COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Sunday, 8th March Sponsored by the Shire of Strathbogie

The aim of the Community Engagement Day is to showcase all the groups, committees and activities that are available on the Tableland and to make new friends.

It will also provide the opportunity to meet others with similar interests that are not already being catered for such as: music appreciation, stamp collecting, film group, exercise group, creative writing, coin collection, games (cards, mahjong, etc.), travel club, memoir writing, birdwatching and anything else you may be interested in.

The day will commence at 2.30pm with a complimentary afternoon tea eating Kim's famous scones and an overview of all the participating groups. This will be followed by games on the oval, including a CFA tug-of-war. The bar will open at 5pm with wine and local beer available to purchase, accompanied by complimentary cheese and nibbles.

See inside (p13-17) for an overview of most of the participating groups – there will be more information on the day.

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

To assist with catering, please advise one of the following if you are able to attend:

Kim Usher: 0439 468 906,

Angela Tough: 0425 814 228

Helen Peters: 0427 380 662

Go to page 13 -17 for information about the various community groups

What's On

Mar 8 - Community Engagement Day. See this page.

Mar 21 - Honeysuckle Ward by-election. See p3.

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. Eng 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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After the wedding M Mar 1 6pm Maiden M Mar 1 8.15pm The Haphazard Gardener Mar 6 7.30pm LIVE

Little Women G Mar 8 1.30pm & 7pm, Mar 9 6pm

A beautiful day in the neighbourhood PG Mar 7 9.45pm, Mar 8 8.45pm, Mar 9 1.30pm

Shaun the sheep: Farmageddon PG Mar 14 7pm, Mar 15 1.30pm & 6pm

Bombshell M Mar 14 9pm, Mar 15 8pm

Love is listening G Mar 17 1.30pm

Ailo's journey G Mar 21 7pm, Mar 22, 6pm

The Ideal Palace PG Mar 21 9pm Mar 22 8pm

Pain and Glory MA15+ Mar 28 7pm, Mar 29 6pm

Yesterday Mar 28 9.15pm, Mar 29 8.15pm

For information regarding the Violet Town Village Voice or to get an emailed copy each month contact Robyn Thornhill at village.voice@yahoo.com Read it online at www.violettown.org.au

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Letter to the Editor

Euroa Cinema in March

Bombshell M Mar 1 4pm

Shaun the sheep: Farmageddon G Mar 6 6.30pm, Mar 7 4pm Family Fun Night Doors 6pm Midway M Mar 7 8pm, Mar 8 4pm

Embrace M Mar 12 7.30pm free International Women's Day

The Peanut Butter Falcon M Mar 14 8pm, Mar 15 4pm

The Leunig Fragments M Mar 20 8pm, mar 21 4pm

Emma PG Mar 21 8pm, Mar 21 4pm

The Call of the Wild CTC Mar 27 6.30pm Breast cancer fundraiser

Dolittle PG Mar 28 4pm, Ap 1 2pm Tix \$5

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The TT team

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The Deadline for the April edition of Tableland Talk is Friday March 27, 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.

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND **ACTION GROUP INC.**

CFA Petition

Over two thousand signatures were collected for the CFA petition for funding to provide a new shed at the Recreation Reserve. These, together with a letter from the Fire Captain outlining the operational and OHS issues which exist with the current shed, and a letter of support from the Shire of Strathbogie, have been delivered to Steph Ryan who will seek funding from the State Government.

Recreation Reserve Upgrade

The Shire has developed plans, in consultation with the Committee of Management, to upgrade the pavilion at the Rec Reserve. Works will also include installation of a 100,000 litre water tank for CFA use and an auxiliary generator.

Potable Water Supply

Plans for a public potable water point using a filtration and UV treatment system are currently on hold. Compliance requirements regarding the supply of rainwater at community facilities are making this project significantly more complicated than anticipated.

Community Engagement Day

STAG will have a stand at the Community Engagement Day on 8th March with information about our past projects, future plans, etc. and would welcome input from members of the community.

Helen Peters, Secretary



to increase.

STOC At this week's STAG K BROADC A S RESE/ TECHN Communications sub MAI committee meeting we reviewed TTs current income vs expenditure.

TT is not for profit and is entirely volunteer generated. However, it still has to pay for its own production, as well as keeping www.strathbogie.org on the net. TT has grown, costs are rising and a better www.strathbogie.org experience is in the pipeline. We need to plan for a balanced budget.

Advertising rates are our only source of ongoing income. These have been kept at very reasonable rates for a long time. We plan to continue to keep them very reasonable at the following rates per issue:

Up to 1/4 page \$10 Up to 1/2 page \$20 Full page \$50

As has always been the case, exact size and location are at the Editors discretion according to editing requirements for any given issue.

