



November, 2021

Oh Deer – too little, too late?

Trailcams set in the Strathbogie Forest to monitor mammal diversity regularly detected Sambar Deer in all habitats.



I suspect everyone on the Tableland has a deer story – narrow misses on the road, trees ring-barked by antler rubbing, a favorite wetland destroyed by a wallow, a source of high quality meat. But it wasn't always like this.

In the years after we first came to Boho South in 1986, we'd only very occasionally see a deer in the district. I remember one daytime sighting in the early '90s, two Sambar trotting along Boundary Hill Rd – we were surprised and excited to see such exotic animals. Now, seeing Sambar, their tracks or the damage they cause, is a regular occurrence. I've even seen one in Main St, Strathbogie – albeit in the middle of the night.

In the last 15-20 years, Sambar Deer have overrun the Strathbogies and much of Victoria. For most of the time since Sambar Deer were first introduced to Victoria (in the 1860s and subsequent decades), these animals were protected fauna, with only a limited hunting season. Thankfully, that has changed and it's now permitted to hunt Sambar year round and there is no bag limit, however there are still regulations – hunting with hounds is only permitted in season and hunting between dusk and dawn, and the use of spotlights, is illegal. Full regulations are here <https://www.gma.vic.gov.au/hunting/deer/where-to-hunt/fact-sheets>

Between 2016-20, the Strathbogie Forest Citizen Science project used trailcams to learn more about the animals that roamed the forest and our focus was on native and feral species. Not surprisingly we found Sambar Deer to be one of the most commonly detected species in the forest, where they favoured

Fallow Deer also occur in our district, but in much smaller numbers and they seem to prefer the drier, more open forests. Though Sambar occur in all parts of the Strathbogie Ranges, they thrive in the denser scrub of the higher rainfall forests and the region's creeks and wetlands – that's certainly where their numbers are highest and their impact is greatest.

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What's On

Please check with organisers regarding current covid-19 arrangements.

Every Second Tuesday of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets 6pm in the Hall. Enq Mary Wynne 0419 592 211

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 Ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

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This newsletter is entirely made up of contributions. Contributions to this newsletter are published as a forum for public discussion.

The opinions expressed are the opinions of the contributors and not necessarily the opinions of the TT Team. By publishing contributions this newsletter does not give its authority to the truth or validity of the material contained in contributions.

Readers are reminded that all contributions **MUST** be submitted with the name and address of the writer.

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The TT Team

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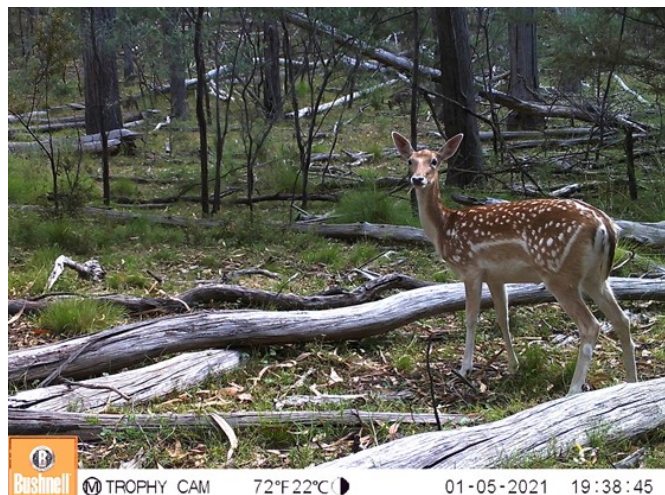
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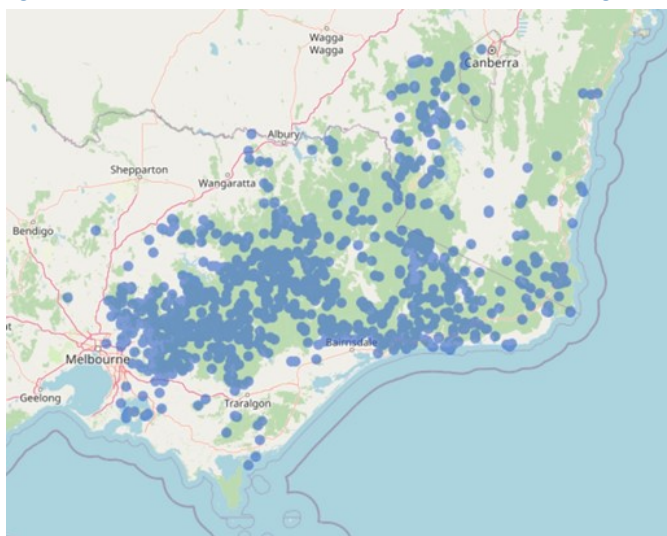
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Effective control of this adaptive, successful species seems a long way off. Shooting might make a temporary difference to local numbers, but Sambar can travel such long distances, that effective control across the landscape is extremely difficult, if not impossible. All our Sambar control methods are too little and too late. Whilst it might be possible to protect fragile habitat from the worst impacts, Sambar are here to stay.

