



November 2025

## Yawang - Stone Country; a Cultural Reserve for the Strathbogie Forest

*TLaWC welcomes the announcement of an important step in creating a cultural reserve in the Strathbogies on Taungurung Country.*



As many readers may know there has been a concerted struggle by a number of local community groups to improve the way government manages the Strathbogie Forest. It began in 2014 with a grass-roots campaign to stop industrial logging in the forest and more recently it's been about calling to account government

decisions relating to fuel reduction burning in the forest in areas that are known to be inhabited by the Southern Greater Glider, an Endangered species and Australia's largest gliding mammal. This campaign even ended up in the Federal Court (another story).

After the state-wide cessation of native forest logging in 2019, the big question was - how should Victoria's extensive forest estate be managed? In 2022, the Victorian Government appointed a panel to "provide independent advice on the future uses of state forest in eastern Victoria." This Eminent Panel for Community Engagement' (I know - what a name!) met locally with many community groups, organizations and individuals, as well as with Traditional Owners, the Taungurung Land and Waters Council. The panel's report published later that year recommended the creation of a Cultural Reserve to cover the entire 24,000 ha Strathbogie State Forest.

Just a few days ago, the Victorian Government announced its intention to accept the Eminent Panel's recommendation to create a Cultural Reserve for the entire Strathbogie State Forest.

In the words of the Taungurung Land and Waters Council (TLaWC):

"(We) welcome the announcement of an important step in creating a cultural reserve in the Strathbogies on Taungurung Country. This step begins a pathway of shared decision making and collaborative management between the local community, key agencies and TLaWC. This partnership is focused on creating healthy Country for all Victorians" and "TLaWC is excited by the opportunity to work closely with the communities of the Strathbogies to care for Country for the benefit of all Victorians." (TLaWC media release link) *continues p3 .....*

### What's On

**Nov 1-4** Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival p7

**Nov 7** Cuppa with a Councillor p9

**Nov 14** Bogie Boogie p7

**Nov 23** Landcare AGM p7

**Nov 24** Shire Customer Service feedback closes p11

**Nov 30** Ride for Palestine p 6 & 8

**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** - 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

## Swanpool CINEMA

Tickets \$14 / \$12 / \$8  
[trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

F1: The Movie M Nov 1 6pm, Nov 2 6pm

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale Nov 2 1.30pm

No other screenings available at the time of going to print.

### Do you need a Justice of the Peace?

Chris Thomson  
'Aberdeen'  
5790 5340

### Boho South Hall

Available for hire  
Bookings contact:  
Christine Ellis  
0419 908 522 or  
[info@bohousouthhall.org](mailto:info@bohousouthhall.org)



## Euroa Cinema

Tickets \$12 at box office or <https://events.humanitix.com/euroa-community-cinema>

Long Good Thursday PG Nov 1 4pm  
But Also John Clarke M Nov 1 8pm, Nov 2 4pm

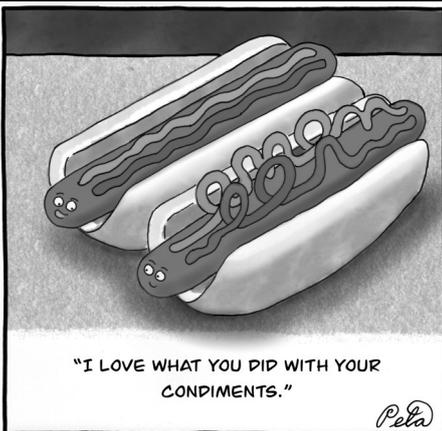
The Travellers M Nov 8 8pm, Nov 9 4pm

Roofman M Nov 15 8pm, Nov 16 4pm

Kangaroo Island M Nov 22 8pm, Nov 23 4pm

Springsteen: Deliver me from nowhere M Nov 29 8pm, Nov 30 4pm

For information regarding the Violet Town Village Voice or to get an emailed copy each month contact AB 0408 551 455 or [villagevoice@violettown.org.au](mailto:villagevoice@violettown.org.au) online at [www.violettown.org.au](http://www.violettown.org.au)



## Riddles for Kids

1. Riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?

Answer: An egg

2. Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle

3. Riddle: What month of the year has 28 days?

Answer: All of them

## Contribute to Tableland Talk

Our community newsletter relies on community contributions to publish. We are all about sharing and enjoying Tableland stories and activities. Send us your local tall tales and true, photos and sketches, community and business advertisements. We love to hear from community members of all ages. See email below >>>

**Tableland Talk is a community newsletter run by volunteers.**

This newsletter is entirely made up of contributions. Contributions to this newsletter are published as a forum for public discussion.

The opinions expressed are the opinions of the contributors and not necessarily the opinions of the TT Team. By publishing contributions this newsletter does not give its authority to the truth or validity of the material contained in contributions.

Readers are reminded that all contributions **MUST** be submitted with the name and address of the writer.

We would appreciate it if all invoices for advertising are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay to publish.

