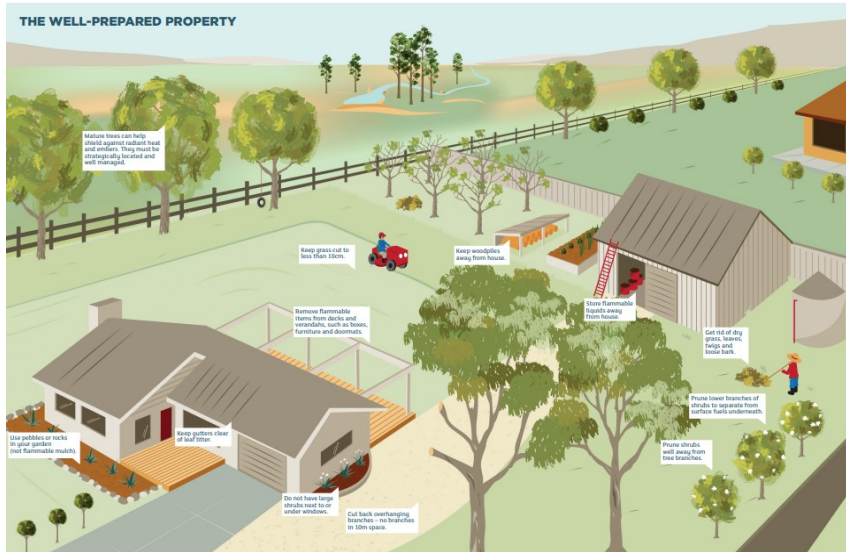




November 2024

CFA advises residents to prepare properties



Fire restrictions could be just around the corner. Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO) Tony Owen is urging residents in CFA District 22, which comprises Moira Shire, Strathbogie Shire and City of Greater Shepparton, to undertake their summer preparedness activities as soon as possible if they have not done so already. "This year will be a little different to the last two summers in that we haven't had the rainfall/floods leading into the summer, the landscape is drying out earlier and we anticipate we will have a "normal" season with more fire activity than the past two years" ACFO Owen said. Daytime and nighttime temperatures over the next three months are expected to be above average and this will be coupled with recent below average rainfall in lots of places. There is underlying dryness in the landscape and the forests are dry when compared with the previous two years.

"Now is the time to prepare your property, if we have a spell of hot, dry, weather, restrictions could come in really soon" ACFO Owen said, "The hot weather we have experienced in spurts over recent weeks, along with drying out of grasses, means that the introduction of the Fire Danger Period won't be too far away. The date is determined by several factors including the weather and fuel loads."

"If people haven't already done so, now is the time to get busy around their homes and clean their gutters; clear leaf litter and other fine fuels from around homes; remove flammable items such as paper, boxes and crates; and store fuel supplies and chemicals away from houses".

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What's On

Cup Weekend Festivities

Nov 3 Rec Ground Sunday Market p6

Nov 15 Costa at Tahbilk p10

Nov 17 Firefighting Unit Day p5

Nov 24 Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group AGM p9

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

Every Monday during school term - Strathbogie Community Playgroup 9.30-11.30am at the Rec. - Sharna 0401 445 675

Swanpool CINEMA

A Horse Named Winx M Nov 2 6pm,
Nov 3 1.30 & 6pm
Midas Man M Nov 2 8.30pm, Nov 3 6pm
The teacher who promised the sea M
Nov 9 6pm, Nov 10 6pm
La Chimera M Nov 9 8.15pm,
Nov 10 8.15pm
Bookworm PG Nov 16, 6pm, Nov 17 6pm
Take my hand M Nov 16 8.15pm,
Nov 17 8.15pm
Thelma M Nov 22 10.30am, Nov 23 6pm,
Nov 24 6pm
The way, my way PG Nov 23 8.15pm,
Nov 24, 8.15pm
A difficult year M Nov 30 6pm, Dec 1 6pm
Bonnard, Pierre and Marthe MA Nov 30
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A horse named Winx PG Nov 2 8pm,
Nov 3 4pm
Runt PG Nov 9 8pm, Nov 10, 4pm
Kid Snow MA 15+ Nov 16 8pm,
Nov 17 4pm

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<https://events.humanitix.com/euroa-community-cinema>

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Violet Town Village Voice or to get
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online at www.violettown.org.au

Jokes of the Month

If a pig loses its voice is it
disgruntled?