The TT Team

Candidates announced for Strathbogie Shire Council by election

A total of five candidates have nominated in the Strathbogie Shire Council, Honeysuckle Creek Ward by-election. The candidates, in ballot paper order, are:

WEATHERALD Robin Hull, RAEBURN Chris, ALLEN Julie, MAHER Maree, MAHER Tom

Candidate statements and responses to a questionnaire about their background and qualifications will be available online at vec.vic.gov.au.

The by-election will be conducted entirely by post. Voters who were correctly enrolled for Honeysuckle Creek Ward by 4.00 pm on Friday 24 January will receive a ballot pack, which they must complete and return as soon as possible using the reply-paid envelope. Ballot packs will be mailed from Tuesday 3 March. Voters can also hand-deliver ballot packs to the election office, at the Old Emergency Control Centre, 1A Bury Street, Euroa between 9.00am and 5.00pm on weekdays from Monday 16 March until Friday 20 March, with extended hours on Thursday 19 March (9.00 am to 8.00 pm) and Friday 20 March (9.00 am to 6.00 pm).

Voting closes at 6.00 pm on Friday 20 March 2020. Returning Officer Christine Chadwick advised voters to vote well ahead of the closing time. 'You need to post or hand-deliver your completed ballot papers by the deadline to make your vote count,' said Ms Chadwick. 'Local mail clearance times may be earlier than the close of voting, so don't leave

it to the last minute.

Further information on the Strathbogie Shire Council, Honeysuckle Creek Ward by-election is available online at vec.vic.gov.au.





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

To learn more or join the Bogie Tree, please send an email to Johnno on strathbogan@bigpond.com or call on 0439 818 366

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With autumn nearly upon us, and the weather starting to cool down, now is a good time to start gathering in wood for the winter.

When selecting good firewood, two properties are desirable - the ability to burn and the potential for splitting, and they don't always occur in the same variety of wood.

Generally hardwoods are preferable to softwoods, although there are exceptions.

Usually, double the volume of softer woods will be needed to produce the same amount of heat as good burning woods such as grey box, red gum and Mallee roots.

The length of time the wood has been drying also affects how well it will burn or can be split. A tree that has been dead for years, but is still standing, makes ideal firewood.

Green wood is easier to cut up straight away and this also helps it to dry out more quickly. However burning green wood is not energy efficient as it can contain up to 50% moisture and more than a third of the heat is used to dry out the wood.

The next step after selecting the wood is to check your equipment. Have you had a look at your chainsaw lately? Does it need a sharpening or a new chain? Have you enough chain oil and fuel at the ready? How about the hydraulic log splitter if you are lucky enough to have one? Does it need some TLC?

Also, the hand wood splitter and some wedges are useful when preparing to cut the wood for the fire. Finally, the very important gathering of kindling. A friend of Polly's used to gather kindling (morning sticks) for the stove, from under an old gum tree every morning when on her way back from feeding the chooks. A good supply of kindling readily available is essential in setting the fire on a cold morning.

If all of the above fails, Polly suggests you find a very large woolen overcoat, several woolen blankets, thick woolen socks and a hot water bottle.

Ref: The Weekly Times "Jobs around the Block" published 1995.

All the best, Polly.

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Step 2 Tap your account token

Step 3 Put pin number into top key pad and

press enter

Step 4 Fill vehicle and return nozzle to holder

Step 5 Tap token and press "Print" for a receipt.









A serious reminder

There are no bins available at the Rec Reserve or at the Hall for general household rubbish. People are



regularly arriving with the intention of dumping household rubbish (and sometimes their recycle stuff). With the planned Rec Pavilion refurbishment, the Rec Committee may have to install a locked cage on the side of the building for the rubbish bins. Do the right thing. Please, take care of your own rubbish rather than forcing it on other community members to deal with.

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Recipe of the Month

The rhubarb is powering along right now. This recipe was given to Terry Frewin by a friend. In her contribution to Peranbin Primary College's **DELISH**, **Our Family Favourites** 2012, Terry says it is moist and delicious.

INGREDIENTS

10 sticks of rhubarb chopped to 1cm

125g melted butter

3 eggs lightly beaten

1/2 cup of milk

1&1/2 cups of caster sugar

1&1/4 cups coconut

1&1/2 cups self raising flour

Demerara sugar

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Combine flour, caster sugar and coconut. Stir in the melted butter, eggs and milk. Spread half the cake mix into a large cake tin. Scatter half the rhubarb over the mix. Add the remaining cake mix. Scatter over with the remaining rhubarb. Sprinkle with the sugar. Bake for 1&1/4 hours or until brown and a skewer comes out clean.

