



June 2023

Strathbogie Community Values Statement

Residents of Strathbogie Tableland were given the opportunity in April to contribute to the make-up of a community values statement through participation in an online survey. As explained at the time, the purpose of this statement is to provide a guiding reference for the Strathbogie Tableland Action Plan, ensuring that all elements of the plan are in harmony with the fundamental values expressed in the statement.

The survey responses clearly identified six key values that hold significance for the community, and these values are detailed in the following statement. We extend our gratitude to all those who participated in the survey. Your input was incredibly valuable and has culminated in a community values statement that we can be proud of.

Strathbogie Tableland Community Values Statement

We embrace a set of core values that guide our interactions and shape our collective identity. We believe in fostering a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates diversity, respects every individual, and supports the well-being of our community members. We are committed to preserving and protecting nature, and to promoting environmental sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations. Together, we strive to create a community that thrives on these principles.

Respect:

We value and honour the dignity and worth of every individual in our community. We treat one another with kindness, empathy, and fairness, embracing open-mindedness and valuing diverse perspectives. We foster an environment where differences are celebrated, and all community members are heard and valued.

Inclusion:

We believe in building an inclusive community where every individual feels a sense of belonging, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, or socioeconomic background. We actively promote equal opportunities and seek to eliminate discrimination, bias, and prejudice in all aspects of community life.

Support:

We are committed to supporting one another in times of need. We foster a culture of compassion, understanding, and cooperation. We lend a helping hand, offer guidance, and provide resources to ensure the well-being and growth of all community members.

Diversity:

We recognise that diversity is a source of strength, innovation, and growth. We embrace the rich tapestry of cultures, perspectives, and experiences within our community.

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What's On

June 17 Traditional Weaving Workshop Euroa Arboretum 10am—1pm. Bookings <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/womens-weaving-circle/>

July 1 Rural Australians for Refugees Fundraiser 12pm Swanpool Cinema See page 6

Every Last Saturday of the Month

Strathbogie Golf Club Community Meals. See page 13

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.

Co-ordinator Kay Righetti 0418 171 439

Every Fourth Saturday of the month - Australian Plants Society Group meeting Pete 0402 882 959

Every Third Sunday 10am STAG Committee at the Hall. All welcome.

Tennis at the Recreation Reserve.

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Love again M Jun 10 7.30, Jun 11 4pm

Book Club: The Next Chapter M Jun 17 7.30pm, Jun 18 4pm

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Swanpool CINEMA

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A good person MA15+ Jun 10 6pm, Jun 11 5pm

Shackleton PG Jun 10 8.45pm, Jun 11 7.45pm

Swanpool Environmental Film Festival Jun 17 1pm

The Giants M Jun 18 5pm

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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 online at www.violettown.org.au

Jokes of the Month

Some people are just like clouds. As soon as they leave it is a beautiful day.

18 months ago my doctor told me I was going deaf I haven't heard from him since.

There is a new company offering discounted plane tickets for balding men. It is called "Receding Airlines."

Recipe of the Month

Apple Pudding

4 sliced apples, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 tsp cinnamon, 125g butter, 1/2 cup castor sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tbsp water, 1 cup SR flour, icing sugar.

Arrange apple slices over greased ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Cream butter and sugar in small bowl. Add eggs 1 at a time. Add water, beat until combined. Fold in sifted flour. Pour mixture over apples. Bake in moderate oven for 40 minutes or until golden. Dust with icing sugar.

Ref: Delish: Our Family Favourites
Peranbin Primary College 2012

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June 10 and 24
10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



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The Deadline for the July edition of Tableland Talk is Friday June 23, 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.

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We actively seek to create an environment that appreciates and learns from our differences, fostering an inclusive community where everyone feels valued and respected.

Nature and Environmental Protection:

We cherish the natural beauty of our surroundings and recognise the importance of environmental stewardship. We strive to protect and preserve our local ecosystems, wildlife, and natural resources. Through education, sustainable practices, and collective action, we work to minimise our ecological footprint and promote a healthy environment for generations to come.

