

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY – An update from the STAG Emergency Subcommittee

Several community members volunteered on Bushfire Sunday to assist with recovery should we have a bushfire this summer. We would welcome any other offers of help. After a fire we won't know who will actually be available to help – some of our team are CFA members and will be assisting with the fire, others may have been personally impacted and/or may be blocked by road closures.

We hope to establish a community relief centre at the hall and/or the golf club. The centre would act as a central location from which to provide information and assistance, as it becomes available, from support organisations such as the Shire, Red Cross, etc. There is a considerable amount of useful information related to recovery available on the following websites:

- Emergency Recovery Victoria
- agriculture.vic.gov.au

We plan to have as much of this information as possible available at the relief centre, in hard copy.

Important information will also be posted on the community noticeboard, just in front of the CFA shed, as it becomes available. In addition, the centre will provide a place for members of the community to meet and reconnect over a cup of tea. On each occasion that a Extreme or Catastrophic rated fire day is declared, an email will be posted on Strathbogie-tree the day before the declared day, reminding everyone to enact their fire plan, and some general advice i.e. do you have fuel for the generator, etc.

As we may lose mobile connection, it is also suggested that small groups of neighbours establish a network to check in with each other on particularly bad days. A number of residents already have UHF radios for emergency use and the community recovery group will also use UHF radios.

Check the article re UHF radios in this edition of Tableland Talk – it is important that you understand which channels you can and can't use.

Contact List

Ambulance, Fire, Police		
Emergency Management Victoria		
Bushfire Recovery Victoria		
Lifeline		
Beyond Blue		
Men's Helpline		
Kid's Helpline		
Vic Emergency Hotline		
Shire of Strathbogie		
Municipal Recovery Manager		
Disaster Legal Assistance		
Victorian Legal Aid		
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<u>What's On</u>

Fire Restrictions have begun

Euroa FoodShare seek volunteers. See p9

Dec 1 Peranbin Concert at Violet Town Hall. See p14

Dec 9 Kelvin View Christmas Party See p8

Dec 13 Rec Ground AGM See p3

Dec 17 Carols by Candlelight. See p3

Every Last Saturday of the month - Strathbogie 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. 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. Enq about social tennis: Secretary Mayra Walsh 0423 475 564

Euroa Cinema

Shayda M Dec 1 8pm, Dec 2 4pm

The Road Dance M Dec 2 8pm, Dec 3 4pm

The Marvels M Dec 9 8pm, Dec 10 4pm

Euroa Community Cinema is closed Dec 11 to Jan 13, 2024

Tix \$12 at box office or www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au

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

Cartoon by Peta Manning



Mobile Library

Dates for Strathbogie:

December 9, 23 and 31 10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



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Jokes of the Month

Strange I must be getting

stronger as I age. It used to be

an effort to carry \$100 worth of

groceries in from my car. Now, I

can carry \$200 worth using just

Barry calls his Boss and says,

"What's wrong with them?" he

"I can't see myself coming into

work today,: says Barry.

"I'm having trouble with my

one hand.

eves."

asks.

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

Swanpool CINEMA

Past Lives M Dec 9 & 10 6pm The Tasting M Dec 9 & 10 8.15pm Scrapper nPG Dec 16 & 17 6pm Shayda M Dec 16 & 17 8.15pm A Haunting in Venice M Dec 26 & 27 6pm Eddie the Eagle NA Dec 26 & 27 8.45pm Bran Nu Dae M Dec 31 7.30pm Strictly Ballroom PG Dec 31 9.30pm

Tickets \$14 / \$12 / \$8 via trybooking.com www.swanpoolcinema.com.au



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We would appreciate it if all invoices for advertising are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay to publish.

