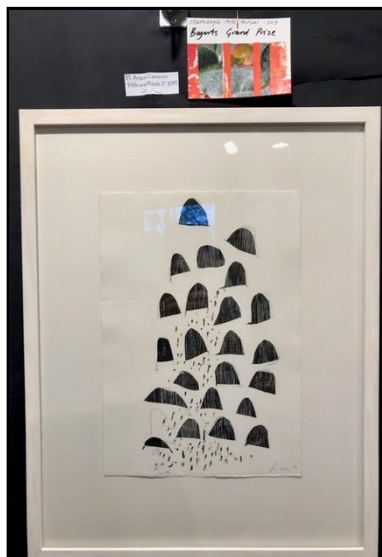




December 2019



## And The Winners Were: Everyone!

It was an extraordinary first weekend in November for Strathbogie Township. Around 100 people gathered in the Hall for BogArts' Strathbogie Arts Festival opening night of jazz, fine wine and outstanding food. They were treated to a preview of more than 150 eclectic works by multi-talented artists, as well as locals prepared to share their personal curiosities. The quality of the exhibits made each visitor's perusal an enduring one. Many people expressing surprise at how the passage of time

appeared to be suspended as they immersed themselves in examination of imaginative fine art and fascinating collectibles.



As a consequence of quality, the Judge's inspection took much longer than expected as well. They found the judging process satisfying, stimulating, and very challenging because of the high standard.

Angus Cameron (top) took out the BogArts Grand Prize for his work "Hills and Rocks 2". Dana Coleman took out the 2D Artwork Award for her beautiful annotated book of water colours "Aku Cinta Indonesia" (above).

Other prize winners were: Sean Murphy -3D, Taja Coles-Berenyi -Photography, Alina Lester - Junior, Peter King and Steve Evans - Popular Choice, Laura Binks - Bridge to Bridge Sculpture, Alistair Tame - Commendation, Marty Symonds - Best Dressed

The Hall Art Exhibition and Bridge to Bridge Sculpture Walk followed the Opening Night with a steady stream of visitors across the entire weekend. A win for the entire community.

For more on the Arts Festivities see p7

Sean Mathews



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to all the Strathbogie Community. We look forward to reading your contributions again in 2020. Stay safe and have a great summer!

The TT Team.

## What's On

**Dec 9** - SOSF Forest Picnic at the Messmates. Celebrate Strathbogie Forest. 12 noon see p9

**Dec 12** - Grooveyard Hammond Combo Violet Town Dance see p14

**Dec 13** - Voting closes on Township entry signs see p9

**Dec 24** - Council offices close, reopen Jan 2 see p12

**Dec** - Primary School enrolments are open see p16

**Feb 2020** - CPR Training see p5

**Every Third Monday** - 7.30pm  
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**Gloria Bell** M Dec 28 9.15pm,  
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## Permanent Protection of the Strathbogie Forest

February 27, 2014 - seems like a long time ago. On that day, people from near and far filled the Strathbogie Hall out of concern for the increase in logging that Vicforests had planned for the Strathbogie



Forest. In the almost six years since that first public meeting, we've learnt much about the forest and just how special and valuable it is – for nature, for stream-flow, for carbon storage, for recreation, for particular threatened species and for climate change resilience. We've also learnt how the previous (and proposed) logging was not saw-log driven and provided virtually no economic benefit for the local economy, as well as the untapped economic opportunity the forest offers.

Today, six years later, the Victorian Government has announced the

immediate protection of the Strathbogie Forest, including a cessation of logging in the forest. The management and logging of the 8000+ ha of pine plantations adjacent to the forest will of course continue.

In the last 150 years 75% of all the forest and woodland that once clothed the Strathbogie Ranges, about 240,000 ha, from Warrenbayne to Seymour, from Euroa to Yea, has been lost – cleared mainly for farming. That farmland is now an important regional resource. In the same way, the 24,000 ha Strathbogie Forest, the largest intact bit of bush left in the entire ranges, is also an important regional resource.

