

August 2019

## Get Ready for The Strathbogie Tableland Festival of Art



BOGART was formed by a group of Strathbogie residents wanting to practice and promote the imagination in all her wonderful guises. This year we have taken on the running of the Strathbogie Art Show. We take this opportunity to present our ideas to your and our community, and ask for your support and input.

### 1. *The Art Show.... A Collection of Curiosities*

This will happen on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. There will be a three piece jazz band playing at the opening, with fine wines and good ales and finger food. There will be a cost for the opening night.

The Art Show is open for all to exhibit.

The main exhibit will consist of pieces for sale made by local and regional makers. Paintings, prints, photos, sculptures, pots, wearable art etc. There will be a ten dollar exhibiting cost for any pieces entered and a 10% commission on pieces sold.

Included in the main exhibition will be a small retrospective of Helga Leunig's photos of the Strathbogie Tablelands and exhibits of local school art works.

There is a cash prize pool for the artworks judged to be of the highest standard.

Besides pieces being for sale, there will be a separate:

*Made in Bogie.....* exhibition for anything created/ drawn/ painted/ sculpted/ knitted/ written or recorded by any resident of our Strathbogie Ranges. This will be more like a local show and tell of art, fascinating curiosities and other items, but, *Not for Sale!* We challenge you to bring out your secret creations and show them to the world.

Plus more to be announced .....

2. *A Bridge to Bridge Sculpture Walk* will consist of sculptural pieces created on the beautiful Sevens Creek walking track. This is open to anyone with an idea to create from local naturally found pieces. Sculptures will be naturally degradable, they will not be for sale.

Anyone wishing to exhibit please call Sim on 0455 246 141 or email: [bogartscurator@gmail.com](mailto:bogartscurator@gmail.com)

3. *SPOKEN Word* Saturday afternoon Nov 9 in The Church... Last year's successful launch of Strathbogie's very own annual SPOKEN word event saw 18 speakers recite, read, orate, quote, perform and inspire. As part of this year's festival of art, locals will

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## What's On

**Aug 3 to 18** - Swanpool Arts Festival SCRAP: WOW from waste See p10

**Aug 8** - Closing date for public comments on Strathbogie Tableland Community Action Plan. See p3

**Aug 18** - History Group archival digital scanning. See p3

**Aug 31** - Swanpool Cinema St Kilda Film Festival 6pm

**Nov 1, 2, 3 & 9** - Strathbogie Tableland Festival of Art

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

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls  
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Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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Ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

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Contact Sean 0400 019 607

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Church - Strathbogie 11.00am

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Contact Wendy 5790 8523

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- 3pm Strathbogie Community of  
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SWANPOOL CINEMA in Aug.

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**Yesterday** Sat Aug 10 4pm & Sun Aug 11  
4pm M  
**Never look away** Sat Aug 17 4pm & Sun  
Aug 18 4pm M  
**The Lion King** Fri Aug 23 family fun night  
6.30pm, Sat Aug 24 4pm & Sun Aug 25 4pm  
PG  
**Spiderman: Far from home** Sat Aug 31 4pm  
& Sun Sept 1 4pm M

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*The TT team*

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**The Deadline** for the September edition of Tableland Talk is Thursday August 29, 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.

Hello Everyone,

The last edition of Tableland Talk briefly referred to the community groups that were successful in securing funding from the Council's 2019/20 Community Grants Program. I would like to add my congratulations to the committees of these groups and provide a little detail on the projects that were submitted. As you can see below, there are a range of varied and valuable projects that will enhance Tableland facilities and activities

Organisation	Amount	Description
Bogarts	\$4,517	Arts festival and music event in November, featuring local artists and an outdoor natural art display
Strathbogie Hall	\$3,000	Upgrading of the audio system in the hall
Strathbogie Landcare	\$2,580	Installation of an external potable water point at the Strathbogie Hall
Strathbogie Tableland History Group	\$1,628	Purchase of archival quality scanner to digitally preserve historical photographs, documents, etc.
Kelvin View Hall	\$4,000	Repair and restoration of weatherboards to preserve the condition of the building

Also, since the last edition of TT, you may have seen in the media that the Victorian Auditor General's Office released its report into Fraud and Corruption Controls at Strathbogie Shire and 3 other councils.

