



August 2024

## Strathbogie Pitch my Project Success

Council has endorsed six projects across the Shire as part of the Pitch My Project initiative. Fifteen projects were originally presented to the community for a vote.

The Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Pitch my Project application reflected ongoing support for a new footpath in the town. Strathbogie Tablelanders have successfully voted to see budget funding for a feasibility study into the construction of a footpath along Spring Creek Road between the Recreation Reserve and Main Street.

This part of Spring Creek Road is currently dangerous for walkers. Along some stretches there is no off road walking option at all. Surfaces are uneven. Some corners are blind and vehicle speed is a walker safety issue.

Much of the nature strip has been mown or partially cleared. Ausnet cleared the land under powerlines of much of the native vegetation in 2023.

Areas of high conservation value will be assessed. The viability of footpath construction that preserves remnant native vegetation will be a key consideration of the feasibility study.

Shirewide, the successful projects are:

- \$50,000 for Strathbogie Walking Path feasibility study (provisionally based on seeking further advice and direction from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action regarding native vegetation impacts)
- \$50,000 for Euroa Strathbogie Shire Art Trail
- \$50,000 for Euroa Branding Project Stage 2
- \$50,000 for Longwood Nature Play Space Stage 2
- \$50,000 for Avenel Memorial Hall
- \$50,000 for Ruffy Tablelands Centre Verandah



Ausnet clearing in town along Spring Creek Road.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Sean Mathews

### What's On

**Aug 5** Peranbin Primary College Open Day p12

**Aug 9** Shire Sport & Recreation Survey closes p10

**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](mailto: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

**Every Thursday** 2pm starting Aug 8. Spinning / Craft. Wajuna 0455 230 317

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No movies scheduled at the time of going to print.

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## Naming this place

The STAG Communications subcommittee have noted several recent references to "Strathbogie Tablelands" in various documents, letters and correspondence. Please note—the correct reference is to "Strathbogie Tableland" singular or "Strathbogie Tableland in the Strathbogie Ranges". There is only one Tableland named as Strathbogie Tableland — where the township of Strathbogie is situated. Other Tablelands in the Range are not our Strathbogie Tableland.

*Comms subcommittee*

For information regarding the Violet Town Village Voice or to get an emailed copy each month contact Abbey Ferguson at [villagevoice@violettown.org.au](mailto:villagevoice@violettown.org.au) online at [www.violettown.org.au](http://www.violettown.org.au)

Cartoon by Peta Manning



## Jokes of the Month

Q. What do kids play when their mom is using the phone?

A. Bored games.

Q. What do you call an ant who fights crime?

A. A vigilANTE!

Q. Why are snails slow?

A. Because they're carrying a house on their back.

Q. What's the smartest insect?

A. A spelling bee!

## 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*

## 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: August 5 & 19.

[GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf](#)  
([gvlibraries.com.au](http://gvlibraries.com.au))



### Strathbogie Memorial Hall

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m: 0419 592211

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[rec@strathbogievic.gov.au](mailto:rec@strathbogievic.gov.au)

**The Deadline** for the September edition of Tableland Talk is Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

e: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com), m: 0400 019 607

Preferred formats: Word or Publisher files, font Arial 11, convert pdf to jpeg, images <250k. *TT Team*.

# Hi to all newcomers to our beautiful Strathbogie Tableland & community

STAG (Strathbogie Tableland Action Group), has prepared a number of Strathbogie Tableland Welcome Packs, which are available for all newcomers to our Tableland community.

The pack contains information on local committees and community groups, local events, bushfire emergency information, an edition of Tableland Talk (our local monthly newsletter), our local website (strathbogie.org), a local business directory, maps, some local goodies, etc.

If you would like one of these packs, please contact:

Kath Handasyde: [kathstuart60@gmail.com](mailto:kathstuart60@gmail.com)

or

Pennie Beard: [clanepennie@gmail.com](mailto:clanepennie@gmail.com)

## Getting To Know You.....

**Name?** – Kerry (Noye) Hewlett

**Where were you Born?** – Springvale Victoria

**Siblings?** – I am one of three kids with Dad's first batch (Greg and Colleen ) and have two brothers with the second batch (George and Mark)

**Hobbies/Sports whilst growing up?** – Growing up with a love of horses and tennis

**Current hobbies?** Golf and Tennis no longer horse riding.

**Name the places you have lived?** – A Ruffy girl growing up. Married and had farms in Ruffy and Terip. Reside now in Strathbogie.

