

February 2020

Australia Day in Strathbogie



Wendy Plowman, CEO Julie Salamon, Diane Mackrell, Brian Law, Cr. Alistair Thomson and Eliza Hoare

One of the largest groups to attend the Australia Day gatherings in Strathbogie for many years were treated to a great day of celebration and recognition.

The four recipients of the awards were suitably applauded for their commitment and generosity, not just to the immediate community, but also further afield.

Host for the day, Andrew Townsend welcomed one and all to the occasion. He then went on to relay a couple of events previously recorded on the same date, including Cook's sighting the east coast of Australia, 250 years ago this year. Councillor Thomson then spoke on behalf of Council and provided some responses to the questions on changing the date, as well as other issues.

The Australia Day Ambassador and noted futurist, Dr Peter Ellyard, then spoke on some of the issues going forward including perhaps changing the flag to better recognise all the different groups who now call Australia home.

Throughout the event, the Strathbogie Singers contributed to the occasion in their very special way. The leader of the singers, Di Mackrell was coincidentally named Citizen of the Year.

After the formal part of the day was concluded, a very Aussie morning tea was served by the volunteers of the Strathbogie Memorial Hall. Then to cap it off, a free BBQ was produced at the local recreation ground driven by well known local identity, Kim Usher.

Story Fiona Townsend
Photos Victoria Tuck

More details see back page

What's On

Feb 13 - VT RSL AGM. See p9.

Mar 8 - Community Engagement Day. See p3.

Mar 21 - Honeysuckle Ward by-election. See p10.

April 17 - Honeysuckle Art Exhibition begins. See p7.

Every Third Monday - 7.30pm
STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall

Every Second Tuesday of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets at 6pm in the Hall. Enq Kim Usher 0439 468 906

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 - 4pm Strathbogie Community of Food Finders at the Recreation Ground

Every Thursday night - Strathbogie Recreation Ground. 6-8pm pizza & drinks

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Feb 2 6pm

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Balloon M Feb 8 7pm, Feb 9
6pm

Knives out M Feb 8 9.30pm,
Feb 9 8.30pm

Pavarotti M Feb 14 11am, Feb
15 7pm, Feb 16 6pm

The Eulogy M Feb 15 9.15pm,
Feb 16 8.15pm

Working Woman MA15+ Feb
22, 7pm Feb 23, 6pm

The Third Wife MA15+ Feb 22
9pm, Feb 23 8pm

After the Wedding M Feb 29
7pm, Mar 1 6pm

Maiden M Feb 29 9.15pm, Mar
1 8.15pm

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Euroa Cinema in February

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Feb 2 4pm

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The Gentlemen MA15+ Feb 8 8pm, Feb 9
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Feb 8 and Feb 22



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The Deadline for the March edition of Tableland Talk is Tuesday February 25, 2020.

e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607, or via Strathbogie PO / Store.

Preferred formats: Word or Publisher Files, Arial font 11, convert pdf to jpeg, images <250k. *The TT team.*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

To celebrate the end of a long, hot and Smokey summer, all Tableland residents (whether long term, new, permanent or part-time) are invited to join together for a day on the oval devoted to "community".

Date: Sunday 8th March, commencing at 2.30pm

Location: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve

During a recent meeting conversations centred around the number of new people that have made the Tableland their home and wouldn't it be nice to reach out to them. It was thought that by doing this we could not only become acquainted with each other but we could introduce them to all the groups and activities that are available to them in the area. So, what better way to achieve this than:

"Let's have a Community afternoon tea and old fashion family sports day"

The aim of the day is to meet and make welcome all the new people in the area and showcase all the clubs, committees and activities that are available on the Tableland and to have some fun and games on the oval including a CFA tug-of-war. The afternoon will commence with Devonshire tea served in the pavilion.

Most of the activities (that we know about – there are probably a number that we don't) will be represented on the day. You can find out what they do, when they meet, how to become involved, etc.

You might like to:

- *Learn about Australian plants*
- *Provide support (other than financial) to our wonderful CFA, with or without fire fighting involvement*
- *Join the choir*
- *Find out about Bogarts – Strathbogie's talented group of artists*
- *Check out the Golf Club*
- *Discover more about our great local foods through SCOFF*
- *See some examples of what our committees (STAG, Hall, Rec and Landcare) have achieved*
- plus lots more*

If there is something you are interested in that isn't being catered for, this will be the opportunity to discover others with a similar interest. You can round off the day with a glass of wine or local beer (at bar prices) with complimentary cheese and nibbles.

