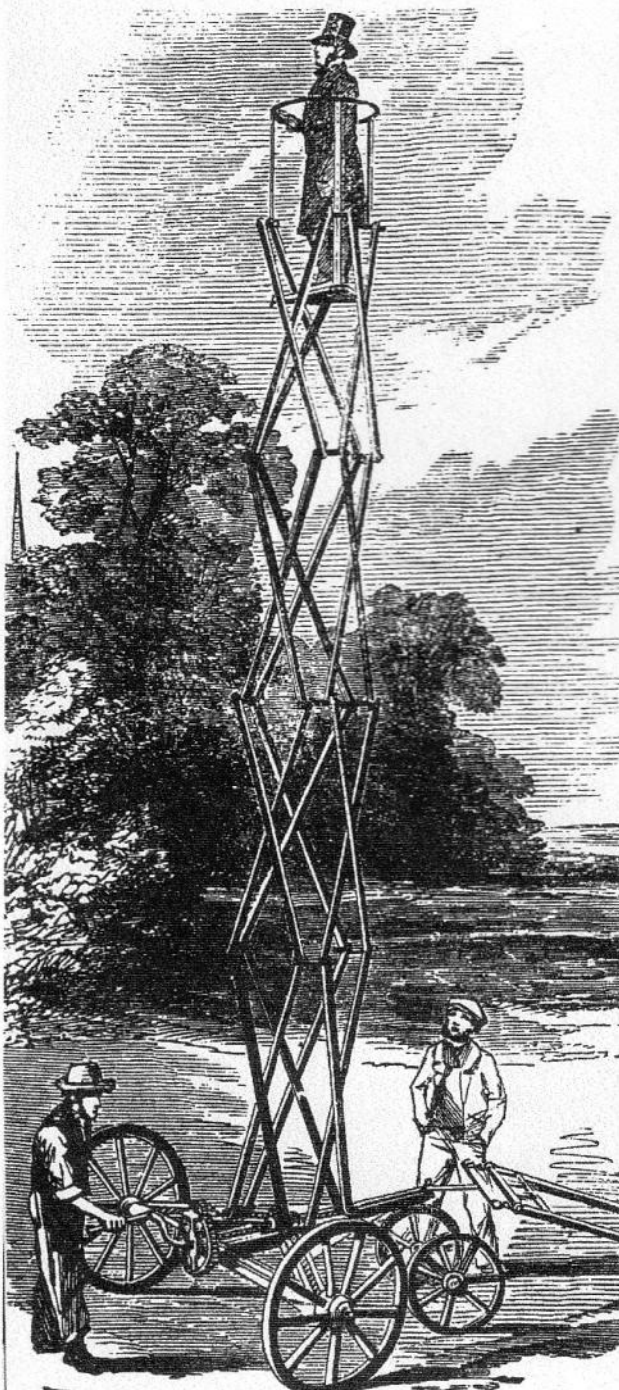


SOLUTIONS TO POOR MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE: #1 THE PERSONAL TRAVELLING TOWER



Thankyou to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Tableland Talk. We have had a great response and lots of new ideas and contributors, including an article about 'hefting', a pet care column, recipes, and others! Please keep up the contributions, as without these TT doesn't exist!

There are also the regulars - Donmil, the stars and seedsavers. Donmil asked in the last edition if readers could name the other deadly sins, and we have had a wonderful anonymous contribution in reply.

The drawing at left was sent in as a suggestion to our poor mobile phone coverage! Now that CDMA has been switched off, it is very grim here. The library van relied on mobile phone coverage for its computer connection, and will be handwriting borrowings for some time, I am told. Maybe they need to use such a tower to give them the Next G coverage they need!

Remember that there is always the power of the pen, and we should write to our members and relevant people about these problems.

Fiona



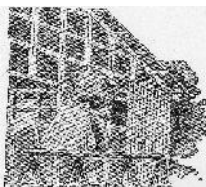
Coming Up -

Saturday June 7th - A Community 'Meet your Neighbour' BBQ at Strathbogie Golf Club. More information next issue.

