

## **CFA Volunteers.**

In the middle of a winter like this, where it's a struggle to keep anything dry, it's a hard ask to think forward to summer. Just for a few moments, could you take time to think about those days, with temperatures approaching 40 degrees with a keen north wind blowing, with dry forests and parched grass? In particular think about the risk of wildfire and the role of your local CFAs in protecting the local communities.

The Strathbogie Tableland is an area of the state vulnerable to wildfire. The community depends almost entirely on local volunteers to be the first response to any fire emergency.

But more than this, the community is the fire brigade, we are a collection of the most ordinary of peoples that a district could throw together, perhaps our innate ordinariness sets us apart.

We are husbands and wives, and fathers and sons and daughters, friends and neighbours and perhaps old enemies who would dare stand together to fight fire. From the experienced elders amongst us, to the younger and newer members who they lead, all who are called to serve, proudly, do so.

Then there is the community that holds us while we head off into the smoke, who stand by our homes and care for our children and feed our animals. And strangers who came from afar and work with us, for this, pride and gratitude rise in me.

Sometimes I think we would be less of a community without fire. We would have no common foe to call us from our comforts. We might drift off a little more into our obliviousness of each other. We might not have a chance to stand together side by side; to become more humbled. To be deepened and dignified as the fire asks of us, a people brought together then, friendship and community literally forged by the fire.

There are three brigades on the table land, Kelvin View, Marraweeny and Strathbogie. Between us we have five firefighting vehicles.

The bottom line, though, is that the basic workforce in fighting bushfires is still the local volunteers with their tankers, doing the gritty work on the ground to contain fires and minimise their damage. There are over 60,000 CFA volunteers in Victoria of all ages and from all walks of life.

#### Who can join the CFA?

Any landholder or resident is eligible to join one of the Tableland Rural Fire Brigades after undertaking CFA minimum skills training. This is a prerequisite to becoming part of the active firefighting force. Active members are asked to make a commitment both to training and to turning out to a fire when needed. *Continues page 3 .....* 



### <u>What's On</u>

**July 6 and July 13** Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group Tree Planting. See page 16.

Public meetings with Council Planners. See page14 for locations and dates.

**Saturday July 17** Community Meeting regarding the future of STAG see page 5.

**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.

**Every Wednesday** - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group -St Andrews Church Ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

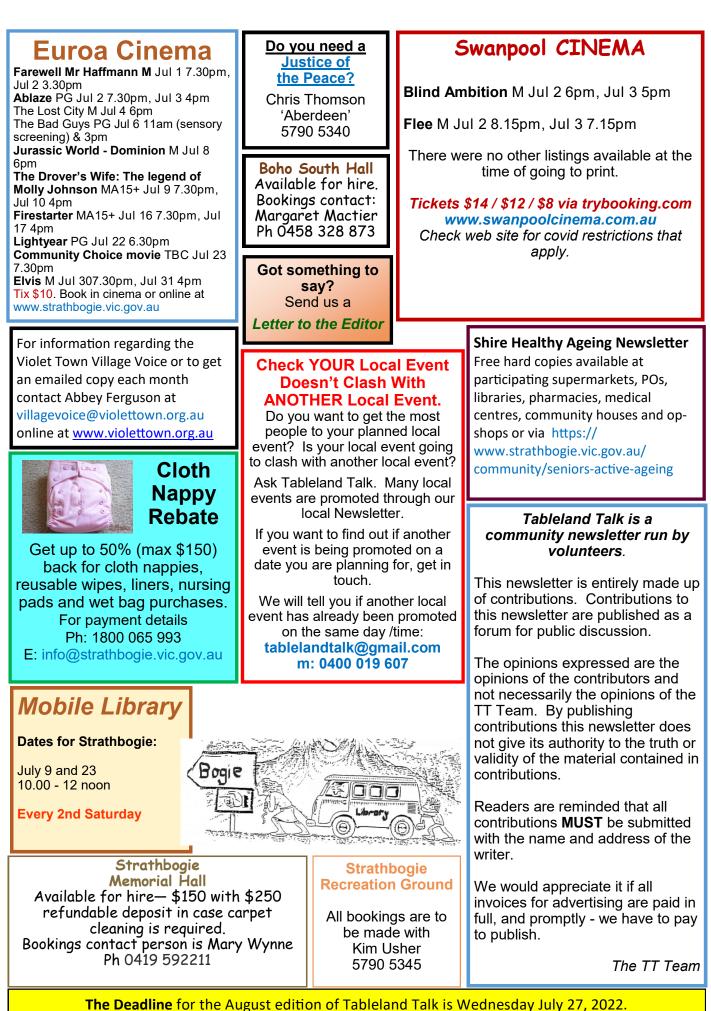
**Every Second and Fourth Sunday** Church service at St Andrews Church -Strathbogie 11.00am

