



June 2024

Council's Community Grants closing date extension to 5pm, June 11

Strathbogie Shire Council is encouraging local not-for-profit community groups to apply for Council's 2024-25 Community Grant Program. Have you got a project that will make a difference in your community?

Applications are now open for the 2024/25 Community Strengthening Grants and the new Reducing Emissions Grant. Community Strengthening Grants provide grants of up to \$10,000 to support local community groups to bring people together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, upskill, share resources, and put ideas into action. The Community Strengthening grant is an opportunity for groups to obtain funds to deliver a project or initiative that is important to them. In the past Council has funded projects that build the social capital of the local community, such as the development of community websites, the purchase of sporting equipment to provide all abilities access, and the delivery of creative workshops.

The new Reducing Emissions Grants provide up to \$20,000 for energy saving initiatives at community managed, Council owned facilities. This may include upgrading to energy efficient appliances or renewable energy sources. Strathbogie Shire Administrator Peter Stephenson said the Reducing Emissions Grant will go a long way to supporting Council's Climate Change Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support groups to simply save on energy costs.

The popular Quick Response Grants for up to \$1000, and Events Grants for up to \$5,000 will continue in 2024-25. These re open all year round. Mr Stephenson extended an invitation to potential applicants to attend a workshop. 'Council will host workshops to guide community members on how to prepare a grant application, answer any questions regarding the Community Grants Program and application process, and provide guidance on project suitability,' he added.

Workshop details:

The May online Workshop for Community Grants will be recorded for those unable to attend face to face.

Go to Community Grants 2024-25 Workshop.

For more information or a copy of the grant guidelines, timeframes, FAQ's or to apply; visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au, email info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or phone 1800 065 993

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What's On

June Peranbin Primary School have the Artbox in Strathbogie p3

June 11 Strathbogie Shire Community Grants applications close 5pm p1

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 0439 008 500

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.

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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

Joke of the Month

An elderly woman was preparing her will and she sought help from her close friend. She told her friend that she had two final requests: First, she wanted to be cremated and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over the local Aldi car park.

Her friend found the second request highly unusual and asked her, "Why Aldi?"

The woman replied, "Then I will be sure my family will visit me twice a week."

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

Cartoon by Peta Manning



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The library service has changed to alternate Mondays 10.00—12.00 in the Soldier's Room at the Hall. No more bus. Next: June 10 & 24.

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The Deadline for the July edition of Tableland Talk is Thursday, June 27, 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.

Fierce little critters in our Tableland forests – *Antechinus*

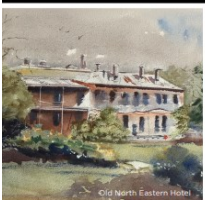
One of my favourite characters, amongst the wonderful diversity of species of native mammals we have up here on the Tableland, is the Agile Antechinus (*Antechinus agilis*). These fierce little hunters feed mainly on insects and spiders, but will also take small vertebrates, such as lizards. Generally weighing less than 35gm as adults (males are larger, females are normally around 20 gm), they are about the size of a house mouse, but please don't mistake them for a house mouse! They are a marsupial carnivore, and have sharper pointier faces than mice, plus they don't possess the classic chisel-like front teeth that rodents have. Instead each jaw has a full row of sharp little pointed teeth, which they are quite prepared to use on your fingers, as you can see in the photo (that's my finger the animal has sunk its teeth into). They live in our forests up here, and need ground level vegetation cover for protection from larger predators – we never trap them where there is no ground cover, and when we fitted them with tiny radiotags, many years ago, we found they would not cross over more than about 20m of open ground. They tend to nest in trees. *Antechinus* have an amazing life history – after a very short, highly synchronised late winter mating season, the males all die, leaving only females in the population until the young are born about 27 days later! Like all marsupials, the young (around 6 babies is the normal litter size for up here) are carried in the females pouch, then later, left in a nest in a tree hollow. The little ones emerge from the nest about 2 weeks after Christmas, then disperse into surrounding forest within a week or so. After that, most of the adult females then die! What fascinating and extraordinary little critters!



Text: Kath Handasyde: **Photos:** Achim Eberhart & Stuart Bridgman

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is coming to Strathbogrie



April

Bruce Hargrave
April 4 - April 29, 2024



May

Deborah Cavanagh
May 1 - May 28, 2024



June

Peranbin Primary College
Strathbogrie Campus
student exhibition
June, 2024

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ARTBOX in Strathbogrie Memorial Hall grounds June 2024.

Exhibition Schedule:

June - Peranbin Primary School, Strathbogrie Campus student exhibition

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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 Strathbogie-Tree, please send an email to Stuart on stuartb446@gmail.com or call on 0422 408 915



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Getting To Know You.....

Name? – Nev Broughton

Where were you Born? – Euroa Bush Nursing Hospital in 1955

Siblings? – 2 brothers and 3 sisters - mum and dad had three of each, of which I'm the oldest.