Honeysuckle Probus Club

No 2, two to go.

Our first 2020 outing was just over the hill to Mansfield. Although Mansfield did not suffer from the Fires directly the travellers stayed away. Our members che

travellers stayed away. Our members checked out the shops and were so surprised at the discounts offered. It was like a big Boxing Day sale.

Whilst enjoying a beautiful lunch at one of the hotels our thanks went out to Sue for the great job she does as President. There was a short thoughtful time as we were told of our Secretary, Janet Mather's stay in Hospital. She is slowly recovering and we all hope she back home soon.

Our guest speaker for February started with John talking about South Korea but after a few minutes he introduced his Granddaughter, Shannon Anderson who is studying a uni degree in South Korea. Shannon gave a wonderful insight to the culture and life of the Korean people.

For the next 30 minutes our members were sitting on the edge of their seats, straining their ears and eyes so as to not miss anything. After a lengthy question time there was enthusiastic clapping. Shannon went a slight shade of pink when presented with a "thank you" gift and all the kind words.

Our meetings are always held on the FIRST Monday of the month at 1000hrs in the Community Hall super room. Next outing on the 19th March we are heading to the Entertainment Centre in Nagambie.

Membership is only a few dollars so if you want to join us you are more than welcome.

Need more info? Ring John or Julie on 5790 8501



VIOLET TOWN HONEYSUCKLE ARTS COLLECTIVE (HAC)

A reminder to all artists that the HAC team is calling for artists to get their entry forms for our Violet Town **2020 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition**.

Entry Forms and Terms and Conditions are available at VT Museum, VT Community House, NEA Benalla, Hub Euroa or by emailing hac.artshow@gmail.com.

Entries close April 9th

See the poster for the dates and awards.

More info is on the VT website - What's On

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VTFNC NEWS

The excitement continues. 2020 is looking promising. We have two practice games at home, 21/03/20 we play against Bonnie Doon and on 28/03/20 we are again at home to Rennie. Round 1 on the 18/04/20 is against Ardmona at their oval. Shane Crawford is the new coach for Ardmona.

Now put this one in your diary. ANZAC DAY GAME at home against Avenal. The RSL is supporting VTFNC and we expect this will become a tradition like the AFL. Details next TT.

We have been working hard to help rebuild our club, thus great news for JUNIORS. Kids between 5 - 10yo are eligible to register at NET SET GO and AUSKICK. The AFL is set to waiver our affiliation fees this season and your club has decided to DISCOUNT all NET SET GO and AUSKICK. Registrations by 50% for the local kids. To receive the DISCOUNT parents will need to register ONLINE, pay the full amount then present the payment receipt to a committee person and they will arrange the reimbursement of the 50% paid.

In addition to the above other memberships are also good value. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP (Includes Non-Playing Juniors and Pensioners) Cost is only \$50 for the year and includes entry to all home games, entry into Members Draw PLUS 125TH YEAR COMMEMORATIVE SHIRT. TOWNERS RED, YELLOW AND BLUE Memberships costs \$500 (value \$550) everything a Social Member gets PLUS 1 X tickets to all Major Club Functions PLUS 20 X Thursday Night Meal Vouchers to use throughout the season PLUS 2 drinks after all home games.

That's not all, as they say in the classics, there is our MAJOR RAFFLE. \$5 per ticket gives you a chance to win a JOHN DEERE Z335 ZERO TURN ride on mower. You can buy your ticket at VT Café or on the MARCH Market Day from the club. The raffle will be drawn that day.

Want to have a good day out before the Football/ Netball Starts? Then come with a few friends to the Benalla Racing Club on 15th March and enjoy the running of the EUROA CUP. It only cost \$50 PP which includes 1 -- Entry to Umbrella Enclosure. 2 -- Beverages from the 1st Race till the Last (CUB Beer, Wine and Soft drink). 3 -- BBQ Lunch. Book now at Violet Town Café or talk to a committee Member or email us @violettownfnc@gmail.com

Looking forward to renewing old friendships or welcoming new members. Talk to Gary Ably at VT Café or Tim Ross at the VT Corner Store if you have any further questions.



Joke of the Month

An English tourist finds a bedraggled penguin on the beach at Bondi and asks a nearby cop what to do with it? "I'd take it to the Taronga Park Zoo, mate," says the cop.

Off goes the tourist.

Next day, to the policeman's astonishment, there's the Pom and the penguin waddling along Bondi Beach together. "Hey, you," says the cop, "I thought I told you to take that penguin to the Zoo."

"I did," said the tourist, "and he enjoyed it so much that today I'm taking him to the pictures".