While no fraud or corruption was identified during the audit, there were instances of breaches of policy and of spending that does not meet public expectations, or provide any benefit to residents. In response to the report, Council has taken a number of steps to ensure that these breaches will not occur again. Where appropriate, action has been taken to recover funds wrongly claimed. The full detail of the action that Council has taken is contained in the report of the Special Council Meeting of 2 July, 2019, which is on the Shire's website.

The Shire accepted the resignation of then Chief Executive Officer Mr Steve Crawcour effective on 27 June 2019 and appointed Mr Phil Howard as Acting Chief Executive Officer. Advertising has commenced for the position of Chief Executive Officer and it is anticipated that a permanent appointment will be made by October.

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

## ACTION PLAN



### Next 4 Year Strathbogie Tableland Community Action Plan Draft Available for Community Comment

Following the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group's community consultation across the first half of 2019, copies of the next 4 year Community Action Plan draft are available for community comment.

Two hard copies can be read at the store and comments left in a Comments Box. The draft has also been posted on [www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org). Send comments to [stag@strathbogie.org](mailto:stag@strathbogie.org).

This final stage of community consultation is open for three weeks, until August 8, after which the Plan will be finalised for presentation to Strathbogie Shire Council.

*Helen Peters, Secretary*

There's a track winding back to a big billabong

Where a swagman's bold plans went disastrously wrong

When the news reached Gundagai

The townsfolk heaved a sigh

For the fate of the tucker-box dog, famed in song!

*Alwyn Mathews*



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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

*To learn more or join the Bogie Tree, please send an email to Johnno on [strathbogan@bigpond.com](mailto:strathbogan@bigpond.com) or call on 0439 818 366*



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## An Important Message from the Strathbogie CFA Captain

Last year I wrote a letter in Tableland Talk about the coming fire season. In that letter was a prediction of the plateau having enough rain for fuel (when other areas mightn't), as well as the drier hotter summer finishing in dust storms.

I was right, and the signals for this year aren't getting any better.

In our local brigade area, we had some incidents worth discussing. The first was the Kipping's Road fire, an electrical water pump fire in dry grass. When it's hot, dry and windy, not only are we under stress, but so are ALL our electrical appliances. When was the last time you thought about the condition, position or connection of your outside electrical motor. Keep them clear of all vegetation, then if they do fail they will have nothing to ignite.

The second was a burn-off inside the restriction period. Small enough for the fire tower not to see. Big enough to get out of control. That person is now before the courts.

It is YOUR job to know when the restrictions are in and when total fire bans are in.

So, get a "CAN I OR CAN'T I" fire restriction sheet from the CFA and keep informed.

So, please start your planning NOW. Start your clean up now and keep on top of it. Remember if you have a "rubbish" pile in your garden, do not let it get too big. We are in the same fire region as Shepparton, and if you let the pile get too big when restrictions are called, you will be left with it for the WHOLE summer.

Remember access, you may think there is enough room, but all fire trucks require a 3 meters wide by 3 meters high clearance. Our truck also has the additional problem of having a 22 meter turning circle. You may think that it doesn't apply to you because in your fire plan, you will not be there in a bush fire. What about your kitchen fire (most common ways a house burns down). The CFA's charter is the protection of life, assets and environment. In that order. If you have a house fire, the tree planted for feng shui, or the narrow gate posts may be removed whether you or we like it or not.

Even during a bush fire we do not know who is insured or not (and I don't want to know). The CFA crews just protect what they can at the time. Do not expect me or any other volunteer to know (or remember), your favourite tree or the content of any shed is more valuable to you than your house. All crews assigned to asset protection will just guess and do their best.



Remember the local fire brigades are STILL volunteers, it is NOT our job. ALL volunteers take time out of their work, family and social lives to help out. And it's not just the time fighting fires. It's often the next day as well dealing with fatigue. So, help them out and start preparing NOW.

Thank you

David Hamilton

Strathbogie CFA Captain

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once again spin a yarn or two, recite a poem, tell a story or share tall tales and true things. This is an open session. If you have something to present - something old, something new, something borrowed (but not blue) - that can be spoken in the Holiest of St Andrews' Churches, then book yourself in and come say your piece.

