



March 2017

## An Invitation to Strathbogie Tableland Residents WILL YOUR DECISIONS MADE DURING A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY BE BASED ON SOUND KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTISES?

*CFA North East Community Safety Team are preparing to run the core Community Fireguard Program once again on the Strathbogie Ranges.*

Community Fireguard (CFG) is a community development program designed by CFA to help reduce the loss of lives and homes in bushfires and build community resilience.

History shows that bushfires in Victoria are extremely dangerous. If residents take responsibility for their bushfire safety and prepare themselves, they can reduce their risk. While a community can do many things to improve safety and minimise loss from major bushfires, even well-prepared properties can become undefendable under certain conditions.

### What is CFG?

CFA acknowledges the complexities of bushfire management, and assists Community Fireguard groups to develop survival strategies that consider various scenarios.

A trained CFA facilitator guides the CFG group through the core program. The six meetings are as follows:

- ⇒ Introduction to Community Fireguard
- ⇒ Living in a high-risk environment - Understanding fire and its implications for you
- ⇒ Personal safety and resilience
- ⇒ Preparing your property for bushfire
- ⇒ Creating your Bushfire Survival Plan
- ⇒ Reviewing Bushfire Survival Plans.

### How does it work?

The Group decides the frequency and the timing of meetings to fit in with each other and the facilitator's current commitments. We meet at someone's property for roughly an hour and a half, explore the topic and discuss it in relation to your property in a particular location, with its specific vegetation. We then look at fire prevention initiatives the host couple/ individual/ family have set up on their property learning from their preparations. If acceptable to each participant we then meet at another property, allowing each participant in turn to host a meeting and show what they've done to protect themselves from bushfire.

### When?

The program in Strathbogie will take place during March and April 2017. Once the core program is completed, members will be assigned to one of the current Community Fireguard Groups already established in Strathbogie- the one closest to your property.

### Contact

If you would like to register your interest in being involved please contact  
**CFA Facilitator, Mary Anne Egan, on [jmaegan1@bigpond.com](mailto:jmaegan1@bigpond.com) or 0428 937 210 before 17/03/2017.**

Mary Anne has worked with Strathbogie Groups for several years and would love to hear from you, or put you in touch with one of our local coordinators so you can talk with a near neighbour re the benefits of Community Fireguard (CFG)

**Mary Anne Egan |Community Fireguard Facilitator**  
CFA Community Safety Team | North East Region  
Country Fire Authority CFA, *Protecting Lives and Property*

### What's on in March

**March 26th—9.30am—**Working Bee—  
Bridge to Bridge, Strathbogie

**April 7th—6pm** Glow in the Dark golf at  
Strathbogie Golf Club

**Third Monday** of the month - 7.30pm  
STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall

**Every Tuesday** - 10.30am Tai Chi at the  
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## Euroa Cinema in March



Fri 3rd—"Queen of Katwe" (PG)  
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 Fri 10th to Sun 12th—"La La Land" (M)  
 & "Mahana" (M)  
 Wed 15th - 10.30am—"La La Land" (M)  
 Fri 17th to Sun 19th—"Little Men" (PG)  
 "Our Little Sister" (PG)  
 Fri 25th to Sun 27th—"Elle" (MA15+) & "Billy  
 Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" (MA15+)  
 Sat 1st April—2pm "Red Dog: True Blue" (PG)  
 Fri 31st to Sun 2nd—"Jackie" (MA15+) &  
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*The TT team*

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Deadline for March edition - 30th March. Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), ph 57905203, post PO, Strath-  
 bogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

## TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Strathbogie Shire Council has resolved to appoint a Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee and are looking for four community representatives to join.

Council is committed to public participation and utilizing the general community to assist in the achievement of future Council Plans and the strategies that govern the future of the Shire.

The role and objectives of the Committee will be:

- To provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the development and implementation of a Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategy Plan.

- Act as advocates and champions for Tourism, Arts and Culture programs and projects with the Shire that are of community benefit.

- Provide a forum for discussion of tourism, arts and culture industry trends and best practice in the Local Government sector.

