



June 2018

WINTER MAN CELEBRATION

On the coldest, darkest night of the year, let us come together and celebrate the winter solstice and leave behind the past year, making way for new seasons and new light.

On this shortest day we remember the year that has been: the tough dry summer, an even tougher autumn, and this cold and now wet winter. Everyone will have their own story. Definitely not all, but the solstice celebration is an opportunity to let go of past hardships and grievances.

The ancient people of Europe put their pasts in the Winter Man. They built him from pruning's and harvest stalks. They bound them together into a giant of a man, with limbs of length, fingers and a face, a chest of combustible broom. They stood him gently up, the year gone past towered above them as the Winter Man. This became tradition, part of the cycle of earth and moon and seasons. A place to offer up the physical year of growth and crop. And it has become tradition here in Strathbogie.

And what else have we finished with? What else to burn? What niggles and shames, what grumps and dislikes, what shoulds and shouldn'ts and if onlys? Here we can scribe them down and stuff them into the Winter Man and let these too burn. So come together for a night of community merriment, with a bonfire and the burning of the Winter Man.

BYO food, drink, musical instruments, grievances (pen/paper), warm coats, beanies and gloves!

Saturday 23rd June, sunset lighting
in The Little Rock Paddock at David & Libby Hamilton's "Bolarum", 1948 Euroa-Strathbogie Rd, Strathbogie.
Anyone interested in helping assemble the Winter Man, come for a few hours on Saturday afternoon (on site)
Ph David for more information 57905214 or 57905235



What's On

- Jun 2** - Puff Ball Violet Town Memorial Hall
- Jun 8** - Fungi of the GB Euroa 3rd Age Club
- Jun 9** - How to use a fungi app: Arboretum
- Jun 9** - Voices of the Forest Concert, BPAC Ella Hooper, Lisa Mitchell, Jo Smith
- Jun 16** - Swanpool Environment Film Fest
- Jun 23** - CMN Riparian Walk
- Jun 23** - Winterman
- Jul 7** - Swanpool St Kilda Film Festival

First Monday of every second month
(next July 2 (tbc) - 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 fun & tennis too.

Every second month - Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group Next June 24
9-11am Contact Sean Mathews
Mob: 0400019607

Every Second and Fourth Sunday - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.00am

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

Strathogie Conservation Management Network presents: Riparian Walk No 6

⇒ Emu Waterholes Creek

⇒ June 23, 9am

<http://www.strathbogieranges.org.au/category/upcoming-events/>

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Euroa Cinema in June



Fri Jun 1 8pm — "Aurore" (M)
 Sat June 2 8 pm & Sun Jun 3 4pm -
 "Gurumul" (PG)
 Sat Jun 9 8pm & Sun Jun 10 4pm -
 "Breath" (M)
 Sat Jun 16 8pm & Sun Jun 17 4pm -
 "Chappaquiddick" (M)
 Wed June 20 6.30pm - Human Flow
 (M) Rural Australians for Refugees
 fundraiser
 Sat Jun 23 8pm & Sun Jun 24 4pm -
 "Isle of Dogs" (PG)
 Sat Jun 30 8pm & Sun Jul 1 4pm -
 "Pecking Order" (PG)

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Screening Times:

Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm.

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Jun 2 6pm & Jun 3 5pm Double Bill "Film stars don't die
 in Liverpool" (M) & "Happy End" (M)
 Jun 2 1.30pm "Film stars don't live in Liverpool" (M)
 June 8 & 9 6pm, Jun 10 5pm Double Bill "The Guernsey
 Literary and Potato Peel Society" (M) "Early Man" (PG)
 Jun 15 6pm & Jun 17 5pm Double Bill "The
 Square" (MA+) & "Force Majeure" (M)
 Jun 16 Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 1pm \$30
 Jun 22 & 23 6pm, Jun 24 5pm Double Bill "The death of
 Stalin" (MA+) & "Faces Places" (G)
 Jun 29 1.30pm "Phantom Thread" (M)
 Jun 30 & Jul 1 Double Bill "Phantom Thread" (M) &
 "Darkest Hour" (PG)
 Jul 7 7pm Swanpool has St Kilda Film Festival 2 sessions
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June 2, 16 & 30



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The Deadline for the July edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 30th June.

Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph: 5790 5203 or 0400 019 607, post PO, Strathbogie,
 or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

Fire Restrictions Over, Danger Remains



Although the Fire Danger Period for the municipalities of Greater Shepparton, Moira and Strathbogrie is over, the threat of fire in the landscape is still a present danger. Due to drier than usual conditions for this time of year, people are advised it is easy to lose control of burn-offs.

CFA District 22 Community Education Coordinator, Fiona Ritchie said "With the extra dry conditions lingering people need to realise it's easier to lose control of a burn-off. Take care and have water readily available at all times and ensure your burn is 100% out before you leave it. Also NEVER leave your burn-off unattended, this goes for small backyard bonfires in drums too."

Check with your local council to make sure you're allowed to burn off. Some councils have regulations and Local Laws to adhere to. Burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation is generally permitted outside the Fire Danger Period, however Local Laws on burn-offs can apply year-round. To be on the safe side it's best to check with your local council before lighting up.

Register burns with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority via the Burn-Off Notification Hotline on 1800 668 511 or via email burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au

Bogart meets to plan application for a Strathbogrie Arts Hub Tram



Strathbogrie artists gathered once again this week to progress the idea of establishing a hub for public studios, workshops, collaborations and sharing of creative ideas. The Victorian Govt recently announced the release of 134 W & Z class trams from storage. Community groups are encouraged to apply. The Bogart Group has set up a working party to formulate an application with the objective of using trams as the structural foundation of a Strathbogrie Township Arts Hub.

Sean Mathews



REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
& COMMUNITY AWARDS

Regions, Bring out your best!

The Victorian Regional Achievement & Community Awards have been launched for 2018 and the search for our community champions has begun. Mayor Amanda McClaren invites all residents to be proactive by nominating an individual, business or group that is helping to reshape and inspire our community. "It would be great for our local community contributors to be showcased."

Give thanks by nominating them into one of these categories:

- Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Award
- Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Award
- Parks Vic Environmental Sustainability Award
- Henry Carus & Associates and Life Activities Clubs Victoria Senior Achievement Award
- South West TAFE & Deakin University South West Regional Achiever Award
- Ricoh Australia Customer Service Award
- Awards Australia Community Group of the Year

Great prizes are up for grabs with either \$2,000 into an account in their name from Bank of Melbourne or air time packages on PRIME7 for category winners. Every nomination will receive a certificate of achievement.

To submit a nomination, simply go online www.awardsaustralia.com/vicrca and select 'Nominate Now'.

Alternatively, make the process that much easier by calling the Awards Office and passing on their details. Nominations close Wednesday 18 July 2018, for assistance please feel free to call the Awards Office on 9720 1638 or email vic@awardsaustralia.com



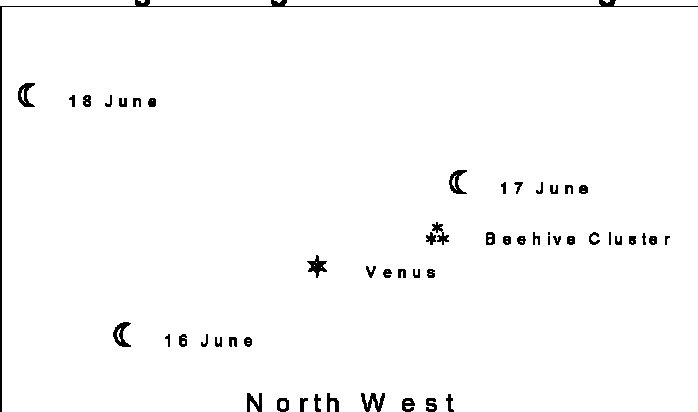
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Stargazing in Strathbogrie



The view from Strathbogrie looking Northwest just after sunset between the 16th and 18th June. The Beehive Cluster is an open star cluster in the constellation Cancer. It is one of the nearest open clusters to Earth. Under dark skies, the Beehive Cluster looks like a small nebulous object to the naked eye, and it was among the first objects that Galileo studied with his telescope.

