

July 2025

Strathbogie CFA Trivia Night

A fundraiser in support of Tanya Lumley's Firefighter Stair Climb

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TANYA LUMLEY

Climbing for Strathbogie CFA



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September 6, 2025 - Crown Metropol, Melbourne



I'm so excited to invite you all to a fundraising trivia night in August, to be held at the Memorial Hall in Strathbogie.

I am participating in the 2025 Firefighter Stair Climb in September, climbing for Strathbogie CFA. This is a charity event which not only raises money for organisations vital for our community, but also directly supports our emergency services volunteers and workers.

This is something close to all of our

hearts currently, since rural and regional farmers and CFA volunteers are in so many cases one and the same - and many are currently doing it hard. For this reason, I want to try and raise as much as I can, with the help of our community.

Tickets are on sale soon, but in the meantime please put **SATURDAY 16 AUGUST** in your diaries for this local fundraiser at Strathbogie Memorial Hall. It's going to be super fun, and it would be great to see you all there for some music, food, trivia, and laughs.

Already there are some great prizes, but if you have any great suggestions for donations (EOFY is a great time for this!) please let me know! All help is so gladly welcomed.

Info about the organisations benefiting from the funds can be found through here: <https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/climber/tanyalumley/>

Here is the QR and ticketing link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCZDJ>

I can't wait to see you there.

Tanya Lumley
0434494669



What's On

Jul CFA Tanker 2 tender open p5

Jul 21 GRT survey closes p5

Jul 26 Boho Sth Xmas in July p12

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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

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

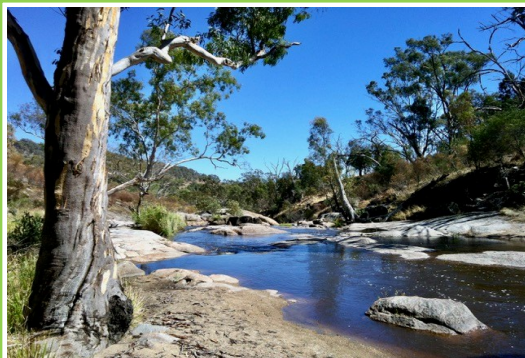
Every Fourth Saturday of the month - Australian Plants Society Group meeting Pete 0402 882 959

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



Scenery above Gooram Falls. It is a lovely place for a picnic and exploratory walk. *Sean Mathews*

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The Salt Path M Jul 5 7.30pm, Jul 6 4pm
Lilo & Stitch PG Jul 9 11am (sensory) & 3pm

Karate Kid Legends PG Jul 11 7pm
Jane Austen Wrecked My Life M Jul 12 7.30pm, Jul 13 4pm

Smurfs G Jul 15 11am (Sensory), Jul 16 3pm

How to train your dragon PG Jul 18 7pm
One to One: John & Yoko M Jul 19 7.30pm, Jul 20 4pm

F1 The Movie Jul 26 7.30pm, Jul 27 4pm

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

The Deadline for the August edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday, July 26, 2025.

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

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

Don't miss this year's Headline Acts at The Strathbogie Festival - November 1- 4.



Just to give you a taste of what's in store at this year's Festival, the 2025 lineup boasts some amazing talent with the Blues legend Lloyd Spiegel coming to rock the Rec Reserve and super-popular bush band 'Bushwazee' playing up a storm for the annual Bush Dance.

So put the 2025 Strathbogie Melbourne Cup Weekend Festival in your diaries for November 1-4. The Bogie Festival is brought to you this year by Nutrien and Lindsay Park Racing and will be a long weekend of fun and entertainment for all the family with funds raised being used to support our local community.

'Lloyd Speigel is an Aussie Blues & Roots icon', according to Rolling Stone. The legendary acoustic blues guitarist has produced ten albums and has a committed following both in this country and overseas. He will be playing a full concert On Sunday November 2nd from 3pm.

Bushwazee is also a headline act up from Melbourne comprised of Felix Meagher (dance caller, fiddle player, vocalist) Pat Evans (dance caller, mandolin, vocalist), Louis Meagher (guitar), Sam Buirske (guitar and bass). They are a hugely popular bush band playing Bogie's Bush Dance for the first time at the Strathbogie Hall on Saturday night, November 1st.