The economic opportunity that a protected Strathbogie Forest offers the region is significant and only limited by our imaginations. Our forest may be small, but it is accessible and diverse with some stunning scenery and hidden gems. As important as increased visitor usage will be for the local economy, it has to be managed carefully so that the very gems we want to share with visitors are not degraded in the process. Planning is all-important.

The forest is virtually the last refuge for a host of forest-dependent plants and animals that have disappeared from elsewhere across these ranges. For two species, the threatened Powerful Owl and the Greater Glider, the Strathbogie Forest is the last stronghold in the region and the forest supports one of the healthiest Greater Glider populations in all Victoria – a major reason the forest is being protected.

In the short-term little will change, other than a halt to logging. Visitor usage - camping, regulated firewood collecting, bushwalking, hunting etc - will all still continue. The exciting part is developing the vision that strikes the right balance between visitor usage and recreation, on the one hand, and managing the forest for its natural values.



Key partners on this journey are the Traditional Owners, whose ancestors lived and journeyed in this country for tens of thousands of years. Evidence of their occupation is spread far and wide across the Strathbogie Tableland and protection of the forest offers a great opportunity for reengagement, including cultural and economic empowerment. The Taungurung Land & Waters Council is already an important part of the conversation.

I imagine a forest with facilities for family picnics and community camp-outs. Where self-guided car tours enable the discovery of hidden beauty and open vistas.

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## Strathbogrie Shire Council appoints new CEO



Following an extensive recruitment process, Strathbogrie Shire Council has announced the appointment of Julie Salomon to the role of Chief Executive Officer, commencing on 13 January 2020.

Ms Salomon brings over ten years'

Senior Executive experience to the role, including at Greater Shepparton City Council and City of Monash.

"We are so pleased to appoint Julie Salomon, a seasoned local government executive, with a strong connection to the Goulburn Valley region and broad experience in leading and managing community development and services," Mayor McClaren said.

"A key priority for me will be meeting the expectations of the community. I look forward to building on and harnessing new, existing and emerging opportunities and working with Councillors and our community to achieve our shared goals, priorities and aspirations," Ms Salomon said.

Mayor McClaren thanked the community and Council staff for their patience throughout a lengthy recruitment process and acknowledged the valued leadership of Phil Howard as Acting CEO since July 2019

## Glittering prizes by Donmil

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The next steps will be to discuss and negotiate with government and other partners, how to achieve the best outcome for this forest, the communities that surround it and that it is part of. With so much dysfunction all around us, it will be rewarding to be part of a positive, constructive process that starts with imagining what could be!

*Bertram Lobert, Boho South.*

On behalf of the Save Our Strathbogrie Forest Group, the former Strathbogrie Sustainable Forest Group and everyone that has contributed to this incredible outcome.



## CPR Training



Almost a year ago, STAG ran a very successful CPR and First Aid training day. Seventeen people attended and gained their Certification.

We will be running another CPR only course this year, to enable those who wish to maintain their certification to do so here on the tableland.

This course will be run in the second week of February.

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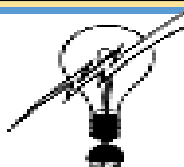
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If you have not cleaned up, this rain interlude will give you the opportunity. The only hope any person has against fire, on a day of 40 degrees and 80km/h winds, is preparation. The CFA can attempt to help if you have done your bit cleaning up. However, no tanker crew will risk their crew to save any house, especially if no preparation work has been undertaken.

So, now is the time to ensure your grass is short and kept green. Your gutters are clear of debris. The undergrowth is pruned back away from your home. Also your water pumps may not have been used for 12 months, time to test while we have the opportunity.

And remember access. All fire trucks require an opening of 3 meters wide and 3.1 meters high. This is often the first part of your property the incoming tankers look at, and use this to rapidly assess your preparation.

Now, here is another thing you can do for your local fire brigade. Currently there is a petition to the Victorian Parliament regarding our new fire station. If every local could please sign it (and any other citizen of the state of Victoria) the Strathbogie fire brigade would be most appreciative. You can sign it at the Strathbogie Store.

Thankyou and good luck for the up coming season.

