

October 2025

Our best Festival line-up so far!

The third annual Melbourne Cup Weekend Festival at Strathbogie will run from Saturday November 1 to Tuesday November 4 and is packed with fun for everyone. Last year's festival raised over \$6000 for a public BBQ to be installed at the Rec Reserve and this year we are donating all funds raised to the Strathbogie Playgroup and the updates needed for our Memorial Hall.

So come along to one, or more, of the many awesome events and help support our brilliant community.



Bushwahzee

The Festival kicks off with Croquet and Pimm's at our beautiful, local Fernside Croquet Club on Saturday morning and finishes on Cup Day at the Strathbogie Golf Club with a spectacular luncheon including games, hats if you fancy that, race sweeps and raffles. In between we will have an authentic Bush Dance featuring Bushwahzee, face painting, sausage sizzle, desserts and bar, a Kids' Sports Day featuring old school races as well as soccer and Aus Kick clinics, a Tennis Tournament, Sunday Market, Blues Legend Lloyd Spiegel concert with local musician Jeremiah Johnston supporting, Ambrose Golf Tournament, Guided Heritage Walk and an Art Exhibition featuring three of our best local artists.

Tournament, Sunday Market, Blues Legend Lloyd Spiegel concert with



Lloyd Spiegel

The Festival is an exceptional celebration of our uniquely beautiful little town with a great balance between local and visiting talent. This year's Festival is proudly supported by the Strathbogie Shire, Lindsay

Park Racing and Nutrien. Our thanks also to all the many volunteers and local businesses who help make it happen. More information and tickets at: www.strathbogiecupweekendfestival.com



Jeremiah Johnston



Art Exhibition

Mel Gamble, on behalf of the Strathbogie Festival Committee.



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- 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** - 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 Third Sunday** of the month 9.30am STAG Committee at the Hall. All welcome.
- Tennis at the Recreation Reserve.** Enquiries about social tennis: Secretary Mayra Walsh 0423 475 564
- Every Second Thursday** 2pm starting. Spinning / Craft. Wajuna 0455 230 317
- Every Thursday** during school term - Strathbogie Community Playgroup 9.30-11.30am, Rec Res - Sharna 0401 445 675

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EL 47 M Oct 4 6pm, Oct 5 6pm
Souleymane's Story M Oct 8 8.15pm,
Oct 9 8.15pm
Four Letters of Love M Oct 11 6pm, Oct
12 6pm
Hard Truths M Oct 11 8.15pm, Oct 12
8.15pm
Monsieur Aznavour M Oct 18 6pm, Oct
19 6pm
The Thread M Oct 18 8.45pm, Oct 19
8.45pm
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Elio Oct 1 PG 11am (sensory) & 3pm
The Bad Guys PG Oct 2 7pm (free)
Downton Abbey: The Grande Finale
PG Oct 4 7.30pm, Oct 5 4pm
Singin' in the Rain PG Oct 9 1.30pm
(Seniors free)
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A Big Bold Beautiful Journey M Oct
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Riddles for Kids

1. What has a face but can't
smile?

Answer: A clock.

2. What has legs but doesn't
walk?

Answer: A chair.

3. What can you catch but not
throw?

Answer: A cold.

4. What has keys but can't open
locks?

Answer: A piano.

5. What has a head and a tail
but no body?

Answer: A coin.



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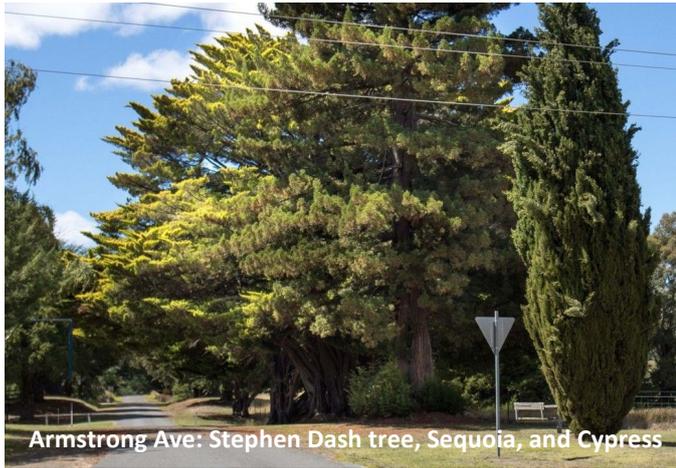
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The Deadline for the November edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday, October 25, 2025.

e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607

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

Armstrong Avenue, Strathbogie is 100 years old.



Armstrong Ave: Stephen Dash tree, Sequoia, and Cypress

Armstrong Avenue was named in honour of ex councillor, Mr Robinson Armstrong J.P., who had retired in August 1924, after 18 years as councillor, for the south riding.

It might be a good time to introduce myself, I am one of Robinson's great grand daughters and a member of the Strathbogie Tableland History Group.

