



December 2024

LAST MINUTE FIRE INFORMATION

Over recent months the community has been provided with information from the CFA on how to prepare for the bushfire season and what to do in the event of a fire, while STAG's Emergency sub-committee has been developing plans to assist the community during the recovery period should we be unfortunate enough to experience a bushfire.

Important points to remember:

During the first 72 hours following a major fire, you can expect that there will be no power, no internet/mobile reception, no water and no road access. It is unlikely that emergency services and support organisations will be available during this initial period.

You should ensure that you have a battery-operated radio (with spare batteries) and tune to ABC FM97.7 for reports on the situation.

If the situation permits, an Emergency Recovery Hub will be established at the Hall; it is important to note that this is only for recovery after a fire and is **NOT** the Neighbourhood Place of Last Resort which will be at the Golf Club during a fire.

The Hub will contain a battery-operated radio, power boards with USB charging outlets, bottled water, tea, coffee, etc.

It will also contain hard copies of relevant material to assist with recovery such as:

- Basic First Aid (exposure to smoke, burns, snake bite, etc.)
- Management of stock, water supply, etc. (from the Department of Agriculture)
- Maps showing the location of existing fires, road closures, etc.
- Contact details for relevant authorities and organisations

Once access is available, government departments and support groups will provide assistance and the Hub will continue as a venue for them to meet with members of the community.

The Hub will also serve as a place for members of the community to get together and communicate with each other.

The operation of the Hub will rely on volunteers. Obviously, it is not possible to predict who will be available after a fire so it is important to establish a group who are willing to assist if possible.

If you are able to help (situation permitting) we would like to meet at the Rec Ground at 5pm on Thursday 12 December (before pizza night) to briefly provide an overview of what might be involved.

STAG Emergency Sub committee

What's On

- Dec 5** SOSF drinks p5
- Dec 7** Kelvin View Xmas p6
- Dec 12** Recovery Hub meeting p1
- Dec 13** Euroa Street Party p11
- Dec 13** Shire planning input ends p9
- Dec 19** Peranbin Concert p16
- Dec 22** Carols St Andrews p11
- Jan 1** Swanpool Cinema movies p2
- Mar 2** Honeysuckle Art Festival 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
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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
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The President's Wife M Dec 7 6pm, Dec 8 6pm
Memoir of a snail M Dec 7 8.15pm, Dec 8 8.15pm
The best Christmas Pageant ever PG Dec 8 10.30am
Runt PG Dec 13 10.30am, Dec 14 6pm, Dec 15 6pm
Lee M Dec 14 8.15pm, Dec 15 8.15pm
Totem M Dec 21 6pm, Dec 22 6pm
Evil does not exist PG Dec 21 8.15pm, Dec 22 8.15pm
The Critic M Dec 28 6pm, Dec 29 6pm
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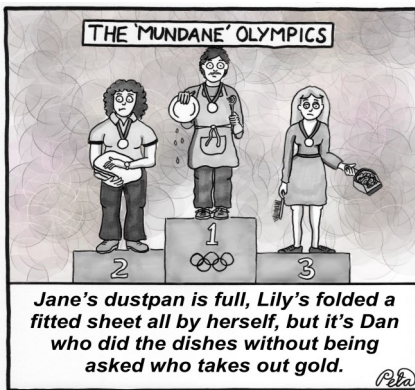
Euroa Cinema

From Hilde with love MA15+ Dec 6 8pm, Dec 1 M
Memoir of a snail M Dec 1 4pm Dec 7 4pm
Lee M Dec 7 8pm, Dec 8 4pm
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The TT Team

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Merry Christmas to one and all across the Tableland from
The TT Team & STAG Communications Sub committee.

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The Deadline for the February edition of Tableland Talk is Monday, January 27, 2025.

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

Strathbogie Shire has a new Council

The October election results for Strathbogie Shire are in and the declaration of successful candidates are now known.