On top of this top shelf talent there will be a Croquet tournament, complete with a glass or two of Pimms on Saturday morning at 'Fernside', a Massive Farmer's Market on the Reserve on Sunday morning alongside a tennis tournament and fantastic family sports day including all the old favourites such as sack, egg and spoon and 3-legged races. There is also the Ambrose Golf Tournament to be played on Monday!

The Festival will culminate on the Tuesday with a not to be missed Melbourne Cup Day lunch and soiree at the Strathbogie Golf Club. Other events across the weekend will include a Guided Heritage Walk and an art show. So put the weekend aside for some fantastic food, fun and entertainment – there'll be something for everyone.

Tickets and full details coming soon at www.strathbogiecupweekendfestival.com.au

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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 Festival Committee

Debmckie7@gmail.com


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Bogie Tree

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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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\$150 million reasons to help shape the future of Goulburn region tourism

Goulburn Region Tourism (GRT), the newly established peak tourism body for the Goulburn region, is rallying local businesses, tourism operators, event organisers and community leaders to help shape a bold new future for the visitor economy—one GRT is working to grow by over \$150 million by 2030.

“We intend to put the Goulburn Region firmly on the map, starting with a unified brand that captures our strengths, our people, and our unique appeal”, said Jane Lovell CEO of GRT.

GRT is inviting anyone with an interest in growing visitation—as well as those who already visit and love the region—to contribute their ideas through targeted surveys and local engagement events.

“For our brand to be authentic, we need to hear from people with skin in the game – the tourism groups, businesses, volunteers and event organisers who are the heart of the Goulburn visitor experience and the people who currently visit and enjoy our region.

“Over the next few weeks, we’ll be out in the region—talking with industry, visitors, and the wider community. If you’d like to be part of the journey or learn more, we’d love to hear from you,” she said.

“Getting the brand right is critical. It will underpin a bold digital presence that positions the Goulburn Region as one of Victoria’s top visitor destinations. We’re done being a ‘hidden gem’ - now is our time to shine.”

Goulburn Region Tourism is funded by the Victorian Government and the Mitchell, Strathbogie and Greater Shepparton Councils and is overseen by a diverse and experienced board, comprising, tourism industry, First Nations and local council representatives.

Help shape the story.

Take the industry survey [here](#): or <https://qr.codes.pro/aZiYpI>

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Sign up for GRT news and updates [here](#): or <https://goulburnregiontourism.us15.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f67e6405259a6ece84bf7f87f&id=c810e1b9d2>

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For comment: Jane Lovell, CEO Goulburn Region Tourism - 0448 675 239

Strathbogie Tanker 2 is Up for Tender



The Strathbogie CFA will be placing our old Tanker 2 up for tender in the coming month. As a brigade looking to protect the Tableland and surrounds, we realise the value of keeping this vehicle on the hill, or at the very least fairly close. Although we cannot guarantee that it should go to a local, some consideration would go towards a fair local tender price.

Tanker 2 is a 2002 Isuzu NPS 300 4x4 with about 28000 kms on the clock, it carries 1500 litres of water and is equipped with a powerful fire fighting pump.

The tanker has been in service to the brigade for the past twenty years and has served us faithfully. As a CFA vehicle it is serviced twice a year and is in excellent working and mechanical order.

If there are any locals looking to buy a firefighting vehicle, we urge you to come and have a test drive and place a tender, this will take place over the month of July.

For more information, tender forms and/or a test drive contact:

Sim Ayres on 0455246141.

The tanker is currently located on the Tableland.



Seven Creeks Valley looking toward Gooram from Balmattum Hill

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Hall Report for TT for July

June saw the Strathbogie Memorial Hall having a quite month for the start of winter. The committee have been working on improving toilet access by fitting a light switch to help illuminate the way when the shop is open late for Friday night dinners. We are also hoping to get a power point installed at the front of the building. This will make it easier to power a portable cool room for the times when a bar is operating in the Hall foyer.

