

SEPTEMBER 2008

Launch of www.strathbogie.org — our new community website!

Sunday 12 October, 11.00 am at the Strathbogie school

STAG and the website group would like to welcome everyone on the Tableland to join them for the official launch of our new community website. The site will go "live" that morning and will then be available to the world at large, but particularly for Tableland residents and friends. After a mercifully brief speech or two, those attending will be able to use the numerous school computers to access the site and learn about it. A light lunch with tea, coffee and wine will be provided and people will be free to stay as long as they like to explore the website. The site has been developed to foster communication within the Tableland community. There are information pages about interest groups, community organisations and coming events, a page for children to post stories

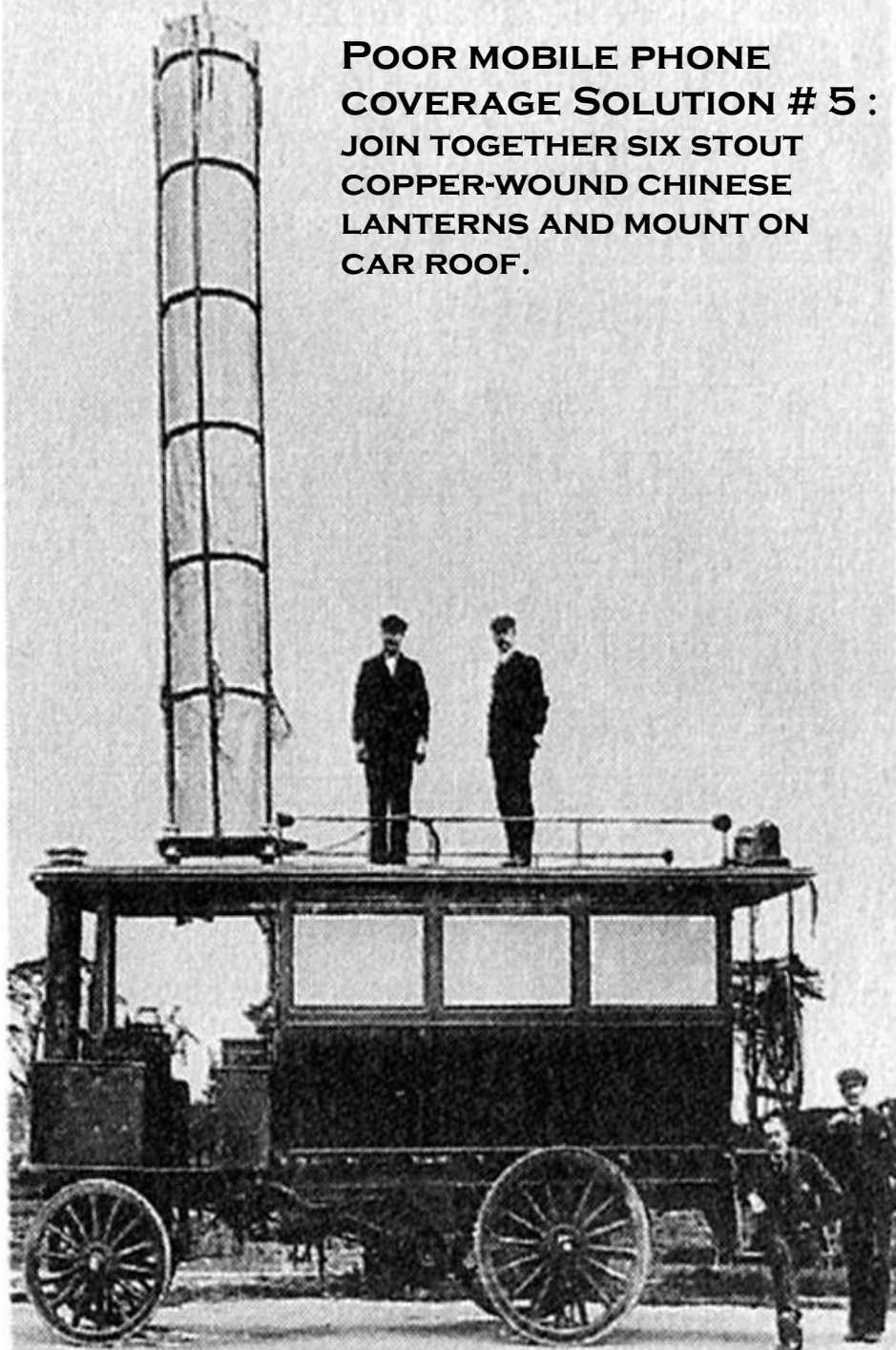
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and drawings, and a buy/sell/swap section. There is an on-line message board where anyone can share their reflections about life up here, send in a poem or yarn, and there is a gallery for people to display photos and artwork. Current and past issues of Tableland Talk will be online. Something for everyone!

