



October 2016

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Date: Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Time: 9am to 1pm  
Location: Strathbogie Memorial Hall

STAG's Emergency Sub-committee has responded to the issues identified in earlier workshops as being areas that need to be addressed to improve our emergency readiness.

Come to the Community Information Day and we will:

- Provide you with a "Personal Fire Plan" which can be adapted for your individual use; the plan will include a map and relevant contact numbers and websites to assist you.
- Identify your CFA map location
- Scan valuable documents on to a USB (memory stick) (please bring a USB if you would like us to do this – they are available from the Post Office, Officeworks, etc)
- Provide details of suppliers of equipment such as UHF radios, protective gear, etc. If there is sufficient interest, STAG would investigate bulk purchase prices.
- Establish a register of vulnerable/isolated persons with the local Fire Captain. (We are aware that both the Shire and Police already have registers however these are confidential and would most likely be used in the event of a major emergency. In the event of a small fire on the Tableland, it is important that the Fire Captain is aware of any vulnerable persons in that location.)
- Provide information on Fireguard Groups

If you have queries about any of the above please contact a member of our Emergency Sub-committee:

David Hamilton	0427 051 446
Andrew Townsend	0488 965 066
David Kennett	0439 356 213
Helen Peters	0427 380 662

During the morning Sean Matthews (RN) will demonstrate CPR and use of the defibrillator.

Members of STAG will be available to discuss projects and issues of concern to the community.

Tea, coffee and a sausage sizzle will be available.

### What's on in October

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>—6pm Thursday evenings starts

Strathbogie Summer of Fun. Rec Ground

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>—9.30am—STLG Project Launch

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>—Last day of local council elections

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>—7pm Pre-fire Season meeting and Award's Night—Rec Ground

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>—9am to 1pm—Community Information Day, Emergency Preparedness

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>—Rec Ground—Christmas on the Tableland

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

**Every Tuesday** - 9.30am Tennis at the Rec Ground, Strathbogie

**Every Tuesday** - 10.30am Tai Chi at the Boho South Hall.

**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 Thursday**—6pm Tennis and bar at the Recreation Ground.

**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 Thursday**—after 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Rec Ground

**Every Fourth Saturday** of the month—Australian Plant Society Group meeting - contact Pete 0402 882 959

**Third Sunday of the month** - 10.30am Dance at the Hall

**Every third Sunday** of the Month - 4pm SCOFF at Under The Sun—Main St.

### Pre-fire Season and Years of service awards Night

27<sup>th</sup> October

See page 3 for details.



## Euroa Cinema in October



Fri 7th to Sat 8th—"Free State of Jones" (MA15+)  
(both times at 8pm)  
Sat 8th to Sun 9th—"Secret Life of Pets" (G) - *time for both days 4pm.*  
Sat 15th to Sun 16th—"Down Under" (MA15+)  
Sat 22nd to Sun 23rd—cinema closed  
Wed 26th—1.30pm—"Singin' in the Rain" (G)  
Fri 28th—7pm—"Embrace" (MA15+) - free  
Sat 29th to Sun 30th—"Bridget Jones's Baby" (CTC)

If you wish to receive a weekly email update, then send your details to

[euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto: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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57905349

Chris Thomson  
'Aberdeen'  
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Ross Walker  
Brookleigh Rd  
57905111



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Fri 7th to Sun 9th—"Anne of Green Gables" (PG) & "Courted" (PG)  
Fri 14th and Sun 16th—"An" (M) & "The Sweet Escape" (M)  
Sat 15th—"The Philadelphia Story" (PG)  
Fri 21st to Sun 23rd—"Goldstone" (M) & "Strangerland" (MA15+)  
Fri 28th and Sun 30th—"Mustang" (M) & "A Perfect Day" (M)  
Sat 29th—7pm Special Event "Made in Melbourne Film Festival"

Screentimes Fri & Sat 7.00pm, and Sun 6pm.  
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The TT team

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### Dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday,  
9.30 - 12 noon)

10th & 24th September  
8th & 22nd October



## Boho South Hall

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Bookings contact:  
Margaret Mactier  
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## Strathbogie Memorial Hall

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Bookings contact person is Kim Usher  
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## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 57905345



Deadline for October edition - 28th October. Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.



## Pre-fire Season and Years of Service Awards Night

The Strathbogrie Fire Brigade welcomes all members and their families to our awards night ,on Thursday the 27th of October, that's this month, at the Rec Ground at 7:00pm

Please RSVP to myself David Hamilton on 0427051446 call or text as we need to know for catering purposes

As we are in the middle of another down pour, the season looks like being delayed. So join us for a relaxed start to the season, in the brief lull between football and cricket seasons.



## Strathbogrie Tableland Action Group

- ⇒ Are you living in a black spot?
- ⇒ Does it take forever to connect to the internet?
- ⇒ Does your internet keep dropping out?
- ⇒ Do you have to go outside/up a ladder/stand on one leg to get reception?