CFA Captain, David Hamilton



## **Ephemeral Sculpture, Spoken Word, Community Singing and Dancing at the Masquerade.**

The second weekend in November saw the continuation of the BogArts Strathbogie Arts Festival.



Throughout the week visitors to the Bridge to Bridge Sculpture Walk witnessed works coming and going as new artists added installations and the weather exerted its influence on the ephemeral nature of the natural materials being utilised. Bark weavings appeared in tree forks, clay birds nested in hollows and figurines sagged and melted their way back to where they came from. No two days were alike as you walked the track. People kept coming back to participate and observe the changes.

SPOKEN saw St Andrew's Church filled with an audience treated to two fulfilling hours of captivating oration as 22 presenters worked their magic. Poetry, historical monologue, originals and favourites, readings and recitals, homage, stories, classics, solos and duets all got an outing. The time passed all too quickly in mesmerizing moments of evocative imagery and laughter.



SUNG was led by Di Mackerell. Community singing the order of the late afternoon. The circle gathered, the pitch was set, anyone passing could hear those voices of enthusiasm from the road, rising and falling baritone and tenor, in joyful harmony.

The dance was a frenzied affair. Dressed up with gypsy flair, tassled and scarved, masked and mysterious, we took our places on the dance floor with gay abandon. There was little resistance to the Balkan, Slavic band with their pumping squeeze box, swirling clarinet and the ebb and flow of violin.

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Sean Mathews

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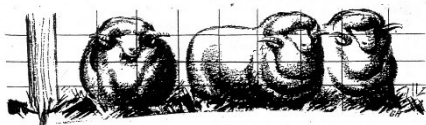
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## Hello Everyone,

The Strathbogie Shire Council has recently taken two decisions that are very relevant to residents of the Strathbogie Tableland. I would like to outline these decisions.

First, on 19 November, the Shire appointed Ms Julie Salomon as Chief Executive Officer. Julie joins us from Monash City Council where she held the role of Director Community Development and Services. Prior to her role with Monash City Council Julie was with Greater Shepparton City Council as Director Communities and Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Julie will commence employment on 13 January, 2020, and has joined the Shire on a 3-year contract. She will be relocating from Melbourne to the region. I welcome Julie to the Shire.

During the recruitment process I found her to have excellent strategic thinking, communication and relationship building skills. Julie is an extremely hard working and energetic individual who, I think, will be able to motivate and lead the staff at the Shire.

The second decision I wish to cover is the new waste Kerbside Collection Services Policy. A recent study found that the Strathbogie Shire was the second most successful local authority in Victoria for diversion of household waste away from landfill dumping. This is a credit to the good system in place, but importantly the care that residents are taking to put their rubbish correctly into the green organics bin, the yellow recycling bin and only what is left into the red landfill waste bin.

The new kerbside policy increases equity for all residents across the Shire by removing exemptions and exclusions, so that all households (that can geographically receive a service) are treated equally.

In the case of the Strathbogie Tableland, the commitment is to increase the kerbside collection service so that the current communal collection point at the Recreation Ground is no longer required. An initial implementation date of 1 July 2020 for the change in Strathbogie has been identified. Council staff will undertake an engagement process with affected households prior to implementation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Council matters, please feel free to contact me at [Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:Alistair.Thomson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or on 0427 335 766.

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



# Strathbogie Forest

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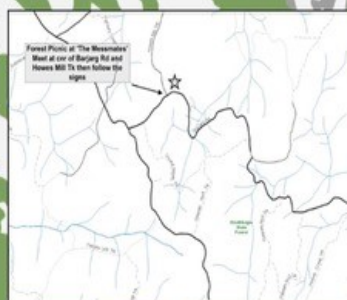
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## Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Inc.

### Town Signage

Several designs for township entrance signs have been selected for the community to vote on. The designs will be displayed on the noticeboard in Main Street and voting slips will be available in the store. Voting will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Diesel Fuel

The site has been prepared and it is expected that the fuel cell will be delivered by early December and should be fully operational by Christmas which, apart from servicing the community, will be of significant benefit to the CFA during the fire season. Refuelling Solutions (RFS) will hold an information session for the community.