If you are involved in an activity and haven't been contacted about this day, please let us know if you would like to be involved. Contacts for the day are:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| > Kim Usher (re afternoon tea) | kim.usher@bigpond.com | 0439 468 906 |
| > Angela Tough (re games on the oval) | angelatough3666@gmail.com | 0425 814 228 |
| > Helen Peters (re community groups) | helay3@bigpond.com | 0427 380 662 |

Violet Town Football & Netball Club



As some of you would know, 2020 is the 125th year of Football and Netball in Violet Town. Get in early to buy your membership and collect your 125th YEAR COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT

The club served a FREE Christmas Day Luncheon and from all reports it was much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

Training has already started. So hone your skills before the Practice Matches which start on 14th March (market day) against North Wangaratta with Bonnie Doon also venturing to Violet Town on 21st March. Want more details? Contact Gary Abley at VT Café.

Something for the JUNIORS: Tim Ross from the VT Corner Store is the JUNIOR FOOTBALL/NETBALL Coordinator. Bring the Kids, G/kids, Nieces or Nephews or offer a ride down to your neighbours little tackers.

Do you have any Stories to tell about the games played between Strathbogie & Violet Town?

If you are new on the Tablelands you are most welcome to join our family friendly club.

Stay safe everyone.

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- Lifts / rides / car shares
- Requests for assistance
- Offers of assistance
- Local job advertisements
- Lost / missing animals or people!
- Announcements of social activities / get-togethers
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about
- Information on your local business or service

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The Name Game: Big Birds



No, not the Sesame Street denizen, but a pair of bird discoveries in New Zealand. Both, sadly, are long extinct; they lived and died millions of years before we were even a gleam in evolution's eye. What's interesting is that, although they were both discovered in the last few years, their describers followed very different conventions in concocting names for them.

Candidate One: a giant penguin, probably the biggest penguin that has ever existed. Bigger than today's majestic Emperor Penguin? Emphatically. An Emperor stands 1.1 m tall and weighs around 23 kg. Its giant relative is estimated, on the basis of the available remains (we don't have a complete skeleton) to have been about the size of a not-very-tall but fairly robust human, at 1.65 m (5 ft 5 in) and about 100 kg (220 pounds).

Perhaps Sumo Bird would be a good common tag for it, but the scientific name it received is *Kumimanu biceae*. *Kumimanu* is Maori for monster bird, and *biceae* is derived from the describer's mother's unusual first name, Bice, to honour her for fostering her son's life-long interest in nature. (I can't help wondering whether she gets a ribbing for the connection between her and a gigantic, obese bird.)

Candidate Two is not quite as spectacular: it's a giant parrot. New Zealand was already home to the world's largest parrot, the Kakapo, weighing 7 kg or so; its fossil relative was about twice that size.

And its name? No quirky indigenous names or personal allusions this time. Instead a commendable adherence to the tradition of building names from classical Greek and Latin roots. So the genus name is *Heracles* – the Greek version of the hero more widely known under his Latin name Hercules, renowned for his size and strength. And the species name is *inexpectatus*. You don't need to be a Latin scholar to figure out what that means: unexpected. So, with the name *Heracles inexpectatus*, the describers are saying: Our finding of this big creature was a surprise to us.

Angus Martin



Christmas season is a joyous time with celebrations with family and friends, decorations around the home, beautiful table settings for Christmas dinner, and gift giving all to celebrate the birth of Christ.

However, some of these celebrations may have left some unwanted marks on furniture, clothing and tableware. One of the worst offenders for these marks is candle wax. There are several remedies to remove these stains depending on the fabric.

1. Tablecloths, clothing, serviettes.

Rule number one for Polly is if you have a treasured tablecloth never use red candles.

Then if staining of a garment occurs, wrap the garment in plastic and place in the freezer to harden the wax. Otherwise, if garment is too large to wrap, put some ice cubes in plastic and rub over the stain to harden the wax. The pieces then break off easily.

If any wax is left, put the fabric between two clean pieces of thick paper towel, heavy brown paper or blotting paper if you can still get it, and press with a warm iron. Use a low setting to melt the wax which should be absorbed by the paper underneath. Keep shifting the paper to a clean patch until no more wax appears. Use a dry cleaning solvent to flush out any remaining wax and use methylated spirit to get rid of any residual colour - use this diluted with an equal quantity of water on rayon or nylon fabrics. Finally, give the garment or cloth the hottest wash it can stand once you are sure that there is no wax left.

2. Leather and wooden furniture.

An easy way to remove the wax, is to gently warm the wax with a hairdryer on a medium to low setting to melt the wax. Wave the dryer over the wax, being careful not to get too close to the leather, and then wipe off the melted wax with a soft cotton cloth.

For wax on a wooden table top, chill it first with a plastic bag full of ice cubes, then gently scrape off the wax and finally rub away the residue with a hot clean cloth.

