



December 2018



### New Bushfire Place of Last Resort for Euroa

Strathbogie Shire Council has endorsed Kirkland Avenue, between Clifton Street and Bury Street, as the Bushfire Place of Last Resort (Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place) for Euroa. The need for a new Bushfire Place of Last Resort came after the Euroa Service Centre was decommissioned as the designated location earlier this year. The Kirkland Avenue location was endorsed by Council at the recent Ordinary Meeting in Strathbogie.

The following locations in the Strathbogie Shire are also Bushfire Places of Last Resort:

- Avenel Recreation Reserve Pavilion, bounded by Swamp Road, Anderson Street and Watson Street
- Longwood Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Down Street
- Mangalore Airport Main Building, 331 Aerodrome Road
- Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, 66 Loddings Lane
- Ruffy Recreation Reserve Oval, Noye Lane
- Strathbogie Golf Club House, Armstrong Avenue
- Violet Town Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Tulip Street

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said "We want to remind our communities that Bushfire Places of Last Resort are places you can go when all other fire plans have failed; they are not an alternative to your fire plan." Cr McClaren explained. "If you haven't already, please review and update your fire plan and prepare your property for the fire season."

The CFA provides the following advice regarding Bushfire Places of Last Resort: Locations may provide some protection from direct flame and heat from a fire, but they do not guarantee safety. They are not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed. They are not to be confused with Community Fire Refuges, Relief Centres, Recovery Centres or Assembly Areas, each of which have a different and specific purpose. They are not a place to shelter from other types of emergencies such as flood or severe weather.

### What's On

**Dec 1** - Decorate Strathbogie Day commencing 10am at the Hall. Contact Kim (0439 468 906)

**Dec 6** - Heavy vehicle & machinery forum, see page 3

**Dec 14** - Kelvin View Christmas Night, Kelvin View Hall

**Dec 15** - Lima Sth Oldtime Dance

**Dec 21 (5pm) to Jan 2 (9am)** - Shire Offices closed

**Dec 23** - Carols by Candlelight at St Andrews, Main St Strathbogie

**Jan 26** - 9.30am Strathbogie Australia Day at the Hall

**Jan 26** - 3-6pm Violet Town First Nations Voice event, see page 12

**Every Third Monday** 7.30pm STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall

**Every Tues** —10am Rec Gnd Tennis

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls - usual times 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome - Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159. Taking a break from Dec 5 to Feb 7, 2019

**Every Wednesday** - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church - Strathbogie (except in School Holidays) ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

**Every second month** - Strathbogie Landcare first Sunday 9-11am Contact Sean 0400 019 607

**Every Second and Fourth Sunday** - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.00am

**First Wednesday** of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 5790 8523

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

**Every third Sunday** of the month - 4pm Strathbogie Community of Food Finders at the Recreation Ground



Have a safe  
**Christmas &**  
**Happy New Year,**  
from the TT Team



**Strathbogie Fire Danger Period**  
**Fire Restrictions apply now!**

## Euroa Cinema in December

**Abdul & Jose: The Stolen Child** Sat Dec 1 4pm CTC

**The house with a clock on its walls** Sat Dec 1 8pm,  
Sun Dec 2 4pm PG

**Bohemian Rhapsody** sat Dec 8 8pm, Sun Dec 9 4pm M

**Nutcracker & the 4 Realms** Fri Dec 14 6.30pm, Sat Dec 15 4pm PG

**Girl in the spider's web** Sat Dec 15 8pm, Sun Dec 16 4pm MA+

Have a **Merry Christmas** break!

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December 1 and 15  
January 12 (not operating on Australia Day)



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### Got something to say?

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**Letter to the Editor**

## SWANPOOL CINEMA in Dec

**The Merger** M Sat Dec 1 7pm, Sun Dec 2 6pm  
**See you up there** MA 15+ Sat Dec 1 9.15pm, Sun Dec 2 8.15pm

**Wide angle film festival** Thurs Dec 6 2pm

**Juliet, Naked** M Fri Dec 7 7pm, Sat Dec 8 7pm

**Beirut** MA+ Fri Dec 7 9.15pm, Sat Dec 16 9.15pm  
**C'est la vie** M Sat Dec 15 7pm, Sun Dec 16 1.30pm & 6pm

**The breaker upperers** M Sat Dec 15 9.15pm, Sun Dec 16 8.15pm

**The wild pear tree** M Sat Dec 22 7pm, Sun Dec 23 6pm

**Christopher Robin** G Thurs Dec 27 1.30pm, Fri Dec 28 7pm, Sat Dec 29 7pm

**Incredibles 2** PG Fri Dec 28 9.15 pm, Sat Dec 29 9.15pm

**Rear Window** PG Mon Dec 31 7pm

**Chariots of fire** PG Mon Dec 31 to follow

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**The Deadline** for the February edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 26th of January, 2019.  
Email: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), ph: 5790 5203 or 0400 019 607, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