### Spring Creek Picnic Shelter

During the development of Council's current budget, STAG requested that a slip lane be created to provide access to the Picnic Shelter at Spring Creek. Both STAG and the CFA have written to Council expressing their concern at the decision not to create a slip lane, but to close the top entrance. Vehicles approaching from the town would need to either cross double lines or continue to Magilton Drive to do a u-turn. Also, in the event of a major fire, this area would be used to fill CFA trucks – numerous trucks waiting to fill could block the main Euroa -Strathbogie Road.

### Community Activities

STAG is planning a fun day in the New Year to showcase the numerous groups and activities that take place on the Tableland.

*Helen Peters, Secretary*

### Take action now to protect against fruit fly

Home gardeners are encouraged to act now so future crops in their garden or yard, and commercial crops are safe from fruit flies. Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) populations are currently being trapped and recorded in urban areas. Home gardeners should take some simple steps to help protect against the spread of the pest.

### Reoccurring trouble spots

If you or your neighbours had fruit fly problems in your garden last year that were not controlled, you are likely to have them again this season.

### Monitor for fruit fly

You can monitor for the presence of QFF using traps and eyesight. Most traps catch male QFF, however some will catch females. You can also monitor by checking ripening fruit for fruit fly sting marks. Don't forget to check and monitor your front yard too if it contains fruiting plants.

Keep an eye out for fruiting plants near your house, on roadsides, channel banks, Council and Crown land, untended properties and business sites. You may have to talk with your Council or your local Fruit Fly Coordinator to let them know about host plants.

### Remove ripening fruit

Simply put - if fruit flies do not have fruit to lay into, they will die out eventually. After removal, fruit must be handled and destroyed properly so that fly larvae can't escape into the soil. Compost heaps are not a good place to destroy fruit as conditions on and around them are suitable for QFF survival.

### Tree removal

If you have a fruit tree you are unable to manage or no longer want, contact your participating Council for more information about the free Fruit Tree Removal Program.

### Baiting

Baits attract and kill fruit flies with food-based attractants and toxicants. There are several commercial products available for this strategy. Baiting works best in the home garden if it is practiced by all neighbours and is most effective when applied weekly (and more often if it rains).

### Netting

Netting is a highly effective fruit fly control strategy for the home garden if you want to keep your fruit and fruit fly susceptible vegetables (such as tomatoes, chillies, eggplants, capsicum, rockmelons, honeydews). Because many fruiting plants need bees, moths or wind to pollinate them to allow fruit to set, netting should be applied after fruit set. There are different types and sizes of fruit fly netting.

### Restricted use of pesticides

There are very few pesticides with Federal Government approval for use in home gardens and those that are approved are difficult to obtain. Your garden produce or hardware store can provide further advice about the various products to help control and manage fruit fly.

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### Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group – Expressions of Interest

An opportunity has become available for a community representative to fill a vacant position on the Strathbogie Shire Council - Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group (TACAG).

This group was formed in August 2017 to support Council in their commitment to public participation, and utilising the general community to assist in the achievement of future Council Plans and strategies that govern the future of the Shire.

### The roles and objectives of the TACAG are:

- To provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the development and implementation of the Arts and Culture Strategy.
- Act as advocates and champions for Tourism, Arts and Culture programs and projects within the Shire that are of community benefit.
- Provide a forum for discussion of Tourism, Arts and Culture industry trends and best practice in the Local Government sector.
- Assist Council to work strategically to encourage, foster, value and promote Tourism, Arts and Culture.

The TACAG is made up of Councillors, Council Officers, business and community representatives. The group currently meets once a month for one hour at various locations throughout the Shire (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you have an interest in joining the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and feel like you have the appropriate skills and knowledge to assist in achieving the objectives of the TACAG, please contact us via email at [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au), including a brief description of your experience and reasons for wanting to join.