The TT Team

## Library Service

The library service Mondays 10.00—12.00 in the Soldier's Room at the Hall. Next: November 3 & 17.

[GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf](#)  
([gvlibraries.com.au](http://gvlibraries.com.au))



## Your Gambler's Help



Your local Gambler's Help service agency is Primary Care Connect. We offer free, confidential information, advice, and counselling to anyone affected by gambling.

Ph: (03)58233200  
E: [intake@primarycareconnect.com.au](mailto:intake@primarycareconnect.com.au)  
Hours: 9am – 5pm Mon to Fri.  
After hours services can be arranged.  
You can also contact Gambler's Help on 1800 858 858 or go to [gamblerhelp.com.au](http://gamblerhelp.com.au) 24hrs a day for immediate support.

The Deadline for the December edition of Tableland Talk is Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

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

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

From page 1 .....

Save Our Strathbogie Forest and Strathbogie Ranges Conservation join in congratulating TLaWC on their passion, determination and advocacy to reconnect with Country and to share that journey with all who want to walk that path. We look forward to working collaboratively to enable healing of Country - this is a momentous occasion! While there are still many details to be worked through, this is an exciting time. The Strathbogie State Forest is the first place this co-management approach will be applied - anywhere in Victoria. Great name, too: *Yawang* - Stone Country.

Helen McKernan - President, Strathbogie Ranges Conservation

Bertram Lobert - President, Save Our Strathbogie Forest

For more information:

Eminent Panel for Community Engagement (2022) Future use and management of Mirboo North and Strathbogie Ranges Immediate Protection Areas, Final Report. Victorian State Government.

Eminent Panel for Community Engagement (2025) Future use and management of state forests in the Central Highlands, Final Report. Victorian State Government.

Premier of Victoria (21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2025) <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/our-plan-victorias-great-outdoors>

TLaWC Media Release (October 2025). The Future of Taungurung Forested Country – Stone Country Activation. <https://taungurung.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Media-release-Stone-Country.pdf>

*Bert Lobert*

## **Council updates approach to Australia Day events following community feedback**

Strathbogie Shire Council is updating how it supports Australia Day events, following thoughtful conversations with residents, event organisers, and First Nations representatives. This marks a shift from previous policy, aiming to better reflect the diverse views across our community.

At the Council Meeting on 21 October, Councillors agreed to back community-led Australia Day events through existing grant programs. Councillors may also attend events if invited and available — a move designed to honour both those who celebrate the day and those who see it as a time for reflection.

Mayor Cr Claire Ewart-Kennedy shared: “Australia Day means different things to different people. This decision shows our commitment to listening, learning, and acting in the best interests of people within our Shire.”

She added: “We’ve heard clearly that people value connection and celebration but also want us to acknowledge the deeper meaning of the day”

Our community engagement process drew input from around 800 people, reflecting a wide range of views across the Shire. Feedback came through a mix of phone polling, surveys, and direct conversations with community groups. The message was clear: residents support Council’s continued involvement in Australia Day events, especially through funding, promotion, and formal attendance.

The opt-in community survey was made available both online via the Share Strathbogie platform and in hard copy, receiving 456 responses. An independent third party conducted a randomised phone poll, reaching a sample of 346 residents.

Council also held direct discussions with community groups and the Taungurung Land and Waters Council to ensure First Nations voices were heard and respected.

Eligible committees can access funding for Australia Day events through our Community Grant Funding Program, including Event Grants and Quick Response Grants. Council will also continue working closely with First Nations partners to build stronger relationships and shared understanding. For more details on grants and community engagement, visit [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

Therese Thompson  
Media and Communications Business Partner  
[therese.thompson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:therese.thompson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)  
Ph: 0436 603 424

# A AERIAL SERVICES

## Drone photos, videos and sales

Sales of DJI drones and spares at competitive prices

High resolution digital farm mapping

Property and real estate photography

Commercials and promotional videos

Asset and roof inspections

Call [0490 805 379](tel:0490805379) or email [alastair@ataerial.com](mailto:alastair@ataerial.com)

## Call for Volunteers

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*

[Debmckie7@gmail.com](mailto:Debmckie7@gmail.com)

**Strathbogie Ranges**  
**- Nature View -**  
*Stories, activities & more.*  
*Ecology, landscape and*  
*natural history*

<https://bit.ly/3sh52K1>



**HIGH PLAINS**  
 TREE & GARDEN CARE

DYLAN KEMP 0467 088 248  
 DBEKEMP@OUTLOOK.COM 



**Strathbogie Brewing Company**  
 Dave & Sandy Joyce  
 See our website for stockists  
[www.strathbogiebrewing.com.au](http://www.strathbogiebrewing.com.au)

## Bogie Tree

+++++  
 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
- +++++  
 To learn more or join Bogie Tree, please send an email to Stuart on [stuartb446@gmail.com](mailto:stuartb446@gmail.com) or call on 0422 408 915



**Very Reasonable Advertising Rates** - Advertising solely funds this newsletter. Advertisements for revenue raising or business advertisements are charged per issue at 1/8 page \$7, 1/4 page \$14, 1/2 page \$21, full page \$42. Exact size and placement is at the discretion of the Editor. Free community event advertising is at no cost. For more information e: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:tablelandtalk@gmail.com) or m: 0400 019 607. Please support our advertisers.

