



December, 2022

## Pizza for Trees—Tree Planting for Habitat Project 2023



A big thank you to all the people involved in Rec Ground pizza sales and tree planting across the Tableland to date. We had some great days planting over 1000 trees on multiple beautiful properties. Even though the weather wasn't kind with some heavy frosts, the trees and shrubs are doing well.

We are now planning our 2023 project. We are aiming to get another 1500 habitat trees and shrubs in the ground.

Look out for an email in the next few weeks on Bogie Tree with more information. We are seeking interested landholders, volunteers and donors.

If you're not on Bogie Tree and would like to join in—contact us:

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## What's On

**Dec 18** 8-9pm Carols by  
Candlelight St Andrews Church p7

**Every First Monday** of the month  
- Strathbogie Tableland History  
Group meets 1.30pm, Strathbogie  
Memorial Hall.  
[strathbogiehistory@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Euroa Cinema

**The Woman King** M Dec 3 8pm,  
Dec 4 4pm  
**Elf** G Dec 9 6.30pm  
**Armageddon Time** M Dec 10  
8pm, Dec 11 4pm

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### **Got something to say?**

Send us a

**Letter to the Editor**

## Swanpool CINEMA

**Moonage Daydream** M Dec 2 1.30pm, Dec  
3 & 4 6pm  
**Licorice Pizza** M Dec 3 & 4 8.45pm  
**See how they run** M Dec 10 & 11 6pm  
**MASH** Dec 10 & 11 8.15pm  
**A Hero** M Dec 17 & 18 6pm  
**Breaking Bread** M Dec 17 & 18 8.45pm  
**Mrs Harris goes to Paris** PG Dec 26  
1.30pm, Dec 27 6pm  
**Cyrano** M Dec 27 8.30pm  
**Ticket to Paradise** M Dec 31 6.30pm  
**Mamma Mia** PG Dec 31 9pm

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### **Joke of the Month**

A frog telephones a psychic and is  
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beautiful young girl who will want to  
know everything about you." The  
frog says, "This is great. Will I meet  
her at a party or what?"  
"No," says the psychic. "Next  
semester in her biology class."

### **Tableland Talk is a community newsletter run by volunteers.**

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*The TT Team*

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**The Deadline** for the February edition of Tableland Talk is Friday January 27, 2023.

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



# My Favourite Tree: Yellow Box *E. Melliodora*



When I was a kid, my Port Fairy based grandmother used to buy honey from a local apiarist. The seller called it "Yella Box" and I have loved its distinctive taste ever since. The floral note comes from the nectar in copious masses of white flowers that cover a Yellow Box in full bloom.

Now that I'm a big kid, I often stand in awe of the Melliodora at the top of our hill. This yella box is about 30m high and has many huge trunks swaying in the wind. Until 2 days ago, it was about 30m across at the top. Then, a large bough dropped during the flood storms, missing everything but giving Dana a startle. It is still an impressive 20-25m wide at the crown.

A few weeks ago, I measured the widest point of the base at 3.2m. Now, a mere 2.4, it's hardly a sapling. Soon enough, what's left will bloom again. It is profuse. We'll be able to hear it almost before we see it. The sound of wild honey bees swarming over it transmits a long way and the

butterflies love it too. As do we.

This Yella Box has been around longer than any of us and likely to be around for a good while yet, sitting majestically atop our hill, swaying in the wind.

*Johnno O'Brien*

***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: [kathstuart60@gmail.com](mailto:kathstuart60@gmail.com) or send an article directly to the Tableland Talk team at: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com)

Cheers, Kath Handasyde





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## The Bogie Tree

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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!

- 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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## Roads assessments taking place across Strathbogie Shire



Strathbogie Shire Council engineers have been busily assessing damage to Council roads after the recent flood event. Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said teams were working around the clock, hitting the road to review and record areas of concern.

“Our roads assessments and repairs will take some time to complete and that means we must continue to stress the importance of driving safely, and to the conditions,” she said.

