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STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP	<ul> <li>What's on in September</li> <li>2nd September - 3.45pm School garden info for all interested people</li> <li>6th September - 1.20 pm Working back</li> </ul>

Following the Annual General Meeting, STAG's committee for 2015/16 is as follows:

Doug Watson Chairperson: Vice-Chairperson: **David Jamieson** Secretary: Helen Peters Garth Mitchell Treasurer: Grants Officer: Toni Down Committee: David Hamilton, John Hooper, David Kennett, Brendon Rowe, Andrew Townsend, Fiona Townsend

Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month in the Soldiers Room commencing at 7.30pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

#### **Revision of Action Plan**

The committee has spent considerable time revising the Action Plan which will now be put to the community. Copies are available electronically from the community website and bogie-tree and hard copies are available at the store, school and golf club.

A community meeting will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Supper Room at the hall commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the community to discuss the Action Plan and become involved in any of the projects.

> **Community Meeting Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Action Plan revision** Friday 11th September, 7.30pm. Strathbogie Memorial Hall



6th September - 1.30 pm Working bee (installing insulation) at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall

11th September - 7.30pm STAG Community Meeting - Review of Action Plan 27th September - 9.45am Strathbogie Landcare AGM

27th September - 2pm Strathbogie Forest Walk - meet at Hall

5th December - 5.30pm - Christmas on the Tableland, Recreation Reserve

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. Newcomers welcome - Ph Jenny Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith 57905159 Every Wednesday - 7.30pm Strathbogie

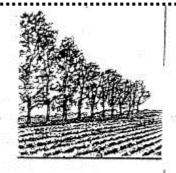
Singing Group - St Andrews Church -Strathbogie (except in School Holidays) ph. Di Mackrell 57905241

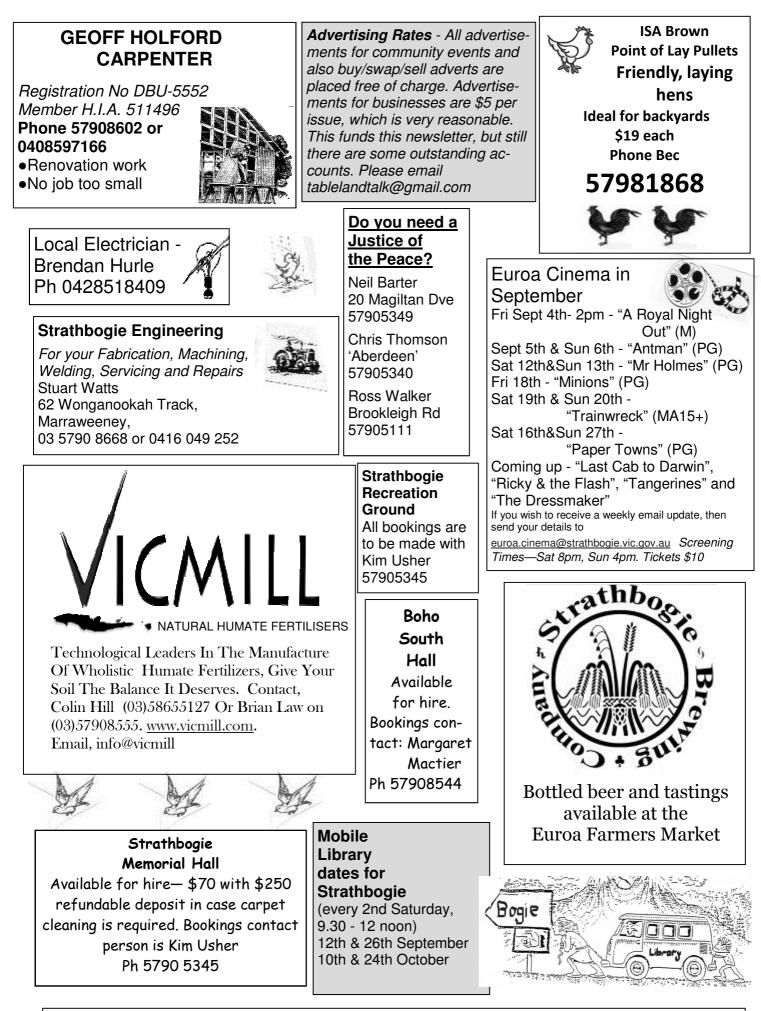
Every Thursday - 7pm - Badminton and Table Tennis at the Strathbogie Hall. Every Friday morning - 9.15am Yoga -Strathbogie Hall