## The Strathbogie Memorial Hall: part one

We could fill Tableland Talk about the life of the Strathbogie Memorial Hall, which was officially opened on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 1955. It is now 70 years old.

**The background** - The original hall in Main St (still there), was built by the Orangemen in 1889 but by the early 1920s they were looking to sell it.

At a public meeting, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1921, re purchase of the Protestant Hall, the very first minutes read – That the Public of Strathbogie purchase the Hall, Land, Lights and Furniture at the price submitted, 250 pounds. And so, in the usual community spirit, with so many chipping in to help, Strathbogie had their own public hall.

With the Memorial Hall near completion, the minutes of March 24<sup>th</sup> 1955 read – That all funds of the Strathbogie Public Hall plus total proceeds of the sale of hall and land be donated to Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

The very last Public Hall Committee meeting was held 11<sup>th</sup> May 1956. The following motions were carried - a cheque to value of 509 pounds be written in favour of the secretary Strathbogie Memorial Hall - that this minute book pertaining to Strathbogie Public Hall be passed on to the Secretary of Strathbogie Memorial Hall for safe keeping - that letters of thanks for services in valuing & selling of Hall property, Gratis, be forwarded to Younghusband Ltd of Melbourne & Euroa - letter of thanks for Legal Services in selling Hall property, Gratis, be forwarded to Vroland, Vroland & Turner of Euroa - that all papers in connection, with the Strathbogie Public Hall with exception of Minute Book, be destroyed at the end of 1956 - that a minute be placed on books thanking G.W. Simpson for services to Hall as Secretary over a period of many years.

**The first mention** of some sort of Memorial to commemorate those who signed up for World War 2, was in the newspaper in 1943. There was already the hall in Main st, but it was becoming too small, so the idea proposed by Mr Eric B. Tame for a new hall was accepted.

MANY locals were involved in the building of the new hall, all volunteered their time, as did the Shire of Euroa engineer, Mr Arthur Hemley. He drew up the plans and helped whenever he was called upon. The plaque in the foyer, commemorating him at the time of his death says "Whose services, so freely given, made possible the building of this hall."

In 1943, Mr J.R. Smith was nominated as President and Mr Eric Tame secretary. J.R remained in the chair from start to finish in 1955, after which Mr Herbert H Mackrell took over. Eric Tame remained secretary from 1943 through to 1968.

The Euroa Shire Council purchased the land on the corner of Main st and Armstrong Ave from the Simpson family, in July 1946.

There were many donors, not only of money but items for the hall as well. Records show who contributed what and how much. J.R. Smith made the largest donation by far — five hundred pounds.

**A Ladies Auxiliary** was formed September 24<sup>th</sup> 1947, a story in itself. They started off with two hundred and twenty pounds, through their work with the Patriotic Sox Fund, and since it had expired, (because the war had ended) they donated that money to the hall. Mrs Tom Hobbs, Azelia, was nominated President, but served only a short term before moving to Melbourne. Joint Secretaries were Mrs Eric Tame, 'Daisy', and Mrs Hugh McCallum.

At the end of 1948 Mrs C. Vroland, Cath, was elected President, in place of Azelia. This group of amazing ladies organised many fundraisers, some being - catering at sales, holding golf afternoons, they held many shows over the years, bazaars, Crazy Whists, dances and balls.

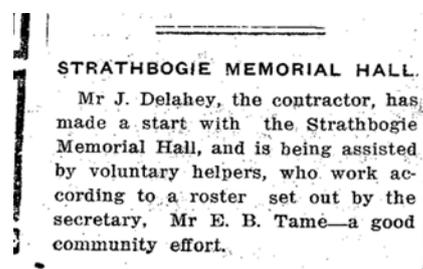
Among the many things they purchased, was the crockery and cutlery, which is still in use today!

In all, the Memorial Hall took twelve years to complete. There were all sorts of holdups and shortages and things were slow moving after the war was over.

While the ladies raised funds, the volunteer men made the cement bricks.

**From The Euroa Gazette Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1947.**

A start on the Hall at last. The newspaper reported that the laying of foundations and the making of the bricks was supervised by Mr. Jack Delahey and the building by Messrs. Doug White, P. Robinson, G. McCombe (Gordon?) and A. Shadbolt. *Photo gallery page 6.....*



## Strathbogie Memorial Hall: construction photos



From Armstrong Ave (east)



From monument side (west)



Front corner from Levey's store



Front view

The Hall history continues in the December edition.