Contact Sean on 0400 019 607 or email: [snmthws@bigpond.com](mailto:snmthws@bigpond.com)

**4. BOGART presents the raucous, ear bleeding mayhem of the seven piece, ragamuffin gypsy jazz ensemble Hello Tuk Tuk and friends** on Saturday night 9<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be decorating the Hall and every last gypsy King and Queen dressed in all their Romany finery are welcome to come and strut their stuff. Bar by our local Brew God and Goddess... The Strathbogie Brewery and delicious food by food vans.

Please put these dates in your diary for the first two weekends in November.

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*The Arts Festival Committee: Bogart*

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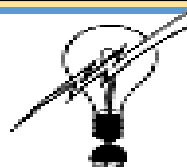
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## The Name Game: Badgers and Bears

*Ornithorhynchus*, the generic name of the Platypus, is a combination of Greek *ornis*, bird; Greek *rhynchos*, beak or snout. The 'duck' connection shows up in the species name *anatinus*, Latin, duck-like. According to the Australian Platypus Conservancy the Platypus was *tambreet*, *boondaburra* and *mallunggang* in various aboriginal languages; it's interesting that none of these names has come into common usage. Early English-speaking settlers in Australia tended to use names for the unfamiliar fauna which reflected resemblances (real or imagined) to animals 'back home'. Thus Wombats were Badgers, Koalas were Bears, Quolls were Native Cats, small carnivorous marsupials were Mice, and so on. But when Australian creatures were totally unlike anything in European experience, names derived from indigenous ones were more likely to enter common usage: Kangaroo, Numbat, Bilby, Bettong ... Surely no animal could have seemed more bizarrely exotic than the Platypus; how ironic that it ended up with the boring common name 'flat-foot'!



You'll still sometimes hear Koalas being referred to as Koala Bears; not quite as bad, I suppose, as calling them Monkey-Bears, which is another past tag. In fact the genus name endorses the usage: it's *Phascolarctos* (Greek *phaskolos*, pouch; Greek *arctos*, bear). *Phasco-* (not surprisingly) turns up in the names of other Australian mammals too: *Phascogale* 'pouched weasel' being an example (Greek *gale*, weasel). The specific name of the 'weasel' that you might be lucky enough to encounter on the Tableland is *tapoatafa* the aboriginal name (hooray!) of the species in what is now the Sydney area. Brush-tailed *Phascogale* seems to be the most popular common name; a shame it's not Tuan or (especially) Wambenger, alternative common names in use.

Angus Martin

## Dave and Mabel

Dave and Mabel became parents and Dave met Herb Wilson in town.

"Gee, Mabel and me 'ave got a baby. I bet yer can't guess what it is."

"A boy?" says Herb.

"No," says Dave, "Have another guess."

## Polly Pennant's Helpful Hints

### Warm Winter Puddings



With all this cold and wet weather lately, one feels the need for cheering up with some baking and warm winter puddings.

Before you get baking have you checked your baking powder lately? Maybe it has been sitting on the shelf in the pantry for a while.

- \* To test it, place a teaspoon in a cup of hot water. It should bubble, and if not then it is time to get a new tin.
- \* Also if you find that you don't have enough eggs for your recipe, add an extra 1/4 teaspoon of baking powder for each egg left out.
- \* Lastly, if your recipe calls for buttermilk and you don't have any, just add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or white vinegar to 1 cup of milk. Leave for 30 mins and then stir the lumpy mixture.

**As a tribute to Margaret Fulton** who passed away recently, here is her recipe for that all-time favourite pudding -

### Golden Syrup dumplings.

2 cups self-raising flour;  
pinch salt; 45gms butter;  
2 eggs, beaten; little milk.

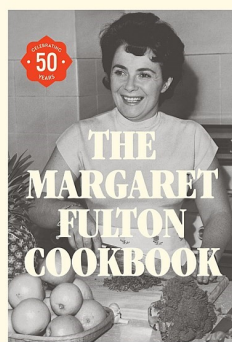
Syrup:

2 cups water;  
1/3 cup sugar;  
2 tablespoons golden syrup;  
30gms butter.

Sift flour, salt and rub in butter. Add eggs and stir in with a knife, adding enough milk to make a soft dough. Divide dough into 12 pieces and roll into balls. In a large saucepan, heat water with sugar and golden syrup, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Add butter and bring to the boil. Place dumplings in syrup, cover and simmer for 20 mins without lifting the lid.

Serve dumplings at once with syrup spooned over them and serve with cream or ice-cream or both!