- Respond to issues referred by Council to the Committee

- Assist Council to work strategically to encourage, foster, value and promote tourism, arts and culture

The Committee will be made up of Councillors, Council Officers and business representatives.

However, Council is looking for four individual representatives from the community to have their say in the group.

The Committee will meet at least quarterly at a date and time to be determined at the first meeting (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you are interested in joining the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, contact us via email at [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or phone on (03) 5795-0000.

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### Glow in the Dark Golf

A Fun Night for All

All Welcome

Friday 7th April at 6pm

The strange yet wonderful game of night golf is once again to be staged at the local golf course. Please keep free the date of Friday, the 7th of April for an unforgettable experience of great food and rather odd golf.

The evening begins at 6pm with a main course and then in the dark with only glow lights and luminescent golf balls people are free to attempt to belt a golf ball around parts of the great golf course. Following that escapade, dessert will be served.

3 person ambrose. \$20 per person includes dinner and golf. Children under \$12 \$10, and a \$5 refundable deposit on the ball.

### THE PETER HARVEY WAVE

As you climb the mountains and pass the Bogie graves  
There's a sense of friendship with a bogie wave

They don't pick and choose these locals we all know well  
They wave to all and sundry with a welcome you cannot sell

But of all the bogie waves there was one that was unique  
One that reached the highest- and that was Pete's

Peter Harvey's wave caught you unaware  
For he's have his arm up high before you could even dare

If they had a statue of honour from his wife, daughters and son

A symbol of love and kindness he'd leave for everyone

His heart upon his sleeve beyond the Bogie graves  
No arm was held higher than a Peter Harvey wave...

Tony Russell Dawson neighbour and admirer 11/2/2011

Drinks at bar prices.

Please bring a torch, and golf clubs if you have some, although the club can arrange these.

RSVP for catering purposes to Helen Hill on 0407718873,  
or Allan Rowarth 0419389401.

Don't come alone. Bring a group with you so that once the evening is over you'll have something very unusual to talk about for years to come.

### Move over, Bill

by Donmil

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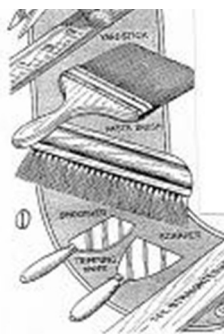
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## **Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group News**

### **March Working Bee**

Strathbogie Landcare is having a working bee March 26, 0930-1200 at the Bridge to Bridge Reserve. We plan to install a boardwalk across the track's low point below Haley St, cut and paint woody weeds and perform general track tidying duties such as grass trimming - followed by a BBQ. Meet at Smith's Bridge. Bring- gloves, loppers/secateurs, line-trimmer. All welcome. Contact Sean 0400 019 607

### **Magiltan Ck and Spring Ck Weed Control**

This is the upstream extension of the woody weed control project along Spring Ck. We've engaged contractors to control the woody weeds, mainly blackberry, holly, honeysuckle and briar rose, on the west side of Spring Ck up to Magiltan Ck and then along both sides of Magiltan up to the end of the estate. The job was done in late Feb. and went really well. The contractors will be back to do follow-up control for the next few years. Many thanks to the neighbouring and nearby landholders that have so eagerly supported the project. Contact Bert 0409 433 276.

### **Wetland Protection**

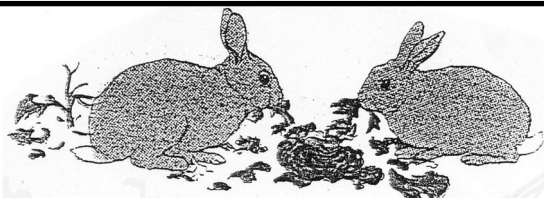
A number of local landholders have received grants (up to \$1400/ha) from the Goulburn Broken CMA to protect and manage wetlands (bogs and spring-soaks) by control blackberries, excluding stock/fencing and planting native trees/shrubs. Additional funding is still available. Get in touch if you're interested. Contact Bert.

