Preparing for our next fire season



You have read
Sim's account of
the impact of
fires across the
Strathbogie
Tableland in
1990

There are wildfires all across the Northern Hemisphere

New South Wales has already had significant bushfires and it is only August

The Strathbogie Tableland is assessed as having an **EXTREME** bushfire risk

In the event of a fire, we need to be aware that:

- We may not be able to leave
- We should not expect a fire truck to be available
- We need to have a well documented fire plan

To assist with preparation for the coming fire season, those who are interested in finding out more or becoming a part of a Fireguard group, should contact:

Emily Guthrie District 22 CFA Community Safety Co Ordinator, on 0447415849 or by email

Emily.Guthrie@cfa.vic.gov.au.

The Community Fireguard program will assist you to take control of your own bushfire safety and be better prepared to:

- Plan for a range of scenarios
- Make informed decisions when it counts
- Maintain a fire smart house and garden

Being part of a Fireguard Group means you work with your neighbours to prepare yourselves for the fire season. It **does not** mean you are required to protect each other's properties.

Further information is available on the CFA website (cfa.vic.gov.au) – Community Firequard factsheet



What's On

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Every Last Saturday of the MonthStrathbogie Golf Club Community
Meals.

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. Eng 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. Enquiries about social tennis: contact Secretary Mayra Walsh 0423 475 564

Euroa Cinema

The New Boy M Sept 2 7.30pm, Sept 3 4pm

Oppenheimer MA 15+ Sept 9 7.30pm, Sept 10 4pm

Barbie PG Sept 16 7.30pm, Sept 17 4pm

Elemental PG Sept 20 11am (Sensory Screening) and 3pm Gran Turismo M Sept 23 7.30pm, Sept 24 4pm Cats in the Museum PG Sept 27 11am (Sensory Screening) and 3pm

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

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Letter to the Editor

Swanpool CINEMA

The New Boy M Sept 2 6pm, Sept 3 5pm Sweet as Sept M 2 8.30pm, Sept 3 7.30pm Rachel's Farm PG Sept 8 7pm

Marlowe MA15+ Sept 9 6pm, Sept 10 5pm Carmen M Sept 9 8.15pm, Sept 11 7.15pm Barbie PG Sept 15 10.30am, Sept 16 6pm, Sept 17

Don't worry darling M Sept 16 8.30pm, Sept 17 7.30pm

Elemental PG Sept 22 10.30am

Watandar: My Countryman M Sept 24 10.30am Other people's children M Sept 23 6pm, Sept 24 7.15pm

One fine morning MA15+ Sept 23 8.15pm, Sept 24 7.15pm

Quant M Sept 30 6pm, Oct 1 6pm Haut Couture M Sept 30 8pm, Oct 1 8pm Tickets \$14 / \$12 / \$8 via trybooking.com www.swanpoolcinema.com.au

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

Jokes of the Month

Mum looks down at child. "You've got your shoes on the wrong feet." Child looks up at Mum. "They're the only feet I have got!"

A small child was heard praying. "Lord, if you can't make me a better behaved child don't worry about it to much. I am having a really good time as I am!"

A 4 year old's Lord's Prayer.
"Our Father, who does art in heaven? Harold is his name."

Mobile Library

Dates for Strathbogie:

September 2 and 23 10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Available for hire— \$150 with \$250 refundable deposit in case carpet cleaning is required.

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 October edition of Tableland Talk is Tuesday, September 26, 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.

Strathbogie has SPOKEN

You are invited to the third **Strathbogie has SPOKEN** event where local people come together to engage, amuse and entertain exclusively using the spoken word (i.e. no singing or instruments).

Come as an audience member or come to speak. All forms of spoken word are welcome. You may choose to present something original or a favourite written by someone else; poetry, monologue,

soapbox, a reading, an extract from a play, a spoken duet, a childhood rhyme, something from the bush or the city

All ages welcome.