## Heavy Vehicle and Machinery Forum in the Strathbogie Shire



Between March 2017 and March 2018, 184 people died from 163 fatal crashes involving heavy trucks and 32 people died from 27 fatal crashes involving buses. Heavy vehicle operators in the

Strathbogie Shire and surrounding region are invited to attend a forum to learn more about the new National Heavy Vehicle Regulations.

Roadsafe Goulburn Valley is partnering with Strathbogie Shire Council, VicRoads, Regional Roads Victoria, Driver Education Centre of Australia (DECA), the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Victoria Police to deliver the forum which will address issues within today's transport industry, with particular reference to the new National Heavy Vehicle Regulations.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council encourages truck, bus and heavy machinery companies and operators to come along.

Spaces are limited, so please register for the forum by emailing [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) with confirmation of attendance at one of the sessions.

Light refreshments will be provided at both sessions.

**Forum details** Thursday, 6 December, 2018

**Session 1:** 8.30- 10.00am Nagambie Rowing Club, 301-305 High Street, Nagambie

**Session 2:** 11.30am- 1pm Euroa Conference Centre, Memorial Oval, Snee Street, Euroa



## Carols by Candlelight in Strathbogie

### A Christmas Celebration

**Sunday 23rd December 2018  
8pm-9.00pm**

**St. Andrews Uniting Church  
Main Street Strathbogie**

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Supper from 9.00pm onwards

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### THREE HINTS THAT HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.

1. A screw or nail will penetrate hardwood more easily if rubbed first with soap.
2. A rusty nail will come out easily if you first soak around it with kerosene.
3. Plaster won't break when you drive in a nail if you heat it first in hot water.

### SHORT SHOES INTO SANDALS.

Children's shoes that have become too short can be converted into useful sandals. Get your shoemaker to cut out the toes and stitch around the raw edge.

### FIRST AID FOR INJURED FINGER NAILS.

When you hammer your finger instead of the nail, or catch it in a door, try this quick cure. Hold the damaged finger for a few minutes in an egg cup of vinegar. The pain will ease and the nail won't blacken.

*Use this advice at your own risk!*

### THE OLD REDGUM

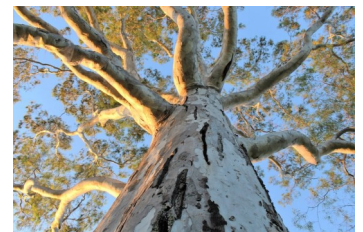
The old farmer taught his son  
All the knowledge he had  
He'd sit him under the old gum tree  
As he had himself, as a lad

And every now and then  
Off to the tree they'd go  
To talk about their farming chores  
Their profit and their woes

When the old man laid  
On a bed he'd never leave  
His son returned to the old redgum  
Where both began to grieve

Sap fell upon his shoulder  
As the tree began to weep  
Both of them in each others arms  
Quietly they fell asleep

And every now and then  
The young farmer would  
take his son  
Along to that redgum tree  
A new story had begun...



### You have to wonder ... by Donmil

As the ScoMo express wends its faltering way  
From failure to failure to failure,  
I think: What have we done to deserve a PM,  
so far out of touch with Australia?

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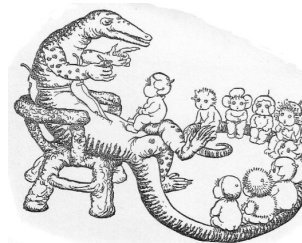
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Hello Again,

As I write this article the campaign for the Victorian state election is about to end. Over the past few weeks we have seen candidates for the seat of Euroa make announcements about funding for various initiatives. So, I thought I would give my observations and thoughts on the relationship between the state government and the shire.



While local government is answerable to the residents through democratic elections, the statutory responsibility rests with the state government. How could the state improve local government?

