



March 2019

A very positive STAG Community Action Planning Session

The Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) exists to support the Tableland community to develop a Community Action Plan and facilitate the execution of that plan. In the past STAG has successfully worked with the Tableland community to achieve many objectives together, such as a safe path to the school and the Spring Creek footbridge, the community pizza oven at the Rec Ground, the Community Directory, improvements to the Telstra exchange and at Polly McQuinn's.

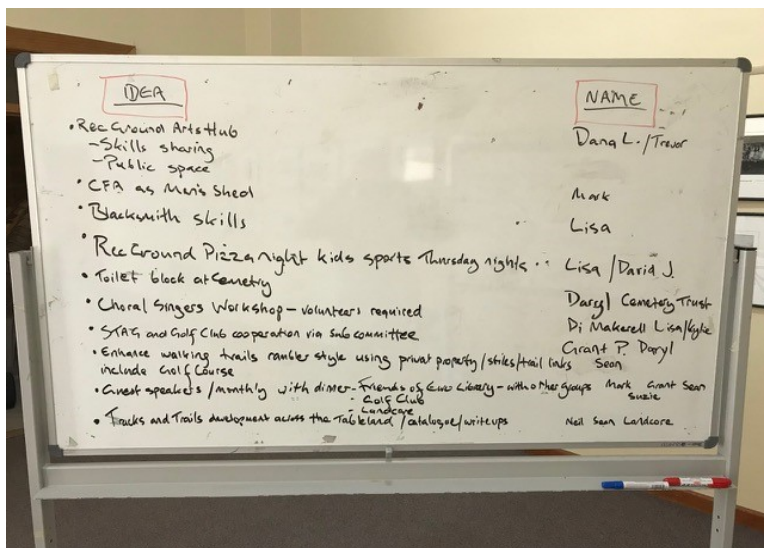
Led by experienced facilitator Neil Devanny, thirty plus Tableland residents gathered in the Supper Room at the Hall to suggest ideas for the next round of action planning. These ideas needed to be executed within the Shire, have community support, have human resources available to progress them and be achievable.

The session ran in a brainstorming format. Ideas submitted were always constructive and often met with thoughtful discussion. These were then written up to whiteboards along with the names of those involved. Next, they will be discussed publicly at April's open STAG Committee meeting for prioritisation.

Ideas suggested include (in no particular order):

- Better engagement with new arrivals
- Guest speakers, dinners and entertainment at local venues
- Recruit women and youth to community committees
- Adopt a kids engagement policy
- Update www.strathbogie.org
- List certified community First Aiders
- Record interviews with locals
- Erect historical signage
- Share delegates across community committees

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What's On

Mar 9 & 10 - Vic Dragon Boat Championships, Nagambie

Mar 22 - Understanding Groundwater, Strathbogie Hall Supper Room 6pm.

Mar 21 to Ap 24 - Council Community Grant Sessions. See page 13

Mar 22 - Persephone's Dog. See ad page 14

Every Third Monday 7.30pm
STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall

Every Monday — 9.30am
Strathbogie Hall Qui Gong Frank Pierce pierce.f@bigpond.com

Every Monday - 4pm Strathbogie Hall Yoga Kylie Penny 0418899966

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - usual times 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome - Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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

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Euroa Cinema in March

Cold War Mar 1 8pm, Mar 2 4pm M

Green Book Mar 2 8pm Mar 3 4pm M

Mary, Queen of Scots Mar 9 8pm, Mar 10 4pm

Journey beyond fear Mar 13 7pm PG Free, hosted by GOTAFE includes Q&A with film makers

The kid who would be king PG Mar 15 6.30pm Family Fun Night - doors open at 6pm - BYO dinner, Mar 16 4pm

Bohemian Rhapsody Mar 16 8pm Mar 17 4pm M

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The Mule Mar 30 8pm, Mar 31 4pm M

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Letter to the Editor

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Shoplifters M Mar 16 7pm, Mar 17 6pm with

Black '47 MA15+ Mar 16 9.30pm, Mar 17 8.30pm

Mary Poppins Returns PG Mar 23 9.45pm, Mar 24 8.45pm with **Saving Mr Banks** PG Mar 23 9.45pm, Mar 24 8.45pm

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The Deadline for the April edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 30th of March, 2019.

Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph: 5790 5203, 57905166 or 0400 019 607, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

Forest giants house thousands of animals (so why do we keep cutting them down?)

Angus Martin strongly recommends you check out the link below. Too big for us to reproduce here on Tableland Talk, it will take you to a giant comic style depiction of the value of forest giants. In particular, it is perfect for helping children to understand the interdependence of ecosystems.

Giant eucalypts play an irreplaceable part in many of Australia's ecosystems. These towering elders develop hollows, which make them nature's high-rises, housing everything from endangered squirrel-gliders to lace monitors. Over 300 species of vertebrates in Australia depend on hollows in large old trees.

These "skyscraper trees" can take more than 190 years to grow big enough to play this nesting and denning role, yet developers and loggers are cutting them down at an astounding speed. In other places, such as Victoria's Central Highlands Mountain Ash forests, the history of logging and fire mean that less than 1.2% of the original old-growth forest remains (that supports the highest density of large old hollow trees). And it's not much better in other parts of our country.



David Lindenmayer's comic explains how these trees form, the role they play – and how very hard they are to replace:

<https://theconversation.com/comic-explainer-forest-giants-house-thousands-of-animals-so-why-do-we-keep-cutting-them-down-106708>

Reproduced from **The Conversation** Dec 9, 2018

Stability by Donmil

Invite Australia to the Forum
Yes, of course, that's quite OK -
Could someone just update me
On who their Prime Minister is today?

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group facilitates a successful and productive First Aid Training Course in the Hall



Smartlink Trainer Henry gives David Kennett instruction

A recent initiative of the STAG Committee saw Strathbogie Hall hosting a 6 hour day of first aid questions being answered, hands on experience and cardio pulmonary resuscitation learning. Included beforehand was an approximately 5 hour component of comprehensive online first aid education.

January 31 saw Daryl Wynne's coordination efforts bear fruit as Smartlink Trainer Henry delivered the Government and Workplace accredited course for 16 Tableland residents. All attendees had a common interest in being able to assist friends, family and others in times of physical distress.

Not only was the day productive with lots of serious discussion, but it was also very enjoyable, with lots of laughs. Key components included accident and bite management, bandaging and slings, CPR and the use of a defibrillator. Everyone present achieved their First Aid and/or CPR certification.

With community defibrillators available outside the front doors of the Hall and the Golf Club, and onboard the CFA trucks, the township is fairly well serviced in equipment. This course has helped provide more people with the right skills to use it.

Certificates in First Aid need to be renewed every three years. CPR competency should be renewed annually. Keep an eye open for the course to be run again. You might just save a life!

Sean Mathews with Daryl Wynne



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Back L to R: Nate Margrie, Carissa Croxson, Beryl Farrell,
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TT letter to editor

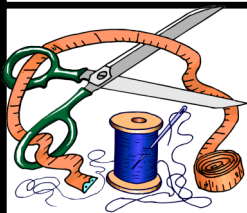
Dear Ed,

What a great February 2019 issue of TT! The highlight is undoubtedly the heartfelt and evocative story of the Fire Dragon; by the end of the first paragraph it's obvious that only Sim Ayres could have written it. So good to learn some of the history of St Andrew's Church, too – thank you, unnamed author.

Another pleasant change is to see that Donmil has (at least in part) moved on from his political cynicism, and revealed that he shares a quite different interest with me: scientific names such as "Homo sapiens". As a zoologist, I've been fascinated by this topic for years. I'm only disappointed that he wasn't quite on top of the subject and he didn't really explain the origin of our name. I've tried to remedy this elsewhere in this issue and, pending editorial approval, I'll provide more explanations of interesting names in future issues. And perhaps it might encourage Donmil to nurture his interest in animal matters, too.