Strathbogie Shire's Interim CEO Tim Tamlin congratulated all candidates who nominated for the 2024 election to represent the community. Here are the results as announced by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Successful candidates for the seven Councillor positions in order are;

Scott Jeffery (Deputy Mayor)
Fiona Stevens
Claire Ewart-Kennedy (Mayor)
Vicki Halsall
Laura Binks
Gregory Carlson
Clark Holloway

STAG update

The November STAG meeting, held at the Strathbogie Hall was well attended. It was quite a long meeting as we had a number of items to discuss. We also welcomed some new members.

Strathbogie Tableland Action Plan – Now that the Action Plan has been completed and released, STAG is looking forward to making it all happen.

The Grant writing workshop organised by Jean McKinnon from the Strathbogie Shire Council was at the Strathbogie Hall. Facilitator Megan Buntine, as always, made the afternoon a great success. 16 people attended, from Longwood, Ruffy, Euroa, Strathbogie and Boho South. It was vibrant, informative and encouraging. The grant writing process is a most important part of our community's abilities, to improve our facilities, community assets and functions. It is the way it is done now and this workshop helped us all get a handle on the best way forward towards great rural communities.

Emergency Sub Committee – This group is doing an amazing job at preparing strategies for our Tableland Community 'Post Emergency'. The needs of people and animals after a disaster are extensive and this group has created a folder in which emergency relief information can be found, and has put together resources and items which may be needed to create an emergency relief hub (at the Strathbogie Hall) after a significant Tableland emergency. These information folders are at the general store, the three Tableland halls, the recreation reserve and the golf club.

LEAP- The LEAP (Local Emergency Action Plan) project is in its final stage. The LEAP document is about to be printed and released to the public. The aim of this action plan is to continue to build greater community resilience, during and after emergencies, by increasing the awareness of our local emergency risks and the steps that our community and individuals can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from these emergencies.

In particular, this action plan will provide avenues to achieve and enhance the plans already developed by our community and provide additional strategies to support people living on the Tableland.

Wildlife Signs – Hopefully you have all noticed the new "**Slow down Wildlife Zone**" roadside signs.

Signs along the roads to Strathbogie Tableland. Fantastic job to those involved.

Speed limits change Safer Roads Strathbogie are forging ahead to get a risk assessment done for our Tableland roads with a view to reducing the speed limit in areas of greatest need.

Strathbogie Tree now has 372 members.

The next year is looking to be a successful year once again.

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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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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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Court battles fuel ignition – Strathbogie Forest in the Federal Court



Ancient Blue Gum destroyed by a planned burn, Strathbogie Forest

Many TT readers will know that over the last 12 months, local environment group Save Our Strathbogie Forest has been engaged in legal proceedings with the Victorian Government (Dept. Energy, Environment & Climate Action). The legal action sought an injunction to halt four planned burns in the Strathbogie Forest pending the referral of those burns to the federal Environment Department under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The Strathbogie Forest is a recognized stronghold for the endangered Southern Greater Glider (Australia's largest gliding possum) in Victoria. By comparison, many of the

populations of this species elsewhere in Victoria and NSW have declined to the point where the glider has become very rare and even locally extinct. The burn areas at the center of the case were known to support many dozens of Southern Greater Gliders and we believe the burns posed an unacceptable risk.

Details of the case, the arguments, our forest surveys and planned burn impacts can be found on the SOSF website - <https://strathbogiesustainableforests.wordpress.com/>

Our case went to trial in February this year and to appeal in August. The case made several claims and the appeal focused specifically on the impact of planned burns on hollow-bearing trees, the large, often centuries-old eucalypts (particularly manna gums, blue gums and mountain gums) that the glider requires for survival.

Ultimately, our primary claim that the four planned burns were likely to significantly impact the Southern Greater Glider, was rejected by the court and an injunction was not granted. This was incredibly disappointing for those of us that love this forest and have seen the devastating impact that planned burns can have – not just on hollow-bearing trees, but on the forest itself.



Smoke plume from the Mt Albert planned burn, Strathbogie Forest, April 2024

However, our legal struggle was not in vain. We succeeded in demonstrating that planned burning is subject to the EPBC Act, something that DEECA has steadfastly denied.

