



March 2025

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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](mailto:strathbogiehistory@gmail.com)

**Every Second Wednesday** of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets 7pm in the Soldiers Room.

Enq Mary Wynne 0419 592 211

**Every Wednesday** - Material Girls - usual times 10am - Rec Ground BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

**Every Wednesday** - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church Ph: Di Mackrell 0439 008 500

**Every Second and Fourth Sunday** Church service at St Andrews Church - Strathbogie 11.00am

**Every First Wednesday** of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Co-ordinator Kay Righetti 0418 171 439

**Every Fourth Saturday** of the month - Australian Plants Society Group meeting Pete 0402 882 959

**Every Third Sunday** 9.30am STAG Committee at the Hall. All welcome.

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

**Every 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

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**We live in time** Mar 1 & 2 6pm

**Past lives** Mar 1 & 2 8.30pm

**A complete unknown** M Mar 8 & 9 6pm,  
Mar 10 1pm

**A real pain** MA 15+ Mar 8 & 9 8.45pm

**Maria** M Mar 14 10.30am, Mar 15 & 16  
6pm

**A different man** MA 15+ Mar 15 & 16  
8.30pm

**All we imagine as light** M Mar 22 & 23  
6pm

**Mrs Lowry & Son** PG Mar 22 & 23 8.30pm

**Widow Cliquot** M Mar 28 10.30am, Mar 29  
& 30 6pm

**Unbreakable: The Jelena Dokic Story**  
Mar 29 & 30 8.15pm

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**A complete unknown** M Mar 1 8pm,  
Mar 2 4pm

**All we imagine as light** M Mar 7 8pm,  
M Mar 8 4pm

**Maria** Mar 8 8pm, Mar 9 4pm

**September 5** M Mar 15 8pm, Mar 16  
4pm

**Bridget Jones: Mad about the boy** M  
Mar 22 8pm, Mar 23 4pm

**Becoming Led Zeppelin** PG Mar 29  
8pm, Mar 30 4pm

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Cartoon by Peta Manning



### **Jokes of the month**

**How do trees get on the Internet?**

They log in.

**What do computers like to eat?**

Chips.

**What do you call a space magician?**

A flying saucerer.

**What is a computer's first sign of old age?**

Loss of memory.

**What does a baby computer call his father?**

Instead of Da-da it says "Da-ta."

**What is an astronaut's favourite control on the computer keyboard?**

The space bar.

### **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.

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*The TT Team*

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**The Deadline** for the April edition of Tableland Talk is Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

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

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

## 2025 Anzac Service on the Tableland



10.30am, Thursday 24th April.

In conjunction with Peranbin Campus Strathbogie and Strathbogie Tableland History Group.

There will be a guest speaker and morning tea in the Memorial Hall afterwards.

More details next edition.

*Loretta McPherson*

*Strathbogie Tablelands History Group*

## Landcare Planting Day at Polly McQuinns



In August 2011 members of Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group, with help from students from Northcote Secondary College and the Strathbogie campus of Peranbin Primary School planted hundreds of trees at Polly McQuinns – primarily along the side of the weir between the water's edge and Polly McQuinns Road, but also on the far side.

Over the past 14 years the trees have grown significantly, with some trees up to 40 cm in diameter. There's now a healthy forest all along the water's edge, but a recent inspection of the site showed that many of the plastic tree guards used to protect the young trees were still in place or littering significantly.



So on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, with help from the Upper Goulburn Intrepid Landcare Group, around 15 volunteers collected plastic and generally tidied up the whole site. We have also located the original sign that was erected in 2011 and plan to update the information and re-erect it in the near future.

Thanks to all who attended and particular thanks to Strathbogie Landcare member, Leigh Redding and his colleagues from Upper Goulburn Intrepid Landcare for suggesting this project in the first instance and for everyone's help on the day.

Attached are two photos – one taken in Aug 2011 just after the planting was completed and the second on Sunday 23 Feb 2025.

[Images – B. Lobert]

Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group

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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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# The STAG Report

The following notes are from our most recent Strathbogie Tableland Action Group meeting, which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

- Some members of our community (including Adrian) met with the Strathbogie Shire Council to give input into and discuss the Rural Residential Land Use and Urban Growth Strategy. This was the first of 3 meetings to be held over coming weeks to create a strategy for future development in the Shire.
- The standpipe/pump installation (which is part of the drought relief facility water tank, at the Strathbogie recreation ground) is on pause until funding becomes available.
- STAG has decided to fund Bogie Tree so it can be taken to the next level of subscription. The funds raised at the pizza night on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb will go towards this.
- People will be encouraged to better identify the location of stock on roads or when a branch/tree is down on a road, when reporting it on Bogie Tree. They will also be encouraged to advise if the Council has been notified when a road is blocked or a tree on a road needs removal.
- The amount of rubbish dumped into the recycling bins at the rec ground is an ongoing concern. STAG are looking for community feedback on the most appropriate and effective way to go forward with this.
- The construction of the footpath from the rec ground to Main St Strathbogie will be funded in next (financial) year's budget.
- The hall committee and STAG along with Bogarts will hold a night of music and celebration at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall on 22nd March.

