

Sept 2019

Strathbogie History Group Digital Scanning and Archiving Day a Great Success



Sunday the 18th of August saw 50 plus people meet at the Strathbogie Hall to share photos and stories of days gone by on the Tableland.

Old photos were scanned and kept by the group in a digital archive; these were then

projected onto a screen for all to see. Memories were relived when photos were shown of life's adventures, these included family life, schooling, weddings & other priceless memories.



This then gave the Strathbogie History Group Committee information of who was in the photos so it can be stored and shared with future generations.

Whilst enjoying a lovely spread of afternoon tea, it was great to see the excitement

and joy on everyone's faces as they relived the past. The Strathbogie Tableland has so many stories to tell.



If anyone has photos or stories from earlier days that they would like to share we would still love to hear from you. These can be emailed through to the History Group: strathbogiehistory@gmail.com

Anne Simpson

What's On

Sept 7 - SR CMN Boatholes Creek Walk. See p9

Sept 14 - Dance While You Can @ VT Memorial Hall. MND fundraiser. \$20 Bookings 0422 888 194

Sept 28 & 29 - Strathbogie Arts Festival creative workshop for decorations & masks: Rec Ground See p12

Oct 13 - Stop Mynas Strathbogie Workshop. See p7

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

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.

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

Every Second Month - Strathbogie Landcare first Sunday 9-11am Contact Sean 0400 019 607

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

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

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

Every Third Sunday of the month - 3pm Strathbogie Community of Food Finders at the Recreation Ground

Every Thursday night Strathbogie Golf Club. 6pm food & drinks

SWANPOOL CINEMA in Sept.

Never look away M Sun Sep 1 5pm
Wild Rose M Fri Sep 6 11am, Sat Sep 7 6pm, Sun Sep 8 5pm
Guess who's coming to dinner PG Mon Sep 9 12pm
The White Crow M Sat Sep 7 8.15pm, Sun Sep 8 7.15pm
The Heiresses M Fri Sep 13 6pm, Sun Sep 15 5pm
Happy as Lazzaro M Fri Sep 13 8pm, Sun Sep 15 7pm
Red Joan M Fri Sep 20 6pm, Sat Sep 21 6pm
Beautiful Boy MA15+ Fri Sep 20 8.15pm, Sat Sep 21 8.15pm
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Euroa Cinema in September

Spiderman: far from home M Sun Sep 1 4pm
Emily, you never give up Sat Sep 7 8pm
Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw M Sat Sep 7 8pm, Sun Sep 8 4pm
Stan & Ollie PG Fri Sep 13 1.30pm
The Public M Sat Sep 14 8pm, Sun Sep 15 4pm
Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan MA15+ Sat Sep 21 8pm, Sun Sep 22 4pm
The Secret Life of Pets 2 PG Tues Sep 24 (sensory screening) 1pm, Wed Sep 25 2pm
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(every 2nd Saturday,
9.30 - 12 noon)

Sept 7 and 21
 Oct 5 and 19



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 Ph 5790 5345

Strathbogje Recreation Ground

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The Deadline for October edition contributions to Tableland Talk is Thursday September 26, 2019.
 Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com m: 0400 019 607 or via Strathbogje PO / Store.
 Please note: font Arial 11, photos < 250k, Word or Publisher files are preferred. *The TT team.*

INDEPENDENT PROBITY OFFICER TO OVERSEE CEO RECRUITMENT

Strathbogrie Shire Council has made the decision to engage an independent probity officer to oversee the Chief Executive Officer recruitment process at its recent Ordinary Meeting. The probity officer will provide objective scrutiny of the recruitment process and whether the prescribed probity requirements have been followed.

This decision comes as Councillors embark on the next stage of the process after receiving significant interest for the CEO position. Strathbogrie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council wants to provide community assurance that they have undertaken a sound and comprehensive recruitment process. "We want to provide assurance that we have given ourselves the best opportunity to select the most appropriate candidate for the Chief Executive position. Selecting the CEO is the most important undertaking for a Council and we are taking this responsibility very seriously. We want to be able to provide community confidence that we have undertaken a process that is consistent with best practice and a merit-based appointment is made."

