



July 2019

## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

### Annual General Meeting

STAG's AGM will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room, Strathbogie Memorial Hall. All community members are encouraged to attend and new committee members will be welcomed.

### Community Action Plan

Following several community consultation sessions, the Action Plan is currently being written up, following which it will be available for community comment. The draft Plan will be available through bogietree, the community website ([strathbogie.org](http://strathbogie.org)) and as a hard copy at the store following the AGM. Feedback may be sent to [stag@strathbogie.org](mailto:stag@strathbogie.org) or placed in the feedback box at the store.

### Incorporation

STAG is in the process of becoming incorporated – community members who wish to be involved as members of the incorporated body/STAG committee should indicate their interest at the AGM.

### Diesel Fuel

This project has suffered from considerable delays. The Recreation Committee lodged a Planning Permit application with Council on 10 September 2018 and was advised on 15 April 2019 that Council had determined to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit. The Notice advised that:

- there would be a period of four weeks to allow for objections before a permit could be issued
- the holder of the permit would be Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (not the Rec Committee which was the original applicant)
- the permit holder would be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shire for use of part of the Rec Reserve for the fuel cell

The MOU will cover, but is not limited to:

- absolving the Strathbogie Shire Council from any liability with regard to the fuel cell
- requiring 'make good' of the site when/if the fuel cell is discontinued
- maintenance costs in respect of infrastructure maintenance for the fuel cell (including vehicle track)
- demonstrate the ongoing financial and functional benefit to the community from the fuel cell operation.

STAG is unable to proceed any further with this project until it receives the MOU.

STAG is disappointed that this project has been delayed for so long given that STAG submitted over 130 letters of support from the community as well as letters from State and Federal politicians and the CFA (who had hoped to have diesel available for the last fire season).

### Township Signage

Since September 2018 STAG has been liaising with Council to enable us to install new township entry signs. Council advised that it was reviewing its signage policy however, to date, this has not been available. STAG will continue to pursue this project.

*Helen Peters, Secretary*

## What's On

**July 15** - STAG AGM Soldier's Room 7.30pm. All welcome.

**July 20** - Euroa Farmer's Market

**July 27** - Find out about Fungi. Euroa Third Age Club 10.30am  
See p5

**Aug 10** - History Group archival digital scanning. See p3

**Nov** - Strathbogie Arts Festival  
Watch this space!

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

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

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Strathbogie Singing Group -  
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month—Australian Plants Society  
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## Euroa Cinema in July

**Aladdin** PG Jul 1 1pm. Sensory Friendly Screen  
**Rocketman** M Sat July 6 4pm, Sun July 7 4pm  
**Wonder Park** PG Tues July 9 1pm Sensory Friendly Screening. Also on Wed July 10 2pm  
**Undermined**: Tales from the Kimberly M Fri July 12 8pm. NAIDOC Week - free entry  
**Red Joan** M Sat July 13 4pm, Sun July 14 4pm  
**The Hustle** M July 19 8.30pm Euroa Secondary Deb fundraiser. Tix \$20 include supper  
**MIB: international** M weekend July 20 & 21 4pm  
**Nonnas on the run** M Fri Jul 26 10.30am. Hospital fundraiser. Tix \$25 include lunch  
**Toy Story 4** G July 26 4.30pm Cure Brain Cancer fundraiser. Tix Adult \$15, Child \$10  
**Tolkein** M weekend July 27 & 28 4pm  
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**The Deadline** for the August edition of Tableland Talk is Wednesday July 28, 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.



## The Name Game: Echidna

Did you work out the *tachys/glossa/aculeatus* puzzle in June's TT? Without much difficulty, I expect: Who else but an **Echidna** (aka Spiny Anteater) could be tagged so aptly as quick-tongued and prickly?

It would have been much simpler, of course, if the name *Echidna* could have been used for the genus – why wasn't it? Well, originally it was, but it turned out (unfortunately) that this name had already been claimed for a genus of Moray Eels. *Echidna* is actually a Greek word meaning snake, and Moray Eels are undoubtedly snake-like.



But why, then, was it ever used for our un-snake-like friend? Because *Echidna* was also a character in Greek mythology who was half-woman, half-snake, and the Spiny Anteater was recognised as having qualities of both mammals and reptiles (warm-blooded but egg-laying). That's why the new genus name *Tachyglossus* had to be cooked up (*Echidna* survives as the common name).

