



July 2024

Burnoff Advice from the CFA

After a local incident, and subsequent debrief by the Strathbogie Fire Brigade, I have been asked to put a few notes together for the public and volunteers so that everyone on the plateau has an understanding of what's required.

Firstly, as a landholder (owner or leasee), when it is outside fire restriction period, you have the right to burnoff any vegetative matter, within limits of Shire By Laws. You do not have to notify neighbours or call the burnoff notification number 1800 668 511. However common courtesy suggests you should, especially if your smoke is going anywhere near a neighbour's house, or public roadway.

If your fire gets into ANY public land, it is deemed out of control and a breach of Section 11 of the Summary Offences Act, and any member of the public has the right to call the fire brigade on 000. If this happens the local CFA HAS to respond and investigate.

You may not wish the fire brigade to respond, and even protest the fact, but under legislation we have to investigate. If you protest too strongly either physically or verbally, any member of the firebrigade has the right to call for the police to attend. If the member wishes to press charges the perpetrator will be up for assault, and interfering with emergency personnel in the act of their duties. (Section 107 CFA Act, amendment Emergency Workers Harm Act 2020)

So, if you see any member of the CFA in their uniform at a fire please be nice, as they mightn't want to be there either, and have only responded to help someone in need.

If the CFA has responded to an out of control fire on public or private land, and a tree has been affected, we may be calling for an excavator to push the tree over. This is for two reasons, one is we don't own heavy machinery, and for safety reasons we are not chainsaw felling trees. The second is that the CFA can't leave an engaged tree in dangerous condition, that may fall at any stage into the future.

Unfortunately, excavators costs money, which means as the person who lit the escaped burnoff, you will be asked to pay. And a big warning here people, that means float hire and machine hire. Recently due to Sunday rates a local fire cost the landowner over \$5000 for an escaped burnoff. (Please note that in a case of accidental ignition, a landowner will not incur these fees). And if the fire is deemed negligent the CFA, not your local brigade, may choose to litigate under the summary offences act, as well.

So, to avoid all the nasties, make sure when burning off that you have a firefighting unit. Even a small fire can creep, and a small splash of water can stop it with ease. If burning on or near the road verge, never leave the scene unattended. Consider signage especially if the smoke is likely to go over the road. *Cont page 3...*

What's On

June 24 to early July Drainage works resulting in a temporary detour of the Recreation Ground main access to the opposite side of the oval from Spring Creek Rd.

October 20 Bushfire Sunday p6

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 9.30am STAG Committee at the Hall. All welcome.

Tennis at the Recreation Reserve. Enq about social tennis: Secretary Mayra Walsh 0423 475 564

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Joke of the Month

I found a lion in my wardrobe the other day.
When I asked, "What are you doing in my wardrobe?"
The lion answered, "Narnia business!"

If your house is cold, just stand in the corner. It is always 90 degrees there.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at the school?
Everything is OK now, he woke up.

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.

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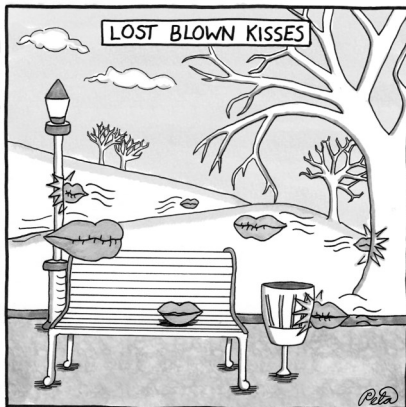
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Readers are reminded that all contributions **MUST** be submitted with the name and address of the writer.

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



Library Service

The library service has changed to alternate Mondays 10.00—12.00 in the Soldier's Room at the Hall. No more bus. Next: July 8 & 22.

GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf
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Strathbogie Memorial Hall

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Bookings contact person is Mary Wynne
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Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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



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And remember everybody makes mistakes, so if something goes wrong call the fire brigade sooner than later. Don't let your pride make the problem worse in delaying the inevitable. We prefer to come to a small fire than a big fire, we are here to help our neighbours in need. We understand things can happen beyond your control so don't be afraid to ring for fires on private or public land, at any time of year.

From David Hamilton
Captain Strathbogie CFA

Getting To Know You.....

- Name? – Jane Fuge
- Where were you Born? – Clare, SA. To parents who were both vigneron and apiarists.
- Siblings? – The middle of 5 siblings.
- Hobbies/Sports whilst growing up? – Anything outside. Netball, softball, tennis, running, hurdles, horse riding, vegetable gardening as a kid, bees, then javelin throwing, weightlifting, league & state netball in the teens. Was headed to the Seoul Olympics with javelin but tore my cruciate ligament (twice) in my right knee, so my boss at the time Geoff Lauder from TNT Air Couriers in Adelaide, said we needed to put you out to pasture; as your sporting career was over!...
So, my workplace put me on a Lear jet with a suitcase of clothes at 18 and flew me to their Darwin office to head the international section of onboard courier air satchels, import export of both air; sea freight and customs clearance.
Within a month, I had accidentally bumped into my now husband of 35 years at an INXS concert and as they say the rest is history!
- Current hobbies? Anything to do with our new property on Brookleigh Road, Strathbogie. Sheep, chickens, veggie patch, preserved anything, my olive grove; orchard of everything fruit, nuts and citrus. Basically, being self-sustainable on our 61 acres. Love to be involved with community. Tennis, Golf, bring it on.
- Name the places you have lived? – Watervale (Clare Vally SA), Adelaide, Darwin, Strathbogie (VIC).
- Food Fan or Food for Fuel? – Food Fan definitely. Cook a mean Ginger Chilli mud crab, beer battered fish nuggets, love a good hot curry. Will have a crack at anything.
- Jobs you have held? – Hubby Pat and I were self-employed and operated a successful auto electrical and mechanical workshop for over 20 years. Then we both worked for other companies. I did payroll for around 110 peeps and accounts nationally for a large security company until we pulled the pin and hit the road 2 years ago.
- Favourite genre of music? – Goodness, anything and everything that gets the toe tapping.
- Dancer or non-dancer? - Well... give me a few champagnes and anything could happen!
- Anything on your Bucket List you haven't ticked off? – We need to finish travelling Australia. After leaving Darwin (Pat 50 years and me 35 years) we only managed to do the east coast prior to family issues.... and as the Swiss cheese holes of life offer you, we stumbled across Strathbogie by sheer chance. My goodness, we still kick ourselves that we managed to buy this property. Love, love, love it!
- Favourite animal? Generally, love all animals. But it would have to be our dearly departed family dog named Doug. The runt of a litter of 9, from a Great Dane stud male and wolf hound bull arab neighbour's bitch. Such a beautiful temperament and personality. Died at aged 12, just prior to us leaving Darwin.
- Community Groups you are involved with? – Well.. currently the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival Committee; Land Care.
- Favourite holiday destination? Victoria River NT. The Baines River to be exact, remote barra fishing for the past 25 years. Caught my pb of 110cm, a stinker! :)
- When you were a child, what did you want to be when you "Grew up?" A vet or helicopter pilot. Something with action.
- Nickname/s? – Well, my maiden name was Bryksy.... no vowels, Polish. (pronounced Brick-see). I married a Kiwi... Fuge. My mother was a Smith. Got called brick at school, but there is a more favourable nickname my brother gave me due to my champagne intake... but we will leave that for another day :)

Lisa Duggan

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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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Vale Alistair Thomson

- Strathbogie Shire Councillor from 2016 to 2020

- Member of Strathbogie Shire Audit and Risk Committee from 2020

Statement from Peter Stephenson, Strathbogie Shire Council Administrator

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Alistair Thomson, a valued and respected member of the Audit and Risk Committee and a former Councillor at Strathbogie Shire Council.