Why is the man who invests all
your money a broker?

When cheese gets its picture
taken what does it say?

If lawyers are disbarred and
clergymen defrocked, doesn't it
follow that electricians can be
delighted, musicians denoted,
cowboys deranged, models
deposed, dog trainers debarked
and dry cleaners depressed?

Contribute to Tableland Talk

Our community newsletter relies
on community contributions to
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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 >>>

Cartoon by Peta Manning



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The TT Team

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[GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf](#)
(gvlibraries.com.au)



Softer than the sigh of a dying wind.	Light as a mantle of misting rain.
Gentle that the onset of twilight	I brush your lips with mine.
Quiet as the shadows of nightfall.	Then I do it again.

Sean Mathews

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

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Preparing your property means you can reduce the chance of property loss during a fire, even if you plan to leave early. There are lots of things you can do to prepare your property before and during the warmer months:

1. Mature trees can help shield against radiant heat and embers.
2. Keep grass cut to less than 10cm.
3. Keep woodpiles away from the house.
4. Store flammable liquids away from the house.
5. Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark.
6. Prune shrubs well away from tree branches and prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath.
7. Cut back overhanging branches.
8. Remove flammable items from decks and verandas, such as boxes, furniture and doormats.
9. Do not have large shrubs next to or under windows.
10. Keep gutters clear of leaf litter.
11. Use pebbles or rocks in your garden (not flammable mulch).

Farmers also need to ensure their farming equipment is ready for the season ahead and complies with requirements (for example water extinguishers, exhausts systems that are free from mechanical defects).

Residents should ensure they register their burn off before lighting up at firepermits.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 668 511. If burning off, people should first check their council's local law regarding when and where they can burn off. Pay attention to the weather conditions, particularly the wind strength, not only on the day of the burn, but for several days after. Keep an eye out in case any burn offs pop up days or weeks after burning off, particularly if burning stumps or large piles. Make sure you have enough water on hand to fully extinguish your burn off. Last Autumn we saw a large number of escaped burn offs, often reignitions from a previous day.

Find more information about property preparation by visiting:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>



Gooram Falls Walk

Surrounded by creek line grassy woodland, this shallow gorge is part of Seven Creeks Wildlife Reserve. At the bottom are twin waterfalls roughly 20 metres apart. Immediately upstream from these are granite chutes that channel water at a great pace. Further upstream again are large boulder tumbles that create a turbulent spectacle during high water and exertion demanding rock hopping when low. In between all this activity, quiet pools with picturesque backdrops offer spaces for contemplation and reflection. Whether as churning white water or a gently flowing stream, this spot is gorgeous and has something for everyone.

The Gooram Falls Day Visitor Area where this walk begins and ends is located about 20km south of the town of Euroa.

The track itself is a return 1.9km walk between the upper

and lower car parks. Offshoots take you to the granite creek bed. The tracks have only had minor works done over the years. It can be rough and steep in places. Much of the shallow gorge is exposed rock that can be both steep and slippery. Take care.

Gooram Falls is part of a Seven Creeks protected native fish spawning reach between Polly McQuinns and Gall's Gap. Precious threatened species live and breed here. Please be mindful to avoid damage to or contamination of this fragile ecosystem.

This site makes for enjoyment of a variety of recreational pastimes such as bushwalking and swimming. Bird watchers can seek out 15 species or more.

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See the map: [Gooram Falls Walk, Gooram - Walking Maps](#)

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- 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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Tennis Club busy with kids lessons, competition team and social evenings



Tennis season is here and the Strathbogie Tennis Club has hit the ground running.

The Kids Hot Shots tennis lessons are running every Thursday from 5-6pm. The program is supported by Tennis Australia, who provide age-appropriate equipment and a new tennis racquet for every child. We have 23 children from 4 to 11 years old registered, a big turnout for our small community!

Lessons start with a warm-up, then ball and racquet skills, followed by match skills. So far we've been working on developing good forehand swing technique and will soon introduce backhands. Thank you to our coaches Mayra and Craig who are running this as volunteers, and

to all the parents who have been stepping in to assist during the lessons.

The Strathbogie Team playing in the Benalla District Tennis Association Saturday afternoon competition has started strong, with a good mix of regular and new players. So far in October we've played away games in Terip Terip and Euroa, and hosted a Benalla team at our home courts.