The probity officer will produce a report which will be tabled at the conclusion of the process. Council undertook an extensive expression of interest process to appoint recruitment agency Omera Partners to assist with workshopping the type of candidate Council is looking for and ensuring Council was able to attract a high volume of quality candidates.

Council will inform the community when the appointment of the probity officer has been made and throughout the recruitment process.



Imponderables

by Donmil

Are Cassos wary?
And Cockas too?
If Wrens are Fairy,
Do Kangas rue?

Would a Miner Bell you?
Do annas Go?
I regret to tell you:
That I don't know.

I did seek counsel from the Bilby,
But she just said, What will be, will be.

Note: Donmil reckons: If Angus Martin can have fun playing with animal names, why shouldn't I?

Results of Public Consultation Regarding a Community Township Entry Sign

Results of public consultation regarding a proposal for Community Township Entry signs at the Main Street, Strathbogrie - Euroa Road and Spring Creek Road entry points to Strathbogrie Township have been collated. There was not enough support for the proposal to proceed.

Results were as follows:

- 7 supported the proposal (1 of whom recommended a typographical variation)
- 3 were against the proposal
- 11 suggested alternative proposals

The alternative proposals were as follows:

- 6 supported an entry sign competition at the coming Strathbogrie Arts Festival
- 1 wanted indigenous input
- 1 wanted an artist or designer more local
- 1 said the sign was not unique enough
- 1 said the sign was ok for outside the Primary School, but not for town entry points

Thank you to the artists who originally submitted their work.

Community members who have made alternative proposals are encouraged to action them. On behalf of the STAG Committee.

Sean 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

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Deep Water Mystery Deepens

A chance Main Street encounter with a stranger cast new light (or doubt) on the tale of Polly McQuinn. On a quest, and bearing an ancient photo album, the stranger revealed the article below. The newspaper is unknown, as is the date of its going to press. The typography suggests it may have been from the 1960s or '70s. However, he dated the rest of the contents of the album from the 1920s.

What do you think of this description of the demise of Polly McQuinn?

Tragic tale of Polly McQuinn

NEWCOMER.— Having migrated to the north-east of Victoria a few months ago from the U.K. you want to know something about "a spot they call Polly McQuinn's" in the Strathbogie Ranges.

By what you say in your letter, there's a bit of the Irish about you, and sure enough there's a lot that's supposed about poor Polly McQuinn too, which puts the story among our legends. For Polly McQuinn's is where she of that name is said to have vanished while driving her buggy — or was it an Irish gig? — across a mountain stream.

Of course it may be more than legend, but

it is a fact that nearly 30 years ago a Melbourne journalist went to the district and had talks with local identities about it before coming away convinced that it was just one of those things — called fairy tales.

Indeed he opened his story in the Melbourne Herald: "Once upon a time....there lived a woman called Polly McQuinn" and he continued:

Right back in the Strathbogie Ranges at the beginning of a mountain stream is Polly McQuinn's. Here the water races over hard granite to lose itself in the deep pool that bears Polly's name.

It is so deep that nobody has yet fathomed it. Only Polly and the fairies know, and they cannot tell.

None of the people who go up from Euroa to swim in Polly McQuinn's knows its depth and there are deep divers among them...

The bald legend is that Polly drove one day to Strathbogie to buy things for the farm. While she was there the river rose, and when she was returning the current was so strong that it swept her away into the deep waterhole and neither she nor the horse, nor the dray, was ever seen again.

The Name Game: Why and wherefore?



What's the difference between a reindeer and a caribou? There isn't one: a North American naturalist could tell you that he was studying the caribou, and a Scandinavian one that his focus was on the reindeer, but both of them are actually dealing with the same species: *Rangifer tarandus*. Whether your home language is English or French or Norwegian or Japanese or ... or ... or ..., and whether in everyday conversation you called the animal reindeer or caribou (or anything else), its identity is ultimately and unambiguously established by its scientific name. And that's why scientific names are essential.

