



September 2024

SHARING OUR ROADS

Safer Roads Strathbogie is a local group recently created in response to the growing reports of dangerous driving on the Tableland and injury to wildlife. SRS aims to advocate and promote safer driving to reduce the risk to human safety, as well as wildlife killed and injured on our roads.

We all want safe roads as they are our essential network allowing us to go about our daily business. Where collisions with animals do occur, these incidents can be dangerous and distressing for the driver, and cause considerable damage to vehicles and wildlife.

Please slow down between dusk and dawn when animals are most active. This will reduce the risk of hitting wildlife and damaging your vehicle.

If you do find injured wildlife, **please do not call local carers directly** as many carers are at capacity. Wildlife carers are often feeding babies through the night and they also need their privacy.

Please **contact Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300** - they are on call to help. Wildlife Victoria will register the case and locate the closest available carer for the animal.

If you encounter wildlife whilst driving on our roads, human safety must always come first.

If you can do so SAFELY:

slow down and where possible, either stop or steer around the animal in a safe and controlled manner.

NEVER violently swerve to avoid hitting an animal as this can cause you to lose control of your vehicle or hit oncoming traffic.

If you can't avoid the animal safely, you may have to hit it to avoid injury or death to yourself and others.

(Information sourced from : vicroads.vic.gov.au – Animal welfare)

If you have hit wildlife and IT IS SAFE TO DO SO:

Stop, ensure your car is well off the road, and put your hazard lights on.

If the animal is dead:

Move the body well away from the road, if you can do so safely.

Note your exact location with your smartphone, and note landmarks, a nearest address or crossroad.

Call Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service on 03 8400 7300. This number is staffed by trained, experienced operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Even when the animal is dead it is important to report this to Wildlife Victoria as soon as possible, so a trained local volunteer can check the pouch. They also collect data regarding injured wildlife.

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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

Every Second Thursday 2pm starting. Spinning / Craft. Wajuna 0455 230 317

Swanpool CINEMA

The Mountain PG Sept 7 6pm, Sept 8 5pm
Robot Dreams PG Sept 7 8pm, Sept 8 7pm

The Taste of Things PG Sept 14 6pm, Sept 15 5pm

Mr Blake at your service PG Sept 14 8.45pm, Sept 15 7.45pm

Fly me to the moon M Sept 20 10.30am, Sept 21 6pm, Sept 22 5pm

Ladies in black PG Sept 21 8.45pm, Sept 22 7.45pm

A bug's life G Sept 25 10.30am

A silence M Sept 28 5pm, Sept 29 5pm

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Cartoon by Peta Manning



Jokes of the Month

Q: Why don't scientists trust atoms?

A: Because they make up everything!

Q: What do dentists call their x-rays?

A: Tooth pics!

Q: I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win.

A: No pun in ten did.

Q: Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

A: It had great food, but no atmosphere.

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: September 2, 16 & 30.

GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf
gvlibraries.com.au



Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Main Hall available for hire— \$200 refundable deposit in case carpet cleaning is required.

Bookings contact person is Mary Wynne
m: 0419 592211

Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with John O'Brien
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rec@strathbogie.org

The Deadline for the October edition of Tableland Talk is Thursday, September 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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If the animal is alive and on the road:

Call 000 as large injured and distressed animals pose a hazard to road users. Please also call Wildlife Victoria and a trained macropod rescuer can be deployed.

(Information sourced from: How to help injured wildlife on the roads – Wildlife Victoria)

If you have found an injured native animal on your property or in a public place, again please call Wildlife Victoria.

Pouch checks:

Female kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, wombats, possums and echidnas carry young in a pouch. Even if killed, there is still a good chance that the young in her pouch will have survived. They can survive in the pouch for up to 2 weeks after their mother's death, depending on circumstances.

When a Wildlife Victoria volunteer checks the wildlife, they will:

ensure the animal is off the road, check the pouch if female, and spray paint them with a cross to show other volunteers they have been checked.

if a joey is found in the pouch - they will take the joey to the nearest vet for assessment. Once assessed, the joey will be transported to a registered wildlife rehabilitator.