Our case made new law showing - that the state of Victoria (i.e. through the DEECA) does have to comply with the EPBC Act when planning and conducting planned burns, to the extent that planned burning may or is likely to have a significant impact on the Southern Greater Glider.

It's not yet clear how DEECA will choose to comply with this Federal Court finding (though the community will be watching!). What is clear is that, again, it's been the community's collective advocacy and action that has forced the government to lift its game in order to manage an endangered species and comply with Australian law.

As a small community group, SOSF could never have taken this case to court on its own, and it's appropriate that we use the pages of Tableland Talk to thank all our local friends and supporters that made this possible. Sincere thanks to everyone that gave their time, labour and precious funds to help us meet the legal costs of the case (this alone was a mammoth task!) and to undertake the myriad tasks that brought it all to fruition.

This is the end of a major chapter for SOSF, but it's also the beginning of a new one. If you want to stay in touch and join the effort, keep an eye on the website for future events, but you can also join us on Thursday 5th Dec, 6 pm, for drinks at the Northern Republic. It's nothing formal, just a chance to yak about the forest, mourn 'the one that got away' and hatch some new plans.

Bertram Lobert, President SOSF

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Strathbogíe "Cup Weekend" Festival

The second annual Strathbogíe Cup Weekend Festival was jam packed with activities for all ages and this year included the inaugural Strathbogíe Sunday Market.

The organizing committee of Deb McKie, Jenny Wardrop, Lisa Duggan, Donna Parsons, Jane Fuge, Pennie Beard and Kay Righetti are delighted with the success of the Festival. We've received great feedback and have taken a number of learnings out of the weekend for next year.



As well as the market being a first this year, Auskick was also introduced to the Kids' Sports event and the Strathbogíe CFA made an appearance, delighting young and old alike.



The Festival's events started at the beautiful Fernside Croquet Court, thanks to the generosity of the Johnson family and Dennis Taylor's hard work. Sponsor Café 56 once again excelled with a High Tea Luncheon and the addition of a bar

with Pimm's was a big hit!

Saturday night's Bush Dance was well attended. Over 130 attendees danced the night away to the Briagolong Bush Band and, like last year, the dance was a real hit with families and kids loving the dancing.

The Recreation Reserve was the focus on the Sunday with a Tennis Tournament, Market, Kids' Sports and finally an Indian themed dinner at night. The Perpetual Jones/Walker Awards were won by Eden Timperley from Kithbrook (Best Girl competitor) and Remi O'Dea from Newstead (Best Boy competitor). Thanks to the generous donations of individuals and businesses we're pleased to say that the Auction at the dinner raised over \$6,000 for the community. Bruce Hargrave donated a painting which was auctioned and raised \$500 for the Primary School.



Congratulations to the Strathbogíe Golf Club who as always put on a wonderful day of food, drink and fun at their Cup Day Spectacular on the final day of the Festival.

As we now start planning for the 2025 Festival, we felt it might be useful to provide a bit more background information about the weekend

What is the purpose of the festival?

The aims of the festival are to provide social and sporting opportunities for locals of all demographics, to support our local businesses by bringing tourism to the district (*in fact the General Store had its best trading days to date*) and to raise funds for community groups. It is a committee decision to 'buy local' for

everything from food and drink to printing and marketing needs.

Who does the Festival benefit?

You, as a member of our community. Aside from providing fun and enjoyment for residents we had a specific aim to raise sufficient funds to purchase an electric BBQ for the Recreation Reserve that can be used by all community groups.

Do you want to see the Festival continue?

We certainly hope so as we're already planning for next year! We aim to improve the Sunday Market by locating stalls closer to the club rooms and it's hoped golf will once again be played on the Monday.

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We're also looking at options for the Sunday night dinner and it would be great to see some art and cultural events included. We'd love to hear your feedback at strathbogiecupweekendfestival@gmail.com

What needs to happen to see the Festival continue?

Community support in essence by attending events and by volunteering to help over the weekend. We're looking to compile a database of volunteers who are prepared to give an hour or two over the Festival weekend.