*Loretta McPherson, Strathbogie History Group*



The following events are planned in Euroa on 30 November 2025:

**8am - Big (20km+) Ride for Palestine** - start location TBC - ending at Seven Creeks Park, Kirkland Ave, Euroa

**10am - Ride, Run or Walk for Palestine** (family friendly) - starting at Seven Creeks Park, Kirkland Ave, Euroa - do all or part of the Euroa Apex Walk track: <https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/4530>

**12pm - Picnic for Palestine** - starting at Seven Creeks Park, Kirkland Ave, Euroa - bring a plate to share.

The Big Ride for Palestine is an initiative by supporters of the Palestinian people that combines a love of cycling, running and walking with practical solidarity and awareness raising. We raise money to support organisations that struggle to allow Palestinian people to live with dignity and peace.

We encourage our participants and supporters to deepen their understanding of the plight of the Palestinians, to discuss with their friends and colleagues and to join local Palestinian solidarity organisations. This year funds raised will be directed towards the MA'AN Development Centre and the Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organisation.

To register your interest and to make sure you receive updates contact Loyal. Email: [benleyal@gmail.com](mailto:benleyal@gmail.com)

# Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

October saw the Strathbogie Memorial Hall host Bushfire Sunday, and it was a great success. Thanks to Kim and Emily for informing locals on how to prepare for the coming season.

November at the Hall starts with the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival's Bush Dance on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. The hugely popular bush band Bushwahzee will be playing with a caller. This should be a great night, with an early start for the kids' dancing instructions.

The Strathbogie CFA brigade are holding an extraordinary meeting, as well as staging their pager replacement program on the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Soldiers room.

Bogie Boogie is booked to dance up a storm at the Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Grace Arnold is the DJ for the session, so for those who like move come along.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the Hall will host a Te Kwando weekend retreat for students of the Euroa based classes.

The Hall committee AGM was held back in September, and all positions were re-elected. Mary Wynne is the president, Marg Koenig the vice president, Gwenyth Bigger is the treasurer, and me, Dana Last as the secretary. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month, and anyone is most welcome to attend.

Dana Last

Strathbogie Memorial Hall Secretary.

## **Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group, 2025 Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday November 23<sup>th</sup>, 11.00am at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall**

**Followed by lunch**

Everyone is welcome to attend this year's Strathbogie Landcare AGM, where we will:

- report on STLCG projects and activities during 2025
- outline some of Strathbogie Tableland Landcare's plans for 2026
- provide an opportunity for discussion of issues and ideas associated with Landcare goals and functions
- elect the STLCG Committee for 2026

Following the meeting there will be a presentation by Dr Kath Handasyde: "*The biology of the platypus and recommendations for preserving habitat for this extraordinary animal*"

The platypus is a most unusual mammal and Kath spent many years studying their fascinating biology. Knowledge about the way in which platypus use our streams and water bodies, and protecting the health of our waterways, is crucial for helping these amazing animals to persist in places such as Strathbogie Tableland.

A light lunch will follow Kath's presentation.

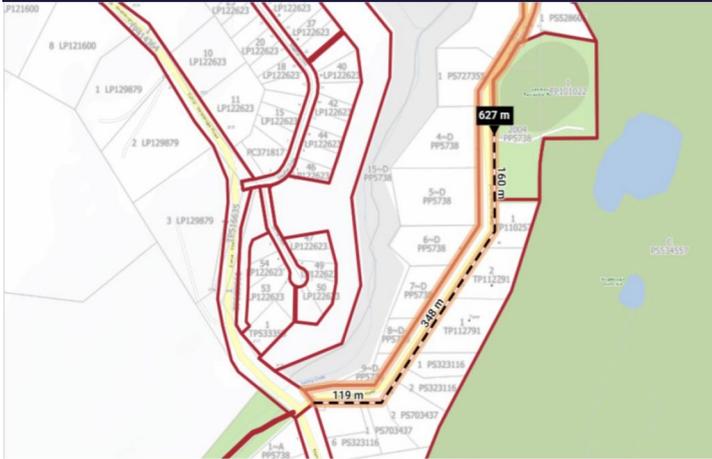
This is a free Landcare event and everyone is welcome even if not a Landcare member. Please confirm your attendance (and the number of people attending with you) by text to Peter Righetti on 0418 148 511

We hope to see you there!

The Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group Committee

# Strathbogie Walking Path Project

Strathbogie  
SHIRE COUNCIL



Thanks to Council's 2024/2025 Pitch My Project program, Strathbogie residents successfully pitched a new initiative to design a walking path along the eastern side of Spring Creek Road. This scenic and safe pathway will connect the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve with Main Street, enhancing accessibility for both locals and visitors.

For more information, call Strathbogie Shire Council on 1800 065 993 or email [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au)



## THE BIG RIDE FOR PALESTINE

Organised by The Big Ride for Palestine-Australia supporting the Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA's partner organisations - MA'AN Development Centre & Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organisation.



Register to ride, run or walk.



Choose a target distance.



Get your campaign jersey or tee.



Participate individually or join a team to raise funds—ask your community to support your efforts for Palestine.

