



June 2017

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 what else have we finished with? What else to burn? What niggles and shames, what grumps and dislikes, what should's and shouldn'ts and if only's? 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), raincoats, beanies and gloves!

Saturday 24th 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

NB: The lighting takes place at sunset
(Don't let the weather put you off!!)
Dress pertaining to the occasion, (but this is optional!)



What's on in June

June 18th—10am Special Community meeting Rec Ground, Strathbogie

June 18th—2pm—World Yoga Day, Strathbogie Hall

June 24th—Environmental Film Festival, Swanpool

June 24th—"Winterman celebration" in Strathbogie.

July 14th—Community Seniors lunch
Christmas in July.

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

Special Community Meeting Rec Ground

18th June at 10 am
See page 3 for details.



Christmas in July Community Lunch 14th July 2017

After the success of the community lunch held at the end of April, STAG is hosting another community lunch in July.

At Under The Sun, Main St, Strathbogie. More news next issue.



Euroa Cinema in June



Fri 2nd June 8pm—"Land of Mine" (MA15+)
 Sat 3rd to Sun 4th—"Logan" (MA15+)
 Sat 10th to Sun 11th—"Their Finest" (M)
 Sat 17th to Sun 18th—"Going in Style" (PG)
 Sat 24th to Sun 25th—"Get Out" (MA15+)
 Sat 1st to Sun 2nd July—"Viceroy's House" (M)
 Fri 7th—"The Country Doctor" (M)

Coming soon—Cars3, Despicable Me 3, Things to Come

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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?

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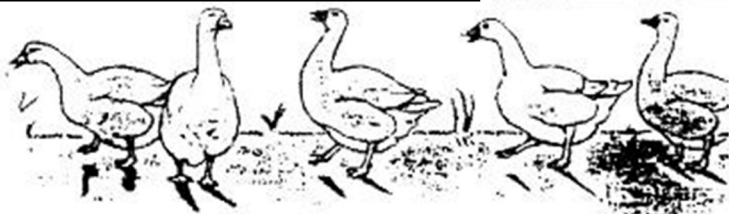
Fri 2nd to Sunday 4th—"A Streetcar Named Bob" (PG) & "The Eagle Huntress" (G)
 Fri 9th to Sun 11th—"Jasper Jones" (M) & "Le Ride" (PG)

Sat 10th—2pm Special "Jasper Jones" (M)
 Fri 16th to Sat 17th—"Toni Erdmann" (M)
 Fri 23rd and Sun 25th—"The Salesman" (M) & "Like Crazy" (M)

Sat 24th—1pm Environmental Film Festival

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.
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Deadline for the June edition of Tableland Talk is Monday the 26th June. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Sunday 18 June commencing at 10am at the Rec Ground

One of the projects on Strathbogies Community Action Plan is to install picnic facilities at the Spring Creek bridge car park area.

STAG has been approached by a member of the community with a proposal to build a timber rotunda, 6 metres in diameter, in this area and create footpaths from the car park area to the Rec Ground and from Smiths Bridge to the township. A conservative estimate of the cost of the rotunda is approx. \$30K of which the Shire may pay half and the community would be required to raise the balance.

As the structure is considerably larger than originally anticipated and will involve a financial commitment from the community, the community must have the opportunity to discuss the project and decide whether we should proceed. More recently an offer has been made to donate a steel structure 7.4 metres square (approx. twice the size of the timber rotunda) which could replace the proposed timber structure and may be less costly but would still involve a financial commitment from the community.

It is proposed that the structure be located on Council land just below the saleyards which will involve an amount of earthworks which could incur additional costs particularly if rock is discovered beneath the surface.



Above: The two possible structure—at left, a facsimile of a rotunda; at right, the structure that was offered

It is important that any decision in relation to this project is made by the community.

Footpaths

STAG has written to Council requesting that the footpaths mentioned above be included in the current Council Plan. We believe the path from Spring Creek bridge to the rec ground is of particular importance as Spring Creek Road is used by school children and it would provide pedestrian access to the only 24/7 public toilets in the township.

Future of Action Groups

Following the Community Planning Program Review, Council passed the following recommendation at its meeting on 16th May:

Community Action Groups are no longer required to be a Special Committee of Council under the Local Government Act.

Council revokes the formal Instruments of Delegation under the Local Government Act of all Community Action Groups (this does not apply to Violet Town Action Group as it is Incorporated).