Strathbogie Shire has more than 2210km of roads – 1465km unsealed and 748km sealed. On top of this there are 521 bridges and culverts to maintain. “We know poor road conditions are frustrating for our community and we are working as hard as we can, but there is no quick fix,” Cr Binks said.

Flooding has damaged our roads so badly we must look at repairs that are above and beyond our normal maintenance programs. Assessment process could take up to three months to complete, depending on conditions. The repairs needed on our road network is significant and we will need funding from the State and Federal governments.

“We’ve already started advocating for this and will continue to fight strongly for support. Our community must see action to improve our road network. In October, we moved a motion at the Municipal Association of Victoria’s State Council Meeting to lead a state-wide advocacy campaign calling on the Victorian Government to increase funding for road maintenance. Our motion was supported unanimously, and this will provide strong support to our advocacy.”

*Tara Whitsed E: [tara.whitsed@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:tara.whitsed@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) P: 0447 712 121*



## Health risks from flood water

The heavy rain, floods and storms over the past days may carry pollution into waterways. Floodwater is often contaminated by sewage from overflowing sewerage or septic systems, and by agricultural or industrial wastes and chemicals. If possible, avoid contact with floodwaters to avoid contact with polluted water or soil. If it’s unavoidable, follow these tips to avoid infection: • Don’t wade through water, even shallow water. If you must enter shallow water, wear solid boots or shoes for protection. • Try to avoid contact with mud and dirt; and wear gloves when handling items contaminated with floodwater. • Cover cuts and scratches with waterproof bandages. Always wash your hands with soap and running water after contact with floodwater and after handling pets or other items that may have been in contact with water or soil. Always wash your hands thoroughly after participating in clean-up activities. In certain conditions, our waterways and beaches can be home to disease-causing bacteria or other contaminants that may pose health risks to swimmers. In areas of flooding, water is likely to be unsuitable for swimming for a longer period of time. Similarly, it may not be safe to use flood water for other purposes.

If your property has a septic system and has been affected by floodwater, a licensed plumber or service technician should assess your septic system for safety and function.

Asbestos can be found in some fibre cement sheeting and pipes, vinyl floor tiles, electrical parts and vehicle brake pads. It is not always possible to tell whether a material contains asbestos by looking at it. If in any doubt: • Do not disturb the material • Take steps to prevent others from disturbing the material.

*Environmental Protection Agency*





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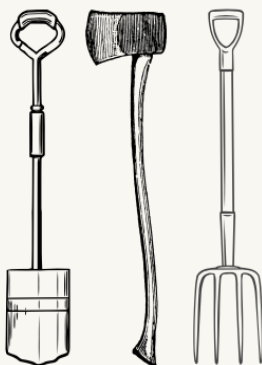
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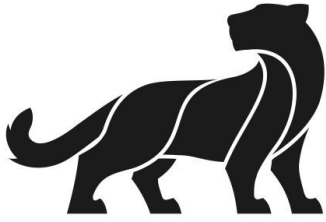
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## Tennis Club Update



**STRATHBOGIE**  
TENNIS CLUB

Our little club is very pleased to announce that we have a new logo, designed by local Andrew Gooding. The logo is inspired by the infamous Strathbogie black panther and will be used for some team t-shirts, as a letterhead, on our Facebook page, and on a new banner that will be put up next year.

The Benalla District Saturday tennis competition has started for the season. While a few rain interruptions have been disappointing, we want to say a big warm welcome to the new faces who have played with our team this year: Anthony, Sarah, Lisa, Andrew, Mel and Brendon.