Yours,

Angus Martin,
Marraweeney



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Wally Wombat

Off to school he went to learn a thing
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This one year old Wally Wombat that
was slower than the rest



He had to learn to fossick, to eat roots by day
He had to learn to look cuddly in the typical wombat
way

But one lesson he couldn't master was to time the
event just right
To walk into the path of a motor vehicle in the middle
of the night

Now an elder wombat, if you see him by the road at
night
He's the one with all his wits...because he couldn't
time it right...

Tony Dawson

JILL SMITH would like to say Thank You to all those people who rang, sent cards and flowers during her recent bereavement.

It was a beautiful evening at Euroa's Hawker Market

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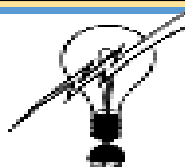
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Homo sapiens again

Donmil's usage is **Homo Sapiens** – he's wrong. The first part of a scientific name always has a capital letter; the second part never does. And both parts of the name are always written in *italics*.

The name comes from the Latin *homo*, man, and *sapiens*, wise: 'man the wise'. ('What about woman?', I hear you cry, but I'm not going to buy into that one). It's a source of confusion that the Greek prefix *homo-* doesn't mean 'man', but 'equal' or 'alike'; it finds expression in such words as *homogeneous*, *homologue* and *homosexual*. Further confusion arises because *sapiens* looks as though it's plural, so that one individual should be a *Homo sapien*. Not so.

Angus Martin

Stop Press! Stop Press! Stop Press!

Strathbogie Shire Planning Committee met on February 26. All Councillors present voted to defer a decision on the permit for the Rec Ground diesel fuel supply to March 26. Council Planners recommended granting a permit.

Cr Alistair Thomson put the motion to defer a decision pending further information about Council Planning Officer's Engineering Conditions attached to the recommendation for a Planning Permit.

Cr John Mason excused himself for a conflict of interest while the matter was discussed and voted upon.

Our Bogie Backyard



This year, the Strathbogie School will spend Friday afternoons discovering what makes the Tableland tick. "Our Bogie Backyard" is a program which will deliver meaningful learning opportunities while

connecting the children to our community. We are hoping to tap into local wisdom through practical, investigative activities such as food and indigenous gardening, citizen science, cooking, Taungurung culture and language, walks, stories, interviews with locals, art and music.

We welcome community members to join us on Friday afternoons (between 2 and 3:30) as participants or we can support you to run an activity / presentation. We also hope to go on excursions to visits special places on the Tableland.

We held our first "Our Bogie Backyard" session on the last Friday of Summer. We opened the program with a chat about what our backyard is; what we already knew and thought as well as what we wanted to find out. It was great to see the kids existent interest and understanding of our Bogie landscape and waterways.

We then walked along a section of the Bridge to Bridge track where we observed and discussed that space; noting hazards, animals habitats, how the landscape had changed over time. We saw wild sheep, birds, two koalas and a bee hive. We were grateful to be joined by locals Hayley Shields and Landcare Secretary, Sean Mathews. Sean imparted



his knowledge and helped extend the kids' view into that place. The kids also learned about the role agencies and community groups, such as Landcare and Peranbin



students can play in caring for our local environs. Please email Suzie Bates suziehigherground@gmail.com if you would like to be involved or stay in the loop. Invites for some activities will be posted on the bogietree.



NEEDLE AND THREAD

Thread your needle before cutting the cotton from the reel. The thread is then used in the same way it has been spun, and the tiny filaments along its length will be flat as you pull it through the material.

MICROWAVE HINTS

To get more juice from an orange or lemon, just microwave on full power for 30 secs and stand for 30 secs before squeezing.

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Taking action to maintain Strathbogie's water supply



With continuing dry conditions and low rainfall, Goulburn Valley Water is working to ensure the continuity of water supply to Strathbogie residents.

Water is currently being tankered to Strathbogie from Seymour to meet demand under continuing warm conditions. GVW staff are continually monitoring the situation to assess future requirements. GVW is encouraging Strathbogie and surrounding residents to use water wisely to ensure sustainability of the resource.