It has been a long process to develop the site, but it was important to get it right. Sunday 12th October will mark an important day for the Tableland and we'd love to see a lot of people coming to the launch and learning about our new resource. **See you there!**

Coming Events:

- 7 Sept** - Fathers Day Lunch at the Oak Tree Restaurant. Ph57908510
- 13 Sept** - Lino cut workshop
- 13 Sept** - 70's Dance Party at the Strathbogie Hall.
- 20 Sept** - Back to School Dinner at the Oak Tree Restaurant. Ph 57908510
- 14 Sept** - 11am-2pm - Field Day 'From Bobucks to Blackberries', Boho Sth. Ph 57950102
- 21 Sept** - Strathbogie School Signs unveiling at the old Strathbogie School site- 11.30am Ph 57905320
- 21st Sept** - Vocal Nosh in the Hall at 6pm Ph 57905241
- October 4 & 5** - Farm Gates and Open Doors



Euroa Cinema

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th Sept
"Get Smart"

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th
"Kung Fu Panda"

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st

"Batman - The Dark Knight"

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th

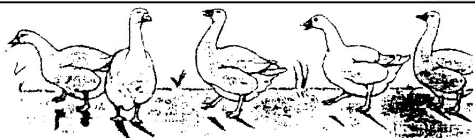
"Speed Racer"

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th October

"Mamma Mia"

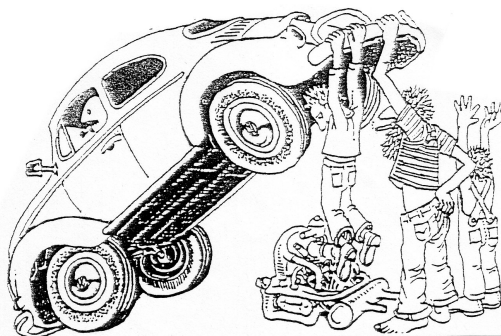


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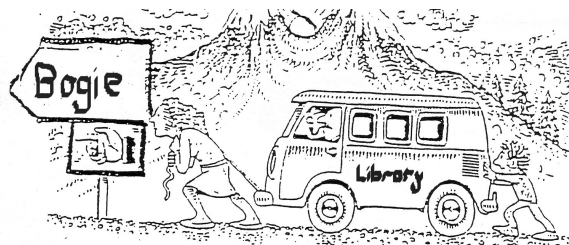


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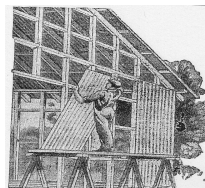


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Wicked Widows

On Thursday, 2nd October 2008, Wicked Widows, an Alan Hopgood play is coming to Euroa as part of the Seniors Festival.

Outline of the Play:

'Three women meet for lunch under strange circumstances. First of all the hostess fails to appear. Secondly, they all turn out to be widows, one of them is still grieving. Gradually the purpose of the 'surprise' lunch becomes clear'.

Dr Susan Feldman will convene a forum after the play and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Flour Mill – Kirkland Avenue – Euroa

Cost: Free

Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the play

Bookings for this free event are essential and can be made by calling Strathbogrie Shire at Community Services 1800 635 956 or 5795 0001.