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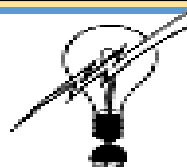
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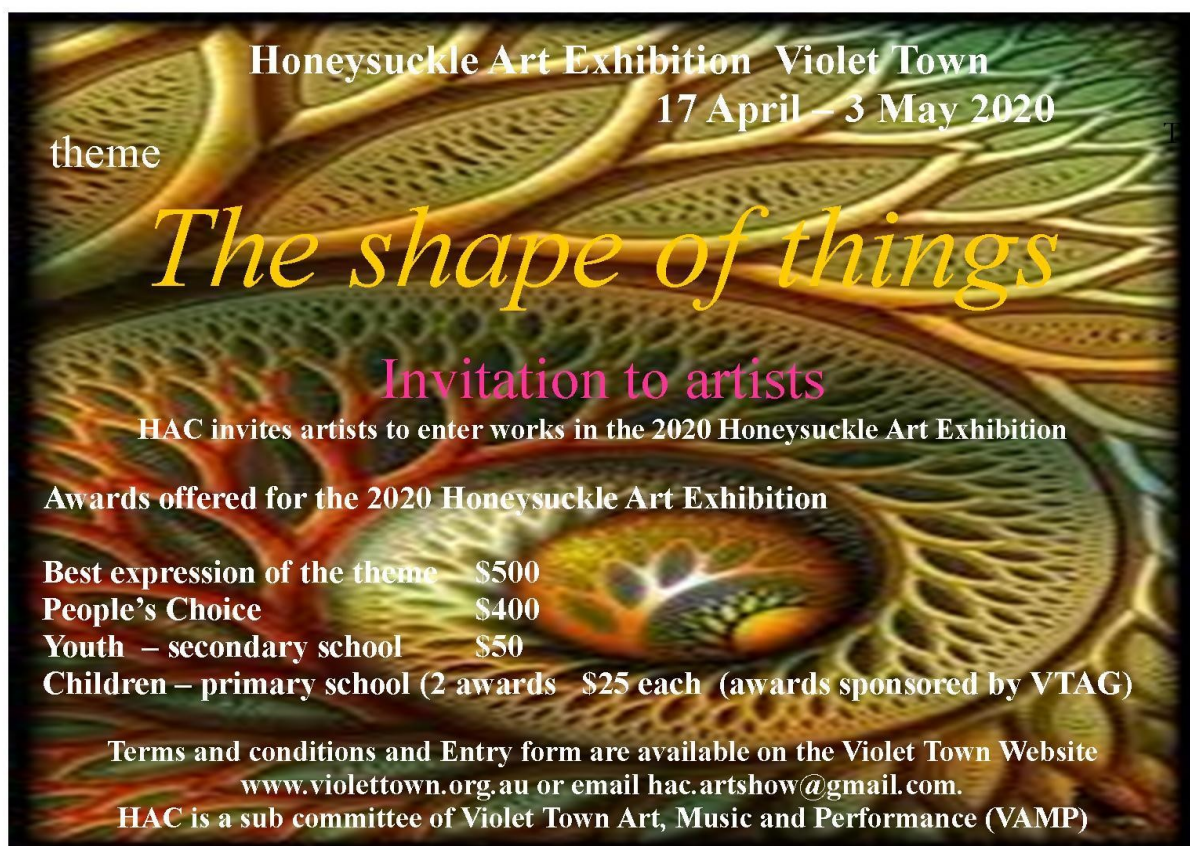
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Honeysuckle Art Exhibition Violet Town
17 April – 3 May 2020

theme

The shape of things

Invitation to artists

HAC invites artists to enter works in the 2020 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition

Awards offered for the 2020 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition

Best expression of the theme	\$500
People's Choice	\$400
Youth – secondary school	\$50
Children – primary school (2 awards)	\$25 each (awards sponsored by VTAG)

Terms and conditions and Entry form are available on the Violet Town Website
www.violettown.org.au or email hac.artshow@gmail.com.
 HAC is a sub committee of Violet Town Art, Music and Performance (VAMP)

VIOLET TOWN HONEYSUCKLE ARTS COLLECTIVE (HAC)

The HAC team has begun organising the **2020 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition** for Violet Town. We are now looking for artist entries for the exhibition.

'*The Shape of Things*' is the 2020 Exhibition theme – we hope that you will be inspired to respond artistically to it. However, art work not on the theme will also be accepted.

The 2020 Honeysuckle Art exhibition will run for two weeks, not just one weekend as in the past, because this year we have the wonderful community run backARTS Gallery and Museum precinct available to use.

Our 'Honeysuckle Art Exhibition *The Shape of Things*' will open on **April 17th** and continue until **Sunday May 3rd**.