But why are they based on dead, old Latin instead of a modern language? Three good reasons: [1] being dead, Latin doesn't change with times or trends; it's fixed and stable; [2] Latin was the language of early European scholarship — it's not just names that were written in Latin; [3] Latin doesn't belong to any modern nation; since we have wars about almost everything, imagine the conflicts we'd have if the rule was that scientific names had to be written in a present modern language.

We've actually become much more relaxed than we used to be about the derivation of scientific names. Earlier insistence that they must be built on Latin (or ancient Greek) words has been softened; the rule is now that almost any word can be 'latinised', treated as though it were Latin.

Rangifer tarandus is in fact a relevant example: both parts of the name look as they could be Latin, but in fact they are probably derived from ancient Norse and/or French words, so I can't tell you what either of them means.

No doubt we'll find lots more examples of latinisation, but here's a different challenge for you: I know of one plant and one animal species whose common names are also their scientific names. Hint: the animal name is squeazy and the plant name is true.



Angus Martin

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Controlling the Common Myna



If you have noticed some little brown and yellow birds appearing where they haven't been before, then you aren't alone. Most

likely, you've spotted a Common (or Indian) Myna, an invasive, intelligent and aggressive species of omnivorous bird introduced from Asia in the mid-1800s. These aren't to be confused with Noisy Miners, a light grey native bird of similar appearance. For those who haven't seen a Common Myna, a large population can be observed at the Euroa Service Centre taking advantage of the availability of easy food and good visibility.

Why should you care about Common Mynas?

When an increase in Myna populations is observed in a given area, a corresponding decrease in native bird populations often occurs. This is due to the qualities that makes the Myna such a prolific and successful pest species.

Mynas are highly intelligent birds and like to have a nice unobstructed view of their area, which is often why you'll see them sitting on top of fences, rooves, streetlights and powerlines. They will research a given area before approaching it, to determine threats, potential food sources and human/animal behaviour. This makes them fast learners, while also rendering them difficult to trap, as they can quickly learn to distrust people and avoid traps if it's obvious that they're being hunted. The same applies for shooting, with Mynas quick to identify and avoid a potentially dangerous person, behaviour or even firearm. This is why traps should be laid at night, and never interacted with in sight of other Mynas, and shooting locations should be obscured so that humans are not identified as the source of danger.

Mynas are communal roosters, and this daily group interaction allows them to exchange information on potential food sources, threats and nesting locations. This communal approach also allows Mynas to work together to find potential nest sites and clear them of any inconvenient natives that happen to have gotten there first. This high level of aggression towards other species (even possums) mixed with their intelligence means a group of Mynas will wait until a parent bird has left the target nest, quickly swoop in to break the eggs or kill the young inside, then take over the nest for themselves. This is obviously detrimental for natives, as not only have their young been killed, but they are now homeless and surrounded by hostile birds. Mynas also prefer hollows which puts them in direct competition with many native species.

Stop Mynas Strathbogie – Workshop #1 2019

Do you want to get involved in controlling Common (Indian) Mynas but don't know where to start?

Join us at the Euroa Arboretum to learn how to control Common Myna populations in your area and celebrate the official launch of the Stop Mynas Strathbogie project.

Myna traps will be available to borrow free from the Arboretum to help you get started.

Senior Darebin Parklands Ranger Peter Wiltshire will be drawing from his 33 years of experience to teach the skills needed to control Common Mynas in your area. We'll be covering everything from traps and bait to tips and techniques to make sure you're Myna trapping efforts are effective and humane.