If you would like to know what goes on with the hall committee, our Annual General Meeting has been booked for Wednesday 10th September. We welcome all to join us, check out what we do, and encourage anyone interested to become part of our committee.

Dana Last

Strathbogie Memorial Hall Secretary.

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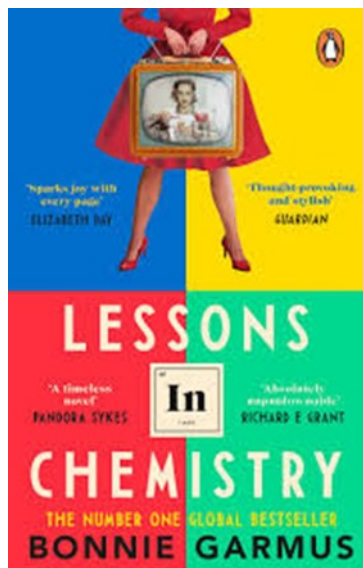
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

***Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, 2022**



It's America in the 1950's. A woman's place is married and in the home; cooking, cleaning, raising children and "looking pretty". Or is it?

Elizabeth Zott is an extraordinary woman ahead of her time. She is talented in a field dominated by men that reinforces societal norms.

Through a series of life's ups and downs, twists and turns, Zott finds herself separated from her "soul mate" and her research lab, and pregnant.

She emerges as a reluctant star of a cooking show on television, capturing the hearts and inspiring the minds of women everywhere as her popularity climbs.

"Cooking is chemistry... and chemistry is life. Your ability to change everything — including yourself — starts here."

Contrary to the expectations of mainstream society and her producers, Zott refuses to play the happy house wife and uses her platform to encourage women to challenge the status quo.

Not that there's anything "average about the average housewife." In fact, "there isn't a woman in the world who is just a housewife."

Zott seeks to raise her daughter on the same principles and teaches her that a woman is worth more than how she looks.

"Chemistry is inseparable from life—by its very definition, chemistry is life. But like your pie, life requires a strong base. In your home, you are that base. It is an enormous responsibility, the most undervalued job in the world that, nonetheless, holds everything together."

Garmus deals with themes of feminism, justice, love, grief and religion in a lovely, unique way, through the eyes of some heartwarming, charming characters, including a rescue dog called Six-Thirty.

Despite being set in the 1950s, *Lessons in Chemistry* raises social issues still relevant around the world today.

The Bohomians absolutely devoured this book. It is an easy read. The story is rich and complex, with some very likeable (and not so likeable) characters. You will laugh, cry and be very angry at different times.

"Chemistry is change and change is the core of your belief system. Which is good because that's what we need more of—people who refuse to accept the status quo, who aren't afraid to take on the unacceptable."

To Zott's delight, I think after reading this book, like me, you will learn and agree that everything is indeed chemistry!

The book was inspired by Garmus's experience as a creative director in an advertising agency, after a frustrating meeting where a male co-worker took credit for one of her ideas.

Garmus' debut novel has been published by over 40 publishers in several languages around the world. The book has also inspired a miniseries produced by Apple TV+.



About the Author

Bonnie Garmus is a copywriter, swimmer, rower and mother of two daughters. She was born in California and currently lives in London with her husband and her dog, 99.

Next month: *Miss Benson's Beetle*, Rachel Joyce, 2020

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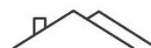
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"Hi" to all newcomers to our beautiful Strathbogie Tableland & Community

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

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

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

Kath Handasyde: kathstuart60@gmail.com

or

Pennie Beard: claneypenne@gmail.com

Is this the story of how Mountain Hut Creek got its name.....



The June 25th 1925 Werribee newspaper announced the death of Miss Mary Wilson, who had died there the week previously. The newspaper said "The late Miss Wilson was the eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Hanora Wilson, of Little River, and **formerly of Euroa**, at which place deceased was born, 82 years ago. When she was eight years of age she came with her parents to Little River and resided there for the rest of her life."

The Euroa Advertiser, took up the story with the heading "Euroa's Oldest White Native". So far, along with Elizabeth Withers of Bailey Hill Station, they are the oldest known.