Each year Wildlife Victoria receives around 110,000 calls for wildlife assistance from the public. The top cause of injury to wildlife is speed and road-related accidents.

Education material that you can keep in your car and wallet is now available for you at the Strathbogie Store.

Please drive safely everyone.

Safer Roads Strathbogie (SRS) saferroadsstrathbogie@gmail.com

(Please contact us if you would like to join our support base)

Major Road Patching Underway in Strathbogie



Strathbogie Shire is set to undertake major road patching on several local roads throughout August and September in preparation for resealing next year.

The patching works will take place on Euroa-Strathbogie Road, Spring Creek Road, Merton-Strathbogie Road and Creighton's Creek Rd.

The works, which total nearly \$718,000 (including GST), are part of Council's 2023-24 Capital Works budget.

Administrator Peter Stephenson acknowledged that these roads had been earmarked as part of the 2023-24 Capital Works program.

'It is essential that we prioritise safety across our 2,214 km road network, and we recognise that these sealed roads require extensive patching on

the failed sections.'

'Like everyone, I am aware of the potholes and poor road conditions across Victoria. However, we are focusing this year's budget on repairing these critical roads, which are heavily used by both cars and major transport.'

The roads will remain open to traffic during the patching works, with appropriate traffic management in place.

Mr. Stephenson expects the works to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting, with resealing scheduled for early next year.

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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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An invitation to Strathbogie Shire Council candidates to submit a Tableland Talk “Meet the Candidates Profile”

Tableland Talk has a policy of not accepting paid political advertising. However, we do invite all Council candidates to submit a short article of up to 150 words and a small photo as a community service. There is no cost. Send profiles to tablelandtalk@gmail.com by Thursday, September 26 2024.

All candidates can present themselves to the Strathbogie Tableland community. A statement that includes a brief bio, their capacity for teamwork and why they want to be elected would be ideal.

STAG Communication sub-committee

New play equipment for Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Express your preference

Council would like to ask the Strathbogie community to let us know the style of play equipment they would like as an upgrade at the Recreation Reserve Play Space.

In September 2023, Council completed an audit of all their playgrounds and open spaces and the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve was identified as requiring updating. This new play equipment will provide the community with a multi-functional and adaptable space that will encourage social interaction and promote health and well-being.

Council has developed a new Playground and Open Space Strategy that was adopted recently at the August Council meeting, and a key component of the new strategy is to identify equipment that doesn't meet regulatory requirements and outline a replacement plan. The Strathbogie play space requires this update to ensure safety and compliance and its replacement will also be consistent with best practice play provision.

We will gain insights into the most preferred outdoor play equipment from the school children next week.

If you wish to tell us your preference then please visit the Strathbogie Store (from Monday 2 September) and leave your suggestion in our survey box which will be there till 13 September.

Exciting fun times ahead for the children.



Style 1



Style 2

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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 is **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 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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Notice of STAG AGM

**The 2024 AGM of the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group
11:00 am on Sunday 27th October at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall
All in the Tableland Community are most welcome to attend and
share in the BBQ lunch which follows**

STAG is one of eight action groups established across the Shire in 2005 to provide direction to Council regarding community development and strengthening through the development of a Community Action Plan, and to generally act as a liaison between Council and the community.

STAG has three sub-committees which include both committee members and other members of the community:

Communications sub-committee which oversees:

- Strathbogie Google Group: *Strathbogie-tree*
- Community Directory
- Tableland Talk: Our local Community newsletter
- Community Website: www.strathbogie.org

Emergency sub-committee which:

- liaises with the CFA and Council
- has developed three community specific guides
- provides: bushfire emergency and preparation information and other general emergency information and with the Strathbogie Hall committee, is planning a Recovery Hub at the Strathbogie Hall
- has compiled the Strathbogie Tableland Emergency Information Folder, copies of which can be inspected at the Strathbogie General Store, the Recreation Reserve and the Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival sub-committee which:

- is responsible for organising the festivities for the Cup Weekend celebrations held on the Strathbogie Tableland

“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:

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Strathbogie Tableland Local Emergency Action Plans Nearing Completion

When a local emergency occurs, it's often local knowledge that assists first responders. Strathbogie Tableland draft Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) has been prepared by a dedicated Steering Group, and now they are seeking your input.