Time & Date: 10am – 1pm, Sunday the 13th of October, 2019

Location: Euroa Arboretum, 76 Hume Fwy, Euroa VIC 3666

Lunch will be provided, and RSVPs are essential, so please send yours to events@strathbogieranges.org



Marraweeny CFA Contact Numbers:

Captain Rob Hopkins 0417 147 725

Secretary Joel Ingham 0402 785 965

Controlling the Common Myna continues

Recently, the Strathbogie Conservation Management Network (SRCMN), with funding from the Bogies and Beyond project (an initiative of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority) has created the Stop Mynas Strathbogie (SMS) project. The project's main goal is simple: to effectively map and eradicate the Common Myna from the Strathbogie Ranges. This is being done by supporting local control groups and providing free resources to assist with mapping, community education, trapping and euthanasia. The project has 20 free Myna traps available for public use at the Euroa Arboretum and will be conducting 2 workshops before the end of the year, the first being on the 13th of October at the Euroa Arboretum.

We're currently looking for individuals or groups to add to the website (www.stopmynas.com) and to provide support for local Common Myna control efforts.

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Beware the Collapsing Armstrong Avenue Bridge.



A Parks Vic review of the proposed Bridge to Bridge extension trail between Smith's Bridge and the Armstrong Avenue Bridge identified various hazards to be addressed. Strathbogie Landcare has been steadily working through the list. Issues included removal of rubbish, broken glass, discarded wire and loose fencing, removal of the fallen water pipe blocking access under Smith's Bridge, and new bollards.

Also required, not very far from the trail entry/exit to Armstrong Avenue, were temporary fencing and danger signs at the collapsing bridge. These have been put across trail side access to the derelict site.

While Parks Vic and DELWP discuss what permanent work is required to make the area around the bridge safer, we can't stop trail users walking across or under the collapsing bridge, but we can deter with a fence and warn using danger signs.



The Armstrong Avenue Bridge is in a state of collapse. Some wood and beams have already fallen. Please do not walk over or under the bridge.

Sean Mathews, Secretary



Riparian Walks 2019/20 – Boatholes Creek to Mineral Springs, Ruffy

Our SR CMN riparian walks are back and bigger than ever, with 6 walks covering the best of the bogies as well as some new gems.

The aim of these walks is to become better acquainted with our local waterways, and record some of their standout features along the way. An all time classic, the Boatholes Creek will kick things off with it's meandering, grassy banks and dramatic granite gorges.

This walk is long (6.5km) and of moderate to hard difficulty, with some potentially slippery rocks and tricky creek crossing. Hiking experience isn't necessary, but an average level of fitness and mobility will be required. Difficulty will increase drastically if wet weather precedes it.



We'll meet at the Hughes Creek bridge on Boatholes Rd at 8:45am (GPS coordinate - 36.992076, 145.500582). From there, walkers will descend down Hughes Creek to the mineral springs, before being ferried back to the starting point.

Please note: As we'll be traversing private property, no dogs or other pets will be allowed. A link to the route is below:

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/590345>

Time & Date: 8:45am, Saturday the 7th of September

Starting Location: Hughes Creek bridge on Boatholes Rd, Ruffy (GPS coordinate -36.992076, 145.500582)

Length: 6.5km

Difficulty: Moderate to Hard (weather dependent)

RSVPs are essential, so please email your RSVP to events@strathbogieranges.org



Polly Pennant's Helpful Hints

Spring is upon us and it brings to mind the thought of Spring cleaning and particularly windows! It is not Polly's favourite chore so here are some short cuts to make the job a bit easier.

To get you in the mood have a listen to the old classic song "When I'm cleaning windows" sung by George Formby and written in 1936. You can find it on Youtube.

- Don't choose a sunny day to start as the windows dry too fast and leave streaks.
- Clean the outside windows with horizontal strokes and the inside ones with vertical strokes so you can see which side has the smudges.

There are many different solutions suggested to clean the windows. Here are a few:

1. Water mixed with equal parts of vinegar, borax or ammonia. Apply and dry with a soft dry cloth.
2. A solution of equal quantities of vinegar and water, or equal quantities of methylated spirits and water. Then polish the dirt off with paper towels.
3. Use equal parts of kerosene, cloudy ammonia, methylated spirits and water. After washing windows down with the mixture, polish with a soft dry cloth.



Polly will be pleased to hear which one worked best for you or maybe you have a better one.

The best part is when you have finished and you can sit back and enjoy the view with a cuppa and put your feet up.
Polly

Do you have any of these missing Tableland Talk issues at home?