STAG are seeking another committee member. Anyone who is interested can email [stag@strathbogie.org](mailto:stag@strathbogie.org)

**Community bus service project:** Marion and Crowe had a couple of zoom meetings with representatives from communities who have successfully established a bus service. This background research included meetings with volunteers from Venus Bay and also Avenel, who currently offer a weekly service between Avenel and Seymour. These conversations were valuable for learning about different options and funding models that might be relevant to a bus service between Strathbogie and Euroa. Any one willing to 'get on board' (excuse the pun) the Bogie Bus project would be most welcome. There has been much enthusiasm around the Tableland about the idea of a community bus. It has been suggested that the idea be lodged with Council as part of its current community consultation informing the next four year Council Plan. It is important that as many community members as possible express their hopes for a community bus by 2 March. This can be submitted online at [www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

Meanwhile, Marion has engaged with the State Government Department of Transport and Planning about potential funding as part of its Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program (FLTSP). State government funding is available for co-funded projects for small capital transport projects.

Anyone interested in assisting with this proposal or who wishes to provide input, can also contact [stag@strathbogie.org](mailto:stag@strathbogie.org)

*Stuart Bridgman*



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## **The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub**

### ***Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, Harper, 2022**

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction; Women's Prize for Fiction; James Tait Black Memorial Prize

Charles Dickens used his novels to highlight social issues, particularly poverty, neglect and abuse of children. His well-known novel *David Copperfield* describes the adventures of the eponymous orphaned character in his journey from childhood to maturity, against the bleak backdrop of Victorian-era poverty.

Acclaimed US author, Barbara Kingsolver, loosely adapts and modernises the storylines and characters of *David Copperfield* for her multi-award-winning novel, *Demon Copperhead*. Set in the poorest region of Kingsolver's native Appalachia, like Dickens, she drives strong messages about society's failure to properly address poverty, child abuse, domestic violence and drug abuse. These are confronting and depressing issues (at one point I set the book aside for weeks before continuing), but *Demon's* engaging character and lively narrative transcends the bleakness of his circumstances.

*Demon's* early life with his drug-addicted single mother and later, an abusive stepfather, helps us to see these terrible experiences through a child's eyes whilst, at the same time, to enjoy the pleasure of the small happinesses he finds in his life, and to admire his pragmatism and resilience. After his mother's death by overdose, he enters the foster care system, again encountering neglect and abuse. He meets an array of entertaining characters who play a large role in later events in his life. *Demon* eventually seeks out his formidable paternal grandmother. With her assistance he enters a golden period of his life, living with the supportive football coach and his tomboy daughter and succeeding on the football field. However, after an injury, he spirals into opioid dependence. The ravages of the opioid crisis in the United States are brutally illustrated as we experience its impacts on *Demon*, his young wife Dori, and their families, friends and community. Without giving away too many spoilers, at the end we are left with a sense of optimism as *Demon* enters a more tranquil phase of his life

Kingsolver's social justice messages are forceful at times, strongly condemning the societal biases against the rural poor, the systemic failures of foster care, the role of big pharma in perpetuating opioid dependency, and much more. Yet her writing is compelling, the novel moves quickly and *Demon* is so likeable that we find ourselves willing him on to find a better path forward. It's not the happiest novel you will read, but it is an absolute pleasure and will stay with you long after you finish.

Next month: *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood

*Deb Mika*

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



When this group was first set up it was quite extensive – collecting and marketing a range of seeds and it always had a strong presence at the monthly Violet Town market among others. Times change and this is a thing of the past.

They are now a small, very enthusiastic, gardening group who are swapping seeds amongst themselves. There's no structure yet for this small local group.

Find the seedsavers page here: [Seedsavers – Strathbogie Tableland](#)

*STAG Communications subcommittee*

### **THE HONEYSUCKLE ART EXHIBITION IS ON!**

Open every day from MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> until MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> with the exception of Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Recipe of the Month

### Cold Curry Soup

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

6 shallots  
30g butter  
2 tspns curry powder  
2 tbsps flour  
1 litre vegetable or chicken stock  
1 piece lemon rind  
1 egg yolk  
2 tbsps cream  
Salt pepper  
Chopped chives



#### Method

Chop shallots cook gently in butter until lightly golden. Add curry powder and flour, cook stirring for 2 minutes.

