

This week: BogArts' Festival A Collection of Curiosities Commences



And it is looking really good! November 1 is Opening Night in the Hall with music by Fem Belling & guests, local beverages, finger food, judging and prizes.

The main exhibition opens doors across November 2 & 3. It includes a wide range of art from near and far. The unique Made in Bogie exhibition will showcase creations by locals. Just what curiosities will they have to share? And then there is feature artist Helga Leunig's photo retrospective of Strathbogie Tablelands.

Now that all sounds pretty awesome, but there is more! Have you been down to the woods today? Bridge to Bridge is blossoming with ephemeral sculptures of natural materials destined to flower for a short time and then fade away. The school kids have been busy, the artists have been busy, the track preparers have been busy. Time for others to get busy walking and looking, and looking again. The closer you look the more there is to enjoy.

Complementing the sculptural landscape will be the soundscapes created by LIPS / Myfamwy Hunter 11am-12pm and 2-3pm on November 2 along Bridge to Bridge.

Saturday November 9 sees even more events. From 2pm Strathbogie's acoustically delightful St Andrews Church becomes the Township's premier spoken word and singing venue. At 2pm SPOKEN present works of spoken word in multiple forms. At 4.30pm Di Mackrell leads SUNG, a singing workshop for all abilities.

To cap it all off will be the astonishing Curious Gypsy Punk

Masquerade in the Hall from 6.30 - 11.30pm. Local pizza and beer will energise a further appetite for seven piece ragamuffin gypsy jazz band Hello Tut Tut's incitement to dance.

For full details see page 4.



What's On

Nov 1 - Aust Day nominations close

Nov 1, 2, 3 & 9 - Strathbogie Arts Festival see p4 & 7

Nov 15 - Arts & Culture Strategy

feedback closes see p5

Nov 15 - STAG town signage design submissions close see p7

Nov 23 - SR CMN AGM see p5

Nov 24 - SR CMN Mt Hut Creek Walk

Nov 30 - SR CMN Common Myna Workshop see p5

Dec 12 - Grooveyard Hammond Combo Violet Town Dance see p4

Every Third Monday - 7.30pm STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - usual time 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

Every 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 from Oct 10 Strathbogie Recreation Ground. 6pm food & drinks

SWANPOOL CINEMA in Nov.

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Ride like a girl PG Nov 1 11am Nov 2 7pm Nov 3 6pm

The Nightingale MA15+ Nov 2 9pm Nov 3 8pm

Palm Beach M Nov 9 7pm Nov 10 6pm

Top End Wedding M Nov 9 9pm Nov 1 8pm

Downton Abbey PG Nov 16 7pm Nov 17 1.30pm & 6pm

Yesterday M Nov 16 9.30pm Nov 17 8.30pm

Late night M Nov 23 7pm Nov 24 6pm

The Farewell PG Nov 23 9.15pm Nov 24 8.15pm

Amazing Grace G Nov 30 7pm Dec 1 1.30pm & 6pm

The Chaperone PG Nov 30 9pm Dec 1 8pm

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Send us a

Letter to the Editor

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To receive a weekly email update, send your details to:

<u>euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u> *Tickets* \$10, preschoolers free.

IT Chapter Two 1 Nov 8pm MA15+
Ride like a girl Nov 2 8pm Nov 3 4pm PG
The White Crow Nov 8 8pm Nov 9 4pm M
The Goldfinch Nov 9 8pm Nov 10 4pm M
Hustlers Nov 16 8pm Nov 17 4pm MA15+
The least of these: The Graham Staines
Story Nov 22 7.30pm PG
Amazing Grace Nov 23 8pm Nov 24 4pm G

Amazing Grace Nov 23 8pm Nov 24 4pm G Blinded by the Light Nov 30 8pm Dec 1 4pm PG

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Dates for Strathbogie

(every 2nd Saturday, 9.30 - 12 noon)

Nov 2 , 16 & 30 Dec 14



Strathbogie Memorial Hall

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Bookings contact person is Kim Usher Ph 5790 5345

Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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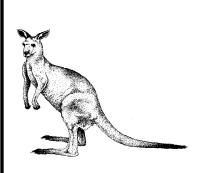
The Deadline for December edition contributions to Tableland Talk is Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

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Please note: Word or Publisher files, Arial font 11, convert pdf to jpeg, images < 250k preferred. The TT team

STRATHBOGIE BEFORE SELECTION.