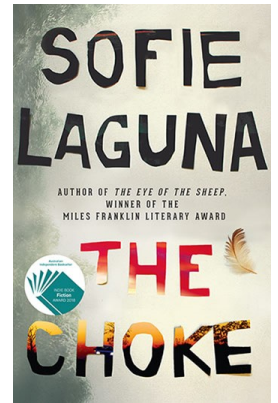
- 2000 - December (This is the first issue ever)
- 2001 - October and November
- 2002 - October
- 2003 - January?, March, April, May, June, July, Aug
- 2004 - January?, June, August
- 2006 - September
- 2007 - November
- 2008 - March
- 2009 - July
- 2014 - July, November
- 2016 - June, July

The TT Team would like to complete our set. If you have any of these we would love to see / copy them: Contact Sean e: snmthws@bigpond.com

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

The Choke by Sophie Laguna,
Allen & Unwin, 2017

This novel tells a tough tale, but is definitely worth attention for its fine characterisation and the beauty of its description of the natural world.



Set relatively close to home in the Barmah region, *The Choke* is an unsettling, sometimes beautiful, sometimes harrowing literary fiction. The narrowed banks at that point of the Murray River echo the situation of the ten-year-old protagonist, Justine, whose development, energy and prospects are almost choked off by the life she has been handed.

The men who run this sad show are invariably damaged: Justine's hapless grandfather, Pop, a Vietnam war vet, loves her and provides a roof over her head, but is hopelessly ill-equipped to care for a young girl growing into adolescence; Ray, her criminal and mostly absent father, is a horrifyingly amoral character, whose treatment of women and his own children is despicable; Justine's brothers are victims, too, and unable to be of support to her in any way; the local lads have inherited the worst traits of their damaged role models.

Justine is badly in need of female nurturing, but the women in this story are absent: Justine's mother left her when she was only a few years' old and has never returned; Relle, the mother of Justine's half-brothers, while living nearby, is of no help to her; Rita, her aunt, who wants to be a part of her life and who *does* care, is estranged from Pop and barred from visiting home due to her living in a lesbian relationship in Sydney.

Justine shuts out the desolation of her existence by resorting to the beauty of the bush and the river. Some of the most beautiful passages in *The Choke* are those that describe her escape into her imagination and into the healing surrounds of the natural world. Fortunately, Rita is still there for her when Justine finally breaks free and the novel ultimately celebrates the ability of the human spirit to find its way in spite of apparently insurmountable obstacles.

Sophie Laguna's writing for children has been published internationally and in translation. She has written two novels for adults, both of which have won major awards: the Miles Franklin Literary award in 2015, for *Eye of the Sheep* and the 2018 Indie Book Award for Fiction for *The Choke*. Her writing has been consistently recognised in major award lists. Sophie Laguna lives in Melbourne.

Next month: *The Shepherd's Hut* Tim Winton. Penguin 2019.

Ruth Fluhr

Strathbogrie Tableland Groundwater Project update September 2, 2019.

As many of you know, we are monitoring quite a few bores on the Tableland, to better understand how groundwater responds to rainfall and long-term trends. As well as those bores that we measure manually, we have two bores being continuously and automatically monitored.

The two bores are several kilometers apart and both are in the Strathbogrie district. The water level in each bore sits at a slightly different depth, but it's the trend (rising/falling) and rate of change that's important. We also measure rainfall at each bore. Neither of the bores are currently being pumped.

First, here's the rainfall for Strathbogrie in August 2019 – almost 40mm by August 11, then only a few rainfall events of <5mm for the rest of the month.

Now, here's how Bore 1 responded – that 40 mm caused a fairly rapid 0.5m rise in the water table, but when the rain stopped the level fell until, by the end of the month, it was back to where it started.