Robinson and his two brothers headed up into the hills in 1877, from Whittlesea, all having been born there. They selected next door to each other, in the parish of Borodomanin. Robinson's land 'Fernleigh' was accessed by what is now, Palmer's road. Over the years, he purchased more land that his sons eventually settled on, Inverell, Haley Park, still in the

family and Glassonby. Two sons headed down to Boho.

Armstrong Avenue came about in October 1924 when the residents of Strathbogie decided to recognise the long and valuable services of Robinson. A number of suggestions were put forward, but the suggestion of George Simpson was decided upon, and that was to plant an avenue of trees on the new road and it be known as "Armstrong Avenue". There are about seven or so, different varieties of trees, and when planted, two of each were planted down each side of the road opposite each other. Some of the trees needed to be replaced by 1928 and this is when the first two trees, pencil pines, at the beginning of the avenue were donated. They hold special significance as they were grown from seed by Stephen Dash who had worked on the roads for many years, while Robinson was councillor. One notable tree is the one Sequoia/Giant Redwood, unfortunately we don't know its history.



Back - Les, Bert & Rene
Middle - Arthur, Mary, Dick, Robinson
Front - Syd & Harry

In January 1925 Shire Council unanimously decided to present Robinson with an Illuminated Address. Later in the month, he was honoured by the locals at Strathbogie, when there was a formal evening, with many speeches, held in the original hall.

The Shire of Euroa presented him with the Illuminated Address in mid March.

The last sentence of which reads - we wish you the very best of health, long life, happiness and prosperity. A few weeks later in May, Robinson had a toothache, it became infected and as a result he died on 30 May 1925, aged 64.



Illuminated Address



Sequoia / Giant Redwood

Loretta (Armstrong) McPherson,
Strathbogie Tableland History Group.

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Our annual **Strathbogie Festival** will once again be held over Cup Weekend in November this year.

If you would like this fun social activity to continue with much needed funds raised for the community, please help the committee by volunteering your time/skills.

If you are available to help at all, please sign the roster sign up sheet in the general store. All assistance (big or small) will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions please contact me: *Deb McKie*

Chair, Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival Committee

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 Bogie Tree is our unofficial Strathbogie Tableland bush telegraph. It is an email list based on Gaggie Mail 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 Bogie Tree, please send an email to Stuart on stuartb446@gmail.com or call on 0422 408 915



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Beautiful Bogie Trees October 2025 – Marilyn’s Narrow-leaved Peppermint

This lovely old Narrow-leaved Peppermint (*Eucalyptus radiata*) is one of Marilyn’s favourites. It is located on her farm in Strathbogie. Marilyn measured its girth (which must have been challenging to do by yourself) and it came in at over 7.77m, indicating that it is a very old tree indeed.

You can clearly see the hollow entrance on its massive trunk, meaning that it is an important tree for wildlife that need hollows to rest in. Old trees in farm paddocks, such as this one, are also important for animal that need places to rest when they move across our local landscape, in which the forest patches may not be connected. Marilyn has also watched, over the years, the roots of the tree growing outwards from the trunk.

These provide places for our local fungi to flourish. This is lovely to see, as fungi are such an important component of our local ecosystem. Let’s all keep as many old trees like this in our landscape as we can.

Photos: Marilyn Mangione

Text: Kath Handasyde

If you would like to contribute a photo of your favourite Strathbogie tree for Tableland Talk, please send photos, and indicate the locality, plus a short paragraph if you wish, (or contact me and I would be happy to write something for you).

Email to: kathstuart60@gmail.com or send an article directly to the Tableland Talk team at: tablelandtalk@gmail.com Cheers, Kath Handasyde



Strathbogie Recreation Reserve – Committee of Management

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to John O’Brien who has Chaired the committee over recent years and of late also doubled up as Secretary. Johnno has been a great leader through what has not been the easiest of times. Unfortunately, he has recently tendered his resignation as both Chair and Secretary. Thank you Johnno for your service.

As a sub-committee of the Hall, we do not hold AGM’s, but are always on the lookout for more volunteers. At present there are only 5 of us comprising the committee.

*Accordingly, we would like to encourage anyone with interest in joining the committee to attend our next meeting, being held on **Tuesday 7th October 6pm** at the Rec Reserve.*

Lisa Duggan

Letter to the Editor re article titled
“Nice warm toes? Remember where the smoke goes.”
August 2025:Tableland Talk

Instead of enhancing the Nanny-state narrative of our Victorian “government”, that constituents are a population of nitwits, the EPA would be much better utilised to address the deliberately unrecognised human health, wildlife decimation, and environmental crises, that are caused each Autumn when planned burns are lit in the forest behind Strathbogie.

From August 2025 *TT*; “The people most sensitive to smoke from wood heaters are those with heart or lung conditions such as asthma, pregnant women, young children, those aged 65 years and over, people with diabetes and smokers.”

As we all know, the Strathbogie township and surrounds are annually suffocated by woodsmoke for weeks on end, by the State Government’s acts of deliberate arson. Where is the EPA’s social responsibility and application of the General Environment Duty Act when these crises are occurring?