**Every 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 Thursday** - 5pm. Tennis at the Recreation Reserve. All welcome. Secretary Mayra Walsh

**Every Sunday & Wednesday** -1pm Strathbogie Croquet - Fernhills, Hills Rd. Dennis Taylor on 0429 190 807.



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- Replying by email: please use Reply (and not Reply All) to respond just to the original message poster (unless it's vitally important that your reply goes to the whole group). Type your response and click "SEND".
- Replying via the web interface (in Google Groups): Click on "POST REPLY" button, add your text at to the top of the discussion in the big box below and click "POST".

#### Posting a new topic:

Via email: Send an email to <u>bogie-tree@googlegroups.com</u>. (The email address should auto populate the address bar if you have previously sent an email)

Via web interface: Click on "NEW TOPIC" button, fill in a "Subject" header, add your text in the big empty box below and click "POST".

#### Too many emails?

If you are feeling inundated by the volume of emails, change your profile settings (within Google Groups) to receive 'daily digest' only. This way you will receive only ONE email from the group per day. Alternatively, you can select 'abridged' and receive a summary of every 25 messages. You might however miss out on great bargains, important road alerts and important local information.

If still unsure, there is a good overview of how this all works here: <u>http://support.google.com/groups/</u> <u>#topic=245944</u> or email the Bogie Tree team directly (presently at <u>stuartb446@gmail.com</u> Stuart B & the Bogie Tree Team



## **Telecommunications on the Tableland.**

There were no new community contributions received in response to the Tableland Talk and Bogie Tree call out for stories about experiences of telecommunication concerns or successes here on the plateau.

This may mean everything has been fixed - not sure. What it does mean though is that there is nothing new to present to our telecommunications providers or decision makers. If anyone does have particular issues or would like to share the way they have made things work well, I am sure there are still people who would like to hear about them. It is never to late to share. e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com Sean (Ed.)

#### Continues from page 1 ...

Our memberships span a good age range and include both women and men volunteers, any one over 16 can become a full member.

Besides being a basic requirement to join the local brigade, the firefighter training will also give you a much clearer understanding of wildfire and personal safety. A comprehensive training in what to expect on a fire day.

There has been a huge shift in the population of the tableland over the past few years, the membership of the local brigades is down, and the majority of the work falls to a diminishing group. We ask that you consider volunteering for your local CFA brigade and join alongside us to protect your community. If you are called to volunteer and we hope you are, you will only be asked to take on what you can handle. All volunteers are welcome and should contact the appropriate local captain or other officer in their district (see below). Or drop into the Strathbogie fire shed next to the store on a Sunday morning at 9am for a chat.

Marraweeny...Captain...Rob Hopkins......0417 147 725 Kelvin View....Captain Anthony Delahay......0458 767 583 Strathbogie....Captain...Dave Hamilton......0427 051 446

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#### STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND HISTORY GROUP

PROTECTING, PRESERVING, PROMOTING

The Strathbogie Heritage Day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October being organised by the Strathbogie Tableland History Group will include the unveiling or 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 1.30pm at Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Irene Jones & Lisa Duggan

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## **COMMUNITY MEETING - Sunday 17th July**

## An open invitation to all members of the Tableland community

## to have input to our future.

As many may be aware Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG) Inc has been in recess during Covid. However, it is now time for it to reconvene.