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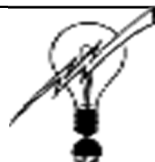
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Hello Again Everyone,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on some of the happenings at your Council.

Flood Recovery

All tenders for the approximately \$6 million of damage to Shire infrastructure, following the significant rainfall event in early December, have now been awarded. Work has started on the repairs and will continue through the winter. It was originally hoped that work could be completed by June, before the bulk of the winter rainfall, but while several tenders were submitted for the project, most were uncompetitive on price. Consequently, only two organisations were awarded projects which will stretch out the project timeframe.



Roads Advisory Committee

Maintenance of the road network is arguably the most important function of Council. It certainly represents the largest item of Council expenditure. This Council felt that it was important for the community to have a greater say in the maintenance priority of our road network and has formed a Roads Advisory Committee.

Nominations are invited for three community positions on the committee. The committee will be asked to provide advice on roads policy and strategy. The Council invites expressions of interest from community members who have qualifications and/or practical experience in civil engineering.

Please call the Shire on 1 800 065 993 for a nomination form if you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the committee.

Swimming Pools

The Shire's swimming pools are a major recreational asset and are much appreciated by Tableland community members who use the pools in Euroa and Violet Town. You may recall a survey was sent to all households 4 years ago, asking us for our thoughts on the future of the pools.

Committed community members have joined/formed 'friends of the pools' groups and a Shire-wide pools working group. These groups have been instrumental in completing upgrades to the facilities.

But the major considerations still exist for Council. Essentially there are three:

Despite residents having free admission, attendance at the 4 pools totalled 36,000 over the past summer. With operating expenses of around \$330,000 this means that it cost ratepayers \$9 for each visit. Do residents want to maintain this position?

The management of the pools is problematic. There is limited community involvement in the management at most pools and contracts do not have any incentive for investment in the pools. Consequently, there are limited features and programs to increase patronage.

The pools are ageing. The pools average almost 50 years of age and are going to start requiring very large amounts of capital spending to extend their lifespan.

A very comprehensive report has been prepared and is open for public comment until 22nd June. The report is available from the Shire's website or available for review at Council Offices/Libraries. Council will consider all comments when it meets to review the future strategy for the pools.

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 be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.



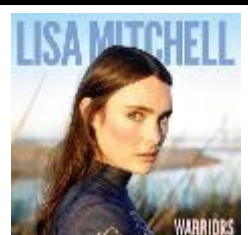
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Letter to the editor.

Deadly As Fungi is in Strathbogrie.

Be aware of the truth. This is going to stretch the limits of your belief system and stretch the boundary of your imagination.

First, I should introduce myself. My name is '**Deadly As**' and I am a 12,000 year old fungi. Yes, fungi can communicate. We have the ability to commandeer most humans at will. This is not news to the worldwide fungi community for this has been happening for many thousands of years. So, for entertainment purposes. I felt the need to inform humanity of its complete takeover by fungi groups through-out the world.

If you had not been taken over by fungi, you would still be sitting in trees and eating nuts. The first human thought, was a fungi thought. In fact, if we are to lay all our cards on the table. Which I will. Humans are the creation of fungi. We spore-d you into consciousness for our own pleasure and enjoyment.

As our little experiment has evolved, we are quite surprised to see some humans are completely impossible to commandeer. Missing a vital strand in the DNA complex structure. This has left them to their own devices. So, like robots they bumble along with blank expressions on their faces and a dullness of heart, common with the early humans pre-colonisation.

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Euroa Arboretum Winter Orders

It's time to place your order at the Euroa Arboretum Nursery - Begin to think about what to plant next Winter.

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We fungi, as a compassionate and benevolent race of sentient beings, are quite perplexed by this missing gene which blocks our colonisation process. Although the dulled humans, or the '**dumas**' as we call them, can function quite OK. Their ability to copy basic abilities from '**Enlightened Humans**' has allowed them to fumble along and at the same time make an enormous mess of things in the world.

