



April 2019

## Strathbogie Forest is Critical to a Thriving Beekeeping Industry



Raw Honey is the local business of Andrew and Moss McCallum. Andrew and Moss are migratory beekeepers based at Marmo Lane, Marraweeney. They run around 700 hives. Their hives move across the state and into Southern NSW. Their business has been operating 6 years full-time, plus 6 or more

years selling Moss's Father's Honey at Farmers' Markets.

Hives are moved to maximise honey production and available pollen for the bees. Some Eucalypts flower every year, others every 2 years, others every 4 years and some are less predictable than that. Usually, Andrew and Moss have a good idea where their hives will be 12 months in advance. They watch the budding of different trees in different forests as they travel through each season. They also need the right weather conditions at the time of flowering. This summer just gone has been too hot and too dry for too long.

Hives are moved at night so that all the bees are home and also to avoid the heat of the day during hotter weather. Occasionally bees are moved first thing in the morning in colder weather.

The Certified Organic bees (about 200 hives) stay 5km away from conventionally managed flower bearing crops / farm land. They are migrated from box ironbark forest to mixed species and back again. Some years they also head into alpine areas with 2 or 3 moves per season.

The conventionally managed hives (the only difference being that they pollinate and can produce honey from non-organic source) pollinate almonds in August, then hybrid canola September / October, then honey production starts with Orange Blossom and onto eucalypt varieties from mid-November. The latter are typically sited in mixed species forests around Christmas time. There are 5 to 9 moves per season.

The honeybee industry is important. It underpins food production with around 2/3 of the food we eat being dependent on it. Nationally the honeybee industry is worth around \$100m but the dependent industries are worth closer to \$20b! of which \$6b is in Victoria alone. This shows just how important the bees really are. It is also interesting to note that 80% of the honey produced in Australia is from eucalypts. These trees provide excess nectar for the beekeeper to sell as honey. Eucalypt varieties often also provides high protein pollen, which is very important for the health and strength of bees.

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## What's On

**April 6** - Bush Dance for the Forest. Ad p14 6pm kids, 8pm general entry Strathbogie Hall. Nett 0417 166 824

**April 6** - Golf Club Open Day and dinner 6pm. Kristin 0408 577 784

**April 8** - Strathbogie History Group 7.30pm in the Hall. All welcome. Jill Smith 0407 718 873

**Mar 21 to Ap 24** - Council Grants Community Info Sessions, page 13

**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  
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 Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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 (except in School Holidays) ph: Di  
 Mackrell 5790 5241

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 Contact Sean 0400 019 607

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 Church - 11.00am

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

**Every Fourth Saturday** of the  
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**Ralph breaks the internet** Sat Ap 13 4pm, Wed Ap 17 2pm PG

**If Beale St could talk** Sat Ap 13 8pm, Sun Ap 14 4pm MA 15+

**What men want** Sat Ap 20 8pm, Sun Ap 21 4pm M

**Captain Marvel** Sat Ap 27 8pm, Sun Ap 28 4pm

**Woman at War** Fri May 3 8pm, Sat may 4 4pm

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**Letter to the Editor**

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**Lean on Pete M** Sat Ap 6 9.15pm, Sun Ap 7 7.15pm

**Storm Boy M** Fri Ap 12 1.30pm, Ap 13 6pm, Sun Ap 14 5pm

**Ladies in Black PG** Sat Ap 13 8.15pm, Sun Ap 14 7.15pm

**Peter Rabbit PG** Sun Ap 14 1.30pm

**Swimming with men M** Sat Ap 20 6pm, Sun Ap 21 1.30pm & 5.00pm

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is meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm Supper Room,  
Strathbogie Hall.

If you are interested in the history of the Tablelands or have some history to share please come along.

Any queries give Helen Hill a call on 0407 718 873  
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**The Deadline** for the May edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday the 27th of April, 2019.

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



From page 1 ..... Andrew and Moss chose the Tablelands for their home because it is such a beautiful place to live. It is also centrally located for the migration of their bees. Their favourite bee sites to work are in the Strathbogie Forest.