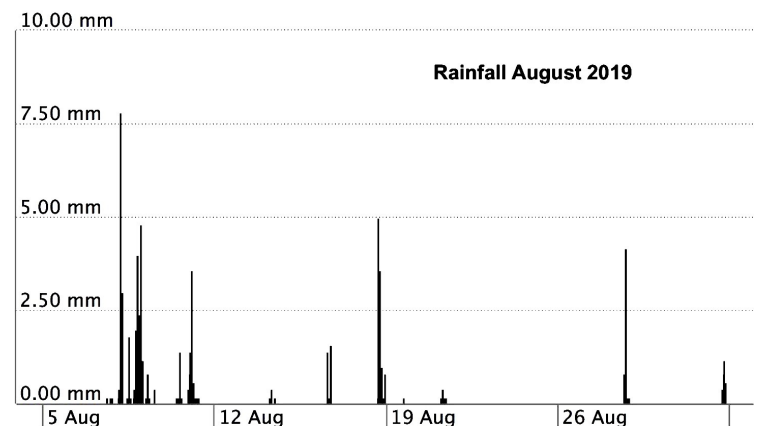
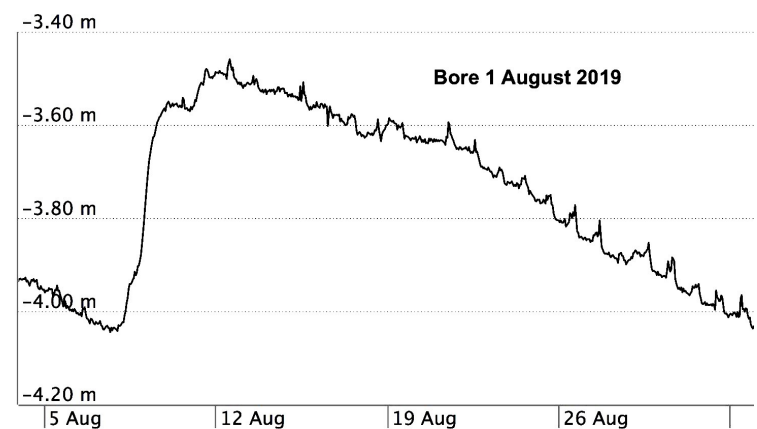
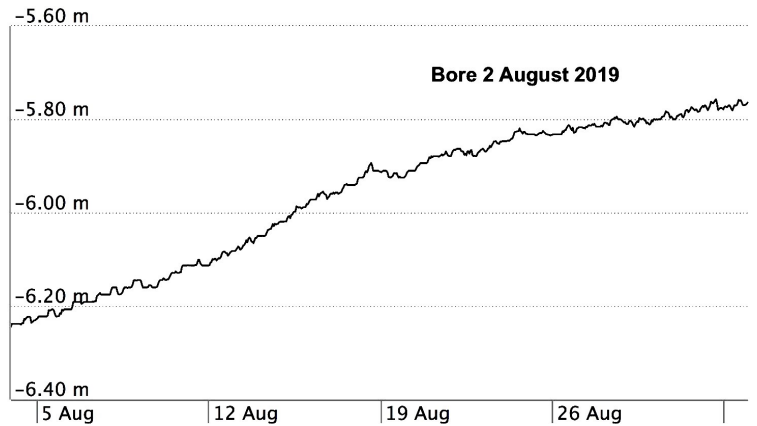
Bore 2 on the other hand, responded very differently. It's as if the different rainfall events didn't even register. The level in the bore has been steadily rising (other than minor fluctuations) for the whole month.

So, why? you ask. Well, an easy explanation is to say that Bore 1 is quite close to a single recharge zone, where the rainfall gets into the water table, so is responsive to water being added from that site. This means the water table rises and falls quite quickly – within a day of the rain falling on the nearby rocky outcrop. Bore 2 is likely much further away from rocky recharge zones, so it takes much longer, perhaps many days or weeks, for recharge water to reach the bore. By such time the 'waves' of water coming from the different rocky recharge areas have subsided and mingled so it seems more like a gently rising tide.

Over time, we'll see how these bores respond to rainfall in the different seasons. Perhaps then the story will become clearer.