From a Strathbogie History Competition article in <u>The Euroa Advertiser</u> November 5, 1920, with another reference to Polly McQuinn and some interesting historical commentary about schools.



The place was alive with kangaroos. The big old kangaroos would some times rip dogs with their long toes. Wallabies, native bears, possums and wombats. Wombats proved enemies to the crops, as at night

they would flock in and eat the crops down. Fences to about the height of 6 feet were made in order to keep the kangaroos out, still they managed to get in. These fences were made of logs and bushes. They were made so that one part was lower and when the kangaroos jumped over this part there was a ditch arranged with sharp blades, which would cut their ham-strings, and thus they would not be able to get out of the paddock again.

Before the selectors arrived Strathbogie was divided into a number of small selections. Owing to a disease among the stock the place changed hands. Strathbogie stations at one time belonged to Mr. John Kissock. His wife's grave, bearing date '55, is to be seen at the station. At a later period it belonged to a Mr. McCorthy. Mr. Gall tells of his arrival, and says that he had to clear his tracks as he came, and made such progress each day that when he camped at night he could see his camp of the night before. When the early settlers came first there was a log fence which extended from Merton through Strathbogie. This had been used by the large sheep-owners.

Polly McQuinn's water hole was named after Polly, a man who was nicknamed from the fault of having no beard.

Mr. Haley had the station for about 15 months when the selectors arrived. Mr. Haley had been a doctor. He kept a good stock of medicine. He drew teeth and did much for the selectors. Thus someone benefited by his study. On one occasion he travelled from Seven Creeks station and swam the creek - a very precarious place - in order to attend a sick young lady. At another time he sent off to Melbourne a young man who had a sore knee. There was no doctor at Euroa. He followed and caught them at the Gap. Here he dressed the knee, a doctor said that "he had saved the knee".

He was a magistrate and was threatened by the Kelly's. On his leaving the district the residents presented him with a handsome gold watch.

STRATHBOGIE in 1879.

Mr. C. H. F. Vroland was the first teacher in the district. It was during Christmas, 1878, that he first visited Strathbogie, which was then a wilderness. A few cattle roaming over the hills disputed possession with the kangaroos. Wombats wandering here and there quarreled with other marsupials. The pioneers of civilization had their huts arranged amongst the foliage. In September they opened the first school with 45 children. Some had to walk seven miles. The class of children was one of whom any country could be proud. Many severe difficulties met the eye.

Nature was not on the best of terms. It is with sadness that memories are recalled of the stern conflict which these pioneers had encountered. That many conquered in the conflict is evident from the signs of prosperity which now greets you as you tour the surroundings. "All can see the result, but few know the cost." Children and children's children now enjoy the result of that unflinching courage and untiring industry.

It is a surprising fact that Strathbogie North school had been built and working over a fortnight before many of the residents were aware of the fact. The first teacher at the West school was a Mr. Evans, and it is interesting to know that it is on a site which had been a sheep station, the shepherd and his family living near. Along the road near the school the shepherd's two little children were burned, and their remains are interred close by.

This school is situated on a hill near Spring Creek. It is not quite 40 years since Mr. S. Simmons, Inspector of schools, visited this district to settle the question of school sites. As a result of his investigations four schools were established: one at the south, on the hillside, along the main creek, less than 1 1/2 miles from the present Strathbogie township; another at the north, in the corner of Mr. J. Taylor's paddock, less than 1/2 a mile from Bald Hills creek; the third on the west near Spring Creek and a fourth at Marraweeny toward Violet Town. Wondoomarook school has since been closed.

Mr. Simmons tells us that his memory of the trip is faint, but he remembers staying at the house of a Mr. Allason, Strathbogie.

The first school to be opened was Strathbogie South, No. 2181. The first teacher was Mr. C. H. Vroland. Mrs. Blunder was first teacher at Strathbogie North. (She was later killed whilst crossing the railway at Preston.)

Mr. Evans was first teacher at Strathbogie West. Courtesy Mary-Louise Weight via Trove



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A Collection of Curiosities 2019

Friday 1st November: 6.30 pm - 9.30pm

Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

Opening Night with music by Fem Belling and guests, fine wines by Maygar's Hill winery, local ales and finger food. Judging and prizes announced.