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Strathbogrie Material Girls - we have relocated our meeting place to the Strathbogrie Rec Ground. We meet on a Wednesday from approx 10am to 4 pm each week, and invite any interested people to join us. A gold coin donation is required to cover the cost of the room. Ph Anna 57905136

70's Dance Night!

Years may come, years may go.....& they have.....
but let's revisit the groovy & gaudy
seventies
and do some "dancing in the city"
(aka Main Street)



The dance party will start at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th September at the Strathbogrie Hall. A fun night for all of the family. Competitions, displays, dancing instructions & more!

\$2 per person or \$5 per family. Donations to local community groups & organizations

**Dress code: Seventies gear of course
BYO drinks & seventies supper to share**

Strathbogie School Sign Unveiling September 21st at 11.30am

In 2005 when the Strathbogie History Committee was formed to update the history of the area, marking the sites of the former schools was also discussed. With proceeds from the successful book and a generous grant from the Shire of Strathbogie and a donation of twenty four bags of Rapidset concrete from Cement Australia, the committee was able to go ahead and arrange the signs to be made and for their placement at the sites of twelve former schools. Strathbogie No.2181, West No.2267, North No.2274, East No.4580, North East No.3570, South No.4589, TooRour No.3845, Boho South No.3150, Marraweeney No.2165, Wondoomarook No.3478 and Kelvin View No.3480.

We are proud to announce, after much research, work, and discussion, on **Sunday September 21st at 11.30am** a gathering is taking place at the site of the original Strathbogie State School No.2181, corner Polly McQuinns and Merton Roads to unveil the sign.

Special 'guest' for the day is going to be the school bell, used at this site from 1906 until the school was removed into the township in 1969. The bell is unique as it is another piece of Strathbogie history. The piece was bought by Mr Donald the teacher at the time, from the Strathbogie Dairy Co., being a remnant of machinery from the first butter factory after it was burnt down.

You are invited to join us on the 21st September at the site and afterwards, for a barbeque lunch at the hall, where maps and a brief history of each school will be distributed so you can go and find the school site that interests you. If you have any photos or memorabilia from any of the schools, we would all love to see it. Please bring it along, as a book about the schools is on the cards.

A couple of the old Strathbogie Tableland Schools



Above: "the remains of Strathbogie East School still standing in 2008, on Strathbogie-Euroa road. It was moved there by the Mackays, from the property now owned by Graeme and Shirley Dash."

Below: The old Strathbogie School



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL DINNER SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

At Oak Tree Restaurant
1042 Bonnie Doon Rd
Boho South

Thanks to the Strathbogie Historical Group, the ceremony to celebrate the unveiling of the old School signs on the Strathbogie Tableland is on Sunday 21st September.

We are having a special dinner on the Saturday night so old time students and teachers can get together and talk about the "good old school days".

Bring along something
for Show and Tell,
or wear your old School tie.

For enquiries and bookings
call Olga 57908510



Field Day - From Blackberries to Bobucks

Come and see how a blackberry infested creek has been restored to healthy habitat on a property near Boho Sth in the Strathbogie Ranges.

Speakers:

- ♦ Angus Martin, Weedbuster award runner-up and frog ecologist, will take a guided walk to demonstrate the methods used to successfully combat blackberries and bring back bush along waterways
- ♦ Jenny Martin, zoologist, will talk about her research on Bobucks (Mountain Brushtail Possums) in the area

Date: Sunday 14th September

Time: 10.30 am for 11 am start, tea and coffee provided. Finish at 2 pm.

Location: "Aviemore", 14 Wonganookah Track, Marraweeny

From the junction of Harry's Creek Road and Bonnie Doon Roads travel south-east along Bonnie Doon Road for less than 1 km; Wonganookah Track is signposted on the right, then look for the Landcare signs.