Normally, raw water is sourced from the Strathbogie system at Seven Creeks to provide a non-potable water supply to residents in the Strathbogie region. Currently, GVW is working with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority to ensure there are minimal impacts to the environment and local native fish populations under the reduced flow levels.

Acting Regional Operations Manager Stuart Harris said GVW would supplement water to Strathbogie until flows in the Seven Creeks return to normal. "It's everyone's responsibility to use water wisely. We're asking people to reduce their consumption where possible to conserve water," Mr Harris said.

People can consider reducing the amount/time/frequency they water their gardens, check for leaks

or dripping taps, use the toilet half flush option, or wash their car at a commercial car wash to help conserve water. "We also ask for your patience while there is increased traffic movement due to the tankers. GVW urges people to be aware of the additional trucks on the roads."

GVW has not yet reached the trigger point to introduce water restrictions, but they may be necessary within the next 12 months if conditions remain dry. Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place year-round to encourage water efficiency – these include only watering the garden using an automatic system between 6pm and 10am, using a trigger nozzle on a garden hose and using a broom or blower to clean hard surfaces.

Residents are reminded the Strathbogie supply is a non-potable, or non-drinking supply. They should not rely on this water supply for cooking or drinking, or other uses where ingestion may be possible.

Jenna Bishop



PIZZA NIGHT AT THE REC GROUND



So today, Sunday, I attended my first ever STAG meeting (for those who are unaware, it stands for "Strathbogie Tableland Action Group"). The only reason I was there was following prompting by Helen and at last week's pizza night.

To say I had absolutely no idea of what was to happen at the meeting is an understatement, in truth I even wondered whether I'd get those "funny looks" you sometimes get when you walk in unannounced to an established group.

Well, suffice to say that wasn't what occurred and I met some lovely passionate individuals who all come together to hash out ideas and projects that may benefit the community as whole.

Those there will vouch for the fact that I quickly lost any shyness (yes, I do sometimes stay quiet) and I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. It provided a much desired sense of connectedness.....which brings us back to the pizza nights and how I ended up at the meeting in the first place.....

Having purchased land on the tableland approximately 10 years ago, renting for a few years in Gooram and finally building on our property a couple of years ago I was chatting to Helen and others about the difficulties in "connecting" up here on the hill. I even recall a year or so ago asking David Jameson to explain how things work, what committee runs the Rec Ground etc. etc.

The problem seemed to be, in my case at least, there is lots going on (as regularly announced in the Tableland Talk), but what do all the "mystery groups" do? Who attends? What's involved? You know, The STAG meeting, the Rec Ground Tennis, Material Girls, Strathbogie Singing Group, Landcare, the Garden Group, the Food Finders...the list goes on. It took me 1 year of living here before someone enlightened me on what the Bogie Tree is, and then a further few months to find out how to join it!

So, just in case there's anyone else out there like me, I thought I'd elaborate on the Thursday Pizza Night at the Rec ground as that is at least one thing that I have experienced...

Each Thursday night from 6pm, the wood fired pizza oven is miraculously alight, thanks to volunteers, and there's a team of hard working locals whipping up delicious pizza's in the kitchen. The bar's open, PTO

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with friendly volunteers serving a selection of drinks including our fabulous local Strathbogie Beers. Is it a "boozy boys night?" No, kids are welcome and in fact encouraged and the playground gets a great work out. There's a diversity of people and ages there, although I must say it would be great to see more of our younger community there.

It's a chance for everyone to stand around, have a chat, a laugh and catch up on things. So basically some great company, drinks and food. Oh, and I learnt last week that bottled water is free if you have been having a drink and that Bogie soils are notoriously acidic!

Yes, it can be a little daunting if it's your first or second time and don't know anyone, as I discovered with a newcomer last week, but you'll soon meet others and if I'm there, give me a shout out as I'm more than happy to introduce you to anyone I can.