One of STAG's aims is to improve communication on the Tableland. Some years ago we were instrumental in having Telstra put a tower on Mt Wombat. This helped but we still have numerous areas where phone and internet access are a problem.

To assist us to lobby relevant bodies it would be helpful if we could collect as many tales of woe as possible. For example, if you are doing internet banking and the bank sends an SMS code – do you have to go down the paddock to be able to receive it only to return to find the internet connection has timed out?

Tales of woe can be emailed to [helday3@bigpond.com](mailto:helday3@bigpond.com) or sent to STAG, C/- Post Office, Strathbogrie.



Cheer up Scottie, the rain will stop, it cannot last forever  
Out of 365 days we'll have some sunny weather!

## Glory for Cory – Sam in a jam

by Donmil

He's tough and relentless, is Cory Bernardi;  
Give him an inch and he'll take a whole yard; he  
Brought home a fine trophy from his latest safari:  
The head of the devious Sam Dastyari.



We thought this was appropriate given the weather.  
The caption reads: "Cheer up Scottie, the rain will stop, it cannot last forever. Out of 365 days, we'll have some sunny weather!"



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After many, many phone calls to explain that the tractor didn't go that speed, it was finally explained that the Rego was actually a South Australian plate.

*Editors note: This is a true story and was submitted by a local family with a very speedy tractor! Name and address of contributor withheld by request.*



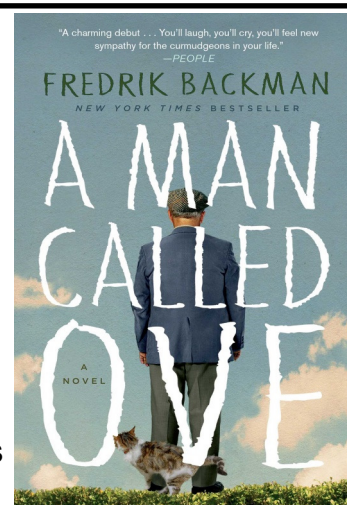
## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

*A Man called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, trans. Henning Koch, 2012  
People call 59-year-old Ove the *the bitter neighbor from hell*. He is grumpy, opinionated and bound by a set of routines that any army major would be proud of. To say he is 'quick to anger' is a gross understatement. He also refuses to smile. He even points at people he has taken a dislike to for no discernible reason. The local residents' association is fed up with him. So what makes Ove tick, and how on earth are his new neighbours going to get to first base with him?

Their first real encounter doesn't bode well, especially when attempts to reverse a trailer result in the destruction of Ove's mailbox. The new neighbours are insistently cheerful, engaging and simply refuse to be discouraged by Ove's curmudgeonly ways. Their two chatty young daughters, doing things as kids do everywhere, don't help the situation. But as this funny, quirky novel proceeds, we are let in to the sadness that lies behind Ove's impossibly sour, bitter manner. The combination of the moving back-story and the funny, day-to-day encounters between Ove and his irrepressible neighbours makes for the pathos that is a winning feature of this unusual novel.

The writing is accomplished. This is the first of Fredrik Backman's three novels and, although the reviews have suggested that it presents a somewhat Disneyfied version of reality, the author shows his journalistic training in resisting hyperbole. Henning Koch's translation from the Swedish is good, and so we are enticed to read on and discover how positivity, warmth and cookies on the doorstep can win over the most hardened heart, even the local residents' association!

Carl Fredrik Backman is a Swedish columnist, blogger and writer. In addition to *A Man called Ove*, he has also written *My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You* (2013) *She's Sorry* and *Britt-Marie Was Here* (2015). They were all bestsellers in his native Sweden and have been published around the world in more than twenty-five languages. *A Man Called Ove* was adapted as a film with the same title in December, 2015.



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## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

*The Dressmaker* by Rosalie Ham, Duffy & Snellgrove, 2000

*A darkly satirical novel of love, revenge, and 1950s haute couture ...*

After twenty years spent mastering the art of dressmaking at couture houses in Paris, Tilly Dunnage returns to the small Australian town she was banished from as a child. She plans only to check on her ailing mother and leave. But Tilly decides to stay, and though she is still an outcast, her lush, exquisite dresses prove irresistible to the prim women of Dungatar. Through her fashion business, her friendship with Sergeant Farrat—the town's only policeman, who harbours an unusual passion for fabrics—and a budding romance with Teddy, the local football star whose family is almost as reviled as hers, she finds a measure of grudging acceptance. But as her dresses begin to arouse competition and envy in town, causing old resentments to surface, it becomes clear that Tilly's mind is set on a darker design: exacting revenge on those who wronged her, in the most spectacular fashion.

This is a clever, well-crafted novel, especially so as it is the author's debut novel. The plotline has a gothic darkness, and the sharply defined characters remind one of Dylan Thomas' cast in *Under Milkwood*. If anything, there is an unnecessarily heavy cast of great characters. As the novel progresses, we sense that we are not expected to see the plot as totally believable; the finale has all the elements of high farce. However, the writing is engaging and the novel moves at a cracking pace. It is only on closing the pages of *The Dressmaker* that we can really reflect on the importance of acceptance and forgiveness, particularly within a small community such as Dungatar. This novel has been made into a highly successful film of the same name, starring Kate Winslet as Tilly.