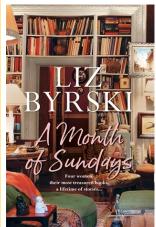
STAG was established in 2005 to co-ordinate planning with the community and to act as a liaison between Council and the community. Further information about STAG is available on the community website <u>www.strathbogie.org</u>

If you would like to be involved in planning our future, learn more about STAG, or just come along and hear what others have to say – join us for morning tea.

New families and landowners are encouraged to attend and have a say in the future of your new community.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am at the Recreation Ground Pavilion

## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub



A Month of Sundays by Liz Byrski, Pan Macmillan, 2018

Four women come together to spend a month in the Blue Mountains. They have already met, but only through their online bookclub. Now they are to live in the same house for four weeks. Each Sunday one of them will share a book that she has chosen which displays something of her inner life.

It's a neat concept and each woman's story gradually unfolds over the course of the time they spend together – their fears, their motivations, their idiosyncrasies.

Ros, Adele, Simone and Judy are four very different, mature-aged women, with different histories and different, sometimes conflicting predilections. However, all is resolved beautifully as their sojourn comes to an end, heralding a new chapter in each of their lives, and ongoing friendships that promise to be mutually enriching. What's not to like, you may ask?

The hand of the author – the 'authorial presence' – is, in this instance, a commanding one, a hand that has manufactured nine previous novels, a hand

that has maybe overplayed itself here. It depends what you want. This book is not a challenge...it's more a book for when you don't need a challenge. Byrski has done it all for you, and unless you're content to drift and maybe snooze occasionally with this book, you may be irritated by the predictability and by Byrski's overly apparent whiteboard drafting. The characterization is definitely well wrought – after all, Byrski's fiction and non-fiction output has been prolific for almost forty years – but by the end of this 352-page journey, we Bohomians were not convinced of the life-changing metamorphoses these women achieved in the space of four weeks in a lovely house in the lovely Blue Mountains. Somehow, to us at least, life is usually a bit more complicated than the way Liz Byrski has painted it.

#### Author Information

Liz Byrski is the author of ten novels and a number of non-fiction books. Her work has been published in the UK, France and Germany. She has worked as a journalist and a broadcaster with ABC Radio and has been an advisor to a minister in the Western Australian Government. Liz is an Associate Professor in the School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry at Curtin University, where she is also the Senior Fellow in the China Australia Writing Centre.



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## A Great Result for the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

We as a committee of management are very excited to share this announcement with our community.

We and the Strathbogie Shire Council have been working closely together for over two years now. At the last council meeting the next years budget was passed.

Approval has been granted for 2022/2023 financial year for the following:

\$95,000 for a much needed roof replacement

\$35,000 for a kitchen upgrade.

\$10,000 for toilet scoping

\$4,000 for bike rakes and seats at the front of the hall

These upgrades will allow a more comprehensive community utilization, while maintaining the great community asset that the Hall is.

Another achievement this year has been the installation of a poly rainwater tank and concrete pad at the rear of the hall. This tank provides potable water to the hall and to a new water drinking station at the front gate of the hall. This has been a collaboration of Strathbogie Shire Council and Goulburn Murray Water.

Goulburn Murray Water will maintain the tank level and will also regularly test the water quality.

We are constantly researching for community grants we can apply for.

The Strathbogie Shire Council recently obtained a grant to conduct an Energy Audit. This audit highlighted that there are many issues that require attention to bring the building up to energy efficiency. We are aware that we will need to apply for a substantial grant to enable us to install solar panels on the new roof.

Our vibrant committee is extremely excited with this result and eager to follow on with more 'value adding projects'.

