Emergency Flood Payments, Primary Producer Flood Relief Program & Small Business Flood Relief Program

Emergency financial assistance is now available to assist Strathbogie Shire residents whose properties and businesses have been impacted by the current flood emergency. These include:

Victorian Floods October 2022 Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) is a short-term payment to help if the Victorian Floods of October 2022 directly affects your income. The allowance is available to assist employees and sole traders who experience a loss of income and is payable for a maximum of 13 weeks. If you are eligible, you'll get the maximum equivalent rate of Job Seeker Payment or Youth Allowance, depending on your personal circumstances.

Full program details are available at <u>Victorian Flood Recovery</u> Payment or contact Services Australia on 132 307.

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) A one-off non-means tested disaster recovery payment of \$1,000 for eligible adults and \$400 for children. Available to those who have suffered a significant loss as a result of the floods, including a severely damaged or destroyed home or a serious injury. Information about the payments is available at <u>Disaster Recovery</u>

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)-Emergency Relief Assistance.

Payment or contact Services Australia on 132 307.

A one-off payment is provided to help meet immediate needs, including emergency food, shelter, clothing, medication, and accommodation.

Funding details and the online application form are available here Emergency Payment Form

Primary Producer Flood Relief Program- The Victorian Government Primary Producer Flood Relief Program will deliver a one-off \$10,000 payment to primary producers directly affected by the floods to help them clean up, re-establish their properties, and get their businesses up and running again. The grant covers activities like:

- Removal and disposal of debris and injured or dead livestock
- Replacing and repairing essential equipment
- Fixing and replacing fencing and buying fodder
- Water and water storage
- Salvaging damaged crops
- Grain or feed

What's On

Nov 1 Strathbogie Shire Community Grants round closes. See page 9

Nov 5 & 6 Yea and District Open Gardens. See page 5

To Nov 11 Koala research volunteers wanted. See page 8

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

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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
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Euroa Cinema

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Letter to the Editor

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Good luck to you Leo Grande M Nov 4 11am, Nov 5 6pm, Nov 6 6pm

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The Quiet Girl M Nov 11 11am, Nov 12 6pm, Nov 13 6pm

Clean MA15+ Nov 12 8.15pm, Nov 13 8.15pm

Lunama: A Yak in the Classroom PG Nov 19, 6pm, Nov 20 6pm

One Second M Nov 19 8.30pm, Nov 20 8.30pm

Full Time M Nov 26 6pm, Nov 27 6pm
To Chiara M Nov 26 8.15pm, Nov 27 8.15pm
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Free hard copies available at participating supermarkets, POs, libraries, pharmacies, medical centres, community houses and opshops or via https://

www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/community/seniors-active-ageing

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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.

We would appreciate it if all invoices for advertising are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay to publish.

The TT Team

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Dates for Strathbogie:

November 5 and 19 10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



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Bookings contact person is Mary Wynne Ph 0419 592211

Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with Kim Usher 5790 5345

The Deadline for the December edition of Tableland Talk is Friday November 25, 2022. e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607

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Primary producers whose properties have been directly hit are also eligible to apply for concessional loans of up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged assets, and meet general expenses incurred while the clean-up is underway.

Flood-affected primary producers can also claim 50% of transport costs, up to \$15,000, for the transport of emergency fodder or stock drinking water, and moving stock to agistment, sale or slaughter.

Applications will open soon, you can register your interest via this link <u>Rural Finance Flood Relief</u> and Rural Finance will email you when applications can be submitted.

Contact Rural Finance for further details on 1800 260 425.

Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program- Small business owners whose livelihoods have been affected by floods will be supported through the program.

The program will also support a dedicated Business Relief Service with dedicated mentors to guide business owners through the available Commonwealth, state and local supports, manage insurance and landlord issues and build a strong recovery strategy.

Applications will open on Thursday 20 October and for further details call the Business Victoria hotline on 132 215.