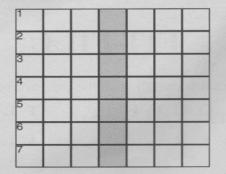


Ref: The Penguin Book of Australian Jokes Adams & Newell 1994

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For each word, use the same letters, but give them a spin and try to make a new seven-letter word to go in its place, so that the centre column, reading down, also spells out a word.



Quiz Question of the Month

What was the name of the Murray River prior to its name being officially changed? (Answer on p11)



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NEW VEHICLE SERVICING







Glideways - a different way to view the landscape

We love our koalas, our handsome paddock trees and avenues of majestic gums, but there are other reasons to value the native trees and vegetation on the Tableland.

There are four very special gliding marsupials that call the Strathbogies home - the tiny Feather-tail Glider, the more common Sugar Glider, the elusive Squirrel Glider, and the nationally threatened Greater Glider (from smallest to largest).

All of these gliding possums, except for the Squirrel Glider, live in our midst on the Tableland; the Squirrel Glider lives in the drier forests of the foothills - around Seymour, Euroa, Violet Town, Warrenbayne and Swanpool.



There is one other species of gliding possum that once occurred in the Strathbogies – the Yellow-bellied Glider. Alas, the forested areas have changed so much that it has become extinct in the Strathbogies.

Though gliding possums vary in how they use native habitat, they all rely on a connected network of trees (with hollows!) and native vegetation. In some places there are still large stands of forest that support these species (e.g. Mt Wombat, Bald Hill, Boundary Hill), but across much of the Tableland these animals live in the narrow, linear forests and woodlands that flank our roads and streams.

Though each of these species can live in these narrow corridors of native habitat, any gap in the tree canopy of more than about 50 m becomes a significant barrier to movement, so much so that one or even all of these gliders have disappeared from many parts of the ranges.

A new project - Glideways - has begun to update the known distribution of these gliders across the Strathbogie Ranges. If we can better understand where these animals live, then their needs can be accommodated when making farming and land management decisions. The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Network in collaboration with a number of Landcare groups is collecting information about where gliders occur.

If you have observed any of the four species of glider anywhere in the Strathbogies or surrounding foothills and plains, please email strathbogierangescmn@gmail.com or contact Janet Hagen (0458 904 268) or Bertram Lobert (0409 433 276).

We'd love to hear about what you saw, where and when.

For more information on gliding possums, go to https://strathbogierangesnatureview.wordpress.com/











Quiz Answer: The Hume, named in 1824 by the explorer Hamilton Hume after himself. It was re-named The Murray, by Charles Sturt five years after the Hume and Hovell expedition.

Ref: Victorian Quiz Book Taft & Kerr 2000

The Name Game: Wollemi Pine

Amidst the holocaust of eastern Australia's 2019/2020 horror summer, it's nice to be able to find a positive angle. With the fires engulfing the Blue Mountains, how many people's thoughts might have turned to Wollemi National Park and its remarkable "living fossil" trees? And, indeed, what came to be called the Gospers Mountain Fire, which consumed more than 500,000 hectares, raged through the Park for weeks. The world's only "wild" population of Wollemi Pines might well have been incinerated but, thanks to superhuman efforts by fire-fighters, it wasn't.

Why the fuss about the Wollemi Pine? Because of the astonishing fact that until the 10th of September 1994 we thought it was extinct: it was known only as a fossil. Its group was widespread in Australia until about 40 million years ago; then it began its long, slow decline nearly, but not quite, all the way to oblivion.

The genus name bestowed on it is of course *Wollemia* – what else could it be? – straightforwardly based on the name of the place where it now survives. I presume (but haven't found confirmation) that the word Wollemi is of aboriginal origin. The species name, however, has a slightly more complicated history.



Credit for the discovery of the surviving population of the species goes to one David Noble, a field officer with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. The botanists who published the scientific description of his discovery wished – understandably – to recognise the fact that David's superb

bushcraft and years of hard work in the field should be recognised in the name. Conventionally, then, they would have coined the name "noblei" (the Latinised form of "of noble") for the species. But, because one school of thought worried that "noblei" sounded too much like "knobbly", it favoured instead *nobilis*, which is Latin for "noble" as an adjective. The argument apparently became quite heated, but in the end *nobilis* won the day. So the scientific name of the Wollemi Pine is *Wollemia nobilis*. In paying tribute to David as well as suggesting that the tree is a noble one, it seems to me that the choice of name is an entirely happy one.

[I gleaned much of this information from James Woodford's book **The Wollemi Pine**, 2nd edition, Text Publishing, 2005].