There are risks in being a bee keeper. Bee stings are a daily 'risk', luckily neither of them are allergic. Like any form of farming, beekeeping is physical work. They operate machinery both in the apiary and in the extracting/bottling plant. They cart bees and honey on a truck, and when moving hives they operate at night.

Another big risk is resource security. Our forests are being burnt (by wild-fire and fuel reduction) and cut down. This deprives the industry of the vital blossoms necessary for bees and apiarists to thrive.

On a lighter note, beekeeping is addictive. Once a beekeeper, always a beekeeper. Andrew and Moss have met many beekeepers in their 70's and 80's who have retired from commercial scale beekeeping but can't give up bees altogether.

The Strathbogie Forest is very important to local beekeepers such as Raw Honey and the wider beekeeping industry. This family alone holds a dozen public land bee site licences throughout the Strathbogie State Forest, that allow them access to this invaluable nutritious floral resource each summer/autumn when in flower. A licence is a lease for a particular spot with an 800 metre radius circle drawn around it on the map to limit where the next site can sit. This ensures beekeepers are not putting bees down too close to each other. Beekeepers from all over the state also hold licences for many other dozens of sites in this forest.

NO BEES = NO NUTS. The number of beehives supplied to pollinate almonds on an annual basis is the biggest livestock migration in the country at nearly 200,000 hives. With the almonds already planted, this number is set to increase to at least 300,000. Couple this increased demand with an ever shrinking floral resource and things could become problematic.



Raw Honey supplies health food, organics and gourmet food stores all over Melbourne, as well as many Victorian regional areas including:

Violet Town Market; Collingwood Childrens' Farm Market; Strathbogie Store; The Weekend Local, Euroa; Fair Enough, Euroa; Jackson's Produce, Violet Town; Fowles Wine, Avenel; Harvest Home, Avenel; Shepparton Accupuncture and Chinese Medicine Clinic; Finer Fruit, Shepparton; The Chocolate Apple Factory, Shepparton; The Shepparton Visitor Centre; and Wickedly Deevine cafe, Kyabram.

Thank you to Andrew and Moss for agreeing to an interview asking about details of their business and explaining the important role an unlogged Strathbogie Forest plays. This story is not just about the survival of the bees and beekeepers themselves, but about that of our whole food chain.

*Andrew and Moss McCallum with Sean Mathews*

### **This past month has seen quite a bit of local Strathbogie Landcare activity.**

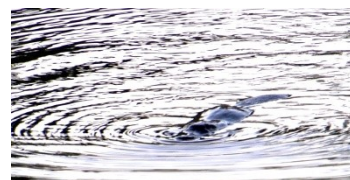


Our Common Myna Action subcommittee is trialing a trap at Henry O'Connor's place - courtesy of David & Helen Kennett. Henry, Dave & Sandy Joyce have 20-30 Common Mynas resident between them. 9 of our 17 Tableland Monitors

reporting to date have made other sightings. All have been logged on Feral Scan.

Our Strathbogie Landcare Platypus Monitoring Program has also commenced. Our team is excited to report an average of 1.8 sightings per outing, with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 individuals.

This monitoring is part of a citizen science project. All monitoring is reported via the Australian Platypus Monitoring Network.



The Strathbogie Township Tracks & Trails continue to be improved. A pilot trail has been created from the bridge along Spring Creek and up Magilton Creek to the end of Magilton Drive. Strathbogie Shire Council have removed the dangerous fence separating the Council Reserve and Crown Land. More work needs to be done, but it is starting to look much better.

From Spring Creek bridge along Bridge to Bridge, under Smith's Bridge, up to Armstrong Ave and returning via Armstrong Ave and Main St to Spring Creek bridge is turning into a lovely 3.5km loop.

If you choose to walk these pilot trails, the usual warnings apply. This walking is along uneven bush trails. There are slip, trip and fall hazards. There are snakes, branches, thorns etc - take care.