Council Transfer Stations

Council will be waiving fees to our Transfer Stations and extending hours to dispose of flood waste such as commercial food waste, spoilt stock and carpeting. This week's opening hours are:

- Violet Town: Tuesday, Thursday, from 8am to 11am and Saturday 8am to 1pm
- **Euroa:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8am to 4pm
- Nagambie: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8am to 4pm
- Avenel: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday from 10am to 2pm
- Graytown: Saturday from 8am to 12noon.

At this stage it is expected all Transfer Stations will return to normal operating hours from Monday, October 24.

Small Business Debt Helpline - Support for small businesses affected by floods.

The Small Business Debt Helpline was set up in 2020 by Financial Counselling Australia with funding from the Australian Government. The Helpline is a free service and can help you:

- Understand vour financial situation
- Understand your rights and responsibilities as a small business owner
- Make an insurance claim or deal with your insurance company
- Understand eligibility criteria and prepare for the application process

Connect you with services such as legal advice

Call the Small Business Debt Helpline on 1800 413 828 for full details of services offered.

We are awaiting further details of any Federal and State Government emergency programs and funding, and will advise as information comes to hand.

We understand that there will be many businesses that will suffer losses due to the indirect effects of flooding, such as a reduction in trade due reduced visitor number etc and we will consult further on these issues in the near future.

If your business has suffered direct impact or if you have been forced to close your business please contact Steve Cooper on 0408 514 561 or email to steve.cooper@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call (03) 5795 0000.

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The Bogie Tree

The Bogie Tree is our unofficial Strathbogie Tableland bush telegraph. It is an email list based on Google Groups and covers a fair percentage of the Tableland population and friends (both transient and permanent). Through this, we share the following information and more:

- Lifts / rides / car shares
- Requests for assistance
- · Offers of assistance
- · Local job advertisements
- · Lost / missing animals or people!
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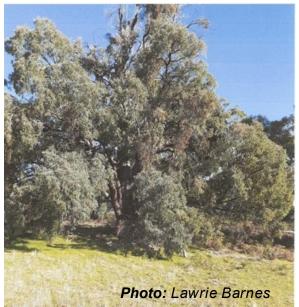
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about

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Beautiful Bogie Trees Nov 2022 - Lawrie and Glen's Narrow-leaved Peppermint



One of Lawrie and Glen's favourite trees on their property on Watkins Rd, Creek Junction, is a Narrow-leaved Peppermint (Eucalyptus radiata). While not as tall as some of the peppermints that you will see in more continuous areas of forest in the Strathbogie Ranges (the species can grow to 45m) it is still a huge spectacular tree. When trees grow and mature in more open areas, such as on farmland, they tend to have this beautiful spreading form. This tree is in the phase of significant limb drop, which occurs more as they age because their branches become so heavy, but also because paddock trees are more exposed to wind damage. The photo of Glen standing in front of the tree (she is 6 ft tall) shows it is probably about 16m tall, but the real indicator of its age and size is its circumference -8.2m!! This measurement does not even include a huge low branch that was torn down in recent high winds. The massive trunk is what really emphasises this trees size. Lawrie and Glen actually have several trees like this on their property - how wonderful. Lawrie recalls that 20

years ago they were having the property assessed for the "Land For Wildlife" scheme and the assessor was so interested in this tree that he doubts she looked at anything else.

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).

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Lessons From Our Latest Spate of Rain

As I write this in a very wet October, the last things on our mind is the fire season. But the similarities in flood and fire are stark. Despite not being flooded out we were all effected be power outages and isolation from falling trees across roads.

Although being stranded behind a fallen tree in 17 degree temperature in the wet may have been linconvenient, in a fire in 30 plus degree days it can be fatal. Just as the trees come down in the start of the storm with the first wind gusts and continued with the ground softening with soil saturation. In a fire they come down with the first wind gusts and continue as the bases burn and weaken, and the soil contracts away from the roots

And as for the annoyance of a few short hours of power outage, which in this case was a single tree bring down power lines in Euroa. Just imagine being without power for days as the power poles in the district were burnt to the ground.

I haven't even mentioned our fantastic phone and data supplies across the tableland.