Social tennis is also on every Thursday evening from 6pm. Players of all levels are very welcome to join in. It's a fun and relaxed evening. We often have between 5 and 10 people playing – some like to play doubles or singles matches, others prefer just having a hit or maybe working on a particular skill.

We have had record numbers join the club as members this season. A single adult membership is \$100, family is \$200 or a social membership is just \$10. Please go to our website for more information. Becoming a member is a great way to support the club. <https://play.tennis.com.au/strathbogietennisclub/Membership/Join>

Mayra Walsh

CFA Tableland Private Fire Fighting Unit Day



Sunday November 17, 10:00 am Start

Community members are invited to bring along their private fire-fighting units.



Have yours inspected

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Strathbogie Memorial Hall has been awarded a grant from Ausnet

We will be able to install a large generator under Ausnet's Energy Resilience Community Fund Grant.

This will enable the Hall to be used as a place of relief for any emergency and loss of power in the town. We would like to thank Ausnet for their support and generosity to enable our community to feel safe and secure in the case of an emergency.

The LEAP (Local Emergency Action Plan) project which is an initiative of the Strathbogie Shire Council has been instrumental in addressing how our Tableland community can be supported and protected and supported in the case of a local emergency. We would like to thank the Council for the support in providing our community with this initiative.

We will keep the community posted as to when the generator will be installed.

Mary Wynne
Chair

The Strathbogie Tableland Community Action Plan 2024 – 2028

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2024 – 2028



STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP INC

The Strathbogie Tableland Community Action Plan 2024 – 2028 was presented at the STAG AGM held on 27th October 2024.

This document which came about from the community consultation day held earlier this year, provides STAG with a blueprint on the direction it will take over the next few years.

There is a copy of the Action Plan at the Strathbogie General store which can be read, but not taken away.

Go to the STAG page on our community website: Strathbogie.org and a copy can be viewed or downloaded.

Recipe of the Month Cucumber and Watermelon Salad

Ingredients

1/2 watermelon peeled and sliced
2 cucumbers cut into chunks
Juice of 1 lime plus lime chunks
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Chilli Lime Salt

10g piquin chillies
10g fine sea salt
100g fine caster sugar
Zest of 1 lime

Method

Blitz the chillies with the salt in a spice grinder or small food processor. Stir in the sugar and lime zest.

Arrange the cucumber and watermelon on a salad dish. Squeeze over the lime. Drizzle with the olive oil. Dust with the chilli, lime salt mix.

Serve at once with extra lime to squeeze over it.





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EUROA ANNUAL SHOW

Euroa Show was held on Saturday 26th October.

It was a beautiful balmy day with wonderful attendance.

As part of the show, the North Eastern Riding Club, managed the Horse Riding Clubs of Victoria events in the arena. There were some beautiful horse and rider combinations.

Pictured

"Miss valentina " prepared by Strathbogie Tableland local, Pennie Beard, and ridden by her daughter in law, Sophie O'Dea.



"Big gubba" prepared and ridden by Holly O'Dea who is a past school teacher at Peranbin, Strathbogie campus school.



Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group 2024 Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 24th at 11.00am - with lunch to follow. Strathbogie Memorial Hall

All are welcome to attend this year's Strathbogie Landcare AGM.

The meeting will

- * report on our projects and activities through 2024
- * outline some of Strathbogie Landcare's plans for 2025
- * provide the opportunity to discuss or raise Landcare issues
- * elect next year's Management Committee

Following the meeting there will be a Special Presentation by Dr Kath Handasyde.

"Our local Koalas - How can we all help and protect them?"

Kath has spent decades studying Australian marsupials and her knowledge of Koalas is extensive. Kath's presentation will not only give us a much better understanding of these fascinating creatures but also thoughts about how we can all contribute to Koala habitat and their well being on the Strathbogie Tableland - thereby making sure we have Koalas around us for ever.

A light lunch will follow Kath's presentation.

This is a free Landcare event and you are welcome even if not a Landcare member. Please confirm your attendance (and the number of people attending) by text to Peter Righetti on 0418 148 511

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

Landcare on the Tableland originally started in the late 1980's. Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group, was reformed in August 2005 and has led many community conservation and agricultural projects since. Activities include revegetation, weed and rabbit control, soil health, field days, walks, meetings and guest speakers.