**Should you require any further information, please phone on (03) 5795 0000 – submissions close 22 November, 2019 @ 5pm.**



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### For more information

For more information on QFF control, collect an information pack from your Council's Customer Service Centre or visit [www.gmv-qldfruitfly.com.au](http://www.gmv-qldfruitfly.com.au)

**The GMV Regional Fruit Fly Project is funded by the Victorian Government's Managing Fruit Fly Regional Grants Program.**





## Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee of Management

On November 19 the Strathbogie Memorial Hall committee of management held their monthly meeting.

The COM meet to discuss all facets of looking after the Hall, general upkeep, hiring, cleaning and making sure that the community continues to be able to use this wonderful asset.

Did you know that the first meeting to consider the matter of a memorial to the fighting services took place in October 1943? EB Tame suggested that a Memorial Hall be built. A committee was appointed to prepare plans for a Memorial Hall and obtain an estimate of the cost. It was moved that there be 9 men on the committee. They were: J.R. Smith, Chair E.B.Tame, Sec C. Vroland, A.Jacka, L.G. Armstrong, J.M.Hobbs, J. Hindle, W.D.Baxter and T.H.Simpson.

It was a long time before the Strathbogie Memorial Hall was actually built. Due to the Second World War and the lack of materials for building, post war Hospitals and Housing were a priority. It was not until 1955 that the Hall was finally opened. What a dedicated bunch of forefathers we had, persevere and achieve their objectives.

So, we as a committee see fit that our community be appraised of what we are trying to achieve.

We are keen to make sure that the Hall is used. There has recently been the very successful art show, as well as great celebrations of life from our

*continued below .....*

The Avenel Action Group and the Avenel Nature Conservation Group are delighted to support the following invitation ....



### Our local indigenous culture: an awareness presentation

We are privileged to be invited to a special information session to tell us much about the way the Taungurung people lived on this land with particular reference to the way vegetation was used for food and medicine.

THE TWO OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS include Taungurung man Shane Monk and Cathy Olive at the Arboretum, Main Road, Euroa.

DATE: Saturday 14th December

TIME: 10AM—1PM

LUNCH SUGGESTION: Bring a picnic plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided. *It would be a good idea to bring a folding chair.*

TRANSPORT: Consider car pooling with your friends and family. Children are strongly encouraged to attend.

RSVP: by 7th December to Jim Billings

Email: jimbillings2@gmail.com Mobile: 0433 270 101

## GoFish Nagambie's \$500,000 prize pool reels in anglers at a rate of knots



Entries are now open for the second annual GoFish Nagambie, one of the most anticipated weekends on the Aussie fishing calendar. With the \$500,000 guaranteed prize pool and the famous \$80,000 jackpot to the angler who reels in the largest Murray Cod, it's no surprise that entries are motoring out the door.

GoFish Nagambie Chief Executive Rod Lockwood and Aussie fishing icon Paul Worsteling from IFISH TV officially launched the entries to the public on Thursday.

Mr Lockwood thanked the Victorian Government for their ongoing support. "Our 2019 inaugural GoFish Nagambie was a huge success, largely due to the vision and support of the Victorian Government and Strathbogie Shire Council," Rod said. "This year, close to 2,107 anglers and 7,541 visitors, including a quarter from interstate, descended on Nagambie providing a boost to tourism and an injection of a great deal of money into the local economy."

The four-day festival and three-day competition entries are \$160. Jump online and hook yourself an entry. [www.gofishnagambie.com.au](http://www.gofishnagambie.com.au)

WHAT: GoFish Nagambie

WHERE: Nagambie Lakes / Goulburn River, Vic

WHEN: April 2 - 5th 2020

### Hall story continues .....

local community being 2 funerals and a wedding.

When you see the Christmas Decorations in the Main Street you can thank our Hall Committee. On Australia Day there will be a celebration at the Hall to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history.

There will be various acknowledgements to citizens

who have been nominated for the awards.

Next year we have some special surprises in mind, so watch this space.