Hobbies/Sports whilst growing up? – Rifle shooting at Euroa before that got closed down due to the freeway.

Current hobbies? I like visiting old steam trains, touring around and getting on old steam engines.

Name the places you have lived? – Originally Kithbrook at mum and dads, a house in the township of Bogie for around 14 years and then out here on the farm at Kelvin View

Food Fan or Food for Fuel? – Fuel

Jobs you have held? – When I left school, I dug up spuds for Brian Law, then contract shearing in the Riverina (got my first 200 up there) and then farming.

Favourite genre of music? – Country and Western – Love Slim Dusty's "Leave Him in The Long Yard."

Dancer or non-dancer? - Used to love the dances, travelling to Katandra, Shepparton East and Kialla, but not much of a dancer anymore.

Anything on your Bucket List you haven't ticked off? – Not really, maybe a trip in the caravan to Birdsville. I like meeting people and touring – I'll have to get rid of the sheep first!

Favourite animal? Sheep

Community Groups you are involved with? – Kelvin View Hall and the Cemetery Trust. I like being involved in different things in the area.

Favourite holiday destination? Everywhere is good – anywhere in Australia not interested in overseas

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you "Grew up?" Thought I'd make a good Stock and Station Agent. When I was around 20, John Keys AML manager (with the old yards in Main St) was going to Wagga and he wanted me to go with him as he thought I'd make a good auctioneer – Dad wanted me to stay here on the farm, so I did.

Nickname/s? – None out and about but family used to call me Willy.

Lisa Duggan



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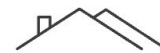
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In addition to regular worship, St Andrew's Church has many features which reflect the past and current history of the district such as the two large stained glass windows on either side of the pulpit and the more recently installed leadlight window in the porch commemorating past members of the district. The pulpit was made from local timber by Adam Wakenshaw. Other items commemorating former members include the organ, the communion table and baptismal font

St Andrew's at Strathbogie and St Andrew's at Violet Town form the Violet Town Parish enabling resources to be shared and co-ordinated.

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Tune your wood heater for more heat and less smoke



EPA Victoria encourages everyone to avoid burning wood to heat their homes if they can, to reduce pollution and effects on people's health. And if a wood heater or stove is your only option, EPA says it's time to get it tuned so it produces less smoke and more heat.

EPA Northeast Regional Manager Ben Kneebone says wood smoke and calm winter weather can reduce air quality, but there are simple ways to make your heater safer, cleaner and cheaper to run.

"A wood heater or fireplace provides valuable heating for many Victorians, but maintenance is important and one of the best things you can do is have the flue or chimney professionally cleaned," Mr Kneebone said.

"That can help to prevent flue fires and ensure the heater produces more heat and less smoke," he said.

"Checking the wood heater's operating manual can help you to get the best out of it and give you the knowhow to choose the right fuel."

The best fuel is dry, seasoned, untreated hardwood, which burns longer and produces more heat and less smoke.

"Using even slightly damp wood means your wood heater will not operate at its best. You wind up paying for heat that is lost in drying out the timber before it can burn, and you get less efficient combustion that creates more smoke," Mr Kneebone said.

EPA Victoria's Chief Environmental Scientist, Professor Mark Patrick Taylor, added that reducing wood fire smoke will also help to minimise any health impacts.

"Wood smoke contains very small particles and gases that contribute to air pollution. This can cause problems for anyone with cardiovascular, breathing difficulties and respiratory conditions, resulting in symptoms for some people."

Professor Taylor encouraged people to reduce their use of wood heaters and fireplaces on still days, and to go outside occasionally to check their chimney for smoke to make sure the heater is working as well as it can.

"Overall, Victoria's air quality is very good. This is mainly due to initiatives introduced over the years that have reduced emissions from industry and motor vehicles. Another contributor to cleaner air has been the banning of backyard incinerators in residential areas," he said.

"While the impact of a single wood heater may be small, the cumulative effect is significant, particularly through autumn and winter, and tuning your wood heater for most efficient operation helps reduce impacts on air quality, optimises heating your home and minimises health risks."

Tips for reducing smoke pollution include:

- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small dry kindling;
- Keep the air controls set high enough to keep the fire burning hot;
- Never overload a wood heater with too much wood; and
- Make sure you never leave the wood heater to smoulder overnight, as this starves the fire of oxygen, producing more smoke.

EPA also advises you should never burn household rubbish, driftwood, treated wood such as pine, or old painted wood in your wood heater.