HAC is now inviting artists to apply for an entry form to be part of the exhibition. See the **Invitation to Artists** above or find it on the VT website in What's On.

Sue Paton, Honeysuckle Arts Collective

After the fire

By Donmil



The destruction and loss are appalling -

There are local economies dying;

I urge you, get out there, support them;

Said Scott (of course I'll be Hawiing).

Fires then storms, love the rain though.

Our communities have been praying for Bushfires and Drought relief and for the people and families affected by either or both. It is great to see so many people donating money, fodder and their time. We express our sincere gratitude to all.

Ash Wednesday falls on 26th February. If you would like to join a Lenten Discussion Group please indicate on the sheets at the back of St Attracta's Church, Violet Town.

Mass times: 10.30 on First, Third and Fifth Sunday
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Township Signage

As the response to township signage was quite small and did not seem to be representative of the wider community, STAG has put this project on hold. We are aware that the History Group has applied for funding to provide signage identifying points of interest around the township and it is felt that township entry signage should possibly compliment this.

Roads Sub-committee

STAG is still waiting for a response from Council re the need for a slip lane to provide safe entry to the shelter at Spring Creek Bridge.

Diesel Fuel

The diesel fuel service is now fully operational. Council is to provide signage advising of the availability. The service will operate with either a debit or credit card or a token issued by RFS to account holders. If you wish to open an account (which will provide you with details of purchases at the end of each month) you should contact :

Mark Reynolds
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Helen Peters, Secretary

Joke of the Month

The honeymooners looked at the list of meal times in their Hotel.

Breakfast 6am - 11am
Lunch 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Dinner 6.30pm - 9.30pm

"Gloria!" wailed the groom.
"We'll be kept in eating so long we won't have time to do anything else!"



We hope you and your gardens enjoyed the rain. Although we had no official meeting in January we enjoyed a great social day with the compliments of Horst.

He not only opened his heart, but his home as well. We enjoyed some beautiful Rail Travel movies from Europe. We all left with a very active travel bug. Thanks Horst.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 10 am. The February date is the Third. Come and enjoy good company and a good cuppa.

If you would like more Probus information please call our Secretary, Janet Mather on 57981560

TOP HATS AND TAILS

Top hats and tails of the creatures born
clique of a kind seek outsiders torn
To tear the heart of Samaritans of vision
out numbered by poppies that make decisions

And the trumpets blast as the cocoon has split
to reveal the butterfly with a woody wit
to call upon those with chests, no medals adorn
Top hats and tails of the creatures born

With whispers over café dribble and fire
Quasi council with no tuxedo attire
Squash the Samaritan with a sharp whack
Only when the butterfly has turned his back

That's the way the culture goes down
Pitter patter when not around
lust for power and hearts are torn
Top hat without tails of the creatures born

And the bees play trumpets and the birds still sing
that's what nature always brings
Meeting place dormant no meeting a fire
whispers go on...without tuxedo attire...

Come here to us , new to the land
speak and tell us of your plan
We are the ones no medals adorn
Top hats no tails of the creatures born...

Tony Dawson

Violet Town RSL

Your local RSL over the last few months has had sad news and good news.

We recently lost our Secretary, Kevin Kennedy and our longest serving member and WW11 veteran, Ross Goode. You may have read an article on Ross printed in the Euroa Gazette this week.

The good news is that on ANZAC Day VTFNC will be hosting a home match against Avenal Club. Your local RSL will be working with the VTFNC to make this a memorial day where we can Honour all our fallen Veterans.

Our AGM this year will be held on Thursday 13th February at 1400hrs. The Committee will be meeting a week earlier on 6th Feb. at 1230 hrs. The meetings have been changed to Thursday to help cater for more members.

Going to be attending the February Market? The RSL and Legacy will be "Tin Rattling" to raise funds to support Veterans.

LEST WE FORGET

John Ryan, President



Strathbogie Shire Council by-election set

A by-election will be held this March for Honeysuckle Creek Ward within Strathbogie Shire Council. The by-election was triggered by the resignation of Councillor Kate Stothers and will be held by post. The Returning Officer, Christine Chadwick, has issued a call to Honeysuckle Creek Ward residents and ratepayers to be ready to have their say.

Timeline for by-election

Close of enrolment	4.00 pm Friday 24 January
Nominations open	9.00 am Thursday 13 February
Close of nominations	12 noon Tuesday 18 February
Ballot draw	1.00 pm Tuesday 18 February
Mail-out of ballot packs	Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 March
Close of voting	6.00 pm Friday 20 March
Day prescribed as Election Day	Saturday 21 March
Postal vote receipt period closes	12 noon Friday 27 March



Maternal Child Health open sessions for new parents



Strathbogie Shire Council's Maternal and Child Health Service open sessions are now available at the same times across all four centres. The open sessions, which are held from 9.30am to 11am on designated days at each centre, are designed to give families the opportunity to call into their local centre for a 15-minute consultation with a Maternal and Child Health nurse without a prior booking.