The TT Team

The Deadline for the December edition of Tableland Talk is Friday, January 26, 2024. 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*. Continues from page1

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	Agriculture Victoria	136 186 1800 000 922	
	Electrical Emergencies SP Ausnet	131 799 (1300 360 795 (8-5)	
	Life Support Priority Hotline	1800 818 832	
	VicRoads	131 170	
	SES	132 500	
	Telstra Faults	132 203	
	DELWP	136 186	
	Nurse On Call	1300 606 024	
	Wildlife Victoria	(03) 8400 7300	
	Centrelink (8-5)	180 22 66 (Natural Disaster Payment Support)	
	Red Cross	1800 232 969	
		1800 733 276	
		1800 333 000	
		5795 2888	
	Strathbogie Vet Clinic		
	Seven Creeks Veterinary Services		
	Stock Agents – Elders – Joe Allen Landmark – Russell Mawsor		
	Rodwell – Scott Meehan		
		y Red Cross following an emergency. If there has not been one	
	set up for a specific emergency, contact		
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Stuart Bridgman

Carols by Candlelight in Strathbogie

A Christmas Celebration Sunday 17th December 2023 8pm-9.00pm



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Bring a plate to share if you can.

Merry Christmas Everyone. Have a great festive season.

(See you in 2024).



New Sub-Committee to manage the Recreation Reserve

The Committee of Management at the Hall have met with the Strathbogie Shire Council and discussed the opportunity to form a Sub Committee to manage the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve.

At the meeting held last Wednesday, the Committee voted to undertake this proposal. There will be up to 8 members on the Sub Committee, including up to 2 members from each user group of the Recreation Reserve.

We plan to call for nominations at the next meeting on 13 December 2023 at 7pm at the Hall. We ask interested members of the community who want to be part of this exciting new subcommittee to come along and become involved.

Mary Wynne



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THE NOVEMBER STAG REPORT

On Sunday 19th November 2.00pm STAG held a community consultation day.

This was the final consultation and the last time for the community to give input to our Strathbogie Tablelands Community Action Plan. It was a vibrant, positive, meeting with very good participation between the people who attended. The following topics were discussed and considered.

Strathbogie Tableland Community Action Plan 2024 – 2028

Six Key Themes of the next Action Plan:

- o Taungurung Country and Culture
- o Working with Council
- o Encouraging Volunteering
- o Environment and Sustainability
- o Communication, Connection and Advocacy
- o Tourism and Business

Taungurung Country and Culture

- Relationship with TLAWC
- Taungurung representation
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to Country
- Nganganu Reserve naming

Working with Council

- Help for groups and individuals
- Native roadside vegetation
- Nganganu Reserve naming
- Town residential boundaries
- Remembering the Tableland
- Digital and telecommunications infrastructure
- Beautify town approaches
- Upgrade playground
- Proper use of recycling centre
- Town monument
- Regional tourism collaborations
- Walking tracks and footpaths
- Signage

Encouraging Volunteering

- Volunteer database
- Growing the pool of volunteers

Environment and Sustainability

- Landcare partnership
- Native roadside vegetation
- Tree planting
- Water ways clean up
- Blackberry control
- Encouraging wildlife on private property
- Working with DEECA on Ankers Rd camping area
- Renewable energy options

Communication, Connection and Advocacy

- Collaboration with council
- Community Directory
- Regular STAG updates

- Include all community
- Welcoming new residents
- · Community connection events and activities
- New CFA shed
- Yellow road lines
- Diesel point

Tourism and Business

- 'Strathbogie Tablelands A Welcoming Local Community'
- Support for local business
- Events and activities
- New and existing community assets
- Tourism signage
- Regional tourism collaborations
- Ecotourism
- Promotion into Melbourne
- Camping precinct
- Map of accommodation and attractions
- New picnic and playground areas

Where to from here ...?

• STAG will document the 2024-2028 Strathbogie Tablelands Community Action Plan which will then require

community members to help STAG deliver the Plan.

Some of the STAG committee introduced themselves in the last edition of Tableland Talk, with a summary on their interests and recent history, etc. The following is a little information on two other members:

Mark Tame - Vice President STAG

Lives in Strathbogie

Interests – history, environment, gardening, Qualifications/Skills -Qualified computer programmer, rigger scaffolder, crane driver & associated farm and construction skills including welding

Other – FOEL (Friends of the Euroa Library).