### **Alternative Fertilizer Trials**

The next open day is coming soon - stay tuned. Contact David 0423 328 321



Above: Blackberries—unfortunately a common sight along many local streams



*Donmil can't get over Turnbull's parliamentary tantrum or the fact that his troops all cheered enthusiastically as he scraped the bottom of the barrel.*

## **Now I know my place**

**by Donmil**

Malcolm plainly told me:

"You're a witless troglodyte,  
So stupid that you voted for  
A sycophant, and even more:  
A grasping parasite!"

Why, thank you, Mal, and all your minions  
For the frank advice of your opinions.

## **THE OLD KERO TIN.**

There was a tin we used to have in days of long ago,  
And it contained home kerosene to keep our lights a-glow.

But when that tin was empty, it wasn't thrown away,  
We cut the square top out of it and used it every day.

With a wire handle on it (and lots of muscle too),  
We'd carry water from the well, the weekly wash to do.

Our humble home was kept supplied with water day by day,  
With two of these resourceful tins- we had no other way.

Dad kept a couple in his shed to hold his tools and gear,  
And also in the stables too, to carry stock feed here.

With chopped up hay to feed the stock, we carried them along  
Molasses in another to feed the milling throng.

Then Mum would keep one on the stove, with water hot and steaming,  
To bath us in the old tin tub, and keep us clean and gleaming.

At times she'd boil Dad's clothes,  
There on the kitchen stove.

We cooked our yearly leg of ham in that old kero tin,  
We had one on the gatepost, to serve as our mail bin.

There was another use we had...(and quite essential too)  
That tin became a dunny can, in our old outback 'loo'.

Then finally, all full of holes when it had had its day,  
It landed in the rubbish heap and rusted clean away.

And so the humble kero tin was never once abused,  
You could say we recycled it (though that word was never used).

Author unknown.

*Submitted in response to Ken Dunnachie's story in last months TT by Joan Wood.*



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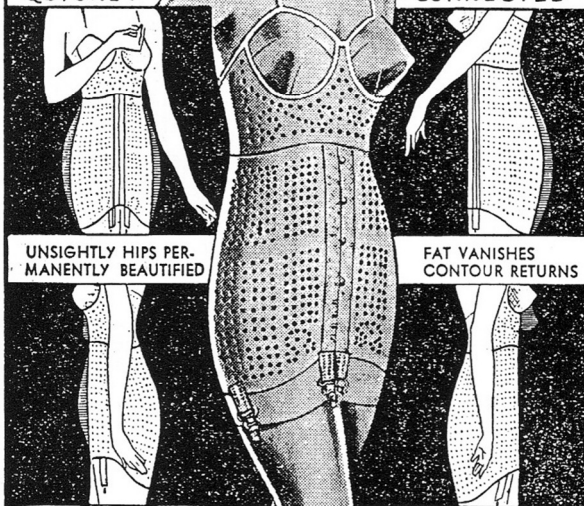
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# STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP NEWS

## Council Plan re Action Groups

Most of you will be aware from previous editions of Tableland Talk that Council is considering disengaging Community Action Groups, that is they will no longer be Section 86 Committees of Council (which effectively removes volunteer insurance) and will not receive funding from Council.

Under the new model it is envisaged that informal project teams will form to undertake individual projects. Projects must have a whole of community focus, enjoy a good level of support among the local community and must be within the capacity of local communities to achieve within their own resources. These project teams may apply to Council for funding and Council will advise on insurance issues on a project by project basis.

STAG has had several meetings with Shire representatives and expressed concern that this format would seriously disadvantage the smaller communities. The larger towns have established (and usually incorporated) sporting and service organisations which would be well equipped to undertake projects. The committee believes that it is unlikely that small project teams will be created in our community to undertake projects with a whole of community focus, probably no volunteer insurance and no seed funding. While project teams may apply for grant funding from the Shire and/or other organisations, it is usually a requirement that the applicant also contribute.

While the Shire has requested feedback from the community, the questions relate to operational aspects of the Action Group with which it is unlikely community members will be familiar, such as the obligations of the committee and the Instrument of Delegation which is an agreement with the Shire for the operation of the Action Group.