Wednesday June 11th - 7.30 pm Strathbogie Hall - Strathbogie CFA AGM and election of officers.

Saturday June 14th - Strathbogie Primary School (Peranbin PC) Goods and Services Auction at the Strathbogie Hall. More information next issue.

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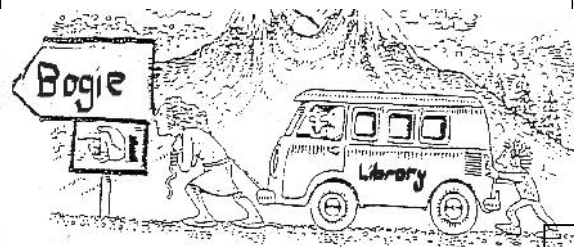
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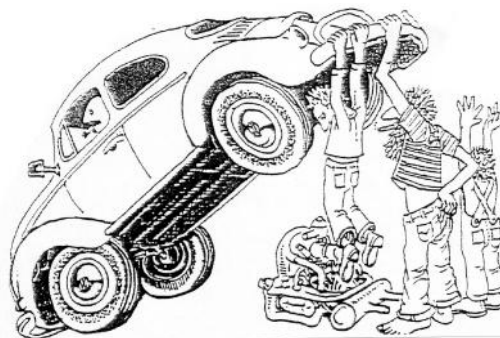
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Are you hefted yet?

I wonder if any one has heard of the old Scottish word "hefted". It is now used mainly in association with sheep, a hefted sheep or flock of sheep is one that has become established and accustomed to pasturage. It has grown into its particular place over many generations. In the open wilds and fells of Scotland where fences and walls are not always viable the flock will develop its own sense of country, they will wander over a large area but stick within their own hereditary place. They know the sheltered valleys to hide from the northern blizzards, they know the natural salt licks and where the lush new shoots will appear first in spring. They would know the weather patterns the winds and gales the rise and fall of the seasons. A hefted sheep will take in a mental map of country with its mother's milk. Zoologists say that it takes at least three generations to erase these memories. A hefted flock will never willingly leave its land. Take them where they cannot wander home and they are lost.

Back in 1835 Anne Calyle, wife of historian Thomas Carlyle wrote after moving house "I am wonderfully hefted here; the people are extravagantly kind to me". There was a time when we were all indelibly connected to location we each knew a place weather rural or urban intimately and instinctively, its landscape bred in the bone.

So much nonsense is spoken and written about the countryside, but the urge to be hefted may be the most intense but least noticed features of modern life. We travel faster, more widely, move more often, and settle for shorter periods than ever before, yet at the same time we seem to crave a place to stay and return to ever more intensely.

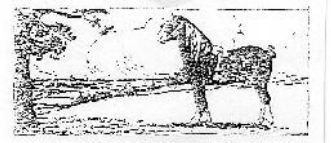
This is what social dislocation really means: dis-location to move from somewhere you know to somewhere you do not, but carrying always the internal desire to be hefted..

Certainly people grow into landscapes, and landscapes grow into the bone. If sheep carry a memory of place, so must every human, no matter how far we travel from our hefts. Place marks us all and leaves its traces.

However this process is continuous and every day many people find themselves deepened and dignified by their sense of place. Even as I write this I am aware of the subtle sense of this country claiming me, maybe my wandering has finished and a hefting to this place is in process. I know for my children who are born to this land that they are a part and parcel of it..

Plagiarized from an article by Ben McIntyre with added meanderings and thoughts.

Submitted by Sim Ayres



The Seven Deadly Sins

by Donmil

According to the invaluable *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, the Seven Deadly Sins are:

Pride, Covetousness, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Anger and Sloth.

A lot of them don't sound particularly deadly in this day and age, do they? But you might still prefer to contemplate their "opposites", the Seven Virtues:

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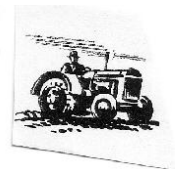
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SAVE YOUR CORKS PLEASE!!