Mary Wynne



**The Name Game: L.H.I.S.I.  
by Angus Martin**

Do you know the L.H.I.S.I.?  
Does it swim or dig or leap or fly,  
Glide gracefully across the sky?  
Or would you see it slither by,  
While uttering its fearsome cry,  
Or just a long and doleful sigh,  
The mystic L.H.I.S.I.?

Do you know the L.H.I.S.I.?  
Is it loud and bold or quiet and shy?  
Does it sit or stand or squat or lie?  
Or fix you with a deadly eye,  
And watch you as you writhe and die?  
Or is it really nice as pie,  
The elusive L.H.I.S.I.?

These suppositions are all incorrect:  
It's in fact the **Lord Howe Island Stick Insect**.

This just goes to show that Angus can match it with  
Donmil any time when it comes to writing silly  
animal verses, but the L.H.I.S.I. does warrant

celebration as a conservation success story. After  
extinction on its home, Lord Howe Island, a  
substantial captive population has been built up by  
a heroic rescue and breeding program, starting  
from a few individuals which survived on Ball's  
Pyramid, a rocky pinnacle offshore from the island.  
Plans for reintroduction to its original home are now  
well under way.



**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURES & WASTE SERVICES  
CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR 2019 - 20**

The Strathbogie Shire Council offices in Euroa and Nagambie will close at **5.00pm, Tuesday 24 December 2019** and will re-open at **9.00am, Thursday 2 January 2020**. There will be minimal staff working from the Depots during this time. However, if you have any emergency enquiries during this period (such as trees or stock on roads, dog attacks, etc.) please call **1800 065 993** and follow the prompts.



**Kerbside Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collections**

Residents of the Strathbogie Shire are advised that there are no changes to kerbside landfill waste, recycling and organics collections over the 2019 – 2020 Christmas / New Year period. All bins will be collected as normal.

**Waste Transfer Station / Resource Recovery Centre Operating Hours**

Residents are also advised that all Waste Transfer Station / Resource Recovery Centres within the shire will be closed on the following days:

**Wednesday 25 December 2019**

**Thursday 26 December 2019**

**Wednesday 1 January 2020**

**Please note:**

All Transfer Stations will be closed on all days that are declared a **Code Red (Catastrophic) Fire Danger Rating**. Green waste will not be accepted at any Transfer Station on days that have been declared a **Total Fire Ban**. All transfer stations will be EFTPOS only from **1 January 2020**.

**Maternal Child Health (MCH)**

Council's Maternal Child Health Service will be closed from **Wednesday 25 December 2019** and will reopen on **Thursday 2 January 2020**.

If you have any concerns during this time, please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 and follow the prompts. This is a Victorian Government state-wide service and can also be accessed online via the following link:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/support/Pages/mchline.aspx>.

**Nagambie and Euroa Visitor Information Centres**

The Visitor Information Centres will continue to operate under normal opening hours during the Christmas/New Year period (Nagambie 10am-4pm and Euroa 9am-4pm) with the exception of Christmas Day, **Wednesday 25 December 2019**, when both Visitor Information Centres will be closed.