Would this malicious and murderous behaviour be tolerated if metropolitan Melbourne was forced to endure it?

Chief Environmental Scientist Jen Martin’s perspective on wood heaters/woodsmoke might be altered if part of her tenure included being “the Environmental Scientist in residence” in the township of Strathbogie while planned burns are occurring.

In light of the Government’s environmental vandalism, her concerns and sage advice on woodfire heater operation and woodsmoke minimisation, should be allayed completely !!

Why is this reprehensible nonsense and hypocrisy tolerated?

Anne Richardson

Bogie Playgroup – September Update



Spring has truly sprung at Bogie Playgroup! At the Rec Reserve playground, the children have loved threading brightly dyed pasta in the sunshine, practicing their fine motor skills while enjoying the fresh air and each other’s company. It’s been wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity in action.

There have also been so many “firsts” for our little ones lately — first tastes of new foods, first wobbly steps, and even first words. It’s such a joy to witness these milestones and celebrate them together as a community.

During the school holidays, we enjoyed some lovely walks around the Euroa Arboretum, noticing how everything has greened up after recent rains and listening to the cheerful croaks of frogs in the dams

along the way. Little eyes and ears were wide with wonder as we explored the sights and sounds of nature together.

Reminder – Playgroup Day Change for Term 4

Just a friendly reminder that from **Thursday 9 October**, Bogie Playgroup will move to **Thursday mornings, 9:30–11:30am at the Rec Reserve**.

We’ve chosen Thursdays so families with children starting Kinder in the New Year can still join in and to avoid clashing with other community activities. We know not every day works for every family, but we hope this new time makes it easier for more of us to keep coming together.

We can’t wait to see you and your little ones for a cuppa, play, and sunshine-filled mornings soon!
Warmly, Sharna & Ally, *Strathbogie Community Playgroup*

Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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John O'Brien
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rec@strathbogie.org

Strathbogie Granite Project & Rogaining Turns 50

There will be a small presentation at the Seymour Agricultural Show on Saturday morning 4th October. It will include short talks, maps on display, a handful of locally collected samples, and the chance for discussion.

I am also planning to mention our plans for celebrating 50 years of rogaining next year: the highlight will be the Victorian Rogaining Championships – a 24-hour rogaine on the other end of the Strathbogie granite, i.e. Tallarook plateau where the sport started.

Neil Phillips

Bogie Playgroup

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STAG (Strathbogie Tableland Action Group)

The 2025 AGM of the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group was held on Sunday 21st September at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

The 2025 /2026 STAG Committee comprises:

Chairperson – Adrian Beard

Deputy Chairperson – Wayne Kelly

Treasurer – Henry O'Connor

Secretary – Alison Angus

The general committee are: Pennie Beard (Assistant Secretary), Tess Scanlon, Marion Roberts, Susie Bates, Stuart Bridgman, Donna Parsons, Joel Ingham

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's Purpose:

We embrace a set of core values that guide our interactions and shape our collective identity. We believe in fostering a welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates diversity, respects every individual, and supports the well-being of our community members. We are committed to preserving and protecting nature, and to promoting environmental sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations. Together, we strive to create a community that thrive on these principles.

Respect, Inclusion, Support, Diversity, Environmental and Economic Sustainability

In embracing these values, we foster a vibrant, harmonious, and inclusive community where every individual can thrive, and our environment is preserved for future generations. Together we make a positive impact by respecting, supporting, and embracing the diverse voices that enrich our shared experience while working toward a sustainable and environmentally conscious future.

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

Communications sub-committee which oversees:

- Strathbogie Tableland email group: *Bogie-tree*
- Tableland Community Directory
- Tableland Talk: our local Community newsletter
- Our Tableland Community Website: *strathbogie.org*

Emergency sub-committee which:

- liaises with the CFA and Council
- has developed community specific emergency guides
- keeps the emergency information pages on *strathbogie.org* up to date
- provides bushfire emergency and preparation information and other general emergency information
- with the Strathbogie Hall committee, it has established 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, the Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Boho South Hall, Kelvin View Hall and the Strathbogie Golf club

Melbourne Cup Weekend Festival – Strathbogie sub-committee which:

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

STAG may be contacted by emailing stag@strathbogie.org



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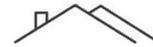
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**“Hi” to all newcomers to our
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Tableland & Community**

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: clanepennie@gmail.com

Strathbogrie Shire celebrates Victorian Seniors Festival 2025



Strathbogrie Shire Council is delighted to celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival this October, with a month of activities designed to connect, create, and celebrate our senior community.

Now in its 43rd year, the Victorian Seniors Festival is one of the state's biggest celebrations, recognising the contributions of older Victorians while providing plenty of opportunities for fun, connection, and learning.

