



**February 2023**



# STRATHBOGIE GOLF CLUB

## 99 Years of Strathbogie Community Golf

Happy New Year to everyone from Strathbogie Golf Club (SGC).

2022 was a fragmented year for SGC, with the remnants of Covid still around and then the two months of water drenching weather. Yes it filled our dams which was fantastic, but it also caused us to close the course for a number of weeks and then the clean-up started.

Our new Board have hit the ground running by announcing the resumption of monthly community dinners starting this month. We hope to get similar numbers and support as with our previous dinners. At the request of the Recreation Ground Committee, we have also taken the opportunity to provide a temporary alternative to the Thursday night pizza night whilst the refurbishment takes place. Please join us for the next 8-9 weeks on Thursday nights. Details for both functions are on Bogie-Tree

The Board have identified increasing community engagement as a key priority. We will be announcing new and exciting initiatives over the coming months to achieve these plans.

2024 is our centenary year. This is quite a milestone, something we are very proud of and we hope that the community will embrace the celebrations next year with us. A centenary sub-committee will be formed next month, with plans to invite all community groups to become involved in parts of the planning process.

As the club President, I am very happy to be contacted directly if you have any matters that you would like to discuss.

Grant Pearce

Mob: 0448 219 552

## What's On

**Council community participation deadlines.** See page 5.

**Honeysuckle Art Exhibition** invites exhibits. See page 7.

**Learn to spin** in March. See page 3.

### **Every Last Saturday of the Month**

Strathbogie Golf Club Community Meals. See page 12.

**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

**Margrete: Queen of the North** MA15+Feb 3 8pm, Feb 4 4pm  
**Blueback** PG Feb 4 8pm, Feb 5 4pm  
**A man called Otto** M Feb 11 8pm, Feb 12 4pm  
**Operation Fortune: Ruse De Guerre** M Feb 18 8pm, Feb 19 4pm  
**Whitney Houston: I wanna dance with somebody** Feb 25 8pm, Feb 26 4pm

Tix \$10. Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/>

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 Margaret Mactier  
 Ph 0458 328 873

## Got something to say?

Send us a

*Letter to the Editor*

## Swanpool CINEMA

**Both sides of the blade** MA15+ Feb 4 6pm, Feb 5 6pm  
**Konpromat** M Feb 4 8.30pm, Feb 5 8.30pm  
**The Banshees of Inisherin** M Feb 11 6pm, Feb 12 6pm  
**The Menu** M Feb 11 8.30pm, Feb 12 8.30pm  
**The Road Dance** M Feb 17 1.30pm, Feb 18 6pm, Feb 19 6pm  
**Ablaze** PG Feb 18 8.30pm, Feb 19 8.30pm  
**Emily** M Feb 24 10.30am, Feb 26 6pm, Feb 27 6pm  
**Everybody's Oma** M Feb 26 1.30pm  
**The Forgiven** MA15+ Feb 25 8.45pm, Feb 26 8.45pm  
**Tickets \$14 / \$12 / \$8 via trybooking.com**

## Contribute to Tableland Talk

Our community newsletter relies on community contributions to publish. We are all about sharing and enjoying Tableland stories and activities. Send us your local tall tales and true, photos and sketches, community and business advertisements. We love to hear from community members of all ages. See email below >>>>

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

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*

For information regarding the Violet Town Village Voice or to get an emailed copy each month contact Abbey Ferguson at [villagevoice@violettown.org.au](mailto:villagevoice@violettown.org.au) online at [www.violettown.org.au](http://www.violettown.org.au)



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## Joke of the Month

I started my new job today.

My Boss handed me \$5 and said, "I need you to go down to the hardware store and buy me a glass hammer, a tin of striped paint and a bubble for the spirit level."

I laughed and said, "Do you really think I am that stupid."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

I said, "That lot is going to cost me much more than a fiver!"