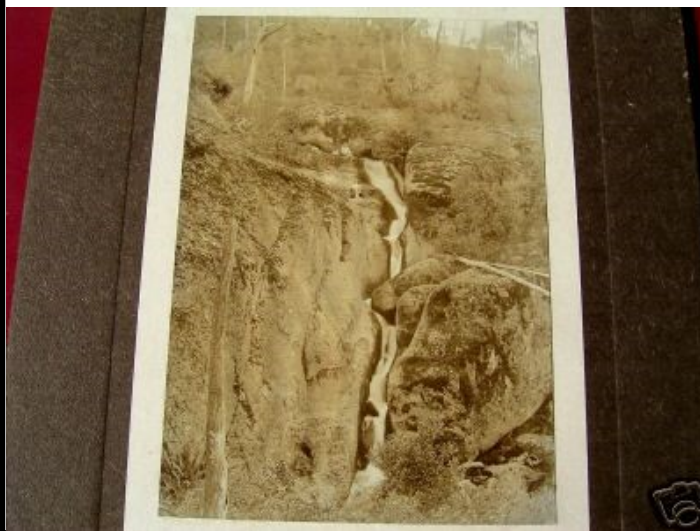
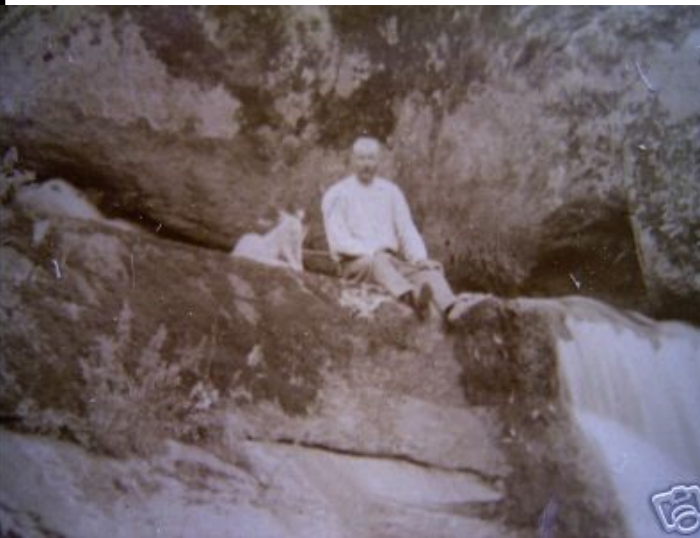


## Mystery Solved

Loretta McPherson unearthed and enhanced the images below of the Mallet Family with two dogs, taken by James Hill Kewell circa 1910. There was also a photo of the Mallet's Strathbogie farm. However, that image was too obscure for TT.

The mystery was the location of the Falls below, with James Mallet sitting at the top. You can just see him as a small white blob in the un-zoomed final pic.

Can you identify the Falls? Bert Lobert found a very similar photo from 2015. *Answer: on TT's last page.*



## Polly Pennant's Helpful Hints

### ☂"Summertime and the living is easy."☂

That's how the song goes, but along with the warmer weather come a number of unwanted pests in our gardens and homes.

One pest that is particularly annoying are earwigs, especially when they arrive in their thousands / millions. It is so sad to see roses and other flowers attacked by these greedy monsters along with anything in the vegetable garden.

One way to reduce their numbers, without resorting to insecticide, is to put folded newspaper or a cardboard box in the garden at night and burn in a safe place in the morning - along with all the earwigs.

Another extremely unwanted pest are the flies, both large and small. Here are a few natural suggestions to try and keep them away from the kitchen.

Try placing a pot of basil, fennel or mint near the kitchen door of your house.

Bay leaves placed on a branch in your pantry will discourage flies and last more than a year. You can also remove a leaf or two when needed for cooking.

Mice also dislike mint, so try and keep a fresh sprig of it near a mouse hole. Mint leaves, cayenne pepper and cotton wool soaked in peppermint oil will work even better.

Mint also is meant to discourage that other pest that comes in their thousands - mosquitoes. Keep a pot of it near places they frequent. Also, make sure that there are no containers of water lying around the garden in which they can breed.

When out and about, make sure you wear some insect repellent to have an itch free evening. Remember some people are allergic to spray repellents, so make sure the spray only goes on you and not on those around you.

*As always, try Polly's Hints at your own risk. Polly encourages trying out solutions new and old, but also encourages doing so with care.*

*Regards, Polly.*



## What would Christmas be without Mum's Christmas Cake?

Pat Cherry submitted this recipe to Peranbin Primary College's Delish, Our Family Favourites in 2012.

She said, "This is the cake that my mother would make for us every year at Christmas time. I have carried on the tradition, and now I make it for my family."

*Maybe you would like to try it for your family too!*

1 cup butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
4 eggs  
500g raisins  
500g sultanas  
125g glazed cherries  
250g mixed peel chopped



1/2 cup pineapple  
1/4 cup blanched almonds chopped  
4tbs either whisky, sherry or brandy  
1 cup plain flour  
1 tspn cinnamon  
1 tspn nutmeg  
To prepare the fruits and nuts combine and mix well. Pour over the spirits, cover and stand overnight.