FREE BBQ LUNCH: Please RSVP by September 5th to Sue Ablitt

Enquiries and RSVP: Sue Ablitt

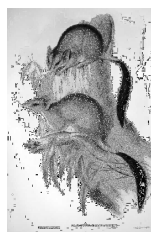
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STRATHBOGIE SEEDSAVERS NEWS:

A very enjoyable meeting last month was held at the community vegetable garden at the primary school in Violet Town. This was the first opportunity most of us had taken to visit the garden and of course were suitably impressed not only at the structure but also at the design & the future possibilities inherent in this area. A huge water tank (funded by grant money) is being plumbed to the school roof and this will ensure the garden is sustainable in terms of water usage. The tall fence will also allow for covering the garden in the future—either with some sort of material or by growing vines etc to provide shade. The movable chook dome / chook tractor is moved on to a fresh plot every few weeks, allowing planting to take place on the area the chooks have just dug, weeded and fertilized. Healthy broad beans, lettuce, peas etc were in evidence and potatoes are being planted between the rows of widely spaced broad beans as an experiment. The garden has been offered the use of a nearby poly tunnel which will be used for seedling raising etc. The garden is a real credit to Sal and her team and if you want to learn more about growing your own veggies, this would be the place to drop into (every Friday & market afternoons.)

Our next meeting had to be brought forward to link up with the Shepp Seedsavers visit to Cam & Tanya Holt's property at Yalca, so there will be a report on this in the next issue.

oak tree restaurant

fathers day roast

**Sunday 7th September
for lunch**

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along for a scrumptious
home cooked roast
followed by a delicious
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for Dad on arrival

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**MANY THANKS -
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Thankyou to everyone on the Tableland for remembering to save your corks for me for fundraising for MND Victoria. Each time I open the mail box & discover a bag or Lyla hands me a bag from the golf club or the library van or someone delivering to our mailbox I am thankful for the community we have here and for Tableland Talk enabling this sort of communication.

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Pet Health (By Sarah Veterinarian Nurse) Spring Cleaning your Pooch!

How often: There is no single answer to this question. Some people advise that a dog should be bathed only when it is dirty or smelly. However, bathing is important for more than just keeping the coat looking clean. Bathing will also remove potential allergens, dead hair and skin and excessive oil from the hair and skin. This reduces scratching and the risk of dermatitis. Dogs should generally be bathed every 1-2 weeks in the warmer months and every 2-4 weeks over winter. However, bathing less often is probably OK, so long as your dog has healthy skin.

What about puppies: Puppies can be bathed from any age. But it's important to use warm water on young puppies, dry them well afterwards, and make sure that the shampoo that you use is safe for use on puppies.

What about cats? Cats groom themselves very well and do not necessarily need to be bathed regularly – which is fortunate since most of them don't like it!

What shampoo should I use: There are hundreds of different soaps and shampoos used to bath dogs and cats. **Most of them are totally inappropriate!** An animal with a healthy coat needs a shampoo that will clean the hair and skin, without removing the thin layer of normal sebum (oil). Damage to the sebum layer leads to dry skin that is more susceptible to infection. The Shampoos that I like to use are:

- *Natural Shampoo* from Dermcare is a gentle hypoallergenic shampoo for animals with normal or sensitive skin.
- *Aloveen* (also from Dermcare) contains colloidal oatmeal and aloe vera and is particular good for animals with itchy skin.

What NOT to use: Human shampoos are not pH balanced for a dog's skin. Human skin is approx. 100 times more acidic!

How to bath your dog: Always follow the directions on the label. In most cases you should wet the dog all over with cool or warm water (depending on the weather). Apply the shampoo a little at a time, and lather using either your hands or a soft sponge. Rinse well and dry with a towel. If you don't feel like bathing your dog you will find that Veterinary clinics and Pet shops offer a hydrobath and grooming service.



Clerihews

by Donmil

Judging by the last few issues of Tableland Talk, the Tableland is awash with poets. So good to see – and Donmil is wondering whether he can now retire. But no – it's a trend to be encouraged by all means available. So if you're a budding poet, why not have a go at a **clerihew** or two?

What on earth is a clerihew? It's a short (very short!) verse form named for its originator, Edmund Clerihew Bentley (1875-1956), and first appeared in his *Biography for Beginners* (1905). The rules for clerihews are straightforward: a clerihew is always about a person, who is named in the first line, and consists of two rhyming couplets (four lines in all); the rhythm (meter) doesn't have to be regular and in fact can be pretty well anything you choose. And that's all there is to it.