*Sean Mathews, Secretary*



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- Lifts / rides / car shares
- Requests for assistance
- Offers of assistance
- Local job advertisements
- Lost / missing animals or people!
- Announcements of social activities / get-togethers
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about
- Information on your local business or service

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Ed,  
I read the comments about climate change on bogietree. Here are some climate change actions we could all do that I would like to add:

- Support the kids striking in any way possible
- Go join them. This could be the start of a huge movement that will change the world
- Demand politicians are clear about their policies on climate change and real action and vote accordingly
- Plant trees
- Protect the waterways with vegetation
- Protect existing forest
- Regenerative farming practices
- Store carbon in the soil
- Buy less new products
- Drive less, fly less
- Switch to renewable energy sources
- Be less dependent on fossil fuels
- Plant more trees, shrubs and grasses for the insects and animals
- Eat less meat.

Dana Coleman

## Easter Mass Times

Normal Mass time for St Attracta's, Violet Town is Sunday 10.30am, including Easter Sunday.  
The Holy Week - Easter Celebrations will be held at St John's Catholic Church, Euroa.  
Holy Thursday Mass of The Lords Supper is at 7pm  
Good Friday: Solemn Celebration of the Passion of The Lord at 3pm  
Holy Saturday Mass at 7pm

All welcome

## The Name Game

Why are there two parts to scientific names, such as *Homo sapiens*? Because they are actually doing two jobs: providing not only a name, but also a classification. So, for instance, the names Lion and Tiger don't tell you anything about the nature or relationships of the animals. But the scientific names *Panthera leo* and *Panthera tigris* reveal immediately that they are similar animals because they are in the same genus (first part of the name). The other big cats such as the leopard and jaguar also belong in *Panthera*. So the genus name indicates the general kind of animal; the second part of the name (*leo*, *tigris*) is unique to the particular species. (Here's another little wrinkle: the plural of species is species; however the plural of genus is not *genuses* but *genera*. Life wasn't meant to be easy.)

Angus Martin

## The Violet Town RSL Sub-Branch

extends an invitation to Strathbogie residents to join them for their ANZAC Day 2019 Commemoration.



The Program is as follows:

DAWN SERVICE: assembly at the VT Cenotaph in Cowslip Street at 5.45 am for a 5.55am start.  
ANZAC DAY MARCH: will begin 10am at the CFA fire shed, along Cowslip Street finishing at the Cenotaph.

ANZAC Commemoration and Wreath-LAYING Service: to take place shortly after the march. Anyone is welcome to participate in the Wreath-Laying ceremony.

For further information about Violet Town RSL Sub-Branch contact Secretary / Treasurer Kevin Kennedy on 57985488 or John Ryan 57908501.



Christian Bianco (AKA Two Hands Tapping) is a multi instrumentalist and Handpan player. He has been playing, recording and producing music for over two decades and is currently exploring, experimenting and fusing the Handpan with other musical mediums developing a unique style and new soundscapes. Expect a journey of bewitching, hypnotic and soothing melodies, invoking influences from Southeast Asia, the Caribbean and Middle East.

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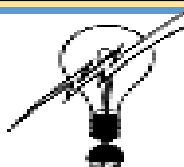
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## Chisel & his Harem of Houdini's

I still remember the first day I met Chisel (I know, odd name huh)....A girlfriend and I were out for a ride in Mt Wombat Flora and Fauna Reserve when out of the bush appeared Chisel. To say we were completely taken aback is an understatement, but, as he seemed really friendly, harmless and in fact just in need of some company, we were happy to let him amble along with us on our ride.

We eventually turned for home and he was still accompanying us, but we did notice as we neared home he was tiring, obviously a little unfit. So, we did what any caring person would do and managed to help him up on one of the horses for the 200 or so metres back to our house.

Once at our place he was a charming, if not clingy fella, following us around everywhere, fond of a cuddle, helped with the gardening and eventually made himself so at home he was trying to steal our cups of tea and even at one stage was sitting up on our kitchen bench.