For more about this project, visit <https://strathbogierangesnatureview.wordpress.com/snap/strathbogie-forest-citizen-science/>



Fallow Deer were much less abundant and preferred the drier, more open forest types.



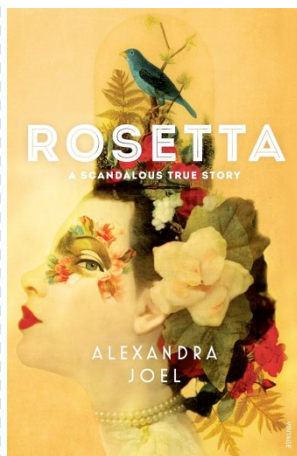
Records of Sambar Deer indicate how widespread this species has now become in Victoria and southern NSW (from the Atlas of Living Australia).



Bert Lobert

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemians Bookclub

Rosetta: A Scandalous True Story by Alexandra Joel, Vintage Books, 2016



One thing the reader can be sure of in Alexandra Joel's quest to discover her great grandmother, Rosetta, is that she was one tough cookie. Born into a Jewish family in Melbourne in the late 19th century, Rosetta marries a respectable middle-class man with whom she has a daughter. However, the marriage quickly fails and in the first year of the new century, Rosetta leaves the marital home and her small daughter in Carlton and becomes deeply embroiled with a mysterious Chinese soothsayer. Rosetta and this man, William Norman, who styles himself as 'Carl Zeno' (later 'Zeno the Magnificent' and later still, a Japanese professor!) embark on a bold journey of disguise and deception. Rosetta has a knack for spotting people who can 'open doors' and quite swiftly, the couple moves from Wonderland City, a tacky Sydney amusement park, to the soirees and balls of high society in London and Paris, to the mansions of the very wealthy, and indeed, of royalty.

The tale is as audacious as the telling. Joel presents the period of turn-of-the-century Melbourne and the early decades of well-to-do European society vividly and engagingly. The characters are colourful and believable. However, the author's stitching together of the scant factual material she is able to uncover undermines the claim of the title – 'a scandalous true story'. While Rosetta and William Norman did live and did continue to reinvent themselves in what appears to be an astonishing manner, the 'in-fill' Joel resorts to in order to create the narrative is pushed to its limits; the reader begins to question just what can be believed. Just one example serves to illustrate the power of a lie. [Spoiler alert***] The relationship between Rosetta and the young Helena Rubinstein is pure fabrication, something the reader learns only in the postscript. If this is not true, then what else is not true? Joel becomes a most unreliable narrator; the straining of credibility weighs down the book as a whole, and the reader feels they may well be another of Zeno's dupes.

Next month: *All Our Shimmering Skies* by Trent Dalton, Harper Collins, 2020

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For well over a decade Helen Peters has bi-annually collated, sent out and processed Tableland Talk advertising invoices and receipts. Helen's contribution has been fundamental to the very existence of Tableland Talk. Her diligence and reliability have guaranteed smooth operation.

As Helen prepares to step down from this role, Tableland Talk is looking for someone new from the community to step up. The role can be administered from anywhere with an internet connection. Invoices are issued 6 monthly.

Helen has kindly offered to assist the next person to take on this role with the transition.

I would like to thank Helen for her ongoing attention to detail and her enduring service to the community in this role. The simple fact is Tableland Talk would not be here without her.

This is a great chance to put back into your community.

Contact:

Sean Mathews
Editor, Tableland Talk
m: 0400 019 607

Don't forget to nominate an Australia Day Hero

Strathbogies Shire residents are being reminded they have until November 1 to nominate someone in their community for a 2022 Australia Day Award.

"People don't volunteer or put up their hand to help others in their community because they're looking for recognition, they do it because they care," Cr Raeburn said.

"The Australia Day Awards are a way we can say thank you those people. The ones who don't want recognition, but work behind the scenes to make our Shire a better place to be.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to make life difficult for everyone, this is a way we can say thank you to those who have gone above and beyond. I urge you to please stop for a minute or two, think about someone you know who gives back to our community and submit a nomination. We will be able to celebrate the achievements of so many across our Shire on Australia Day next year."