This LEAP Steering Group draft was developed following a community meeting in April, and it is now available for review on the Strathbogie Shire's engagement hub at www.Share.Strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

If you have any suggestions for dealing with emergencies, the Strathbogie Tableland LEAP Steering Group encourages you to provide your comments online to assist in the finalisation of this document.

This important local emergency planning document seeks to create greater awareness of the emergency risks in the Strathbogie Tableland area and identifies actions that can be taken to improve the community's preparedness and ability to recover from these emergencies.

Administrator Peter Stephenson noted that the Steering Group's information gathered from the community meeting, is now condensed into the draft LEAP document that Strathbogie Tableland residents can view online.

'This is our fourth township emergency action plan that Council officers have prepared, and I am so proud of the communities who have developed their plans. It is the input from locals that makes these plans effective, and in the event of an emergency, whatever it may be, having a plan to assist the community is crucial.

'These Local Emergency Action Plans play a key role in identifying risks within local communities and helping them be prepared for and recover from emergency events. The Strathbogie Tableland community deserves commendation for their willingness to be part of the LEAP program,' Mr. Stephenson added.

The draft LEAP is available on the Council's engagement hub

www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au and you can leave your comments there before 5.00pm Friday 13 September 2024 for the Steering Group.



For any further information, please call our Customer Contact team at 1800 065 993.

What's worth finding out on www.strathbogie.org?



The Cemetery Trust page

Learn the history and discover all the improvement work that has been done over the years at this peaceful resting place:

https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=185

Secretary Diane Mackrell 0439 008 500

STAG Communications subcommittee

Strathbogie Granite Project

This ongoing project continues the collaboration between University of Melbourne and Stellenbosch University in South Africa. In Autumn 2024 Professor Alex Kisters, until recently Head of the Geology Department at Stellenbosch, spent time teaching postgraduates in Melbourne and Bendigo, and visiting some of our key locations within the Strathbogie granite. A favourite was the walk up the Seven Creeks gorge seeing so much granite, cliff faces and waterfalls on what was a perfect day. He spent some time explaining the origin of those 'cracks' we often see in the granite (geologically, called joints); it turns out they play an integral part in the creek structure and landscape of the plateau. We also spent time farther west looking at the geology of the Tallarook plateau and Callen Range. Alex passed on his gratitude for the great support and hospitality provided by the community for our ongoing research. In Spring 2024, Caitlin Jones, a postgraduate from Stellenbosch will join us for some field work in the Strathbogies.

Thank you again for land access and sharing knowledge of so many special sites.

Neil Phillips

Strathbogie Tennis Club Summer Program

Are you looking for a fantastic way to stay active and connect with our community? The Strathbogie Tennis Club is the perfect place to do just that! We offer tennis activities designed to suit players of all ages and skill levels.

Thursday Night Social Tennis (@6pm) is a relaxed and friendly evening open to everyone, whether you're an experienced player or a complete beginner. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, get some exercise, and enjoy the game in a welcoming environment. Followed by a delicious pizza and beer at the rec reserve community night. Cost is \$5 per person on the night.

Thursday Kids Hot Shots Program (@5pm) offers a fun and engaging introduction to the sport. Tailored specifically for beginners from 5 to 12 years old, the program helps kids develop their tennis skills and overall ball-handling skills while having a great time together. Cost is \$30 per child for the whole program or \$50 for two children from the same family.

Saturday Afternoon Competition Tennis (@1pm) is ideal for those who are keen for more match play. We're currently looking for both men and women to join our teams. The competition involves playing three doubles matches each week, with games hosted at our home club as well as at other clubs in the area. It's a fantastic way to challenge yourself, improve your skills, and enjoy the camaraderie of team sports. Competition players must be club members.

We'd love for you to join us!