Angus Martin

Bridge to Bridge Trail Extensions Update



If you have walked one of the Bridge to Bridge extensions recently, you will have seen the significant woody weed treatments taking place. This is part of a joint project between Strathbogie Landcare, GB CMA and Parks Vic

toward improving the Township sections of Seven Creeks Wildlife Reserve and riparian Crown Land while establishing a 12km walking trail surrounding the Township.

Woody weed treatment being applied is exclusively nonresidual. No treatment is occurring over water. Woody weeds being targeted include Blackberry, Holly, Elderberry, Portugese Laurel, Desert Ash and Cotoneaster. Methods of treatment include foliar spraying, drill and fill and cut and paste.



Signs are up warning walkers not to eat any fruit or plant material from the area.

New trailhead signs and trail markers have been installed. Trails will not be engineered works. Maintenance will be confined to brush

cutting, clearing fallen limbs etc and pruning to keep the tracks open over time. As many of you will have seen, simply the process of having walkers using the new trails is creating lovely trail marked foot paths that are easy to follow.

The current trail extensions are now up to 4km in length extending from Magiltan Creek, along Spring Creek and up the Sevens to Armstrong Ave. Over the next two years extension preparation to Brookeigh Rd will continue.



Sean Mathews, Secretary

Goodonya Les!

In honour of *Les Baux*, a so-named pseudo–French McMansion recently imposed on my suburban neighbourhood. The source of this pretension, I presume, is *Les Baux de Provence*, a village in the *Cote d'Azur* region of southern France)

This is the household of Les Baux – One thing he knows is: Money talks! So grab the champers, pop the corks; Let's drink to Les and Maggie Baux!

by Donmil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY - PARTICIPATING GROUPS

Australian Plants Society - Strathbogie Ranges Group

The Strathbogie Ranges Group of the Australian Plants Society is a group of about 30 people from across the Strathbogie Ranges who have a love of Australian native plants. We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month, not at a set meeting place, but at a different venue/activity each month, whether it be an interesting private garden, nature reserve or public garden, or at a hall for a presentation.

We are a very friendly and sociable group and, if you wish to become more acquainted with our wonderful Australian flora, we'd be happy to welcome you as a visitor at any of our meetings.

Simply call Pete (0402 882 959) or Val (0419 328 731) to find out more.

Bogarts

Bogarts is a collection of local artists that gather together to inspire, practice and promote creativity in all its forms.

The Strathbogie Arts Festival is our way to showcase our local art, it is based around a biennial art exhibition.

Bogarts communicate within the group through our own Google email group called Living Creatively. Check out our website for more details: www.bogartsfestival.org.

Book Groups

There are currently two Book Groups operating however, as both receive their books through Goulburn Valley library's 'Book Club' service, they are limited to ten members. The Library provides 11 titles per year (not January) through Euroa Library – joining cost is \$40pa. The library has a large range of books available for book groups.

Check with the groups re availability; alternatively a third group could be started either to choose and purchase their own books or to register as a new group with the library (groups would need to be five to ten members)

Cemetery Trust

Strathbogie Cemetery is located on the Mt Wombat-Strathbogie Road and was established in 1881, a few years after selectors arrived.

Over the years some of the earlier records have been lost and many of the graves are unmarked. The Strathbogie Cemetery Trust would be happy to hear from anyone who has information or knowledge of any history of the cemetery.

Thanks to the committee of a small group of volunteers, the cemetery is a picturesque and interesting place to visit. Regular working bees are held followed by a cuppa at the cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

Further historical notes can be viewed on the noticeboard at the cemetery.

Contact: <u>strathbogiecemetery@gmail.com</u> Michael Flatt 0409 031 516, Ray Flynn 5790 5385 Graeme Dash 5790 5341

CFA

CFA Strathbogie Tableland Brigades consist of three brigades: Strathbogie, Kelvin View and Marraweeny. There are three fire fighting vehicles at Strathbogie and one at each of Kelvin View and Marraweeny with the purpose of improving the safety of all on the Tableland in respect to fire risk. The brigades also form a community hub for all those in it as well as having interaction with the wider community. It is a volunteer based organisation comprising fire fighters and support members. Fire fighters participate in on-going CFA organisational training as well as local brigade training in order to be skilled to fulfil that role. Our support base is comprised of administration, communications and "station and vehicle preparedness" groups. Down the track it would be great to expand this group to provide fund-raising, catering for fire grounds and other support functions that may arise. As with any volunteering function one can expect satisfaction, friendships and fulfilment while also helping the wider community.

For any enquires:

Strathbogie Brigade Captain David Hamilton 0427 051 446

Kelvin View Brigade Captain Anthony Delahey 0458 767 583

Marraweeny Brigade Captain Rob Hopkins 0357 908 658

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Garden Club

The Strathbogie Garden Club is an informal group of interested people who meet to discuss all things green! This club will occasionally do the following: take turns to meet at a member's place for a garden visit, organise a day out to look at a special garden or visit a nursery or two. It's a lovely way to get to know other green thumbs on the Tableland.