Community Wellbeing Manager Debra Ellis said the sessions are a great way for parents to simply drop in to discuss weighing, feeding and growth reviews with their new baby. "These regular open sessions are primarily for short consults but will give parents the opportunity to call in without an appointment to discuss any concerns they may be having," she said. She said the open sessions are available to families in addition to 10 key age and state visits which are provided for all children enrolled with the service. Individual appointments should be made for these.

Strathbogie Shire has three highly qualified and skilled maternal and child health nurses.

Ms Ellis said the Council's Maternal and Child Health Nurses are skilled and knowledgeable in child development as well as breastfeeding, sleeping and nutrition. Families visiting Euroa and

Avenel centres will be able to utilise the newly refurbished facilities that were undertaken in 2019.

The designated days for open sessions at each centre are:

Euroa Maternal and Child Health Centre, 2 Bury St - Mondays

Nagambie Maternal and Child Health Centre, Nagambie Preschool, 16 Vale St - Tuesdays

Avenel Maternal and Child Health Centre, Avenel Preschool, 31 Watson St - Wednesdays

Violet Town Maternal and Child Health Centre, Violet Town Preschool, Hyacinth St – Thursdays.

Sue Beattie, Senior Communications Officer



Strathbogie Tableland Groundwater Project - January 2020.

Groundwater levels are showing a predictable downward trend as we head into high Summer. Not surprising, given the district has had less than 250 mm rainfall since August.

Overall, 2019 was a pretty dry year with barely 700 mm recorded in most districts and on the back of a similarly dry 2018. Over the last 24 months the Tableland has had a rainfall deficit of about 600 mm; not only have we seen failed Spring and Autumn breaks, but the groundwater aquifers haven't received their 'normal' recharge either. More worrying is the long-term regional trend. Between 1999 and 2018 April to October rainfall across SE Australia has declined by 11%, which is the most sustained large scale change in rainfall since records began (see chart below, BOM), even with the wet years of 2010 and 2016.

Fortunately, groundwater across much of the Tableland still appears to be holding – we're not in 2006/7 territory yet! In those years many shallow bores began to fail.

In the September 2019 TT we looked at the two automatically monitored bores in the Strathbogie district (Figures at right). These bores respond very differently to the district's rainfall conditions - Bore 1 clearly responds fairly quickly to rainfall events (suggesting groundwater in that area is fed by a single recharge area and a fractured granite aquifer that is quite porous/responsive), whereas the groundwater at Bore 2 may be fed from diverse recharge sources (both near and further away) and the aquifer may be less porous.

The regular fluctuations in water level in Bore 1 for the entire time period and becoming more pronounced from October are not responses to rainfall, but are somehow linked to pumping from a separate bore only 4m away (there is no pumping from Bore 1) – at this stage the reason is unclear.

The small fluctuations in Bore 2 are caused by rainfall, but the deeper drops from October onwards are pumping events (this bore is used for domestic watering). This limited pumping appears to have a negligible effect on the water table.