Club membership is due to be paid by 31 October for the upcoming season and can now be paid online at <https://play.tennis.com.au/strathbogie.tennis.club/Membership/Join>

\$100 for an individual adult

\$200 for a family (2 adults and up to 4 children)

\$50 for an individual junior player (under 15)

\$10 for social membership

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Club President Craig Mercuri at 0466 565 521 [craigmercuri47@gmail.com]

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Why I joined the CFA.

I had a good friend who was in the CFA. He had grown up with his father being a captain and so he joined at an early age. The stories he told were awe inspiring, the ferocity of the fires of 2009 in Kinglake and of surviving burn overs on the back of the truck.

Johnno and I bought our bit of land and moved from the Melbourne suburbs to Strathbogie. We were going to live in the bush. I felt it was a natural thing to do, to join the local brigade to train in the skills of firefighting. If anyone could teach me the skills needed to survive a bushfire the CFA could. I volunteered and in doing so it was a nice way to be part of something local and give forward.

I feel blessed that my work keeps me on the Tableland most days of the week and being part-time I am free to turn out often. I am one of a few women in the brigade that is active. I would like to change this. The training is very thorough and comprehensive, so I didn't feel intimidated. The level of care and concern towards mental health, wellbeing and safety offered by CFA is reassuring.

The rewards of volunteering have been surprisingly immense. The comradery shared on the truck, helping people in challenging times, seeing other parts of the country, being part of a team and making a difference are some of the benefits. Pushing beyond my comfort zone and putting all the training into effect has helped me grow personally. It has been 10 years, and I have now stepped up into the role of 4th lieutenant.

So, will you join the CFA, skill up and give back to our community?

Dana Last

Getting To Know You.....

Name? – Sharna Holding

Where were you Born? – Ballarat, VIC

Siblings? – I have a younger sister who now lives in Tassie

Hobbies/Sports whilst growing up? – Once upon a lifetime ago I was a swimmer competing internationally as a teen & in my early 20's

Current hobbies? - Keeping a tribe of young boys alive and trying to grow some veggies among the beautiful chaos! I've been really drawn to herbalism & naturopathy in recent years so can see that path developing for me as the kids get older

Name the places you have lived? – Ballarat, Geelong, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canberra, Melbourne & Strathbogie. I feel so lucky to have found my "forever" in this beautiful part of the world

Food Fan or Food for Fuel? – Both! Fuel can definitely be clean, nutritious & delicious

Jobs you have held? – Swimming teacher, broker assistant, recruitment consultant, HR coordinator, barista, cafe manager, mother

Favourite genre of music? – Earthy, soulful, alternative folk seems to be my vibe at the moment! Can't go wrong with some 90's hits and 00's R&B either

Dancer or non-dancer? - I'm far more likely to sing than dance!

Anything on your Bucket List you haven't ticked off? – I'd love to swim with Whale Sharks and visit Machu Picchu in Peru

Favourite animal? - Orcas are the first thing that comes to mind. Echidnas also make me giggle every time I see them waddling along

Community Groups you are involved with? – SCOFF has been such a great way to meet likeminded people growing & cooking all manner of wonderful things! I'm currently working with some other local Mums to get Strathbogie Community Playgroup off the ground and running this October once baby 4 joins us

Favourite holiday destination? - I love the Middle East. The region has such an incredible mix of history, culture, food and adventure

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you "Grew up?" - A vet or nurse

Nickname/s? – Shaz, Sharnie, Mum

Lisa Duggan

**Request for Tender: Contract Number 24/25-14
Design and Construction of Longwood Recreation Reserve
On- Site Wastewater Treatment System (Septic)
LUMP SUM CONTRACT**

Strathbogie Shire Council seeks tender submission from suitably qualified contractors to undertake the design, and installation of a septic solution for the Longwood Recreation Reserve.

Tenders received until 4pm (AEST) Wednesday 11 September 2024.

For the full project scope and to lodge a submission please go to the Tendersearch portal on our website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tenders

Strathbogie Shire cannot accept hardcopy, email or fax tender submissions.