We believe it would give a more accurate understanding of the implications of the proposed remodel to ask:

To what extent do you believe members of the community will form project teams that fit within the above guidelines?

How would you envisage project teams funding projects

- i) if they are unsuccessful in achieving funding from Council; and
- ii) if they are seeking funding (either from the Shire or externally) which requires them to make a financial contribution

Feedback and suggestions may be forwarded to the Shire at [info@strathbogievic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogievic.gov.au)

If you wish to provide feedback but are not connected to the internet you can do it through a STAG committee member or deliver it to the Shire addressed to Tracey Reid.

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## STAG Submission to Council Plan 2017

STAG made the following submission to the Council Plan 2017 and reiterated our belief that it would be far more advantageous to both the Shire and the smaller communities for them to work more closely together.

### Community Engagement

That Council continue to support and engage with local communities through the Community Action Groups, particularly in the smaller towns. Council to work closely with Action Groups to improve the existing model.

Review customer service procedures: listen to issues raised rather than immediately justifying

### Emergency Planning

With the increased risk of bushfire through climate change, that Council liaise with other organisations such as CFA, SES, Police, etc. to work with communities to develop bushfire preparedness at the start of each fire season, particularly in the extremely vulnerable townships of Strathbogievic and Ruffey

Introduce fire protection measures for at risk communities, regular slashing of roadsides, fire tracks, etc.

### Sustainability

Investigate and support alternative energy options, consider solar panels on all Shire premises

Investigate options to provide potable water in the Strathbogievic township

Closely monitor applications for new bores

### Communication

Work with local communities, adjoining shires, telcos and federal and state politicians to improve the telecommunication service on the Tableland.

### Transparency

Review the percentage of Council activities/decisions which are in confidence"

(cont'd page 8)

## STAG NEWS *(cont'd from page 7)*

STAG Submission to Council Plan continued from page 8...

### Road Management

Address dangerous intersections on the Tableland

Review current practices in relation to roadside spraying and align to the climatic conditions of specific locations

Review and address issues relating to clearance of roadsides; consider introducing incentives for landowners to manage their own roadside area.

### Agriculture

Consider the reintroduction of Rural Land Rebate to reduce the increased infestation of weeds

Investigate ways to assist/enhance primary production –facilitate workshops, information sessions, etc.

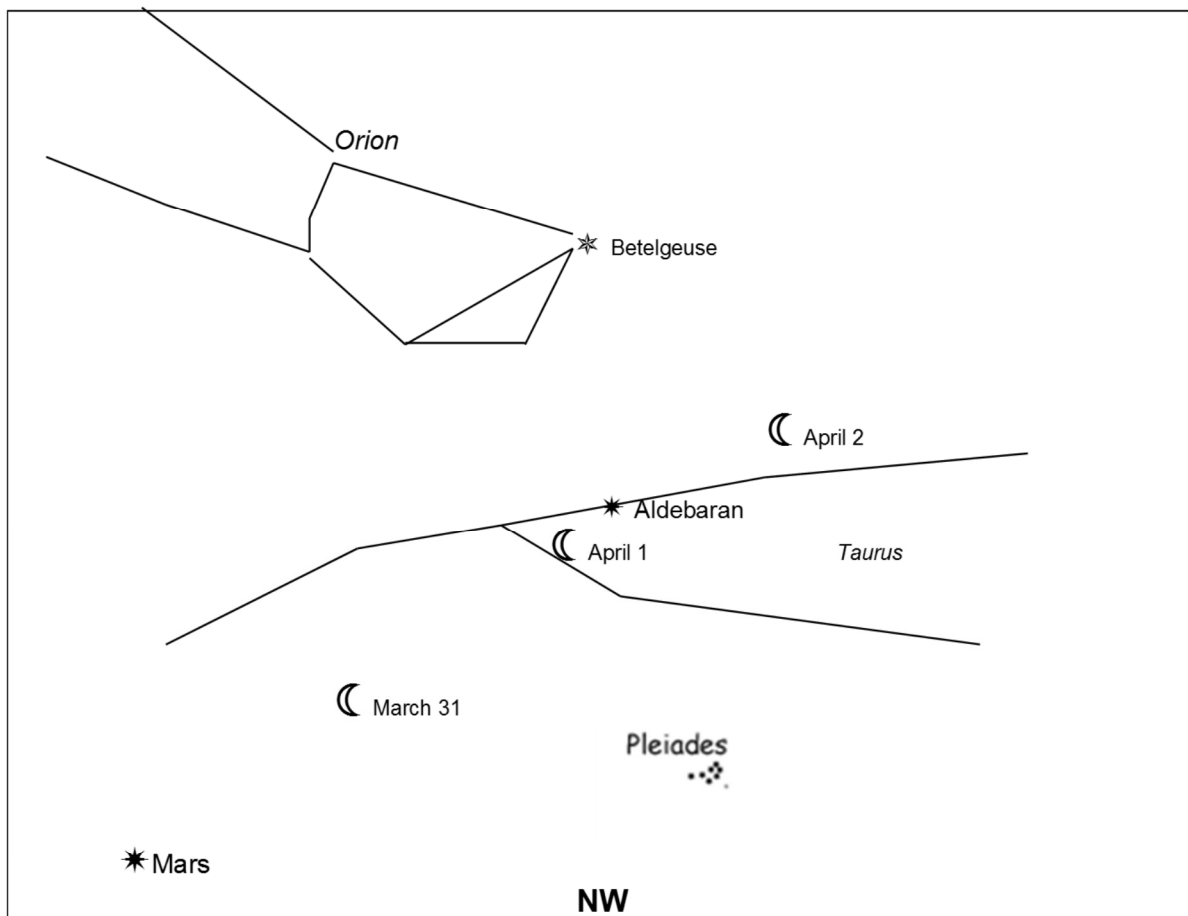
### Future Planning/Business Development