Each community has the chance to nominate community members and organisations that deserve recognition for their efforts throughout the year. The awards include:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25 years at 26/01/22)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 65 years at 26/01/22)
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year – (under 25 years at 26/01/22)
- Junior Citizen of the Year (under 15 years at 26/01/22).
- Community Event of the Year

The winners will be announced at next year's Australia Day events which will be dependant on restrictions surrounding COVID-19.

Nominations opened on September 20, 2021 and close on November 1, 2021.

To nominate, visit www.strathbogies.vic.gov.au/tourism/about-events/australia-day-celebrations and download the nomination form.

All nominations are submitted to the Tourism, Arts and Culture team at Strathbogies Shire for collation.



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Beautiful Bogie Trees - November 2021

Terry Frewin sent these photos of this fabulous old Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) standing in the government lane that runs beside her place in Boho South. Yellow box is distributed in south eastern Australia, from Victoria through parts of eastern New South Wales and into southern Queensland. The species can reach 30m in height. Yellow Box produce very fragrant white flowers during the warmer months and are regarded as excellent honey producers – so they are a great tree for birds and insects that feed on nectar.

I found an amazing “fun fact” on this tree species: a Yellow Box was one of the few trees to survive the blast from the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima in Japan – it was only 740m from the hypocenter, and was still standing in 2019!



I know that many of you go for walks around the Strathbogies, and must be seeing some wonderful native trees, so please contribute a photo of one of your favourites for Tableland Talk. Please send the photo, and a short paragraph to indicate its locality etc.

Email to: kathstuart60@gmail.com a few days before the last Friday of each month or send directly to the Tableland Talk team at: tablelandtalk@gmail.com
Cheers

Kath Handasyde

Automobility

by Donmil

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Strathbogrie Ranges Conservation Management Network Inc. (ABN 32052201844) will be held on Saturday 27 November at The Euroa Arboretum, Euroa commencing at 5pm sharp.

The business of the meeting will be the following:
To confirm the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
To receive and approve the financial report for the year to 30 June 2021
To elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the committee
Any member that intends to bring any business before the meeting may do so by notifying the Secretary in writing seven days prior to the meeting.

A report will be provided on the organisation's activities.

Refreshments will be available from 4.30 pm in the shelter area at the Arboretum.
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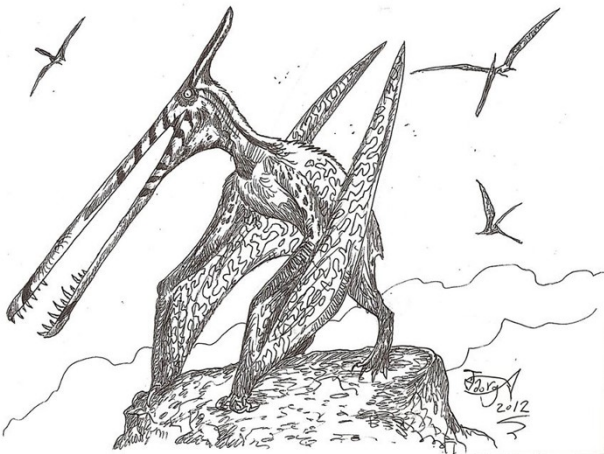
The Name Game: Who's blue, who's Zhu?

Angus Martin

One of the rules of the scientific name game is that a name which later turns out to be inappropriate may not be changed just for that reason (this is in the interests of the stability of names). A classic example is the Australian Green Tree Frog which, despite being a bright green animal, bears the name *Litoria caerulea*. Does *caerulea* mean 'green'? No, your Latin dictionary will insist that *caeruleus* is 'blue'. Why would a green frog be described as blue? Simple: the original species description was based on a dead, preserved specimen, and in preservative the skin colour changes to a dull greyish-blue.

But the tale gets more colourful still if we add another element. The really-truly complete scientific name of any plant or animal also includes the name of the person who described it and the year in which the description was published. No-one bothers with this in everyday usage (which is a blessing) but it is important in formal taxonomy because it further defines the species and also provides a link to the original description. It so happens that the describer of the Australian Green Tree Frog was the Irish-born principal surgeon on the First Fleet, who in due course became Surgeon-General of New South Wales. Though he later confessed that he hated Australia, he did find interest in the local fauna and flora, and in 1790 he published *A Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales*, which included his account of the Green Tree Frog. Hence, if you wanted to use its full name you would write ***Litoria caerulea* White 1790**, because his name was John White. Green frog, Blue name, White describer.