This year's Strathbogrie program includes:
'Singing in the Rain' Movie Screening – Euroa Cinema (with afternoon tea) – Thursday 9 October, 1.30pm Book: <http://tiny.cc/Singin>

Elvis & Marilyn Tribute Show – Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton – Wednesday 15 October, 12.30pm (Tickets \$5, free bus transport available from Violet Town, Euroa, and Nagambie) Book bus: <http://tiny.cc/Elvisbus> Book show: <https://riverlinksvenues.com.au/whats-on/event-details/!/calendar/event/2025-seniors-concert>

Goulburn Valley Community Orchestra – Nagambie Mechanics Institute – Saturday 25 October, 11am (Free light lunch & bus transport provided) Book: <http://tiny.cc/GVorchestra>

Cybersecurity for Seniors – Wednesday 29 October
Euroa (Oaks from Acorns, 14 Clifton Street), 10am – 12.30pm
Book: <http://tiny.cc/cyberseuroa>

Nagambie (Waterways Lifestyle Village Community Centre, 401 High Street), 2.00pm – 4.30pm
Book: <http://tiny.cc/cybersnag>
Morning & afternoon tea provided.

The Seniors Festival is supported by the Victorian Government and local partners including Riverlinks, Greater Shepparton City Council, Goulburn Valley Orchestra, Euroa Cinema volunteers, Nagambie Waterways Lifestyle Village and Nagambie Mechanics Institute. For more information and bookings, visit: www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au



Strathbogrie Shire invites community feedback on draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

Strathbogrie Shire Council is calling on residents to have their say on the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025–2029 (DAMP), which sets out how Council manages dogs and cats across the Shire.

The DAMP is a four-year Plan required under the Domestic Animals Act 1994. It promotes community safety, responsible pet ownership, and animal welfare.

Mayor Claire Eart-Kennedy said the draft plan had been shaped by strong community feedback gathered earlier this year.

"People told us their main concerns were barking dogs, roaming animals, stronger enforcement, affordability of registration and desexing, and better access to information and education," Mayor Kennedy said.

"In response, the draft plan proposes clearer containment laws, potential cat curfews, tougher penalties for repeat offenders, and expanded education campaigns in partnership with vets and shelters."

The draft also explores subsidies and more affordable options to make registration and desexing easier for pet owners.

Community members are encouraged to review the draft plan and provide feedback before it is finalised later this year.

Copies of the Draft DAMP 2025–2029 and the Community Engagement Report are available online at www.share.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au. Hard copies and feedback forms can also be accessed at Council's Customer Service Centres in Euroa and Nagambie.

Have Your Say

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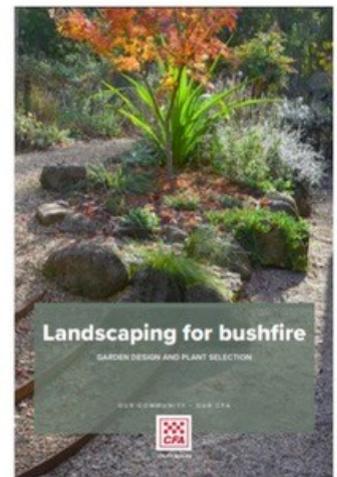
Strathbogie Bushfire Sunday, 2025



Strathbogie Fire Brigade, in conjunction with the CFA District 22 Community Safety Team, are pleased to continue the annual tradition of '**Bushfire Sunday**' at the **Strathbogie Memorial Hall**,
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025, 9:45 FOR 10AM START - 2PM



This year we have engaged special guest speaker Owen Gooding. Recently retired, Owen has over 18 years experience with the CFA working on land use planning, planned burning, and the management of biodiversity and cultural heritage values in bushfire mitigation work. Owen was also a member of the national Task Force investigating house loss in the 2009 Victorian bushfires. Owen will talk about what we know about bushfire losses and the role of vegetation in contributing to or mitigating bushfire risk. Topics covered will include plant flammability, plant responses to fire, cultural fire use, fire ecology, climate change, and the use of vegetation plantings and soil moisture conservation to reduce fire intensity and protect assets. The session will include a property walk after lunch (location TBA).



North East Region Manager of Community Safety, Darren Viney, will present on the topic of Bushfire Places of Last Resort (Neighbourhood Safer Places).



As always bring along any questions you have about planning and preparing for fire as we will have a wealth of experience in the room to help you answer them.

Morning tea and lunch will be included.

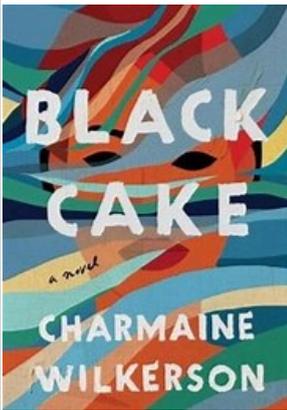
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Further information:

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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemians Bookclub



Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson, Penguin, 2023.