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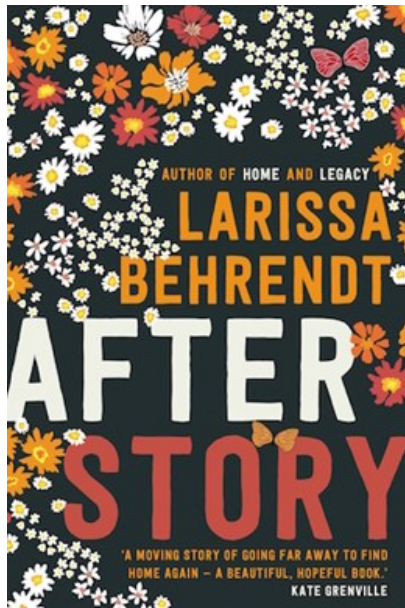
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The Bookshelf – Notes from the Bohemians Bookclub

After Story by Larissa Behrendt, 2021, UQP



Larissa Behrendt, a Eualeyai/Kamillaroi woman, is an award-winning author, filmmaker and law professor. Although *After Story* is a work of fiction, she draws extensively from her own experience growing up in an indigenous community, and working as a lawyer in child protection and aboriginal legal aid.

After Story is essentially a novel about mothers, daughters and the complexities of family relationships, but the author also lightly and deftly weaves a number of other threads into the narrative - inter-generational trauma, grief, indigenous culture and storytelling, racism, colonial history and yes, even a little English literature.

The plot: Burnt out after a disturbing homicide case, lawyer Jasmine takes a leap of faith and invites her mother Della to join her on a literary tour of England. Della has never travelled far beyond Frog Hollow, the tight-knit community where she raised her three daughters, and the place where her eldest daughter Brittany disappeared as a child. Jasmine, an avid reader from childhood, has pursued an academic and professional life in the city that has left her feeling distanced from her mum and remaining sister. Della is still reeling from the recent death of Jimmy, her ex-partner and the father of her daughters.

Jasmine and Della join a tour group in London and wend their way through a series of locations related to literary greats, e.g., the factory where Dickens worked as a child, the cottage at Chawton where Austen wrote *Emma* and *Persuasion*, the Oxford college where Lewis Carroll spent most of his career.

Both women hope the tour will bring them closer together, and help them reconcile the past. *After Story* is narrated alternately by Della and Jasmine, each recapping on the day's events from their different perspectives. The way they each interpret the same situations and events, how age and generation influence their thoughts and view of circumstances is astutely written.

Travel brings home into relief. Learning about the troubled lives of British writers underscores their own complicated relationships. Visiting historical sites causes both Jasmine and Della to muse on the depth and extent of Aboriginal living culture and the injustices and crimes of Australian history. Their late Aunty Elaine is keenly missed; her stories, wisdom and teachings surface, again and again. The humorously factional tour group reminds Jasmine of the difficulties of being a young Aboriginal woman in white- and male-dominated spaces. Curious first-time traveller Della has mind-expanding experiences, but when a local missing girl dominates the news, difficult memories resurface and she begins to lean on her long-time crutch, alcohol. Ultimately, the story ends on an optimistic note, with both women gaining insight into their own issues and finding common ground on which to build a stronger relationship.

Next month: *French Braid* by Anne Tyler

Mary Mathews

Recipe of the Month:

Maryanne's Spicy Pasta Sauce

If you put the pot of water on for the pasta as you start the sauce it will all be ready at the same time. I love fettuccine with this sauce. Serve some grated parmesan cheese and crusty bread. Quick, simple and delicious.

Ingredients

3 rashers bacon chopped
1 cup pepperoni salami sliced
20 Kalamata olives pitted and chopped
440ml can crushed tomatoes
2 heaped tablespoons tomato paste
3 cloves of garlic peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil



Method

Fry bacon in a large saucepan until it goes crispy. Add the salami and the olive oil and turn down the heat.

Keep stirring until the bacon and salami are both crispy around the edges. Add the garlic and cook for just a minute or two. Add the tomatoes and fill the can with water and add it as well. Add the tomato paste and let it simmer for fifteen minutes. Add more water if it gets too thick. Add the olives at any time during the simmer phase. Serve over your favourite cooked pasta.

Ellen Conroy

Ref: *Delish our family favourites. Peranbin Primary College 2012.*



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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

All campuses of Peranbin enjoyed a visit to the Kyabram Zoo on the 26th of April. Highlights of the day were seeing the many Australian animals, dinosaur display and the old homestead with old cars, machinery, and household items.



The Peranbin Cross Country was held at the Strathbogie Golf course on Friday 10th of May. It was so good to see so many smiling faces and budding athletes! All students showed great support and encouragement towards each other. Thank you to all of the families who came along to enjoy the day. The students put in a great effort, thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for marshalling and supporting the runners.

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Billie



Lewis



Isaac R



Maggie

On 'Wear Orange Wednesday' the students and the classrooms were dressed in orange to show support for the work of the SES. We viewed a video, taking notes on the types of equipment and vehicles they use, the different roles people have, and emergency situations they save people and animals from. We then got into groups to role play what we had learned.



Art and autumn at Strathbogie



Peranbin Strathbogie Campus has an art exhibition at the Art Box at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall. The exhibition will be on display for the month of June and is able to be viewed 24/7.