How times have changed.....

These days I have wounds on my feet, a direct result of an assault by Chisel. We've even had a couple of run ins where I've been guilty of using physical force (always as a last resort) to protect myself from him and his aggressive behaviour.

So what changed? Well, in my opinion it was when he started fraternising with the opposite sex. As he seemed to wish to stay with us, we felt it unhealthy to be by himself all the time, and we didn't really want this hanger-on moving into the house, we found some friends for him, females I might say, and that was the end of the congenial relationship between us.

People have asked my why don't we just get rid of him, ask him or help him to move on? The problem is that whilst he can inflict some wounds with his aggressive behaviour, he just seems to be one of those old fashioned guys out to protect the "fairer sex." It's hard to blame him for what seems to be an inbred age old quality. And, the girls love him, he's the one that takes them out to all the best spots to dine and if one looks like she might wander off alone into danger he's the first to be running after her and pulling her back into line.

Suffice to say though, we now use the working dogs if we want him and his harem to move anywhere!

You might even have the pleasure of meeting Chisel and his Harem on Mt Wombat Road. If you do, I would suggest not approaching.



PS: In the interests of privacy, the identity of the girls in this story have been suppressed, but Chisel is an out and proud rooster.

*Lisa Duggan*



## Polly Pennant's Helpful Hints

### 1. Rosemary hair rinse.

Pick at least 4-6 sprays of rosemary, put it in a saucepan, cover with 3 cups of water, put the lid on and simmer for 15 minutes. Strain, cool, and use as a final rinse for hair.

### 2. Clean the glass from your wood heater.

To clean smoke film from fire glass, rub a damp cloth dipped in the cold ashes from the fire. Shine up with another damp cloth.

### 3. When a door drags on the floor, put sandpaper on the floor and move it back and forth over it.

*As always, use this advice at your own risk! Polly*



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## Message from your Councillor

Hello Everyone,

On Friday 8 March I had the good fortune to accompany my wife Glenda, who was the guest speaker, to the International Women's Day (IWD) function in Berrigan, NSW. The Berrigan library service has been running an IWD function for over 20 years and it is attended by hundreds of women from across the Riverina.

I was struck by such resilience from the women in a community that is heavily dependent on irrigated agriculture. With little, or no, water allocations this year, things are tough there. However, the spirit is positive and while the theme of IWD in 2019 was "Balance is Better" I was taken with the theme that Berrigan use each year: To know strong women; To be strong women; To raise strong women.

I raise this topic because in a week where a young AFLW footballer is abused on line having done nothing more than appear in a photo posted by a media company, and when the news serves up the seemingly daily dose of violence against women, I think it is important to acknowledge where we need to do better.

The Strathbogie Shire Council marked International Women's Day as part of its support for White Ribbon Australia, the campaign to prevent violence against women. Malcolm Turnbull said something along the lines, "that disrespect of women doesn't always lead to violence, but violence towards women always involves disrespect." It seems self-evident that if we have a society that does not have gender discrimination, but instead has true gender balance, we will have a healthier society. Why would we want to deprive society of the talents of half the population, by not promoting gender equity?

By 2019 we should have evolved enough to not have to promote gender equity. We should be at a point where we don't need to remark on the achievements of women, such as Gladys Berejiklian being the first woman to be popularly elected as premier of NSW. It should be normal that half of all appointments and incumbents are women, and half are men.

Some people say that gender inequity is a generational thing and as the younger generation takes over things will improve. I'm not so sure, gender stereotypes seem to be pretty strong across all demographics. I think it's going to take a concerted effort to achieve gender balance. A starting point might be the Berrigan catch cry – recognising and supporting strong women and the daughters they raise.

Just a reminder that the Shire's Community Grants Program closes on 26th April. If you have an idea for a community initiative, please check the Shire's website for how you can obtain the funding to make the idea a reality.

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.