There's no need to attend committee meetings, just a commitment to assist with some task/s over the Festival period ... unless of course you'd like to join the committee and then you would be more than welcome!

Are you able to assist? If so, we would love you to reach out to us at strathbogiecupweekendfestival@gmail.com



We started the year with a zero bank balance and individual committee members covered costs until we could obtain some funding. The committee works hard to raise funds for staging the Festival relying on dogged determination of individuals to apply for grants and obtain sponsorship from individuals and businesses. Whilst our financials are not yet finalized we anticipate a modest surplus. In addition to providing funds for the BBQ at the Rec Ground we will be looking to support other community groups particularly those which supported the Festival. Further details of where funds have been allocated will be communicated through Tableland Talk.

The Festival was successful because of the support and enthusiasm of everyone who participated in the events, the volunteers who helped behind the scenes and the generous support of our sponsors –

Inland Rail, Shire of Strathbogie, Nutrien, Sava Hire, Café 56, – we thank them all.

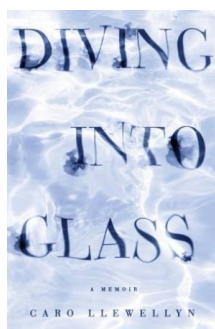
Thanks to our official photographer, David Jones. For additional photos jump on our website

www.strathbogiecupweekendfestival.com

Lisa Duggan Secretary – Festival Committee

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemians Bookclub

Diving into Glass by Caro Llewellyn, Penguin, 2019.



Caro Llewellyn's spent a significant slab of her childhood watching as her father struggled to lift a hairbrush but determinedly pushed aside all obstructions to a successful career, public recognition and fatherhood of two families. Richard Llewellyn, paralysed by polio in early adulthood, seemed to his tomboyish daughter to be a hero, someone who never complained, who faced life's difficulties "hard straight" and, immobile in his wheelchair and home-made lifting contraptions, showed her how dignity and triumph could be anyone's, if only they insisted on them. This idolisation is severely tested when the adult Llewellyn is, herself, struck down with MS while on her regular run in her adopted city, New York. She discovers that her father's illness was not, after all, a charm against her own. She finds herself seeking and not at first finding that strength and lack of regret that her father displayed to her as a child. She questions the legacy of her father to his frightened, infuriated daughter – a legacy she had always believed to be watertight.

This is a bittersweet memoir, written with a biting honesty and the courage to expose her own vulnerability. Llewellyn's telling of her father's and her own journey is, at times, gentle and kind – at others, despairing and full of anger. Above all, it is a story that allows the reader to examine the myths and half-truths that accompany everyone on life's journey; it also demonstrates the uneven path to acceptance and peace of mind

Caro Llewellyn is the author of three previous works of nonfiction. She is the former director of several large-scale literary festivals and cultural events. She has hosted writers from every corner of the globe, including a number of Nobel Prize winners, and presented events at the Sydney Opera House, London's Southbank, the Louvre, and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, Town Hall, 92Y and historic Cooper Union. She is currently a director at Museums Victoria. *Diving into Glass* is her first work of autobiography.



Ruth Fluhr

VT Honeysuckle Art Festival March 2 – March 16th 2025

It's on again soon! – the next Honeysuckle Art Exhibition! The Honeysuckle Arts Collective (HAC) has been working behind the scenes to prepare for our next Honeysuckle Art Exhibition which will happen in the backART Gallery, 20 Cowslip Street from March 2 – 16, 2025.

The theme for this Exhibition is **LUMINOUS** and our Feature Artist is the well known Tim Bowtell.

Invitations have been sent out to past exhibiting artists to invite them to be part of the LUMINOUS exhibition.

If you are an artist or an artist on L plates and would be interested in participating in this exhibition, get yourself an Entry Form and a Terms and Conditions Form at the Strathbogie Store, the Violet Town Museum or the backART Gallery or on www.violettown.org.au Whats On.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of VTAG, HAC has been able to offer substantial awards to encourage and inspire artists to enter – see the Entry Form for particulars about the Awards. VTAG has sponsored the Honeysuckle Art Exhibition Awards since the first exhibition over 10 years ago.