A favour to ask of all readers of TT. If you normally throw your corks in the rubbish bin, please bundle them into a bag for me. Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Vic. has a fundraising program and all corks donated are used to buy equipment for people suffering from MND.

MND kills around 500 Australians each year and at this stage there is no cure. My mum died on 16th December last year from MND. She was diagnosed approx 14 months prior to her death. It is a cruel disease and it was heartbreaking for us all to watch her suffering. She was the fittest 75 year old & we all thought she would live to see her 100th birthday.

By collecting and recycling corks I can make a little bit of difference to other families going through the MND journey and help them provide much needed equipment.

The stats are:

Approx 234 corks = 1kg

666kg = \$1,000

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Coming Up

Wednesday May 21st - Ladies luncheon

Saturday May 31st -

"Welcome to Winter" dinner - 3 course + entertainment

Saturday 21st June - "Pie & Mash" night - 2 course

Hume Corridor Community Health News - Pitstop is coming to the Violet Town Market on **Saturday 10th May** 9-12noon in the Violet Town Football Netball Club Rooms. Pitstop is a FREE basic MEN,S health screening program provided by qualified health professionals. Topics include heart health, BP, diet, risk factors, mental health, skin check, hearing, flexibility, testicular cancer and more. Quick, convenient information and advice to help you maintain your most valuable asset.

Pole Walking introduction at the Strathbogie Hall on **Tuesday 13th May** 1.30-3.30pm. Our poles are finally on their way. We are launching our first program in Strathbogie so come along and find out more about this unique cross-training activity. It is easy on your joints, heavy on calories, provides stability and is an excellent cardio workout.

Pap Clinic conducted by a female Doctor on **Monday 19th May**

11.30am-1pm. Bookings essential, \$10 co-payment and please bring your Medicare card.

Boob Bus leaving from Delatite Community Health Service, Benalla on **Wednesday 11th June.**

Bookings and enquiries through DCHS on 57612200.

Flu Vaccinations available at Euroa High School on **Thursday 24th April** 9am-12noon and Violet Town on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For all enquiries call the Hume Region Mobile Immunisation service on **1800 655 360.**

Landcare News

Our Landcare Facilitator has been contacted by a Ian Peterson from Longwarry, Gippsland. He has 75 ferrets and has ferreted out his local read. In the past he has caught up to 90 rabbits a day but his catch has been reduced to 5 or 6 bunnies a trip so he is looking for somewhere new to take his ferrets. He has been ferretting since he was a boy with his his father and now takes his son along. They have no dogs or guns and leave no trace after being at a property, ie no rubbish, no rabbits, no bits of rabbits and all shut gates are shut. He takes day trips and does not mind travelling. He has provided 10+ references, several of whom have been contacted by the Facilitator and all reports have been favourable.



Several properties have already expressed interest. If you would like Ian to ferret on your property you should contact David Jamieson on 57905236 or 0427380662. Ian will be provided with maps and phone numbers of interested property owners and he would contact them to arrange a suitable visit time.

Councillor News - Some of our local farmers have questioned me with regard to what is happening at the Euroa Saleyards.

Over the past two years the Committee has been working on works that Worksafe have identified as unsafe. These works have included new walkways, alterations to two of the existing ramps, stairs, etc. The project on the agenda at the moment is the installation of a new ramp that is suitable for B Doubles. We have some quotes and are visiting sites that have different designs. The Committee, over the next few weeks, will select the most suitable for our yards. This decision will also include the local carrier representatives and the Livestock Transport Association.

At present, there is no plans to relocate the yards, however, in years to come they may have to be relocated to a more suitable site. I would not envisage this to occur within the next 5 years.

We are continually looking at ways to upgrade the yards. This may appear, to some, to occur slowly, however, the Saleyards runs financially independently and only has so many dollars each year to spend. Everyone will have noticed lots of resealing being done around our area. This is part of the annual resealing plan throughout the Shire and it is good to see Strathbogie area receiving a lot of the works.

