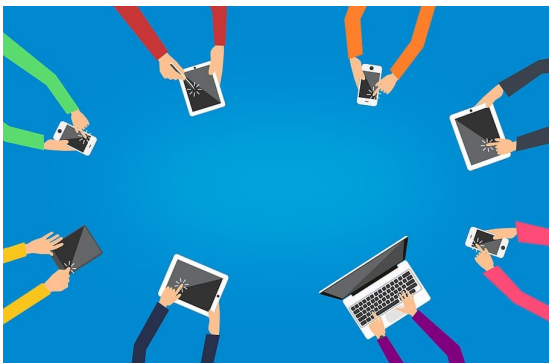




June, 2022

Telecommunication Issues on Strathbogie Tableland

Various residents, businesses and services continue to report poor telecommunication services on the Tableland. Last month around 1/3 of our adult population (86) co-signed a community letter summarising the issues and suggesting solutions. Others unable to sign at the time, have expressed their concerns as well.



This letter was sent to our public representatives. It was also sent to the CEO of Telstra - because discovering a way to deliver such a letter to an appropriate Telstra department proved impossible.

From local responses to the letter, it appears a significant component of community anxiety about telecommunications on the Tableland not only revolves around ongoing safety and substandard services for full payment, but also deterioration in services and an inability to access reliable information about issue resolution or progress toward improvement.

That being said we now know some steps have been taken toward telecommunications improvement. The STAG and Ruffy Community Action Groups' letter sent to Chris Raeburn (previous Mayor) 16 months ago has had a few positive outcomes. However, reporting back to our community has not been one of them.

One thing to note is a perception amongst those contacted that poor mobile phone services are the only significant telecom issue here on the Tableland. This is inaccurate. Locals report repeated problems with mobile services as well as landlines on which many remain dependent, internet (adsl or satellite) and customer service. On the other hand, those who have line of sight to the new NBN tower and/or Mt Wombat are generally doing ok - as long as they stay at home.

What has been learnt?

- Federal MP Helen Haines' Electorate Officer Christine Thorpe advised that a new mobile tower is to be installed at Marraweeney CFA Station in Boho South.
- Strathbogie CFA Captain David Hamilton was contacted by Telstra's Regional Manager.

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What's On

June 5 10am SRCMN Fungal Adventure See page 11

June 6 10am SRCMN Soil Health & Hydrology. See page 11

June watch out for the date of the STAG AGM

Sunday Oct 30 Strathbogie Tableland History Group Heritage Day Plaques Unveiling. See page 4

Every First Monday of the month - Strathbogie Tableland History Group meets 1.30pm, Strathbogie Memorial Hall. strathbogiehistory@gmail.com

Every Second Wednesday of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets 7pm in the Soldier's Room. Enq Mary Wynne 0419 592 211

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - usual times 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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Every First Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 5790 8523

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Letter to the Editor

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Jun 5 7.30pm
The Batman M Jun 11 6pm, Jun 12 5pm
A Stitch in Time M Jun 17 11am, Jun 19 5pm
Swanpool Environmental Film Festival
Jun 18, 1pm
The Duke M Jun 24 11am, Jun 25 6pm,
Jun 26 5pm
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Jun 26 7.15pm
Clifford, The Big Red Dog Jun 26 1.30pm

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Preferred formats: Word or Publisher files, font Arial 11, convert pdf to jpeg, images <250k. TT Team.

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David was informed the Boho South construction would take 18 months and cost \$1.2m.

Coverage area was not discussed. He was also informed extra battery and generator capacity was to be installed at Mt Wombat. When is uncertain.

- Strathbogie Mayor Laura Binks will be in Canberra at the end of June for the Local Government Association General Assembly. She will endeavour to meet with the new Telecommunications and NBN Minister. Laura will be advocating for financial investments and policy commitments from the government to provide a service that is fit for use in our region.
- State MP Steph Ryan's Electorate Officer Adam Scott also informed about the Boho South tower. Adam has offered to share telecommunications information directly between Telstra and our community via myself as Editor of Tableland Talk.