### 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



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## Flicking a cigarette butt is a severe fire danger and environmental risk: EPA, fire and rescue services say



With North East Victoria's fire danger period projected to continue into May, EPA, Country Fire Authority and Metropolitan Fire Brigade are calling for cigarette butt litterers to check their habit, and for members of the community to report this kind of littering.

Given that most human-cause fire incidents in Victoria are caused by lit cigarette butts, the potential cost to the community and environment is extreme. "EPA counts on members of the public to report people who flick their butts out of car windows," said EPA North East Region

Manager Emma Knights. "Flicking lit cigarettes out your car window is a serious fire hazard, as recent fire tragedies across our state have shown. And cigarette butt litter pollutes our roadsides and chokes our waterways," Ms Knights said.

The CFA regularly attends to fires caused by cigarettes, and some of Victoria's worst bushfire tragedies were sparked by cigarette butt litter. CFA Chief Officer Steve Warrington said roadside fires pose a "significant danger to drivers not only from smoke, but flames or falling burning trees or branches, and there's high potential for tragic consequences." Mr Warrington said more than half of Victorian bushfires are deliberately lit or caused by reckless behaviour. "One of the most common causes is inappropriately disposing of cigarette butts. Recklessly caused fires are often viewed by the community as accidental, but in reality, the potential for injury, loss of life, property damage and drain on resources is the same as that caused by arson." Mr Warrington said.

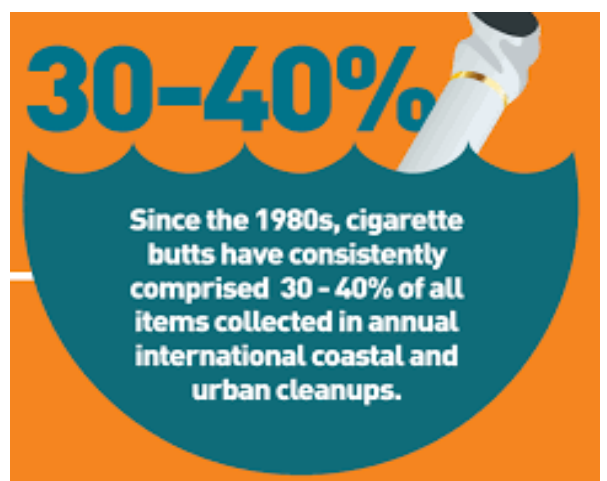
MFB Chief Officer Dan Stephens said that firefighters respond to more than 10 fires caused by carelessly discarded smoking materials every month across the Melbourne metropolitan district alone. "Careless disposal of smoking materials can quickly start a fire, especially in a high-risk area such as on a balcony, in a street bin or near grass and parklands. It doesn't have to be a hot or windy day for a fire to spread quickly and cause substantial damage. Smokers must fully extinguish smoking materials and dispose of them in heavy, high-sided ashtrays to avoid starting a fire," Mr Stephens said.

Last financial year, EPA handed out over \$5 million in fines to more than 11,000 Victorians for discarding litter, mostly cigarette butts, from their vehicles. Ms Knights said that EPA's litter reporting program works to curb cigarette butt littering, with fines and enforcement actions undertaken through the courts "sending a clear message that this kind of mindless behaviour will have real consequences."

EPA litter fines range from \$322 for a small piece of rubbish or unlit cigarette up to \$645 for a lit cigarette. Individuals issued with a litter fine have the right to request that EPA review the matter or to have it determined in court.

### Report littering

People can report littering via [EPA's website](#), through its smartphone litter app, or by calling 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).



# ***Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus***

Welcome to Astrid, Tully and Ziggy! Our newest students who have come from Queensland, and are adjusting very well to the cooler climate of Strathbogie. Astrid joins the Senior Class, while twins Tully and Ziggy are in our Junior Class.

The Senior Class have been working on Visualising in reading. After listening to a short passage, we saw how differently each person had visualised the scene in their own minds.

In Maths, the Junior Class have been generating questions and gathering data. They surveyed the Senior Grade to gather their data on favourite numbers and favourite animals. We have had a big focus on counting patterns, in particular counting by 2's and 5's. We have used unifix cubes and the abacus to help us learn these new skills. The Junior Students have also been studying the letter 'R', reading about 'Rosie's Big Radish'.