Oddly enough the Platypus (cousin to the Echidna) went through a similar nomenclatorial rigmarole. Why couldn't common sense prevail and use *Platypus* for its genus? Because (as you've probably guessed) *Platypus* was also already owned by another creature, in this case a wood-boring beetle. *Platypus* is derived from Greek *platys* (broad, flat) and *pous* (foot), a characteristic shared (apparently) by the beetle and the Australian mammal.

The replacement generic name in this case is *Ornithorhynchus*, whose meaning is .....? (over to you).

Angus Martin

### STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

#### **Adoption of Budget for year ending 30 June 2020.**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 130 of the Local Government Act 1989, notice is hereby given that at a Special Meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council held on Tuesday 25 June 2019, Council adopted its budget for the Year ending 30 June 2020.

Steve Crawcour

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### Strathbogie Shire Council responds to VAGO Report

Strathbogie Shire Council has met to discuss and finalise its proposed action plan in response to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office's Audit Report (VAGO) into Fraud and Corruption Controls tabled in Victorian Parliament on Thursday, 20th June.

This action plan includes accepting the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Crawcour, effective of Thursday, 27th June, 2019.

Council would like to thank Mr Crawcour for his eight years as CEO and 10 total years of service to the Strathbogie Shire, where he has made a significant contribution to delivering the services and infrastructure needs of the community.

Council will be calling a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd July where it will consider the organisation's response to the 12 recommendations of VAGO.

It will also consider further actions above and beyond the organisational response, including strengthening the role of the Audit Committee, enhancing controls over expenditure of Councillors, Mayors and CEO, prohibiting the purchasing of gifts and alcohol as valid reimbursements and revising the policy for the private use of Council vehicles.

At this meeting, Council will look to appoint Mr Phil Howard as Interim CEO while the recruitment process for a permanent CEO takes place.



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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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## The Indian Myna

Gimme the town an' its clamour an' clutter;  
I ain't very fond of the bush;  
For my cobbles are coves of the gardens and gutter  
A tough metropolitan push.  
I ain't never too keen on the countryfied life;  
It's the hustle an' bustle for me an' me wife.

So I swagger an' strut an' I cuss an' I swagger;  
I'm wise to the city's hard way.  
A bit of a bloke an' a bit of a bragger;  
I've always got plenty to say.  
Learned thro' knockin' about since my people came out  
From the land at the back of Bombay.

When out in the bush I am never a ranger;  
There never ain't nothin' to see.  
Besides, them bush birds got no time for a stranger;  
So town an' the traffic for me.  
I sleep in the gardens an' loaf in the street,  
An' sling off all day at the fellers I meet.

An' I swagger an' scold an' strut an' I swagger,  
An' pick up me fun where I can,  
Or tell off me wife, who's a bit of a nagger,  
Or scrap with the sparrers for scan.  
A bonzer at bluffin', I give you my word,  
For, between you an' me, I'm a pretty tough bird.



C. J. Dennis From *The Singing Garden* 1935

**Editor's Note:** Little did C. J. know what was in store for early the next century. His observation about the bird, "I ain't very fond of the bush" was reasonable based upon where he saw Indian Mynas in 1935. Now we know that was just a ploy for us to let them breed in massive numbers before they broke out of their metropolitan confines.

### Strathbogie Landcare has free traps for loan.

A refundable deposit of \$25 will get you two weeks loan of a Euroa Men's Shed constructed Common (Indian) Myna trap, including instructions. These traps have been used with great success both on and off The Tableland.

However, there has been variation in their effectiveness in some instances. A tip to all Common Myna trappers - your trap should be placed and baited after dark when the birds cannot connect you with it. Thereafter, the birds should not see you attending it. These birds are exceptionally wary, learn fast and tell their friends all about you!



## Polly Pennant's Helpful Hints



### Boots and Shoes.

1. Stuff some crunched up newspaper into wet shoes or boots whilst drying. It helps them keep their shape.
2. An old woollen sock placed over a bristle brush is a great shoe cleaner.
3. If boots are hard to get on, spray the inside lightly with silicone spray and they will go on more easily. Or use a long handled shoe horn.

Regards Polly

*\*As usual, Polly says try these hints at your own risk!*

## FIND OUT ABOUT FUNGI

The Australian Plants Society -  
Strathbogie Ranges Group.

Another free presentation, this time on FUNGI, is being offered by the Australian Plants Society - Strathbogie Ranges Group.