We pay the same as other telecom customers, so we have the right to expect equitable service delivery. Too many Tableland customers experience inconsistent, evasive and unhelpful service delivery.

I invite Tablelanders to email Tableland Talk their personal telecommunications experiences - for better or for worse.

As they are reported to me I will pass them on to Adam in order to get a Telstra response that can be communicated back to the community via Tableland Talk and bogietree. At least this way we can alleviate some of our telecommunications concerns by having an effective line of communication, hope for timely resolutions and an idea of what is being planned.

Please send your telecommunication stories, issues and successes to tablelandtalk@gmail.com

Sean Mathews, Editor

Show your support for Climate Action in Strathbogie Shire

Cr Laura Binks says Strathbogie Shire Council is serious about mitigating against the risks that climate change pose for the social, economic, and environmental prosperity of our community. "In 2021 we became the 100th Council in Australia to declare a Climate Emergency and just the third to pass this Notice of Motion unanimously," Cr Binks said. "We believe leadership is needed on this issue. "The Climate Change science is undeniable, and we must act now to protect the future for the generations to come."

Since declaring a Climate Emergency, Council has been working with its community to prioritise and set mitigation, adaptation and resilience actions. Through this process it has developed a Draft Climate Change Action Plan that is now open for public feedback. "We have sought advice from our community to help us understand key focus areas and priorities and all this input is reflected in our draft plan.

"The draft plan will embed climate emergency responses into all Council activities and decisions. It will accelerate our climate change adaption and mitigation actions and it will direct our efforts to engage and empower our community and businesses to foster cultural shifts so that ongoing climate action becomes the new standard."

Cr Binks urged the community to visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to read the draft plan and provide feedback. "Here you can also pledge your support for Climate Action in Strathbogie Shire on our wall of support," she said. "During our Councillor roundtables we heard our community was keen to show its support for climate action so we've created a platform where you can show your support by sharing words, pictures and videos."

The draft plan has been split into five main areas with corporate and community actions for each target area. The areas are: 1. Protecting our natural environment 2. Reducing our emissions 3. Our climate resilient community 4. Moving sustainably 5. Advocating for change. Overall, there are 50 actions, of which implementation is expected to start in 2022/23. "Across each of these Strategic Focus Areas Council, residents, businesses, farmers and community groups have different roles to play in driving climate action," Cr Binks said. "By working together and taking a partnership approach we can build a climate resilient, net zero community."

Feedback is open to 5pm on Tuesday, June 7.

To have your say go to www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au . Copies of the draft plan are also available at Council's offices in Euroa and feedback can also be provided in writing and posting to PO Box 177, Euroa VIC 3666.



STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND HISTORY GROUP

PROTECTING, PRESERVING, PROMOTING

The Strathbogie Heritage Day on Sunday 30th October being organised by the Strathbogie Tableland History Group will include the unveiling of a Heritage Trail. We are reaching out seeking families who are directly descended from original owners of the site, or who have a direct link with such.

The following sites are being marked on the Heritage Trail and being unveiled on the day, Sunday 30th October. The following 11 Plaques will be unveiled in the township of Strathbogie.

1/ Strathbogie Links - Golf Club (original course)

2/ Memorial Hall

3/ Strathbogie Original Post Office

4/ RH Grahams Store Strathbogie Hotel

5/ TJ Nolan's Sale Yards

6/ Orangemen Protestant Hall - Public Hall - Service Station

7/ Wesleyan Church / Methodist Church

8/ Presbyterian Church / Uniting Church

9/ Blacksmith's Residence - and Lolly Shop

10/ Strathbogie Butter Factory

11/ Co-operative Store - General Store

Did any of your ancestors have connections with these sites?

If so, would you like to be part of the unveiling ceremony and tell their story?

If so, please contact Jill Smith on 0414 364 382 or strathbogiehistory@gmail.com

Or come and join the History Group. We meet on the first Monday of each month.

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Who Marries a Soldier Marries a King.