Preheat oven to 150 degrees.  
Cream the butter and the sugar, add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition  
Add the sifted flour and spices alternately with the soaked fruit into the creamed butter and sugar  
Pour into a paper lined greased tin  
Bake in a slow oven for approximately 3.5 hours

**You said you wanted to dance more!**  
**We do too!**  
**Saturday 14th of December, bring a friend!!!!**  
**at VT Memorial hall , 7-10 pm. BYO supper and drinks.**  
**We need to pre-sell 50 tickets @ \$10 by the 12th of November ,**  
**tickets will be \$15 at the door after the first 50 are pre-sold.**  
**Grooveyard Hammond combo**



**Fun Dancing music**  
**Tickets on sale now from VT Community House!!!**



## Vale Helen Dunnachie

The Tableland community was recently saddened by the news that Helen Dunnachie passed away at Granite Hills, Euroa, aged 85.

The memorial service to celebrate Helen's life was held at the Strathbogie Hall on November 28. We heard many moving accounts from family and friends of Helen's caring and generous nature.

Helen and Ken moved to Strathbogie in the 1950s and established their family and property at Forest Hills, on Tames Road. Helen's main loves were her family and her garden, both a great source of joy and pride.

Family members spoke of the loving and secure home environment she created, where friends were always welcome, with much laughter, music and food to share.

Helen is fondly remembered within the Strathbogie community for her generosity, always ready to share her vast gardening knowledge - and plants! – and to lend a neighbourly hand in times of trouble.

Our thoughts are with Ken and the Dunnachie family at this sad time.

*Mary Mathews*

Helen also loved writing poems; some have featured in Tableland Talk over the years. It seems fitting to include this one, which Ken found recently.

### Tableland Talks Editor's Deadline

The days are slipping quickly by  
And the deadline's drawing near,  
So even though your life's so busy  
You best get into gear . . . .  
Type and check, cut and paste.  
Then there's all those 'ads' to place.  
Place one here, no perhaps try it there  
Gosh! There isn't going to be much  
space to spare  
Somehow space must be found.  
Then there are happy snaps of school  
children  
At their studies and at play.  
And interesting accounts of activities  
That fill their learning day.  
And of course you must not leave  
Any of those contributions out . . . .

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A-ha now this issue of TT is taking shape  
And will be ready in good time, no doubt.  
Finally at last it's all collated  
And ready to go to press . . . .  
Well done Fiona, now 'take five'  
And enjoy a well-earned rest.  
Gosh! I hope Andrew has the dinner cooked.

*Helen Dunnachie*



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# ***Peranbin Primary College Strathbogrie Campus***

## **Walk to School Program**

The Senior Students did a fantastic job of organising and running the Walk to School activities for the month of October. We concluded the program with a healthy morning tea of fruit and yoghurt. Thank you to Christina from the Strathbogrie Shire Council for supporting us to run this program.

## **Dress Up Day Fundraiser**

Students dressed up to help raise funds for the Tullamore Central School in drought stricken NSW. The total monies raised was \$178.05. This included the lemon sales, casual day donations and \$60 from the local CFA. Thank you to all that contributed, including the Parent Club for providing the BBQ and our chefs Jodie, Julie and Bec!

## **Awards**

The Age Group Champion medals for the Peranbin Athletics Sports were presented at our assembly. Our recipients are: 8 years girls Anika

9 years girls Beryl

11 years boys Kayden

12/13 year girls Bridget



## **Golf**

Golf began in Week 7 for 5 sessions each Tuesday afternoon. The program is sponsored by Sporting Schools and run by our local Gold Club members David and Grant.

## **Fire Safe Kids**



Bec Noye from Euroa CFA and Johnno from Strathbogrie CFA ran a Fire Safe Kids activity with all the students. We learned how to prepare for the fire season and what to do in emergency situations. Of course the kids loved tooting the horn and sounding the siren too!



## **Enrolments**

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

*Students and staff of Strathbogrie Campus thank the community for their support throughout the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2020.*



**Rocky Ned Falls**