Kath Handasyde – Committee member

I am a retired field biologist, having worked as a research and teaching staff member in Zoology/ BioSciences at the University of Melbourne for 30 years. My graduate students and I worked on the ecology, management and diseases of Australian native mammals, including, since 1991, many studies in the Strathbogie Ranges. I am a member of Landcare, where my key interest is replanting native species. Stuart (my partner), and I, live on a 24ha block in Boho South, that I purchased in 1991, that is part of a 150ha hilltop patch of native forest with abundant wildlife.

Strathbogie "Cup Weekend" Festival – Do you want to be involved in 2024?

Following on from the success of the recent event thanks to the amazing Bogie community, a committee is being formed to organise and run next year's festival, which we hope to be bigger and better.

Some things the committee are considering are:

Incorporating more arts and cultural events Show casing local business and produce with stalls on the Sunday at the Rec Ground Promoting local accommodation via the web site

So, if you are interested in any of the above, and/or wish to join the Festival Committee, please do reach out to me <u>lisaduggan142@gmail.com</u>



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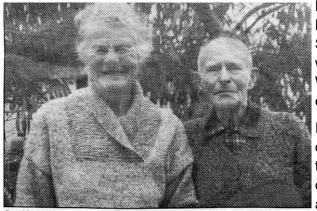




Taming the Wilds of Strathbogie

This article was published in The Euroa Gazette on Tuesday 30th January 2001, as one of a series about life in the rural districts of Strathbogie Shire during the past century. It was titled:

"Taming the wilds of Strathbogie". The article draws out much historical information about farming life on the Tableland which, I hope, readers will find as interesting as I do. It is based on an interview with my now deceased parents in law, Laurence and Lyla Tame.



Strathbogie residents Laurie and Lyla Tame, pictured recently during a visit to Euroa

Born in the Melbourne suburb of Moonee Ponds in 1917, Laurie Tame was the elder of two children, his sister Shirley arriving three years later. He was two years old when his father returned from active service in the First World War and applied for a soldier's settlement block east of Strathbogie.

In 1920 the family moved to their new home, a five hundred acre property previously owned by Mr. Byers. At that time, says Laurie, the main focus of the area was on dairy farming, with most properties running between ten and fifteen cows. Laurie's mother was no stranger to the Strathbogie district, having five uncles of the Moore fami-

ly who had bought farms in the area with proceeds of their mining enterprises. As a girl she had remained in Melbourne but would visit her relatives regularly.

Laurie can still picture the mud-walled dairy shed on the old farm. It had benches all round the inside, on which were stood the wide milk pans used for setting the cream in early days. After the cream had risen to the top of the milk it was skimmed off with flat ladles and churned to make butter, which was salted into half-hundredweight (25.4kg) blocks for sale. In later years, when most areas had their own butter factories, the milk went whole from the farm to be separated and churned, and the milk from the Tame's farm was sent to Strathbogie butter factory.

At first, rabbits were a huge problem for the new settlers, but eventually they were brought under control with the use of rabbit-proof fencing and subdivision of paddocks. Trapping was a popular means of adding to income and the trapped rabbits were gutted but left with their skins on and taken to Merton and Melbourne for sale. Later on diced apple, laced with strychnine, helped to reduce the rabbit population.

One memorable event occurred when Laurie was six years old, in 1923. This was a bush fire that swept its way through the farm from the direction of Merton, after having decimated much of the State Forest. Their father had already left to help fight the fire elsewhere and the children were playing near the watering hole used for the horses when they heard their mother calling to them and, looking up, saw the flames coming across the road about a mile from the house.

While the cattle sought refuge in the Bald Hill Creek that springs from the hillside on the farm, Laurie's mother and visiting grandparents concentrated their efforts on throwing water onto their weatherboard home. The only bare land was a four acre ploughed lot with a dead log in the centre of it, where Laurie's mother had the foresight to gather the family's valuables and lodge them with some food.