Thanks also to the VT Op Shop for their great donation towards our advertising expenses and to VAMP for their assistance and support.

More information will be in the February Tableland Talk for those interested in visiting the Luminous exhibition in March.

Other enquiries - email honeysuckle3669@gmail.com

Merry Christmas from the HAC Team

Strathbogie Shire Council seeks community input to help shape planning strategies

Council is embarking on a significant initiative to shape the future of our municipality with the development of a Rural and Residential Land Use Strategy (RRLUS) and Urban Growth Strategy (UGS). These key strategies will provide a blueprint for land use planning decisions over the next 15-30 years. To ensure a comprehensive approach, Council has engaged a team of experienced planning and engagement specialists to support the development of these Strategies.

Council is seeking community input through broad community engagement from 11 November to 13 December 2024 before an independently facilitated Community Panel meets in Late February 2025 to help inform the direction of these key Strategies.

Community members are encouraged to share thoughts that will help Council plan the locations of future residential development. This can be done by completing the online survey or attending a local drop-in event to learn more. Detailed information can be found at share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/RRLUS-and-UGS.

Additionally, Council is inviting passionate individuals to join a Community Panel that will develop and present recommendations to help us create the RRLUS and UGS. • Community Panel session 1: Tuesday 13 February 2025, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (online) • Community Panel session 2: Saturday 22 February 2025, 9:00am - 3:00pm (in person in Euroa) • Community Panel session 3: Tuesday 27 February 2025, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (online)

Mr Tamlin, "No prior expertise is necessary—just an open mind, a willingness to work collaboratively, and a commitment to attend three sessions in February." The Community Panel will hear from planning experts and come up with considered recommendations to inform the preparation of the RRLUS and UGS. These OFFICIAL recommendations will be presented to the newly elected Council in 2025 through a Council workshop in March.

Expressions of interest are now open for up to 30 community members (18 years and older) to join a randomly selected Community Panel. Participants will receive a \$100 gift card to recognise their valuable time commitment upon completion of the sessions. To express interest in joining the Community Panel or to find out more go to share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/RRLUS-and-UGS.





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When: Sunday, Dec 22nd, 8pm

Where: St. Andrews Uniting Church Strathbogrie

Come and enjoy a time of peace and goodwill as we prepare for Christmas.

**Special items from
The Strathbogrie Singers**

Supper at 9pm – Bring a plate to share if you can.

All welcome –and bring your friends!



Next year the way you recycle at home is changing for the better



Strathbogrie Shire Council is pleased to announce the rollout of a new purple glass recycling bin for households, the rollout is set to begin in May 2025. Distribution will take several weeks to ensure that every eligible household across the shire receives their new bin. Glass recycling collections will be scheduled to begin in July 2025. The new purple bins will be collected once every four weeks.

Council's waste data shows that 17 percent of the community's mixed recycling is made up of glass bottles and jars. However, when glass is broken and mixed with other items like cardboard, paper and plastic it is harder to recycle these materials. By putting glass bottles and jars in a separate bin, more of these materials can be recycled into new items.

Strathbogrie Shire's Interim CEO Tim Tamlin said we are preparing for this fourth bin next year as part of a broader state-wide effort to improve recycling practices and ensure more items are recycled effectively. 'By changing how we sort our waste and recycle at home, more glass bottles and jars can be turned into things like sand replacement for concrete and new glass jars.

How the new system works

'Our current three bin system has been working fantastically well and the move to a new four bin system will help further improve our recycling,' Mr Tamlin said.

Next year residents will be able to separate their waste and recycling into four streams;

- Glass recycling (purple bin)
- Mixed recycling (yellow bin)
- General rubbish (red bin)
- Food and garden organics (green bin)

Council will continue to provide more information to residents on how to use their new purple bin leading up to the rollout. Until then, households should keep using the yellow bin for recycling glass as normal.

Residents wanting to find out more about the upcoming changes or when the new service will arrive can contact our Customer Service team on 1800 065 993 or visit www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/4-bins

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

The SCOFF page.