Seek investment from suppliers of aged care, accommodation, medical facilities, rehabilitation facilities, etc. (in Euroa)

### Seniors Lunch

It is planned to hold a community lunch at Under the Sun on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April Further details in April Tableland Talk.

## Stargazing in Strathbogie



The evening sky from the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Soon after sunset, so you will need a clear view of the Northwest horizon to see a nice grouping of Mars, the moon, and Pleiades (the seven sisters).

*Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)*





## Community invited to meeting on the future management of Euroa Cinema to be held on 15th March—7pm

Cinema-goers are invited to a public meeting with Strathbogie Shire Council to discuss the option of giving the Euroa Community Cinema to the community to operate and manage.

A meeting on Wednesday (March 15) will aim to inform community members of the following:

- Public participation and community control allows the community to be engaged and empowered with the operational functions and direction of the Euroa Community Cinema.
- The proposal has been presented to the Euroa Community Cinema Operating Committee, exploring a number of different operating models.
- The community will manage the cinema as an incorporated entity, with elected positions such as President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and various sub-committees focusing on film selection, ticketing, projection and more.
- Council will still own the cinema but complete operation and control lies with the community.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council looked forward to hearing the outcomes of the community meeting. "This is a real opportunity for the cinema-goers, and broader community, to be empowered to run the cinema by the community, for the community," she said. Based on feedback from the community meeting, a recommendation will be made to Council and if successful, an Expression of Interest for Committee positions process will commence.

Once this committee is assembled, training will begin, as will the official handover from Council.

To have your say on the proposed incorporation of the cinema, come to the Euroa Community

Cinema on Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm on Bury Street, Euroa.

For more information, visit the cinema's Facebook page or contact Inga Hamilton on 5795-0000.



**Strathbogie**  
*shire*



## Strathbogie Memorial Hall

The Strathbogie memorial Hall has recently had a facelift. The hall was opened in 1956, and at the time of building was painted with a bitumen style sealant which had worn and weathered over the past 60 years. So it has now had a new coat of paint after the external walls were pressure washed, all cracks filled and then primed and undercoated.

Fans have recently been installed in the supper room after the local yoga groups petitioned strongly to have these fitted. New windows will be fitted to replace the rotting timber sash windows.

Early last year, the ceiling had insulation installed, and an energy audit was also conducted.

Below: Photos of the hall with its new paint.

