

Notification

STAG AGMs and Community Discussion.

Sunday 7th August at 11.00am at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Our community Action Group (STAG) has been in recess during Covid. However, it is now time to reconvene and we are seeking your input to the way forward.

It is important that we continue to have a community group that can:

- Liaise with Council at a range of levels and promote our interests
- Provide support for local interest groups
- Access funding for community projects
- Address issues of concern and lobby where appropriate
- Provide support to Tableland Talk, bogie-tree and the community website, strathbogie.org
- Work with other Action Groups across the Shire to address broader issues

STAG will hold a brief AGM (for both the 2020 -2021 and 2021-2022 financial years) at 11am after which everyone is invited to join in a general discussion over coffee and a sausage.

We are seeking to give STAG a fresh approach with some new members and new ideas so consider being part of this important community group.

Stuart Bridgman

Correction

The photo of Strathbogie Memorial Hall in the snow reproduced in last month's issue was mistakenly attributed to Fiona Townsend. The photo was in fact supplied by the Strathbogie Tableland History Group via their facebook page.

August, 2022

What's On

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Sunday Aug 7 Awe and Wonder in Nature - Art Workshop. See p12

Wednesday Aug 10 closing date for Strathbogie Shire Public Art Policy submissions. See p5

Sunday Aug 14 SCOFF Gathering & Brainstorming. See p7

Aug 26 closing date for joining Main St Streetscaping Working Group, p3

Sunday Oct 30 Strathbogie Tableland History Group Heritage Day Plaques Unveiling. See p4

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

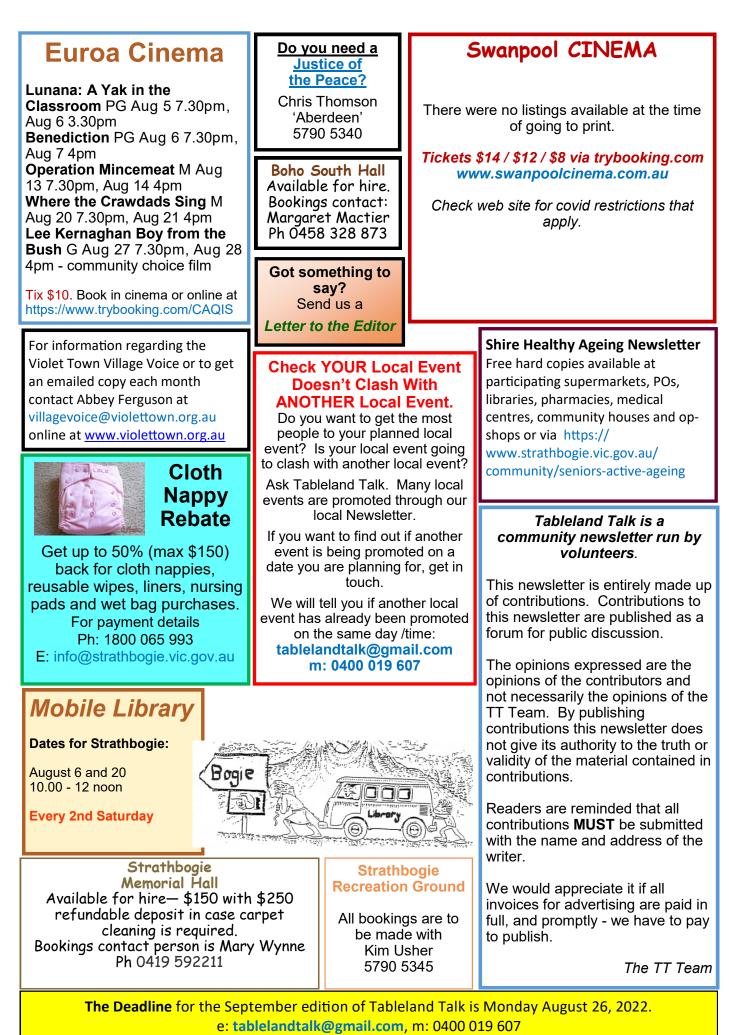
Every Second and Fourth Sunday Church service at St Andrews Church -Strathbogie 11.00am

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.