8-30 November around Australia

### Melbourne Events

15 November: Highlands Lakeside - 10:00am Walk/Run

22 November: Merri Creek Trail Walk/Run/Cycle

30 November: Euroa - 8:00am Cycle, 10:00am Walk/Run

Scan the QR code and register to ensure you receive updates!



## GRANITE BRIDGE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES



## Rural Contracting Tractor, Fencing & Chainsaw Work

### Tractor Work Using Deutz Fahr 96hp Tractor:

- ◊ Flail Mowing with 2.4m (8ft) cutting width
- ◊ Front End Loader Work - Bucket, Heavy Stick Rake, Pallet Forks
- ◊ Hay handling with front and rear forks
- ◊ Post Hole Digging - 6" to 24" diameter augers
- ◊ Harrowing with 4m (13ft) harrows
- ◊ Grading with 1.8m (6ft) grader blade
- ◊ Light Plowing / Scarification with 3.2m S-Tine Cultivator
- ◊ Pulling, Pushing and Towing - 4wd and 4 wheel diff locks can pull whole trees!



### Fencing, Chainsaw & General Work:

- ◊ New Fence Erections  
- timber, steel or concrete posts, wire or wire/hinge joint fences
- ◊ Fence Repair and Clearing Trees Off Fences
- ◊ Chainsaw Work and other tasks around the farm



Now offering Deep Ripping, Pipelaying (via ripper), and Fertiliser Spreading!

**RATES:** Tractor Work: \$77 per hour incl. GST (\$70 + GST)  
Other Work: \$55 per hour incl. GST (\$50+GST)

Jobs requiring two men charged with additional \$55/hour

- Rates include fuel & oil - transit time charged - materials and other consumables extra -

Call Big Clarky on 0406 074 019 or Julie on 5790 5226 to discuss!



## HAVE A CUPPA WITH A COUNCILLOR STRATHBOGIE

Where? The Strathbogie General Store  
30 Main Street, Strathbogie

When? Friday 7 November, 2025

Time? 10.00am-12midday

Who? Everyone is invited and welcome!

Why? To chat about local topics that matter to you.



No bookings required!

Free event!



Strathbogie  
SHIRE COUNCIL

On behalf of Strathbogie Shire Council's Mayor Claire Ewart-Kennedy and Councillors, you are invited to attend *The Strathbogie General Store* on Friday 7 November 2025 from 10.00am-12midday for a *Cuppa with a Councillor*.

Each person who attends is welcome to accept a free hot drink to support The Strathbogie General Store, while you talk to your Local Government representative about local topics, ideas, projects and areas of interest to you.

The 2025 *Cuppa with a Councillor* series consists of informal meetings that are taking place in eight townships over seven months, to meet and greet people throughout the community. The November session is a free event for everyone to attend, with no formalities or registration required, just a drop-in for a quick cuppa or pop in to say "hi," while supporting local business.

Please help us to promote the Strathbogie session by printing, emailing, displaying and sharing this Poster with your local networks and community group.



## October was a special month for Strathbogie Playgroup

as we celebrated our **one-year anniversary!** It's been such a joy to see the group grow into a warm & welcoming space for local families to connect, play and share time together.

To mark the occasion we got creative with some hands-on fun. We made our own playdough (with some enthusiastic little helpers who loved mixing & cooking!) then used it to shape, build and explore. We also joined in the Aussie Bird Count with a nature-inspired activity, making bird feeders from pinecones. It was lovely to see the excitement as the children hung them up for our local birds to enjoy.

As we look ahead to the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival we'd love to encourage everyone to come along & join in the fun. Playgroup is so fortunate to be receiving support from this event (our major fundraiser for the year). The funds raised will help cover our regular costs like venue hire, fruit platters, and tea/ coffee supplies. Hopefully we'll also be able to add a Euroa Toy Library membership to keep our toys & play resources fresh & engaging.

Thank you to all the families who've been part of this first year whether attending, donating items, volunteering time or offering words of support. Your enthusiasm & presence are what make playgroup such a special part of our community. The Tablelands are a wonderful place to live and an even more special place to be growing up.

Warmly,  
Sharna & Ally  
Strathbogie Community Playgroup

## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with  
John O'Brien  
0439 818 366  
[rec@strathbogie.org](mailto:rec@strathbogie.org)

## Recipe of the Month

### Blueberry Muffins (Terry Frewin)

220g flour  
150g caster sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/3 cup oil  
1 lightly beaten egg  
1/3 cup milk

150g blueberries

**Method:** Preheat oven to 220C Sift flour, add sugar, salt, baking powder. Add oil, milk, egg. Stir in until just mixed. Fold in blueberries. Fill to the top of the muffin tin, Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and cook for 20-25 minutes.