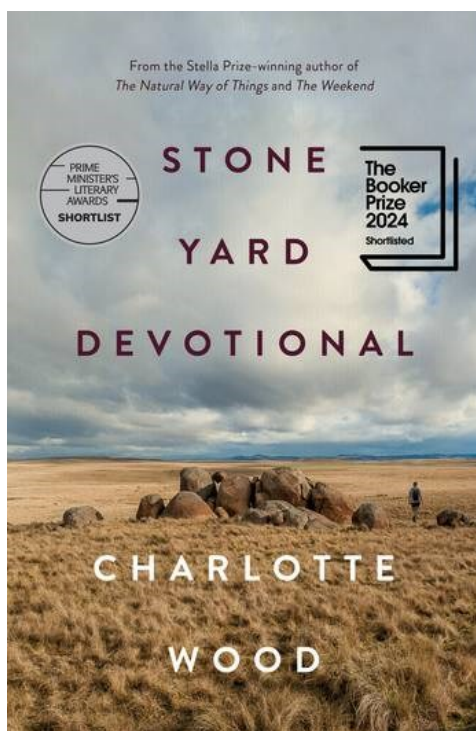
Remove from heat, gradually add stock, add lemon rind.

Puree in blender or sieve. Return to saucepan, season with salt and pepper. Add 2 tablespoons of the hot soup to combined beaten egg yolk and cream, then add this slowly to the soup stirring constantly. Reheat gently, stirring—do not boil.

Cool, then refrigerate. Serve topped with chopped chives or shallots.

## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

### *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood, Allen & Unwin, 2023



The Guardian review terms this novel – the seventh by Australian author, Charlotte Wood – a ‘quiet novel of immense power’ and ‘a powerful, generous book’. Indeed, this novel was one of three shortlisted for the prestigious Booker Prize.

The narrator, despairing of the world after toiling fruitlessly for years at species conservation, retires from her established marriage and retreats into a convent on the Monaro Plains in New South Wales. The order of nuns who become her ‘society’ is a contemplative one, where busy work and extended periods of silence are the way of life. The narrator, who remains nameless throughout the novel, has not undergone a religious conversion, or moved deeper into an established religious faith; in fact, in Catholic tradition, her despair is an unforgivable sin and, while she does seem to experience some feelings of redemption for wrongs committed, she does not alter in terms of her lack of religious faith.

There are three threads Wood probes that approach small ‘h’ horror; the discovery and return of the bones of a nun of the order who was raped and murdered while in Thailand on outreach mission work more than a decade earlier; a ‘horrific’ mouse plague that sorely tests the ingenuity and resilience of the convent dwellers; and the reappearance of Helen Parry, a nun/climate & social justice warrior, who was the victim of intense bullying at the

school both she and the narrator attended – the latter being an active and heartless participant in Helen’s torment. Charlotte Wood has referred to these three threads in the novel’s trajectory as ‘visitations’, or perhaps tests which allow for possible responses from these self-denying women, such as guilt, forgiveness, redemption, self-awareness, perhaps self-forgiveness. The tests can be seen as vehicles for addressing the question of what one does with the knowledge of having wronged others, of how we might right the damage we have done.

However, for all the praise heaped on this ‘odd’ book, and in spite of some passages of beautiful writing, we felt the novel in sum achieves only partial success. Missed opportunities for moving deeper into promising imagery, inconclusive treatment of threads that seem to peter out, the unexplored position of the narrator in this unusual setting and the sense of inertia in her ‘spiritual’ journey left us oddly dissatisfied. Perhaps the Bohomians have more soul-searching to do!

Next month: *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch — 2023 Booker Prize winner.

Ruth Fluhr

## “Hi” to all newcomers to our beautiful Strathbogie Tableland & Community

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

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

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

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

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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](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au).

This touring ARTBOX is supported by Creative Arts Victoria.

### For further information:

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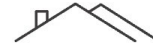
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# Party at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall!

You are invited to a night of amazing music with our community to celebrate the stage upgrades at the Strathbogie memorial Hall. This event is brought to you by the hall committee, Bogarts and STAG.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 5:30pm – 11:00pm**

Tickets are available on human tix click the QR code or go to website.