Councillor Jackie 57905291



BO HO GIE music -
Last Friday of the month -
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Phone John - 57905271
Next one is 30th May,
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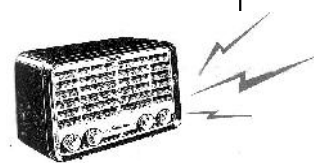
Strathbogie Seed-savers News -

Well - the street parade went well and our barrows of produce looked quite respectable - thanks to everyone who took part and especially to Monika and Maryanne for the scarecrow, and Virginia and Noel for their back verandah and cuppas. There will be no May meeting in VT as such, but instead you have the option of joining with the newly formed Shepp group on the last Sunday in April (27th at 1.30pm) at 658 Wyndham St. (Carley & Nathan Tranter's home) or on the last Sunday in May which I think will be at Derek and Kayes, will have to let you know the address and directions. At the April meeting they will be doing propagating & setting up the seed bank. The next VT meeting will be the June Seedy Sunday (1st Sunday at 1.30pm) at Judy Wills in Violet Town. At the last meeting at Monika & Ron's in Yea, 2 local people joined us who had responded to the ad Monika had placed in the local paper. Monika, with help from Maryanne, has also taken the seeds to a sustainable living expo in Yea and they were rushed off their feet. Good sign for a possible future Yea group! cheers for now Terry 57908635



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STAG NEWS - Website Project

STAG was delighted to receive a grant of \$2,000 from Council for the final stage of the website project. The sub-committee has put a huge amount of time and effort into the development of our community site and is now involved in the fine tuning the final product before it is officially launched. We will keep you posted.

Roads on the Tableland

Several months ago STAG submitted a report to Council on three locations which had been identified as potentially very dangerous. An inspection of the sites was undertaken with the Shire's Director Asset Services who has now advised as follows:

Strathbogie-Euroa Road, Kithbrook turnoff - signage has been changed from Giveaway to Stop and a budget submission has been included in the 08-09 Capital Expenditure plan to redesign the intersection. Corner of Harrys Creek Road and Bonnie Doon Road - a budget submission has been included in the 08-09 Capital Expenditure plan to redesign the intersection

Sight Distances approaching the bridge on Creek Junction Road near the intersection with Ankers Road - because of the high conservation value of the trees concerned it is necessary to apply for a planning permit to remove the trees and identify an area to be replanted to achieve a 'net gain' for the vegetation. This process may take some time and considerable negotiation.

Community Bus - During the development of the Action Plan, we received several requests to investigate the viability of a community bus to run between Strathbogie and Euroa. STAG circulated a questionnaire to identify possible usage of such a service, preferred pick up points, etc. After considering the small number of responses received and the diverse range of requirements listed, we believe that such a service at this stage would be cost prohibitive and therefore not viable. STAG will continue to monitor availability of any funding that may become available to support such a service.

STAG meetings are held regularly on the second Monday of the month - 7.30pm, Strathbogie Hall. Next meeting is on Monday 12th May. All welcome!

John Cornish (Chairperson) 57905202

An answer for Donmil.....

The Seven Deadly Sins (Demons named by Peter Binsfield in 1589)

Demons

I was pleased that our Donmil knows all the sins which tempt and thrill.
But only rhymed about **Sloth** and **Lust** and challenged us to name the rest.

Belphegor,

Well, it so happens I know them all (and at a level personal)
So one by one I will recite these so-called sins which do excite.

Asmodeus

Gluttony – a grievous state, but one to which we all relate.
The urge to cram into our mouth, food and drink, there's never enough.

Beelzebub

Then there's **Greed**, an ugly trait, it leads to dealings not quite straight
As we have seen in recent times - "*Rapacious banks rip off sub-primes*"

Mammon

Wrath displays a bullying side, for some (like God) feel justified
In thundering with indignation at those who cause some irritation.

Satan

Now **Envy** makes us slip and fall - "I want what you've got, want it all;
If I can't have it, I'll fume and spit and throw a shocking hissy fit."