## Mobile Library

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February 4 and 18  
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## Strathbogievic Memorial Hall

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 Ph 0419 592211

## Strathbogievic Recreation Ground

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 Kim Usher  
 5790 5345

**The Deadline** for the March edition of Tableland Talk is Friday February 24, 2023.

e: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), m: 0400 019 607

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



## Beautiful Bogie Trees Jan 2023 – Mountain Swamp Gum

Mountain swamp gums, *Eucalyptus camphora*, are widespread along creek lines and swampy areas on the tablelands. This species does not grow nearly as tall as many other local eucalypts – it rarely reaches 20m. There are many beautiful old mountain swamp gums along Seven Creeks and Spring Creek, including from the picnic ground in Strathbogie and up Spring Creek Road. Many of these areas are classified as “significant vegetation” by the Shire due to the age of the trees and their important value as habitat. Mountain swamp gums form large hollows that are important nesting/denning sites for some of our wildlife, including owls. Much to the delight of the students, the lovely old tree in the Peranbin school yard is used by koalas.

A few years back, after Sean Mathews cleared one enormous clump of blackberries not far upstream from Smiths Bridge, we planted some small mountain swamp gums there (see middle photo below) to revegetate the area and help stabilize the soil against flooding – an important role of this species in the landscape. During our recent floods water swept through this whole area, and the large, well secured wallaby/deer guards on our little trees were washed away downstream. Despite this, our little trees managed to hold on and even though some had the soil washed away from most of their roots they survived! If you have a creek line on your property that is subject to washout by flooding, or simply has no trees along it anymore, this is the perfect species for you to replant in such areas.

Photos & text: Kath Handasyde



*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)

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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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To learn more or join the Bogie Tree, please send an email to Stuart on [stuartb446@gmail.com](mailto:stuartb446@gmail.com) or call on 0422 408 915



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## Pitch your fantastic ideas to Council

Strathbogie Shire residents – Strathbogie Shire Council's annual Pitch my Project initiative is now open for ideas to include in the 2023/24 Budget. As part of our commitment to continually improving our engagement this year we'll put the final decision making into the hands of the community through a participatory budgeting exercise. "We want our community to be involved in every step of the development of our 2023/24 Budget," Mayor, Cr Laura Binks, said.

Council has \$300,000 for Pitch My Project as part of the 2023/24 annual budget. Ideas must demonstrate how they align to one of the six Strategic Focus Areas within the Council Plan. Each area will receive \$50,000. To date Pitch my Project has funded more than 20 incredible ideas from our community. There will be three months to pitch ideas. Guidelines will include a clear assessment process. The successful applications will be put to the community to decide which make it into the 2023/24 Budget. Go to [www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) to read the guidelines. The pitch period will close at 5pm on Friday, March 3, 2023.

## Join the Share Strathbogie Community Panel

Strathbogie Shire residents are invited to join a community panel which will provide input into Council's important plans, projects and strategies. The Share Strathbogie Community Panel is being established to continue Council's goal to deliver best practice community engagement. Membership will not be capped – meaning everyone who points up their hand will join – with at least half the panel being renewed every two years.

Mayor Cr Binks said, "Last year we held our first ever deliberative forum to develop our Community Vision and Council Plan. One of the next projects on Council's 'to do' list is the establishment of the community panel and the development of a new Community Engagement Strategy, when the current strategy concludes in 2022. We want to increase opportunities for genuine, meaningful and informed participation. We're keen to hear from you on how we can do better. We know we don't always get it right. But Council wants to have positive and proactive conversations with our community."

The community panel will not replace broad community engagement and Council will always provide opportunities for the community to have its say. Panelists would be asked to provide input on an 'as needs' basis and could volunteer as much, or as little, time as they liked. They would be asked to share their views on a wide range of topics from rates to recycling, pets to parks and environment to economic development.

"At times a sample of people representing the diversity of our community will be asked to participate in more in-depth deliberative engagement," Cr Binks said. "When this happens panelists will receive a \$50/day payment to recognise their time and commitment."

Participants will be asked some personal information and areas of interest in the sign-up process. To join the community panel, or share your input into a new Community Engagement Strategy go to [www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) Applications will close on February 24, 2023.