I prefer not to disagree with the legendary Charles Lane DeBoos, our first historian, but when the Advertiser interviewed him, he believed that the late Miss Wilson was born at Upton Station, of which her father was the manager for William Forlonge, but the Forlonges didn't arrive here until the early 1850s. The Advertiser also interviewed Mr John Williams, and he said "his mother was an intimate friend of the Wilson family, and that Mary Wilson was born either at the hut occupied for some time by Mr Wilson at Mountain View (and from which probably the Mountain View Hut Creek was named), (*the Advertiser wrote this in brackets*), or at another of the station outposts at Seven Creeks."

Thomas and Honora Wilson lived and worked there between about 1842 and about 1850 when Barnes and Holland were owners. There were eleven Wilson children, five of them were born at Seven Creeks Station, or an outpost, in the 1840s, including twins, born in 1848.

Mary was baptised in Melbourne, which was the normal place to go in those days, October 6th 1842.

It is known that William and Georgina Williams also worked on Seven Creeks Station in the latter part of the 1840s, and had one or two children there themselves. John Williams was born c1850, and he seems to have lived all his life in the district and died at Euroa in 1930.

With the help of Map Warper, overlaying an old map over a new one, we can see exactly where the hut was and in 2025, there is a new shed/house in the vicinity.

Both the Wilson and Withers families had moved on by about 1850, Wilsons to Werribee area and Withers to Rutherglen area but the Williams family stayed around, are still in the area.

Loretta McPherson



Save the Date!



**2025
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TRIVIA NIGHT

and auction

SAT 16 AUGUST

Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Fundraising event for
Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb

All details to be announced soon, but in
the meantime mark it in the calendar!



STAG report

June STAG meeting was held on Sunday the 15th June at 9.30am in the Soldiers room.

Present were

Joel, (chair)

Adrian, Henry, Pennie, Alli, Marion, Steve, Crowe,

Marion has been Liaising with the Shire with regards to a bus service from Euroa to the Tableland. This will continue to be researched. Feedback from the community will be sought.

Crowe, Pennie, Tess, Suzie and Alli are working together to hold a community engagement event.

Stuart and Kath are away in Western Australia for a few weeks so John O'Brien is taking on the Comms Committee role while Stuart is not here. Thankyou Johnno.

Henry gave a very thorough and concise Treasures report.

The standpipe for the large tank at the Rec reserve still needs to be installed. Henry is pursuing this.

The community directory is very important to the Tableland. A grant is being applied for to fund the collation of this.

The footpath from the bridge to the recreation reserve is very important. An engineers report has been completed and will be sent to us at STAG. Hopefully this footpath can then be completed.

The recycle bins at the rec reserve have been tidier of late but there must be a better solution to this unsightly problem.

Crowe asked if Streetscape group coils be contacted to perhaps remove the tree guards from plants in the centre of the main street. Adrian will make inquiries.

Camping at the rec reserve is allowed.

There was some discussion about

1/ payment options.

2/ camping place identification

3/ How long are campers permitted to stay

4/ Is it on the camping web site?

We need a STAG action Plan Status table to identify which projects have been/are being completed.



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This is a Boho South Hall fundraiser event open to all members of
the Community and we look forward to your support

Recipe of the Month Choc Chip Biscuits



Ingredients

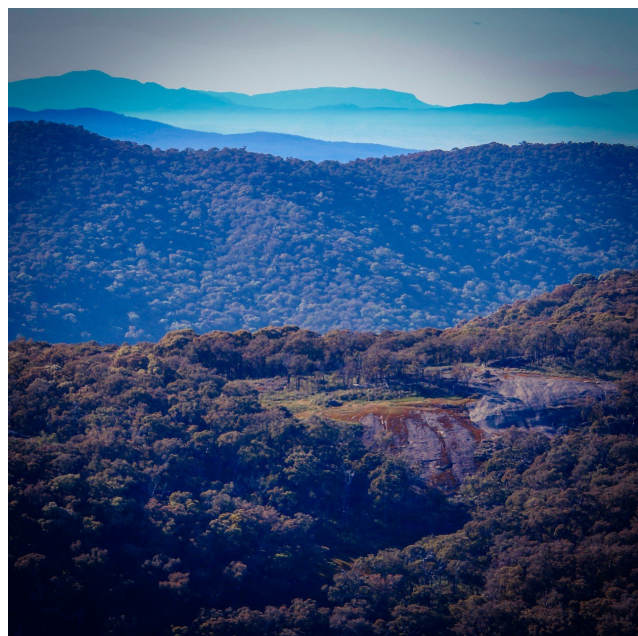
175g butter
1 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons sweetened
condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Method