Leviathan

And then, the sin which we like least, it's **Pride**, a narcissistic beast.
It causes us to preen and boast and think that we are just the most

Lucifer

Important person in the universe, whereas, in fact, it's the reverse.
So, gentle reader, contemplate our inescapable sad fate.

Lust and **Greed**, **Envy** and **Wrath**, **Pride** and **Gluttony**, followed by **Sloth**,
All these flaws we easily find in ourselves and all mankind.

So, what's so wrong, in being frail and being sinners – off to jail?
"No way", says I, "it's fine to sin along these lines, it's win, win, WIN!"

So, accept your weaknesses and be:

Slothful and always get up late and put off the ironing

Lustful and enjoy a bit of hanky-panky

Gluttonous and have a serious pig-out

Greedy and take both armrests of a cinema seat

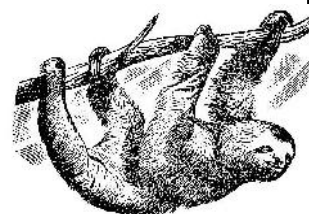
Wrathful and curse when Collingwood are robbed by a bad bounce

Envious and moan when your neighbour gets more rain than you, and

Proud and gloat loudly when your tomatoes are earlier than anyone else's

and ENJOY!

From a Fan



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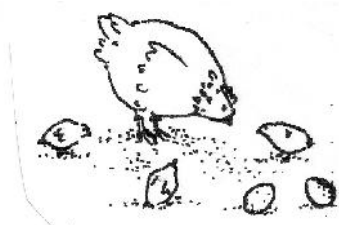
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Euroa Butter Factory



For the upcoming mushroom season -

Cream of Mushroom Soup

500 gm field mushrooms (large)

50gm butter

4 spring onions chopped finely

3 garlic cloves chopped finely

1 tsp chopped lemon thyme

2 tsp plain flour

4 cups chick /veg stock

1 cup cream

chives to garnish

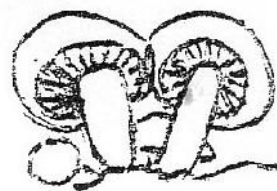
thinly slice mushroom caps (remove stalks)

melt butter in heavy pan and cook spring onion, garlic and lemon thyme for 1 minute. Add mushroom and 1/2 teaspoon salt and white pepper.

cook for 3-4 mins (until mushroom softens add flour and cook stirring for 1 min. remove from heat and add stock. Continue stirring return to heat and bring to boil. reduce heat and simmer for 2 mins stirring occasionally.

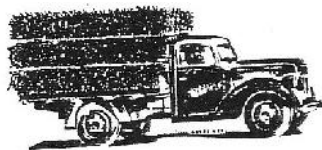
whisk the cream into soup. do not boil. add salt and pepper to taste and serve with chives.

Contributed by Sonia Chapman



Free to a good garden: Native frangipani trees are coming up self sown in our garden. These produce the most intense beautiful perfume during summer.

If you would like one for your garden just give me a call. The only catch is that you need to come and dig them out yourself!! Phone Dayle on 5790 5227.



Wanted - Hay/Straw suitable to use for garden mulch to generously cover 100 square metres, Please call Sarah on 57905 116

PET HEALTH

By Sarah (Veterinarian Nurse)

Flea Control

Fleas are a serious health problem to both dogs and cats. Apart from the obvious pain and irritation of flea bites, fleas suck blood, carry other parasites and can also lead to a serious skin condition known as Flea allergy Dermatitis. Most Veterinarians will refer to this as “eczema” as it is one of the most common skin complaints seen within a veterinarian clinic.

Fleas cause more skin problems in cats and dogs than all other causes put together.

Your pet may be suffering from flea-related dermatitis even if you think they have no fleas!

Fleas are a present through out the whole year, usually a much bigger problem in summer as they breed much faster due to the heat and humidity.

The lifecycle of a flea is about 3 weeks and within this course an adult flea can easily lay several hundred eggs, these eggs fall into the bedding, carpet or grass concentrated into the areas where your pet spends the most time.