**Food Fan or Food for Fuel?** – Love food any type

**Jobs you have held?** – Started work in the equestrian industry at a Riding School down in Geelong, then in the racing industry at Kilmore/Seymour/Yea, then vet nursing at Avenel and then Euroa for Bob the Vet. I was Kerry number 2 as Bob had two Kerry's working for him. I also worked at Morrisons Euroa Clothing Co for a couple of years

**Favourite genre of music?** – Love the eighties music era

**Dancer or non-dancer?** - Loved the local dances growing up visiting all the local halls in the district

**Anything on your Bucket List you haven't ticked off?** – Africa on my bucket list for one day

**Favourite animal?** Love horses and most animals

**Community Groups you are involved with?** – Here in Bogie involved with the Golf Club and Recreation Ground committees

**Favourite holiday destination?** At the moment going to Italy/France/England and Scotland end of August 24

**When you were a child, what did you want to be when you "Grew up?"** As a kid always wanted to work with animals.

**Nickname/s?** – My grandfather used to call me Ky, another relative called me China because he said I did not shut up these days its Kerr or Keza.

*Lisa Duggan*



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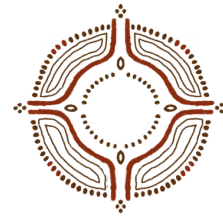
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## Strathbogie Tree

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Strathbogie-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
- Information on your local business or service

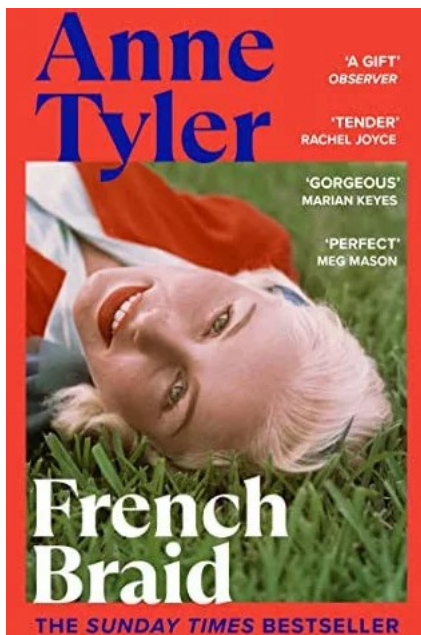
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## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

*French Braid* by Anne Tyler, Penguin Random House, UK, 2022.



According to the fly pages of *French Braid*, this is Anne Tyler's twenty-fourth novel. In 1989, she won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *Breathing Lessons*, and in 2011, she was short-listed for the Man Booker International Prize for her entire body of work. Her 1985 novel, *The Accidental Tourist*, was made into a hugely successful film, and other works have been adapted for TV and film. In short, Tyler has long been a much-celebrated author.

The over-riding theme of her long list of novels is the family and its often-complicated relationship dynamics. The critic and writer, Michiko Kakutani, wrote, "she has taken as her fictional territory that sprawling American landscape of the middle class, and ... she has claimed as her special province the family in all its contrary dimensions." This is certainly true of *French Braid*. The novel takes as its subject the Garrett family of Baltimore and covers a chronological span of some eighty years. We are introduced to three generations of Garretts – fathers, mothers, cousins, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, daughters, sons, in-laws, grandchildren. Quite a crowd! Anne Tyler stated that, for her, "character is everything. I never did see why I have to throw in a plot, too" (*The Virginia Quarterly Review*, 1992). Perhaps this is the key to the generally unfavourable opinions of *French Braid* put forward by the

Bohomians. There is very little plot. Readers are left wondering if a plot exists in (Grandmother) Mercy Garrett's steps towards an independent life by moving out of the marital home to her art studio; this theme, with its echoes of 60's feminism, is developed quite skilfully, and does occupy a central position, but is always an undercurrent. A nod to plot does come in the very final pages where David, the son of Robin and Mercy Garrett, recalls his near-drowning as a seven-year-old in 1959, and the "most peculiar expression" on his father's face as he watched the boy floundering in the deep water. This, we can only conclude, is why David has felt himself to be unlikable all his life and has struggled to be close to his parents. But the threads are too thin and too numerous to hold so many characters and such a time span to amount to a plot. Tyler is, in this, true to her word. So, we must rely on the strength of the characters to bring this tale to life, and that is where the novel truly fails. The characters are not memorable, and their actions and peccadillos and 'little cruelties' within a meandering time structure leave the reader clutching for a branch to hang onto. Perhaps Novel No. 24 suffers from author weariness. In 1998, Kakutani wrote about *The Patchwork Planet*, Ms. Tyler's famous ability to limn the daily minutiae of life also feels weary and formulaic this time around... "; in 2015, writing about *A Spool of Blue Thread*, the same critic said, "The problem is that these characters have insinuated themselves so shallowly in the reader's mind that it's hard to care much what happens to any of them." Kakutani's sentiments could apply equally to *French Braid*.