Regards Polly





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## **WELCOME**

A warm Bogie welcome to Aley and his family. Aley is our newest member of Junior Strathbogie and is in Year 1. We also look forward to welcoming Flo Burke who will be our Music and Drama teacher, starting with us in Week 6 of this term.

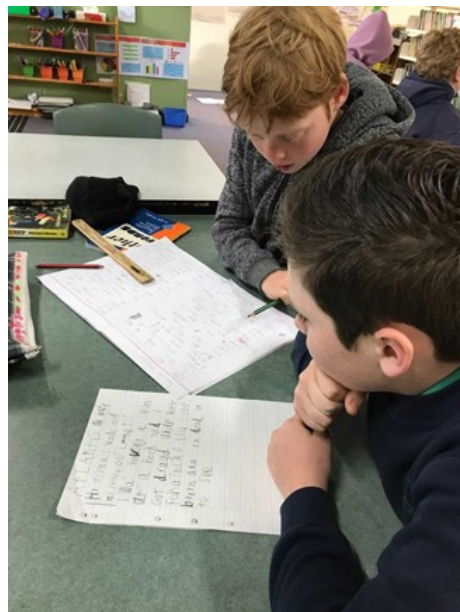
We all wish Suzie Bates the best for her travels whilst on Long Service Leave this term from teaching Art. Suzie, Nick, Sonny and Alina are enjoying a holiday in Europe.



Holly, Carissa, Alex and Aley

## **SENIOR WRITING**

In Writing, students have been editing their narrative pieces to improve their word choices. Through a buddy system, they revisited their work, and identified opportunities to make improvements. Using a thesaurus to help, they then investigated synonyms of their original word choices to find better alternatives.



Angus and Wade



Ariel

## **BENALLA LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPLETION**

On Sunday the 21st of July, Ariel represented the Strathbogie Campus at Benalla, in the Year 3 / 4 category. Also representing our College were Isaac King and Elliette Jeffrey. Well done to all students for taking on this challenge - it was a fantastic achievement for all!

## ***Vale Rolf Eberhardt***

*Rolf was a dearly loved Strathbogie community member and over the years gave much of his time and money in contribution to the School. Rolf was more recently involved in maintenance work at the Strathbogie Campus where he was a favourite among the children, staff and parents. He had a wonderful sense of humour and a warm kindness that will be sadly missed by all at the school.*

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Walk in another's shoes they cried  
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Gives him a dollar but the penny doesn't drop ...

And so the joker entertains his task  
Slips on his colours and dons his mask  
The rich guy throws two dollar docketts  
Lost for a moment - now a hole in his pocket

And Affection Alley reputations stained  
The clowns, the homeless and friends of pain  
Then the rich man arrived without a life nor hoot  
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*Tony Dawson*

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## *MRS ATHOL HILL - HER RECOLLECTIONS OF PAST TIMES AT STRATHBOGIE*

*This article was written by Dayle Tame and previously published in Tableland Talk after an interview conducted with Mrs Hill some ten years ago. It describes a life very different to the one Tablelanders experience today. Sadly, Mrs Hill has since passed away. We remain grateful to Mrs Hill for sharing her memories and knowledge with us and to Dayle for recording them. Hopefully, reading it will inspire some to contribute to the Strathbogie Historical Group's Archival Digital Scanning Event on August 18, 1.30pm at Strathbogie Memorial Hall. For more information, see the flyer on page 3.*

Mrs. Hill, her two brothers and one sister, came to live at Strathbogie with their parents in 1930. They moved from Geelong to "Myra Park", in Watkins Road, where her father had gained work. Mrs. Hill was a teenager and found this quite a contrast to urban life in Geelong. She had finished her schooling.

Her siblings walked to the local school at Toorour. She walked to the property, now owned by "Domaine Chandon", for piano lessons.

Mrs. Hill remembers Strathbogie as a busy, thriving town, with a Bakery, General Store, Butter Factory, Post Office, Hall, and Church. A butcher travelled from Euroa and was open once a week over winter and twice a week during summer. Fresh bread was delivered to the farm twice a week. Most supplies were purchased from the local store. A trip was made on horse and jinker to Euroa approximately once per month for other necessities such as banking.

Once she finished school she worked for Mrs. Wallace, housekeeping at Myra Park. She then moved to Shepparton for about a year, also working as a housekeeper. After this she worked at the Euroa Café (formerly Hubbards) where the florist shop is now located. She did counter work and waitressing, which she quite enjoyed, and earned £1 per week.