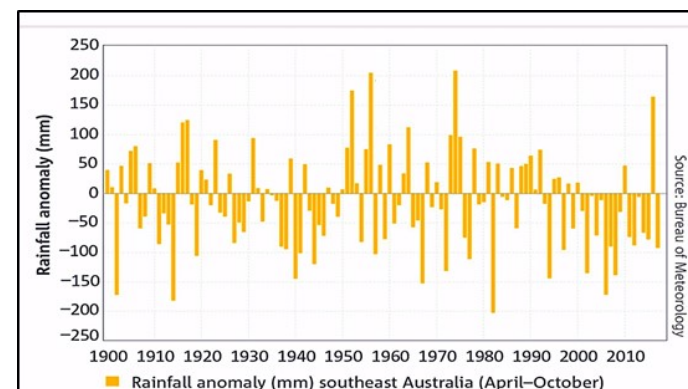
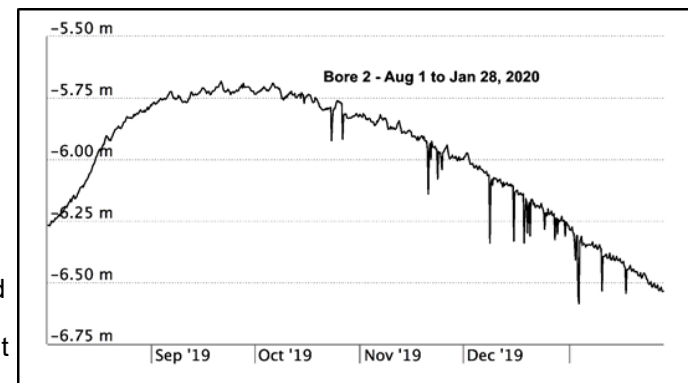
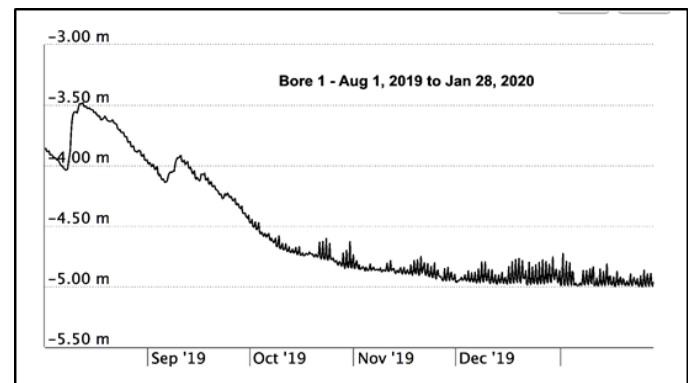
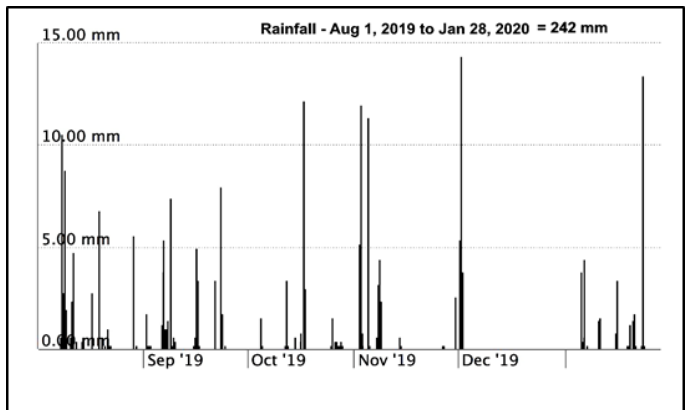
Comparison of these two bores shows how groundwater can vary across the Tableland, something that the other nine bores being manually monitored also reflect – each bore/site has its own, unique water table response to changes in rainfall. More on that in the next update.

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.

Access to water table data for Bores 1 and 2 can be found through the Gecko Clan's [Water on farms project](#)

If you'd like to know more about the project, contact Bert bertram.lobert@activ8.net.au 5790 8606, 0409 433 276 or go to:

<https://strathbogierangesnaturereview.wordpress.com/?s=groundwater>



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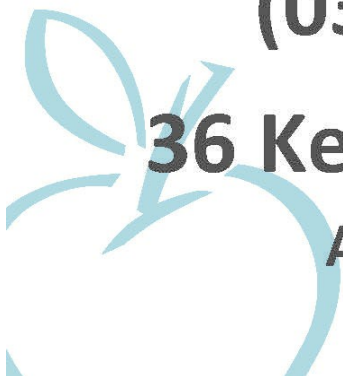
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Recipe of the Month:

Tomato - Gazpacho

A refreshing cold summer soup from the McKeachie Family. Just in time for the tomato harvest!

From Peranbin Primary College, Delish: Our Family Favourites 2012

Ingredients

1kg fleshy tomatoes
1/4 each of green, yellow and red capsicum
1 small chili pepper
1 small Lebanese cucumber
1 clove of garlic (or more if you like)
2 red onions
3 tbs olive oil (cold pressed)
2-3 tspn balsamic vinegar
1 tspn sugar
Seasalt, pepper and fresh basil to taste

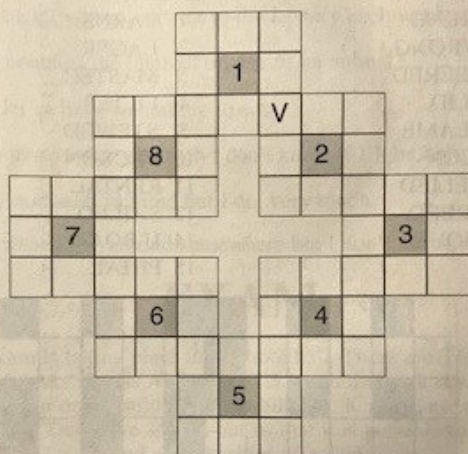
Method

Cut and dice tomatoes. De-seed capsicums, cut and dice. Wash chili and cucumber, cut in half, take out seeds, cut and dice. Finely chop garlic and onions. Heat 1 tspn of oil to saute garlic and onions. Set aside a few pieces of capsicum for garnish. Blend together all other ingredients. Season with oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and pepper. Keep soup cooling in the fridge for a few hours. To serve, cut washed basil into strips and garnish the soup together with the capsicum.



