



March 2023

Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group, March 2023 Update

Your dedicated volunteer Landcare committee – Peter Macsfield and Richard Sawyer (Co-Chairs), Carole Hammond (Secretary), Julian Trescowthick (Treasurer), David Jamieson, Henry O'Connor, Kath Handasyde, Bertram Lobert, and Andrew Townsend, met once again in mid-February to review current and upcoming projects.

Firstly, the Committee wishes to express their warm fuzzies to those 29 Financial Members of Strathbogie Tableland Landcare. It really makes a difference to the local environment when groups like Landcare thrive, and we are now one of the most actively supported Landcare groups in our region.

But what are we doing and how can we get our hands dirty?

Well, have we got a plan for you! A small sub-committee of Dana Coleman, Sim Ayers, Bert Lobert, Sean Mathews, Anna Mackrell, Kath Handasyde and Carole Hammond have been working hard to ensure people, properties, trees and fun all come together this winter.



The word went out to local landowners to sign up for tree plantings, and we ended up ordering 1162 trees, plus shrubs, grasses, groundcovers and wildflowers. Our total plant count came to 1793 going to 16 different properties across the Tablelands this winter. We are thrilled to have so many enthusiastic peeps

for plantings. We will put a call out for cool climate planting army (that's you) quite soon. Don't forget there's always a sumptuous morning/afternoon feast at these planting get togethers!

We will also be doing a series of handprinted tea-towels to sell, to raise money for this project and next year's as well. With our pizza oven out of commission as the Rec Reserve Hall gets jazzed up we think it a good stand in and ongoing legacy of our work that can hang in our kitchens! And we would love you, nature-loving artists, painters, lino-cutters, to design, paint or print a tea-towel.

We would like to feature our special local wildlife, like fluffy greater gliders, beautiful trees or grasslands, groggy koalas, cocky cockatoos, or whatever takes your fancy – words perhaps. We will need to get cracking if tea-towels are going to be ready for sale by planting time in May.

If you would like to be involved in this project or Strathbogie Tablelands Landcare, or have an idea please email us at standcare@gmail.com.

Carole Hammond, Secretary



What's On

March 8 International Women's Day event see page 3

Learn to spin in March. See page 5

Honeysuckle Art Exhibition March 31. Exhibits invited. See page 7

Every Last Saturday of the Month

Strathbogie Golf Club Community Meals. See page 11

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 Soldiers 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

Corsage M Mar 3 8pm, Mar 4 4pm
Emily M Mar 4 8pm, Mar 5 4pm
Hidden Figures PG Mar 8 6pm free

What's love got to do with it?
 M Mar 11 8pm, Mar 12 4pm
The Banshee of Inisherin M
 Mar 18 8pm, Mar 19 4pm
Tar M Mar 25 8pm, Mar 26 4pm
The Fabelmans M Ap 1 7.30pm,
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Letter to the Editor



Swanpool CINEMA

Triangle of Sadness M Mar 3 6pm, Mar 4 6pm
Benalla Shorts MA15+ Mar 4 4pm
The Lost King M Mar 11 6pm, Mar 12 6pm
Whina PG Mar 11 8.30pm, Mar 12 8.30pm
Tar M Mar 18 6pm, Mar 19 6pm

I wanna dance with somebody M Mar 25 6pm,
 Mar 26 6pm

A man called Otto PG Mar 24 10.30am, Mar 25
 9pm, Mar 26 9pm

What's love got to do with it? M Ap 1 6pm, Ap
 2 6pm

Book of love M Ap 1 9.45pm, Ap 2 8.45pm

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**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

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Jokes of the Month

Baby Delivery Service, please note:

Small babies will be delivered by a Stork.
 Heavier ones will be delivered by a Crane.

Q: What do you call an Alligator in a vest?

A: An Investigator.

Recipe of the Month

Irish Currant Loaf

300g currants
 1 cup black tea
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 1&1/2 teaspoons mixed spices
 2 cups self raising flour

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
 Place currants, tea and brown sugar in a bowl to stand overnight.
 Next day add sr flour and spices.
 Beat well. Pour into a well greased loaf tin. Bake for 1&1/2 hours or until cooked.

Ref: Delish: Our Family Favourites
 Peranbin Primary College 2012

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Dates for Strathbogie:

March 4 and 18
 10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



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Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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 5790 5345

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

e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607

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

Community invited to attend International Women's Day event

Celebrate International Women's Day on Wednesday March 8, 2023. Held annually, International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.



Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Laura Binks said the theme for this year's United Nations International Women's Day was "Cracking the code: Innovation for a gender equal future" and "Embrace Equity". "We are celebrating IWD and this year's theme with a special morning tea event at The Falls a picturesque garden in Longwood East," Cr Binks said.

"The event will feature guest speaker Lauren Woodman – an osteopathic doctor, embodiment coach and the founder and director of Seven Sisters Festival - the world's largest women's wellness festival which she founded at 24 years old."