If you wish to present a piece or more please contact Sean Mathews to get your name on the running sheet.

e: snmthws@gmail.com or m: 0400 019 607

This is a free event

When: September 24, 2pm
Where: St Andrew's Church

Main Street, Strathbogie



STAG Community Movie Night.

Come along to a free screening of the award winning social impact documentary "Black Cockatoo Crisis." This independent film has been made to raise awareness and encourage action to save the Black Cockatoos.

This event is also an opportunity to come and share your thoughts with the STAG Committee about items you feel could be included on the Tableland Action Plan.

Strathbogie Hall, Grand Final Eve, September 29. Expected movie start time - 7:30pm (to be confirmed).

Limited capacity so a free booking link will be circulated on the Bogie Tree soon. Grab some fish n chips from the General Store and enjoy a night in the town.

Congratulations Mt Wombat Councillor and Strathbogie Shire Mayor Laura Binks: finalist in the National Climate Awards.

Mayor Cr Laura Binks is a finalist in the Cities Power Partnership's fifth annual national Climate Awards, which recognise the work of local governments paving the way to a zero-carbon future. Mayor Binks is a Climate Ambassador Award (elected representative) finalist.

Cr Binks has been recognised as a finalist due to her ongoing media and advocacy efforts in promoting climate action. Mayor Binks said she was delighted to hear the announcement. "I am excited to be nominated for the Cities Power Partnership's Climate Ambassador Award," she said. "At Strathbogie Shire Council we are committed to a sustainable organisation that leads in climate resilience and mitigation. There is lots we can do, and are doing, to meet our goals within our climate action plan. Additionally, the opportunities I've taken to advocate for bigger projects such as the Greening Euroa Project and ensuring energy security through renewable energy projects and community battery programs is a great way to ensure that the communities of Strathbogie Shire Council are climate resilient.

"It was an absolute joy to work with passionate Euroa community groups committed to environmental sustainability and climate action with Euroa winning the Victorian Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town Awards and going through to being a finalist at the National Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town Awards." Finalists were selected from entries submitted by diverse communities from rural townships through to capital cities across seven award categories including renewable energy, energy efficiency, collaboration and innovation.



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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!

- Announcements of social activities / get-togethers
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about

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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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Love Stories by Trent Dalton (Harper Collins, 2021)

The Bohomians have already read and loved two of Dalton's highly successful novels – *Boy Swallows Universe* (2018) and *All our Shimmering Skies* (2020). Both works are deeply empathetic in their depiction of courageous young victims of violence and abuse. Dalton's own upbringing was challenging – to say the least, and the former novel is semi-autobiographical. Somehow, the awfulness of these young people's respective situations is transformed by Dalton into something magical and beautiful without shying away from the darkness they are moving through. It is as though they are emerging into the light, and there is humour, wonder and poetry in their journeys. *Love Stories* is a very different book; it is non-fiction, but also very similar in its empathy and connection with the upside and underside of human existence. Dalton set himself up on the corner of Adelaide and Albert streets in Brisbane, armed with an original Olivetti typewriter – a gift from his old, late friend, Kathleen Kelly – and asked individuals from the passing throng what 'love' means to them.

"A blind man yearns to see the face of his wife of thirty years. A divorced mother has a secret love affair with a priest. A geologist discovers a three-minute video recorded by his wife before she died. A tree-loppers heart falls in a forest. A working mum contemplates taking photographs of her late husband down from her fridge. A girl writes a last letter to the man she loves most, then sets it on fire."

Many of the stories are stories of people we might pass any day on a suburban street; some are from people on the fringe of society, others are from brave souls who, in spite of rotten luck and less than promising beginnings, have managed to find the strength to still believe in love in its largest sense. Some are just Joe and Janine Average, but happy to share their thoughts just the same.