Every Second and Fourth Sunday -Church service at Strathbogie Church -11.30am

Every Second Sunday - Soccer at the Rec Ground. Last goal wins. First Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 57908523 Third Sunday of the Month -

3pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground





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

## **Bye-bye Bronwyn**

#### by Donmil

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Strathbogie Sustainable Forests Alliance



# A Spring Time Walk.

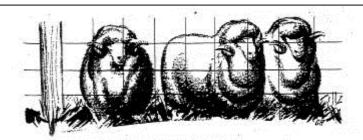
The Strathbogie Sustainable Forests Alliance welcomes you to help us celebrate Spring with a walk to the Wild Dog Rocks.

Winter is over, the weather is warming up, so lets all come together and walk in celebration for our very own Strathbogie Ranges. Walking with a song in our hearts amongst diverse flora and fauna in a spirit of gratitude and Joy.

"SPRING is in the AIR".

When: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September Where: Meet @ 2.00 pm, Strathbogie Memorial Hall What to bring: Suitable clothing and footwear Cost: Free

Easy to moderate walking conditions No Dogs Please



There are no school pages this edition - more again next month.

## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND LANDCARE GROUP





**Annual General Meeting** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Strathbogie Memorial Hall (Supper Room) 9:45 am – 12 noon Guest Speaker – Andrew Sawicki, Chief Ranger, Parks Victoria **BBQ Lunch** RSVP by Friday 25th September. Ring/email Sean 0400 019 607, mathfam@optusnet.com

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Talk to your library about volunteering or ask how to join your library's Friends of the Library group. For more information call 1300 374 765.

#### From the Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri (Harper Perennial, 2003)

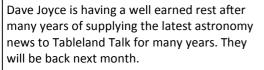
This novel is a tightly-written tale of cross-cultural longing, displacement and the search for identity.

Set in various parts of the United States, with occasional brief forays into middle-class Calcutta, the plot follows the life of Gogol, born in in the U.S. in the late 1960's into a family of Bengali immigrants. The origin of his name (adopted from that of the Russian writer, Nikolai Gogol) which he alternately rejects and adopts, lies in the story of his father's near-death experience years before the young man's birth. This is not the only way in which Russian literature has a role in the novel; the intimate descriptions, sweeping plot line and penetrating psychological insights are all reminiscent of the work of masters such as Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky.

The crux of the novel is the way in which the names this young man goes by at various stages throughout the first three decades of his life – Gogol, his family's pet name for him, and Nikhil, his public official name – represent his struggle to meld the two cultures exerting their strong influences on him. In 2006, in an interview for Newsweek, Lahiri said, "When I first started writing, I was not conscious that my subject was the Indian-American experience. What drew me to my craft was the desire to force the two worlds I occupied to mingle on the page, as I was not brave enough, or mature enough, to allow in life." This theme, which is central, in various representations, in all of Lahiri's work, is summed up in a review of her most recent work, *The Lowland*: "all four generations of the family appear strangely bereft, not so much upwardly mobile immigrants making it into the promised land as much as characters flailing at the boundaries of life" (Siddhartha Deb, *Sunday Book Review*, Sept 27, 2013).

Jhumpa Lahiri was born in London in 1967, raised in Rhode Island in the United States and currently lives in New York. She is the author of two novels – *The Namesake* (2003) and *The Lowland* (2013) – and two collections of short stories – *Interpreter of Maladies* (1999), for which she won the Pulizer Prize, and *Unaccustomed Earth* (2008). Lahiri is the recipient of numerous prizes, and, in 2013, her second novel was shortlisted for both the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award for Fiction. She has occupied the position of Vice-President of the PEN American Centre, and, in 2010, was appointed by President Obama to the Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

**Next month:** *Men and Women of Australia! Our Greatest Modern Speeches* by Michael Fullilove, Penguin Group (Australia), 2014.





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Entries may be up to 3000 words or 40 lines of poetry. There are three categories - youth, open and Baringhup. Entry fees are either \$10 or \$20 according to category. The prize closes November 1st. The entry form, guidelines and other prize details are included on the website: <u>https://</u>

<u>notjackwritersprize.wordpress.com/</u>. Interested writers are welcome to contact Yana Canteloupe, Coordinator - notJack Writers' prize, <u>notjackwritersprize@gmail.com</u> or on 044 88 55 832.

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