As a committee we would always welcome more members to share with us as we continue to work with the council to enhance and upgrade our great community building.

Marg Koenig and Mary Wynne.

## Strathbogie Hall in the snow circa 1960s

Image courtesy of Fiona Townsend.



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## **St Andrews Church Centenary Celebrations**



The centenary of St Andrews Uniting Church in Strathbogie was celebrated on Sunday, February 13, 2022 under the magnificent canopy of large liquid amber and elm trees which are almost as old as the church. Congregation members from three generations returned to Strathbogie to join in the celebration and catch up. After the service, a traditional "Bogie" morning tea was enjoyed by all as many friendships were rekindled and stories shared.

The Presbyterian Church was opened on February 5, 1922 by Rev. James Raff, who travelled from Whittlesea to perform this duty – quite an undertaking in those days! And the Strathbogie

congregation was very honoured to have in attendance at the Centenary Celebration, greatgranddaughter of Rev Raff, Ellen Berryman who was a guest speaker and gave a wonderful insight into the life of her great-grandfather, as well as another great-granddaughter, Neroli and her son Dominic.

Rev. Raff emigrated from Scotland at age 19 and in early days ran a partnership painting business, Jenkins & Raff in Jamestown, SA. He later moved to a journalism position in Prahran, becoming an elder of the church there and was encouraged to devote his life to the ministry. He was accepted as a Home Mission agent in 1902 and his first 3 year appointment was to Gooram, hence his connection to the local area.



In 1884, a weatherboard church was built in Strathbogie for the Presbyterian congregation but sadly



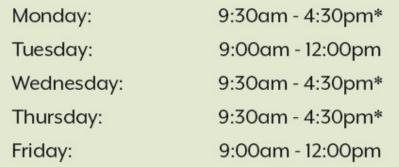
*Rev James and Charlotte Raff photo taken on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary 17/2/1930* 

burnt down in 1919 when Crooms Bakery and house next door caught fire. Following the fire, the Wesleyan/ Methodist church further up the street shared their building with the Presbyterians for the sum of one shilling/ year!

Three years later, the current building was erected, with the contractor Mr. J Hamilton being paid A500 pounds. The beautiful pulpit, still in the church today, was built by local Adam Wakenshaw.

The current Strathbogie St Andrews Uniting Church was formed in 1977 with the merger of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. When the church lost the services of a minister, local members banded together to keep the church alive. The church still has regular services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11am, with retired Baptist Pastor Bob conducting one service and members taking the second monthly service.

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## Beautiful Bogie Trees July 2022 – Cherry Ballart/Wild Cherry

The cherry ballart or native cherry (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) gets its common names because of its beautiful bright red fruit. At this time of year small green fruit are just starting to appear, but in a month or two these will ripen. These sweet, slightly astringent fruits are edible, not just for the native birds and mammals, but also for us, and were used as a food by First Nations People. The scientific term, *cupressiformis*, in its name alludes to its cypress-like foliage. This beautiful tree, with its dense, fine, feathery dark foliage is a smallish midstory species, growing to a maximum of about 8m, and is not uncommon in the wooded roadsides and open forests in the Strathbogie Ranges. The *Exocarpus* (there are a number of species in the Genus) are parasitic or a semi-parasitic, growing on the roots of a host tree. This makes them very difficult to propagate, as they need to be grown with a seedling host, and even using this approach you are not guaranteed to have success. I and others, have also tried feeding them through a bird (gut) to encourage the seeds to germinate, but had no luck! Their parasitic habit enables them to survive on dry shallow soils, but they also grow well in rich soils.



I know that many of you must be seeing some wonderful native trees around the Strathbogies, so why not contribute a photo of your favourites for Tableland Talk? Please send photos, and indicate the locality, plus a short paragraph if you wish, (or contact me and I would be happy to write something for you).