A Community Action Group has the option to become, or remain, an Incorporated entity.

A non-incorporated Community Action Group becomes “(Name of Town) Community Planning Reference Group” guided by a Community Planning Reference Group Charter.

Further information, including a copy of the Community Planning Reference Group Charter and Community Planning Guidelines, are available on the Council website.

The committee will meet with a representative from Council to discuss these options before making a decision.

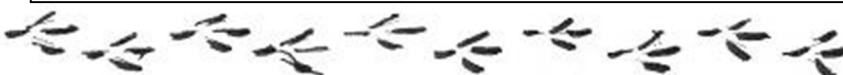
Community Lunch (Christmas in July)

Following the success of the first community lunch at Under the Sun, a Christmas in July lunch is planned for Friday 14th July – further details in the next edition of Tableland Talk.

Epitaph

by Donmil

I am Australia's Prime Minister,
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Happy Anniversary



Ron and Irene (Jones) celebrated 62 years together with family at Under The Sun on 21st May and would like to thank Doug and staff for helping to make this a very happy occasion.



Strathbogie Stars are having a brief break, and hopefully they will be back next month.

On these clear, cold nights the night sky will be really beautiful. Take a look.

News from our local Councillor—Thank you again for the opportunity to let residents know what their Shire Council is doing.

First, I would like to remind readers of a couple of dates:

- ⇒ The Shire's Community Grant program is open for applications until 7 July 2017. There are two main grant streams available:
- ⇒ The Community Matching Grant program that can provide a grant of up to \$5,000 for projects that provide a community benefit.
- ⇒ The Events Grants program that can provide funding for new or ongoing community events.
- ⇒ The Shire's draft Council Plan and Budget is on public exhibition and is open until 6 June 2017 for residents to make submissions. The Council Plan is a collaborative exercise with residents, to make provision for the services that the community wants to see delivered. The Budget provides the funding for the Plan initiatives. If there is something in the Plan/Budget that you would like to see changed, please let us know. A submission form is available via the Shire's website.

One of the big changes in this proposed Council Plan and Budget is increased funding for the maintenance of unsealed (gravel) roads. This change in Council thinking has only been possible because of the support of the Shire's rural residents. If you want more maintenance on gravel roads please let Council know before 6 June.

On the subject of gravel roads, the Shire's maintenance schedule for road grading is now available on the website. If you click on the "Current Works" icon it will take you the grading program schedule. This is important because the grader team generally only visits any given part of the Shire twice per year. By knowing the schedule for your area, residents can advise Council of needed maintenance in advance of the works unit arriving. The grader teams are currently on the Tableland and will be until approximately 2 June.

Finally, I would like to commend a TV program to you. The ABC on Tuesday nights is showing a three-part series "War on Waste". It is available on iView if you have missed it. It is said that local government is about rates, roads and rubbish. Well, we have been talking a lot lately about roads, but in a future article I would like to focus on rubbish. The Shire has a responsibility to provide a waste recovery and collection service and dispose of it in accordance with State law. But the type and quantity of waste that we generate, and therefore the impact we are having on our environment, is our responsibility as residents. The "War on Waste" program is dealing with the key waste issues that face the Shire: Disposal of food waste; Plastics; Landfill volume, etc.

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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News from the forest

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and probably begin again in Spring. Thanks to everyone that's helped out. For pictures of local possums and gliders and more about the surveys, go to <https://strathbogiesustainableforests.wordpress.com/>

Bertram Lobert



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24th June 2017

Dr Richard David Hame, Julian Cribb, Prof Sharon Beder

Session One - 1 pm to 3.20 pm

Guest Speaker Dr Richard David Hames

'Burying the 20th Century'

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Session Two - 3.50 pm to 6.20 pm

Guest Speaker Julian Cribb

'Surviving the 21st Century'

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Dir: Franny Armstrong

Session Three - 7.20 pm to 9.40 pm

Guest Speaker Prof Sharon Beder

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To say nothing of Vladimir ...

by Donmil

Donald Trump has drawn his sword,
Kim's put down his pen;
Our future now is in the hands
Of two unbalanced men.