These bores are being monitored as part of the Bogies and Beyond Groundwater Monitoring Project, supported by the Victorian Government and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

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Hello Everyone,

At its meeting on 20 August, Council adopted the Sustainable Strathbogrie 2030 Strategy. This is an exciting and ambitious program for the next decade that aims to ensure the operations of the Shire are truly environmentally sustainable. The strategy incorporates a detailed action plan to address the six key issues that the Shire faces as a result of climate change.

The six challenges that have been identified are:

1. Increasing resilience to impacts that will include hotter temperatures, increased heatwaves, increased bushfire risk and more extreme weather events. Future circumstances such as these will challenge energy generation, infrastructure and the well-being of the population.
2. Playing our part in limiting global warming by producing zero net carbon emissions by 2025.
3. Addressing water security concerns.
4. The growing problem of sustainably dealing with the waste we generate.
5. Preserving and enhancing the ecological richness of our Shire.
6. Improving sustainable development through reduced emission transport. Providing access to, and connecting people with, the Shire's environmental heritage.

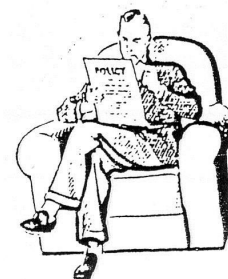
Examples of how these challenges will be met include:

Increasing resilience	Future proofing Shire infrastructure Community resilience initiatives
Producing zero net carbon	Energy efficiency retrofits across Shire assets Move Shire's energy usage to 100% renewables Facilitate carbon farming projects
Water security	Wiser water use Investigate how to increase water recycling
Dealing with waste	Build on the Shire's leading diversion from landfill position by increasing recovery of agricultural and construction waste Encouraging waste free events
Preserve and enhance ecology	Programs to assist residents to ecologically enhance properties Increase the 'green canopy' in our towns
Sustainable development	Infrastructure provision for energy efficient transport Facilitate increased access to the environment e.g. walking trails

A full copy of the Sustainable Strathbogrie 2030 Strategy is available on the Shire's website.

The strategy was enriched by a full public consultation process and I thank those residents who contributed to the plan. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Carole Hammond, the Shire's Team Leader Climate Change and Environment, for her work in facilitating and developing the strategy.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at Alistair.Thomson@strathbogrie.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 Strathbogrie Shire Council.



Bogarts Festival - Decorations Workshop

Come One, Come All! Itching to stitch some full of fun bunting?

Bursting to make a splendid mask for the Gypsy Punk Masquerade Party?

The Bogarts folk would love your participation in a making weekend of creative frivolity over the Grand Final Weekend at the Rec Ground. We'll have materials and equipment to use, the Pizza Oven in swing & even an award for Best on Ground!!

If you have fabulous colourful materials suitable for bunting, and other craft supplies, please bring them along - we are working to create a bounty of joyful decorations to use for many events within our community.

September 28th and 29th from 10am - 6pm at the Rec Ground Strathbogrie.

To register your attendance please call or text Laura on [0438509833](tel:0438509833) or send an email to bogartsfestival@gmail.com

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Art
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Strathbogie Memorial Hall,
Bridge to Bridge walk,
St Andrew's Church

What's Happening?

Fri 01 Nov: Art Show opening night

Sat 02 Nov: Art exhibition open to public

Sun 03 Nov: Art exhibition open to public

All week: sculptures on display at Bridge to Bridge walk

Sat 09 Nov: SPOKEN word event

Sat 09 Nov: Strathbogie Singers

Sat 09 Nov: Curious Gypsy Punk

Masquerade Party - Hello Tut Tut plays live

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\$\$\$ Prize pool for winners



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In spring, the warm days come and go, cold days still fill the gaps in between. So, we need a recipe good for both hot and cold.

Spinach and Fetta Filo Pie

from the Valmorbida Family.