\$20 entry.

Saturday 2nd November: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 3rd November: 10.00am - 4.00pm

rathbogie Memorial Hall.

Art show main exhibition: pieces for sale by local and regional artists & makers. This will include paintings, prints, photos, sculptures, ceramics, wearable art & more. Gold coin donation.

Made in Bogie exhibition: showcasing anything created, drawn, painted, sculpted, knitted, written or recorded by any resident of the range. These will not be for sale. There will also be exhibits of local school art works.

Special highlight retrospective of Helga Leunig's photos of the Strathbogie tablelands. P.O.A.

Saturday 9th November: Open All Day

trathbogie Bridge to Bridge.

Saturday 2nd November: The Bridge to Bridge sculpture walk: ephemeral sculptural pieces created on the beautiful Sevens & Spring Creek walking track Sculpture and curiosities made from local natural found materials. Pieces will not be for sale but will remain in place to decay naturally

Free to all

Strathboaie

4.30pm - 5.40pm

Saturday 9th November:
2.00pm – 4.00pm
St Andrew's Church,
Free to all.

SPOKEN: Come and hear a few of the locals spin a yarn or two, a poem, a story, tall tales and true things.

Free to all.

SUNG: Singing workshop led by Di Mackrell. An inclusive singing workshop for all abilities. Come together for fun and easy to learn songs on the day.

Free to all.

6.30pm - 11.30pm

Strathboaie Memorial Hall.

PARTY: Curious Gypsy Punk Masquerade.

Close the week with the raucous mayhem of 7 piece ragamuffin gypsy jazz ensemble Hello Tut Tut. 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. Ethel McReady

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Saturday 14th of December, bring a friend!!!! at VT Memorial hall, 7-10 pm. BYO supper and drinks. tickets will be \$15 at the door after the first 50 are pre-sold.





Good news! The Strathbogie Campus of Peranbin Primary School has formed an official Parent Club.

The goal of this club is to raise funds for the school and support our awesome teachers with their work. For example, we are currently considering a request from the staff for money to purchase new books for the classroom libraries.

Another exciting development is our work on the plans to rejuvenate the school's grounds. The concept plan has been created by the excellent landscape designer Lou Costa, and once accepted by our club, will go to school council for approval. From this point forward we will have a master plan developed. These plans will give our club the guidance to move forward in stages to achieve the project. We are committed to this project for the long term. It is an ambitious project: we have short listed some key ideas - a kitchen garden, an outdoor classroom, a performance space and room for the community to gather to celebrate our students' milestones (just to name a few of the ideas!).

Our little campus is an awesome place and is such a vital part of the community. We will keep the community updated throughout the process. If you can help with funding a small part of a project or help by donating your time or materials, please get in touch through the school or contact a Parent Club member.

Angela Tough, Parent Club President

SRCMN: Riparian Walk, AGM & Common Myna Workshop coming soon

The SRCMN is hosting another riparian walk down the Mountain Hut Creek on Sunday the 24th of November.

Our AGM is also coming up in Ruffy on Saturday the 23rd of November.

Finally, we have another Common Myna workshop coming up in Euroa on Saturday the 30th of November. We're currently seeking feedback from the public about what aspects of Myna control they'd like to learn more about.

For details, summaries and photos of all of our past events http://www.strathbogieranges.org.au/



Arts and Culture Strategy

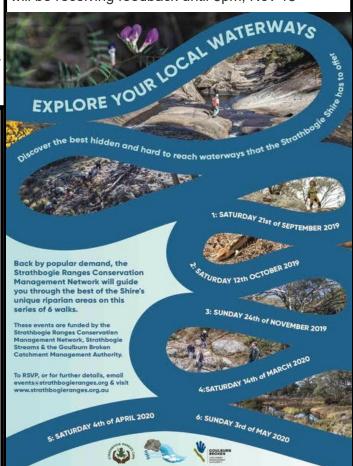
Strathbogie Shire Council has released its draft Arts and Culture Strategy which aims to increase opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness, increase arts and cultural experiences, preserve heritage and foster diverse cultural sustainability within our shire.

The need to further nurture and develop arts and culture was highlighted by our community at the beginning of Council's term, which led to the creation of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy.

Extensive consultation has taken place over a significant period of time both within our community and with the broader creative collectives to develop a strategy that is reflective of our current and future needs, that also addresses the desired Cultural, Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance outcomes.