## Council Electoral Structure to be Reviewed – have your say

Throughout 2023–24, 39 Victorian local councils will undergo electoral structure reviews.

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) introduced several changes, including that all rural shire councils must now be either:

Unsubdivided, subdivided with single-councillor wards or multi-councillor wards with an equal number of councillors.

Strathbogie Shire Council is one of 12 Councils being included in the first round.

The reviews will be conducted by independent electoral representation advisory panels.

Under the Act, the Electoral Commissioner (or delegate) must be a member of a panel.

Online public information sessions to announce the start of the reviews, explain the processes, and open the submissions period will be held for this group of councils at 12 noon on Monday 30 January and 6 pm on Tuesday 31 January 2023. Visit [vec.vic.gov.au/strathbogie](http://vec.vic.gov.au/strathbogie) to find out how to attend an online public information session.

Preliminary submissions for the electoral structure review of Strathbogie Shire Council open

at 9 am on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and close at 5 pm on Wednesday 22 February

2023. Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said Council had hoped the community would have longer to understand the process and provide feedback.

Members of the public interested in making a submission can map their proposed electoral structure online using the public submission tool available on the VEC website.

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



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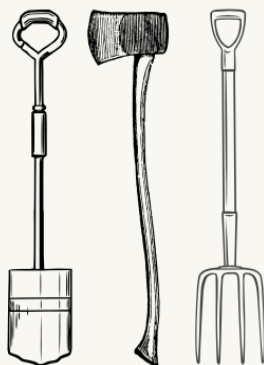
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## HELP TACKLE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES - CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2023

**Strathbogie Shire Council are assisting community groups and schools who register events by:**

- Offering free tipping or disposal of litter collected at a clean-up.
- Providing extra Clean Up Australia Day gloves, hi-vis vests, signage and bags for event organisers if required.
- Litter audit support: a limited number of school and community events, who wish to audit the collected litter can request help in litter auditing. One of our Waste Education Officers will attend the end of the event and provide assistance to complete a litter audit, also teaching students as they go what a litter audit is and how to avoid this type of waste in the future

As our world faces unprecedented environmental challenges, Australians are being encouraged to join together to take positive action. Registrations are officially open for Clean Up Australia Day 2023. Pip Kiernan, Chair of Clean Up Australia says "Our environment is facing pressure unlike ever before. As all Australians know, over the past two years, we've seen severe bushfires, cyclones and floods, and increased pressures on our biodiversity and an ever-growing volume of waste which leaks into our natural and marine environment. Together we can all make a real difference,"

Registration is free, and participants receive a free Clean Up kit, containing gloves and bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families and community groups available (businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs).

"Signing up now means you're making a pledge to improve and protect Australia's environment. Whether you are 9 or 90, participating in a Clean Up Australia event changes the way you think about your everyday habits and the practical changes each of us can make. Everyone who gets involved tells us how rewarding the day is and how it has made a lasting positive impact." Pip said.

If you can't join in, Australians are encouraged to make a donation to Clean Up Australia. 100% of funds raised through donations go directly to empowering Australians to take positive action for the environment.

To register or donate, please visit [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 5 March, 2023

Schools Clean Up Day – Friday March 3, 2023

Business Clean Up Day – Tuesday February 28, 2023

### Honeysuckle Art Exhibition *On the Brink 2023*

**Violet Town Honeysuckle Arts Collective**

**March 31st – April 16th**

**At the backART Gallery**

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**Open Wednesday - Saturday**

**10am - 3pm**

#### *Opening night*

**Friday March 31st - 7pm**

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**Feature Artist -  
Fleur Rendell**



## Bogie Summertime

(with apologies to Gershwin & Heywood)

Summertime....and the temperature's freezy  
Lambs are jumpin'...and the phalaris is high  
Yo' soil is rich...and yo' landscape's good-  
lookin'

So hush Bogie baby.....don't you cry

One of these mornin's..sun's gonna rise up  
singein'

Fire gonna spread its little wings...and the  
plants they might fry

But 'till that mornin'...there ain't nothin'  
gonna harm you

With yo firies and pumpers...standin' by

Now it's summertime....and the outlook is  
breezy

The tanker is pumpin'...and the roadside's  
'bout waist high

Yo' culture's rich...and, yo' PPC's cooking  
Now hush Bogie people.....don't....you cry

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## A thank-you to the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group

In 2022 the personal laptop that has been used to publish Tableland Talk these past several years broke down. After being patched up it has limped along, but unreliably.