On behalf of the Strathbogie community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Alistair's family and friends.

His knowledge, experience and dedication have made a significant and lasting impact on the Strathbogie community. During his four years as a Councillor from 2016 to 2020, he was involved in many decisions, projects and initiatives with roles on various committees including environment and sustainability development, planning and audit and risk. After leaving Council at the end of his term, he joined the Audit and Risk Committee as an independent community member.

Working alongside Alistair on the Audit and Risk Committee was a privilege. His contributions, expertise, kindness and unwavering commitment to good governance and to putting the interests of the community first have left a lasting legacy for Strathbogie. He will be greatly missed.

Vale, Alistair Thomson

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Chief Executive Officer Julie Salomon echoes the sentiments from Mr Stephenson and states that his kindness, wisdom, and enquiring mind will be sorely missed.

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The Mayor and Councillors of the period when he served as Councillor also extend their condolences to Alistair's family and friends. He was an extraordinary Councillor and represented the community with passion, good governance and integrity.

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Alistair was Councillor for our Mt Wombat Ward. He was a man of principle and integrity. In his regular Tableland Talk articles he kept constituents informed about Council matters and advised of his views. This contribution was valued by our readers and The TT Team. Our condolences to his family.

Sean Mathews (Editor)

Strathbogie Shire Winter Wonderland Returns.

Strathbogie Shire Council is thrilled to announce the return of the highly popular Winter Wonderland event this August. After a successful event in 2022, Jacobson's Outlook, Nagambie, the old Gambles Nursery Site on Binney Street, Euroa and the newly added site at Jubilee Park, Avenel will be transformed with winter magic.

The Winter Wonderland experience features an ice-skating rink complete with inflatable surrounds, skates, helmets, penguin trolleys for smaller children, and expert staff to assist with fitting skates and providing instruction. Alongside ice skating, attendees can enjoy the Extreme Cloud Snowboarding experience, hot chocolate, a photobooth, and live music, creating a family fun event for all to enjoy.

'This initiative is a key part of our community flood recovery efforts, using community events to build resilience and solidarity within the community.' said Strathbogie Shire Council Administrator, Peter Stephenson. 'These free events are made possible thanks to funding from the Victorian and Australian Governments through the Community Recovery Hub grant. 'Local chambers and business owners have warmly welcomed the event's return, recognising its positive impact on the community and local economy.'

The Winter Wonderland will be held in:

Nagambie Ice Skating

Sat 3rd August | 11am – 7pm

Sun 4th August | 11am – 4pm

Jacobson's Outlook, High Street, Nagambie

Avenel Ice Skating

Sat 10th August | 11am – 7pm

Sun 11th August | 11am – 4pm

Jubilee Park, Avenel

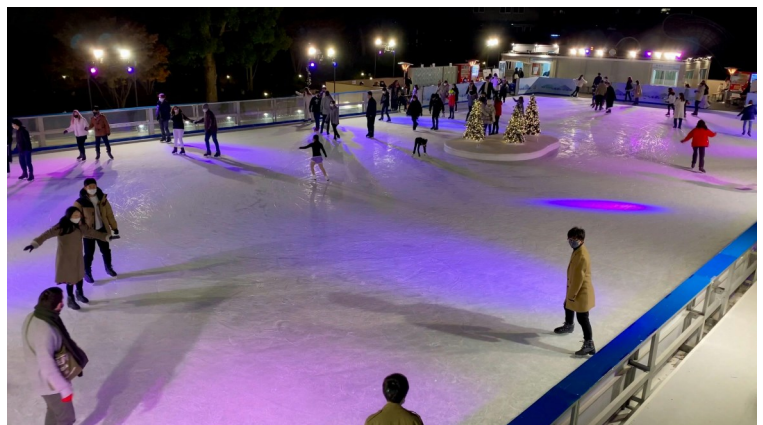
Euroa Ice Skating

Sat 24th August | 11am – 7pm

Sun 25th August | 11am – 4pm

Binney Street, Euroa

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BUSHFIRE SUNDAY

Hi folks, yep I know it's the middle of winter and most of us are thinking about lighting fires to keep us warm instead of preventing or putting them out. Bushfire Sunday has been a regular well attended event for the past 10 years, helping people to plan and prepare for each Fire Season.