The speaker is Geoff Lay from the Fungi Group of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria.

Come to the Euroa Third Age Club on Saturday 27 June at 10:30 am for Morning Tea and an 11:00am start to Geoff's enlightening and entertaining talk.



Our Group was pleased to see so many visitors who came to the presentation in June by Cathy Powers on Moths and Butterflies. Their interaction and questions indicated that they had a most enjoyable experience.

Pete Kelly

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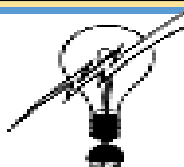
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## Strathbogie Groundwater Project Update – June 2019

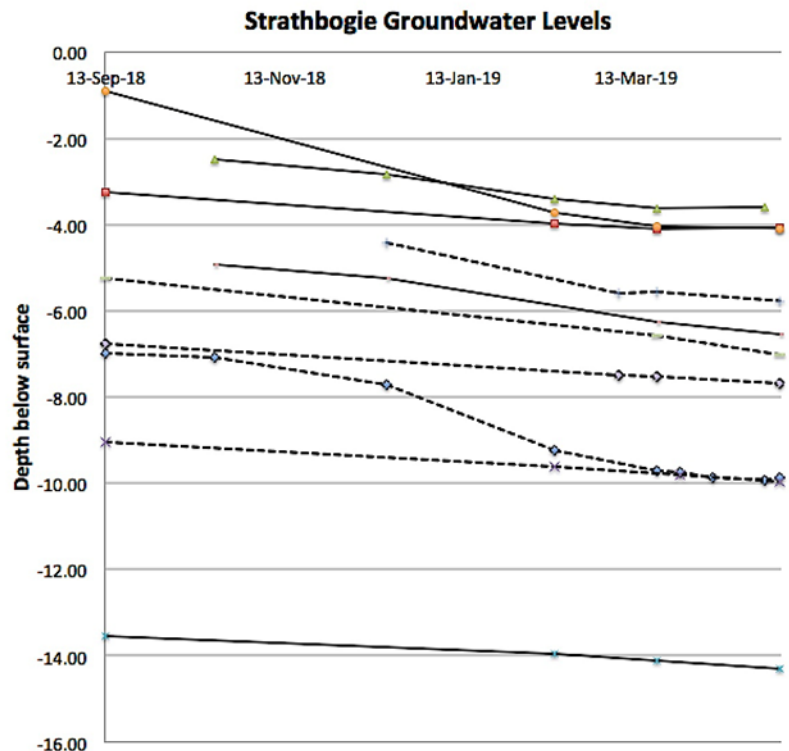
In September 2018, the Strathbogie Groundwater Project began monitoring water levels in eleven groundwater bores on the Tableland, to develop an understanding of the regional groundwater resource. Most of these bores are monitored manually every few months to measure depth of the water table, whilst the water level in one bore is monitored automatically and continuously. Half the bores have no water pumped from them, the other half are regularly pumped either by submersible pumps or jet pumps. Pumping regimes vary, but volumes pumped from the five 'active' bores are relatively small < 1ML/year. The bores range in depth from 4m to 38m.



The graph at right shows that, not surprisingly given the dry season, the water level in all bores declined steadily between September 2018 and May 2019. The biggest drop over the seven months was 3m, whilst a number of bores remained fairly steady and dropped by less than 1m. It appears that active bores (where water was pumped) behaved similarly to inactive bores, suggesting that pumping rates had minimal impact on local groundwater levels.

What's a bit more alarming, is that water table depths this season, are similar to those at the end of the Millenium Drought. This is despite the district having had good annual rainfall for the last few years.

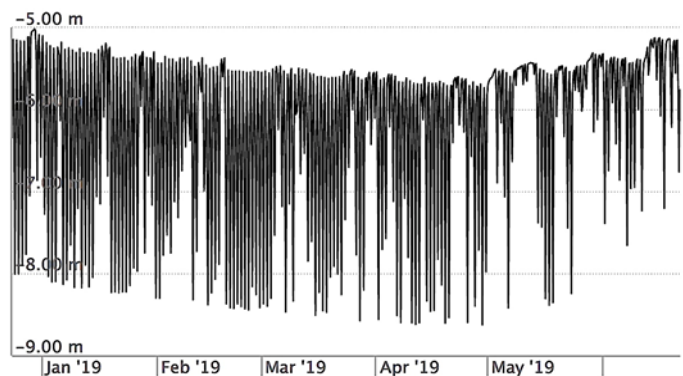
Depth to the water table varies considerably across the landscape, but is generally within about 4 to 10m of the surface.