But I've recently come across an instance where citing the describers' names is a (quirky!) delight. A newly discovered fossil pterosaur (flying reptile) in China entered the annals of taxonomy in 2012 under the name *Moganopterus zhuiana*. The name itself tells an interesting story: Mo Ye and Gan Juang were famous swords in Chinese legend; *Mogan* combines Mo and Gan and highlights the sword-like upper and lower jaws of the fossil. The *pterus* part of the name is from Greek *pteron*, wing; *zhuiana* honours Ms Zhu Haifen, who is said to have 'made the specimen available' (perhaps she discovered it?). But the bit I really like is the names of the four describers: Lü J, Pu H, Xu L and Wu Y. Formally, then, this large and formidable creature, known only from one incomplete specimen, enters history under the name ***Moganopterus zhuiana* Lü, Pu, Xu and Wu 2012**. Beat that!



The head of this reconstruction is based on the actual fossil skull; the rest is derived from other (and more complete) pterosaurs.

Recipe of the Month

Simple to make and refreshing **tzatziki**

500g natural yoghurt

1 cucumber approx. 20cm long peeled, seeds removed

1 clove garlic finely crushed

1 tsp fresh dill finely chopped

25ml olive oil

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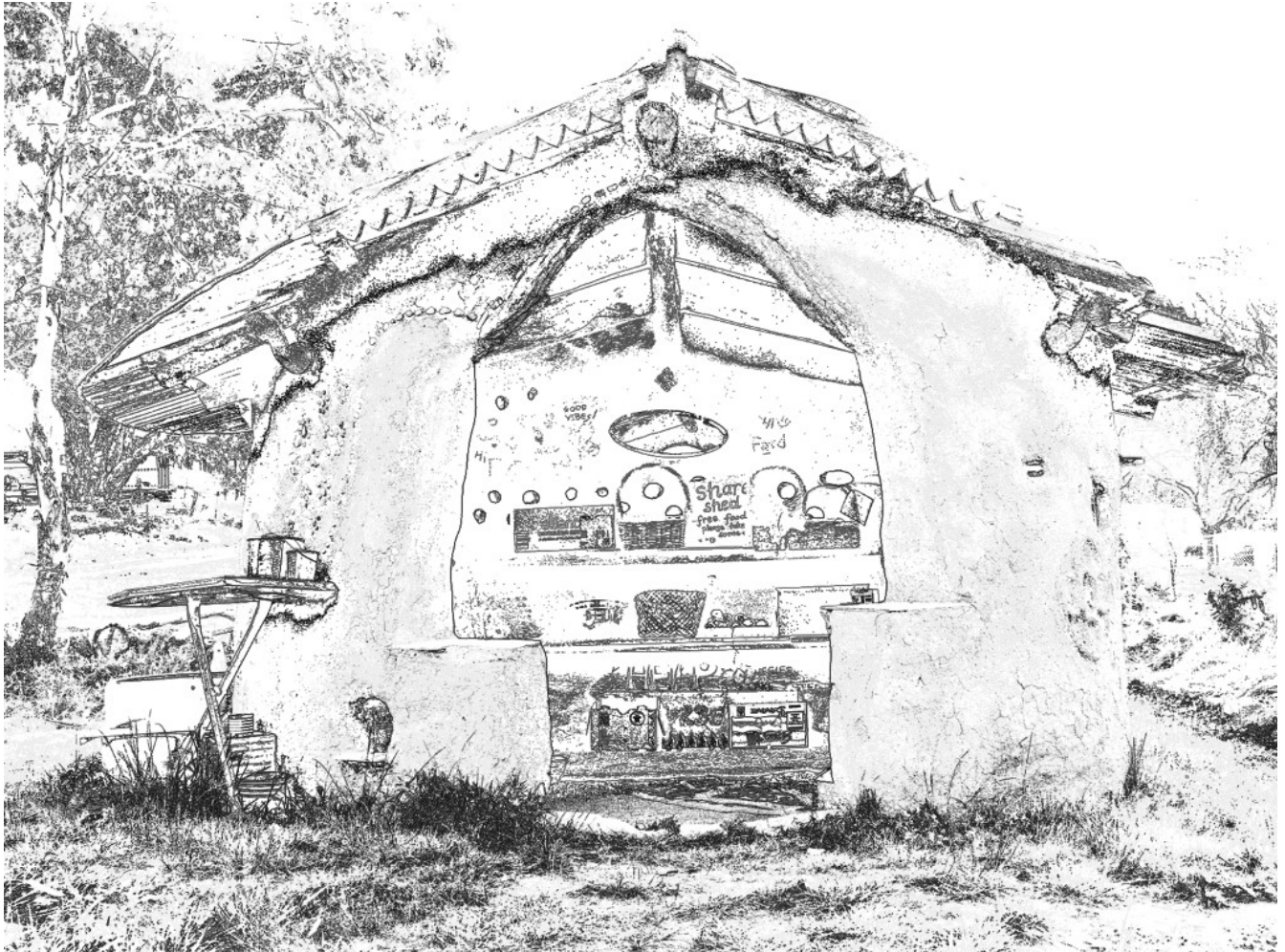
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Quiz question of the month