The Communications Sub Committee was ineligible for a Council grant. We asked STAG about helping to finance the purchase of a replacement.

We say a big thank you to the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Committee for organizing funding of a new laptop computer for producing Tableland Talk. Treasurer Henry O'Connor deserves special mention for his assistance.



*The TT Team*

## Recipe of the Month

Who doesn't love - **Choc Chip Cookies?**

Gluten free. Makes 34.  
From Lisa O'Shannessy



185g unsalted butter, softened to room temp  
240g lightly packed CSR brown sugar  
2 extra large eggs  
225g gluten free plain flour  
1tspn gluten free baking powder  
120g desiccated coconut  
60g almond meal  
230g dark chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 200 degrees (180 fan forced)  
Line oven trays with baking paper  
Beat butter and brown sugar until pale and creamy. Add eggs one at a time beating between each addition. Sift flour and baking powder together and add with coconut, almonds and choc chips to butter mixture. Mix until well combined. Roll tablespoon serves of cookie dough. Place 5cm apart on serving trays and flatten slightly with hands.

Bake for 12—15 minutes. Cool cookies on the trays.

Note: the coconut and almond meal in this recipe help to give the biscuits a wonderful crunch.

Ref: Delish. Our family favourites. Peranbin Primary 2112

## New Tableland Talk Advertising Sizes and Rates for 2023

At the last STAG Communications sub committee meeting it was decided to rearrange 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.

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 were updated in the December TT. Existing advertisers will have received notice by email.

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*Sean Mathews (Editor)*



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- ◊ Front End Loader Work - Bucket, Heavy Stick Rake, Pallet Forks
- ◊ Hay handling with front and rear forks
- ◊ Post Hole Digging - 6" to 24" diameter augers
- ◊ Harrowing with 4m (13ft) harrows
- ◊ Grading with 1.8m (6ft) grader blade
- ◊ Light Plowing / Scarification with 3.2m S-Tine Cultivator
- ◊ Pulling, Pushing and Towing - 4wd and 4 wheel diff locks can pull whole trees!



### Fencing, Chainsaw & General Work:

- ◊ New Fence Erections
  - timber, steel or concrete posts, wire or wire/hinge joint fences
- ◊ Fence Repair and Clearing Trees Off Fences
- ◊ Chainsaw Work and other tasks around the farm



**RATES:** Tractor Work: \$77 per hour incl. GST (\$70 + GST)  
Other Work: \$55 per hour incl. GST (\$50 + GST)

- Rates include fuel & oil - transit time charged - materials and other consumables extra -

Call Big Clarky on 0406 074 019 or Julie on 5790 5226 to discuss!

Now  
offering Deep  
Ripping, Pipelaying  
(via ripper), and  
Fertiliser Spreading!

Jobs requiring two  
men charged with  
additional  
\$55/hour





# STRATHBOGRIE GOLF CLUB



## Offering a Monthly Saturday Night Club & Community Meal

**When:** Every last Saturday of the month

**Time:** 6.00 to 9.30 p.m. at SGC clubrooms

**Cost:** \$25.00 per adult  
\$10.00 for children 15 or under

### Typical Summer menu:

Garlic and fresh breads

Roast Lamb

-Sausages will be available for children should they prefer them

-Vegetarian Burgers will also be available

Scalloped potatoes

Choice of 3 fresh salads

Fruit crumble dessert with ice-cream and or cream

**Pay on night but essential to make a booking by texting Ria Pearce on 0405 100 859. Please state your name and the number of guests (adults and children attending).**

**Bar at bar prices – No BYO**