The bore being automatically monitored is providing a detailed picture of how groundwater in a local area is responding to both season and to pumping from the bore. The graph shows daily variation in groundwater level during 2019.

This bore has a submersible solar pump that delivers stock water and is about 25m deep. The water level is usually between 5 and 6m below the surface, whereas pumping lowers the water level in the bore by about 3m per day. Interestingly, even with regular, daily pumping, the water level in the bore recovered overnight. The expected trend of a gradual lowering of the water table during summer and autumn can be clearly seen, as can the reversal of that trend – the water table becoming shallower – once regular rainfall commences in May.

The influence of rainfall, even relatively small daily totals, on the water table occurs within hours and is visible in the graph.



For more detail about these trends and about the project itself, go to <https://strathbogierangesnaturereview.wordpress.com/> and search for 'groundwater'.

This project is supported by the Goulburn Broken CMA and the Victorian Government.

Bertram Lobert (0409 433 276) – Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network





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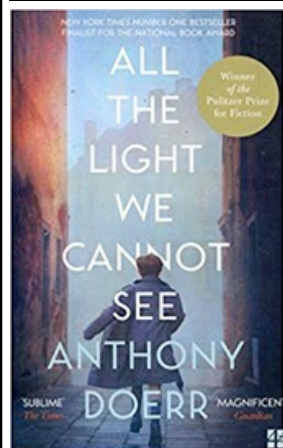
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## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub



*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, Fourth Estate, London, 2014

The precious stone, *The Sea of Flames*, that nestles at the heart of this beautiful novel is a metaphor for the book itself; its finely cut surfaces refract and reflect the myriad dimensions of this masterful work of fiction – the greed, hubris and brutality and, more often, the outstanding and deeply moving courage and compassion of ordinary people caught up in the idiocy of war.

Marie Laure Le Blanc lives with her father, Daniel, in Paris within walking distance of the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of the locks. When she is six, she goes blind, and her father builds her a model of their neighborhood, every house, every manhole, so she can memorize it with her fingers and navigate the real streets with her feet and cane. When the Germans occupy Paris in June of 1940, father and daughter flee to Saint-Malo on the Brittany coast, where Marie-Laure's agoraphobic great uncle lives in a tall, narrow house by the sea wall.

In another world in Germany, an orphan boy, Werner, grows up with his younger sister, Jutta, both enchanted by a crude radio Werner finds. He becomes a master at building and fixing radios, a talent that wins him a place at an elite and brutal military academy and, ultimately, makes him a highly specialized tracker of the Resistance. Werner travels through the heart of Hitler Youth to the far-flung outskirts of Russia, and finally into Saint-Malo, where his path converges with Marie-Laure's.

*"Tackling questions of survival, endurance and moral obligations during wartime, the book is as precise and artful and ingenious as the puzzle boxes the heroine's locksmith father builds for her. Impressively, it is also a vastly entertaining feat of storytelling."* – New York Times Book Review

*Anthony Doerr sees the world as a scientist, but feels it as a poet. He knows about everything – radios, diamonds, molluscs, birds, flowers, locks, guns – but he also writes a line so beautiful, creates an image or scene so haunting, it makes you think forever differently about the big things—love, fear, cruelty, kindness, the countless facets of the human heart.* JR Moehringer, author of *The Tender Bar*

Winner of multiple prestigious literary prizes, Anthony Doerr is also the author of two story collections *Memory Wall* and *The Shell Collector*, the novel *About Grace* and the memoir *Four Seasons in Rome*.

Next month: *Beyond Veiled Clichés* by Amal Awad, Penguin, 2017

## What did the last census tell us about Strathbogie Tableland residents?

It is only a couple of years since the most recent census data was published. Did you review the results for our small neck of the woods? They make for interesting reading. Has much changed? You might like to take a look, see what you think, because in 2016 .....

The Strathbogie Township and environs are home to 304 people. The median age is, unsurprisingly, 54 years. 38.2% of our residents are over 60 years compared with 21% across Victoria. Only 17% of our population is under 19 years compared with 24.3% across the state.