Sustainability:

We are committed to building a sustainable community that promotes responsible resource management and reduces our impact on the planet. We prioritise sustainable practices in areas such as energy consumption, waste management, transportation, and land use. We encourage sustainable lifestyles and support initiatives that advance renewable energy, conservation, and environmental sustainability.

In embracing these values, we foster a vibrant, harmonious, and inclusive community where every individual can thrive, and our environment is preserved for future generations. Together, we make a positive impact by respecting, supporting, and embracing the diverse voices that enrich our shared experience while working towards a sustainable and environmentally conscious future.

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group

Pizza for Trees Plantings continue

The weekends of May 20 and 27 saw more tree planting events on the Tableland. 150 trees were put in the ground with many more trees to go in over coming months.

Fundraising by Pizza for Trees at Rec Ground gatherings during summer and recruitment of landowners to provide planting spaces has been very successful this year.

Planting crews have a great time digging, chatting and getting to know new people. The cuppa and snack afterwards is always a good time for new introductions and looking back on a morning of accomplishment.

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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 June 2023 – A Magnificent Specimen Whatever it is!

Eucalyptus trees come in all shapes and sizes and can be tricky to identify – here's a local example.

This stately, handsome specimen in Mackrells Rd just south of Creek Junction Rd, is in its prime. With a trunk diameter of close to 2m, it's probably as old as Strathbogie itself, perhaps older. The trunk and stocking of bark look a bit like a River Red Gum, though that species doesn't occur on the Tableland. The buds, fruit and adult leaves look rather like a Manna Gum, Candlebark, or Mountain Gum (our local 'White Gums'), all of which occur locally. Some parts of the bark even have a Yellow Box feel, though the leaves are way too big. Any guesses? I did find some juvenile leaves - oval-shaped, opposite and clinging to the branchlets which rules out Manna Gum, leaving either Candlebark or Mountain Gum. But the rough, pale bark just doesn't feel right.

There is one other option. Eucalypt flowers are wind pollinated, which means the pollen from one species could fertilize the flower of another species producing a plant with characteristics common to both parents – hybridization is not uncommon in eucalypts. Perhaps this tree *is* a Candlebark, or Mountain Gum with a bit of genetic material passed down from a different local eucalypt species. Nature doesn't always fit neatly into the categories we create for it.

If you're passing by, why not stop and make its acquaintance – standing tall and strong, it's a beautiful tree, whether or not we can give it a name.

Bertram Lobert



Manna Gum *Eucalyptus viminalis*, Mountain Gum *E. dalrympleana*, River Red Gum *E. camaldulensis*, Yellow Box *E. melliodora*.

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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Quiz Question: Which major public building in Melbourne has never been completed?



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Stars: Arafat Faiz, Elham Ayazi, Andrew Quilty

Director Granaz Moussavi made this guerrilla film in Afghanistan. Not a job for the faint-hearted, it was a challenge from the start: from sourcing funding in Australia, getting to Afghanistan, putting a crew together, to the actual shooting of the movie. Not to mention the fact of her being a woman in a conservative, war-torn country, where women and men don't share the same privileges.

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Councillors vote in favour of recommendation to no longer formally support celebrations held on January 26

Strathbogie Shire Council will no longer formally support celebrations on January 26, in recognition of First Nations People. The decision means Council will not have a formal involvement in Australia Day activities from January 26, 2024.

"We recognise this is a day that causes great pain to First Nations people," Cr Binks said. "We are a Council that supports inclusion and there is a portion of our community whose experiences of January 26 are a reminder of the dispossession and ongoing effects and impacts of colonisation. It is simply not okay to turn a blind eye to this pain and suffering."

Last night's recommendation also empowered officers to work with the Share Strathbogie Community Panel to determine the best way to celebrate volunteers in our community. "It is important to note this option does not exclude Australia Day Committees from continuing to host and deliver township celebrations including award celebrations on January 26 or applying for funding directly to the National Australia Day Council," Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Laura Binks said. "We want to ensure our volunteers – the lifeblood of our communities – are celebrated in a way and at a time that's inclusive for all our community."