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

Cheers, Kath Handasyde

## Jady Roberts, Culinary Nutrition Specialist and Author.

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## **Bandicoots on the Tableland**

The Long-nosed Bandicoot once occurred across the higher rainfall areas of our ranges, but along with its native habitat, has disappeared from most of the region. Small numbers still occur in some riparian and wetland areas and larger patches of forest where there is dense ground-layer vegetation. Dense patches of Bracken-fern and swards of tussock grasses, sedges and rushes provide ideal cover for bandicoots, as do dense infestations of blackberry.



About 74% of the native vegetation in the Strathbogie Ranges - forest, woodland and wetland - has been cleared in the last 150 years. Wetland and riparian vegetation, critical bandicoot habitat, once covered <u>15-20% of the Strathbogie Tableland</u>, but is now much reduced. Most of the bandicoot habitat that has some long-term security occurs in the Strathbogie Forest. The remnant native vegetation outside the Strathbogie Forest is made up of smaller, fragmented patches occurring on either steep, rocky sites, or spring-soaks and swamps, spared because they are unsuitable for agriculture.

If you see a bandicoot and can get a photo, be it on your property or, more likely, a roadkill, please report it. Let a government wildlife

officer know, upload it to iNaturalist or give it to someone that can (I'm happy to help), or inform your Landcare group. Because they are seen so infrequently, all bandicoot records are valuable.

For more information on local bandicoots (maps, photos & information) and a longer version of this article, go to <u>Bandicoots on the brink</u> on the Strathbogie Ranges Nature View blog.

Bertram Lobert, Strathbogie Landcare

misty views and mountain dews

surround our special place

bonding together to help each other

is part of the Bogie grace

Johnno O'Brien

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## Improving rural health outcomes

Strathbogie Shire Council Rural Outreach Worker Brian Hill is encouraging those in need to reach out to link in with local support services. After joining the Council in the role last year, Mr Hill has attended several outreach events, regularly visits the Euroa Cattle Sales as well as popping up in other areas across the Shire. Mr Hill recently attended the First-Time Parent Groups and Outreach Community Forum in Euroa as events ramp up following on from COVID-19.

become Customs House?

Quiz Question of the Month

were erected on the site which was to become

On November 17 1835, which early colonial structures

Melbourne and more specifically, the site which was to

Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks encouraged people to reach out and get in touch to be referred for Mr Hill's services. "We encourage anyone who feels like they may need some support to seek help through our Rural Outreach worker Brian Hill," Cr Binks said.

Cr Binks said Mr Hill could also link people in with new men's health checks, conducted by Primary Care Connect Program. "The health checks are now available in Euroa, by appointment. "The checks only take 90 minutes and you can check a number of health factors including your cholesterol levels, blood pressure, hearing, vision, your skin and much more.

"You can also find out tips on how to improve your health outcomes, learn how to keep you and your family safe and obtain suitable personal protective equipment."

To find out more about the AgriClinic health checks and accessing Council's Rural Outreach Services, get in touch with Council via 1800 065 993 or info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au



## 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 <a href="mailto:stag@strathbogie.org">stag@strathbogie.org</a>

## Council's planners are coming to you!

Strathbogie Shire Council has today launched a new initiative called 'Talk to a Planner'.

The initiative will see Council's planners hitting the road and making themselves available in townships across the municipality to offer advice and information and seek feedback on the current Planning Scheme Review. Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor, Cr Laura Binks, said the Shire was seeing unprecedented growth in planning applications. "In the past 12 months we have seen the number of planning permit applications rise by 16 per cent,"

Cr Binks said. "This equates to more than \$42 million in planning activity across our municipality. With that comes excitement and

concern from our community. We know protecting this special place we call home is important to you." Members of the community can book in a time to speak to the planners who can provide advice and information on

the local planning scheme and state planning policy. We will also be seeking feedback on community planning priorities and how we can improve the Local Planning Policy to better meet the community's needs.