All of which is why we ALL need a fire plan, and why we should be coming to the planning weekend this first weekend of November

Just a quick thinking point,

David Hamilton

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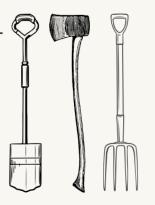
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HAC is auspiced by Violet Town Art Music and Performance (VAMP)

New Tableland Talk Advertising Sizes and Rates for 2023

At the last STAG Communications sub committee meeting it was decided to rearrange new advertising sizes to be proportionate relative to each other (see sizes and rates below). These new sizes will be matched with new rates commencing 2023 for existing advertisers and as of the next issue for new advertisers.

The last time we reviewed advertising rates was at the start of the pandemic. We decided to freeze prices at that time to assist our advertisers in those difficult circumstances. That was nearly three years ago and now we are facing increased paper and printing costs.

Details have been updated in this November TT. Existing advertisers will directly receive two months notice by email.

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Sean Mathews (Editor)

Strathbogie Ranges Conservation is recruiting volunteers to work in the field with Dave Mitchell, an experienced researcher from the Australian Koala Foundation.

The field work is for a PhD study that is investigating the relationship between canopy height and koala density. The data will provide a detailed analysis of the number of koalas that visit the trees at 100 sites in the Strathbogie area. The sites are in the Strathbogie Forest, along the Seven Creeks and on roadsides. This baseline data will be available for Strathbogie Ranges Conservation to use for future monitoring of koala populations in the Strathbogie Ranges

PLEASE EMAIL HELEN MCKERNAN if you can assist with the study on any of the following days/times:

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Your name, email & mobile phone number

Dates and times you are available (you may opt to do single days if you cannot do consecutive days) Further details will be forwarded to people interested in participating. Helen McKernan, President



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Strathbogie Shire Flood History

Flood information for the Strathbogie Shire Council that encompasses local flood guides and a Municipal Flood Emergency Plan can be found at:

https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides/strathbogie-shire-council

Recipe of the Month

Very basic, but very tasty! From the Chapman Family.

Fail Safe Risotto

Ingredients

11/2 cups Arborio rice
1 crushed clove of garlic
1 chopped brown onion
1/2 cup dry white wine
4 cups chicken stock
Knob of butter
1/2 cup Parmesan grated
Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Olive oil

In a large saucepan fry the garlic and onion in oil until they become transparent. Add the rice, stirring to coat with oil. Add the white wine and stir regularly as it is absorbed. Add the chicken stock and stir regularly as it is absorbed. This not only avoids sticking, but also helps to make the Risotto creamy.

This should take about 25 minutes. You can add a little more water or stock if the rice isn't transparent by this time. When the rice has softened, stir in the butter and parmesan, then season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Note. You can vary this recipe by adding 400g chicken thighs, diced. Cook them first and add along with 300g diced pumpkin just before you add the stock. This will cook through with the rice.



Strathbogie Shire Community Grants

Round 2 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 Round 2. The 2022/23 Community Grants Program opens on 1 October for the month, closing on 1 November.

Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said this is the second round of grants 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
- Facilities and infrastructure;
- Small projects

Joke of the Month



A man in Melbourne walked into a supermarket produce section and asked to buy a half head of lettuce. The boy working there told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce.

The man was determined that the boy ask the Manager about the purchase. Walking into the backroom, the boy said to the Manager, "Some old bastard outside insisted on buying

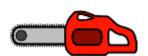
a half head of lettuce".

As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man had followed him and was standing right there. The boy added quickly, "but this gentleman luckily arrived and offered to buy the other half".



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Our resident koala was enjoying a sleep in the koala tree, there to welcome us back for Term 4. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready for a busy last term.

We welcome Mrs Cameron to our campus, who will be in the Junior Room on Wednesday and Thursdays. Mrs Cameron had all the students enjoying a bush dancing lesson, a great way to get moving on a wet day.

Space is our Inquiry topic since returning to school, we have been working extremely hard on punctuation in Literacy, positive strengths in Wellbeing, and hefting in Math. We replanted our carrot and leek



seedlings that we have grown from seeds. We filled up the wicking bed with horse manure and soil, and gave them a little cover to help with the cold, as they've been growing in Miss Johnson's hothouse this term, so look out for all things stars, planets and spaceships!







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