This year the date for this training day will be

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024

Please take a note of the date and put it in your diary,

Closer to the event further notifications will be sent out as a reminder for you to confirm your attendance and also to give you a brief overview of the day.

Anyone who wishes can attend whether they live in Strathbogrie or not, as the day is about the whole of the Tableland and surrounding districts.

Kim Usher, CFA Community Safety Officer for Strathbogrie.



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Strathbogrie Memorial Hall Committee Update.



The Strathbogrie Memorial Hall committee and Strathbogrie Shire Council have been working together to improve our community hall in order for it to continue as a valuable community asset and move forward even more in expanding its scope.

Through grant funding we have already achieved a new roof, bike racks and seat at the front of the hall, water drinking station, and WiFi installation.

Five new split systems for future comfort control have recently been installed.

The stage has been renovated and upgraded, with the installation of a screen and projector, stage lighting, and rounded off with curtain cleaning and some painting.

The kitchen upgrade funds were rightfully relinquished for flood victims and will be revisited not too far down the track.

All in all some good positive improvements offering a broader community resource.

Thankyou for your support throughout the year.

Marg Koenig

Acting Chairperson on behalf of the Strathbogrie Memorial Hall Committee of Management

The Recreation Reserve Management Subcommittee Report

for Tableland Talk July 2024

We had our June Meeting on the 18th at 6.00pm at the Rec Reserve. In attendance - Johnno O'Brien, Lisa Duggan, Pennie Beard, Kerry Hewlitt. Apologies - Mayra Walsh, Craig Mercuri

There's been lots going on behind the scenes including:

- applying for a grant for the installation of a reverse cycle air conditioner in the new part of the building
- applying for a grant to fund the purchase of new picnic tables for viewing the Tennis Courts and near the club house and additionally to fund new crockery for the club house functions.
- meeting with the Shire to discuss ideas for landscaping around the club house. This will go ahead in at least 2 stages.
- engaging with Liam Riley to assist us with the landscaping
- planning the submission of another grant application for the installation of Wi-fi at the Rec Res

Other issues that are currently being discussed are:

- adding additional gateways around the oval to allow easier access.
- the need for potable water
- trimming the cypress trees around the perimeter to allow for vehicular and pedestrian access around the entire oval
- the ability to provide for camping
- the need for new indoor furniture

We encourage any of the community to utilise this wonderful space.

The calendar of events is accessible on the Strathbogrie.org website.

Bookings can be made to Lisa Duggan and/or Johnno O'Brien

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 9th at the Rec Reserve at 6.00pm.

Pennie Beard



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STAG Report

STAG held their meeting at the Strathbogie Hall on Sunday 16th June at 9.30am finishing at 10.55am.

All groups and committees were invited to attend to discuss the Grant application process. Many Grants are now being applied for to aid in the upgrade, development and improvement of the facilities on the Tablelands. Applying for grants can be a daunting process so we are hoping to streamline the process and ensure applications are directed to the correct category.

The discussion was quite productive, and STAG will hold another Grants meeting in February 2025. If anyone would like to put their hand up to be involved in the application of grants, all groups would be most grateful of the help. The Shire will have a Grant application course. We will let everyone know when these are on. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Some of the items we would like to improve or renew are-

- Fence around the hall
- Footpath to Rec Reserve
- Electric BBQs at all Tablelands reserves and halls

Events discussed – Social inclusion - How about a meet your neighbour function?
Clearing / garage sale?