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

Landcare/Pizza for Trees planting update -Spring Creek Picnic Ground & more

On July the 15th, Landcare and the Pizza for Trees team planted native trees, and ground cover plants, at the Spring Creek Picnic area. In the morning, the students from Peranbin Primary, Strathbogie, came along to help plant the snow gums (see page 11 of TT) and in the afternoon some of the Landcare team and the

community (Bert, Kath, Stuart B., Dana C., Sim, Sean, Helen & David and Laura) finished planting out the remaining 120 plants, including ground cover and small natives on the bank just above the shelter, and trees across the remainder of the site.

Our plants were grown at the Euroa Arboretum. Thanks to Bruce Rowley and Gavin Williams, Strathbogie Shire, for your assistance, especially for organising the removal of the exotic trees from the area where we have planted the snow gums. The Shire of Strathbogie is also paying for all of the trees and guards for this site.

On a broader note, our winter planting program is progressing well. We have already planted several hundred trees and other native plants at Sim and Kate's, Helen and David Kennett's, and Jeff and Judy Sheather's properties, as well as the picnic ground. We are often looking for some assistance, so when you see an email calling for volunteers, please come along and help plant if you can – it's always a lot of fun.

Kath Handasyde



The Strathbogie Shire is looking for enthusiastic people who are involved in lots of community groups to provide their ideas on how the main street should look.

Sign up to have your ideas considered for how you think Strathbogie's main street will look under the Streetscape renewal project.

We are looking for people who have lots of contacts within this community from all ages.

Just go to our online engagement portal -

Share Strathbogie <u>www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u> and register your Expression of Interest to become a member of the Strathbogie Streetscape renewal working group.

Closing date August 26, 2022.

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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 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 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. 1.30pm at Strathbogie Memorial Hall

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• Primary health requirements an husbandry practices for different species

How to handle livestock safely – simple handling practices and the traceability requirements for livestock in Victoria

This last point is particularly important given the current concerns in relation to Foot and Mouth disease.

The focus is on sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas and pigs. Details are available on the RSPCA website.

For those purchasing larger properties there are a number of more extensive courses such as Best Wool, Best Lamb and Beef

Also, Helen Haines visited Strathbogie last Wednesday (20th) and met with a number of residents in the store. Issues discussed with her included Foot and Mouth disease, services available from My Care, ongoing issues in relation internet access on the Tableland and the introduction of her Australian Integrity Bill.

Residents also met with members from the Shire's Planning Department on Thursday 21st to discuss a range of issues and have input to the review of Council's Rural Residential Plan.

Helen Peters

Council seeking submissions on Draft Public Art Policy

Strathbogie Shire Council is seeking public comment on its Draft Public Art Policy, adopted during its Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday June 21, 2022. The draft policy provides a clear and transparent process for assessing and making decisions about the design, placement, and preservation of art in public spaces in the Strathbogie Shire.

The policy comes after a groundswell of interest from the community to establish public art to the Shire's open spaces. Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said Council was hearing the community's desire for more public art loud and clear. "We are eager to get your incredible projects off the ground, but to do so, Council must first adopt a Public Art Policy," Cr Binks said. "We know how important public art is – creating a unique way to enhance people's experiences of, and encouraging greater interaction with, public spaces. "Public art can express community values, enhance our environment, transform a landscape, heighten our awareness, or question our assumptions. Placed in public sites, this art is there for everyone, a form of collective community expression.

"We know there is lots of energy for public artworks, however as public spaces are important community resources, public art should be carefully considered to ensure a positive impact is achieved. That's why our Public Art Policy will guide Council and Councillors in future decision-making when it comes to implementing public art."

The draft policy aims to enhance new and existing public spaces, grow a public art collection that demonstrates strong contemporary art practices, ensure art reflects stories, themes, and issues relevant to our community; and provides opportunities for place-making and community engagement. A copy of the Draft Public Art Policy and the opportunity to have your say can be found at www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Submissions close at 9am on Wednesday August 10, 2022.

Tara Whitsed

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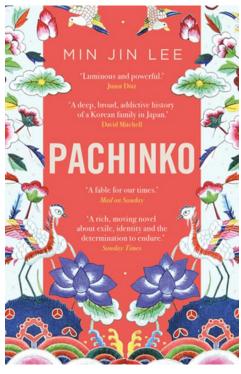
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee, 2017



As the second novel by author and journalist, Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko* is an historical fiction novel following a Korean family, through eight decades and four generations, who immigrate to Japan.