Contact Wendy Plowman 5790 8523

History Group

The Strathbogie Tableland History Group is comprised of both new and long term residents. The commonality is that all are interested in learning more of the area's rich history and preserving such to pass onto others. We generally meet on the last Monday of the month at 6pm at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall. All are welcome as it is run relatively informally, hence the "Group" not "Committee" in the title. We are currently working on a number of projects including collecting, scanning and organising old images and paperwork. We have also recently applied for a Victorian Government Grant to erect signage at the site of both existing and no longer existing historical buildings....yet to hear if we are successful. There's no end to the rich history around so if you have an interest in such, we would welcome your input.

Contact Lisa Duggan 0438 005 622 email: lisaduggan142@gmail.com

Material Girls

Material Girls is a group of women from diverse backgrounds and cultures who meet every Wednesday between 10 and 3 at the Recreation Reserve.

Their medium is sewing, quilting, crocheting, patchwork and other handcrafts of interest to the members. They have worked on several group projects which has helped to connect their activities with others in the community such as students at the local primary school and residents of nursing homes at Euroa and Violet Town.

Community members are welcome to join in their activities or just call in and have a cuppa and a chat.

Contact: Jill Smith 5790 5159

Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is a Shire owned facility which is managed by a Committee of Management made up of volunteers from the community. It is available for a wide range of community events such as community meetings, funerals, CFA information sessions, exercise classes, dances, school activities, etc. During an election it is the location of the local polling booth and, in the event of a fire, the CFA uses the Soldiers Room as its radio centre. The facility is also available for hire for private functions.

The Committee of Management is responsible for organising and running Australia Day activities.

Qigong

Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of static or dynamic movement based on Daoist philosophy and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to enhance the development and smooth flow of QI.

Qi = life or vital force; Gong = mastery of work or training; Qigong = the working with and mastery of your energy.

Qigong is self-healing and dependent upon the breath, body and mind being in balance (Yin/Yang). Three main principles of Qigong practice

- Regulation of the breath calm, slender, long, deep, uniform, continuous, soft and slow

- Regulation of the body soft and move in harmony with the breath

- Regulation of the mind calm and centred, free from daily distractions

Qigong is held at the Hall on Monday mornings 9.15am for a 9.30am start and runs for one and a half hours.

For further information contact Frank Pierce 0427 952 379 email: piercef@bigpond.com

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Recreation Reserve

The Recreation Reserve is also a Shire owned community facility which is managed by a Committee of Management made up of volunteer members of the community. The facility is available for a range of activities such as school sports, community meetings and social gatherings and can be hired for private functions. The Committee of Management is currently in talks with the Shire re the development of the facility.

The Recreation Reserve is also the staging area for the CFA in the event of a major fire in the area and it is proposed to locate the new fire shed on the two lower tennis courts.

Self-serve diesel fuel is now available at the Recreation Reserve.

The Strathbogie Sports and Recreation Club Inc has also been formed by the same volunteer members to hold the liquor licence at the Rec Reserve. During the daylight saving months the bar is open from 6pm on Thursday evenings and, apart from days of total fire ban, the pizza oven is available for community groups to raise funds.

St Andrews Church

There has been a Christian Church in the township of Strathbogie since 1885. The current church was built in 1923 and is made of concrete blocks due to the previous wooden structure being burnt down in 1919.

Since that time services have been held usually twice monthly on Sunday mornings at 11am and this continues today.

Various Ministers from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Uniting traditions have led the church over the years often sharing with neighbouring churches including Benalla, Merton, Euroa, Violet Town, and Boho South.

For the past 3 years the local congregation has shared responsibility amongst themselves in conjunction with support from retired Ministers and Lay preachers.

We are a small and vibrant congregation and our style of worship is relaxed. We see the Church as a place to worship, be heard, loved and accepted.

We have several special services throughout the year including the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on Mt Wombat which is an ecumenical one involving churches from Euroa and surrounding districts. Mothers and Fathers' day services, and the Carols by Candlelight service at Christmas.

We support various charities during the year including Mission Aviation fellowship, Samaritan's Purse Christmas box appeal, Bible Society and local appeals.

The Strathbogie Singers first began when a group gathered to learn Christmas Carols for the Candlelight Service in 2009. Ten years later they continue to practise each Wednesday night in the church, support many community events and are pleased to support special Church activities.

The Church has also been pleased to host and take part in the Spoken Word afternoons in the past 2 years.

Contact: Joan Wood, Elder 5790 5297

Strathbogie Club of Food Finders (SCOFF)

Let's find food that is grown as locally and wholesomely as possible.