This debut novel is, to put it mildly, ambitious. It is a saga that has a cast of at least 13 characters, that is set in four or five locations, that spans six decades in the life of a Caribbean-American family, and that includes a veritable feast of twists and turns that, at times, leaves one's head spinning. This novel does not shy away from hyper-drama: a mother's disappearance, a forced marriage, a murder, a rape, a forced adoption, changes of identity, a drowning, sibling estrangement, a train wreck and, at the centre of it all, a big lie. Not so easy to wrap up in a short review!

The structure of this large tale is held by the disclosure, following her death, of Eleanor Bennett's story, which is imparted to her two children, Benny and Byron, through her lawyer's reading of her long letter to them. This reading is interspersed throughout the novel, revealing the actions and life decisions, the tragedies and injustices, and the loves and loyalties that determine the course of the numerous

characters' lives.

A persistent backdrop is contained in the experiences of Caribbean islanders as they move away from their traditional homes and attempt to improve their lives as immigrants in the UK and US. The *black cake* is a recurring symbol of cultural continuity. Unfortunately, this underlying theme is too subtly handled and, is, I feel, overwhelmed by the intricacies of the multi-layered plot lines; thus, one doesn't emerge with a strong sense of the continuing racism that is a common experience among the characters. Rather, the reader is left with a clear picture of the cultural merging and layering that is an inevitable part of the migrant experience – an experience that offers both positive and negative outcomes.

That this novel was reworked into a miniseries (*Black Cake*, U.S. TV series, 2023) should come as no surprise; it was no doubt the intention from the start, and a televised version almost certainly succeeds more readily than the novel format. The depiction of the Caribbean – something I had looked forward to at the outset of reading – isn't sufficiently realized through Wilkerson's writing, but it's not hard to imagine that a visual format would avoid the bewildering detail of the plot lines and allow the characters to be more fully realized.

Ruth Fluhr

Grounded – A Group Exhibition Rooted in Nature



Simeon Ayres: *The elder trees gather on Mt Wombat*

Strathbogie Shire Council's, Artbox Gallery is proud to present *Grounded*, a captivating group exhibition that explores the theme of growth, connection, and the grounding presence of nature. Featuring four accomplished local artists, the show invites viewers to reflect on the quiet power of fungi, small plants, rocks, and water—and the emotional resonance of being "grounded" in place and community.

The exhibition showcases works by:

- **Angus Cameron** – A printmaker based in Avenel, Angus creates intricate impressions on paper that echo the forms and patterns of the natural world. His work reflects the micro and macro beauty of the Strathbogie Ranges.
- **Simeon Ayres** – An artist and mapmaker from the Strathbogie Ranges, Simeon's unique style blends aerial perspectives with traditional landscape elements. His commissioned works map personal connections to country.
- **Trina Carter** – A sculptor from Creighton's Creek, Trina's multidisciplinary practice is deeply inspired by the natural environment. Her sculptures explore organic forms and the textures of the land.
- **Ann Cremean** – A visual artist creating contemporary landscape paintings from her Melbourne studio, Ann draws inspiration from the Euroa region. Her works capture the granite outcrops, bush textures, and waterways of northeast Victoria.

Artbox, Jubilee Park, Avenel, **30 September – 27 October 2025**
24-Hour Viewing Access via Glass Windows

Meet the Artists: October 12, 10am–1pm (Avenel Market Day)



National Water Week events set to inspire and educate

Goulburn Valley Water is gearing up for National Water Week from October 20–26, presenting a series of engaging events designed to inspire, educate and connect the community around the theme of water sustainability. National Water Week is a time to reflect on the vital role water plays in our lives.

Australians are beginning to rethink their everyday water use and become champions of conservation. Goulburn Valley Water Managing Director Dr Steve Capewell said the three events were designed to engage a broad cross-section of the region, from students to families and businesses to community groups. “Water Week is a powerful reminder of how essential water is to our daily lives, and how easy it is to take it for granted,” Dr Capewell said. “We’re proud to be part of a national movement that’s helping people become more mindful of their water use.”

Goulburn Valley Water is extending an invitation to households, schools and community groups from across its 54-town service area to register for either the Let’s Grow Waterwise Gardens event or for Water Night.

This year’s school competition, challenging students to create a toilet paper wrap with a water literacy message, is about to enter the judging phase. Water Week in the Goulburn Valley kicks off with Let’s Grow Waterwise Gardens, a free event at 7pm on Tuesday, October 22 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Welsford Street, Shepparton.

This inspiring evening will explore how we can grow resilient communities and sustainable environments through smarter water use and local action. Featuring landscape architect Louise Costa and Euroa Arboretum Development Manager Cathy Oliver.

Let’s Grow is a must-attend for anyone passionate about the future of water in our region. Tickets are free and available via the Goulburn Valley Water website. For those unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed at gvwater.vic.gov.au/livestream-lets-grow-2025, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to be part of the conversation.