Next month: *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende, 2019, Vintage Espanol (tr.)

Ruth Fluhr

## Strathbogie Uniting Church Report



The beautiful Strathbogie Church holds services on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 11am.

During the winter months Pastor Bob is away so we hold the services ourselves, guided by Joan Wood and Anna Reyneke.

It's always wonderful to see new faces who choose to join us. We aim to create a relaxed, comfortable and welcoming environment. After the service we head up to the Strathbogie General Store for lunch and a chat. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in.

Pennie Beard

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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 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 Strathbogie or not, as the day is about the whole of the Tableland and surrounding districts.

*Kim Usher, CFA Community Safety Officer for Strathbogie.*



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## STAG update - July 2024

The July STAG meeting, held at the Strathbogie Hall was well attended. It was quite a long meeting as we had lots of items to discuss.

**Grants** – There will be a Grants workshop within the next few months. The Tableland community groups have worked really well in applying for funding through grants. The workshop will be an opportunity for us to coordinate and streamline our applications so we get the best benefit. The date will be published on Strathbogie Tree and TT.

**Generator-** The Recreation Reserve Generator has a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Strathbogie Shire and STAG. It was funded through a Drought relief Grant. It is intended for use during an emergency. Is a power outage an emergency??

**Social Inclusion** - We need to have a 'Meet the neighbours" event. Any ideas????

**Our Welcome Packs are ready** – If anyone is aware of newcomers to the area please let us know, so we can

have them delivered.

Contact either Kath 0408212645 or Pennie 0427685285

**Emergency Sub Committee** – This group is doing an amazing job at preparing strategies for our Tableland Community, in preparation for emergency events and 'Post emergency recovery'. The needs of people and animals after a disaster are extensive and this group will have in place assistance to the many needs that will arise.

If you believe you may be able to assist in the recovery of our community after an emergency event, please contact Helen Peters on [Balmanno3666@outlook.com](mailto:Balmanno3666@outlook.com)

**LEAP (The Local Area Action Plan)** – Is progressing further and should be available for distribution before the fire season.

**Strathbogie Tree** – now has 362 members

[www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org) – Remember to log in to this web site if you need information about the Tableland, it is continuously being updated.

## Strathbogie Shire Council Announces \$163,000 in Community Grants: Seven Grants for Strathbogie Tableland

Community groups across Strathbogie Shire Council will receive nearly \$170,000 with 19 projects endorsed through two funding streams at the July Council meeting. The grant funding was awarded through two streams: **Community Strengthening Grants:** Up to \$10,000

**Reducing Emissions Grant:** Up to \$20,000

Council awarded 19 applications to the total of \$163,000 excluding GST to these organisations and community groups:

### **Community Strengthening Applicant/Organisation Funding allocated to:**

Avenel Active Inc. \$8,665 - *multiple projects*

Tableland Community Centre Inc. \$10,000 – *indigenous artist workshops*

Euroa Agricultural Society Inc. \$10,000 – *AV equipment*

Go Nagambie Inc. \$6,970 – *lighting Kirwans Bridge*

Avenel Bowling Club Inc. \$7,691 – *aluminium seating*

Nagambie Soccer Club \$10,000 – *soccer goals and storage container*

Strathbogie Sporting and Recreation Club Inc. \$5,712 – *multiple projects*

Strathbogie Tableland History Group \$3,500 – *glass display cabinet*

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Inc. \$1,329 – *multiple projects*

Avenel Golf Club Inc. \$3,894 – *replace gas ovens with electric ovens*

Strathbogie Golf Club Inc. \$10,000 - *diesel motor and pump*

Longwood Action Group Inc. \$10,000 – *historical signage*

Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Committee of Management \$5,460 – *multiple projects*

### **Reducing Emissions Applicant/Organisation Funding allocated**

Violet Town Action Group Inc. \$20,000 – *new energy efficient floodlights*

Nagambie Senior Citizens Inc. \$9,080 – *new energy efficient dishwasher*

Strathbogie Memorial Hall Inc. \$20,000 – *solar and battery power system*

Violet Town Football Netball Club Inc. \$8,659 – *new higher energy rated dishwashers*

Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Committee of Management \$3,500 – *install energy efficient split system*

Nagambie Lakes Men's Shed Inc. \$8,540 – *installation of solar panels*

The Reducing Emissions Grant is a new stream, introduced in 2024-25 in response to the expressed need in the community. The six Reducing Emissions Grants support Council's Climate Change Action Plan and include initiatives such as upgrading to energy-efficient appliances, converting gas to electric appliances, and restoring renewable energy sources and storage.