Council encourages our community to take a look at the strategy and associated 12 month action plan and provide feedback to be considered in the final review of the strategy before it goes to Council for consideration.

You can get a copy of the draft Arts and Culture Strategy online on www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au
Hard copies will be available at Council Offices and libraries in Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town. If you're interested in having your say, visit the Have Your Say www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to post in the discussion forum. You can also provide feedback via email to info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or write to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa. We will be receiving feedback until 5pm, Nov 15





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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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Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Inc

Town Signage

In last month's Tableland Talk we asked the community for suggestions in relation to signage to be located at the entrances to the township.

What we are specifically seeking are design ideas that can be put out to the community (similar to the process with the panther on the Telstra shed).

Designs should reflect the local character and charm of the Tableland and should conform with the Shire's Boundary, Town Entry and District Signage Policy, a copy of which is available at the store or can be provided on line by emailing stag@strathbogie.org

Designs may be placed in the box at the store or emailed to stag@strathbogie.org by Friday 15th November.

Community Action Plan

The new Action Plan was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 22nd October and is available on the community website stag@strathbogie.org

Helen Peters, Secretary

BOGART

Strathbogie has SPOKEN

After last year's successful inaugural spoken word event, this year SPOKEN gets even better as part of the 2019 Strathbogie Arts Festival by BogArts.

Once again, volunteer orators, readers, poets, story tellers, reciters and more will regale the audience with tall tales and true, passion and vigour, literary light and shade.

Everyone is welcome. Entry is free. We gather on November 9 from 2 - 4pm in Main Street's Saint Andrew's Church. This venue proved to be an acoustic treat last year. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Want to participate? This year there are two ways to contribute.

- Speak a piece. Original or a personal favourite, as long as it is spoken it is welcome.
- 2. Write a piece. Again, original or a favourite to share, submit a written work for us to hang in the Church grounds for visitors to read.

Contact Sean Mathews

e: snmthws@bigpond.com or m: 0400 019 607

The Bookshelf: Notes from the Bohomians Bookclub



Nothing to Cry About by Joan Atherton Hooper, Castlemaine, VIC: Katherine Seppings, 2015.

This memoir chronicles the brave journey of the author, from her haphazard childhood in Colac to ultimate victory

over numerous obstacles in her life.

Joan's early life as a ward of the state in Colac, placed into the care of her paternal aunt and grandmother, does not reflect a happy, carefree childhood. Concerned that Joan will 'turn out like her mother', who has deserted the young family, her aunt is a harsh warden; her negativity towards the little girl is nothing short of child abuse.

It is Joan's imagination that saves her from her situation. Her dreams swing between a life as a Hollywood starlet and that of extreme piety as a nun at the Vatican.

Joan eventually escapes this sad existence into several bad marriages, where she becomes mother to three daughters. However, in spite of her herculean efforts to raise her children to healthy adulthood, the spectre of drug abuse

Local Whip Cracker 8th October 2019



Fourteen year old Riley Dash, son of Gary and Chris, went to the Deni Unit Muster in October 2019.

Riley entered in the Novice Whip Cracking contest along with 25

other contestants. Riley came third earning him \$20 and a sash.

A spectator in the crowd smoking a cigarette said to Riley 'would you be able to cut the cigarette out of my mouth?' Riley obliged, earning himself another \$5.

Riley makes new whips and repairs damaged whips. Riley is the grandson of Graeme and Shirley Dash. Well done Riley.

Contributed by Graeme Dash

..... dogs her daughters' lives. Even this doesn't triumph over Joan's wry sense of humour and her determination to wring some happiness and laughter from life.

It is inspiring to read Joan's story and a reminder that it is possible to overcome bad fortune and even the most unpromising beginnings. Ruth Fluhr

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"Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on,



Polly put the kettle on, and we'll all have tea."

A favourite nursery rhyme happily sung by past and hopefully, present generations.

But how is your KETTLE on the inside? Have you looked recently?

The best way to clean the inside of an electric kettle is fill the kettle with water, add to it half a cup of vinegar, and bring it to the boil for a few minutes. This may need to be repeated a couple of times to remove all the stains. Then give the kettle a good rinse with clean water before using again for that much needed cup of tea or coffee.

STAINLESS STEEL KETTLES.