# Bogie Playgroup

Thursday  
9.30am-11.30am

During school terms

The Rec Reserve  
62 Spring Creek Rd  
Strathbogie

Friendship and community for families  
with children age 0-5yrs  
Healthy morning tea provided  
Free to attend

Sharna 0401 445 675  
Ally 0426 992 355



[strathbogiecommunityplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:strathbogiecommunityplaygroup@gmail.com)

## Strathbogie Memorial Hall Rooms & Accessories Hire

Available for hire:

- ⇒ Main Hall -\$200
- ⇒ Supper Room -\$70
- ⇒ Soldiers Room -\$50
- ⇒ Kitchen -\$50
- ⇒ Projector -\$60
- ⇒ PA hire -\$20

*Any excessive power usage due to heating/cooling will be invoiced to the user.*

For more information ring:

Mary 0419 592 211 or Marg 0407 919 005.

## STRATHBOGIE GENERAL STORE

Open 7 days a week

Your local general store, café and post office. Fully licensed.

Yummy breakfasts and lunches, Friday night Fish and Chips.

Local honey, wines and beer.

Local handcrafts.

Phone 0473 211 400



## DENTIST

Strathbogie  Dental

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

03 4702 2111

36 Kennedy St Euroa  
At Euroa Health

# Have Your Say on Strathbogie Shire Council's Draft Customer Service Charter

Strathbogie Shire Council is inviting community feedback on its draft Customer Service Charter, with consultation open from 27 October to 24 November 2025. The Charter outlines the service standards residents can expect when interacting with Council—and how we can work together to ensure respectful, clear, and constructive communication.

Mayor Ewart-Kennedy, “We want this Charter to reflect what matters most to you. Your feedback will help us make sure it’s meaningful, practical, and aligned with your expectations. We want this Charter to reflect what matters most to you. “

The draft Charter has already been shaped by earlier conversations with residents and local groups, who shared their ideas about what excellent service looks like. Now, we’re asking you to help us refine it further.

Community members can:

- Review the draft Charter and complete a short feedback form on Share Strathbogie.
- Provide written submissions via email or post.

Feedback received will be considered in shaping the final Charter and a summary of consultation outcomes will be shared publicly. The draft Customer Service Charter and feedback form are available at:

[www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

Consultation closes on 24 November 2025.

For more information, visit: [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au)

For further information:

Therese Thompson, Media and Communications Business Partner

[therese.thompson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:therese.thompson@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) Ph: 0436 603 424



## Prepare Now for Fire Season



It's time to get your home and property fire-ready. If you live in a bushfire-prone area, removing fuel and vegetation now is the best way to protect your property.

- Cut grass to under 100mm
- Trim trees and hedges
- Remove rubbish and flammable materials

Complete any burning off before the fire danger period by applying for a permit at <https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/local-laws/>

Councils have a legal responsibility to manage fire risk under the CFA Act. Fire Prevention Officers may issue notices if properties pose a fire threat.

Need help?

- Visit CFA's How to Prepare Your Property at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>
- Talk to your local CFA
- Call Strathbogie Shire Council on 5795 0000

Concerned about a fire hazard? Report it to Council on 5795 0000.

More information:

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/emergency-preparedness/prepare-and-plan/>



**Brianna King**

Counsellor | Embodied Processing  
Practitioner | Integrated Attachment Theory  
Coach | Trauma-informed Coach.  
Offering services to individuals Australia-wide  
via Telehealth (Zoom)

For more info please see my website:

**lightthewaycounselling.com**

For enquiries or bookings:

**Email:**

**lightthewaycounselling@gmail.com**

**Text: 0439 776 040**

Find me on Facebook for daily content:

Light the Way Counselling.

Based Creek Junction VIC 3669



Liquor License No. 3651841

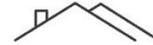
**BOOK YOUR AMAZING WINE TASTING  
EXPERIENCE TODAY.**

**STRATHBOGIE ESTATE P/L**

602 Tames Road Strathbogie Vic 3666

[www.strathbogieestate.com.au](http://www.strathbogieestate.com.au)

Mob: Karin 0412 442 174



**REDDING HOME  
MAINTENANCE**

- Painting
- Mowing and garden maintenance
- Roof & gutter cleaning
- Property cleaning & rubbish removal
- Window cleaning
- Deck building and repair
- House repairs
- Kinfe sharpening
- And more!

**LEIGH REDDING**

0400 176 159

*leighredding@gmail.com*



**0407 095 179**

Servicing the Strathbogie Shire and Surrounds

**“No job too big or too small”**

- Qualified Plumber and Gas Fitter
- New homes, renovations and extensions
- Roofing, spouting and down pipes
- Septic tanks, pumps and blocked drains
- Gas heaters and kitchen appliances
- 24 Hour emergency plumbing
- Wood heaters and skylights

Licensed Plumber & Gas Fitter 50447

**CROYDONDALE  
CABINETS**

**CABINET MAKERS, KITCHENS,  
SHOP FITTINGS  
NEW HOMES, RENOVATIONS, REFACES**

**Ph: 0408 349 072**

Graeme McKenzie, Strathbogie ABN 27 746 178 130

**Email: [gmc13990@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gmc13990@bigpond.net.au)**

**“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](http://strathbogie.org)), a local business directory, maps, some local goodies, etc.