Serves 4 - 6

100g pine nuts

5 large eggs

300g fetta

cheese

30g cheddar

cheese

20g parmesan

cheese

1 tspn dried

oregano

Zest of 1 lemon

Knob of

unsalted butter

400g prewashed baby spinach

1 x 270g pack of filo pastry

Pinch of cayenne pepper

1 whole nutmeg for grating

Olive oil

Preheat the oven to 200C

Put a medium ovenproof frying pan on medium heat. Put the pine nuts into the dry pan to toast, tossing occasionally. Keep an eye on them - they



can burn quickly. Crack 5 eggs into a mixing bowl and crumble in 300g fetta. Grate in cheddar and parmesan. Add a pinch of pepper, dried oregano, lemon zest, and a lug of olive oil. Once the nuts are light golden add them to the egg mixture. Mix well. Put the empty frying pan back on the heat, add a little olive oil, knob of butter and pile in the spinach. As it wilts down, stir and add more spinach.

Take the filo pastry out of the fridge. Lay a large sheet of grease proof paper, approx. 50cm long. Rub a little olive oil over it, scrunch it up and lay it out again. Arrange 4 sheets of filo in a large rectangle overlapping at the edges. Run some olive oil over them. Sprinkle with pinches of salt, pepper and cayenne. Repeat until you have 3 layers.

Mix the spinach with the egg and 1/2 the grated nutmeg. Move the greaseproof paper to the empty frying pan. Push it down then pour in the egg mixture and spread it. Fold the filo sheets over the top. Cook on medium heat for a couple of minutes to heat the bottom. Then put the pan on the oven top shelf to cook for 18 - 20 minutes until golden and crisp.

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TREE PLANTING

Friday the 16th of August several senior students planted trees along the Spring Creek with Bert from Strathbogrie Landcare, Hayley and Julie. After planting about 30 new trees and shrubs, the group enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits at the picnic area. The students learned about the mystery behind Strathbogrie's solitary Snow Gum and got some tips about recognising different types of gum. Thanks to Hayley, Bert and Julie for your time and expertise!



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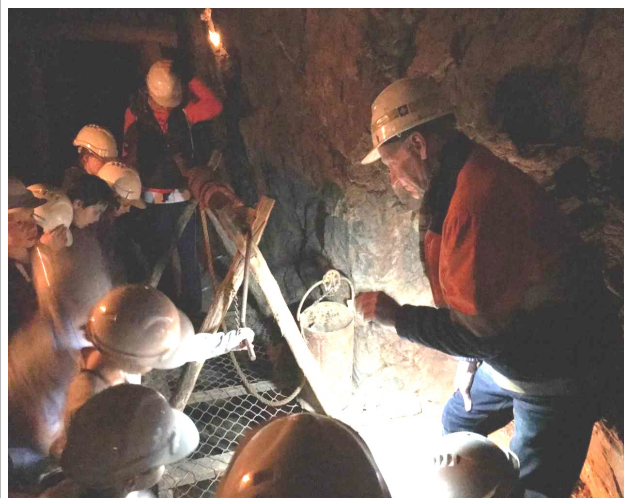
Well done to Bridget on achieving her Beginner Typing certificate and to Holly for gaining her Intermediate Typing certificate.

THE BLUE LIGHT CAMP

By Wade, Ariel, Audrey, Holly and Beryl.

On Monday the 3s and 4s went to Maldon. During camp, we did activities like going through an old gold mine, archery and rock climbing. We had to set up and pack up the meals.

When we arrived, first we sorted out our cabins. The girls' cabin was down stairs like an underground basement. There were 6 sets of bunk beds in each cabin. There were set up and pack up groups for each meal, except for lunch. The Grade 4s went first on set up/pack up, then followed by the Grade 3s. Everyone loved where they stayed plus the food.



We did a lot of activities on camp like: bike riding, rock climbing, archery, air hockey, Foose ball, Jenga, Connect Four, mini golf, hiking, netball and basketball. In rock climbing we had harnesses in case we fell. It was really fun and a lot of people made it to the top!

100 DAYS AT SCHOOL FOR PREPS

On Wednesday the 7th of August we celebrated the 100th day of school for our Preps, Nyah, Jasper, Dan, and Lachlan.



The Preps were presented with special certificates by our school captain, Bridget. We celebrated with yummy cakes.