Water Night, a national initiative run by the Water Conservancy, is on Thursday, 23 October from 5pm and 10pm. During that time participants will be asked to turn off all non-essential taps and reflect on how often they use water without thinking. Last year, 200 homes registered for Water Night, and this year Goulburn Valley Water is encouraging even more households, schools, sporting clubs and community groups to get involved. Prizes will be awarded to groups that generate the most interest and registrations. Learn more and register at waternight.com.au.



FREE EVENT

Goulburn Valley Water presents

Let's Grow

Waterwise Gardens



Wednesday 22nd October
7pm - 9pm
Eastbank Shepparton
(Stream live if you can't make it in person)

Discover how to design gardens that thrive in the Goulburn Valley with gardening experts Louise Costa and Cathy Olive

Book tickets or get more information by scanning the QR code or visiting the Riverlinks website

Rounding out the week is the ever-popular Water Week school competition, where local students have created toilet paper wraps with colourful, water-themed designs. The competition is a fun and educational way to engage young people in conversations about water conservation and hygiene. National Water Week is a chance to celebrate the value of water, and Goulburn Valley Water invites everyone to take part in the festivities, learn something new, and help build a more waterwise future.

A Waterwise Gardens event is being held at Eastbank Shepparton on Wednesday, 22 October, featuring addresses by two Goulburn Valley gardening experts.

KIDS SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

The Strathbogie Tennis Club is excited to offer another Hot Shots tennis program for children aged 3 to 14 years over this summer at the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve tennis courts.



Program Details:

Every WEDNESDAY morning 9.30am – 11.30am (blue, red, orange and green stages)

Every THURSDAY afternoon 5pm – 6.30pm (red, orange and green stages)

Term Dates:

Term 4, 2025 dates: 8 October - 18 December (11 weeks)

Term 1, 2026 dates: 28 January - 3 April (10 weeks)

Cost:

Tennis Club Family Member: Free

Non-Member: \$50 per child for one term

Register at <https://play.tennis.com.au/strathbogietennisclub/Membership/Join>

Any questions, please email strathbogietennisclub@gmail.com or call Maizi on 0423 475 564



Other

On the other side of the fence
it was the alterity that surprised me
packed in close and dense
were a people the like I had never seen
their long black braids down to the waist
straight noble noses their faces graced
recessed brown eyes deep under heavy
brows
dark olive skin and standing proud
their gaudy costumes coloured and loud

until you looked closer to see the signs of
violence

they had suffered in our friendly so
called "liberation"

I had wondered what that statement
meant

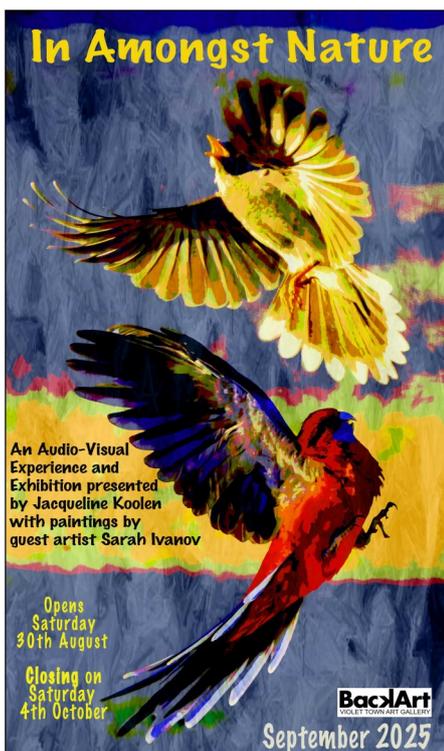
and the shame I felt was deep and grew
the more I looked the more I knew
we would be responsible for their demise
because our friendly intentions were just
a guise

and I could never see it otherwise

now

damn my eyes

Sean Mathews



BackArt

VIOLET TOWN ART GALLERY

30th August
to
4th October

An ever evolving
experience in amongst the
Images & Sounds
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Come relax, enjoy
and find a
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Every week new additions
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SUNDAY

"Local artist Jacquie Koolen's exhibition in the BackArt Gallery is a delightful immersive experience which opens our eyes to the natural beauty we have around us right here in the North East. It will restore your soul!"

TAC Funding for Tableland Roads

Since its inception, Safer Roads Strathbogie (SRS) has campaigned to make our local roads safer for all road users and wildlife.

We are pleased to report that Council recently confirmed that two roads, Harry's Creek Road and the Euroa-Strathbogie Road, have been allocated TAC funding for upgrade works. The works will include the installation of guard barrier rails and speed limit reduction. Additionally, the Longwood-Ruffy Road has also been funded for an upgrade. These projects are currently out for tender with works expected to commence in February 2026.

We trust these changes will see a reduction in the number of vehicle incidents and prevent further serious accidents and fatalities. It is also our hope that less wildlife will be impacted by vehicles, reducing the roadside carnage and number left to suffer through injury.