Some of Bentley's own classics (from a long list) are:

Sir Christopher Wren
Said: 'I am going to dine with some men.
If anybody calls,
Say I am designing St Paul's.'

Edward the Confessor
Slept under the dresser.
When that began to pall
He slept in he hall.

What I like about Clive
Is that he is no longer alive.
There is a great deal to be said
For being dead.

How about some Tableland clerihews for the next issue?



NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS.

This fine church building is an important part of the streetscape in Strathbogie. It is also the tallest building in the street and can be seen from quite a distance. However since its construction in 1923, it could do with a bit of a makeover. If you haven't noticed whilst driving by, it badly needs a coat of paint and a few repairs need to be done to the ornamental woodwork. The garden also could do with a bit of a makeover too. The hardworking STAG committee has applied for a grant from the shire to assist us in the beautifying of the church which will also greatly enhance the streetscape of Strathbogie. We are yet to hear whether the application has been successful. This led me to thinking that although the externals of the church are very important, it is what happens inside the building, as well as what happens on the insides of those who attend church, that is of even greater importance than the external appearance.

Worship services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11.30 am followed by coffee and a chat at the local store. The services are ably led by lay- preacher Neil Short on the 2nd Sunday, and on the 4th Sunday of the month by Rev. Mark Blackwell. Mark also leads worship at Boho South Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.15am. Amongst these two small, but enthusiastic congregations, we have 3 wonderful organists, which apart from being some sort of record, greatly inspires our singing.

When the daily happenings of life can overwhelm us, when we need the love and support of a friend, when we need to have our thoughts lifted to the one who created us and has a plan for our lives, then being INSIDE the church is the place to be. We guarantee a warm a welcome, (yes the Church is heated too), and maybe God can do a makeover on us too.

Joan Wood.

Personal Health and Wellbeing Work- shops ~ **FREE**



The focus of these workshops is on personal health and wellbeing, mental health and coping with stress. Chris Cummins from GV Health will provide practical, common sense tips on coping with stress ~ particularly aimed at rural families. At the end of the workshop there will be a short meditation session. All sessions are from 10am to 12 noon. *Coffee and tea available from 9.45am*

Tuesday, 2 September

**Euroa Health, 26 Kennedy Street,
Euroa**

Wednesday, 10 September

**Violet Town Community Hall,
Cowslip Street, Violet Town**

Thursday, 18 September

**Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre,
Loddings Lane, Nagambie**

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Residents do not need to be receiving HACC (Home & Community Care) services but will need to be assessed for HACC eligibility.

It is anticipated that the project will begin early September 2008. If you are interested in the program and would like more information on how to apply or to determine your eligibility, please contact: Mary Bourke, Aged Care Coordinator, on 5795 0001.

Vocal Nosh Comes Back to Strathbogie

Vocal Nosh is coming to Strathbogie on Sunday, September 21, in the last of the "away" sessions of Euroa Vocal Nosh Season 2008. There have been two previous successful Strathbogie Vocal Nosh community singing gatherings in 2006 and 2007. If you've been interested but have not been able to attend in the past, **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!**

Vocal Nosh is a community singing initiative that has been gaining strength in Victoria over the past 8 years or so, and was the brainchild of former Strathbogie resident Fay White. It combines singing as a group with sharing a meal of soup and crusty bread. People just do whatever singing part they can and it is designed to cater for all levels from beginning to experienced. No prior musical experience is necessary and it is not necessary to be able to read music. It's all about having a good time and there is no obligation to attend every session. The aim is just to have fun singing together, and new members will be warmly welcomed!

The Euroa Vocal Nosh group has been active for nearly 7 years. Anyone who enjoys singing is most welcome to come to this session at the Strathbogie Hall on September 21 from 6-8:30 pm. \$8 will get you 2 hours of harmony singing as well as a delicious home-cooked meal of hearty soup and crusty bread. If you have been able to join us in the past, we would love to see you again OR we look forward to welcoming you for the first time.