Love Stories is not a book to be read in one afternoon, or even a week. Rather, it is a book for sitting on your bookshelf and dipping into, returning to stories and characters that stay with the reader, re-reading Dalton's quixotic 'flights' from his folding chair as he ponders on what he has just heard. His own love letter to Joni Mitchell is a must-read for anyone who has ever fallen under her spell!

September's book: The Other Bennet Sister by Janice Hadlow (Henry Holt & Co., 2020).



Trent Dalton is a writer of long-form journalism, literary fiction and non-fiction. He has won numerous awards for his writing:

ABIA Awards Indie Book Awards MUD Literary Prize Walkley Awards

His new novel, *Lola in the Mirror*, will be published in October

An invitation to share your thoughts.

Come and join a respectful discussion on the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Clarify confusions.

Ask questions.

Share ideas with others in your community before the nation votes.

Saturday, September 23rd, 2pm. Boho South Hall, cnr Boundary Hill and Bonnie Doon Rds.

Afternoon tea provided.

Strathbogie Tablelands Action Group - STAG Invite you to our AGM

Sunday 17 September 2023, 11am Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Join us for a sausage sizzle and the opportunity for you to have input into the STAG Action Plan after the AGM.

Agenda:

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting
- 2. To receive and approve the financial report for the year to 30 June 2023

- 3. To elect officers and members of the committee.
- * Chair
- * Vice-Chair
- * Treasurer
- * Secretary
- * Committee members
- 4. Action Plan

For catering purposes, RSVP to Alli (admin@ashlanfarm.com.au) by Wednesday 13 September 2023.

Look forward to seeing you there. Kind regards, Alli, Secretary - STAG



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The STAG Report

A summary of the main discussion points from our August 2023 meeting

The 2023 STAG AGM will be held on Sunday 17th Sept at 11:00 am at the Strathbogie Hall. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. STAG is keen to see community members at our AGM.

The STAG printer is no longer used by Tableland Talk but is still available for community use.

A response has been sent to the Strathbogie Council regarding retaining the diesel fuel cell which is at the recreation reserve.

The Strathbogie Tableland action plan survey is open for all to respond to. A link to the survey has been sent out on Bogie Tree (another will be sent this week) and paper copies are available at the Strathbogie General Store. Only a handful of responses have been received to date – please contribute your ideas.

There is no update on the progress of the Strathbogie Main Streetscape from Council.

The Communication Subcommittee is preparing a welcome/information flyer for new people coming to the Tableland. Once complete, it will be available at the General Store.

STAGs Emergency Subcommittee is producing an information paper and a one page information sheet on preparing for the bushfire season, for the Community. Once completed, both will be sent out with Tableland Talk, will be loaded onto the Community website (strathbogie.org) and hard copies will be available at the General Store.

We are proposing to have a conservation film night on Friday 30th Sept at the hall. Hoping to be able to show the film: *Black Cockatoo Crisis*.

Stage 1 of the Recreation Ground pavilion is complete and has been handed back to the Community. We expect to hold first function (a Pizza night?) there in October.

It looks great inside although work on the bar and kitchen (stage 2) is unlikely to start this year. Kim is applying for a grant to pay for the work to be completed ourselves.

The new roof on the Strathbogie Hall is complete, and a Wi Fi system has been connected. The committee is hoping to obtain a grant for more works.

Strathbogie Tableland Landcare

Sunday 8th October at the Strathbogie Rec Ground ** Date for your diary **

Pasture Establishment and Weed Control Field Day

11.00am until 1.30pm including lunch

The productivity of your property is governed to a large degree by your control of weeds and the quality of grasses you grow. Your livestock with grow better and faster with better grasses and less weeds.

On September 8th Strathbogie Tableland Landcare will be holding a Field Day at the Strathbogie Rec Ground where we will have speakers and demonstrations regarding:

- * dealing with a range of weeds,
- * methods for soil improvement,
- * soil testing,
- * establishing better pasture,
- * pasture species that handle our conditions,
- * We also plan to include a demonstration of drone spraying ideal for steep or inaccessible country.