The services that local governments provide to their communities are defined by the state, but councils are somewhat autonomous in how they are delivered. This theoretically gives the community the say on the services they receive e.g. how they want their waste collected, the standard of road maintenance, the importance of recreation facilities, what the local area looks like through planning controls, etc. But to do these things better, the following could happen:

#### Administration

I think the focus of councils should be direct service delivery. There are 79 councils in Victoria and they operate as autonomous business units. This means they develop and run their own business systems. For a small shire like Strathbogie, this need to run our own information systems, payroll systems, accounting systems, project management systems, etc. not only requires significant staffing, but also represents a sizeable spend from a limited budget. In this age of 'cloud' computing, why doesn't the state provide a standard administrative system to all councils? It would save millions of dollars and free staff to provide direct services. Every VicRoads office doesn't have a unique system, so why do councils?

#### Structural Reform

The strength of councils should be their proximity (and therefore response) to the community. I think reform is needed to ensure that councillors reflect the community. At Strathbogie Shire it is difficult for people in full-time employment or family carers to be a Councillor. Changing this is complex and is not as simple as increasing the proportion of work undertaken outside of normal working hours (which has an impact on council staff). I do think that the state government does need to compare the profile of councillors to their communities and find ways of increasing representation. Two suggestions would be term limits (a Councillor shouldn't stand for more than more than two consecutive terms to encourage 'new blood') and looking at ways to ensure Councillors have reward for effort e.g. respect for diversity, ensuring all points of view are considered and seeing that the needs of constituents are attended to.

#### Funding

The magic pudding. During the state election campaign funding promises for local initiatives are made. While many, the majority of these are initiatives identified by local authorities, the announcements do not necessarily reflect the priority of need. Political considerations can prevail. How is the assessment made that the new recreation reserve in shire X is more important than the bridge in shire Y?

In the Strathbogie Shire, residents directly contribute two thirds of the shire's income and the state/federal government provides the balance through grants. The largest grant is the Financial Assistance Grant. This was established in the 1970's to enable local authorities to provide basic levels of service. While it has a needs based component, it is largely driven by population. This means that metropolitan councils (with a far greater capacity to raise revenue through charges e.g. parking) take a large share of this 'needs' driven funding. A report this year in the Victorian parliament highlighted the sustainability challenges of councils like Strathbogie with large infrastructure networks (roads) supported by small populations. Financial reform is needed to ensure that 'need' is the determining factor for funding, not political consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at [Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or on 0427 335 766.

Please note that the comments in this article are my own as Ward Councillor and should not be taken as the official view of Strathbogie Shire Council.

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# STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES & WASTE SERVICES CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR 2018 - 19



The Strathbogrie Shire Council offices in Euroa and Nagambie will close at **5.00pm, Friday 21 December 2018** and will re-open at **9.00am, Wednesday 2 January 2019**. There will be minimal staff working from the Depots during this time. However, if you have any emergency enquiries during this period (such as trees or stock on roads, dog attacks, etc.) please call **1800 065 993** and follow the prompts.

## Kerbside Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collections

Residents of the Strathbogrie Shire are advised of the following changes to kerbside landfill waste, recycling and organics collections over the 2018 – 2019 Christmas / New Year period:

**Monday 24 Dec 2018** Normal collection schedule

**Tuesday 25 Dec 2018** No collections

**Wednesday 26 Dec 2018** All collections scheduled for Tuesday 25 Dec

**Thursday 27 Dec 2018** Normal collection schedule

**Friday 28 Dec 2018** Normal collection schedule

**Monday 31 Dec 2018** Normal collection schedule

**Tuesday 1 Jan. 2019** No collections

**Wednesday 2 Jan 2019** All collections scheduled for Tuesday 1 Jan

**Thursday 3 Jan 2019** Normal collection schedule

**Friday 4 Jan 2019** Normal collection schedule

## Waste Transfer Station / Resource Recovery Centre Operating Hours

Residents are also advised that all Waste Transfer Station / Resource Recovery Centres within the shire will be closed on the following days:

**Tuesday 25 December 2018**

**Wednesday 26 December 2018**

**Tuesday 1 January 2019**

## Please note:

All Transfer Stations will be closed on all days that are declared a **Code Red (Catastrophic) Fire Danger Rating**.

Green waste will not be accepted at any Transfer Station on days that have been declared a **Total Fire Ban**.

## Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Council's Maternal Child Health Service will be closed **Friday 21 December 2018 to Wednesday 2 January 2019**. If you have any concerns during this time, please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 and follow the prompts. This is a Victorian Government state-wide service and can also be accessed online via the following link: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/support/Pages/mchline.aspx>.