Quick response grants are available all year round, and more information can be found on the Strathbogie Shire website Community Grants page.

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# Boho South Hall Shines at Christmas in July Celebration



The Boho South Hall was booked to capacity as the community came together for a "Christmas in July" celebration. The event was a resounding success, drawing families and friends from all around to share in the festive spirit. The meal was a testament to the community's culinary skills and generosity.

This year's Christmas in July not only provided a much-needed opportunity for social connection but also highlighted the importance of community spaces like Boho South Hall. As the community looks ahead, there is a renewed sense of excitement and commitment to utilising and preserving this invaluable local asset.

This celebration of community spirit and collaboration exemplifies the heart of Boho South, and the Strathbogie Tableland. The success of Christmas in July at Boho South Hall is a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together.



The Boho South Hall committee extends heartfelt thanks to all who attended, volunteered, and contributed to making the event such a memorable occasion. They look forward to hosting more events that bring the community together and celebrate the unique spirit of Boho South.

*Chris Ellis*





# Shape the Future of Sport and Recreation in Strathbogie Shire



Strathbogie Recreation Reserve

Strathbogie Shire Council is calling on residents to help shape a comprehensive new Sports Strategy to guide future maintenance, renewal and development of infrastructure for organised community sport.

The Sports Strategy will focus on formal community sport participation and the necessary infrastructure by identifying future needs and upgrades.

To help shape the strategy, Council wants to know what sports and activities community members take part in, what motivates people to get involved and what makes it easy or hard to engage in these activities such as distance to travel and the quality of facilities.

Strathbogie Shire Council Administrator Peter Stephenson emphasised the importance of this strategy in guiding the maintenance and renewal of existing sporting and recreational facilities.

“Council recognises the crucial role that sport, recreation and physical activity have in building vibrant, liveable communities and promoting health and wellbeing,” Mr Stephenson said.

“Having a plan for future needs is important to help guide future investment and priorities. The strategy also aligns with the Council Plan 2021-25 Strategic Focus on strong, healthy, and safe communities.

“Council is seeking critical insights into how we can improve our existing infrastructure and develop new facilities that meet the needs of our diverse community, and their structured sporting activities.

“I encourage residents to share their knowledge and have their say on our Share Strathbogie site,” he added.

The feedback we receive will help ensure our community has equitable access to high-quality sport and recreation infrastructure, now and for future generations. For more information, please visit [www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) or contact Council. Survey closes at 5pm, Friday 9 August.

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**What's worth finding out on [www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org)?**

**Strathbogie Memorial Hall** has been the principal gathering place for community events and meetings since 1955. The Hall was completely renovated in the early 2000s. The main hall can seat up to 250 people and accommodate over 150 at tables for a meal. It has new gas space heating and an excellent sound system.

The large refurbished kitchen can handle large catering demands and a gas barbecue augments the electric stoves, urn and microwave oven with its appropriate crockery, cutlery and cooking equipment. Next to the kitchen is a spacious supper room which has an excellent permanent exhibition of restored old photographs showing historically important images of life on the Tableland in earlier days.

See [Memorial Hall – Strathbogie Tableland](#) in the “Community Groups” drop down menu.

*Communications subcommittee*



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# *Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus*

Welcome to Term 3. It has been a good start to the term and despite the cold weather the students have all enjoyed catching up, playing outside and getting back into our school routine.

We started the term by researching significant First Nations People of Australia, discussed NAIDOC Week, created maps of our environment using Indigenous symbols, summarised written procedures, balanced equations and learnt about place value. We have also enjoyed Digital Technologies sessions with Miss Holleran, and celebrated New Year with Miss Jung.

Week 2 we travelled to Violet Town for school photos on Monday and again on Friday for The Ned Show, an interactive performance designed to help children understand the concepts of "Never Give Up", "Encourage Others" and "Do Our Best".

We welcomed Sarah who will be our MARC teacher for Term 3 while Andrea is on leave.



On Wednesday Alex Delahey and Dan Dealy attended the Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal in Melbourne and we wish all of the students the best of luck for their performance in September.