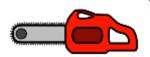
Planned for 11.00am until 1.30pm including lunch. You will need to book so we know how many will be attending. (Booking details to follow soon) Please put a note in your diary now. Not to be missed!

More info or questions to Peter Righetti, secretary on 0418 148 511



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Beautiful Bogie Trees Sept 2023 - Kate and Sim's Mountain Swamp Gum



This lovely old Mountain Swamp Gum, Eucalyptus camphora, is beside a little creek-line on Kate and Sims place on Mackrells Road. We arrived on a dampish Friday morning for a Landcare plant, and it caught my eye. Kate said it was a magic tree for the kids to play in when they were young, and that the horses liked to camp beneath it - horses know good places! Sim and Kate have been planting in this area, to widen the strip of stream side vegetation, for some years, and it was so nice to see some of the trees from the earlier rounds of planting looking strong and healthy. Stabilising the creek lines by planting native vegetation is so important to reduce erosion, especially since quite a lot of the gullies on the Tablelands are steep, and because we can experience very heavy rain. The close proximity of streamside vegetation to water also makes these areas incredibly important



habitat for native fauna, especially during dry years. If you have an area like this on your property it would be fantastic to fence even part of it off from stock, and ask our Landcare team to help you plant some suitable trees and other native plants along it.

Photos: Bert Lobert, 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 can write something for you). Email to:

<u>kathstuart60@gmail.com</u> a few days before the last Friday of each month or send directly to the Tableland Talk team at: tablelandtalk@gmail.com

Strathbogie CUP WEEKEND FESTIVAL 3rd November - 7th November 2023 FRIDAY - 3RD NOVEMBER SATURDAY - 4TH NOVEMBER 10.30 am Croquet and High Tea Luncheon at "Fernside". 6pm Bush Dance, 2 Course Dinner and Bar at the Memorial Hall Featuring the Briagolong Bush Band SUNDAY - 5TH NOVEMBER 9.30 am Tennis Tournament Sausage Sizzle Lunch 11.30am Face Painting by Cherry Princess 1.30pm Kids Sports 6pm 3 course Italian Feast **MONDAY - 6TH NOVEMBER** 10.30am Golf Tournament 10.30am Guided Cemetery Tour 12.30pm Gourmet BBQ Luncheon 5pm Sth African Waghu Dinner and Live Music at Seven Creeks Wagyu Featuring Fem Belling **TUESDAY - 7TH NOVEMBER** 12pm Cup Day Spectacular Lunch and events MORE INFORMATION 0438 005 622 Strathbogie

Recipe of the Month Chocolate Pavlova Serves 8-10



Ingredients
6x59g egg whites at
room temperature
11/2 cups castor sugar
2 tbspns baking cocoa,
sifted
1 tspn white vinegar
40g grated dark
chocolate

Topping
500ml cream whipped
Seasonal berries

Method Preheat conventional oven to 120 centigrade.

Place a 22cm baking paper circle on an oven tray. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add castor sugar a tablespoon at a time until meringue is stiff and shiny. Add cocoa, vinegar and chocolate. Lightly fold in with metal spoon or spatula.

Smooth meringue onto baking paper. Bake 11/4 hours. Turn off oven and allow to cool with door slightly ajar. Place on flat serving platter. Beat crem until it forms soft peaks. Spread over pavlova and top with berries.

Ref: *Delish: our Family Favourites.* Peranbin Primary School 2012



The Rotary Club of Yea

is again hosting a Garden Expo

Sat/Sun 23-24 September, 9am – 3pm.

This is an opportunity to view garden related products at the Yea Saleyards (Flat Lead Road), a flat, sealed and easily accessible site.

\$10 entry (free parking), with food available on site. Over 70 vendors with all things related to gardens on display plus daily speakers.