"She is also the co-author of the Amazon bestseller 'The Evolved Woman,' Telstra Young Business Woman's Awards Finalist and a VU Young Achiever Alumni Awards finalist." Lauren's creativity and understanding of wellbeing and human nature has enabled her to design a potent and creative contribution to the health and wellbeing industry for women which is run in the heart of Central Victoria. Lauren has a unique ability to tune in, read and connect with people's bodies, hearts and minds providing invaluable insights to help guide individuals to a deeper understanding of themselves.

Mayor Cr Laura Binks will also join Lauren as a guest speaker at the event. Cr Binks is currently serving her second term as Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor, a role she never envisioned for her life, but one that she said she was thoroughly enjoying. Cr Binks is a graduate of architecture; hands-on professional in building design and construction; artist; environmentalist; small-scale farmer; long-time volunteer; and committed listener and communicator.

In her role as Mayor, Cr Binks has taken numerous opportunities to further her leadership skills and share her journey in local government with people near and far. Cr Binks advocates for an equitable, inclusive, and kind sector. "I am aware the current model needs work to ensure a diverse cohort of candidates nominate for election to represent the breadth of communities in our Shire," Cr Binks said. "I also appreciate there is work to do in having the community's council better understand the roles and responsibilities of Council and Councillors in light of the introduction of the new Local Government Act 2020."

This event runs from 10am to 12.30pm on 8th March, 2023 and buses will be available from Nagambie and Euroa for \$5. They will leave from the Black Caviar statue in Nagambie and McGuinness St carpark in Euroa at 9.15am.

Bookings are required for this event via <https://events.humanitix.com/strathbogie-shire-council-international-women-s-day>

There will also be an opportunity to take in a free movie screening of 'Hidden Figures' at the Euroa Community Cinema from 6pm on 8 March, 2023 which showcases the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughn (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae) – brilliant women working at NASA.

To book for the film, visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/hidden-figures-pg-strathbogie-shire-council-international-women-s-day>

For more information about International Women's Day, visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

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- 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 or call on 0422 408 915



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Beautiful Bogie Trees: why should we value trees? March, 2023

On the 22nd of February, we went to Benalla to listen to a presentation by Greg Moore from the School of Ecosystem and Forest Sciences, Burnley Horticulture Campus, The University of Melbourne. Entitled *Trees are major assets as the climate changes*, this talk explored a number of interesting ideas surrounding the value of trees. While many of us would be aware of these concepts, it was interesting to hear the actual data behind them. The focus was mainly urban environments, but included rural townships. Greg outlined the *Urban Heat Island Effect* - that roads and buildings make our houses up to 4 degrees warmer than surrounding parks and gardens. In summer, houses shaded by trees can be up to 8 degrees cooler than the external environment – much more comfortable. This also reduces the cost of cooling our houses. Even a few trees in the yard of a house can make a difference. One study showed that even two established trees in the front yard substantially increased the value of houses. Trees not only keep us cooler, they also reduce wind speed during storms, remove pollutants from the air, humidify the air (which helps reduce hay-fever), reduce noise and contribute substantially to our mental wellbeing. Shade also increases the longevity of bitumen on roads by 2-3 times. Heat waves, that will increase in frequency with climate change, already contribute quite substantially to human mortality. On Black Saturday, 374 deaths occurred due to the impact of heat alone – these were not associated with the fires. Of relevance to us in a rural setting in South East Australia, warmer winters, hotter summers and more easterly winds will occur as climate change progresses. These will have positive effects on some crops while others will become less viable – some farming practices will have to change as a result. Trees are of enormous value in our landscape, so let's do our best to protect them.



Photo & 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 or send an article directly to the Tableland Talk team at: tablelandtalk@gmail.com

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THE STRATHBOGIE RANGES

There's some beautiful places in this country around
And one place that poses no dangers
Is where beauty is found, where the blue gums abound
In the beautiful Strathbogies ranges.

Most locals, I'm afraid don't see this parade
We seem to just take it for granted
And amongst all of these trees, there's a soft cooling breeze
That makes the forest feel really enchanted

There's blue gum and white gum and big stringy bark
Sheltering echidna and grey kangaroo
And koalas and possums that both like the dark
The wombat and powerful owl too

I see a shy deer, by a stream running clear
Flowing cool from a gully so dim
It will soon open out, form a pool for a trout
And a place where the platypus swim

Now the Gov'ment man said we'll get rid of this stuff
We'll plant pine trees that grow straight and tall
Gums won't swell our coffers, they don't pay enough
But pines will bring work and wealth to us all

So they dragged ball and chain, from near Warrenbayne
To the top of the range near Too-Rour
And we suffered in pain as we witnessed the strain
On the creatures as they became fewer