Fill the kettle with equal amounts of white vinegar and water. Bring the liquids to a boil and boil for a few minutes, and then turn off the heat. When the water cools down dispose of the liquid. Use a soft cloth or scrubbing pad suitable for stainless steel, to wipe the stains from the insides of the kettle. Then wash as normal and rinse completely with clean water.

Have you also looked inside your TEAPOT lately?

To clean a SILVER or POTTERY teapot put in 3 or 4 tablets used for cleaning false teeth, (but not your teeth of course!), half fill the teapot with water, and leave overnight. Then empty contents and rinse thoroughly before using again.

The spout can also be cleaned by packing it with salt and leave overnight. Next morning remove the salt and scald the teapot with very hot water.

STAINLESS STEEL teapots can be cleaned on the inside using1 or 2 denture cleaning tablets and warm water. Leave to fizz for about an hour, then empty the contents. Wipe the inside with a cloth moistened with white vinegar or lemon juice to remove stains and sanitise the teapot. The spout can be cleaned with a small bottle brush and warm water.

Continues next column

ALUMINIUM teapots can be cleaned inside using salt and vinegar on steel wool. Again rinse thoroughly before use.

ENAMEL teapots can be cleaned on the inside with salt and rinsed well.

"There is nothing quite like a freshly brewed pot of tea to get you going in the morning" Phyllis Logan (Mrs. Hughes in Downton Abbey).

Remember, Polly is only trying to be helpful. Use my "Helpful Hints" at your own risk. Polly

SOLDIER BLUE

White soldier in every town Wears a slouch hat to hide the frown Statue a reminder of where he'd been Greatest carnage the world had seen

In a trench with a mate
About to charge then hesitate
Bullets fly above their heads
Living then but as good as dead

Share a fag make a joke Fellow digger-bloody good bloke Bullets zing all around So much mud there be no ground

Immortal statue at every town
Tribute to those diggers fallen down
Could have been me- maybe you
Lest we forget 'soldier blue'

Hat on reverse teenage joy Same age then- only a boy Jumper's word – USA Ignores statue with plenty to say

If concrete face could erase the frown
Of white statue in every town
He'd halt the boys without Aussie pride
Teach them not to copy Yankee stride

"All my mates fought for this great land
Do you boy ever understand?"
I stand here in concrete uniform
To remind you lad- of before you were born

I love you young man for you are me But I didn't make it to twenty three Be proud to be Aussie no regret Please young Aussie- lest you forget...

Tony Russell DAWSON





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2009 - July

2014 - November

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- ✓ Bucket work 1.2t and grading w/6ft grader blade
- ✓ Pallet forks
- ✓ Post hole digging @ 12", 15", or 24" diameter (also 6" and 9" wide holes with petrol unit)
- ✓ Deep ripping single tine heavy rip or 6 tine light rips
- ✓ Harrowing w/4m (13ft) harrows and stick raking w/7ft rake
- ✓ Pulling, pushing and towing (4 wheel diff locks for difficult terrain)
- ✓ Can also use your implements with our tractor Cat 2 3PL or Euro FEL

Flat rate of \$38.50 incl GST per hour (\$35 + GST), including all fuel and tractor transit time to/from Tames Road (southeast end) @ 40km/h max travel speed.

✓ Other rural services also available (chainsawing, fencing, etc.)...same hourly rate but without transit costs – if we do it on our farm we can do it on yours!

Call Big Clarkey on 0406 074 019 or Julie/Clark on 5790 5226 to discuss!

Summer is coming, so it is time for SALADS

From Dayle Tame in Peranbin Primary College's *DELISH Our Family Favourites* page 31.

Watermelon, Basil & Feta Salad

Very refreshing on a hot summer's day

- 1 large seedless watermelon
- 100g Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 large handful of fresh basil
- 1 Lebanese cucumber deseeded
- 400g fresh feta cheese, crumbled of cubed
- 1 punnet of cherry tomatoes
- 1 small onion
- 1 bag of fresh salad leaves

Dressing

2tbs white balsamic vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil

Salt and cracked black pepper to taste

Remove the rind from the watermelon and cut into bite sized chunks. Finely slice the red onion and halve the cherry tomatoes. Remove the seeds from the cucumber and cut into half slices. Spread the salad leaves on a serving platter. Place the rest of the ingredients evenly across the top of the leaves.