Both classes are thoroughly enjoying our Inquiry topic Under the Sea, which will focus on human impacts on marine animals and their environments. We will be investigating ways we can reduce our impact, particularly on the way we disposal of rubbish.

Peranbin have secured Indonesian as our language across all of the campuses. Glenda is our new Indonesian teacher and she will deliver the program using our new videoconferencing units. We plan to also have a cultural celebration event during the year.

In Art we have enjoyed having Dana Coleman join us to help create a cross-cultural art project with village kids in West Java. Our children have been drawing and printing aspects of their life in Bogie from wild animals to their families and favourite foods. They have also created aerial maps/impressions of their school and town. Dana refreshed their memories on a number of Bahasa Indonesian words and told them about the village she has been living in over the last year. Dana is returning to Indonesia and Suzie will be visiting her in the school holidays with some of the Bogie kids' art. They will do a similar project with the village children and the resulting artworks will form a collaborative display to be exhibited in both Indonesia and Australia. We hope to create a lasting dialogue and friendship between our two communities - very exciting considering our children will be learning Indonesian again soon.



Dana working with the children on the cross cultural art project



## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

### STAG Committee

STAG is working towards a more representative group on the committee. We are delighted to welcome Dana Last as a new member.

### Diesel Fuel Project

The application for a Planning Permit for the diesel fuel project was approved at the March meeting of the Planning Committee. Several amendments to the motion to approve were moved by Cr Thomson – details are available on the Council website under Planning Committee minutes.

### Community Action Plan

The committee has commenced working through suggestions made at the recent community meeting. Several of the projects would be suitable to apply for a community grant and this has been suggested to proposers. STAG itself is not eligible to apply for community grants. However, we can provide letters of support. Once we have finished working through the proposals, they will go back to the community before the final Action Plan is drawn up.

### Communications

The Communications sub-committee has for many years looked after Tableland Talk and the community website (strathbogie.org). John O'Brien has recently joined this sub-committee and will provide additional technical assistance as well as a link with bogie-tree.

*Helen Peters, Secretary*

## Electrofishing for native species conservation - the Seven Creeks experience



The Seven Creeks above Gooram has the special status of good habitat for endangered native fish species including trout cod, Macquarie perch and blackfish. It is illegal for anglers to fish in these waters below Polly McQuinn's.

These native fish are very vulnerable to predation by the introduced and aggressively invasive redfin species (European or English perch). Redfin are present in the same waters. Native fish caught during electrofishing are returned to the water unharmed. Redfin are destroyed.

The GB CMA electrofishing team worked their way upstream from Gooram. Not a bad workplace at all. This is a useful survey method for assessing fish populations and species composition. Data collection and sampling occurred on a sandy beach.

The equipment consists of a battery backpack generating 300v of direct current that travels between a submerged wire cathode and a flat net anode. The anode has a deadman's switch to protect the operator. Insulating gloves and waders protect the 2 man crew from electroshock when in the water. Bystanders must be clear of the water during electrofishing. Charged water leaking into waders may cause leakage of current as well. Any tingling necessitates immediate silicone patchwork. With frequently slippery and unstable footing, carefully coordinated retrieval is also important.

The team work together to retrieve stunned fish from likely haunts. The current affects fish within a 1-1.5m area. Generally, stunned fish have mild muscle contractions that move them toward the anode net. However, sometimes fish also roll toward the cathode. Fish recovery times vary from 2 to 10 minutes.

Data gathered is confirmed and recorded. Getting uncooperative and slippery fish onto the ruler and scales can be a challenge at times. Fish are scanned for previously inserted chips. A small snip of tail fin is taken for DNA sampling. Collecting genetic material gives parent and gene pool information. The tissue is transported back to the lab in individually labelled test tubes. Each location has all fish recorded as a data set.