In the May edition of TT Dayle Tame shared a 1955 advertisement from The Argus for recruitment of servicemen by the Australian Armed Forces. It was an interesting time capsule piece.

We thought the accompanying picture of Betty and Joan might also be interesting. Here they are in their bathing suits discussing the benefits of having a husband who joins the army.



There was an old fogey from Bogie
Who went for a walk with their dogie
They passed many corflutes
And signs covering utes
As they pondered life in demagogy

Johnno O'Brien

Quiz Question of the Month (answer p9)

The Greater Shepparton area is home to many fruit orchards, including one where they grow a unique fruit which is only available here and in Japan. What is this fruit?



Strathbogie Shire Community Grants Opening Soon

Strathbogie Shire residents are being encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$5000 in Council's 2022/23 Community Grants Program. The 2022/23 Community Grants Program opens on June 1 for the month, closing on June 30.

Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said the grants are available under five different categories to encourage as many projects and community ideas as possible.

The five grant categories are:

- Active and healthy communities
- Arts and culture
- Environment and sustainability
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- Small projects



Cr Binks said the grants were a great way for organisations to invigorate their ideas and bring them to fruition.



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The Bogie Tree

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- Lifts / rides / car shares
- Requests for assistance
- Offers of assistance
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- 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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- To learn more or join the Bogie Tree, please send an email to Stuart on stuartb446@gmail.com or call on 0422 408 915



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Review of Traditional Australia Day Celebrations

Strathbogie Shire Council is seeking the community's input on a review of traditional Australia Day celebrations. Council's aim is to be more respectful and to begin to recognise the significance of the day to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

"Council has partnered with community groups to deliver celebrations on January 26 for many years. These celebrations usually include a community gathering, barbeques, local performance and often community awards," Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor, Cr Laura Binks, said. "However, January 26 is a difficult day for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The anniversary of this day marks the start of the dispossession and marginalisation of First Nations people. "Calls to shift the date of Australia Day have gained significant momentum over past years with the wider community growing increasingly aware that it is a day that many First Nations people find difficult or even offensive."

Councils across Australia are reviewing the traditional Australia Day celebrations to be more respectful and to begin to recognise the significance of the day to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. At Strathbogie Shire Council's May Council Meeting, Council resolved to undertake community consultation on two different options relating to Council's role on January 26.

These options are outlined below:

Option one	Option two
<p>In accordance with the inclusivity objectives within the Community Vision and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Taungurung Land and Waters Council, Strathbogie Shire Council no longer formally supports celebrations on January 26 each year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower the Aboriginal Flag to half-mast on January 26 out of respect for the First Nations People and what the day represents for First Nations people;• Continue Council's requirement to hold a Citizenship Ceremony on January 26 as required;• Advocate to the State and Federal Governments where appropriate to change the date of 'Australia Day' to a date that can be celebrated by all;• National Australia Day Council funding to hold or host Australia Day awards or celebratory activities to be the responsibility of the individual township Australia Day Committees for events in 2023 and beyond;• Amend Council's event sponsorship and community grant guidelines deeming activities celebrating Australia Day on January 26 (in kind or cash) as ineligible;• Promotion of celebrations held on January 26 to be coordinated by the individual township Australia Day Committees for events in 2023 and beyond, and;• Formally support the celebration of community contribution with annual awards in May as part of Volunteer Week, recognising the outstanding community contribution of individuals and groups within Strathbogie Shire commencing in 2023	<p>Council continues to celebrate January 26 as per current arrangements.</p>

Cr Binks said it was important to note that option 1 did not inhibit community groups from continuing to celebrate Australia Day. "Community Groups, if eligible, will be able to apply directly for National Australia Day Council funding and can choose to recognise the day in a manner appropriate to their community," she said.

To have your say visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au. For those who don't have access to the internet, ph: Council's Customer Service Team on 1800 065 993 to let them know your preferred option.

Feedback is open to 9am on Monday, June 20, 2022. For further information: Kristin Favaloro E: Kristin.favaloro@strathbogie.vic.gov.au P: 0438 670 762.