Combine the dressing in a screw top jar and shake well to mix. Drizzle lightly over the salad.



Fiji's faithful friend by Donmil

Dealing with foreign leaders? – It's a piece of cake, said Scott: All you do is just look vacant, And nod and smile a lot.

The Acronym Game

We live in an acronymic world, thanks in part to computer-speak and SMS language (LOL, IMHO). Over time, of course, acronyms can turn into ordinary-looking words whose origin is forgotten. Laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) and radar (Radio Detection And Ranging) are familiar examples. Acronyms such as these, which are pronounceable as words, are clearly superior to ones which aren't (such as DELWP in Victoria; the equivalent government department in WA used to be CALM – Conservation And Land Management – until they went and changed it to something unpronounceable). DELWP people, I've noticed, treat the "W" as silent and talk about "DELP".

I've searched diligently for acronymic plant/animal scientific names, with just a single success, and even then only a partial one. Dr Tom Rich, palaeontologist at Museum Victoria, created the genus name *Atlascopcosaurus* for dinosaur remains he discovered on the Otway coast in Victoria. He wanted to acknowledge the equipment and assistance provided by the Atlas Copco company in excavating the site. And Copco is indeed an acronym, of **CO**mpagnie **P**neumatique **CO**mmerciale. Good on you, Tom!

But animal acronyms are in common use, I've found, among conservation biologists working desperately to try to restore the fortunes of Victoria's most seriously endangered fauna, of which – sadly – there is quite a long list. The one that first came into common use, I think, is EBB for the Eastern Barred Bandicoot,

whose Victorian population was famed for surviving only in a rubbish tip in Hamilton, western Victoria, but which is now the subject of energetic captive breeding and reintroduction



programs. MPP and BBF refer to two truly knifeedge populations in the Victorian high country, the Mountain Pygmy Possum of the Victorian highlands and the Baw Baw Frog, known only from Mt Baw Baw, east of Melbourne. An instance of the acronym possibly outlasting the animal is GED for the Grassland Earless Dragon, a small lizard which seems to have disappeared altogether from its former range in western Victoria.

Here's a final example for you to ponder on: LHISI. Some hints: it's eastern Australian but not Victorian, and it's an invertebrate. Until the next exciting instalment ... happy hunting.

Angus Martin

Paddy and Mick walk into Centrelink looking for work.

"Oh look, it's a pity Seamus isn't with us. " says Paddy.

"And why would that be?" asks Mick. Paddy looks at him like he's an idiot. "Well, there's a vacancy here for tree fellers.

If he was here we could have gone for it!"

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANNING FOR EUROA

Strathbogie Shire Council is calling on our community to provide input into future planning for Euroa, with the draft Euroa Township Strategy open for community feedback. Council's Acting CEO, Phil Howard said the Euroa Township Strategy will provide a framework for how Euroa can sustainably grow and develop into the future.

"Euroa is a well-established town with a good range of services and facilities, it has the potential for further growth and offers a lifestyle alternative to urban and metropolitan areas," Mr Howard explained. "The Euroa Township Strategy aims to improve the function of the town to meet the needs of the local community, including looking at connectivity, accessibility, public streetscapes and carparking.

The draft strategy has considered feedback from initial discussions with the community held last year and through feedback in relation to Australian Rail Track Corporation's Inland Rail Project on the Anderson Street overpass, which is also covered in the draft strategy. Council encourages more input from anyone who has an interest in Euroa, as the strategy will draw heavily on the thoughts, aspirations and ideas of the community.

You can get a copy of the draft Euroa Township Strategy and fill in a short survey at Council Offices, Euroa Library and Euroa Health. View the strategy online, complete the quick survey or post a comment on the discussion forum by visiting the Have You Say button at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au. You can also provide feedback via email to info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or in writing to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa.

Council welcomes feedback until 5pm, Friday 15 November.

Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest

In accordance with the recommendations of the Draft Strathbogie Community Pools Strategy 2019-2029 adopted by Council on 21 April 2019, Strathbogie Shire Council has resolved to appoint a Pools Advisory Committee.

The objectives of the Committee are to advise Council on:

- The implementation of the Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Strategy 2019-2029;
- The development and review of policy and strategy relating to Community pools and assets;
- · Policy relating to the management of pools; and
- Potential advocacy priorities regarding pool and aquatic issues and initiatives of community safety and benefit.