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

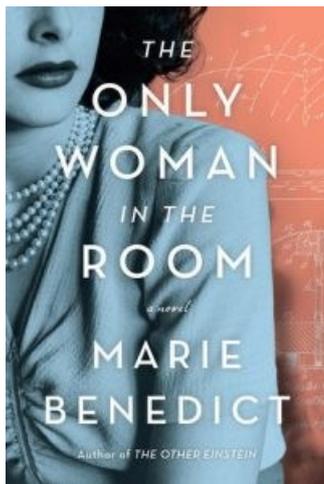
Kath Handasyde: [kathstuart60@gmail.com](mailto:kathstuart60@gmail.com)

or

Pennie Beard: [claneypenne@gmail.com](mailto:claneypenne@gmail.com)

## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemians Bookclub

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, Hodder & Stoughton, 2019.



I started out thinking that I was, perhaps, not the right person to write this review. Initially, I was troubled by having to choose, in composing a very short, dismissive review, between 'forgettable', 'unnecessary', 'mercenary' and 'gratuitous'. However, on further reflection and investigation, I find that all four of these monikers are apt when it comes to Benedict's regurgitation of the 20 or so publications that have dealt with the life of one of Hollywood's star attractions – Hedy Lamarr. [Wikipedia: Hedy Lamarr, born Hedwig Eva Maria Kiesler; November 9, 1914 – January 19, 2000) was an Austrian and American actress and inventor. After a brief early film career in Czechoslovakia, including the controversial erotic 1933 romantic film drama, *Ecstasy* (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecstasy>), she fled from her first husband, Friedrich Mandl, and secretly moved to Paris. Traveling to London, she met Louis B. Mayer, who offered her a film contract in Hollywood]. Apart from her exotic profile as a film star during Hollywood's 'golden era', Lamarr also drew attention for her scientific co-invention of a radio guidance system for Allied torpedoes that used spread spectrum and frequency hopping technology to defeat the threat of radio

jamming by the Axis powers.

The initial problem, for me at least, is that this book is entirely unnecessary. All has been amply covered in the twenty or so publications that preceded it. What more could be said? But even more irritating is the attempt to give Hedy a personal voice by telling the story in the first person. Benedict assumes a personal insight to create a profile of a woman who was complicated, astute in many ways, but astoundingly naïve in others. Most grating of all is Benedict's portrayal of Lamarr as a woman who believed she could end WWII with her radio guidance system. Her 'guilt' at not doing enough to save her fellow Austrians, and indeed all the hapless Jews being hounded into concentration camps makes it appear that it is Lamarr's duty alone to find a way to end this war – a stretch too far on author Benedict's part.

I can't recommend this book. I harrumphed my way through it and went looking for a decent biography – one that is serious in its intent to paint a full picture of a remarkable woman, such as *Hedy's Folly: The Life and Breakthrough Inventions of Hedy Lamarr, the Most Beautiful Woman in the World* by Richard Rhodes, Knopf Doubleday Publishing, 2011.

### About the Author

Once a New York City lawyer, Marie Benedict had long dreamed about a fantastical job unravelling the larger mysteries of the past as an archaeologist or historian -- before she tried her hand at writing. While drafting her first book, she realized that she could excavate the *possible truths* lurking in history through fiction.

She has attempted to do so in *The Other Einstein*, the story of Mileva Maric, Albert Einstein's first wife and a physicist herself, *Carnegie's Maid*, and in her third novel, *The Only Woman in the Room*.

Next Month: *Room for a Stranger* by Melanie Cheng, Text Publishing, 2019.

Ruth Fluhr

# Strathbogie IT

0428 327 203

simon@strathbogieit.com.au

www.strathbogieit.com.au

CCTV Systems  
Hardware Sales and Support  
Managed Services  
Starlink

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



Situated on the outskirts of the township of Strathbogie, lies a magnificent 18 hole grass-green golf course. Regularly maintained by volunteer labour, this district treasure is a credit to the golf-loving district which it serves.

Find the page here: [https://strathbogie.org/?page\\_id=224](https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=224)

STAG Communications subcommittee



### A small act makes a big impact.

For information regarding upcoming changes visit our website, download our app or phone us  
[www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/4-bins](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/4-bins) | App: BinRight Strathbogie



Strathbogie  
SHIRE COUNCIL



Telephone: 1800 065 993

Sustainability  
Victoria

VICTORIA  
State Government

## 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](http://www.strathbogie.org)

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

Sean (Ed.)