NOTE: fungi introduces a bright twinkle in the eye of its host, hence the name 'enlightened humans' or '**E Human**'.

The '**dumas**' still have a chance to grow this missing link in their DNA . If only we can train them out of things like their mind numbing creations of TV, newspapers and over processed foods and re-introduce them back into the natural world. Certain groups of '**dumas**' have their small brains set on the idea that they can interfere with the natural course of things. They consciously aim to prevent total **ENLIGHTENMENT** of the human race and in doing so keep the population of the robotic '**dumas**' under their control. Unfortunately, many '**enlightened ones**' have fallen into the trap and have found that their connection to fungi has slowly been closing down. Hence this WARNING! If you feel you have succumb to the '**dumas**' trap, don't panic! There is a way forward.

Read this next heading 7 times: **DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI, DEADLY AS FUNGI.**

Followed with the mindful act of tapping the top of the right index finger with the left index finger 6 times. This is designed as an awakening trigger when you read it. So if you have found yourselves tuning into the '**dumas**' realm, it should be enough to deactivate and reactivate you towards '**enlightenment**'.

If you '**E Humans**' encounter any of the '**dumas**' in your every day travels. Please just smile. This calms them straight away. Next a wave is a good idea. Just gauge the reaction. If you succeed in receiving a wave in return, then you are probably seeing a newly activated '**E Human**'. Return to smiling and if there is any sign of a sparkle in the eye, then pounce in for a 'HUG'. HUGGING IS THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL WE HAVE FOR FULL TRANSFORMATION TOWARD **ENLIGHTENMENT**.

Finally, I have developed a strain ofjoyousnessnessness.....a wonderful wandering development, which in it's divine creation, creates a spark for the seed to be germinated. Deep down inside the body of a human is a tiny point within the heart. This is where the seed can be activated. A hug or a smile can stimulate the heart to open, allowing a micro millimetre of compassion to enter the heart. Now, for those who do not know.) Compassion is the key to open the gateway to the tiny point with which the joyousnessnessness' can enter and join the seed. Sprouting into pure light.

If we are successful in the seeding of the quite large denomination of '**dumas**' humans. We can continue along our evolutionary path toward **full enlightenment of humanity**. All the other animals and minerals and plant life have been waiting patiently for our arrival into the **elevated state of soaring**. Which is where they spend their time, creating an exciting new future for our host.

Our mother, our birth mother, who birthed us all into creation and who we affectionately call '**Mumma E**', our Mother Earth.

'**Mumma E**' is on the brink of becoming the first planet to bring all her creations with her into STARDOM. This has never occurred before. STARDOM is where a planet becomes a Sun. A planet who can bring all her creations with her to Stardom enters a state known as Super Stardom. Basically it is a massive big fiery event. She lights up the whole SHE-BANG! It is the greatest achievement a planet can reach. Planets who do not succeed can wither and die. Planets who reach Stardom live on for all eternity. The whole universe of SUNS is watching to see if it can happen. The question most raised..... "Will fungi be able to successfully enlighten the '**dumas**'?" Or "Will the '**dumas**', stuff it all up for fungi and '**Mumma E**'"

Well, I told you I was going to stretch your belief system. And stretch your imagination. IMAGINE..... fungi, the heart behind the brains behind the hu-man. So now you are informed, you can make a decision based on facts. And be aware of the truth.

I hope you have been enjoying the Fungi Festival, it to is designed to put a sparkle in your eye as is all fungi intentions everywhere.

Love from,

DEADLY AS, fungi friend of humanity.

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Ideas could include anything from sporting and recreation infrastructure, community arts projects, improvements to community facilities or the local environment. Projects need to be feasible & have land-owner consent, but without restrictive guidelines many local priorities that fall-between the cracks of other grant programs will be eligible.