Council will take the advice of the Committee into consideration as part of its deliberations regarding matters concerning our Community pools and assets.

The Committee will be made up of Councillors, Council Officers, Community and Youth representatives. The Council or Committee may second people to the Committee with technical expertise or engage with interested parties as required for a temporary period.

Membership will be based on a mixture of skills, location and experience with the preference for two members to represent the Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town pools.

Youth representatives should ideally be within 16 years and 25 years of age and members may need to obtain their Working With Children's Check (WWCC) if they are required to have regular and ongoing engagement with young people under the age of 18 who do not have their parent/guardian present.

The Committee will meet at least quarterly at a date and time to be determined at the first meeting (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you are interested in joining the Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Advisory Committee or wish to obtain a copy of the Committee Charter, please contact Jeff Saker, Group Manager Community Assets at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or phone on 1800 065 993 to obtain the Application Form.

Applications are to be received no later than COB Tuesday 12 November.

Phil Howard, Acting Chief Executive Officer

What you might see along Bridge to Bridge this week





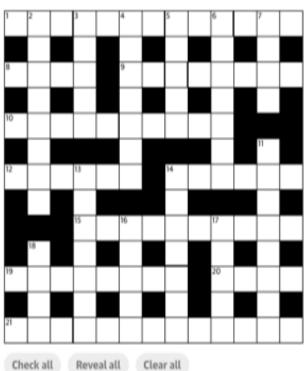






Ephemeral Sculpture





Across

- Anything could now happen! (3,4,3,3)
- 8 The Thames at Oxford (4)
- 9 If absolutely necessary (2,1,5)
- 10 ESP (5,5)
- 12 (Self-appointed) expert (6)
- 14 Ancillaries (6)
- 15 Early instrument like a piano rich oval CD (anag) (10)
- 19 Possess some similarity to (8)
- 20 Right-hand man/woman (4)
- 21 Lake in Hyde Park (3,10)

Down

- 2 Juicy (8)
- 3 Surround and harass (5)
- 4 Passage (7)
- 5 Once more (5)
- 6 Illustrious (7)
- 7 Countenance (4)
- 11 Virago rain hard (anag) (8)
- 13 Author of Our Mutual Friend, d. 1870 (7)
- 14 Stare with the power to harm? (4.3)
- 16 Light colour between red and green (5)
- 17 Earth (anag) compassion (5)
- 18 Amphetamine taken as a stimulant (4)

Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus



MARC CHILDREN AS AUTHORS COMPETITION

Bogie is full of budding authors! Congratulations to Alina for Best in Grade 5 Honours Award for her horror story. The Junior Class took out Best Group entry Honours Award for their anthology with cats up trees, alien invasions and many other exciting tales. Well done Juniors!

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Kayden, Angus and Bianca for representing our school at the Division Athletics in Epping. Well done Angus for achieving equal 6th in Triple Jump and equal 4th in High Jump

WALK TO SCHOOL

For the month of October the Senior Class is organising activities at lunchtime as part of the Walk To School campaign. They have made a great start with tennis, pound puppies and soccer activities. Well done Seniors and keep up your good organisation and enthusiasm.

INDONESIAN CULTURAL DAY

On Tuesday the 15th of October all Peranbin students travelled to the Strathbogie Campus for an Indonesian cultural incursion. Professional dancers and performers provided us with an insight into Indonesian culture,



music and dance. The students learned dance movements, and wore costumes for their performance. There are many terrific pictures and some

videos on the college Facebook page for you to enjoy. The students certainly enjoyed the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and well done to Ariel and Nate for placing 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Junior Cattle Showing class at Numurkah Show. Nate also competed in the Seymour show in Cattle Handling. He had to walk his calf, Bluey around and follow the judge's instructions. He came first and won a trophy. Well done, Nate.

FRONT GATE SALES

Please buy some lemons at the front of the school to support our drought stricken NSW friends at Tullamore Primary. 20cents each or 6 for \$1. Money can be given to Jenna or Anne.

The tomato seedlings stall has raised around \$70 so far and has been a really nice way to meet members of the community. This money is used for our Bogie Backyard Program. A big thanks to everyone who has helped out.

ENROLMENTS

We welcome enrolments to 2020, please talk to Jenna or Anne on 5790 5250 or the Campus mobile: 0419 154505.