Students have worked on procedural texts, learnt some amazing facts about Uluru and drawn fantastic fire pictures. In Maths the Seniors have worked on BODMAS and the Juniors have been learning about place value.

## ***Peranbin Primary College Open Day – Community Cultural Event Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – 10am – 2pm***

This event will be held at our Violet Town Campus and is open to all families and community members so please spread the word.

New families are welcome to join us and see our wonderful school community in action. On the day you will have the opportunity to meet our teaching staff and arrange a school tour at any of our campuses.



Our fire pictures

## Strathbogrie Rec Reserve Committee of Management - July Update

**Landscaping** – Luckily for us, the talented Liam Riley is currently in the process of quoting for all the landscaping works, so it should be great! Liam has been working closely with Brian from the Shire.

**Grants** – we have been successful with application for several grants which will ensure the further development of the club rooms.

**New Oven** - The new oven has been connected so the kitchen is in working order.

**Second Gateway** - The second gateway has become a bog and very messy, so we will ask the shire to tidy it, when all the work is completed in the Main St.

### NOTE - WORKING BEE

We would like to do a thorough clean up in and around the club rooms, so have schedule a working bee for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Would members of the community come along with your cleaning gear and give us a hand please.

DATE - SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2024, 10.00 am



The Australian Alps from Towong

Mountains stand above valley and plain  
ranging over extensive stage  
mountains never look the same  
mountains turn many a page  
cloaked white in winter's fog and snow  
clad in the green shades of spring  
baked by summer's hot yellow sun  
in autumn's many colours seen  
softened by forest leaf en masse  
capped with crags of hardened stone  
eternally surveying woodland and grass  
water and desert from lofty throne

Sean Mathews



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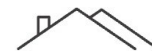
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## Recipe of the Month: Lemon Cream

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup of sour cream
- 1 tspn finely grated lemon rind
- 2 tbspns icing sugar



### Method

Mix ingredients together. Taste. Cream should be lightly sharp in flavour. Add lemon juice or more sugar to taste. Chill to thicken

**Great for topping strawberries**

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



## For the forest, the gliders & legal safeguards – we’re appealing!



As some TT readers will know, local community group Save Our Strathbogrie Forest was in the Federal Court earlier this year trying to halt several planned burns in the Strathbogrie Forest. The Strathbogrie Forest is home to one of the healthiest populations of the Endangered Greater Glider in Victoria and the planned burns in question are home to healthy numbers of this cuddliest of creatures.



We believe these burns are unnecessarily destructive; there should be a greater regard given to the natural values in the forest and where necessary, burns should be modified to avoid burning critical habitat.

In the court case, the judge found that we had not demonstrated that the burns were a significant threat to the gliders in the burn areas and he allowed the burns in question to proceed, but the court also found that planned burns are subject to



the Federal Environment Act – this represents a significant change to the interpretation of the Act and created new law.

Our legal team, headed by Bleyer Lawyers, will argue that the ruling allowing the government to go ahead with planned burns in the Strathbogrie Forest contained errors of law and so we are appealing that decision.

The Appeal will be heard on August 20 and 21 in the Federal Court, Melbourne. For more information about the case, the Appeal and the broader issue of planned burning in the Strathbogrie Forest, visit the SOSF website - <https://strathbogriesustainableforests.wordpress.com/>

Our sincere thanks to so many in the local community and beyond for your ongoing support.

*Bertram Lobert, Chair SOSF.*

## Walk of the Month: Winton Wetlands Sculpture Walk

This fascinating Yorta Yorta Sculpture Walk is called Lotjpatj Natjan Danak, Yarning and Gathering Pathway. It is a creation of cultural works that represent ancestors; totems and special places; spirituality; ceremonies and cultural practices; histories and knowledge systems; ecology and seasons; plants; insects; birds and animals; rivers; creeks; sky stories and ancient creations.

On site amenities include Mokoan Hub and Cafe open 7 days 10am - 4pm, sculpture garden, children's playground, plenty of car parking, clean public toilets, picnic tables, interesting interpretive signage and a meeting place. Included is a visit to the Wetlands Viewing Platform.

The trail follows curving, generally flat gravel pathways and is suitable for all ages. Some areas of gravel are loose, which may necessitate assistance for wheelchair users.

Please respect these cultural works and do not climb.  
Pets are not permitted in Winton Wetlands.