Communities get to vote for the projects they think are most important, giving residents their say on the best way to improve their area. Projects between \$20,000 and \$200,000 considered. Apps May to June 24, winners Sept 18. To register pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

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Have you got household chemicals that you need to dispose of?

Strathbogie Shire residents are being urged to 'Detox your Home' – a safe, free and easy-to use service to dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

The household chemical collection program is coming to Mitchell Shire Council's Seymour Works Depot (behind Seymour Sports & Aquatic Centre) on Saturday 2 June between 10am-2pm.

Strathbogie Shire Waste Engineer Darren Ritchie is encouraging residents to make the most of the Seymour event as it is currently the closest collection program for Strathbogie Shire residents to dispose of their household chemicals- like pesticides, detergents and weed killers.

"Chemical wastes of any kind cannot be accepted at any of Strathbogie Shire Council's Waste Transfer Stations, so the collection event occurring in Seymour provides the best opportunity for our residents to dispose of their unwanted toxic household chemicals," Mr Ritchie explained.

The chemicals dropped off are immediately sorted and placed in sealed drums and are then transported to a specialist waste treatment facility. The majority of chemicals collected are either recycled or used for energy recovery. The small amount that can't be used for these purposes are stored in EPA approved secure landfills.

Before attending the Seymour event, residents are reminded to check the list of items which can be accepted, by visiting <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/You-and-Your-Home/Wasteand-recycling/Detox-your-home/Items-accepted-and-not-accepted> or can call 1300 363 744 for further information about the event.

Only containers up to 20 litres are accepted.

Budget bottom line by Donmil

My budgetary thinking? Said ScoMo;
To explain it will take half a minute:
If it doesn't make rich people richer
Then the government will not be in it."





Strathbogrie Roadside Weed Management: a State, Shire and Landcare Collaboration

Tableland residents may have seen contractors controlling weeds in roadside vegetation over the last few summers. So, what's this all about?



Strathbogrie Shire is funded by the State Government to control targeted weeds on roadside reserves. All Landcare areas in the Shire get a portion of the funding received from the State. Though the primary weed focus in our district is on blackberry, other species are also targeted, e.g. briar rose, St. John's wort, Paterson's Curse, saffron thistle, tree of heaven.

This funding acknowledges that roadsides are not only a potential reservoir and dispersal ground of weed species, but also that native vegetation along roadsides has intrinsic value and is important habitat for native wildlife. Many roadside reserves in our Shire harbour the only native vegetation in an entire district.

We all have an interest in a balanced approach to managing roadside vegetation. State legislation sets the rules governing vegetation management on roadside reserves and local government implements the rules. It's desirable to use weed management to reduce fire risk and improve native habitat along a roadside reserve, something this program contributes to. However, in a landscape that is predominantly cleared and where roadside vegetation is sometimes the only native habitat that remains, clearing native vegetation can have disastrous effects on local flora and fauna and catchment health.

The roadside weeds program is managed by Strathbogrie Shire, which distributes the ~\$50,000 annual allocation amongst Landcare group areas in the Shire. Project coordinators in each Landcare area work with the contractor to prioritise roadsides for treatment and ensure only the target weed species are controlled. In the Strathbogrie Tableland Landcare area, the project is managed by Landcare Committee members David Jamieson, with occasional help from Bert Lobert. Program reporting includes: the area controlled, weed species treated and treatment method. Unfortunately, on-going funding for this program is uncertain.

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MOBILE

- Farmhouse - firewood, etc
- Road, driveway, gravel, etc
- New house & demolition
- General services

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David consults with the contractor on location re control method and timing and to identify and manage new and high priority sites. Chemical control is the usual form of treatment. Contractors are made very aware that treatment does not extend beyond the roadside reserves into private land (which may also be a weed harbour) or sensitive habitats such as wetlands and riparian zones. Landcare group representatives then check on outcomes to ensure ongoing confidence in the process. This occurs season by season, establishing the need for follow up and moving into areas of new infestation.