## Nagambie and Euroa Visitor Information Centres

The Visitor Information Centres will continue to operate under normal opening hours during the Christmas/New Year period (Nagambie, 10am -4pm and Euroa 9am-4pm) with the exception of Christmas Day, **Tuesday 25 December 2018**, when both Visitor Information Centres will be closed.

## Ode to Joyce

by Donmil

Barnaby falters when the going gets rough  
(A bit short on ethics but plenty of gall);  
Won't raise his snout from the trough long enough  
To read the writing on the wall.



## Poets of Strathbogrie: SPOKEN

Sean introduced our show  
With works of local flavour  
A Molesworth fit to blow  
A nature walk to savour

Michael spoke of Australia's Centre  
Of some of the time he spent there  
Then with brevity he rendered  
Godly joys of share and care

Kate embraced the divine  
Spoke of a place sacred  
Her oration was sublime  
Left us exposed and naked

Seamus in his Irish brogue  
Spoke with humour and of beaches  
His story of the Kelly rogue  
Touched on local history features

Ruth used polly props  
With purpose for the children  
Highlighting polly cops  
And those they have abandoned

Andrew used his reading  
To draw to our attention  
The conditions and the bleeding  
Of coal pits as detention

Dana exploded on stage  
With the story of Tom the Glutton  
A family favourite she portrayed  
Where Thomas pushed the button

Anika's poem was of vital spring  
A brave girl in the making  
She let her mother sing  
While she thought of next creating

Jessica came with brca2  
A gene carried through her family  
Her power and emotive hues  
Affected all who heard them deeply

Sim recreated Talliesin  
A traditional Welsh story  
Love born of a boiling cauldron  
Of ugliness turned to beauty

Hagan worked the floor  
As he told us when we were born  
Everything changed at its core  
The world's very fabric torn

Elizabeth restructured original work  
Into a new piece of writing  
Her recital memory learnt  
A grandchildren's reinventing

Joan read us words of love  
Charitable beauty from the bible  
Then tickled us hand in glove  
With Banjo's christening libel

Bert came to with bush poetry  
The theme of cutting timber beams  
And an old master's notoriety  
For working bullock teams

Katie took to the front with fire  
"Possibility is as wide as  
the space we create to hold it"  
And so we left the church inspired  
For future SPOKEN works emboldened

Sean Mathews



One minutes silence: Main St Strathbogie.

Pic Tony Polgar

To celebrate the Centenary of the end of WWI, Main St rang with the peels of bells of all shapes and sizes. One bell was made of 2 WWI cannon shells, another was the school bell.

Pastor Bob Bruce led a moving ceremony as attendees remembered those who had left farms and workplaces to fight for their country. After the bell ringing, tea, coffee and ANZAC biscuits were enjoyed by all at St Andrew's Church.  
Joan Wood

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## Kelvin view Christmas tree

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The night will continue with a delicious roast meal with salad followed by dessert

Please bring a chair and a present for your child to be placed under the Christmas tree from Santa



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Please RSVP by the 7<sup>th</sup> December for catering purposes

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## Local History Grants Program 2018-19 now open

The Public Record Office, Victoria is now accepting applications. Previous years have seen historical societies, museums and galleries, local sports clubs, and even schools funded for projects that capture and preserve history - for instance local exhibitions, websites, walking tours, etc.

### Who can apply?

Your organisation will need to meet the following criteria.

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- b) Not-for-profit In addition your organisation will also need to be:
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- d) Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) OR be auspiced by a group with an ABN (e.g. Council, Library etc.)

For full guidelines including the types of projects that will be considered: [https://www.prov.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/media/local\\_history\\_grants\\_program\\_final\\_v1.0\\_aj\\_20180827.pdf](https://www.prov.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/media/local_history_grants_program_final_v1.0_aj_20180827.pdf)

Strathbogie Groups that don't meet the criteria could be auspiced by STAG which has an ABN number.



## Invitation to a Celebration of the Feet

Need some exercise? Like to Dance?

Have we got an idea for you!



The Lima South Dance is held on the second Saturday of the month in the Lima South Hall. People travel up to 100km, sometimes more, to partake in romantic old time dancing. Ladies dress up in finery, smart dresses, skirt & diamanté top combinations.