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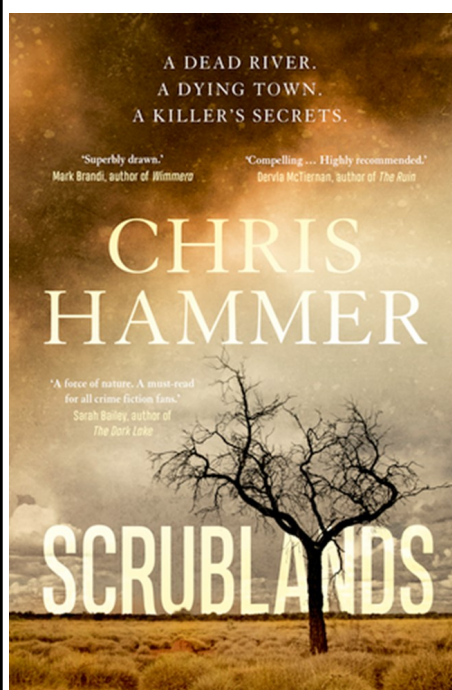
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub



Scrublands by Chris Hammer (Allen & Unwin, 2018).

I've broken my own review-writing golden rule – that is, before setting out, do NOT read the views of other reviewers! But, in this case, I'm glad I did, because one or two in particular hit the nail on the head for me (more of that later ...).

Scrublands is a murder mystery thriller. Martin Scarsden, a faltering journalist recovering from PTSD following a failed assignment as a foreign correspondent in Gaza, is sent out to Riversend, an aptly named town in the desert belt of the Riverina. Riversend is in drought – again – and is struggling to survive on a number of fronts. Martin is seeking answers to how the town is coping – or not – a year on from the fatal shooting of five local men, on the steps of his church, by the town's youngish priest, Byron Swift.

The writing is deft in its ability to take us into the heat and throat-parching dryness of Riversend. Nothing at first appears to move here, except for the barometer. However, we are soon shown, little by little, the undercurrents motivating the many characters who come to inhabit the 480 odd pages of **Scrublands**. What drew me to the two reviews I will quote from here is their succinct summation of what the reader has to contend with. **Calzean** (Goodreads) writes: "Could there be anymore Australian caricatures than what's in this book? A drought,

bushfire, paedophilia involving the clergy, PTSD, returned soldiers from Afghanistan, a dying town, a broken man, a beautiful local, dopey cops, bikie gangs, drug trade, domestic violence, national secrets, family secrets, media fake news, rape, a nutty hermit, teenage drug use, back packer murders and a surprise inheritance. **"Black Oxford** (Goodreads) is not quite so hostile: "Heat (intense), Sex (non-graphic), Media (crass), Politics (dirty), Religion (not too serious), Dead Animals (cows, kangaroos, and cats) and Murders (many, apparently unmotivated)."

Am I putting you off? I don't mean to. In spite of its length, its multitude of characters, its overblown plot and myriad subplots, there are redeeming features. Chris Hammer knows the world of journalism and the media (30 years of professional journalism shine through), and he certainly has a knack for taking us into the setting and walking us through the dust and the heat. And, while many of the characters remain faceless (at least to this reader), there are some gems that stay with you. It's the unfair demand on the reader to hold together all the strings and somehow reach page 480 with the belief intact that this was a merry ride and not the calculated first step towards a film or, better still, a TV series that did me in (no pun intended...). I did reach page 480, 'tho... !

Next month: A Month of Sundays by Liz Byrski (Macmillan, 2018)

Ruth Fluhr

Quiz Answer

The White Peach



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Ingredients

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1 cup dark plum jam

1 cup tomato sauce

1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C

Flour meat well

Place all ingredients

into a casserole dish

Cook in the oven for 2 hours

Ref: Peranbin Primary School DELISH Our family favourites 2012



Steak Casserole

Strathbogie's Community Website www.strathbogie.org

STAG's Communications Sub-committee is seeking help from the community to update our website. We are aware that it is considerably out of date as the various listed Committees have changed, some residents have relocated and, more recently, COVID has limited our ability to work together.