The road works in Main Street Strathbogie

This is phase 1 of Streetscape –

- Parking for the school bus outside the School
- Parking outside the hall will be upgraded so they are clearly marked, level and not muddy.
- The drainage along the same area will be improved to alleviate inundation when it rains
- There will be a more pedestrian friendly crossing from the shop to the hall.

Hopefully this won't be too disruptive for very long.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 21 st July at 9.30am. Location to be advised.

Pennis Beard

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Protecting your water meter in winter



Goulburn Valley Water is reminding people not to forget about the humble water meter as winter descends on the region and near zero overnight temperatures become common place. While we are still in the early days of June there are some important considerations to be made before that thin layer of ice starts to form on the lawns of our homes and windscreens of our vehicles.

GVW Managing Director Dr Steve Capewell said the extreme cold of winter could impact the supply of water to people's homes, something many of us take for granted. "Most water meters and pipes sit above the ground and are open to the elements. The water sitting inside meters and pipes can freeze when exposed to very cold temperatures. This will result in your property having no water and can lead to broken or split pipes," he said.

It is important for customers to remember that although meters remain GVW property, customers were responsible for maintenance and protection of a meter on their property. If a meter or the attached pipework is damaged or vandalised (regardless of the cause)

the customer will be required to employ a plumber to undertake repairs. Dr Capewell said good news was there were a number of simple and inexpensive ways to ensure your water supply was not impacted by the cold. "As is generally the case, prevention is better than cure.

Should your meter freeze you will likely notice a severe drop in water pressure and possibly a complete loss of water," he said. Here's some advice on how best to protect your water meter from the winter cold.

- If the temperature is forecast to drop below zero, cover the meter to trap the air around it and stop the water inside it from freezing. This will protect your meter from splitting or bursting, and help prevent water from freezing inside the pipes to ensure you've still got access to water for your morning coffee and shower.
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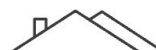
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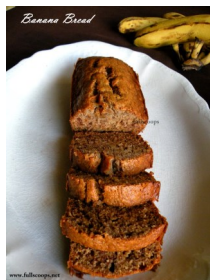
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Recipe of the Month:

Banana Loaf

- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 lightly beaten eggs
- 4 smashed bananas
- 4 tbspn warm milk
- 1 tspn bicarb soda
- 1 3/4 cups sifted flour



Oven 180. Cream butter & sugar, add eggs, bananas. Mix bicarb in milk, add butter mix. Add flour and mix. Bake 40 min in a greased tin

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

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On Friday 31st May we had our official opening of the 2024 Art Box Exhibition (adjacent to the Strathbogie Memorial Hall). The students put a great deal of effort into their art pieces and are very proud of their results.

The Senior students participated in the Lions Club Public Speaking competition held at Violet Town campus, along with the other Peranbin students. The Grade 5-6 Topic was "Most Influential Person in their Life" and the Grade 3-4's was 'Favourite Book Character'. All students did an amazing job and we are very proud of them all. Public speaking can be a very daunting task, but they all performed to a very high standard. All their preparation and practise shone through on the day.

Term 2 has come to an end and we are all looking forward to a well earned break. We have managed to fit so much into the term including ANZAC Day activities and fundraising, Cross Country, Wear It Orange Day, Apraxia Awareness Day, Kyabram Fauna Park, Lions Club Speeches, Winter Solstice and our fabulous Art Box Exhibition.

There has been lots of discussions regarding our plans for the holidays and we all look forward to catching up on Monday 15th July for the start of Term 3.

Next term we have many things to look forward to including Athletic Sports Day, Victorian State Schools Spectacular, Science Week, NAIDOC Week, Book Week, school photos, Footy Colours Day, and a few other things.

The Strathbogie Campus staff would like to express our thanks to the many people who support our school and help to keep things running smoothly, Kim Usher, Sue Merzel, Dave Sweet, Strathbogie Store, Tess Dealy for organising and delivering our food hampers, Strathbogie Golf Club and the list goes on.