**Doors open @ 5:30pm** at the Strathbogie Hall, come for a sausage and a Special roving performance from Uptown Brown.

**Music** from 6:30 with Uptown Brown

**Food** Sausages available to purchase at the start of the night until sold out (cash only)

Supper and a cuppa by donation later in the evening (cash only)

**Drinks** will be available at Bar prices (no BYO, eftpos, available)

**Tickets** \$20 adult (plus booking fee) \$15 concession/student (plus booking fee) Under 12yr free

Please Book in advance (it's cheaper!)

<https://events.humanitix.com/strathbogie-memorial-hall-party>

Tickets on the door on the night

\$25 full/\$20 conc

**Dress:** Dress colourful! And fabulous! or however you like

The Performers are...



## Uptown Brown

a singing gentleman-adventurer performing a roving program of primitive 1920's -1930's jazz and blues on a self invented one man band. A wily mix of connivance and stuff from the shed, his contraption is built from cedar, leather and brass.

Vocals & fingerpicked ukulele are amplified through old megaphones, mimicking the effect of a 78 record. A quality musical and roving act in the finest tradition of vaudeville and ragtime, performance highlights include multiple years at Woodford Festival, Dark Mofo, Port Fairy Folk Festival, National Folk Festival, Blue Mountains Music Festival, Blues on Broadbeach, Sydney Festival and many more good times! **Strathbogie Exclusive! Uptown Brown will be premiering his new "Sit down" musical contraptions with special guests.**

<https://uptownbrown.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/uptownbrownOMB/>

<https://theafrobotics.com/home>

<https://youtu.be/0ShZOB Rh8c4>



## The Afrobotics

The Afrobotics play Afrobeat but not like you've heard before. Listeners will recognise the familiar undulating interwoven rhythms and fiery energy, but also discover a more intimate and collaborative sound incorporating Sabar rhythms from Senegal.



Founded as a side-project from the much-larger Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, The Afrobotics (fka The Public Opinion Six) began as a way of writing new material and getting inside the sounds of Afrobeat, but it didn't take long for the six musicians to discover they had found something unique and special - a sheer love of playing together in a much more intimate setting, creating a more well-rounded dialog and interplay between each other. Where The Public Opinion delivers a dynamic and captivating show, The Afrobotics is less sensory and more spiritual.

Out of this fertile foundation, Senegalese multi-instrumentalist Lamine Sonko began introducing the Sabar to the group, resulting in a music reminiscent of Afrobeat but with more melodic twist and turns. The sound of The Afrobotics has grown organically from the roots of Afrobeat and Sabar, and been nurtured with intuitive understanding between a band of like minds. There's an effortless proficiency apparent in the playing but also a camaraderie and infectious joy that is impossible to ignore.

*Suzie Bates*

Strathbogie Shire Council

# UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES | MORE DETAILS TO COME

ARTBOX - Helen Brook. So Far.   Euroa	4 March - 31 March 2025
Climate Ready Gardens: 2-day Design Course   Nagambie	6 & 13 March 2025
International Women's Day	7 March 2025   2pm-4pm
Festival of Small Halls   Avenel Memorial Hall	19 March 2025   6.30pm
Are You Boggled Mate?   Longwood	21 March 2025   5pm
Climate Ready Gardens: 2-day Design Course   Euroa	26 March & 2 April 2025
ARTBOX - Euroa Impressions by Anna Mackrell, Bruce Hargraves and Deborah Cavanagh   Euroa	2 April - 28 April 2025
Explore Euroa Day	13 April 2025
Childrens School Holiday Activities	April 2025
Volunteer Week Event	May 2025
Reconciliation Week Event at Shadforth Reserve, Violet Town	25 May 2025
ARTBOX - Festival of Fungus   Euroa	May 2025



For more information please visit the 'Whats On' page via [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au)



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## Quiz question of the Month



Q: Which country has the highest life expectancy in the world?

A: Hong Kong

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# ARE YOU BOGGED MATE?



Rural blokes, this one's for you!

"Are You Boggled Mate?" is a down-to-earth mental health presentation designed specifically for country men. Delivered by Mary O'Brien, this event tackles the tough stuff—depression, mental health, and the challenges of rural life—with relatable advice and practical tools to get you back on track.

Learn how to recognise the signs of being "boggled," connect with local resources, and take steps to support yourself and your mates.

This event for men, provides a safe space for honest conversations and meaningful support.

Hosted by Strathbogie Shire Council as part of our commitment to building resilience and well-being in our community.

Don't miss this powerful and life-changing event. Your mental health matters.