Preheat oven to 180C
Melt the butter. Sift the flour,
baking powder and sugar into a
bowl. Add condensed milk, vanilla
and the melted butter to the dry
ingredients. Mix in chocolate chips
and stir well to combine. Roll
heaped tablespoons of mixture into
balls. Place on a lined oven tray
and flatten with a fork. Bake for 15
minutes or until golden.

Ref: *Delish* Peranbin Primary School 2012

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



Gallery

This page is for photos of the Tableland. Anyone can contribute. If you have images that you would like to share email them to bogieweb@strathbogie.org

Please indicate whether you would like your name published with the photos.

Find the page here: https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=4139

STAG Communications subcommittee

Photo: White's Rock from Rocky Ned by *Sean Mathews*

Bogie Playgroup Update—June



Our little community playgroup continues to grow with energy, creativity, and connection each week! We meet at the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve on Monday mornings from 9:30 –11:30am during school terms, and we love seeing new faces. It's completely **free for families to attend**. We provide a healthy morning tea of seasonal fresh fruit for the kids, plus tea and coffee for caregivers. Families are welcome to drop in as it suits, without any pressure or cost.

Playgroup offers a safe and welcoming space for parents, caregivers, babies, toddlers and preschoolers to connect, play and build relationships. Since starting up in October last year, we've now connected 13 local families across the region — a beautiful reflection of the strength and spirit of our community.

A highlight each fortnight has been visits from Andre and the GV Library Bus before he sets up at the Hall. The children have loved choosing their own picture story books and have even started the 1000 Books Before School reading challenge — a beautiful way to grow imaginations and foster a love of reading from the very beginning.

This month we've been celebrating the late autumn colours with seasonal craft and play. We created colourful leaf suncatchers and had fun designing and testing out paper plate frisbees; simple, joyful activities that had everyone laughing and moving together.

We were fortunate to receive a Playgroup Victoria Start-Up Grant, which has helped us purchase some essential play and craft items and provided mentoring support for our coordinators. Thanks to this grant, we'll soon be offering an online baby and child first aid course for free! We hope it will be a helpful option for families where travel to regional centres and childcare challenges can make in-person courses tricky.

Finally, a **heartfelt thank you to our wider community** for your support. We were amazed by the generous donations of quality craft materials which have helped us build a creative, well-resourced, and welcoming space for our youngest locals to grow, play and connect.

Warmly,
The Strathbogie Community Playgroup Team

Sharna Holding

Quiz Question of the Month

Q: What is the largest island in the world?

Answer: Greenland



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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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A Dog's Doggerel

A few weeks' ago, Bert and I were lucky enough to be in the audience at a concert in the home of Euroa's well-known penny-farthing rider, skilled watercolourist and all-round good bloke, Bruce Hargrave. The duo, poet and guitarist, Ian Bland, and Greg Hunt on mandolin and violin, treated the packed room to an evening of poetry and music that provoked much laughter, admiration and, at times, wistfulness. Our experience was one of the utmost enjoyment. Following the concert, we entered a lively discussion of just what sort of poetry can be called 'doggerel'.

Vocabulary.com defines doggerel as follows:

Sometimes doggerel has a non-critical meaning: plenty of popular comic poets (like Lewis Carroll or any limerick inventor) had no aim to make great art, just great light verse, and they succeeded brilliantly. They were masters of doggerel. But pity the earnest highbrow poet like the immortal Scotsman William McGonagall whose doggerel was so bad his audience frequently pelted him with eggs and rotting vegetables. Now his poetry was only fit for the dogs.