Solve the OCTET

Solve the clues and write each eight-letter answer clockwise around the appropriate number 1–8. You have to decide the starting point for each answer. The first letter of answer 1 is already in place.



- 1 Of great worth
- 2 Any drink
- 3 Sweater and a Channel Island
- 4 Cupboard for storing clothes
- 5 Prickly creature
- 6 Battle of 1066
- 7 Movie idol (4,4)
- 8 Set free

Sculpture Walk Returns to Nature



If you haven't been back it's worth a look, as the art works degrade back from whence they came. Some whipped away with the wind, others dissolved in water, Many simply decomposed in the spot or were consumed by their surroundings. It is a wonder.

Quiz Question: What is Victoria's floral emblem? Find the answer on the bottom of p14.

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Dear members,

We are so grateful to you and all Red Cross people who continue to support people impacted by this summer's bushfires.

I know some members have felt the impact of these fires directly and very personally. Our thoughts are with them. I encourage you to [reach out if you need assistance](#).

Some of you may have seen in the media and on social media negative commentary about Red Cross and our bushfire efforts. We are dismayed that this has happened and are doing [all we can to correct the record](#).

Please know that your incredible efforts are valued. [The people on the ground](#) that I have personally spoken to are so grateful for the comfort and relief you have provided, for the hand to hold and the immediate assistance you have given. These are the people we are listening to.

I want to outline for you what we are doing with the \$115 million (and counting) that people have generously given us.

- Every cent donated to the Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund goes to the humanitarian response to disasters in Australia this year.
- We've committed \$30 million right now to help people whose homes were destroyed meet immediate needs. In the two weeks since the grants program opened we have paid almost 700 grants which is \$7 million.

For the last few days, we've been paying an average of \$1 million per day in grants. People can apply for grants at redcross.org.au/grants. We continue to work hard to process more grants, more quickly.

- The rest of the money is going to help bushfire-affected communities. The communities themselves and their leaders are working with us to decide what support is needed. This includes more financial assistance and everything else they will need to recover immediately and over the long term.
- We have also appointed four independent volunteer experts - who between them have years of professional expertise and lived experience in disaster recovery.
- We don't charge 'admin fees' on donations. But we do need office space for people to work in, fuel for the cars, and equipment for people to use. We will only spend what it costs to ensure our organisation can run and deliver these incredibly important recovery and relief programs. It will be less than 10 cents in the dollar – probably much less.
- Any interest earned on money in the Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund goes right back to the relief and recovery effort. We're not using it for anything else.
- We know from listening to every disaster-affected community we have worked with that recovery takes time. We have committed to staying in these bushfire impacted communities for the long haul. When the world and the media has moved on we will still be there.

You can keep track of our plans and spending at www.redcross.org.au/bushfirefunds.

I encourage you to share this information to help others understand – but please look after you wellbeing. It's ok to turn the TV off or step away from social media comments that are frustrating and hurtful.

If you need to talk, please reach out to your local Red Cross contact or email members@redcross.org.au

Thank you again for all that you do.

Ross

Quiz answer: Pink Heath. Also known as Common Heath, it has the scientific name *Epacris impressa*.

Ref: Taft Belinda and Kerr Thelma [Victorian Quiz Book](#) Axiom 2000



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EUROA:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS OF THE YEAR (joint winners) – Euroa SES for the community benefits the organisation brings and Euroa Basketball Association for its work on improving the outdoor basketball court in Euroa.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – Euroa Chamber of Business and Commerce for its well-attended and insightful business breakfast.

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Grace Kemp, for collecting more than 5000 bottle caps to be used to make prosthetic limbs, therefore raising awareness of disability and sustainability.

YOUNG CITIZENS OF THE YEAR – (joint winners) Euroa Secondary College captains Tess Manson and Robert Paradzayi for representing the community.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Greg Dudley and Roma Joyce. Roma has devoted much of her retirement to volunteering at Euroa Historical and Genealogical Society.

LONGWOOD:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – Longwood East Landcare Group which is actively involved in many tasks to help create a better environment.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – Longwood Primary School's Halloween Event where students engage in team building opportunities to design and create themed props for the school.

JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR – Jasmyn Wilson and Ruby Hulet for their work as Longwood Primary School Captains.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Yvonne Huggins, for going above and beyond in her teacher's aide role at Longwood Primary School.

NAGAMBIE:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR: Go Nagambie

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – GoFish Nagambie, which has become an outstanding event, attracting anglers from across the region.

JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR – (joint winners) Campbell Baker, Charlie Cubbin, Brodie Miller, Eliza Shelton, Jacinta Swan and Hugh Traynor-Murphy who formed Nagambie Primary and St Joseph's Primary School athletic competition team and enjoyed great success at State level.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Ashley Butcher

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Norm Cahill for being named Tennis Victoria's 2019 Spirit of Tennis award-winner. Norm has spent years teaching others tennis and playing himself.

VIOLET TOWN:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – Southern Aurora Memorial Committee, which organised the 50th anniversary commemorations of the Southern Aurora train crash.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR - Southern Aurora Commemorative Weekend

JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Macey Ross

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Sharon Kaup for her work with the Violet Town Football Netball Club and other community groups.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Karen Dunn for her support of the Violet Town CFA and a host of other community groups.



The Strathbogie community celebrates Australia Day

Local achievements recognised at Australia Day ceremonies

Strathbogie Shire has recognised local achievers during Australia Day ceremonies held in Avenel, Euroa, Longwood, Nagambie, Strathbogie and Violet Town. The ceremonies included the presentation of the overall Shire 2020 Australia Day awards, recognising and acknowledging the community service contributions and achievements of Strathbogie residents during 2019.

The **Strathbogie** award winners, and their citations are as follows:

Diane Mackrell – Citizen of the Year - Diane Mackrell is a true leader who is very worthy of recognition



for all the amazing volunteer contribution she has made, and is still making for our wonderful communities. The enthusiasm, patience and inspiring energy that she maintains is incredible. The leadership roles she takes on with her passions including The Strathbogie Singers, Vocal Nosh, Carols by Candlelight Services including Euroa and Strathbogie, weekly harp playing at the Granite Hill nursing home as well as Violet Town Bush Nursing Home, Euroa Ukulele group, continuing support of the Euroa Secondary College Band playing in all weekly practice as well as all events, volunteer bus driving at Euroa Secondary College, and I'm sure many others. It is very humbling just to be part of any of the amazing groups led by her. I cannot think of

anyone more deserving to be Australian Citizen of the year than Diane Mackrell. If you meet Diane, or already have, I'm sure you wouldn't take very long to agree.

Eliza Hoare – Junior Citizen of the Year - Eliza is an active member of the community. She participated in the Borneo expedition in December 2018 where a number of Euroa Secondary College students raised funds and travelled to Borneo to help the local community as part of their visit to the country. Eliza was the Creighton House female captain at Euroa Secondary College in 2019, a role in which she had shared responsibility for assisting the organisation of the College sporting carnivals. Eliza is a very active member of the local sporting community and received the Australian Olympic Change-maker award for her efforts in upholding the ideals of the Olympic movement and participation in sport.

Wendy Plowman – Certificate of Appreciation - Strathbogie garden group was founded about 15 years ago by several ladies in the Boho South area and is still coordinated by one of those original ladies, Wendy Plowman. At some outings there can be as many as 25 ladies and occasionally a few men. Wendy does the majority of the bookings for out of town trips, books restaurants for lunches, etc., makes sure we all have a ride as we share cars and where to meet and time prior to our departure. Plus she brings along tea, coffee, milk etc. to all the local gardens that we may visit throughout the year. Wendy, by freely volunteering her time, has brought together so many newer and older residents on the tableland once a month to share their love of gardens, but so many of us just enjoy each other's company as we wander amongst the flowers, trees and shrubs. Wendy does all this with a smile, laughter and a good knowledge of what grows best up here on the tableland, and we all appreciate the time and energy she puts in to coordinate our fantastic garden group.

Brian Law – Certificate of Appreciation – Brian is a life time resident of the Strathbogie tableland. Brian has always been a loyal, respectful and compassionate person that has helped our community in many ways. From contributing to the CFA for a long time, being a farming contractor and helping everyone in the community, to managing the maintenance of the tennis courts. He has gone above and beyond to help his community to the best of his ability, and he continues to do so. He has been a well known member of the community for a very long time, and anyone who knows Brian, will call him BJ. He always has a smile on his face, and he always chats to everyone he meets. If you met Brian, you would know that he is one of the best people that you have ever known. He is such a respectful, kind and generous person that will always help anyone who is in need.

The other Township winners across the Shire are:

AVENEL:

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – Avenel Heritage Writers Group (Avenel Story Boards) for telling the story of significant sites in the township of Avenel through the installation of the storyboards.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – The opening of a new engine room at Avenel Fire Station which has created a valuable community asset.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Cain Murray for his work in mentoring younger people, particularly in sports.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – Jared Smith for his commitment to the development of junior sport in Avenel, particularly the Avenel Cricket Club.

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