Website (www.yeagardenexpo.com.au) or www.yearotary.org.au or Facebook.

Bookings at www.trybooking.com/CGUBP or pay at the gate.

Dogs welcome providing on a lead.



BUSH FIRE SUNDAY

Sunday 29th October 2023

Yep I know it's cold and you most probably won't be thinking about the fire season, however, because we have chosen to live in an acknowledged bush fire prone area it is appropriate that we start to consider our preparedness well in advance

The Bush Fire Sunday training day is run every year either just before or at the start of the fire season with the aim being to help to prepare the community in the event of a bush fire, remembering your preparedness could help to prevent a serious event.

Topics covered will include preparation of personal fire plans, preparation of property, fire alarms, establishing fire guard groups, use of UHF radios.

The day is open to everyone, doesn't matter where you live, so please put the date in your diary.

More information will be provided progressively as we draw closer to the date.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

You will also need to book for the day.

Further info to follow soon.

Kim Usher

CFA Community Safety Officer.

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Wonganookah Wildflower Walk



Wonganookah Track and Boho Bushland Reserve can be enjoyed any time of year. However, spring does see the growth of a diversity of

wildflowers that add a special quality to your walking. Once you discover one species, you can't stop looking for the next one.

The tall Peppermint Gum moist forest of the Boho Bushland Reserve is approximately 12HA. It has a herb rich grassy ground layer and an abundant mid story of Acacias, Bush Cherry and Dogwood. However, it is not so busy you can't readily free range across the Reserve to explore and discover. This is one of the pleasures of the space.

Added to this is the pleasant walk up and back along the undulating Wonganookah Track. There are plenty of observations to make along the way here as well. The whole of Marraweeney only has a population of around 50 people, so traffic is minimal. Be careful nonetheless.

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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Strathbogie campus enjoyed a visit to the Shepparton Art Museum during NAIDOC Week. The 'For our Elders' exhibition really captivated our attention, particularly as we had been learning all about different symbols in Indigenous art.

During Literacy lessons, the Juniors have been summarising what we have read by telling what happened in the beginning, middle and end. We have been writing descriptions about what we might see, hear and feel if we were a character. Leading up to Book Week we have been reading different Mem Fox books. We have played memory games with the Magic Words to help us remember them automatically. Here's Flynn and Pip working on the red words.

In Numeracy, we have been collecting data and making graphs. We came up with our own questions for the rest of the campus. We enjoyed making connections between 2D and 3D shapes. We made 3D shapes with playdough and found examples of the shapes in everyday items. We have also been learning how to find the total when we make groups of the same numbers.



Senior Students Writing

We have been doing descriptive writing, learning how to make our sentences more interesting. In Math we have been doing graphs, and during PE, we had to record how many times we knocked the cone over with a ball, and then we made a huge whole school graph with the data.

On Wednesday we went to SAM and Kaiela Arts. It was wonderful and beautiful. There were some weird and some good art works. After the Gallery we walked around the lake looking for turtles, and had lunch and BBQ at the park.

Quinn

I hear trees moving, I feel the cold wind hitting me. I see trees and children, I can hear birds, I can see the warm sun and the sunlight shining on my book. The tree is hard and uncomfortable to sit in. Where I sit my legs hurt, I see all the sticks in the tree moving, and the bark on the tree is hard.

Alex

The wind is blowing like a hurricane, and it is cold like ice. All I can see in the sky are clouds. The trees are rocking like old houses. But when the clouds move the sun shines like a fire in the sky.

Dan

It is a very cold breeze, like I'm in Antarctica, where the ground is ice. The koala in the tree is snoring like a bear, leaves are blowing in the wind like there is a tornado in the sky. The grass is lush, wet and green, while blowing in the wind. Dry old leaves blow in the wind like they are running from something.

Carissa

Carissa working on her descriptive writing outside in the sunshine.