In the past I have been advised "just get involved, put your hand up," and indeed I have, I even enquired about offering my admin skills to the CFA last week, but unfortunately for some of us, me included it often takes that personal touch, someone like Helen asking you, inviting you to be involved. So perhaps some of us involved in the various community groups could keep that in mind?

Maybe we need the approach of someone like long-time resident and previous local counsellor, Alan More, who I had the pleasure of meeting at STAG, who used to drop in and meet all new residents to have chat, find out about their interests and hobbies and help them become involved?

If I get brave enough to try out one of the other "mystery groups," I'll let you know.

Lisa Duggan



Common Myna 'Action' Group (CMAG)

Some of you may have heard whispers on the grapevine that a new group is being set up to address Common Mynas (*Acridotheres tristis*, also known as Indian Mynas) in the Strathbogie area. The rumours are correct, a newly fledged Common Myna Action Group (CMAG) has recently been established under the umbrella of Strathbogie Landcare.

While they have been visiting our wonderful area for some years, it now appears this pest is being sighted more often. The group initially aims to help coordinate a monitoring program to identify the locations Common Mynas are being

observed. The further aim is to minimise this invasive pest's presence on the Tablelands.

Unlike other areas of Victoria, Common Mynas are not yet common to the Tablelands. As there are only isolated populations, it is vital that we act fast. It is easier and more cost effective to eradicate a pest before it becomes established.

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogrie Campus

The 2019 school year started with us welcoming our four new Foundation Students, Dan Dealy, Lachlan Garden, Nyah Murray and Jasper Tough. We also welcome Dan and Jasper's families to our school community. Also a warm welcome to Ms. Jenna Barrett who has joined the teaching team at our Campus.

We have already had a surprise visit from Darcey and the MARC Van. This was a bonus because the students got to borrow and catch up with Darcey who has only just come back from maternity leave. Our new Foundation Students were able to explore the van and then Darcey took the Junior Students for a session on how to find books in the Library Van. Our Senior Class has been busy getting their Writer's Notebooks organized. The Writer's Notebook is used for students to jot down ideas that can be later used as prompts and ideas for their writing pieces. It is not marked by teachers and is described as a book for 'low-stakes' writing meaning that no one other than the writer themselves looks at it. If the writer asks someone else to look at their work, they may but no one is allowed to simply flick through it and discuss what is written in there.

The start to the new school year is always busy with the swimming program with an intensive 8 day program run at Violet Town Pool. We joined our friends from the Baddaginnie and Swanpool Campuses and worked in the appropriate swimming levels. All students have improved their swimming skills and the results of their hard work will be put on display at the Peranbin Swimming Sports which will be held on Friday 1st March.



The Juniors using the ipads/ computers doing Mathematics.



The Senior students talking about their predictions in reading.



Thanks to Charli Hill and Audrey Anderson for representing our school on Australia Day and helping to raise the flag.



It's been dry – how's your bore holding up?

Everyone is invited to a presentation and discussion about the nature of our groundwater in the Strathbogies and how to manage this essential resource.

Presentation: Understanding groundwater on the Strathbogie Tableland

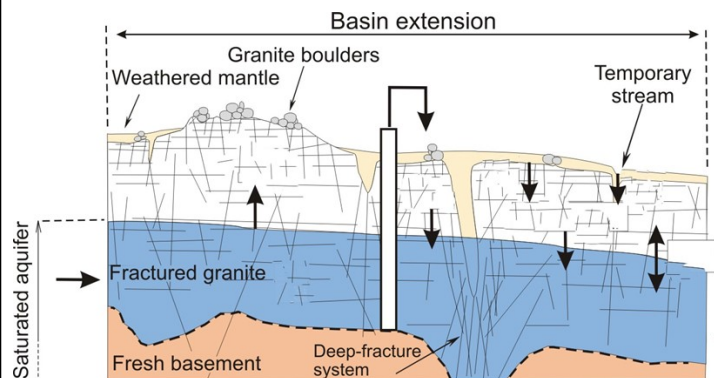
When: 6-8.00 pm, Friday 22nd March 2019

Where: Strathbogie Hall, Supper Room

Guest Speakers: Dr Tim Peterson and Mr Giancarlo Bonotto from the University of Melbourne will share their knowledge of groundwater in fractured rock aquifers and describe their research.