## Refuelling Solutions 24/7 Self Service Diesel Strathbogie Fuel Cell 62 Spring Creek Rd

For all your On-Farm fuel deliveries and lube supplies please contact

**Mark Reynolds**

Business Development Executive

Shepparton

M 0418 510 028

E [mreynolds@rfs.com.au](mailto:mreynolds@rfs.com.au) [www.rfs.com.au](http://www.rfs.com.au)

  
**MINI-TANKERS**  
REFUELLING SOLUTIONS

  
**MAXI-TANKERS**  
REFUELLING SOLUTIONS

  
**FUEL**  
REFUELLING SOLUTIONS

  
**REFUELLING SOLUTIONS**  
REFUEL YOUR THINKING

# Tallarook – a sport is born

Tallarook was the site for the first rogaine in 1976. This was a cross-country navigation event for teams using map and compass and lasting for 24 hours. Organisation was an alliance between the Surrey Thomas Rovers of Brighton and the newly formed Victorian Rogaining Association.



After 1976, rogaining events became a regular feature on the Victorian Rogaining Association calendar with 200-400 participants at rogaines in most months. Over the next decade the sport spread to every Australian state. Soon after the 1976 rogaine there was debate whether a special class for veterans over 40 should be introduced with some doubts about the potential interest. Today rogaining caters for teenagers to octogenarians with classes for veterans, super vets, and even ultra vets.

From the late 1990s, rogaining went international with events and participants from over 30 countries. The pinnacle of competition is the World Rogaining Championships with the 20<sup>th</sup> WRC in South Australia

set for 2027.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rogaine 2026

From mid-2025 we are in the planning stages of the 2026 Victorian Rogaining Championships with an early preference for holding the rogaine on the Tallarook plateau—recognising the birthplace of the sport 50 years ago. During the feasibility stage we are consulting with the community including landowners; there is no entry to private property without landholder permission, and we are currently seeking that permission.

Provisional date: 25-26 September 2026 (Friday – Saturday)

Further details:

Neil Phillips [neilphillips@gmail.com](mailto:neilphillips@gmail.com) 0417 300 400 (Community Liaison volunteer)

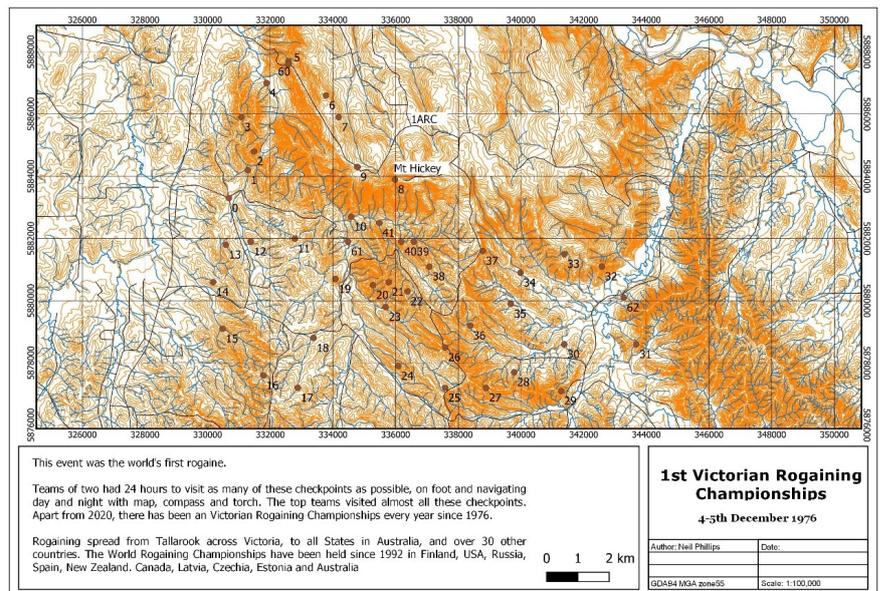
Nick Somes [nick@rogainevic.org.au](mailto:nick@rogainevic.org.au) 0407 871 046 (Event Co-ordination volunteer)

## Map reproduction from the first rogaine: 1976

### World Rogaining Championships

~400-700 participants

- 1992: Beechworth Australia
- 1996: Mt Singleton Western Australia
- 1998: Kamloops Canada
- 2000: New Zealand
- 2002: Czech Republic
- 2004: Arizona USA
- 2006: Warrumbungle Ra, NSW
- 2008: Estonia
- 2010: Cheviot New Zealand
- 2012: Czech Republic
- 2013: Russia
- 2014: S Dakota USA
- 2015: Finland
- 2016: Ross River Australia
- 2017: Latvia
- 2019: Spain
- 2022: Czech Republic
- 2023: California USA
- 2025: Spain ([https://wrc2025.org/live/WRC25\\_OverallResults.html](https://wrc2025.org/live/WRC25_OverallResults.html))
- 2027: Flinders Ra, Australia



Neil Phillips

## CONSENT FORM TO BE LISTED IN STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

*The most recent edition of the Strathbogie Tableland Community Directory was the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

.....

Address.....

Email/website.....

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

**Community group**.....

Contact person.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

Email:.....

*Please drop your form into box provided at the Strathbogie General Store or scan and email to [dayletame46@gmail.com](mailto:dayletame46@gmail.com)*