It will also look at how the planning scheme is addressing state and local planning policy objectives. The review will also cover five key themes, these being:

- 1. Neighbourhood character
- 2. Sustainable development
- 3. Connectivity
- 4. Commercial and industrial development
- 5. Vegetation and our environment

To have your say members of the community can visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to learn more and provide their thoughts and advice online or drop in to a 'Talk to a Planner' day in person. If you are keen to seek advice on a specific planning matter, or speak to a planner 1:1 to provide your feedback, you must book in a time by going to https://www.trybooking.com/CALEZ or www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au and following the link.

Council is also available to book in times outside of the dates below – so please don't hesitate to phone us on 1800 065 993 if you would like to do this.

Violet Town Community Centre 6/7/22 10am to 4pm Graytown Community Centre 7/7/22 10am to 4pm Avenel Memorial Hall 13/7/22 10am to 4pm Euroa Community Conference Centre 14/7/22 10am to 4pm Ruffy Tablelands Community Centre 20/7/22 10am to 4pm Strathbogie Memorial Hall 21/7/22 10am to 4pm Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre 27/7/22 10am to 4pm Longwood Community Centre 28/7/22 10am to 4pm

Kristin Favaloro E: Kristin.favaloro@strathbogie.vic.gov.au



I have relocated this very old copy of The Euroa Gazette from 1967 and thought I'd share snippets of what was making news or advertising space 55 years back. The price was 5 cents and it was published every Wednesday and titled "The Representative Farmers' Journal (Incorporating "Euroa Advertiser" and "Violet Town Sentinel".)

#### MAKING NEWS IN THE EUROA GAZETTE ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 1967 Main Headlines:

Strathbogie Switch on Ball (a ball held to celebrate the introduction of electricity on the Tableland.) I have previously written a detailed article about this event for TT so won't replicate this.

- Swimming pool building fund monthly meeting to arrange to have the selected site and other sites fully investigated. There was much discussion on the method of construction, piecemeal or as a whole, how much could be saved by volunteer labour, fundraising, the building fund stands at \$15,131.
- Shire Grants from the Country Roads Board for roads. The Shire of Euroa was allotted \$161,423 and Shire of Violet Town \$106,486.
- \$240 missing \$240 in cash disappeared from a suitcase in the cabin of a semi-trailer which had overturned on the Hume Highway at Balmattum in August. The semi-trailer was travelling south about 4am when it left the road and turned over, finishing facing the way it came from. The accident was near the 98 mile post and the load of a big machine and electrical wiring blocked the highway. The driver suffered a badly injured right leg.

Local residents in Kokoda memorial



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Milk fever, Grass Tetany. Be prepared, buy your calcijec and calcijec plus now from John Lee's Pharmacy, Euroa. Phone Euroa 20 for prompt service.

Supreme of Victoria – 1967 Melbourne Show awards for Cohns softdrinks.

#### There were 2 supermarkets in Euroa – Permewan Wright Ltd. – in Railway Street and Burton Stores Foodland.

- Foodland were selling White Crow tomato sauce 13oz for 15c, Holbrooks Worcester for 22c, Arnott's saltine crackers for 19c, Continental chicken noodle soup 10c, Gravox, 16 oz – 20c, McAlpin's plain flour 2 lb – 12c, Nestles 20c blocks chocolate – 15c, Vim King size odorless bleach – 28c, Ardmona pears 29 oz – 25c, Golden Circle pine pieces – 29 oz – 29c
- **Permewans** were selling twin packs of velvet soap for 16c, Omo washing powder for 45c, Monbulk apricot jam in 24oz tin for 24c, Ardmona peaches 29oz for 24c, Jersey Maid ice-cream 1/2 gallon for 47c, Tudor feather soft toilet rolls for 12c, Rosella variety soups for 13c, Puffin cake mixes for 18c, Modess regular for 20c
- State Savings Bank deposit stock an attractive proposition. Nowhere else in Victoria can you obtain such a high rate of interest (4 1/4%) on money that is: continues page 17 .....

## Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group News

During the month of June Landcare numbers more than tripled after STLG sent a call-to-action via the Bogie Tree. We went from 7 members up to 24 in a matter of days. It is heartening to see how much energy and faith the local landholders and community have in getting together to experiment, learn and implement. Now it's up to STLG to make that happen!

We would like to make welcome our brand new Landcarers to STLG: Leyal Aksu, Roz Willis, Judith Durston, Laura Vandevoorde, Dana Coleman, and Greg Roberts. We hope to see you at a field or planting day soon.

#### COMING UP:

#### Tree Planting across the Tableland

In recent years the good folk of Strathbogie have come together to run 'Pizza for Trees'. No doubt you have enjoyed their hand-made delicious pizzas up at the fabulous Strathbogie Rec Reserve over the heady months of summer, and all that enjoyment has paid for....trees! This proves that pizza chefs are actually undercover ecologists.

Now that the summer sun has given way to winter, Landcare will be helping with getting the trees the Pizzaecologists ordered into the ground and you can too.

#### Wednesday 6 July

Kate and Sim's Property

"We want to create an ark, that will carry plants and bees and birds and beetles in 200 year's time. In the hope the bits of the future could look like 200 years ago before we slashed and burnt our planet."

#### Wednesday 13 July

David and Helen Kennett's Farm

David and Helen have specifically ordered and will be planting Koala habitat.

If you are interested in coming along, meeting some like-minded land-stewards, enjoying some fresh air with a free lunch and cups of tea, **call Dana on 0455 146839 for the time and meeting place**.

Be sure to bring a spade, a hammer or a hoe (or all three!) if you have them.

More trees will be going in at other great properties across the Tablelands, so stay tuned via Tableland Talk or the Bogie Tree. Your friendly Strathbogie Tablelands Landcare Group will be happy to take memberships on the day if you aren't yet a member.

#### MEMBERS:

Members can contact the Secretary to Book n' Borrow or arrange:

- 1. Free use of Indian Myna Bird traps
- 2. Free use of our Super spreader

Subsidies and support to tackle your weeds and pests If you would like to support your local Strathbogie Tablelands Landcare and join in on all the fun its only \$10 for the year, paid direct to the STLG account. Be sure to note your name, and email us at stlandcare@gmail.com - and let us know your priorities for joining.

#### Strathbogie Landcare BSB 803078

Account No. 10008 1991

Regards,

Carole Hammond Secretary STLG 0466 961112 E <u>stlandcare@gmail.com</u>



#### **Quiz answer**

The first Pub and first house built by a colonist. John Fawkner built his house and "Fawkner Inn" on the same site, but they only lasted four years before work began on Customs House. His next Pub was where the AMP building now stands.

## Be prepared and stay safe in the snow

Visitors to the Alpine and Mount Buffalo National Parks are encouraged to be prepared and stay safe during the winter season following early and ongoing snow fall and heavy rain across popular 4WD tracks and visitor locations.

Whether snow playing, camping, hiking, driving or backcountry skiing, it is important to understand the risks associated with the Alpine environment in winter.

Heavy snow fall and strong winds can also lead to unexpected tree fall, as well as dangerous wet and slippery conditions for vehicles looking to access remote areas of the Victorian High Country.

Dramatic weather changes are common and should not be underestimated when planning a winter trip. Visitors must be well prepared for sudden changes in conditions and remain alert to hazards including unstable snow, rising river levels, steep icy slopes, avalanches and extreme weather.

Visitors to the Alpine National Park, especially those visiting the higher elevation areas of Mount Bogong and Mount Feathertop, are likely to encounter a range of hazards each winter including unstable and deep snow; steep icy slopes; cornice formation; avalanches; and extreme weather.