A further benefit of local Landcare involvement in this Shire-led program, is to extend the reach of the program by groups allocating their own funds to increase the number of weed species being targeted and to undertake control works in areas not on roadsides. For example, Strathbogie Tableland Landcare's own funds have enabled the control of invasive environmental weeds such as cherry laurel, spurge, English holy, honeysuckle and English ivy, both on roadsides and along riparian environments, public reserves and tracks. For most weeds, several years of control are needed to achieve a lasting reduction in infestations and supplementing the Shire program with local funds will better enable that to occur.

Some invasive species, such as cherry laurel, can be prolific and resistant to standard control methods. Their treatment may require the use of more potent chemicals and has the consequent risk of collateral damage. Assessing the efficacy of a prescribed treatment regime (on target and non-target species) is carried out by Landcare group volunteers. Assessment is an important part of any weed control program and gives confidence that the techniques used are efficient and reliable and not causing additional problems.

We are now entering the third year of this latest Roadside Weed Management Program. Selected sites on the initial priority list have been treated and revisited. New sites reported and identified in drive-bys are receiving attention. The improvements are becoming clear. Roadside infestations of woody weeds such as blackberry and broom have diminished, but require follow-up. When looked at in conjunction with our Landcare group's on-going work in riparian and pedestrian access areas across the district, Strathbogie roadsides are increasingly woody weed free and providing healthier habitat.

There will never be enough dollars to control all woody weeds and the roadside reserves will need ongoing treatment. We hope that by tackling heavy infestations, the benefits of treatment to the broader environment will become clear, encouraging all landholders to take an interest in weed management on adjacent private property, treating garden escapees and caring for 'their' roadside.

By Sean Mathews and Bert Lobert

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus



The Forest Fundraiser Concert in Strathbogie featured a forest inspired art display by the Strathbogie students. The Junior and Senior Art classes have been learning to draw and paint from observation. They have drawn trees around the school and researched the creatures that inhabit our local forest here in Strathbogie. The students have depicted the forest by day and by the light of a full moon. Also in Art the Strathbogie students have begun studying the weird and wonderful world of fungi. They have been creating Fungi inspired lanterns which will be a major feature of the Fungi festival.

We have been very fortunate to have two local artists help us in the Art Room this term. Carol Crowe and Mick Frewin thank you so much, we really enjoyed your input. To celebrate world Labyrinth day Suzie and Mick marked out a temporary Labyrinth on the school grounds. The first Labyrinths originated over 4000 years ago and are mainly used for walking meditation.

The Senior and Junior students worked together to complete a STEM Design challenge set by Miss Holleran. Students had to work together to design something original to wear using an unusual material. The students worked really well together and came up with some really interesting outfits.



The Senior students participated in NAPLAN. The students should be congratulated on their efforts as they all did their best and had a go at all the tasks.

In the Junior Room we have been learning about persuasive writing, visualisation, the letter B and subtraction.

Our unit of work on Fairy Tales continues and the Junior Class have spent a lot of time looking at different types of fairy tales and the characters involved. In the Senior Class, students have been constructing their own fairy-tale narratives but with a twist on the old favourites.

Cross Country

The annual Peranbin Cross Country Run was held at Violet Town on Friday 18th of May, all students had trained hard and had a great day participating on the day. Students showed great support and encouragement towards all their fellow runners. Congratulations to Angus, Charli and Ada for making it to the District level at Murchison.

Visit to Euroa Secondary College

An exciting day was held for the Senior Class when they travelled down to Euroa Secondary College to experience a school day at High School. Our students were shown around the college's facilities and got to experience different classrooms and subjects. It was an impressive showcase and our students are very lucky to have such an educational facility in the region. The day kicked off with a musical performance from the Year 8 rock band and a song from the up-coming school production "Beauty and the Beast". Then it was straight into it, with a trip to the Materials Technology room where the students made Perspex key rings, sanding the edges smooth. This was followed by a History lesson about Roman Gladiators and after lunch the students attended a Science class with Strathbogie's own Mrs. Townsend and the day was finished off with an English lesson. Our students demonstrated very positive attitudes to the experience and several of the Euroa staff members commented on their exemplary behavior.