Friday, 21 March 2025



5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



The White Hart Hotel Longwood



Dinner provided



Please book for catering purposes  
<http://tiny.cc/jlk9001> or call 1800 065 993



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## Sweetest blue

On any given day  
the water might be blue or grey  
when it is grey my mood is sombre  
the heavy clouds I watch and ponder

but with breaking sunshine my spirits lift  
enchancing me such a precious gift  
changing my mood to a brighter hue  
while turning the water the sweetest blue

Sean Mathews

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# Thirst



I will die of thirst  
ever a want of knowing  
that everywhere and elsewhere  
rivers of knowledge are flowing

I will die of thirst  
where enlightenment cannot be  
found  
confined to low dry stoney ground  
fully aware that above me  
clear and sparkling  
mountain streams abound

I will die of thirst  
of missed opportunity  
the Afghan rivers I happen to see  
ignorance spikes their fresh  
waters  
their learning journeys lost to me

here the wells of education  
I would plumb are dry  
my parched mouth speaks dumb  
to a vacant sky  
my brain a withering interpreter  
blank of effective words  
and to such deficits I must  
succumb  
never listened to nor heard

my thirst for comprehension  
always unslaked uncured  
I tell you what is worst  
slowly I die of lack of knowledge  
cursed by this relentless thirst

*Sean Mathews*



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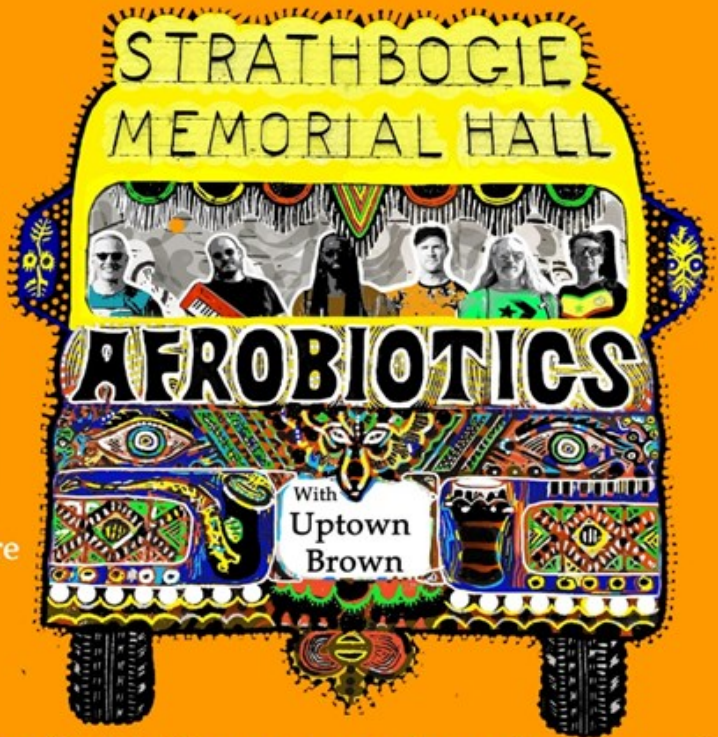
# We made it to the next Stage!

Party to celebrate  
the upgraded stage  
@ the Bogie Hall

Sat 22nd March  
Doors open at 5:30  
Music from 6:30  
Tickets  
\$20 (plus booking fee)  
\$15 Conc  
under 12 Free



Buy Tickets here



Drinks at Bar prices (no BYO)  
Sausage sizzle early  
Supper and a cuppa later on  
(Cash only)

[theafrobotics.com](http://theafrobotics.com) [uptownbrown.net](http://uptownbrown.net)

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## Have your say and shape Strathbogie Shire's tomorrow



Contribute to key strategic plans, including  
the Community Vision, Council Plan 2025-29  
(inc. Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan),  
Financial Plan, and Asset Plan.

### OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE



## Strathbogie Shire Council presents International Women's Day

**Free for all community members!**

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration, connection, and celebration as we mark International Women's Day 2025 with the theme 'March Forward'.

Enjoy a special 'Ladies who Shoot their Lunch' Afternoon Tea, featuring guest speakers:

**Alexandrena Parker - Photographer, film director and advocate for Cystic Fibrosis.**

**Annabelle Cleeland MP - Member for Euroa**

**Tegan Clydesdale - Fowles winemaker**

Let's come together to celebrate women's achievements  
and accelerate action for gender equality!

**When: 2pm, Friday 7th March**

**Venue: Fowles Wine | The Wine Shed  
1175 Lambing Gully Rd, Avenel**

Bookings are essential for this event. To book, visit:

<http://tiny.cc/zQw80Q1> or call 1800 065 993

Transport available - bookings essential



SCAN TO  
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