The recommendation came after an October 2021 Council Meeting when Cr Sally Hayes- Burke put forward a recommendation seeking a report from officers regarding Council's role in January 26 activities in recognition of First Nations people. This report was considered at the 17 May 2022 Council meeting, authorising broader consultation on two options with the community and relevant stakeholders including local Australia Day Committees and First Nations representatives.

Cr Binks said Council received a formal Statement from Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC) regarding January 26. "This Statement received in January 2023 was authorised through the direction of the Taungurung people and articulated an agreed position from TLaWC to not participate in any activities associated with January 26. "The statement also requested the TLaWC's partners and stakeholders respect their position."

Cr Binks explained the statement was particularly powerful due to Council's existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the TLaWC which was signed on October 2021. "The MoU reflects the need to commit to ensure the consideration of local Taungurung issues as part of any review process for Council programs and services," Cr Binks said.

Officers have proposed moving the "Australia Day Awards" to National Volunteer Week, by introducing a shire wide Strathbogie Rocks Annual Community Awards Program/event (an inclusive awards program) recognising the outstanding community contribution of people within our Shire.

"However, the Council decision empowers Officers to work with the Share Strathbogie Community Panel to determine the best way to celebrate volunteers, so our community can be assured any changes will be driven by local people," Cr Binks said. "We will report back when this work is finished."

For further information:

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Quiz Answer:

Parliament House. While it does contain one of the most lavish interiors in Australia, the original design featured a domed tower which has never been erected.





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*Now fog in the sky, the morning mist
Gives body to the Bogie gist*

As part of a panorama so grand

*The fresher the air
The lesser the care*

Only the hardy stay for long

*But the beauty about here
Is the people we now hold dear*

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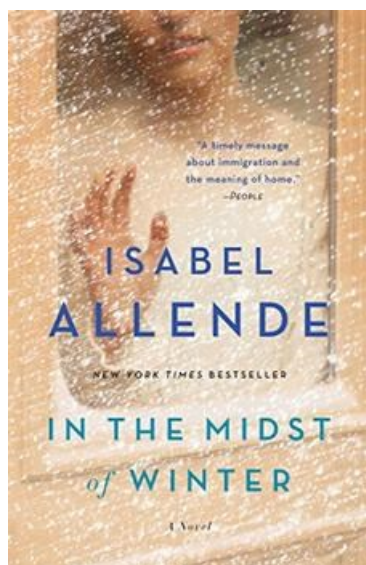
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende, Penguin Random House, 2017



I loved this book! I haven't always reacted to Allende's work in this way. In terms of 'magic realism', I am a lightweight, reeling away from the intricacies of plot and character and the historical sweep of novels such as her first work, *House of the Spirits* (1982), and *Zorro* (2005). They are in the too-hard basket, too time-consuming for me. However, in this novel, the stretches of the imagination are much less arduous, playful even, and the end result is a deliciously light read which somehow manages at the same time to carry rich messages about justice, relationships, human rights, fate and the slow and surprising realisation of love.

Richard Bowmaster, a 60's-something university professor, his tenant, Lucia Maraz, a Chilean academic, and a complete stranger, Evelyn Ortega, an illegal Guatemalan immigrant, are thrown together in an unlikely, but 'believable' (small stretch) threesome. Trapped in Bowmaster's apartment due to the heaviest snowstorm in Brooklyn's history, this unlikely trio have no choice but to deal with the confronting and potentially life-changing events that have brought Evelyn to knock on Richard's door. Allende skips across this terrain, infusing the novel with drama, tragedy, black comedy and an acute awareness of injustice and oppression. The warm and insightful handling of the developing relationships between the three protagonists shows Allende's compassion and awareness of the vagaries of human nature. Richly textured, but never heavy, and certainly not in the too-hard-basket, I highly recommend you read it.

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Against all Odds by Craig Challen and Richard Harris with Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, Ellis Hennican, Penguin, 2020

Even though we all know how this book ends, it certainly brings to life the details of that extraordinary rescue in the Tham Luang cave complex in northern Thailand in 2018. The incredibly risky rescue is related through the voices of the two major protagonists, internationally recognised cave divers and medical experts, Dr Craig Challen, a retired veterinary surgeon, and Dr Richard Harris, a specialist anaesthetist. From the outset, this recount shows just how crucial timing and circumstance can be. The two doctors were literally walking out the door to begin a cave-diving expedition in the vast, arid Nullabor Plain of Southern Australia; had they already begun their trip, the rescue of the Thai Wild Boar soccer team and their coach may never have occurred.