Visitors need to be prepared and experienced to manage these hazards. Parks Victoria recommends these basic preparations to stay safe this winter:

- Check park conditions: Visit the specific park page at <u>www.parks.vic.gov.au</u> or call 13 1963.
- **Prepare for the weather:** Check <u>www.bom.gov.au</u> or download the BoM app for forecasts, conditions in the Alpine areas can change rapidly
- **Obey signage:** Whether on the roads or in the parks, signs are there to keep you safe.
- Carry snow chains and check road conditions: Visit <u>www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au</u>.
- **Stay in touch:** Let friends or family know your plans. Avoid traveling alone and remember that phone reception may be limited.
- **Pack the right gear:** Protective clothing, appropriate footwear, plenty of water, extra food, wilderness first aid kit, map, compass and GPS.
- Check backcountry conditions: the <u>Mountain Safety Collective (MSC)</u> website is a reliable source of information and reporting of backcountry conditions.
- **Stay informed:** Visit the <u>SnowSafe</u> website to get comprehensive information on how to stay safe when visiting the snow, including Backcountry safety.
- Huts in the Alpine area: Huts are for emergency shelter/refuge only. A comprehensive list is available via the <u>Victorian High Country Huts Association</u> website.
- In an emergency: Call Triple Zero (000). Be aware you may travel out of phone range.
- Note seasonal road closures: Most take effect from Wednesday the 16th June 2022, after the Queen's Birthday weekend. Check <a href="http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures">www.ffm.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures</a>

Dragana Mrkaja, Parks Vic

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Spring display at **Burton's Showroom.** New Spring range in crimplene frocks, suits and ensembles.

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#### R.G. & L.M. Rowarth

#### Strathbogie. Phone 23 day or night.

#### The Shire of Euroa were advertising for a Junior Library Assistant.

Young ladies aged 15 to 18 years are invited to apply for the position of Assistant at the Municipal Library, A knowledge of typing is necessary and to have a pleasing personality. Details of duties may be obtained from the Librarian.

Superannuation is available after 12 months service.

Applications are to be addressed to the Shire Secretary and give details of age and education. One reference is to be enclosed.

Closing date for the position is September 13<sup>th</sup>

Contributed by Dayle Tame.





## Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Strathbogie students were joined by their friends from the other campuses for the sleepover held at the Strathbogie Campus. The night went swimmingly and the students made some delicious pasta for dinner and enjoyed a little spotlight nature walk, followed by a movie: James and the Giant Peach, with spiders and popcorn for all!

The Senior students also enjoyed their three day camp to Camp Manyung at Mt Eliza. They came back from camp a bit weary, yet happy and full of wonderful stories and comments.

*Anika says:* I enjoyed all the activities. Mainly the crate climbing though. We were in a harness and three people were stacking crates one by one and you have climb on top of the crates. It was sort of like rock climbing, but with crates instead of rocks.

Carissa says: It was like having a giant sleepover with all of your friends. It was so fun!

Jasper says: The flying fox was so good, it was really high and really fast!

The students have worked on explanatory writing and wrote a great report about the lifecycle of a frog. We also discussed National Sorry Day and students coloured in some beautiful Australian animal pictures and wrote a short explanation about Sorry Day and what it symbolises.

In Maths the students worked on manipulation of numbers and working with halves and fractions. The Senior students had lots fun making pizza fractions!

In Inquiry we built on our knowledge of community helpers and went through protocols for fire safety, including; stop, drop and roll.

The Seniors have also written their speeches as a part of theBenalla Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition. They are all very excited about the opportunity to share their speeches. They will deliver their speeches to the Lions Club judges at the Violet Town Campus, hoping to be selected to represent Peranbin at the competition in Benalla against other local schools.

In Art this semester we have been working on our drawing skills and experimentation with charcoal, ink, water colour and acrylic paint. Drawing the Koala tree and mixing different shades of green for abstract trees. As usual the Bogie students are amazing with their enthusiasm and creativity. Currently we are making lanterns out of sticks and paper which we will take to the Winter Solstice celebration on Friday the 24th of June at the Euroa Arboretum which we are all invited to.





Maggie and Carissa making lanterns