SCOFF meets regularly at the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve at 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month during daylight savings time. We then revert to 3pm for the remainder of the year. Some of SCOFF aims include:

- To find food that is grown as locally and wholesomely as possible
- Discuss and create new and innovative ways of producing and finding food
- Learn from a range of food experts and members on food related subjects
- Provide an enjoyable and friendly social forum where ideas can be exchanged.

For further information contact Trevor on 0415 494 126

Strathbogie Golf Club

The Strathbogie Golf Club is located off Armstrong Avenue, Strathbogie and boasts an 18 hole grass greens course with picturesque views of the surrounding countryside. The course offers a relaxed yet challenging atmosphere for golfers of all levels.

New members are extremely welcome and attractive membership options are available. The annual subscription is \$350 for a full member, \$250 for a nine hole member, \$50 for juniors and \$10 for social members.

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Competitions are held every Saturday (18 holes) and Tuesday (9) holes.

Summer and winter Saturday tee-off times are 8.30am and 12pm.

Summer Twilight is Tuesday 4pm and Winter Twilight is Tuesday 3pm. (Summer and winter tee times change with daylight saving.)

Non-club members are also very welcome to use this beautiful golf course. Green fees: \$20 per day or \$10 for 9 holes. The course is open seven days a week.

Enquiries: Mal Inglis 0409 381 369 or visit www.strathbogiegolf.com.au, or Facebook@strathogie golf

Strathbogie Landcare

Strathbogie Landcare meet in the Hall on the first Sunday of every even month of the year. Membership is \$10 per household. This gives you access to the Victorian Landcare magazine, rabbit, blackberry, seedling subsidies and the opportunity to participate in community improving agriculture and environmental projects.

Contact: Sean Mathews, Secretary Strathbogie Landcare email: snmthwsbigpond.com, ph 4590 5166, mobile: 0400 019 607.

Strathbogie Primary School Parent Club

We are keen for volunteers to get involved with the school. We would love helpers to assist in maintenance or keeping our garden and grounds looking loved. This may involve helping out at our working bees or becoming involved with our education program "Bogie Backyard".

Contact: Suzie Bates suziehighergroud@gmail.com 0400 598 609

Strathbogie Singers

The Strathbogie Singers began singing together as a group in 2009 and currently have about 30 singers from Strathbogie, Euroa, Violet Town and even Alexandra. The group is led by Diane Mackrell, who took over this role by default!! Diane is a community music activist who also leads Euroa Ukulele Group and Euroa Vocal Nosh. The group rehearses at St Andrews Uniting Church in Strathbogie on a Wednesday evening.

The Strathbogie Singers enjoy singing at many community events including Christmas functions, Australia Day ceremonies, Jamieson Autumn Festival as well as entertaining at Granite Hill nursing home in Euroa. One of our highlights has been joining with the Victorian Opera in their "Remembrance" and "Pied Piper" projects in 2015 and 2016. A recent innovation has been implementing a "flash sing" before Christmas, spreading Christmas cheer in Euroa's Binney Street, as well as the hospital, nursing home and freeway service centre! Anyone is welcome to join the group and the main aim is to have fun singing together!

Contact: Diane Mackrell 0439 008 500 email: dianemac73@bigpond.com

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Inc (STAG)

As a Community Planning Reference Group of Council, STAG's role is to support the community to implement actions identified in the Action Plan to strengthen and develop the community, and to act as a liaison between Council and the community. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (except January) and are open to all members of the community.

STAG has three sub-committees: Communications which coordinates Tableland Talk, the community website, stag@strathbogie.org, bogie-tree and produces the community directory; Emergency which has produced several emergency information documents, arranged First Aid sessions, purchased a defibrillator and purchased a generator for the place of last resort; and Roads which constantly monitors issues such as dangerous intersections, overgrown roadsides and dangerous trees and communicates these issues to Council. STAG also makes submissions to Council's Plan and Annual Budget.

Community members are encouraged to join STAG and help plan our future.

Contact: Helen Peters helday3@bigpond.com 0427 380 662

Violet Town Seed Savers

We are keen vegetable and flower growers who formed a group in the early 2000's. Our aim is to save and protect open pollinated seeds which are suitable and adapted to our local environment. We are a community based, structured but informal group, bringing our expertise and talents together to ensure we have a diverse and viable seedbank for the use of our members and to provide seeds and information to shoppers at the Violet Town Market each month. Our seedbank is also maintained to ensure that if a disaster occurs, i.e., bushfire, floods we can provide seeds and plants for the affected. We have successfully achieved this in the past.

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Our seedbank comprises of 300 different varieties of vegetables and flower seeds and is managed by our very hard working Seedbank Manager, Monika.