If you have looked at the website recently you will see that some changes have already been made. However, we need your input to continue the process.

If you already have information on the website (ie, accommodation available, wineries, community groups such as history, gardening, etc) could you please check and advise:

- whether the information is current and correct
- if this is not the case, what changes need to be made
- who is the responsible person for providing the correct information
- whether the site is no longer required and should be removed from the website

We are also aware that there are new businesses and activities on the Tableland and would like to include these on the website – again we need your input.

If you wish to add something new, please provide details of the business/activity and contact details for the person responsible.

Ongoing, the sub-committee will make amendments/updates to sites as requested. However, we would also like to encourage those responsible for a particular site to manage the site themselves and training can be provided where needed.

All information can be forwarded to stag@strathbogie.org

Beautiful Bogie Trees, June 2022 – Ruth's River Red Gum

This magnificent river red gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) is in Smyth Reserve, Mooroopna, off McLennan St (beside the Midland Hwy heading towards Echuca). Ruth sees it on her regular trips between The Strathbogie Ranges and Shepparton, and always feel uplifted – I can understand why. There are also a number of lovely old river red gum trees in Euroa, along Seven Creeks, and they line the roadside as you drive up the Euroa – Strathbogie Road. However, in nature they have an altitudinal limit and you will notice that they disappear about half way up the hill to Kelvin View.

The river red gum is the most widely distributed eucalypt species in Australia, occurring along inland water courses and floodplains over vast areas of the mainland. Due to its high-quality timber and rapid growth, it is also one of the most widely planted eucalypts in other parts of the world. This beautiful species can grow to an enormous size, with records of trees up to 15 metres in girth! It is also a very long-lived species – trees estimated to be 4-500 years old are not uncommon. River red gums provide very significant habitat for fish in our inland river systems, as well as food and shelter for countless species of insects, plus native birds and mammals. Red gums typically start forming hollows suitable for wildlife at 120-180 years, so old trees in our landscape are incredibly important. Throughout their distribution there



are also many individual river red gums that hold an important place in the cultures of our First Nations People, so for all of us, this is a tree deserving of our respect and protection.

I know that many of you must be seeing some wonderful trees around the Strathbogies, so why not contribute a photo of your favourites for TT? Send photos and indicate the locality, plus a short paragraph (or I can write something for you). E: kathstuart60@gmail.com a few days before the last Friday of each month or send directly to The TT Team E: tablelandtalk@gmail.com Cheers, Kath Handasyde.