The steps take a little time to learn, but many of the dances cross over so mastering all the steps is not too difficult. Dancing exercises the body & mind. Being good fun it boosts the spirit as well.

Thanks to a hard working committee, the music is all organised, notices are given to each dance, and a delicious supper is on hand to provide you with all the energy you need.

### The Lima South Oldtime Dance needs your help.

Numbers are slowly dwindling, and there is the real possibility that the dance may not be able to continue. Times were there were dances in Molyullah, Warrenbayne, Tatong, Moorngag and other neighbouring localities. Lima South is the only Oldtime Dance still running, but to continue to do so it needs your help. And if it doesn't, then the future of the Lima South Hall will be in question.

So, come along, move those feet to the beat, improve your health, meet friends old and new, and create some wonderful memories.

In short, come along and have a good time!

Need more information? Contact Colin Gordon on 5768 2561.



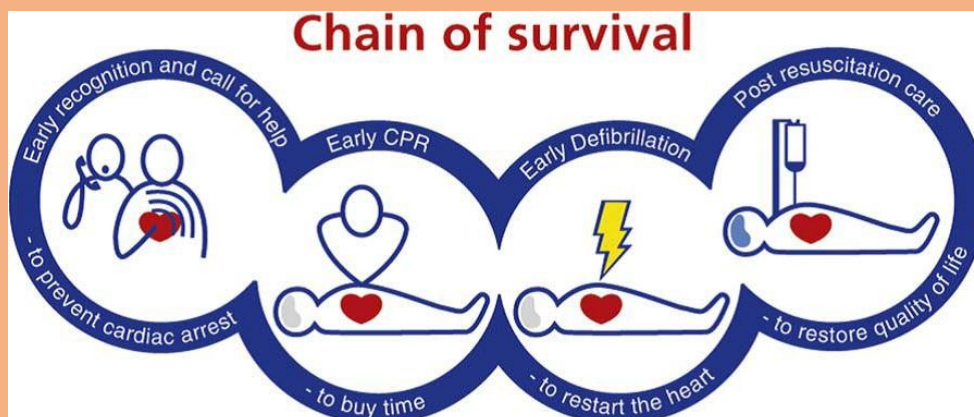
## A First Aid & CPR Course for Strathbogrie?

At a recent STAG meeting it was decided to seek expressions of interest from people living on the Tableland interested in completing a course in First Aid (including CPR). The cost would be \$130pp for a Govt and Workplace accredited Certificate.

The Tableland has 3 defibrillators: at the Golf Course, the Hall & on 1 CFA truck. Would you know what to do? First aid also covers many other situations: fractures, burns, wounds, snake bite. All can happen here. Possibly some are more likely too. Someone's life may depend on your assistance.

If you would like to be able to respond to situations like these, particularly as we live some distance from medical assistance, this course might be for you.

Interested? Contact Daryl Wynne Mob: 448 220 014 or [darylwynne1@gmail.com](mailto:darylwynne1@gmail.com)



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## Cr Amanda McClaren to lead as Mayor for another two years



Councillor Amanda McClaren will lead the Council to the end of its four year term, having been recently re-elected as Mayor for another two years. This was determined at a recent Statutory

Council Meeting, where Council also resolved not to elect a Deputy Mayor for the next twelve months, providing the opportunity for Ward Councillors to rotate Mayoral duties in Cr McClaren's absence.

Cr McClaren said she was truly honoured to be afforded the opportunity to continue to lead as Mayor for the next two years. "It is a privilege to be given the opportunity to lead Council right through to the end of our term and I look forward to working closely with my fellow Councillors as a voice for our communities," Cr McClaren said. "We've got so much more that we want to achieve, and with upcoming State and Federal elections, we will continue to advocate strongly for our region. We are at the halfway point in our four year term and the next two years will be critical for our Council, particularly as we undertake the recruitment and appointment of our next CEO"

### All Ordinary Council Meetings will be in Euroa

Council also determined that all Ordinary Council Meetings will be held in Euroa in 2019.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said the roving meetings just haven't had enough attendance to be considered viable. "Our Roving Council Meetings over the last two years have provided a great opportunity for us to engage with communities from all corners of the Shire, but we just haven't had the level of attendance from our community to continue them."

"We are currently exploring other opportunities to visit all of our communities, including looking at travelling for our community meetings each month," Cr McClaren explained.

Cr McClaren said she looks forward to leading Council to continue to strive for growth and improvement through commitment to good governance, quality service delivery and open and transparent communication.