We support local groups by donating funds to: (3) Bush Nursing Hospitals, CFA, Men's Shed, Primary Schools, Environmental Groups, Violet Town Pool's Weight Group, Community Gardens, Scouts and Orphanages and needy Schools overseas. It is amazing what a small group can achieve.

We get together monthly, usually the 1st Sunday of the month and visit gardens or discuss topics of interest and, we pack seeds on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St Dunstan's Church Hall, cnr Meakin Avenue & High Street, Violet Town at 11am until approximately 2.30pm and bring a light lunch.

In June we have an Annual Get Together and discuss what we have achieved, what we would like to do and where we would like to go on our Annual Bus Trip.

Our group is not a commercial entity and do not send out seeds by mail and are only too willing to assist in choices and information on growing vegetables, etc. at the Violet Town Market each month.

An article is in the Village Voice each month on: What we are doing/have done; What and When to Sow Seeds and What tasks are needed to be done in the garden that month.

For more information contact Sandra (co-ordinator) 5795 1109 email: sheans36656@gmail.com or Monika (Seedbank Manager) 5797 2695 email: monika.boyce@ycs.com.au

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St Attracta's Catholic Church

Now is the season of Lent with Easter just around the corner. We along with other Christians will be praying for our troubled world. For all the people affected by fire or drought. Many prayers are being said in thanks for all the generous people who gave their time, money or goods. To the fire fighters and other emergency people who helped out in so many ways. For the people who lost their lives and their families you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Call into St John's in Euroa or St Attracta's in Violet Town and read a beautiful prayer written by our Parish Priest and titled PRAYER IN THE FACE OF THE TERROR OF BUSHFIRES. It's well worth praying. May you walk hand in Hand with the Good Lord.

Need to find out more about St Attracta's? Please, contact Elaine Hayes on 0417 456 071

Violet Town RSL: sub branch News

We recently held our AGM and all executive positions have been filled.

John Ryan - President and Welfare officer

Garry Faux - Snr Vice President

Michael McLaughlin - Jnr Vice President and Treasurer

Joan Brown - Secretary

Ron McIntosh - Assistant Secretary

Jenni Kennedy - Appeals officer, Newsletter Editor and Member Recorder

Chris Brell - Catering Officer

Neil Garrett - General Committee Person
Tony Brell - General Committee Person
Leigh Stephens - General committee Person

We thank all the members who accepted the Nominations.

IMPORTANT DATE 25th APRIL ANZAC DAY. We will have the dawn service at 0600 with a traditional breakfast after the service. The march will happen around 1300. Starting near the VT Police station and finishing at the VTFNC as they have a home game against Avenal. More in next addition of Tableland Talk.

Many thanks to all who supported the Australia Day Service, it was a great morning. A very big Thank You to the organising Committee, the Lions and helpers for a beautiful meal.

Congratulations to all the worthy winners for their Australia Day Awards.

LEST WE FORGET John Ryan, President





CFA Shed Petition Presented to Steph Ryan MLA

Strathbogie residents turned out at the Main St CFA shed to witness Strathbogie CFA Brigade Captain Dave Hamilton presenting Steph Ryan, member for the Victorian Legislative Assembly Seat of Euroa, with a 2000 signature petition. The petition calls for action on state government promises for an improved CFA facility located at the Recreation Ground.

Steph and David were interviewed at the CFA shed by media representatives from WIN TV and Euroa Gazette before being shown the location for the new structure.

Sean Mathews

David Hamilton presents the petition to Steph Ryan

Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Welcome to the 2020 school year! Welcome back to all our families. This year we are pleased to have five Foundation students join our Junior Class: Maggie, Freyja, Zach, Merrener and Clara. We also welcome Indigo and her family to our school community. Indigo joins the Senior Class, and enjoys the Performing Arts. We also are pleased to have Joe Farrell every Friday to teach Environmental Science, and we are excited to have Jacinta Watts join our College to teach our students Indonesian and Music.

<u>Captains</u>

Congratulations to Nate for being elected Captain and to Alina who is Vice Captain. We are sure they will both do a fabulous job.

<u>Swimming</u>

The two week swimming program has been completed, and the Peranbin Swimming Sports were held on Friday the 14th of February at the Violet Town Pool. Green House were victorious, with very minimal margins between all the Houses. The day was a great success with a big turn out of parents and grandparents to cheer the swimmers on. Well done to Alina, Ariel, Angus, Connor, Audrey, Markito and Beryl who competed at District Level at Euroa, and congratulations to Beryl and Alina who now go on to Division Level.





Our Buddies enjoying stories together, Alina and Markito with Maggie, and Nate with Clara.