Virginia Stanhope

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August Landcare Planting Field Day at Bullagreen, Strathbogie

On August 25th, we had a most successful and fun Landcare Field Day at David and Libby Hamilton's property on the Euroa-Strathbogie Road. All up there were 20 people who attended, which really helped with getting the job done – thanks Team! We started the day with a brief discussion about which trees and other native plants were suitable for properties on the Tableland; fencing and guards to protect plants from stock, rabbits, roos etc; soil preparation; the best time of year to plant; tree spacing, watering, and the advantages of planting native species on properties.

Our aim for the day was to connect the excellent native roadside vegetation along the Strathbogie-Euroa Rd, in front of the property, by planting a corridor of vegetation up to a patch of forest on Mt Spy, which includes a land-locked bushland reserve (Wondoomarook). After a delicious morning tea (thank you so much Kay!) we got to work and planted about 250 plants, all native species, and mainly those that occur naturally on the Tableland. These were all from the Euroa Arboretum. David had ploughed and fenced the corridor area, so the planting was relatively easy. Luckily we have had some recent rain, so the soil moisture was good, despite it being a little late in the planting season.

This type of slightly larger-scale revegetation is important for both on-farm and broader landscape/environmental health. Planting trees and shrubs on your property provides excellent shelter belts for stock, both in summer and winter. It also provides useful habitat for many of our local wildlife species, and in particular corridors can function to connect isolated patches of habitat for wildlife. Being visible from the main road, we'll all be able to see over the next years, how our revegetation effort is progressing when we drive past (and the Koalas will LOVE it as we have planted quite a number of their favourite food trees!).

Kath Handasyde, on behalf of the Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group



Recipe of the Month:

Roast Pumpkin with Walnuts & Beans

from Terry Frewin

Ingredients

2 cups pumpkin in 2cm chunks
1 tbspn olive oil
1 tspn sea salt
Cracked black pepper to taste
1 tbspn pure maple syrup
1 cup walnut pieces
1 can rinsed cannelli beans
1 tbspn chopped fresh rosemary
1 handful baby spinach leaves
Diced feta

Method

Preheat oven to 150 degrees
Spread walnuts on tray and roast for 5 minutes.
Set aside to cool.
Increase oven heat to 180 degrees
Place pumpkin on tray and drizzle with oil and salt.
Cook about 20 minutes until pumpkin starts to change colour. Drizzle with maple syrup and continue cooking for 10-15 minutes or until cooked and brown. Cool slightly. Add to large bowl with walnuts. Gently toss adding beans, rosemary and pepper. Stir in baby spinach and diced feta.

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

Strathbogie Sports & Recreation Club Inc. (Bar Committee)

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 24th September
at 6pm

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STRATHBOGIE MEMORIAL HALL AGM

Our Strathbogie Memorial Hall is the hub of our community, and we are holding our **AGM on October 9th at 6:30pm** in the Soldiers Room.

We encourage **NEW VOLUNTEERS** to come along and join our members to help continue to grow our wonderful community asset with new fundraising ideas, grants and initiatives.

To date with the Strathbogie Shire Council, and grant funding, we have achieved a new roof, water drinking station, bike racks and seat at the front of the hall.

Inside we have Wifi installation, new split systems for comfort, renovated and upgraded the stage, with the installation of a screen and projector, stage lighting, curtain cleaning, and painting.

Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Thanks for your support throughout the year.

Marg Koenig. Acting Chairperson on behalf of the Committee of Management, Strathbogie Memorial Hall

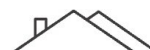
The Old Bridge



This crumbling old bridge was once an entrance to the town
But these days another road goes another way around
And the old bridge isn't even a walking bridge today
As its rotten frame collapses in an advanced state of decay
I'd like to see we walkers reclaim this historic bridge

and road
Reimagined and rebuilt it would easily take that load
We would walk both sides of Seven Creeks accessed by its span
Travel both embankments knowing we safely can
Return by the old bridge to where we began to roam
Enjoying more of nature's reclaimed beauty right here by our town

Sean Mathews



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Agriculture Victoria Key Information Following a Fire

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

Only return to your property once emergency services declare it safe to enter.