The club also recently held its AGM, with the following office bearers being elected:

President: Craig Mercuri

Vice President: Jason Everleigh

Secretary: Mayra Walsh

Treasurer: Nicole Sales

Committee Members: Marcello Mercuri, Stephanie Glasbergen-Murray, Marco Caraff

## Carols by Candlelight in Strathbogie

**A Christmas Celebration**

**Sunday 18th December 2022  
8pm-9.00pm**



**St. Andrews Uniting Church  
Main Street Strathbogie**

All are invited to enjoy  
Christmas Carol Singing  
including special items from

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**Come and see the beautifully decorated church**

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**as we prepare for Christmas.**

**Supper from 9.00pm onwards**

## Recipe of the Month

### Thai Fried Rice from the White Family.

#### Ingredient's

2 tbsn vegetable oil  
3 cups jasmine rice (cooked)  
2 tbspn fish sauce  
1 tbspn sugar  
1/2 tspn chicken salt  
2 tbsn dark soy sauce  
3 spring onions finely chopped  
1 beaten egg  
1 clove garlic finely chopped  
500g cooked chicken breast  
Seasonal vegetables (carrot, broccoli, corn, peas, beans)



#### Method

Heat the oil in a pan and when hot add the egg. Stir it round to form a thin omelet. When cooked add the chicken and keep stirring for about 2 minutes. Add the vegetables and stir to combine. Mix the soy sauce, fish sauce and sugar, Pour into the pan. Stir well, add the spring onion and garlic. Finally, add the rice, stir well to combine until the rice is hot and ready to serve.

Ref: Delish Peranbin Primary College 2012

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March 31st - April 16th 2023

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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 December TT. Existing advertisers will directly receive two months notice by email.

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Sean Mathews (Editor)



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We have celebrated the unveiling of the Heritage Trail and 50 Years of Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus at its current site. It was fantastic to have past and present teachers and students come together and share their stories of our wonderful school. A huge thank you to Ellen Conroy, Di Mackrell and our Parents Club for such a successful event



**Sandi Johnson with former staff members, Di Mackrell, Ellen Conroy, Robbie Harrison, Heather Bamford and John Spencer.**

Strathbogie staff and students would like to thank Mayor Laura Binks, our amazing parents and the community members who joined us to pay our respects this Remembrance Day. We were also lucky to have Joan and Alan Wood come into the classroom and share some stories of wartime and show the many war medals that their family members have received. The Senior students enjoyed researching a family member that had been to war, and they produced some amazing Power Points which we shared at the Remembrance Day morning tea. Thank you to our family's for assisting with the gathering of information, and even photos. It was wonderful to see the children enthusiastic and proud of their assignments.

In Literacy the Senior students have been working on summarising and editing, and in Maths they have been working on fractions and sentences.

The Juniors have been practicing their handwriting and making and labelling posters of the garden. We have been having fun with measurements and using our skills to measure the size of an enormous mushroom that popped up on the school oval after a big rain. We have also been working on securing our number facts with addition and subtraction, as well as experimenting and having fun with magnetic shapes.

All students from Peranbin College came together at the Euroa Arboretum. The day began with collecting some sticks to light the fire pit and prepare some damper. A Welcome to Country and little Willy Wagtail dance got us warmed up and ready for the days activities. The students went bug spotting, water bug catching and flower seed collecting. Students learned tell tale signs if bugs are about, such as holes in leaves from eggs that have been laid or edges nibbled from caterpillars. We spotted a few butterflies and a female pollen collecting bee warming up in the sun. Despite the slightly wild and windy weather the students enjoyed being outdoors in nature and learnt a lot. Thank you to the ladies at the Euroa Arboretum for sharing your knowledge and allowing us to enjoy the beautiful native environment you've created.



We had a visit from the Euroa High School Band. They gave us a wonderful performance, and a quick lesson on the four different types of instruments. It was really lovely to see some of our past students smiling and enjoying

being apart of the band. In the end, some of our students had a go at conducting the band, and playing some percussion instruments.

We thank the community for supporting our school, and we all wish you a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy 2023.

It has been very disappointing to find the school grounds have been vandalised over the weekends of late. We have had trees damaged or destroyed, and things broken into. It would be appreciated if everyone could keep an eye on our school, especially over the weekends and the school holidays.