We follow their collective and individual rises and falls, triumphs and failures, from 1910 - 1930 in Korea under Japanese occupation, and then in Japan from 1930 – 1989.

Min Jin Lee's extensive research is evident in her evocative descriptions of daily life, the physical environment and the historical setting. She successfully weaves the stories of the individuals of the Baek/Bando family within the larger Korean immigrant experience in Japan, depicting their social and political exclusion and unrelenting discrimination.

Richly told and profoundly moving, *Pachinko* is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlours of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters — strong, irrepressible women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis — survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.

The characters are memorable, well-drawn, and their circumstances and hurdles extremely compelling, from family shame of out of wedlock pregnancy, to hunger and pride and war-time privations.

The title *Pachinko* refers to a popular arcade game in Japan, similar to pinball machines. It has been suggested that this is a metaphor for the experience of Koreans in Japan. There was always the hope that they would have good luck but, as with the pachinko machines, someone was always making little adjustments to make sure that they never won.

Next Month: A Room Made of Leaves, Kate Grenville, 2020, Text Publishing

Mary Mathews

Strathbogie Club of Food Finders

Scoff Gathering and Brainstorming Session - Sunday 14th August 2-4pm at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

Scoff builds community and cares about the environment. Let's find food that is grown as locally and wholesomely as possible. As a group, we meet to skillshare through workshops, sporadically and usually in Strathbogie. The Who Gives A Crap community bulk toilet paper orders are coordinated by Scoff members.

There have been conversations of increasing our skill sharing sessions, seed saving, preserving etc. Reviving Scoff Movie nights has been mentioned. Scoff bought an apple press with a view to community pressings. There's a few of us that miss our Scoff gatherings where we'd trade produce, yarns and laughs together. Coming together in community is so vital to our sense of wellbeing and belonging, and we're keen to revitalise our opportunities to get together.

So in an effort to revitalise Scoff it would be excellent to gather together in person for an afternoon brainstorm to nut out where to now for Scoff.

Please put Sunday 14th August, 2-4pm, in your diaries and come oozing with ideas, energy and dreams for what Scoff can do, be, and become.

Laura Binksm. 0438 509 833 e. laurajpbinks@gmail.com

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Beautiful Bogie Trees August 2022 – Helen & David's Narrow-leaved Peppermint



This marvellous Narrow-leaved Peppermint (Eucalyptus radiata) is on Helen and David Kennett's property in Carpenters Lane, Strathbogie. They call it the bonsai tree because it looks as if it has been pruned into this lovely shape. At 1 m above ground level, its massive trunk has a girth of 8.2m, indicating that it is extremely old. Paddock trees such as this are very valuable for providing shelter for stock -Helen and David's sheep and alpacas use it for shade in summer. The huge wombat burrow entrance at its base, in the lower photo, shows that such trees can simultaneously be important for wildlife. Wombats often locate their burrow entrances under a solid structure, such as these large tree roots, which provide stability for their front door. Paddock trees are also used by many species as a place for young animals to rest during the dispersal stage of their lives. Satellite trackers fitted on Bobucks (Mountain Brushtail Possums) showed us that they would run across paddocks at higher speeds than their normal movement in forest to reach such shelter trees, where they would rest before moving on to more extensive forest the next night. Only very old trees have hollows large enough for these animals. Retention of such trees in the landscape is so

important, not just because of their beauty, but also because of their importance to animals.



Photos: Helen & David Kennett

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> or send an article directly to the Tableland Talk team at: <u>tablelandtalk@gmail.com</u> Cheers, Kath Handasyde

Quiz question of the month.

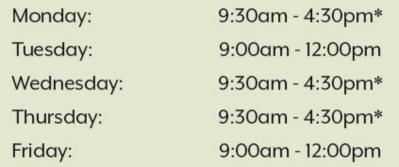
In May 1934 Australia's first comic book came off the printing press in Melbourne, Victoria. What was it called?



Answer page 11

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

In the morning, on July the 15th, our Strathbogie students had a lovely walk up to the Spring Creek Picnic ground to assist Landcare with planting some native trees. We were so lucky to have dry weather, even though it was a tad chilly. The students helped plant seven little snow gums, which amazingly, occur naturally in a few places on our beautiful Tablelands. The idea was to add a few more trees at this site, because there are several very, very old craggy snow gums in the paddock opposite, and a few younger trees (that have established from these) in the roadside area.