Livestock

After an emergency an assessment of livestock for injury is essential. Livestock producers need to be aware that disease can spread more easily following an emergency.

As soon as farmers are able to safely access their properties, it is important that livestock be assessed quickly and appropriate action taken to ensure the welfare of their animals.

Livestock producers need not wait for Agriculture Victoria staff

to visit to euthanise impacted livestock if they are confident they can do so humanely. It is recommended that animals be photographed for insurance purposes.

Bushfire may result in large numbers of animal carcasses requiring disposal. Farmers who do not have the capability to dispose of dead stock should contact the Shire for assistance.

Managing surviving livestock

Stock that are likely to survive should be placed in a clean (not burnt) paddock that has soft soils, appropriate shade and shelter, good-quality feed and water. Many animals will not be hungry for several days and may lose condition before starting to recover.

Feed

Under the Emergency Fodder Distribution Agreement, the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) arranges the collection and distribution of fodder.

No two situations of feed availability will be the same. Decisions about feed will need to be reviewed over time. Options of managing stock can be impacted by gaining access to sales at saleyards and access to fodder. Options may include:

agistment sell stock feed stock

If feeding stock is an option Agriculture Victoria staff can assist with developing a feed budget. This identifies the amount and quality of feed required for the number and type of stock and also how long it is required for.

If accepting donated feed, consider establishing a sacrifice paddock or stock containment area to reduce the spread of any potential weeds. Also be aware that the quality of feed may vary, and this will impact the amount stock require.

Water

Water availability may be reduced by fire suppression activities and the quality may be affected by contamination from ash and soil.

Dehydration can be a problem with stock often refusing to drink water if it is polluted or tastes different from their normal supply. It's important to watch your stock carefully to ensure they are drinking adequately.

Planning for water availability should include carefully evaluating current reserves and assessing if water quality has been impacted.

More comprehensive information is available on Agriculture Victoria's website.

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/bushfires/what-to-do-after-a-bushfire

Emergency sub-committee

Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

On Monday 5th of August Peranbin Primary College in conjunction with Many Mobs and Bunnings held a Children's Day Cultural Learning Event at the Violet Town Campus. The day was a way of allowing students and staff from all our campuses to come together and participate in some fun and educational activities and expand on our cultural knowledge.

Principal Angela Holleran welcomed the day's attendees and Many Mobs Aunty Iris explained the importance and meaning of Children's Day to indigenous culture while Uncle Eric played the didgeridoo.

Students were then able to rotate through several activities including painting fence palings with indigenous symbols, creating quilting squares of native animals, painting and decorating stones, preparing clap sticks for decorating, potting up some grevillea and rock daisy plants and making some Davidson plum ice cream.

We then got to enjoy sausages in bread for lunch.

On behalf of all staff and students at Peranbin Primary College we would like to thank the family and community members that were able to join us on the day and to acknowledge and thank Many Mobs and Bunnings for their amazing support and contributions on the day.

Back in the classroom we have continued summarising, and have been questioning in reading, researched different countries competing at the 2024 Olympics and famous Australian Olympians both past and present for our information presentations. In Maths we have continued our work on fractions, length, area and perimeter, and are learning about place value, symmetry and tessellation. AUSLAN saw us revising our bird signs and learning new signs for various materials. In Inquiry we learnt about different celebrations around the world and the Junior Class made their own pinata cups and the Senior Class decorated leaves. For P.E. we have been practising our throwing skills in preparation for our upcoming Athletics Day. During MARC the Juniors read the Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker and made wonderful pictures of the bowerbird collecting beautiful blue items.

Art with Suzie had the students creating amazing drawings of wattle using chalk pastels and we created colour wheels and paintings of Uluru.



In Bogie Backyard we harvested and cooked our cauliflower and broccoli and served it with a lovely cheese sauce .



Lastly on behalf of all staff, students and families at Strathbogie Campus we would like to say farewell to Dave Sweet, our maintenance man and his dog Jemma. Dave and Jemma will be missed by us all and we are extremely grateful for his amazing contributions over the years.