What does SCOFF help locals do?

- Donate excess produce or take away the excess produce of others.
- Distribute bulk whole foods that have been purchased collectively.
- Collect produce from community supported agriculture (CSA) arrangements.
- Discuss and create new and innovative ways of producing and finding food.
- Learn from a range of experts and members on food related subjects.
- Access and update registers of local producers, regular bulk food orders and what foods members might want to be available at SCOFF.

Link: [SCOFF – Strathbogie Tableland](#)

STAG Communications subcommittee



Violet Town 2025 Honeysuckle Art Festival

LUMINOUS

March 2nd – March 16th

At the backART Gallery, Violet Town

Open Wednesday – Sunday 10am – 2.30pm,

plus March long weekend 8th, 9th, 10th

Feature Artist Tim Bowtell

Opening Event Sunday March 2nd at 3pm

Bookings essential

email: honeysuckle3669@gmail.com

Or contact 0408981435

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An Entry Form is required for all artists wishing to exhibit artwork.
Please email for entry form.

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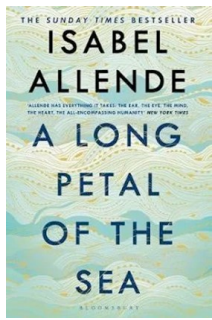
RATES: Tractor Work: \$77 per hour incl. GST (\$70 + GST)
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Call Big Clarky on 0406 074 019 or Julie on 5790 5226 to discuss!

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende, Plaza & Janes (Penguin Random House, Spain/Portugal/Latin America), 2019. (Translation by N. Caistor & A. Hopkinson)



Victor and Roser Dalmau, who leave their home at the brink of WWII, arrive in Chile after much hardship, loss and suffering and it becomes their home for many years. They have married out of the need to survive, out of family loyalty, out of love for her son and his nephew, and they stay together for many years out of love. The story of their relationship, who they are as individuals, and who they become together is the heart of the story, but the soul of this family saga is what Allende herself knows and experienced in the Chile where she was raised. The story became even more poignant after reading Allende's Acknowledgements at the end of the book, where she says: "This is a novel, but the events and historical individuals are real. The characters are fictional, inspired by people I've known. I have had to imagine very little".

Allende's novel instructs the reader through her depiction of the Spanish Civil War and the subsequent emigration of thousands of refugees, many of whom end up in Chile. It puts a very human face on a conflict that, for many readers, will be a small segment of high school history lessons. The rich detail and the deep empathy displayed in her writing endears us to the characters and enlarges our understanding of human behaviour.

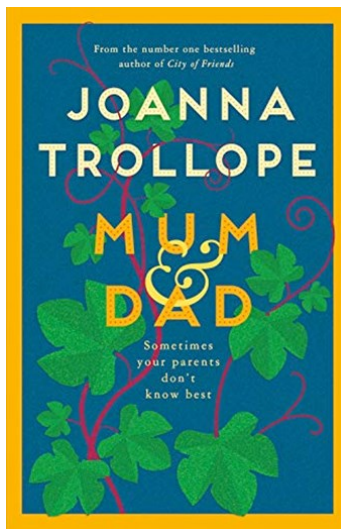


Isabel Allende Liona is a Chilean-American novelist. Allende, who often writes in the "magic realism" tradition, is considered one of the first successful women novelists in Latin America. She has written novels based in part on her own experiences, often focusing on the experiences of women, weaving myth and realism together. She has lectured and done extensive book tours and has taught literature at several US colleges. She currently resides in California with her husband. Allende adopted U.S. citizenship in 2003.