Those familiar with Banjo Patterson's 'Clancy of the Overflow', an idealized view of the Australian bush from a city-dweller's point of view, or C.J Dennis' 'Sentimental Bloke' are aware of how this popular poetry of the late 19th century has been so fondly held in the Australian vernacular to this day. Bert and I ended up agreeing that Ian Bland's 'doggerel' – lashings of clever wit, comedy, irreverence and empathy – is a wonderful addition to Australia's archive and definitely not to be associated with that of William McGonagall! We also thrilled to the lightning-fingered musical accompaniment of Greg Hunt, which took verse upon verse to a whole other level. To prove that Ian would only give his dog the very best, here is Ian's *A Love Sonnet for a Dog*:

I suppose our dog's alright Perhaps a little too demanding I wouldn't call it love Still, we've reached an understanding	She doesn't like my music She makes that very plain A patronising glance Blending pity with disdain	It's like a marriage of convenience To a fractious, moody spouse Still, it's nice to see her hairy face Shuffling round the house
She rules the house and backyard I'm left the garden shed She owns the couch till 10pm Then she claims the bed	Yawns and rolls her eyes Reckons she's so smart Scratches round her nethers And drops a massive fart	I believe, at heart, she's happy To be honest, she'll do me If only I could teach her To make a decent cup of tea.
She's as sharp as a dugong's armpit Thicker than mountain fog But I can't fool her, which reveals More about me than the dog	Ignores me until dinner When suddenly I'm the man I quip, "You reckon you're so clever Here, you open up the can."	
We've nothing much in common In life you take what comes I like reading Proust She likes sniffing bums	She whines to be let out She whines to be let in She whines so much I've dubbed her 'The <u>Four Legged</u> Violin'	

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Ian inscribed the book of verse we purchased on the night, 'To the good folk of Strathbogie – Enjoy!' I strongly suggest you do!!

Ruth Fluhr

Help Shape Strathbogie's Future: Community Invited to Have a Say on Local Laws and Domestic Animal Management Plan

Strathbogie Shire Council is calling on residents to help shape the rules that impact our daily lives—from fire pits and dumped rubbish to barking dogs and roaming cats—as it undertakes a full review of Local Law No. 2 and the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). These two essential documents guide how we manage public spaces, neighbourhood amenity, and the welfare and control of domestic animals across the Shire.

Local Law No. 2 – Community Amenity helps everyone live together safely and respectfully. It covers a wide range of issues that affect daily life in the Shire – from managing waste and outdoor burning to how animals are kept and how public spaces are used. This local law is about maintaining the look, feel and safety of our towns and rural areas, making sure our shared spaces are protected, clean and enjoyable for everyone. Business are also encouraged to have their say, noting there will also be some dedicated sessions for business in the coming months.

The Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) applies specifically to the care, control and regulation of dogs and cats in our community. For pet owners, this plan provides clear guidance on responsibilities like registration, desexing, and keeping pets safely contained. It also outlines how Council promotes animal welfare while respecting the needs of pet owners as well as the wider community, especially in terms of safety and nuisance concerns.

Mayor Claire Ewart-Kennedy said this engagement isn't just a routine check-in but a chance for the community to influence meaningful change on things that really matter. "We're not coming to the community with a finished draft and asking for tick-the-box feedback. We're inviting people to collaborate this with us on the things that can change. What's working? What's not? What matters most to you? Where can we do better in creating clean and safe public spaces or protecting the amenity of our neighbourhoods and can we manage the keeping of animals better?"

The engagement period is open from 9 July 2025 to 1 August 2025. Residents are invited to:

- ☐ Complete a short online survey at [Community Local Laws and DAMP Review | Share Strathbogie](#)
- ☐ Attend a pop-up session to meet the Local Laws Team.
- ☐ Pick up a printed feedback form at Council offices or libraries.

If these don't suit, please contact Council's customer service team and we can arrange another method. All feedback received will help Council draft new Local Law No. 2 and the new DAMP. These drafts will be released for further community comment before being finalised later in the year.