Donna Parsons

On behalf of

SRS – Safer Roads Strathbogie

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

Strathbogie Recreation Reserve

"The Rec" is one of our long-loved community assets. Once home to strong footy, cricket, and tennis clubs, only the recently revived latter now survives. A Committee of Management formed, and regular BBQs and roasts were hosted. Funds from these ventures went straight back into upgrading the facility with heating, air conditioning and a cool room. A community drive gathered funds for a wood fired pizza oven, and this was complemented by Dave and Sandy Joyce's Strathbogie Brewing Company providing Strathbogie's finest beer on tap. Thursday nights at the Rec grew and grew, with regular attendances of 50-100 locals, friends and visitors. It quickly became a family friendly institution and many looked forward to planning their week around the night. It has again become a place where we all gather and share our week, regardless of demographic, background or any other marker, and forget any differences as we bonded over living in such a special locale.

Find the page here: https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=226

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Advertise in Tableland Talk

Tableland Talk is a very local and entirely volunteer run newsletter through which local businesses, individuals and community organisations can directly reach a very local audience. Advertising keeps this valuable community service self sufficient.

Each month we deliver hard copies to every Tableland household, Euroa Library and Newsagency. We also publish online (and fund our web site): go to www.strathbogie.org

Our rates are very reasonable. They can be found on the bottom of page 4. Community notices are free.

Sean (Ed.)

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REFUEL YOUR THINKING

Strathbogie Shire Council helps residents cut energy bills with Solar Savers program and free webinar

Strathbogie Shire Council is making it easier for local households to take control of rising energy costs, with the launch of the Goulburn Murray Solar Savers program and a free upcoming webinar. The Cost of Living Crisis: Can having a Home Energy Assessment save you thousands? webinar will be held on Friday 10 October at 12 noon. The 45-minute session will feature Romney Bishop from 10 Star Homes and Grace Davis, Council's Climate Change Action Officer, who will explain how energy assessments can help households identify savings and improve home comfort.

The event is free, but bookings are essential to receive login details. Register here:

events.humanitix.com/cost-of-living-crisis-can-having-a-home-energy-assessment-save-you-thousands

The webinar complements Council's participation in the new Goulburn Murray Solar Savers program – a regional initiative designed to take the guesswork out of switching to solar and other energy-saving products.

Through an easy-to-use online portal, residents and businesses can request multiple quotes from vetted local suppliers for a range of products, including:

- Solar PV systems and battery storage
- Energy-efficient heating, cooling and hot water systems
- Induction cooktops
- EV chargers
- Insulation and draft proofing
- Home energy assessments

The program is a regional expansion of Melbourne's successful Solar Savers initiative and now includes six councils: Strathbogie, Mitchell, Murrindindi, Greater Shepparton, Alpine and Indigo.

Residents and businesses can register their interest at:

www.goulburnmurraysolarsavers.org.au/strathbogie-shire.html

The program will run over several years, supporting the community to transition to more sustainable, affordable energy solutions while easing cost-of-living pressures.

For more information, visit: www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au



Final Chance to Shape the Future of Land Use in Strathbogie Shire

Strathbogie Shire Council is inviting the community to have their say on two draft strategies that will help guide how land use is planned and developed across the municipality for decades to come.

The Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy (RRLUS) and the Urban Growth Strategy (UGS) are now available for public feedback, marking the final consultation before the strategies are presented to Council for adoption.

"These strategies will shape how and where our communities grow over the next 15 to 30 years," Strathbogie Shire Mayor, Claire Ewart-Kennedy, said. "It's about striking the right balance between supporting growth, protecting our farmland and environment, and ensuring future development is sustainable, affordable, and well connected."

The RRLUS provides a framework for directing rural residential developments to suitable locations that protect productive agricultural land and preserve rural character. The UGS identifies preferred areas for residential growth, providing certainty for landowners, developers, service providers, and the community. Together, these strategies will:

- Plan for population growth in a coordinated way.
- Protect farming and environmental areas.
- Ensure housing, business, and community services are located in the right places.
- Guide investment in infrastructure.

The draft strategies were informed by extensive technical studies, population analysis, and broad community engagement; incorporating a deliberative process with a Community Panel that represented the diversity of the Strathbogie community.

"Community voices have already been critical in shaping these draft strategies, and now we're asking for final feedback to make sure we've got it right," Mayor Ewart-Kennedy said.

The draft RRLUS and UGS is available on www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au, where residents can review the documents and provide feedback from 22 September until 20

October 2025. Council Officers are also happy to meet with groups or residents by appointment to discuss the draft strategies, this can be arranged by calling 1800 065 993.



Mansfield Readers & Writers Festival

October 11-12, 2025, Uniting Church Hall, 66 Highett St, Mansfield



Join us in the heart of Victoria's High Country for a weekend celebrating stories, ideas, and the people who tell them.

Across two days you'll hear from award-winning voices in four lively Saturday panels, an unmissable Saturday evening event, a hands-on writing workshop and two more thought-provoking panels on Sunday.