Strathbogrie Landcare dates

- Revegetation Field Day, Ruffy 18 June 2017 Register by email strathbogrieranges-cmn@gmail.com
- Better Beef Conference, Alexandra 20 June 2017. Tickets at <https://northeastbbconference.eventbrite.com.au>
- Swanpool Environmental Film Festival 24th June 2017. Register here www.swanpoolcinema.com.au

Creature Feature - The Agile Antechinus

Quite a few people up here will be familiar with this little marsupial, the Agile Antechinus (*Antechinus agilis*). They are very active at this time of year as they prepare for their breeding season. As their names suggests, they are very agile and accomplished climbers, and inquisitive too. They are nocturnal and forage among forest litter and on tree trunks for a variety of invertebrate prey; mainly beetles, spiders, cockroaches and insect larvae. The smallest crack under a rafter, or between the lining boards will give them access to your house, which is where most people encounter them. Though a little larger than House Mice, they are often confused with mice ... and sadly suffer the consequences - SNAP.

Mating is highly synchronous and occurs in a two-week period in August-September and all females within a population give birth within a couple of days of each other. Then, with their work of fertilizing the females complete, all males die within the next week to ten days, leaving the Agile Antechinus populations all over Australia composed entirely of adult females, until those females give birth to 6 to 10 young about one month later, in September-October. Some females may live to breed the next season, if they don't fall prey to owls and other predators. A hectic lifestyle indeed!



Above - The Agile Antechinus is common in the Strathbogrie Ranges, wherever there is dense undergrowth and forest leaf litter.

Now that the fire season has finished, despite it being a relatively quiet year, it is time for me to publicly thank a few volunteers for their service.

Firstly to Graham Moore who cancelled an appointment to spend a day on Marilyn. He and Trevor Hoare worked solidly in heat to the point of exhaustion to help put control lines around a fire in steep terrain at Killeens Hill road

Another thanks goes to John Saxon, who without notice, worked a 14 hour shift on a fire truck at the end of a normal day. All these efforts were unfortunately required due to late decisions and the inability of others to help at the time. Which leads to my last thank you to Lorraine Millar, who had the very difficult task of trying to find volunteers to help out as relief crews.

So to Lorraine, John, Trevor and Graham, for efforts above and beyond the call, from me a big thank you for your efforts.

From David Hamilton



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Contributed by Neil Barter



STRATHBOGIE SCHOOL NEWS

It has been an exciting month at the school.

We have had our whole school cross country run, bringing all Peranbin campuses up to Strathbogrie Recreation Ground and Golf Course. The day was a roaring success thanks to Katie Hill who was our organiser and to all our wonderful Strathbogrie parents and community members who helped out on the day. The Recreation ground was a fantastic venue for the day, with the kitchen facilities, playground and oval perfect for our run.

Our Kitchen Garden program has been coming along beautifully. We have cooked up our first 'grown' vegetable- bok choy. It has featured in a delicious honey soy stir fry and a gorgeously colourful fried rice. In the garden the children have learned how to use secateurs and have taken cuttings of rosemary, lavender, coreas and some geraniums, experimenting with mediums to promote root growth. They have also learned about botanical drawing and have begun some lovely work on these.



Education week saw us promoting Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, with some vigorous high jump training and some invigorating and calming yoga. We had our open day with a lovely morning tea visited by welcome some newcomers to our community and exciting for our students, a bright and enthusiastic new prep for next year.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at school, in the classroom or in the garden, please let us know. You can drop us a line by email- chapman.eron.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or coming in to visit.



**COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS
CELEBRATING WORLD YOGA DAY
Sunday 18th June, 2pm start
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Have you ever wanted to try yoga?

Yoga is an ancient, holistic approach to health and wellbeing that promotes harmony between individuals, their community, their natural environment, and the wider world. Yoga can increase your flexibility, strengthen your muscles, balance hormones, calm your mind and reduce stress.

In 2015 The United Nations declared the first international yoga day, and in 2016 was our first community class, here in Strathbogrie! This annual event continues in 2017, and we would love **you** to experience for yourself the many benefits of yoga.

Come and join us in our community yoga class, open to all ages and levels of experience. Calling all children, mums, dads, grandparents, carers, brothers and sisters!! The class will be a light hearted, fun filled, family inspired class, and we invite you to be a part of this wonderful celebration.

This class will be by **donation**, supporting the fundraising endeavours of Peranbin Primary College - Strathbogrie Campus.

The class will be lead and instructed by registered and qualified local yoga teacher, Kylie Penny. Kylie's passion for yoga is sprinkled throughout the Strathbogrie Ranges, with classes in the communities of Strathbogrie and Ruffy.

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