If you would like to meet with the Local Laws team, sessions are being held at the following times and locations:

- ☐ Wednesday 16 July 2025 10:00 am
Strathbogie, Strathbogie General Store, 30 Main St, Strathbogie
- ☐ Wednesday 16 July 2025 1:00 pm
Tablelands Community Centre, 27 Nolans Rd Ruffy
- ☐ Wednesday 23 July 2025 10:00 am
Nagambie, Visitor Information Centre, 293 High St, Nagambie
- ☐ Wednesday 23 July 2025 12:30 pm
Avenel, Daily Dose Avenel, 2 Queen St, Avenel
- ☐ Wednesday 23 July 2025 03:00 pm
Longwood, Longwood Pub Paddock, Down St, Longwood
- ☐ Wednesday 30 July 2025 10:00 am
Euroa, Burton's IGA Euroa, 75 Binney St, Euroa
- ☐ Wednesday 30 July 2025 1:00 pm
Violet Town, VT Community Complex, 35 Cowslip St, Violet Town

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Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group

Strathbogie Landcare

Join our Bridge to Bridge trail winter maintenance program

Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group has a sub-committee who look after the Bridge to Bridge trail along Sevens Creek below the Strathbogie township. This involves, among other things, trimming grass and bush, removing fallen branches, and generally keeping the trail open and accessible.

Strathbogie Landcare was fortunate recently to receive support from Strathbogie Council for the purchase of a new electric 'whipper-snipper' after the old one wore out. Our particular thanks to our Council and councillors for their support.

We are about to start work again on the trail and we are seeking volunteers to help. If you could spare some time to help with this great project, usually on weekends, please phone or text Peter Righetti on 0418 148 511

A huge weekend in Euroa with the first Expo

Cookery, Arts and Crafts and Gardening enthusiasts support the first Euroa Expo held on the weekend.



The first Euroa Expo showcasing cookery, gardening and arts & crafts hosted by Community Learning Euroa Inc. was held on the 21 & 22 June.

The Band Hall in Kirkland Avenue was buzzing with guest speakers talking about gardening, health and wellbeing through to using scents to help with autism followed by workshops in candle making.

We had a range of makers showcasing products like handmade soap, macramé, quilt works, cards and many more. The CWA Euroa did a sterling job with the catering on Sunday with homemade soup, toasties and of course the famous scones.

Matt Christie Euroa Expo Coordinator said, "it was an educational fun weekend" and looks forward to 2026 when hopefully we can expand as it's always best to start small and grown from that.

After the bookings closed for stall holders, we were still receiving phone calls from at least 7 groups wanting to exhibit with our last caller on the Saturday morning at 8.55am wanting to display.

Over the weekend we had 170 people through the doors.

Bob Irving the President of Community Learning Euroa Inc. said, "a great event with participants looking forward to next year".



Thank you to all the community that came out to support the first expo and we look forward to returning in 2026.

Matt Christie

Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

It has been a great first semester at Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus and we have participated in various activities including our local Anzac Day festivities and also held our annual Cross-Country event at the Strathbogie Golf Club.

The students and teachers joined the wider community in the Strathbogie Anzac Day march to remember and honour the courageous Australians and New Zealanders who have died in wars, conflict, and peace-keeping missions. This was followed by morning tea held in Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

For our Cross-Country event, the weather was fantastic and it was great to see so many parents and community members come along and support our students who all participated and gave it their best effort. We also had a special spectator who took up a prime viewing position earlier in the morning (check out our Facebook page). A huge thank you to Strathbogie Golf Club for allowing us to use the course and clubrooms.

Congratulations to Dan Dealy who qualified for District Cross Country at Murchison Golf Course.

We celebrated Harmony Day with an afternoon tea and made a poster representing the students, staff and families that make up our wonderful Strathbogie school community. We also farewelled Kim Usher and thanked him for his many years of service.

To finish off Term 2 our students participated in the annual Lions Club Speech Competition at our Violet Town campus.

Finally we would also like to wish Ms Jung all the best for the arrival of her baby, we cant wait to hear your joyous news.