For more information view their page: [Landcare – Strathbogie Tableland](#)

STAG Communications subcommittee

**Costa's Climate Ready Gardens:
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Golden Mountain mist

The silver mists of Golden Mountain obscure the ranging view but create a tableau different and good of ghosts, and flitting wood nymphs too?

when wallabies thump their way through the wood it sounds like tree fellers of the past they appear in swirls of misty pearls then disappear just as fast

the deep forest loses depth the towering forest loses height and still the height and depth of it is perceived as majesty and might

spectre trees and bracken fern emerge and fade as shades the mid story of denser shrubs thickens, then lightens as glades

above in the lofts of the tree tops lost in a murky crown the creak of Gang Gangs evokes a haunted house as the mist keeps coming down

heavy with moisture grey as lead the weight of water settles it drips from every frond and leaf and jewels the risen nettles

muffled by its soft grey cloak hushed by its thick grey mantle

awaiting the sun is forest under a fractal lintel

the chill of it penetrates every thermal hat, every scarf and every glove the pleasure of it permeates souls with the nature we love

here in the forest, the misty forest be one lost and found take the time to appreciate the mystery of mistery found here all around

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“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

or

Pennie Beard: claneypenne@gmail.com

ARTBOX – Calling Artists of Strathbogie Shire

Would you like to showcase your art or craft in Strathbogie Shire’s travelling ARTBOX?

Following the success of this year’s exhibitions, when 30 artists throughout the year inspired the Strathbogie community with their work, we are now seeking artists to exhibit in this amazing space in 2025.

The exhibitions this year included internationally renowned artists alongside our up-and-coming local artists including pupils from Peranbin Primary College, Strathbogie Campus.

Since its launch in July 2023, ARTBOX has created a space for many local artists to exhibit their artwork.

This innovative travelling exhibition space promotes the skills of both established and emerging artists, providing a dynamic way to connect communities and visitors to our region through arts and culture.

Artists have reported strong interest in their work, resulting in multiple sales. ARTBOX continues to create opportunities for regional and remote communities in the Shire to experience and engage with the creative arts.

Artists can choose the town and exhibition dates that best suit them by talking with our Arts and Culture Officer Therese Thompson by phoning 1800 065 993 or by emailing info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

This touring ARTBOX is supported by Creative Arts Victoria.

For further information:

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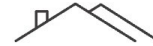
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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Welcome back for Term 4. This term being the last of the year, as always, will be very busy. Along with the wonderful learning happening in the classroom each day, we can also look forward to many exciting things. These will include the Grade 3-6 camp at Fifteen Mile Creek, whole school activities altogether, Remembrance Day, transition days, Big Day Out, school reports, school concert, swimming program, swimming carnival, house and school captain speeches for 2025, Grade 6 Graduation and end of year celebrations.

Students have been using inferencing during reading, learnt about metaphors, and practised descriptive writing. In Maths Seniors are working on story problems and the strategies that can help them to work out worded problems and Junior students have been working on multiplication and grouping.

Students have been learning about some inspirational people. We watched a video of Nick Vujicic, an amazing Australian born without arms or legs. The students watched in awe of his ability to turn challenges into achievements and were inspired by his amazing story and outlook on life. The Senior students read about Greta Thunberg and learnt about her passion and advocacy for action on global climate change.

We welcomed back Andrea for MARC after her recent travels. The Seniors read the Paul Jennings book *Unbelievable* and the Juniors read *Fabulous Friend Machine* by Nick Bland.

We all enjoyed making braided bracelets using wool and discussed the colours that we chose and the ways that different colours have special meaning to us and how they make us feel.



In Art the Junior Class traced shapes to create symmetrical patterns on moth drawings, which they coloured using oil pastels and watercolour. The Senior Class created moths out of wool and tried needle-felting. We made a dent in our milk bottle top collection and had fun creating flowers and bees. The students work was on display at the pollinator family day at the Arboretum. Their work will also be on display at the Euroa Show.



The Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival is fast approaching and the students have been busy getting into the swing of the festival by creating horse pictures.

On Friday the 25th of October we participated in the Wear It Red for Daniel Day, supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We travelled to Violet Town to enjoy baked potatoes for lunch and join the other campuses for a talk about Stranger Danger with a local police officer.