For the map and full descriptions go to: <https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/5561>

*Sean Mathews*



Burnanga / Glennys Briggs



Youth of the Yorta Yorta People / Jack Anslemi



dhuma nhanha woka biganga (wise woman of the land possum skin cloak) / Treahna Hamm



## TIME TO START PREPARING FOR THE FIRE SEASON

It is only a couple of months before the fire season is upon us again and it is never too early to start preparing. Information to assist is available from a number of websites including the following:

cfa.vic.gov.au  
redcross.org.au  
strathbogie.vic.gov.au

In addition, the CFA will hold its Bushfire Sunday information session on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

There are also CFA envelopes with helpful information and brochures available on the PO desk at the Strathbogie Store – please take one.

### RECOVERY AFTER BUSHFIRE

With plenty of information available to assist us to prepare and manage in the event of a bushfire, STAG's Emergency Sub—committee has been focusing on how, as a community, we can help ourselves during the recovery process.

After a bushfire it can be expected that there will be no power, no communication facilities, no access to some areas and, depending on the extent of the emergency, no assistance available from authorities for several days. Therefore we are planning to develop a Community Hub at the Hall which will provide:

- information to assist the community to recover from an emergency
- a venue for authorities and support agencies to interact with the community
- a gathering place for members of the community to interact and support one another

The Hub will contain hard copies of material relating to recovery from a range of organisations including the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Strathbogie Shire Council and a range of support agencies.

We are also seeking to develop the following registers to assist during the recovery process.

A list of volunteers to assist with the Hub (we already have several however we need to be sure that we will have enough people as some may not be available, or have access, after a fire;

A list of skills within the community: food handling, working with children, mental health, first aid, animal handling, fencing, endorsed licence, and any others you feel will assist during the recovery process;

Equipment that might be available such as portable stock yards, stock feed, stock truck/transport, horse float, fuel, portable stock feeder, water troughs, handling equipment for large bales and silage, generators, etc.

Details of these lists will not be circulated and will remain with the sub-committee.

If you are able to assist in any way please contact one of the sub-committee members:

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As recovery information is unlikely to be available until some time after a fire, we will put excerpts from relevant documents in Tableland Talk over the coming months.

## **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS INFORMATION IS RETAINED AS IT MAY NOT BE EASILY ACCESSED AFTER A FIRE**

### **IMMEDIATELY AFTER A FIRE**

- Check with your local emergency services that it is safe to return to your property after a bushfire
- Wear protective clothing before entering your property after a bushfire
- Hazardous wastes, such as asbestos materials, burnt CCA-treated timber and farm chemicals need special care during handling and disposal
- Where possible, try to avoid taking children into fire-damaged properties. If you do, make sure they remain protected at all times
- Be aware and avoid hazardous trees and roots.
- Be aware of hazards like hotspots and embers, snakes and spiders, fallen power lines, sagging ceilings and electrical faults
- Check that power, water, gas and sewerage systems are functioning – you may need official safety check
- If powerlines have fallen, keep clear and keep others away. The power lines may still be live. Do not attempt to remove or prune trees which have fallen on powerlines.
- Take plenty of photos and notes for insurance and future reference.
- Protect your drinking water by diverting downpipes for initial flushing

### **OFFERS OF HELP**

- During the time immediately after the fire you may be visited by many individuals, organisations, government agencies and others to offer support or collect impact data.
- The generosity of individuals and groups in the aftermath of fires can often be overwhelming.
- It is recommended you keep a notebook to record names and phone numbers of individuals and organisations, to help you keep track of support provided and for future reference.
- You may be reluctant to take advantage of recovery services and offers of help; maybe because you are overwhelmed, or you think others are worse off and in greater need of assistance.
- However, when you have lost significant assets or experienced trauma during an incident, these organisations are there to help.

## **Strathbogie Township Streetscape Update**

As you may be aware, all kerb works have been completed, and the plan is to pour concrete on the pathways. However, due to rain, this has been postponed, and the work, including the driveways, will be done the first week of August, weather permitting. The plan is to complete all civil works by mid-August, though there might be some delays due to the expected rains.

Sourcing asphalt to reinstate the road is challenging these days as the Shepparton plants are not operating. However, the contractor is exploring alternative options for sourcing asphalt as advised by the council. Depending on the completion of the civil works, landscape reinstatements will be done a couple of weeks afterward. Council are aiming to complete the project by the end of August based on the current progress.

Council already have the furniture (two seats and two bins) delivered to the Euroa Depot, ready to be installed once the concrete works are completed.

Council appreciates the patience and great support from STAG and the Strathbogie community throughout this project.

*from Adrian Beard*