We are a very homogenous community. 85.1% of us were born in Australia, England or New Zealand. 88.3% of us speak only English at home. Only 7.7% speak languages other than English, with German predominant at 2.3%. None identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The sexes are evenly split, 50.2% male, 49.8% female. For those of us marriageable, 53.1% are married, 23.1% separated or divorced, 2.3% widowed and 21.5% remain unmarried. 14% are in a de facto relationship. The percentage of single person households is 39.1%, higher than the total Victorian figure of 24.7%. 61.6% of us live together as couples without children at home. Across Victoria this figure is 36.5%. One parent families are at 9% compared with 15.3 for the state. 100% of our single parents are female.

39.4% of us declared no religion. The rest of the state is at 31.7%. Of the remainder for Strathbogie, 33.8% identify as either Anglican, Catholic or Uniting Church Christian. 12.3% did not say.

97.7% of our homes are fully detached dwellings. 57.3% of us own our home outright compared to 32.3% of Victorians overall. Almost one third of our private dwellings are unoccupied compared to one tenth for the state. 76.7% of those dwellings are internet connected. For the rest of the state it is 83.7%.

24.4% of us are attending an educational institution. Our tertiary education is more likely to have been at TAFE than the wider Victorian outcome of a university education. Less than half of us are in the labour force (full/part time or seeking work). We volunteer more at 33.3% than others across the state at 19.2%.

Our major employing industries are beef and sheep at 28.6% followed by local government at 5.5%. 24.6% of us say we work at home compared with 4.6% across the state. 48% of us identify as Managers or Professionals compared with 36.8% across the state. 13.6% of us identify as labourers compared with 9% across the state.

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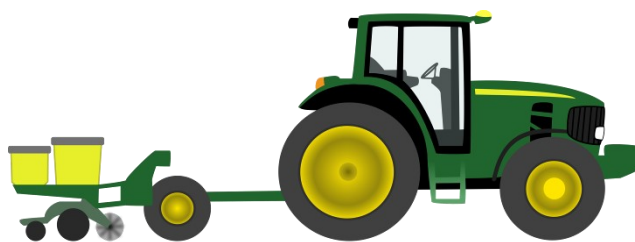
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### The Forest Lover - a limerick

A forest lover who lives in East Brunswick  
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To commune with the bees  
And the birds in the trees  
'Tis the place to recover when she's city sick  
*With apologies to Alwyn Mathews*



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**A Tribute.** When we learned of Rolf's death, Suzie came up with the idea of planting an Olive tree as a tribute and sign of our gratitude. A tree that is giving and nourishing, providing produce for many years to come. Fitting, as Rolf himself was so very giving and nourishing. Giving of his smile, kindness and friendship, and after only spending a short time with him, you would go away feeling nourished. Rolf gave of his time and effort here at Bogie School, repairing the undulating bricks under the Koala trees, weather boards on the buildings and various other jobs. And of course, in true Rolf style, he gave of this time freely despite the many efforts of staff and parents at the time to reimburse him. He would simply say that it was his contribution. I'm grateful to have known Rolf for some 14 years, as I'm sure those of you who knew him are as well. I hope that his sparkle, his spirit, lives on in this tree. *Written & Spoken by Julie Bond-Rowe*



**Dear Tablelanders! You are all invited to ...**

## **Strathbogie Tableland Action Group - STAG - Annual General Meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, commencing at 7.30pm in the Soldiers Room, Strathbogie Memorial Hall

And watch out for our new (draft) Community Action Plan, incorporating *your* suggestions for actions to strengthen *our* community over the next four years. This will be available for community review and feedback after the AGM.

## **Strathbogie Tableland Well Represented In Successful Strathbogie Shire Community Grant Applications**

Strathbogie Shire Council will be injecting over \$79,000 into community projects, with the endorsement of the 2019-20 Community Grants Program at a recent Ordinary Council Meeting. Funding has been allocated to 20 different initiatives across the Strathbogie Shire in the coming financial year, including those relating to local arts and culture, environment and sustainability and facilities and infrastructure.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Amanda McClaren said the Community Grants Program is a fantastic initiative that empowers local community groups in the Strathbogie Shire. "The Community Grants Program is all about giving our local groups the opportunity to make a positive contribution to their community and supporting them to bring their vision to reality." "We'd like to congratulate all of the groups who have applied for a community grant in the 2019-20 program; Council was very impressed with the standard of applications."

Council awarded funding to 20 out of the 21 applications submitted, with one application referred to Council's Event Sponsorship Program as a more appropriate funding stream for the application.