The incredible coincidences recounted in this book are hard to describe. The decision to take up the plan of anaesthetising the boys in order to bring them out the cave was both bold and unbelievably courageous. Dr Harris himself initially felt the idea he had come up with to be absurd and without a snowflake-in-Thailand's chance of success. However, as the minutes ticked by and the possibility of rescuing these boys looked more and more unlikely, he moved from a mindset of 'No way' to one of 'No other way'. A different way of viewing that decision is to put oneself at risk of becoming a media sensation as "The Doctor who killed the Wild Boar soccer team". Capturing all the tension and the drama of the rescue in textual form was a hard task for any narrator or interlocutor, and the book, to my mind, achieves only a portion of that. As a good adjunct to the book, there are numerous podcasts available on Youtube; I suggest an interview between Dr Harris and host of the All Things Risk podcast, Ben Cattaneo – *Inside the Thai Cave Rescue* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YR2IbOMWUE>.

You can't help but be amazed at what was achieved by these men, by the boys and their coach, and by all who supported them.

Next month: *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri, Zaffre 2019.

Ruth Fluhr

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

All Peranbin students travelled to Wangaratta to see The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show, from the book written by Eric Carle. At Strathbogie we have enjoyed lots of Eric Carle stories while we practised the visualising comprehension strategy. In Writing we have been making a class book based on the structure of The Very Hungry Caterpillar for the MARC writing competition. The illustrations are all made with tissue paper like Eric Carle does them.

All Peranbin campuses came together again at Violet Town for our annual Cross Country Run and sessions with the Australian Federal Police for the cyber safety program, Think U Know. The P-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students participated in different sessions to target their age group and common online experiences.

Cross Country saw a great display of everyone trying their best to complete their race. The 10 years and under students completed a 2km race while the older group had 3km challenge. Our campus placings were:

6yrs and under: Pip 1st, Josie 2nd

7yrs: Flynn 2nd

8yrs: Maggie 1st, Clara 2nd

10yrs: Lachlan 1st, Dan 2nd

11yrs: Alex 3rd

Dan and Lachlan along with other students from Peranbin progressed to the Euroa District Cross Country competition. Held at Murchison, the weather was kind as the runners made their way around the local golf course. The boys were almost a dead heat across the finishing line. Thank you to our families who were able to get the boys to the event and cheering them on. As always, participating and doing your best at the time is our definition of success.

During Bogie Backyard, we have hidden lots of secret butterflies down at the creek. They look amazing amongst the trees. The community has the task of finding as many as they can!

This week we went to Cross Country at Violet Town. We ran around the school for three or four laps. Everyone did their best. I felt very tired.

In Math we have been looking at money and worded problems. We have been buying items in catalogues and working out how much change we should get.

In Reading we have been asking questions about what we read and how questions help us understand the meaning.

Carissa

This week we made a wreath for ANZAC Day and went over to the Memorial.

In Bogie Backyard we went looking for caterpillars at the creek, but we only found a cocoon. There were lots of owls too. Somebody has put lots of owls in the trees.

We have written a story about a chicken for the MARC competition, and we did the pictures.

Quinn

On Monday we went outside and collected leaves and other nature things for Maths and made patterns. Tuesday we did Kitchen Garden and made cauliflower with cheese sauce and bread crumbs. In Art we did plasticine models for the Fungi Festival. We watched a video about fungi and went down to the creek on an Owl Hunt, and we also looked for fungi. We found 8 owls.

Lachlan

Last week we made candles for Mother's Day. We chose colours for the candles. It took a long time. In cooking this week we made honey carrots, we are eating them today.

In Art with Roxy and Miss Johnson, we made fungi out of old books.

In Maths we are still counting money.

Clara



Flynn, Josie & Pip competing in the Cross Country Run