Photos: Ruth Fluhr
Text: Kath Handasyde

Airborne gravity survey includes the Strathbogie Ranges – update

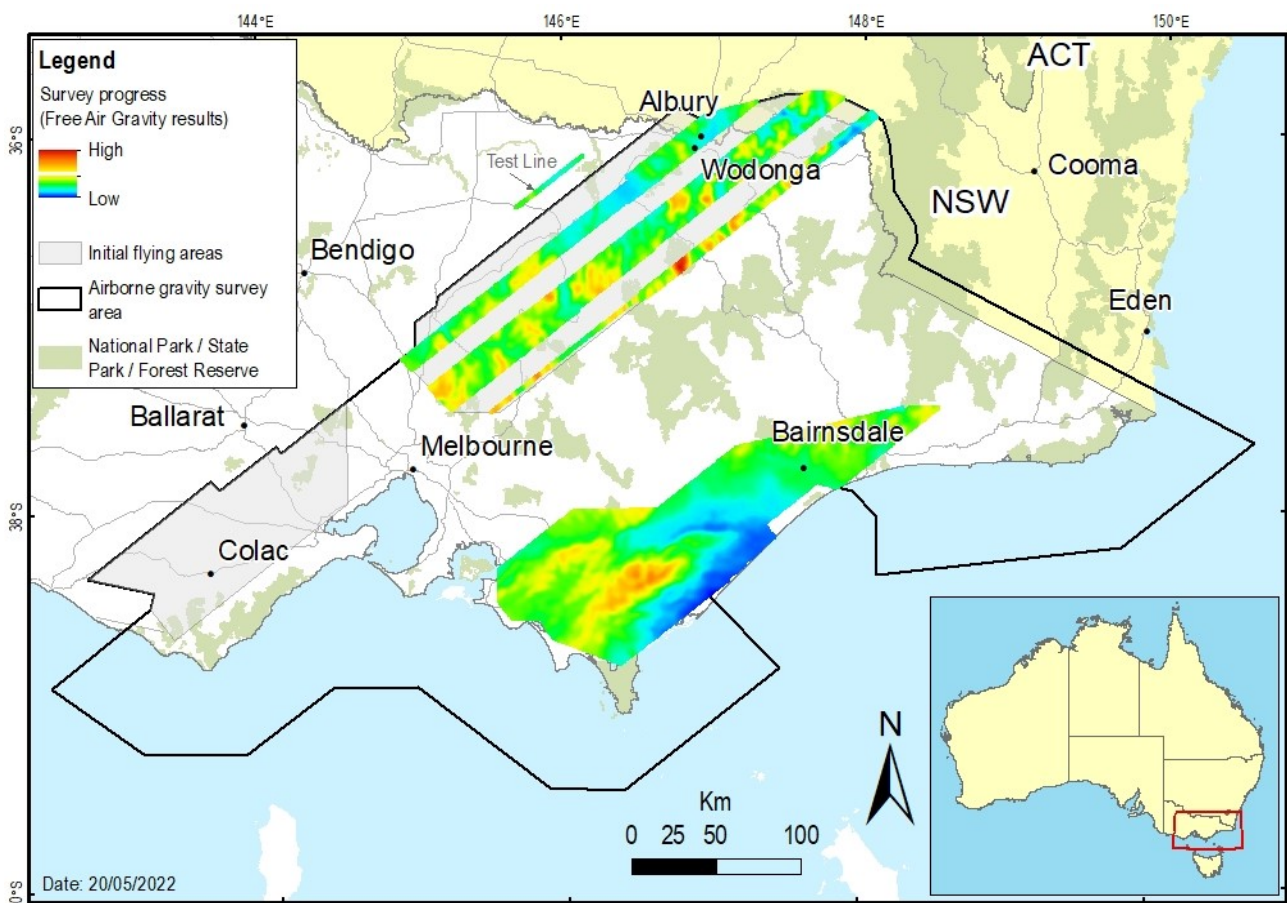
The April Tableland Talk brought the news that the Victorian Government airborne gravity survey had been re-designed to include the Strathbogie Ranges. At the time the project was explained by the Government as: “The data will be used by geoscientists to further their understanding of southeast Australia’s geological architecture and how it has evolved over time. The data and gravity model will improve height determination from GPS positioning to an accuracy of a few centimetres. The changes will support productive and effective land management and technological innovation and meet community expectations of reliable GPS positioning in Victoria. The new data will advance the geoscience that assists the Victorian Government to manage its earth resources, infrastructure, and natural hazards. It will also assist the State’s resources sector, which contributes to regional jobs and economic growth”.

The good news this month is that parts of the project have already been flown and data collected including for the Strathbogie Ranges. The data is recorded from a plane flown at 150m to 300m above the ground along flight lines that are 0.5 to 1 km apart. Once collected, the data is processed to account for many aircraft factors including ground elevation, exact flight heights, and any track variations. Then the interesting stages come of working out what it means and how it helps us understand our part of the world better.

This map from the Government is far from a final product but it shows the two main areas of flying in Hume (us) and the more-progressed Gippsland work. It is too early for me to discern any serious conclusions from this work-in-progress, but I identified a few spots using the road system (Shepparton then Benalla and Merton just) and think I can see a gravity high in red signifying dense rocks in the upper Glen Creek area north of Bonnie Doon. This Glen Creek red spot would coincide with some of Victoria’s oldest rocks that we know from that valley.

