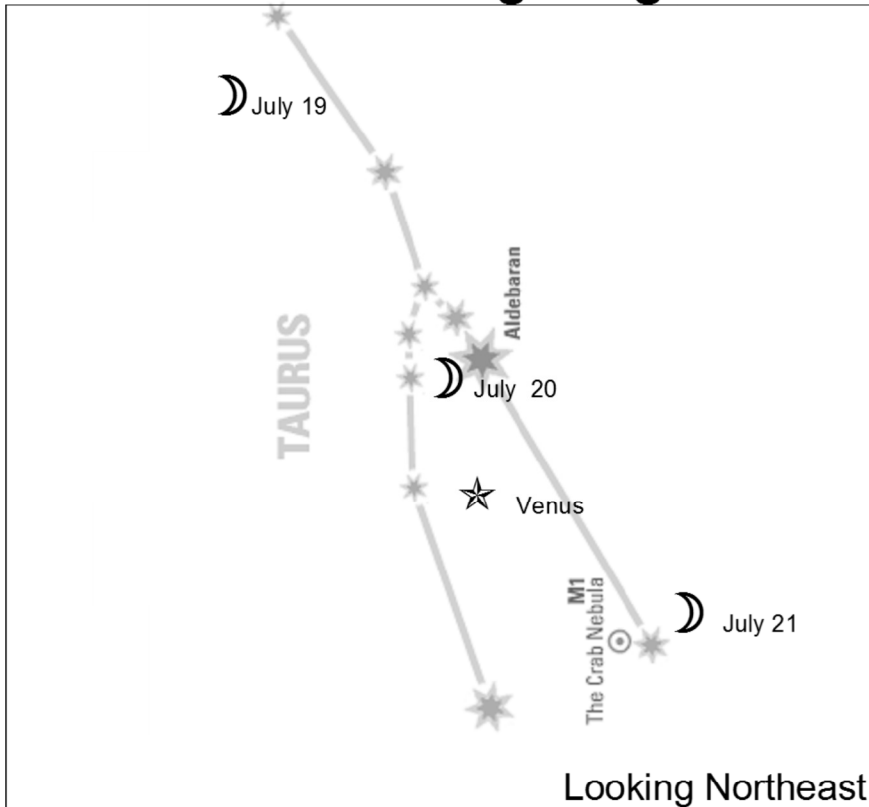
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



Strathbogie sky around the 20th July with the Moon, Venus and the constellation Taurus. Also in the sky from mid July to mid August just before dawn, keep a look out for meteor showers in the Western sky. The meteors will move very slowly across the sky and leave a persistent train.

Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)

Thank you Strathbogians from Erin Levy

The sixth months I have spent in the lovely tableland have given me the opportunity to connect with old friends and also make many new friends. I am now living at 5 Pink St Violet Town permanently do please feel free to drop in if you are in town.

I will be a frequent visitor up to the Tableland as the community offers so much. You should be very proud.



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"Council proposal to focus on rural roads in draft Budget"

With a clear indication that greater Victorian Government support is needed to help councils maintain and upgrade local roads, Strathbogie Shire Council has a plan in place to categorize those rural roads in dire need of repair.

Following recent local government community satisfaction survey results stating that additional road funding is needed, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) said the survey results showed a correlation between higher performance scores (where the state is investing in local infrastructure) and a decline in Council performance where state investment has been withdrawn.

In Council's 2017-18 Draft Budget, a commitment is in place to move all zero rated roads to category one rated roads – which means they will receive maintenance which they haven't in the past.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said with a Shire of over 3300sq/m and over 2250km of road networks, it's a "massive task" to keep all roads to a standard expected by the community.

"As Council is now in a strong financial position, it will continue to concentrate on upgrading the standard of its road network," she said.

"We would hope that some money from the sale of the Port of Melbourne will flow through to the 38 rural councils to invest on upgrading and maintaining its infrastructure."

She also said while Council has received less state funding for country roads and bridges, the Federal Government has increased and committed to the Roads to Recovery funding program.

State Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of the National Party Steph Ryan said she often received calls from people across the electorate who were concerned about the condition of local roads, desperate for some kind of improvement.

"Strathbogie Shire and every other rural Council in Victoria lost \$1 million a year for country road maintenance when the Country Roads and Bridges program was scrapped," she said.

"Many roads in Strathbogie have fallen into disrepair as a result of this funding shortfall." She said she called on the Andrews Government to reinstate the funding program because if they fix country roads, they save country lives.

(Strathbogie Shire—Anthony Cini)

The Honeysuckle Art Collective, Violet Town presents:

2017 Honeysuckle Art Show

8-10 September 2017

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- Children (under 16) Voucher Prize

Opening night: Friday September 8th 7.30pm.

All welcome. Entry \$10 includes catalogue, musical entertainment, award presentations, raffle draw, supper and one complimentary wine and raffle draw. Free for exhibiting artists. Bookings are essential to assist with catering.

For more information, please visit www.violettown.org.au

Entry forms available on website, and at Violet Town Community House and Violet Town Café.

For further enquiries, contact Violet Town Community House 5798 1288



2017 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition

Until this year the Honeysuckle Art Exhibition has been an event run by the Honeysuckle Recreation Environment Project group.

The exhibitions always had an environmental theme, as HREP's purpose was to provide an opportunity for local artists to express their appreciation of the natural environment and share this with the wider community. Now in 2017, to ensure that the Honeysuckle Art Exhibitions continue, a new community group has formed called the Honeysuckle Arts Collective (HAC) with HREP's blessing. One of HAC's main objectives is to run the Honeysuckle Art Exhibitions. Of course the environment will feature strongly in future exhibitions but will not be their only theme.

The HAC members have been delighted with the community support they have received so far. The Violet Town Community House has included them under its umbrella, VTAG has made a very generous donation to help kickstart the first exhibition, the Violet Town Market and soon-to-be-opened Museum are supporting us with our advertising and fundraising.

So we are all looking forward to a great 2017 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition from September 8th – 10th. Come on all of you wonderful artists in the Strathbogie Shire and further afield – fill out our entry form and be a part of this year's exhibition!

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Strathbogie Campus School News

JULY 2017

Winter Sports

Peranbin Primary College has enjoyed getting together for two Winter Sports days. At the Baddagin-nie Campus all the students participated in Tee Ball and Kick Ball skills and games. Throughout the day we saw many examples of students helping each other with the rules and cheering their team mates (and opponents) on. Whilst visiting the Swanpool Campus students enjoyed playing soccer and learning new skills in association with the sport.

Whole School Assembly

We had a whole school assembly when we were all together at Swanpool, run by our senior students. We introduced a new, special award- The Peranbin Primary College Values Award. Our first awards were given out and Sonny Lester from Strathbogie Campus was one of the recipients. The students were identified by their teachers as exemplifying our school values. Well done Sonny, you are a wonderful role model.

Leadership Camp

Jack and Elly, our Strathbogie Campus School Captains, along with the other Campus Captains, attended a Leadership Camp at 15 Mile Creek. They participated in leadership building activities. Elly and Jack came back very excited from their time at 15 Mile Creek and delivered their reflection at our whole school assembly confidently.

Kitchen Garden

This is going along extremely well. We have enjoyed pita bread and felafels with hommus, tzatziki and carrot dip.



Science

Suzie Bates is teaching the students Science, the topic is "Beneath our feet" so students are enjoying looking at our local geology and soil.