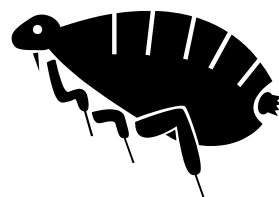
SO HOW DO YOU STOP THEM?

Control the immature stages in the environment and kill the adult fleas on your pet.

It is vital to treat all dogs and cats in the household if you want to destroy the breeding cycle.

The most effective way to treat fleas on dogs and cats is to use a spot on flea treatment. These treatments are an insecticide and are safe and long lasting.

Frontline plus, Advantage and Revolution are all spot on flea treatments and are available from your local veterinarian.



PERANBIN PRIMARY COLLEGE—STRATHBOGIE CAMPUS— A COMMUNITY TREASURE

During past editions of 'Tableland Talk' we have all enjoyed reading the stories and admiring the art work of the children of our local school.

For those of you who may wonder why we are called "Peranbin Primary College", a brief explanation.

We are part of a multi-campus Primary School of approximately 125 students with 4 campuses—Violet Town, Baddaginnie, Swanpool, and Strathbogie. Violet Town is the largest Campus and administration of all campuses is co-coordinated from Violet Town. We have one Principal & Business Manager and classroom teachers and clerical assistants based at all campuses. We have one shared School Council and also a Campus Committee within each Campus. We also have a shared Science/Physical Education teacher who is time-tabled to teach at all campuses and our Principal visits each campus every week. We have a visiting mobile library van once a fortnight.

Peranbin was the vision of Gary Campbell, the Head Teacher at Violet Town during the early 1990's. Strathbogie's involvement can in great part, be credited to the work of Fred Rozema. They saw the advantages of amalgamating small rural schools which otherwise ran the real risk of becoming too small to survive alone.. Also the social benefits for children of being part of a larger school with geographically separate classes—being able to come together to participate in sport, camps, plays etc. was recognized.

At our local campus at Strathbogie we have 33 students from grades prep to 6, 2 full time class teachers, a shared Science/Physical Education teacher once a week, a library van teacher once a fortnight as well as visits from our principal.

As a parent of two children who have attended our local school I could not have wished for a better primary education for them.

We have 33 happy, bright and well adjusted children, two extremely dedicated, energetic and caring teachers, fabulous input from the other visiting teachers, a committed and cohesive parent body, far lower than average class sizes, piano/guitar tuition available on a weekly basis and a broad and comprehensive curriculum. Our physical resources and environment are superb. I really value the way our children socialize together regardless of their age or gender.

Parental input is encouraged and valued. Parents work as a team to clean the school on a roster basis and therefore, by not paying a cleaner, we are able to benefit by being able to provide children with cultural experiences which would otherwise be non-affordable, subsidise many camps & excursions and not have to actively fundraise to provide new equipment etc.

The Dept of Education annually conducts surveys. As part of this process parents from each campus are invited to list features of their campus which they value for their child's education and well being. Here is a summary of the values which we have recognized at our campus:

- *Small class sizes*
- *Competent caring staff*
- *"Big Family" feeling amongst students*
- *Social interaction amongst all children*
- *Safe environment—physically & emotionally*
- *Clean environment*
- *Visiting specialist teachers*
- *Value of school cleaning as an alternative to fundraising*
- *Children are encouraged to respect one another and their teachers*
- *Family participation—feeling of belonging*
- *Enriched environment—many varied activities at school and away from campus*
- *Trusting relationship between children and teachers*
- *Upholding of the English Language*
- *Valuing of traditional cultural heritage*
- *Fostering the love of learning for its own sake, and not just material rewards*
- *Fostering of co-operation and moderation of excessive, competitive behaviour*
- *Civic and moral values upheld*
- *Cultivation of environmental awareness, dexterity and practical skills*
- *Music, physical education and personal health*
- *Value of spiritual and philosophical ideas*
- *Recognition & respect of the uniqueness, individuality & creative life of each child*

Written by Dayle Tame