The GPS (global positioning system) link is quite interesting. GPS today can be used for many surveying tasks, laser levelling of fields, and even navigating on foot or by vehicle. All this rests on satellites which are held in their positions by Earth’s gravity, and small variations in airborne gravity from different rock densities can affect the positions of those satellites. This is all becoming complex and we can leave the detailed data processing to the experts.

Neil Phillips





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Walk of the Month

Boathole to Falls Walk, Ruffy

Address: Boggy Creek - Boat Hole Public Recreation Reserve, Boathole Road, Ruffy 3666

2 hours, 6km return

Intermediate difficulty, uneven ground



The Boat Hole is a spot once used as a local Recreation Reserve. Boggy and Hughes Creeks meet here.

Worth checking out before you start your walk, the Boat Hole itself is prettily situated. The site is a Public Reserve consisting of a sizeable flat area that includes a picnic table. There is a large water hole on site that has served locals as a place of social events, picnicking, swimming, boating and fishing for generations. The surrounding riparian woodland provides shade and habitat enough to make native bird and fauna encounters likely. This is a nice spot to picnic.

Follow up with stretching your legs further, intermediate level walkers can cross the

road for the Boat Hole to Hughes Creek Falls Walk. This 6km return walk follows the eastern side of Hughes Creek downstream to tumbling cascades and waterfalls. Stock exclusion fencing marks the boundary of the public land all the way, so you can't get lost.

Travelling along this creek of many moods is a joy. Beginning as a lazy, meandering stream weaving its way through forest and reedy waterholes, it progresses to traverse meadows, forms mirror like reflecting pools, rushes through narrow outlets, spreads wide and shallow across rocky beds, cascades and then tumbles over ever increasing gradients to waterfalls.

The tracks are foot pads only, but they make your way clear enough. The ground is uneven and there are many wombat holes, so watch your step. There is a lot to enjoy, so give yourself the time, this is a long 6km.

Good quality closed walking shoes and gaiters are recommended for walking in this country. Particularly in warmer months, snakes will be active.

Amenities:

Car parking /Seating /Parkland /Picnic tables /
Historic features /Swimming spot /Information
sign /Flora and fauna habitat

Cautions:

Cliff faces /Open water /Steep climbs /Rocks
may fall /Limbs may fall /Embankments /
Uneven ground /No potable water /Remnant
fencing /Slippery surfaces /Subject to flooding /
Road surfaces vary /Tracks may not be clear /
Beware of vehicle traffic /Mobile reception may
be unreliable /Be mindful to keep within the
Reserve /Carry food, water, First Aid, /Be
SunSmart /Be equipped for self-reliant hiking



VictoriaWalks version: <https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/4754>

Sean Mathews

Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

The school ground looks magnificent at the moment, with the autumn leaves giving us a fantastic colour show. Let's hope the weather stays mild for a little while longer! Our resident koalas have been back, it is so special being at a school that can boast a koala tree, with real koalas.



In Literacy, our author of the term is Bob Graham. We have read *Ellie's Dragon*, and had to visualise the part in the story where Sam found the dragon in the main street. Jasper and Annika had amazing pictures in their minds, that they were able to draw.



We have learned about the Learning Pit, strategies that the children can use to understand why learning is sometimes difficult. The children then had to draw themselves in the Learning Pit and think about what strategies they could use to get out of the pit. They all had different strategies, and all did a great job.

In Bogie Backyard we had fun conducting an experiment on carbon dioxide and its effects on fire. The students were surprised to discover that in small quantities carbon dioxide can extinguish fire. This led into a broader discussion on the negative impacts of too much human induced carbon dioxide and other gasses in the atmosphere.

It was fantastic to see lots of parents attend the Cross Country at Violet Town. Everybody tried really hard during the run, and Bogie had some excellent results. Congratulations to Jasper, Lachlan, Connor, Carissa and Anika, their efforts and race times have put them through to District at Murchison.

We are all very excited at Bogie Campus for the sleepover on Thursday 26th of May. The children have been very involved in choosing the pasta options for dinner, the activities that we will be doing, the movies we will be watching and where we should all be sleeping. We have invited students from other campuses and look forward to them joining us.