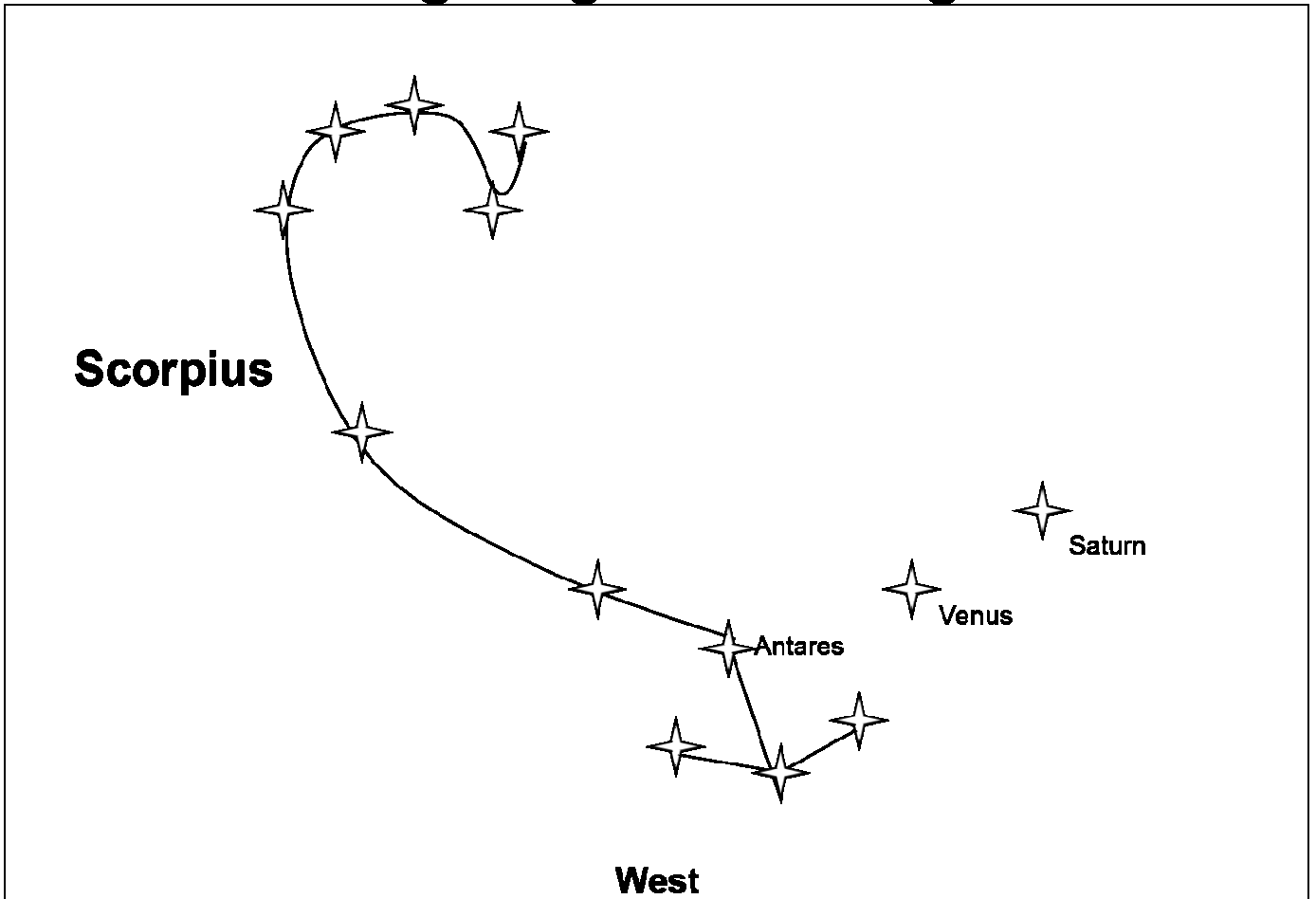
Next month:

*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson,  
Allen & Unwin, 2010

Rosalie Ham was born, and raised in Jerilderie, NSW, Australia. She completed her secondary education at St Margaret's School, Berwick in 1972. After travelling and working at a variety of jobs (including aged care) for most of her twenties, Rosalie completed a Bachelor of Education majoring in Drama and Literature (Deakin University, 1989), and achieved a Master of Arts, Creative Writing (RMIT, Melbourne) in 2007. Rosalie lives in Brunswick, Melbourne, and when she is not writing, Rosalie teaches literature. Her novels have sold over 50,000 copies.



# Stargazing in Strathbogie



The view looking West from Strathbogie at around dusk showing the position of Venus, Saturn and Scorpius.

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