Fish are gently returned to the water. Some are more ready than others and need a bit of encouraging guidance to safer waters.



A 1198g trout cod

*Sean Mathews*

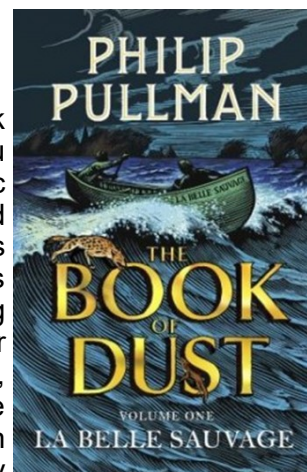
## The Bookshelf - Notes from The Bohomians Book Club

**The Book of Dust** by Phillip Pullman, David Fickling Books (UK), 2017

If you are a confirmed rejectionist when it comes to reading fantasy, then think again! This first book of the *La Belle Sauvage* trilogy has the power to draw you into the world of massively flooded, medievaesque, but somehow futuristic Oxford and England, and the epic journey of Malcolm Polstead – a 12 year-old true hero, Alice, his 15 year-old helpmate and baby Lyra Belacqua, their precious cargo. Dark forces are abroad. The Magisterium, with its extreme religious dictates, is attempting to take control; 'Oakley Street', a secret, freedom-seeking organization, is battling this increasingly menacing power – in short, a battle for free speech and thought. Without understanding where all this is headed, Malcolm puts his trust in the Oakley Street researcher, Hannah Reif, who, via the *alethiometer*, is investigating *Dust*, the cosmic matter that is believed to govern consciousness. As *La Belle Sauvage*, Malcolm's hopelessly small but sturdy canoe, is swept along in the raging waters, he and Alice witness all manner of strange and unsettling occurrences and characters. The baby Lyra is somehow very important to the future of the world and all that Malcolm and Alice know is that it is vital that they get her to her father, Lord Asriel, and the safety of 'academic sanctuary' in Jordan College. The presence of *daemons* (the physical manifestation of a person's 'inner being', soul or spirit.) is an intriguing and effective addition to the plot, giving insight to the characters and instructing their actions. Sounds strange? You bet – but by gee, it's well done!

Having read *The Book of Dust*, I feel compelled to reach for the earlier completed trilogy, *His Dark Materials* (Scholastic, 1995-2000): *Northern Lights*; *The Subtle Knife*; *The Amber Spyglass*. Who would have thought – me, on this fantastic journey!! Just goes to show – an old reader can always discover new horizons.

Ruth Fluhr



### Strathbogie Shire Council

#### Public Notice inviting submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

##### Draft Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy – 2019-2024

A draft *Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy – 2019-2024* has been prepared and is available from Customer Service at both Euroa and Nagambie and all libraries shire-wide, as well as on Council's website at [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/about-council/public-notices](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/about-council/public-notices)

The draft *Strathbogie Shire Council Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy* has been developed as part of Council's commitment to sustainably manage our natural and built environment. The key aim of the strategy is to guide the development and improvement of current waste and resource recovery practices to ensure sustainable outcomes for the collection, disposal and recovery of resources from waste generated within the Strathbogie Shire community over the next five years (2019 – 2024).

Strathbogie Shire Council invites submissions under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to the draft report. Any person making a submission on the draft policy under Section 223 of the Act must do so in writing to the undersigned by mail or email by 5pm Friday 3 May 2019. All submissions will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Any person requesting to be heard in support on his or her submission is entitled to be heard before Council or be represented by a person acting on his or her behalf. Council will hear submissions at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019, commencing at 5pm in the Euroa Community Conference Centre.

Submissions made under Section 223 of the Act are not confidential and:

- Will be incorporated in full (including any personal information) into the agenda and minutes of any Council meeting at which the matter is considered;
- Will be provided on Council's website as part of any relevant Council or Committee agenda and minutes; and
- Must be made available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Following consideration of submissions, Council will review and amend the *Draft Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy – 2019-2024* as appropriate, following which the report will be submitted to Council for formal consideration at a date to be determined. For further information, please contact Jeff Saker on 1800 065 993, or email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

**Steve Crawcour**  
Chief Executive Officer





## Two Strathbogie artists to join an art project in West Java

In April, Suzie Bates and I will be heading over to West Java in Indonesia to take part in a project - The Rainforest Recording Project.