The Shepparton area is known for its fruit production. It has been home to some of Australia's best known food companies. One of the enduring company names has been SPC. What do the letters stand for and who owns the company today?



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You can arrive at the farm any time between 11.00am to 4.00pm. From there you'll be able to pick your own steak, which will be served with vegetables roasted in Wagyu fat and sides.

Prices range from \$40 - \$90 per plate (depending on how fancy the steak is that you choose). We also offer other fare like charcuterie & sharing platters as well as a kids menu. Sevens Creek Wagyu is pooch friendly but they must be on a lead.

Soft drink and water will be available to purchase, but please BYO booze.

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Sassy Sister Decadent Blueberry Liqueur

A labour of love and passion from Amanda Furlong and Rob Mitchell. We create Sassy Sister at Bilyara Springs, our sustainable farm and craft distillery, nestled in the foothills of Victoria's pristine Strathbogie Ranges. Made using our organically grown berries, and locally sourced Oak aged spirits, Sassy Sister is distilled and bottled on site at Bilyara Springs.

With Sassy Sister we celebrate and honour generations of strong and independent women. The name Sassy Sister is inspired by two sisters from our family, who combine sweet natures with a zesty wit and luscious vintage style. These sassy sisters have matured into beautiful and capable women - just as our own Sassy Sister has matured into a sumptuous and sophisticated liqueur.

Available across the North East, in Euroa and online through Strathbogie Local Open Food Network, Weekend Local and Burtons SUPA IGA. In Strathbogie from Strathbogie Store. She is in both supermarkets in Mansfield and she can be tasted as a cocktail at the Luna Bar in Mansfield where "Sassy Smash" is on their cocktail list.

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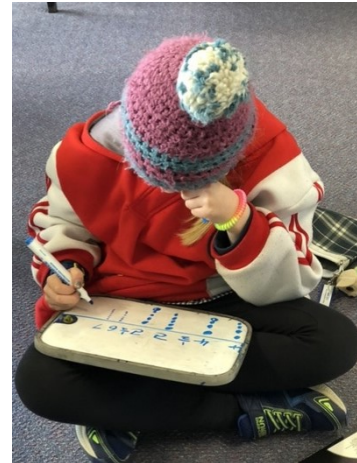
Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Our onsite students were excited to be back for the start of Term 4, excitedly sharing and comparing earthquake and other holiday tales. Now all students have returned to the classroom and it is great to be all back learning together again. We have been busy, writing explanations, learning about time, seasons and subtracting decimals.

We've been using the new skipping ropes that we received from Jump Rope for Heart, and will hopefully be able to do some skipping for Jump Rope before class each day, helping with our health and well being.

This week our combined group continued to develop their inference skills in reading

In Maths, the Junior students have been working on addition strategies and the Seniors on counting with fractions.



This Term we are doing a Pamela Allen author study. The Junior Class Integrated Studies Unit this term is "Celebrations". We will be looking at what and how we celebrate events and special occasions. The Senior Class Inquiry Unit will have a close look at 'Where in the world are we?' and a geographical study of our neighbouring towns, cities, states, countries and continents.

Lachlan - What have you learned this week? That Miss Johnson won't let me climb high trees! And what reading between the lines is in reading.

Carissa - What is something you have enjoyed this week? Walking down the creek today, and doing lego.

Nyah - What is something you achieved this week? Learning that inferencing is reading between the lines. And that you should try your best.

We are creating papier-mâché hot air balloon sculptures in Visual Art for our up coming exhibition at the Euroa library.



If you are considering where to send your child to school next year please contact our Principal, Angela Holleran, on 5798 1431 or 0437 226 693 to hear about all we have to offer at Strathbogie.