For further information, please contact Diane Mackrell on 57905241.

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE FARMING ZONE REVIEW



Strathbogies Shire Council has recently commenced a Farming Zone Review and has engaged Parsons Brinckerhoff to undertake this review. The review will provide a clear vision and plan to support the sustainable use and management of the Shire's rural areas, primarily through ensuring that the correct zones are in place. The review has been prompted by the development of new rural zones by the State Government and this project will analyse the current application of the Farming Zone and determine any changes required (potential use of other rural zones) to achieve a sustainable future for the rural areas of the Shire.

Information & Feedback Sessions

A key component of the review is consultation with the community and agencies, with a series of sessions to be held throughout the Shire. The workshops will include a presentation of the issues as understood by the project team and will focus on engaging the community in one-on-one and small group discussions, to gather a complete understanding of the current and future issues affecting the rural areas of Strathbogies Shire. The consultation outcomes will be combined with information gathered by the project team to date, in order to produce an *Issues & Options Paper* that will guide development of the *Farming Zone Review Draft Report*. The Strathbogies session will be held on:

- **Tuesday 30th September 7:00pm** **Strathbogies Memorial Hall, Strathbogies**

Project Information & Contacts

For further information about the project, or if you are unable to attend any of these sessions and would like to view information about the project and / or make a contribution to the project please contact:

Nick Byrne, Project Manager
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Bendigo
Ph: (03) 5430 3400
E-mail: bendigo@pb.com.au

Sessions will also be held at:
Violet Town and Avenel on the 17th September
and at Euroa on 30th September

STAG NEWS—Following the recent AGM, the new committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Hugh Campbell
Vice Chairperson: David Hamiltorn
Secretary: Helen Peters
Treasurer: Peter Harvey
Grants Officer: Toni Down

Committee: Tony Brell, John Cornish, Ellen Conway, Rolf Eberhardt, John Hooper, Charles O'Connor, Dayle Tame.

During STAG's first year of operation focus was primarily on tangible projects, such as the directory, streetscape, clearing sale, community dance, etc. many of which were funded by grants from Council and other bodies.

During the past twelve months, while support has been provided for several successful funding bids by community groups, STAG itself has been working on projects which required more interaction with government bodies and other service providers. Several small sub-committees have been established to liaise with both the Strathbogies and Mansfield Shire Councils in an endeavour to have roads upgraded and dangerous intersections addressed. Another group has been communicating with Testra re the level (or lack) of mobile phone reception.

One of the most time-consuming projects has been the development of the community website. A very dedicated group has spent many hours on this over the past twelve months and must be commended for their perseverance.

FIONA, CAN YOU PLEASE ADD IN HERE ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED ABOUT THE LAUNCH. STAG IS HAPPY TO FUND DRINKS AND NIBBLES.

Under our agreement with the Shire, STAG is required to review and update the Action Plan every two years and we will shortly be seeking input from the community for this review.

STAG meetings are held on the second Monday of each month commencing at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room. All community members are welcome to attend.

Helen Peters

STRATHBOGIE GARDEN GROUP

Even though it was a wild wintry day on Friday, 1st August, we all had a very enjoyable afternoon at Olwyn and Ben Brook's garden.

Most of the garden had shut down for winter but, amongst their amazing birch forest we could appreciate the lovely naked trunks of the trees and the underplanting of a variety of different Hellebores (Winter Roses), Galanthus (English Snowdrops) and species Narcissus. We retired inside just in time for a cup of tea when it snowed and hailed transforming their forest into a white winter wonderland.

Thank you Olwyn and Ben for a terrific afternoon.



CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDEN TRIP

Our next get-together will be on Monday, 1st September at Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.

The bus will be leaving outside the Euroa Court House in Binney St. at 8-00 am, please be there by 7-45 am. Morning Tea and Lunch can be purchased at the Gardens or alternatively you can take your own. A formal tour has been arranged if anybody is interested.

There are only a few seats left on the bus so, if you wish to participate, contact :-
Olwyn Brook Tel: 57 90-8636 or Sandra Richardson Tel: 57 95-1109