## Letter to the Editor:

### Inappropriate Use Of Recreation Ground Recycling Skips

Many have raised this issue previously and yet still some people continue dumping prams, large sheets of greenhouse plastics, broken mirrors, electrical tools & wire and other items that are NOT RE-CYCLABLE.



I, and many I know, are dutifully sorting at home, washing (to avoid smells) and recycling appropriately. However when anyone dumps non recyclables, THE BIN IS SENT TO LANDFILL negating the efforts of those who are showing care to our environment and planet.

Here is what you can (and should) do:

- ⇒ Soft plastic (bread wrapper type) can be taken to COLES & Woolworths and recycled,
- ⇒ Old small batteries can be taken to ALDI and recycled,
- ⇒ Old phones and printer cartridges can be taken to the Post Office and recycled.
- ⇒ Tin, iron and wire can be taken to the Tip FREE! Not dumped in our recycle bins.
- ⇒ Things that can't be recycled in these bins, can be taken to the TIP in Euroa; we all get a 1m free dump in our rates.

PLEASE SHARE THIS AROUND, Discuss this with your family, your children and neighbours to create awareness and hopefully we can get the problems of our consumer society into better shape for the future.

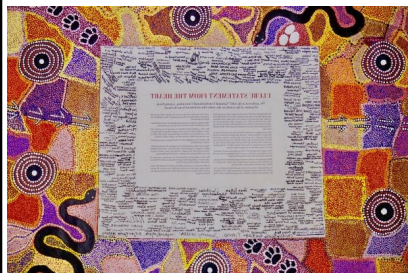
Meat sold in black polystyrene trays (IGA) is never recyclable. Consider your choices and choose the right plastic trays (recyclable). Polystyrene is a plague upon our planet, refuse coffee cups and take away foods in polystyrene. Avoid single use plastic, cups, knives, forks and plates if you can be organised before your trip. Buy and use a reusable drink container.

If an item is NOT recyclable in our bins please put in the red garbage bin for collection to landfill - not at the Recreation Ground.

NONE OF THIS IS HARD OR DIFFICULT, it just means we have to rethink what we do. I believe we are all intelligent enough to make a difference by avoiding throwing everything away as garbage.

John Pittard

## Dear friends and Reconciliation and Recognise supporters



The Violet Town & District Recognise Group has launched a crowd-funding campaign to host an event in Violet Town on the 26th January, 2019 - *First Nations Voice: Let's hear it!*

The event will be an open-air picnic with a stage for First Nations speakers and performers to talk about what a First Nations Voice means to them. <https://www.pozible.com/project/first-nations-voice-lets-hear-it>

As non-indigenous Australians wishing to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition and self-determination, we are running this event to support the consensus reached between many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and groups in the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* which calls for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in federal parliament, a treaty and a Makarrata (or truth-telling) Commission.

We understand that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and politics are as diverse and complex as everyone else's, and that not all people or groups agree with this approach. We are open and willing to lend our support to additional strategies and approaches that strengthen recognition of our First Nations peoples as they emerge. This event is just the start of the process.

We are seeking to raise \$13,290 by the 16th December 2018, which we believe we can achieve with your help in spreading the word as far as possible. We have numerous rewards, including a Christmas Card, *Uluru Statement of the Heart* information as well as a Gold Supporter reward which includes a ticket to attend a dinner after the event.

The event planned for 3-6pm on the 26th January 2019 promises to be entertaining and informative for the whole family - talks, music, games - and will allow all of us to respond to the invitation in the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* to walk together in a movement of the Australian people for a better future. Thank you in advance for helping spread the word.

<https://www.pozible.com/project/first-nations-voice-lets-hear-it>

Helen Keighery

## Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Lime/Acid Soil Trials Field Day



Despite the inclement weather, there was an excellent turnout for Landcare's Field Day at David Hamilton's Carpenter Lane Pasture Trial Site.

Attendees were introduced to the various acid tolerant pasture species planted and lime preparations applied across the paddock.

More recently, pelletised lime was drilled with two species of pasture to create a



micro environment around the plants prior to germination.

Germination, persistence and productivity are being examined.

David Hamilton explained the site set up and progress. Agriculture Victoria Land Management Officer Greg Bekker discussed measuring techniques and Alistair Tame demonstrated the new soil moisture probe and weather station. You can check the weather station data at [www.geckoclan.com.au](http://www.geckoclan.com.au). The data is freely available to everyone.