It was during this time that she attended regular dances at the Strathbogie North and South Halls. Her parents were musical and her mum played piano and her dad violin at some of the dances. Whilst at the dances, romance blossomed when she met her future husband, Ernie.

Mrs. Hill married Ernie in 1935, aged 20 years. They were married at the Methodist Church in Strathbogie (next to the old garage) and had the reception next door at the hall (the old garage.) She had three bridesmaids and a flower girl.

They honeymooned for two weeks in Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong. Mrs. Hill showed

me her beautiful wedding dress (very petite) which has since been modelled many times for various functions.

Mrs. Hill stopped working once she was married and their first child was born in 1937. They then had 5 more children born in 1938, 1940, 1942 and twins born in 1950.

Mrs. Hill lived on the same sheep property for 66 years, where she resided with her son Les. Her husband died in 1976 and the property is now owned and farmed by Les. She had 12 grandchildren and 17 great grand children (ages baby-16) – what a wonderful feat!

Mrs. Hill's first baby was born 6 weeks premature, weighing 4¼lb. As there were no humidity cribs, her tiny baby was kept warm in a dress basket with 3 hot water bottles. They were told that, had she had been born in winter, she probably wouldn't have survived. She was fed with an eye dropper. Mrs. Hill was confined to bed for 10 days.

Her twins were also born 6 weeks premature, her son weighing 5lb and her daughter 4lb. Mrs. Hill was not aware she was expecting twins and recalls the element of surprise and shock.

There had been a joke that, if she had twins they would need to get a washing machine, as opposed to the copper and wash trays. They subsequently got 32v power and a washing machine! They also had to buy a second bassinet and a twin pram. They were in hospital for a month. All her children were born at the Euroa Hospital.

Life was very busy with 6 young children. They were up early each morning to milk cows, wash nappies, cook breakfast and make lunches for school children. Because they had their own milk and cream she made butter. The children walked to school (Strathbogie South) across the paddocks prior to getting bikes. When secondary age, the boys attended school and boarded in Wangaratta as it was too far to get to the bus stop each morning on Tames Road. Her daughter attended boarding school in Albury.

Mrs. Hill didn't have a driver's license and so she relied on Ernest for social outings, shopping trips etc. Their social activities centered on the school and she played a little tennis. She found life to be very busy with a young family and the farm to run – no time to be lonely.

Mrs. Hill enjoyed good health and indoor and outdoor bowls.

*Dayle Tame with Mrs Hill*

## A Community Proposal for a Unique Strathbogie Township Entry Sign

Unique Strathbogie Township signage has been one of the key community proposals at Community Action Planning forums facilitated by STAG. Minna Leunig has submitted this design for community consideration. As many of you will know, Minna grew up in the Strathbogie Ranges and went to Strathbogie's local Primary School.

The proposal is that the signs would be placed with existing Council Corporate entry signs at the three main entry points to Strathbogie Township: Spring Creek Road, Euroa-Strathbogie Road and Main Street.

Hard copies are available for viewing in the Main Street display case and at the store. You can make your comments in the existing Community Action Planning comments box at the store (a pen and pad are available next to the box) or via [stag@strathbogie.org](mailto:stag@strathbogie.org).



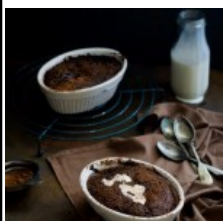
On behalf of Strathbogie Tableland Action Group and community contributors to the planning process.

Sean Mathews

It's cold, dark and the winter nights arrive early. There's no better way to prepare for the long chilly evening ahead than with a sweet, hot chocolate dessert! This month's recipe from Peranbin Primary College's *Delish - Our Family Favourites* is

### Chocolate Self-Saucing Pudding

(from Gillian Buckley)



60g butter  
1/2 cup of milk  
1/4 cup cocoa  
1 egg beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp vanilla

1 cup self raising flour

#### Sauce

1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp cocoa  
1 1/2 cups hot water

Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and vanilla. Sift the flour and cocoa, add alternately with the milk. Put in a greased dish. Sprinkle dry sauce ingredients over the top. Carefully, pour hot water over the pudding. Bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes or until cooked. **Hint:** pout the water over the back of a spoon so it doesn't leave any holes in the pudding.