Bertram Lobert will outline the current community bore monitoring project and there will be a demonstration of automated bore monitoring equipment to assist farmers manage their groundwater.

Cost: free, light supper included.



All across the Tableland, people rely on groundwater for long-term, secure water supply. And our groundwater quality is generally excellent. But groundwater comes from rainfall, so when rainfall is down, bores and spring-fed dams can struggle. In 2006/7, the height of the Millennium Drought, lots of spring-fed dams and quite a few bores dried up, or really struggled to supply enough water. And if things stay dry, some local bores may begin to struggle again as we head into autumn.

A project run by the Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network and Gecko Clan Landcare is tracking changes in groundwater to gain a better understanding of this valuable resource. It may come as a surprise, but the groundwater resource in the Strathbogie Ranges is poorly understood. We've begun a long-term groundwater program, monitoring water levels in a dozen bores on the Tableland. Several of these bores will have monitoring equipment installed to automatically determine the water level and display it on a website (coming soon).

In addition, more detailed research is being conducted by University of Melbourne hydrologists as part of a multi-year investigation into our groundwater. This work will extend the preliminary research into our groundwater system, conducted by Dr Mike Stewardson and others in 2009.

RSVP for catering:

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Presented by:



Landcare Network



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So, why should the good people of the Tablelands be worried about Common Mynas?

They compete for habitat with native birds and arboreal marsupials, such as possums and gliders, who rely on tree hollows for nesting

Common Mynas are known to physically evict other birds from other nesting sites

They damage and eat fruit from fruit-trees

They will steal dog and cat food, if pets are fed outside

They can spread disease and parasites to backyard poultry flocks

They will nest in house roofs and walls, posing a fire risk and becoming a noisy nuisance

At present, there is limited data about where Common Mynas are located, so CMAG are strongly encouraging the community to record sightings using the Myna Scan website: <https://www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan/>. Alternatively, you can report your sightings for recording to Sean Mathews at the email address below.

Once there is a better understanding of the Common Myna distribution on the Tablelands, information sessions will be held and an eradication program rolled out.

If you would like further information or would like to get involved, please contact one of the CMAG subcommittee members:

Bertram Lobert	- bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au	or 0409 433 276
Sean Mathews	- snmthws@gmail.com	or 0400 019 607
Natasha Baldyga	- rainbowtriggerplant@hotmail.com	or 0402 785 965

Message from your Councillor

Hello Again,

The Shire's 2019 Community Grants Program opens on 18 March and applications close on 26 April. Successful applicants will be notified in June. The purpose of the Community Grants Program is to assist with funding of projects that promote community engagement, increase the participation of residents in an activity and contribute to a healthy and vibrant community.

You don't have to be an established formal group to apply for a community grant. Any grouping of individuals who have a passion for a project can apply. Any group that is unincorporated can apply and be auspiced by an incorporated body or a Community Planning Reference Group (such as the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group).

I encourage you to visit the Shire's website for ideas on eligible projects. This year community grants will be awarded in five categories:

1. Active & Healthy Communities

A broad category that covers many of the activities or requirements of community groups.

2. Arts & Culture

Projects that promote community engagement and participation in the arts.

3. Environment & Sustainability

Conservation and environmental sustainability projects

4. Facilities & Infrastructure

Minor projects that result in improvements to facilities or infrastructure

5. Small projects under \$1,000 that are not assessed during the dates above.

Please have a think about activities you would like to undertake and make a funding application to help you bring it to reality. Grants are available to a maximum funding level of \$5000 per project (excluding the Small Projects Grant).

Funding for events (through Shire sponsorship) has been separated from the Community Grants Program. Sponsorship requests are considered each month at the Council Meeting. Again, please see the website if you are planning an event in the next 12 months and wish to seek sponsorship from the Shire.