The fire continued through the Tame's farm, burning all the grass and timber as it went. It was finally arrested when the wind turned northerly and came to a halt at the boundary between the Tame's property and that of their neighbour, Harold Vroland.

When the family, who had managed to save their house, went to retrieve their belongings from the dead log, they found that a spark had ignited it and it had been turned to charcoal. So too, had their belongings. Visiting the Tames the next morning, Mr. Vroland opened a burnt tin of biscuits, rubbed some of the charcoal along his gums, and remarked to Laurie and his sister that at least the burnt crumbs would be useful for cleaning their teeth!

.....To be continued in January 2024.

Dayle Tame

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Meet Fatty Arbuckle the Tawny Frogmouth



Meet Fatty Arbuckle or Arbuckle for short. To keep things simple, I call it a 'he' and he hasn't complained yet. He can change his mind when he gets an email account and wants to choose a pronoun.

I found him on Tuesday, at the side of the road, next to my driveway. Most of the time he seems to stay in a tree.

I'm trying to keep my distance, but I took this photo yesterday. He went walkabout and was sitting on a cold rock wall doing a bit of foot on foot.

He is still a ball of fluff, but if

the Weebills are giving him curry or he hears a loud noise, he goes into 'I'm a stick' pose.

When possible, I sit on the verandah at sunset and watch him wake up. It starts with wing stretches, some turning around on the branch or a spot of climbing (up and down it for a short distance), a little head bobbing, some soft calls (sounds a bit like a reversing vehicle, but not the beeping version, the scratchy version. Hmm, almost like a slowed down sulphur cockie), opens eyes (half open and he looks demonic!) and short flights with crash landings.



Once he starts the crash landings I go inside, as I just can't watch! And the mosquitoes are very hungry at that point too. Oh, and that's when his folks come out of the woodwork too.

Kaz Wilson

Euroa FoodShare seeking volunteers

Do you love giving back to your community? Would you like to take up a rewarding volunteer opportunity? Euroa FoodShare, which is a project of St Paul's Anglican Church and Anglicare Victoria is looking for



Church and Anglicare Victoria is looking fo volunteers. It operates on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and supports those who are struggling.

Euroa FoodShare provides emergency food relief and is supported by Shepparton FoodShare. The service is available to those who may be having financial struggles and need help with food.

Euroa FoodShare is currently operating with a small number of very dedicated volunteers from the church and community. They would love to welcome more people to assist them with supporting community members in need.

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New Textile Recovery Boxes available at Council's Transfer Stations – drop off your items for free!



Strathbogie Shire Council has partnered with UpCycle4Better (U4B) to provide the Strathbogie community with an opportunity to dispose of textile items for upcycling.

Mayor Cr Laura Binks said residents could drop of items such as clothing, shoes, home textiles, soft toys, accessories and underwear. "As long as it is dry, it can be accepted," she said. "This fantastic initiative gives residents peace of mind knowing these products will be upcycled rather than ending up in landfill."

Australians buy about 27kg of fashion and textiles per year, of which we dispose 93 per cent.

Australia has 1,168 operational landfills that receive more than 20 million tonnes of textile waste each year. With such high levels of textile waste, Council encourages community to think carefully before making purchases. Next, if items you no longer need or use are in good quality, you should donate to your local opportunity shop and second-hand stores to ensure we can divert as much waste from landfill as possible. Finally, take up this recycling service, for all clothing and textile items which can't be reduced, reused, or donated.

Textiles collected in the recovery boxes are sent to a sorting facility where they are categorised into over 500 different streams. The team at U4B prioritise reusing items initially, as it requires little or no resources to keep products in use. When repairable, U4B will work to give a fresh look to otherwise re- wearable items, so they can head back into local shops for the community.

The second priority goes to upcycling - which means garments or textiles are deconstructed (think zippers taken off, buttons and trims removed, etc) to have their parts reused in a different way. These items can be made into bags, hats, pet beds and a myriad other items which are offered to zero waste stores and charities. The buttons and zips etc are also repurposed.