With assistance from several of the Landcare team – Kath Handasyde, Bert Lobert and Stuart Bridgman, plus Suzie and Roxy – we dug holes for each tree, popped the little trees out of their tube pots, tickled out their roots from their somewhat cramped position, and planted them. We then put weed mat down to reduce competition from weeds, and fitted each with a wallaby guard - those black wallabies do like to snack on young eucalypts! We then watered them in to give them a good start. Some of the students also spent some time drawing the tree planting – perched on top of the big rocks beside the little footpath going up the slope beside the picnic ground towards the estate.

The students decided that it would be nice to give each of these very special trees a name, and being snow gums, quite a few of them had a strong theme! After some considerable discussion, our little trees were named: Snowdrop, Snowflake, Snowstorm, Snowphie (Sophie helped plant this one), Daemo, Jeff and Steve! We put some pink flagging tape with their name on it onto each tree guard – how much fun is that? Some of the students said they would drop in to see how their trees were going, and maybe even help give them some water over the summer.

On the way back to school, the students spent some time looking into Spring Creek from the footbridge – how lucky are we all to live in such a lovely place.

Our trees were grown at the Euroa Arboretum. We would like to thank the Strathbogie Shire Council for paying for the picnic ground trees (an extended Landcare team continued in the afternoon, planting a further 120 trees and other native plants).



Quiz answer

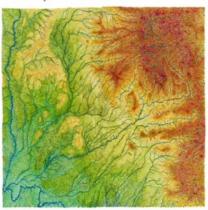
Fatty Finn's Weekly by Syd Nicholls. The title was previously published as a comic strip in Sydney's Evening News newspaper.



Awe and Wonder in Nature_Art workshops

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network offers this workshop by Sim Ayres as part of their series of art workshops that aim to bring new insights into the natural world. The Awe and Wonder project is funded by a Landcare grant.

PATTERNS, PATHWAYS & MAPPING THE OTHERWORLD with Sim Ayres



Sunday 7th August 10am-3pm Mount Wombat Numbers limited Cost \$28 Materials supplied & includes afternoon tea BYO Lunch Bookings on Eventbrite https://www.event brite.com.au/e/386 181763067

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A hands-on workshop and conversation on pattern recognition and map making. On what maps tell us about the world, and what they could represent if we stretched our imagination a little. Mapping from the perspective of a wombat, or an ant, from the movement of lichen and moss over rocks, and the slow time of erosion. Sim has been captivated by the country of the Strathbogie ranges since moving here 25 years ago. He has been making maps since he first learned to read them.

Further information email admin@strathbogieranges.org



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 (i.e., 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

Jady Roberts, Culinary Nutrition Specialist and Author.

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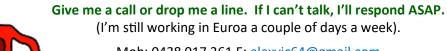




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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

On the last Thursday of term we had an excursion to SAM- Shepparton Art Museum, and walked through the Art in Conflict collection, and a collection of aboriginal artworks to coincide with NAIDOC Week. As NAIDOC Week falls during the holidays, we will be continuing with this in Term 3.

We welcomed everyone back for the new term. The students wrote a fantastic narrative about how fruit bats evolved on the new smart boards with Ms Johnson. This tied in nicely with our NAIDOC week activities. We also had a fantastic session tree planting down by the creek and also looked at bush tucker foods and the creation of our own bush tucker garden at school.

In Maths we discussed the months of the year and which months fit in with each of the seasons. We also compared this to Indigenous seasons.

In PE we have started our athletics training which will run for the whole term. In Health this term we are working on our problem solving skills and the students had fun playing the knots game and trying to untangle themselves without speaking.

In Inquiry we are learning about different modes of transport, but we had a special guest speaker to finish off our unit from last term on community helpers. Helen Haines visited our school and taught the students all about her role as our elected member.

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Helen Haines with Miss Holleran and students.

Enquires are always most welcome for school tours and enrolments. Please contact our Principal, Angela Holleran on 0437 226 693 or 57981 431. We are having Strathbogie Transition Days, all prospective students are invited, and also playgroup style sessions for families of toddlers and preschool children. We will have a range of play based activities in the classroom and playground. Please contact the Strathbogie Campus on 5790 5250 or 0419 154 505. We look forward to hearing from you.