Ruth Fluhr

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Mum and Dad by Joanna Trollope, Macmillan, 2020



Definitely a book for the summer hols, *Mum and Dad* is an easy read, pleasant enough, but sometimes just a bit too neat. The parents in this family 'drama', Gus and Monica, have been English expatriates in Spain for twenty-five years. Gus has built up a profitable and respected vineyard, of which he is extremely protective and possessive. However, life intervenes: Gus suffers a stroke, presenting the couple and their adult children with quite a dilemma. The ensuing 'drama' is the vehicle by which Joanna Trollope explores the not-so-smooth sibling relationships that come into play. Many readers will identify with this scenario: ageing and increasingly infirm parents and the firm and quite divergent ideas that their children have of what's best for them. Unfortunately, and for some families, quite recognisable are the vested interests that Gus and Monica's children hide under the guise of selflessness and sacrifice. The construction of this novel displays Trollope's ease-of-hand as a prolific and successful author; however, as with too many novels, the resolution of the 'drama' as the novel draws to a close is just a little too neat – a happy ending that belies the long-standing tensions between the very different young adults and their partners.

Ruth Fliuhr



Joanna Trollope has been writing fiction for more than 30 years. Some of her best-known works include *The Rector's Wife* (her first #1 bestseller), *A Village Affair*, *Other People's Children*, and *Marrying the Mistress*. She was awarded the OBE in the 1996 Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to literature. She lives in England.

“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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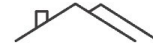


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Kids Sports Day at the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival

“The Old Fashioned Kids Sports Day” held on Sunday 3rd November was a huge success. This year we included – Auskick, CFA and a market. We had 45 children participating in the sports and activities. This is almost double from last year. Auskick donated their time and the full trailer of equipment and was run by Auskick volunteers. The children loved the activities and events, which were well organised and interesting.

Thankyou to all the Auskick volunteers. Our CFA donated 1 hour of their time with 2 trucks and personnel to provide activities and competitions. This was hugely successful with Children being very excited about the fire trucks arriving and being taught how to use the equipment. Hopefully this will inspire participants to become future CFA volunteers. Thankyou to our generous CFA volunteers. The Sunday market created a real buzz and energy to the day. This was a great idea and will continue next year. The location of the market stalls

will be brought closer to the club rooms next year and many more improvements to this concept will be included. Overall, the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve was the place to be. It was utilised for the community by the community. It was a huge success. A huge thankyou to all the wonderful volunteers who came along to erect gazebos, carry tables, keep score, hand out ribbons, coordinate, and manage the groups of children to enable them all to have a go at every activity.

Pennie Beard



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Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

We are happy to announce that Strathbogie Campus received the Champion Primary & Secondary Display award at the Euroa Agricultural Show. A very well deserved honour for the students and Suzie Bates, our Art teacher, for the amazing art works.



We participated in 'Wear It Red for Daniel Day' to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We went to Violet Town to enjoy baked potatoes for lunch and join the other campuses for a talk about Stranger Danger with the local police officer. All campuses also gathered at Violet Town for our annual Peranbin Primary College Colour Run festivities, followed by a delicious pizza lunch.

For Bogie Backyard Kath Handasyde visited us and brought two microscopes which we used to marvel at butterfly wings, moths, flowers, feathers and insects that had already gone to insect heaven. Kath also donated a fantastic microscope to the school. Kath, her husband Stuart, Bert Lobert and the Bogie students planted snow gums a couple of years ago. At the end of the day we went for a lovely walk to visit Snowflake, Snofey and Damo (all named by the kids). The tallest tree is now 1.6metres. Thank you Kath for your generosity and ongoing relationship with the school. We love learning about nature with you.

A huge thank you to Bruce Hargraves for donating one of his paintings that was auctioned at the Strathbogie Cup weekend festivities. The proceeds from the sale of the painting were generously donated to the school.

We have a new cubby house at our campus, a great addition to the playground. The children are having a wonderful time playing in it.

We have a busy December, with two weeks of swimming lessons followed by our Swimming Carnival, and practising for the Peranbin Concert.

Carissa, Quinn and Alex are taking part in the Grade 6 Graduation Night being held on Thursday the 12th of December. We all wish Carissa, Quinn and Alex all the very best for their secondary education.

Thank you to everyone that supports our school, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

*The 2024 Peranbin Concert is being held at the
Swanpool Hall on*

Thursday the 19th of December.

Doors open at 5pm for the concert to begin at 6pm.

The Candy Bar will be open.

*Everyone is most welcome to come along to enjoy the
evening with us.*