Volunteers

As usual, in recent weeks we have seen tremendous voluntary activity in our community. Whether it's been fighting fires, organising Australia Day celebrations, building the Strathbogie picnic shelter, maintaining our natural environment, welcoming refugees, assisting residents who need extra help, or the myriad of other activities that volunteers undertake, I thank you on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at

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.



Strathbogie Shire Council Community Grant Information and Drop In Sessions

Applications open Monday 18 March and close Friday 26 April 2019. The community are invited to attend one of the following information sessions to discuss the guidelines associated with the grant categories and the application process.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thursday 4 April

2pm – 4pm Violet Town Community Complex
6pm – 8pm Euroa Conference Centre

Monday 8 April

5pm-7pm Avenel Memorial Hall

Thursday 11 April

2pm – 4pm Nagambie Regatta Centre

DROP IN SESSIONS – By Appointment Only

Thursday, 21 March

10am - 12noon Avenel Memorial Hall

Wednesday 27 March

4pm - 6pm Euroa Conference Centre

Wednesday 17 April

2pm - 4pm Violet Town Community Complex

Wednesday 24 April

1pm - 3pm Nagambie Lakes Community House

Please go to Strathbogie Shire website for more information or contact Customer Service on 1800 063 993





Alice Springs - Santorini Greece and now Strathbogie

Persephone's Dog - open air performance

Friday 22 March 2019, 7.00 for 7.30 sunset start

1024 Tames Road Strathbogie

Come to this unique storytelling performance of the ancient Cretan/
Greek story updated and reinvented

with Miriam Pickard (Tasmania) and Craig San Roque (Alice Springs)

This is Part One of the Persephone Trilogy

Hear about:

How Persephone and Demeter travelled and made the living earth. What really happened when Persephone went underground? What really happened between her and Hades? How Demeter's grief changed the climate.

How Persephone returned to Eleusis Greece.

Composed by Craig San Roque and Miriam Pickard and developed in Central Australia...

Her mother showed her things and eyes formed in the body of Persephone.

Hearing formed in the body of Persephone.

Listen said her mother, you will hear the world beginning.

Listen Demeter said, your grandmother is here, Ge is here.

This is the beginning: this is where all things begin.

I love this place. Remember this.

Those familiar with Stephen Fry's 'Mythos' might like this totally different take on the old story

COST: \$10 per person, children free.

BOOKINGS: Joy Norton joynorton@mountainpsych.com.au or 0419409492

Bring your own chair. If weather bad we have another option.

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- Supplement Hall portable AV equipment
- Provide for checking community defibrillators
- Provide for Hall public toilet access
- Improve Hall access during elections
- Improve town entry and directional signs
- Provide drinkable water points in town
- Update Main St display case
- Main St CFA shed as Men's Shed
- Bike lane marking, road widening and improved shoulders
- Choral singers workshop
- Blacksmith access and skill development
- Camping at Rec Ground
- Public Arts Hub at the Rec Ground
- Footpath Main St to Rec Ground
- Pizza night kids sport
- Diesel fuel pump
- History of Rec Ground
- Bundle Rec Ground projects for Regional Development Victoria monies
- Replace Rec Ground recycling bins with whole of Tableland curbside rubbish/recycling collection
- Spring Creek shelter area traffic management, slip lane and parking
- Spring Creek shelter furnishing consultation and concert fundraiser

- Annual public and school SPOKEN events
- Our Bogie Backyard
- Engage schools visiting the Tableland
- Develop tracks and trails, a catalogue
- Enhance walking trails rambler style "Strathbogie Rambling", using Golf Course and boundaries of private property as trail links
- Install stiles
- Foster indigenous naming
- Toilet block for the cemetery
- Develop further local histories, including Indigenous

If some of these ideas inspire you, it is not too late to lend a hand. You can submit further ideas to STAG and/or attend the public STAG Committee meeting on Monday April 15, 7.30pm at the Hall.