Lastly, U4B recycles what cannot be upcycled: either repurposing into industry cloths if the material suits or into new fibres.

This service is available to the general public only. Any commercial operators, including charities, should contact U4B directly so they can engage with the provider to have a dedicated service.

These Textile Recovery Boxes will be placed at the Euroa, Nagambie, Violet Town and Avenel transfer stations in the coming weeks. You can find Council's Transfer Station's opening hours and addresses on the Council website via https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/rubbish/transfer-stations/

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Find out all about Strathbogie Tableland Action Group on their page here: https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=830

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- Find the STAG email address
- Find the names of committee members
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- Be updated with the latest STAG Report
- Read the STAG Action Plan

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Enjoy this wonderful return walking trail to spectacular (and I mean spectacular) views across vast high country vistas spanning the Delatite Valley to the Victorian Alps.

The forest on the way up keeps changing character with altitude in ways that will keep you fascinated. Be prepared to stop frequently and observe. If you go in spring or summer you will also be amazed by the variety of stunning wildflowers.

The trail is of well defined switchbacks and marked with easy to find trailmarkers. It climbs 425 metres from Saddle to Summit. Most of it is along an earth / gravel foot padded pathway with occasional steps and roots to negotiate. When dry it is easily navigable. It may be muddy when wet or covered in snow at times, so a bit of forethought about when you go is worthwhile. At the summit there is a short scramble up and over the rocks. OMG it is worth it! The Snowgum capped summit ridgeline is to die for.

It is fair to call this a challenging walk. Good footwear is needed. However, if you take your time to enjoy what is on offer and pace yourself, it seems to go all too quickly.

Picnic tables, a fire pit and parking are available at Timbertop Saddle on Howqua Track. Carry water and a snack for the top. Be SunSmart and prepared for rapid weather changes.

It can be a popular walk at times. On the other hand, there are many quiet days and there is a mountain of room for finding your own space. The walking track is accessed from Timbertop Saddle on the Howqua Track, about 6.5kms off the Mt Buller Road.

Dogs are welcome, but note they must be on a leash and under control at all times.

The nearest campground and toilets are at Sheepyard Flat on the Howqua River.



Sean Mathews



Quiz question of the month

Question: Where in Victoria 150 years ago would you find poor soil, severe winter frosts, erratic rainfall and yet discover internationally acclaimed dry red wines and champagne style whites?

Answer: The Great Western district has been producing wine since 1853.

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Our students made a wreath for Remembrance Day. They laid it at the Strathbogie Cenotaph and observed a minute's silence to honour those who served and sacrificed for our country.

In Literacy, the students have been sharpening their speaking and listening skills. With the school concert coming up, we have reworded a popular children's song and learned to sing and listen to musical cues. We have written different poetry styles too. The students have shown promising growth during assessments of reading and maths.

In Maths our focus has continued to be grouping and multiplication.

We attended a Drumming Workshop at Violet Town and whilst we were there we took the chance to have a rehearsal for the upcoming Peranbin Concert. In Art Katie has returned to work with the students on completing our mural on the school building. We have also been studying and creating artworks about Greater Gliders for the display in December at the Sheila Inc. Gallery in Euroa.





We had our Big Day Out to celebrate all we have achieved in 2023. We went to Rebound in Shepparton, followed by a BBQ lunch and play at Kid's Town.

I really enjoyed running and jumping on the trampoline especially the Olympic Trampoline and landing pillow.

Maggie

I liked Rebound it was so much fun jumping from the giant mat into the big pillow pit. At Kids Town I had sausages for lunch then we made a huge train in the giant slide which was great fun.

Flynn

I liked going to Rebound and had fun jumping on all the different trampolines and going on the mini carousel. I really liked having sausages for lunch and coming down the giant slide with all my classmates.

Josie



The Peranbin Concert is on Friday 1st of December at the Violet Town Hall, dinner is provided by the Violet Town Lions Club at 6.00pm and the concert begins at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to entertaining you.

We thank the community for supporting our school, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2024. We look forward to bringing you our news again next year.