With a local man, Isep who started the RRP about 4 years ago, I am helping to organise this event. We have invited artists, both local and international to West Java to take part. Joining Suzie and I are Talisa, an Australian artist who is working in Bali teaching art. Sharleen, an Australian artist who has been working on a project in Cambodia. Yan, an artist from Bandung West Java and Qisthi, a local textile and visual artist.

The purpose of project is to take some time in the forests to connect with nature, to respond and record that connection using any kind of artist expression and then to share that with the public through open studios with the artists, collaborations with villagers and children and exhibitions.

We will be spending 5 days walking and camping in the rainforest in Mount Gede Pangrango NP. This Park consists of two volcanoes surrounded by rainforest. It is an ancient forest with huge trees, beautiful orchids and lots of wildlife.

After our time on the mountain we will be back at the Basecamp making art and having outdoor open studios. Here the local villagers, visitors and children can come and observe the process of art making and contribute or collaborate with us.

The project will then conclude with an exhibition in the local town of Sukabumi, in Rumahmesra, a community art space.

Suzie and I have also been doing an art project with the children in Strathbogie Primary School with images of their local environment and life, and then using those images to do some printmaking. We will then do the same project with the children from the local village who I have been working with for about 9 months. This is a cross-cultural collaboration we include in our exhibition here in Sukabumi and perhaps in our Strathbogie Art show.

Hopefully, we can also have a Rainforest Recording Project in Strathbogie. - two weeks of being in the forest, making art and exhibiting locally. I look forward to bringing some of our artwork back to Bogie to share with you.

*Dana Coleman*



### RAINFOREST RECORDING PROJECT

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
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Sukabumi - Indonesia

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#### Nature Artists Collaboration Exhibition



## The Fun's Not Over .....

**Rec Ground Pizza Nights** have again been a fantastic happening for the Strathbogie Community. Great to catch up with friends, eat delicious food and share a drink.

Thanks so much to Kim, Dave, Sandy and the team of volunteers that made it such a success.

As you may or may not know the Rec Ground Pizza Nights only take place over summer, finishing last week, Under The Sun has closed, so where to now ??

Your local Golf Club of course....

**Strathbogie Golf Club**.... right next door!!! The members invite the community to use the facility on Thursday nights.

Perfect for cooler weather gatherings, with cosy fire, casual but yummy food e.g. hamburgers, pies, roast rolls reasonably priced drinks and best of all a place to catch up.

If you haven't been there lately, there is a 'Grand Opening' of the recently completed outdoor Sun Shelter and barbeque area on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of April, with a delicious two course meal at \$10.00 (children \$5.00 per head) and drinks at bar prices.

Do come and check out the new facility. You'll see lots of familiar faces and new ones as well.

After that we'll start with regular Thursday evenings 6:00 start.

All welcome, family friendly!

Hope to see you there.

*Helen Inglis*



## STRATHBOGIE GOLF CLUB

In conjunction with the very successful Thursday night Recreation Ground drinks and pizza night, we are opening our facility every Thursday evening over the winter months, with a cosy woodfire, coupled with true Strathbogie hospitality.

**Start Date:** Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6p.m to 10p.m

**Membership:** \$5.00 for season social membership, entitles the new member to a free introductory drink.

**Format:** Every Thursday bar open for drinks. Second and fourth Thursday of each month burgers / BBQ / meals

Every first, third & fifth Thursday, pie and toasted sandwiches.

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- Bush Dance Children 6pm And General 8pm
- Children's Art Displays
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For Further information please call 0417 166 824 or visit Our Strathbogie Forest on Facebook.

## A family friendly Bush Dance for the Forest Strathbogie Hall April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

5pm - 10.30pm  
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