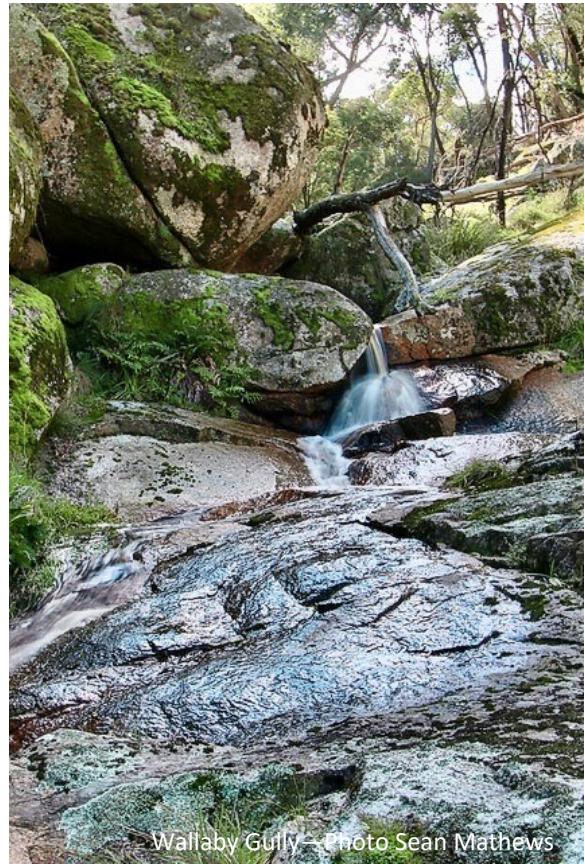
But I must admit, from the place where I sit
And there's still a large eucalypt stand
And my mind does dwell, on the fresh clean smell
Of the bush when it rains on this land

Now I light a camp fire, look 'round and admire

The creatures that are still running free
And as I have some lunch, I have a strong hunch
The Strathbogies will always hold me.

This poem was written by the very talented Max Burnside and reprinted with his permission. Thankyou Max. His poetry reflects his passion for our beautiful Tableland and his knowledge of our local history is vast.

Dayle Tame



Honeysuckle Art Exhibition On the Brink 2023

Violet Town Honeysuckle Arts Collective
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Strathbogie Memorial Hall looks a bit different.

You may have noticed the front of the Hall now has two new bike racks and a seat. A great place to sit in the shade and somewhere to park your bike.

That's not all that is happening at the hall. In March, works will be starting on the replacement of the roof. We hope this will stop any leaks and provide a solid structure for a large solar array sometime soon.

This is all thanks to the Strathbogie Shire Council in conjunction with the Hall Committee through the Pitch my Project initiative.

The council has provided the funding and work force with the Hall Committee suggesting ways to improve our wonderful community asset.

Work is continuing with the Shire on updating the kitchen and giving the toilets 24 hour access as a public convenience.

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- Cost:** \$25.00 per adult
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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

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus



Our
2023 group

The start to the 2023 school year has been a busy one. We welcomed our new Principal, Stacey Willaton, as well as Jeanette Overall and Victoria Fry who are teaching in the Junior Class. This year we are pleased to also have Sile Coleman teaching Music and Kimberley Amott taking the students for AUSLAN.

We have had our first Wildhearts session for the term with Rachel and Steph which included a walk along the creek. Rachel and Steph were very impressed by the Wildhearts signage the kids had made previously with Suzie in Art. We travelled to Violet Town due to the scheduled power outage and met Rachel and Steph at Shadforth Reserve for our second Wildhearts lesson. We started with a game and a story followed by some yabbing in the dam. Dan caught 6 yabbies including one giant 12cm long and another with eggs. Pip caught two at a time! And everyone either caught one, helped with the net or had plenty of nibbles at the end of their string. After recess we used our memories to draw yabbies in our Visual Diaries and then practised our observational skills to draw some of the lovely gum trees around the oval. After lunch we had fun splashing watercolours onto paper. We will use these drawings and paintings in future Art lessons.

All campuses have been developing their 'Class Charter'. The students worked together to decide how they

wanted to feel in the classroom. From this list they all came up with some values they will all uphold and demonstrate in their classroom. Strathbogie's Campus Charter is Calm, Safe, Happy, Respected.

It was lovely to have so many family members join us for our Open Afternoon Tea. We kicked off with Assembly, run by Anika and Carissa (who also received their captain and vice-captain badges from Mrs Willaton). The kids really enjoyed showing our guests some of their work such as PowerPoints, ChatterPix, their work with shapes, and some of the learning we participate in across maths, literacy and wellbeing.

We had a visit from Peninsula Shade Sails to review the site for a shaded outdoor learning area at our campus. The team will be back to begin works; we expect everything to be finished in early March.

Congratulations to Anika Murray who represented Peranbin at the Euroa Districts swimming competition last Friday. Anika swam the freestyle and backstroke events.

Anika receiving her Campus Captain badge from Mrs Willaton.