The following projects were funded in the 2019-20 Community Grants Program:

- **Bogart (Strathbogie Tableland Arts Group) - \$4,517 for the Strathbogie Arts Festival**
- **Kelvin View Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee - \$4,000 for Kelvin View Hall upgrade**
- **Strathbogie Memorial Hall - \$3,000 for P.A. upgrade**
- **Strathbogie Landcare - \$2,580 for Strathbogie Memorial Hall public potable water point**
- **Strathbogie Historical Group - \$1,628 for preserving, promoting and engaging with our local history and culture**
- Violet Town & District Early Childhood Centre - \$5,000 for Violet Town Kindergarten facilities upgrade
- Violet Town Gallery Museum - \$5,000 for split systems for the Art Gallery
- Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network - \$5,000 for Bioluminescence Art/Science Project
- Euroa Golf Club - \$5,000 for kitchen improvements
- Avenel Primary School - \$3,797 Greenhouse Sustainability Project
- Euroa Swimming Club - \$5,000 for Euroa Pool Arts Project
- Violet Town Bowls Club - \$2,691 for green refurbishment
- Euroa Croquet Club - \$5,000 for boundary replacement
- Nagambie Mechanics Institute - \$5,000 for main hall painting
- Euroa Environment Group - \$2,350 Aboriginal Heritage Trail
- Ruffy Artfest - \$ 1,120 for Ruffy Artfest
- Longwood Community Centre - \$4,476 for internal lighting
- Euroa Little Theatre- \$5,000 for internal window blinds for the school house
- Avenel Bowling Club- \$4,294 to renew ditch banks around bowling green
- Euroa Lions Club – \$5,000 for Lions Park fencing

Mayor McClaren reminds the community Small Projects Grants of up to \$1000 are available from 1st July 2019, for applicants that have missed the submission dates for Community Grants from other categories.

## Winter Solstice at Strathbogie Primary School



We had another beautiful winter solstice celebration this year at the Strathbogie Primary School. Preparations for the event began at the start of the term with Labyrinth marking with Mick Frewin, rock collecting at Jasper Tough's place and music making with Di Mackrell and teachers Jenna Barret and Anne Fox.

The children participated in Sun, Lantern and

Animation creations with Suzie in Art and cooked a hearty minestrone soup with Hayley. The lantern lit singing performances with Di were fabulous and there was a screening of some awesome stop-motion animations the children created. A roaring fire was very welcome to ward off the cold.

A special addition to this gathering was the planting of an Olive tree in our orchard to honour Rolf Eberhart. Julie made a beautiful speech to acknowledge Rolf's tireless support of our school through his volunteer work, driving the bus and generosity to our past students when he and his wife Di ran the Bogie store. Thank you Rolf and Di on behalf of the school community past and present.

Community members are very welcome to visit the Labyrinth at the school for walking meditation, we hope you love it as much as we do.

*Suzie Bates*



## What to cook on a cold winter weekend?

In the 2012 Edition of the Peranbin Primary College Cook Book, *Delish, Our Family Favourites*, there is a stand out recipe. Or I should say 4X1 stand out recipes! No less than four different Lamb Shank recipes were submitted. They must have impressed the Editor, because all were included across a two page spread! Here is one to try:

### Lamb Shanks with Mushrooms and Stout

"This is based on a Donna Hay recipe. I recommend you try this, it's very yummy. Enjoy!" John Spencer.

*4 lamb shanks, sea salt and freshly ground pepper*

*A good lug of olive oil, plain flour for dusting*

*12 baby onions peeled, 4 garlic cloves peeled*

*500g mixed mushrooms, 4 bay leaves*

*660ml brown stout, 1 cup brown sugar*

*2tbs balsamic vinegar, 2tbs Worcestershire sauce*

Preheat oven to 180C.

Sprinkle lamb with salt and pepper, dust with flour

Heat oil in a large, oven proof, heavy based saucepan over high heat

Add the lamb and cook for 5min or until browned all over - remove lamb, put aside

Add the onions and garlic to cook for 5min until golden

Add the mushrooms and cook for 5min

Return lamb to the saucepan with bay leaves, stout, sugar, balsamic and Worcestershire

Cover with a tight fitting lid and cook in the oven for 1.5hrs

Uncover and cook for another 30min or until liquid is reduced

Serve on a bed of mashed potato

*Some carrots and celery thrown in certainly wouldn't go astray (Ed)*