Our 2025 theme—Place and Belonging—invites conversations about the landscapes that shape us, the communities we call home, and the forces that challenge them.

Whether you're a passionate reader, a curious writer, or simply love a good conversation, the Mansfield Readers & Writers Festival offers a chance to connect, reflect, and be inspired. We have an amazing list of authors: Tony Birch, Sulari Gentill, Margaret Hickey, David Lindenmayer, Maggie MacKellar, A. J. Mackinnon, Kate Mildenhall, Dani Netherclift, Jacinta Parsons, Ya Reeves, Jock Serong, Rob Skinner, Mark Smith, Jayne Tuttle, Karen Viggers and Andrea Barton.

Visit mansfieldreadersandwriters.com to check out the program and purchase tickets. It is sure to be a great weekend in town.

For any questions call Charlotte at Ink Bookshop 0408 053 805

Recipe of the Month

Chow Mein from the Broughton Family
An old fashioned favourite that is quick and easy.

Ingredients

1kg mince
1 large onion chopped
2 cups water
A splash of soy sauce
A handful of rice
2 large teaspoon curry powder
2 diced carrots

1 cup frozen peas
1/4 cabbage sliced
1 packet chicken noodle soup

Method

Brown the mince lightly, then add all the other ingredients. Cook for about an hour or until rice is soft and all the vegetables cooked. Stir occasionally to avoid sticking.

Ref Delish: Our Family Favourites Peranbin Primary College 2012

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Celebrate Children's Week 2025 Across Strathbogie Shire



Strathbogie Shire Council is excited to invite children and families, to celebrate Children's Week 2025 from 18–26 October, a national celebration recognising children's talents, achievements, and rights. This year's theme is: "Everyone should know about Children's Rights."

Mayor Claire Ewart Kennedy said: "Children's Week is a special time to celebrate the creativity, achievements, and rights of our young people. These events bring families and the community together and give children the chance to shine. We are proud to deliver these activities with support from the Flood Recovery Hub funding, helping our community recover from the 2022 floods while creating fun, safe experiences for children."

Events Across the Shire

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – Avenel

A hilarious, family-friendly pantomime for all ages. Free entry; bookings essential via <http://tiny.cc/pantomime>

- Hosted by: Strathbogie Shire Council & Alpha Shows
- When: Saturday 18 October 2025, 1–2:30pm (arrival 12:30pm)

Where: Avenel Memorial Hall, 15 Queen St, Avenel VIC 3664

Nagambie Children's Art Show

Showcasing the creativity of primary school children. Entries close 22 October. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

- Hosted by: Nagambie Lakes Community House
- When: Friday 24 October 2025, 4:30–6pm (judging at 5:30pm)
- Where: Nagambie Mechanics Hall, 286 High St, Nagambie VIC 3608
- Enquiries: Meredith, NLCH, 0491 017 053

Outdoor Cinema – Nagambie

Enjoy Clifford the Big Red Dog under the stars. Bring a chair or rug; no booking required.

- Hosted by: Nagambie Lakes Community House
- When: Friday 24 October 2025, 8pm (food vans from 6pm)
- Where: St Joseph's Primary School Oval, 367 High Street, Nagambie VIC 3608

Enquiries: Meredith, NLCH, 0491 017 053

The Mik Maks Children's Show – Violet Town

A fun, interactive performance with singing, dancing, and activities for children. Free entry; bookings essential.

- Hosted by: Violet Town Community House, Violet Town Community Playgroup & Peranbin Primary College
- When: Wednesday 22 October 2025, 10.00am
- Where: Peranbin Primary College, Violet Town Campus Hall, Primrose St, Violet Town VIC 3669
- Bookings & Enquiries: Violet Town Community House, 03 5798 1288 or Abbey Ferguson 0400 322 077

Funding for Children's Week 2025 events is provided through the Victorian Government's Flood Recovery Hub, supporting the ongoing recovery from the October 2022 floods. These funds allow the Shire to deliver safe, inclusive, and engaging activities for children and families while strengthening community connections.



CONSENT FORM TO BE LISTED IN STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The most recent edition of the Strathbogie Tableland Community Directory was the 3rd edition, the blue directory published in 2018. This directory will be updated by the end of this year, thanks to funds provided by the Shire of Strathbogie. You are invited to add / amend your details for publication in the 4th edition. These additions/amendments are inclusive of individuals, local businesses and community groups.

I consent to my contact details being listed in the new 2025 Strathbogie Tableland Community Directory. (please circle.)

No.....I no longer wish to be listed

Yes

No.....I do not wish to be listed

My current details are as follows:

Name/s.....

Address,.....

Email.....

Phone (landline).....

Phone (mobile).....

If you are a **local business owner** please provide contact details for your business if you would like it listed:

Name.....

Nature of business (brief description only)

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Address.....

Email/website.....

Telephone:.....(mobile or landline)

Community group.....

Contact person.....

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Please drop your form into box provided at the Strathbogie General Store or scan and email to dayletame46@gmail.com