



May 2026

The Fatal Crash of Commonwealth Wirraway A-20-265 in the Strathbogie State Forest



On the morning of April 4, 1942 a Wirraway training plane left Deniliquin NSW RAAF base on a fairly routine flight from Deniliquin to Laverton Victoria. It is evident that this flight ran into heavy fog soon into their journey and quickly realised they were in serious trouble. From here on I can only surmise that they altered their course

toward the east. Seeing that this detour covered such a large area, I would again surmise that the crew knew of the existence of a large airforce base at Benalla, and so I would presume that they had made radio contact with that airfield. I would further presume that some information would have been given with regard to weather conditions etc.

This large "arc", or turning manoeuvre that they were negotiating no doubt put them over the Strathbogie Ranges, maybe some peaks like Mount Piper, elevation 2760 feet were protruding through the fog, but then again maybe not. But, in my mind I feel that they had a fairly accurate picture of the way to Benalla. I base this belief on the fact that the first contact the plane made was the top of the Mount Rocky Ned, 2297 elevation. I state this as a possibility as many years later, somewhere in the 1950s, a mill worker, Leo McCormack, found one of the Wirraway's landing wheels on the southern slope of Rocky Ned. Taking a rough line of sight from this point to the crash sight, one would guess they were in a more of less direct line with Benalla. A friend of mine went to the crash site a little while back and tested this theory with a metal detector. He found that the minute particles, i.e., grease nipples etc, formed a path more or less at right angles to a direct path. This is acceptable as when the plane hit Rocky Ned, all control would be lost and the plane would be thrown about a lot. Consequently when it crashed it could be heading in any direction. Anyhow, the crux of the matter is that the plane crashed heavily after churning through many trees, killing both crew men - Sgt Noel Wilson Sowter of Scottsdale Tasmania (pilot) and his companion LAC James Walter Masters of Adelaide (navigator).

A farmer working in hid paddock at Lima heard the plane and heard it crash. He notified the police and then guided them up Police Track (then a bridle path) to the site of the wreckage, no doubt broken trees would be a guiding "beacon". The airmen's bodies were conveyed to Benalla, and later the wreckage taken there also.

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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
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May 1 7pm

Reminders of Him M May 2 7.30pm,
May 3 4pm

Michael PG May 9 7.30pm, May 10
4pm

You, Me & Tuscany PG May 16
7.30pm, May 17 4pm

Fuze May 23 7.30pm, May 24 4pm

The Devil Wears Prada 2 M May 30
7.30pm, May 31 4pm

Swanpool Cinema

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Our Past History Through Film NA
May 1 10am

I Swear M May 2 6pm, May 3 5pm

Twiggy M May 2 8.30pm, May 3
7.30pm

Addition M May 9 6pm, May 10 5pm

A Nice Day May 9 8pm, May 10 7pm

Epic: Elvis Presley In Concert PG
May 15 10.30am, 6pm, May 16 6pm

Song Sung Blue PG May 15 8.15pm,
May 16 8.15pm

Solo Mio PG May 23 6pm, May 24 5pm

The Prime Minister M May 23,
8.15pm, May 24 7.15pm

Trifole PG May 30 6pm, May 31 5pm

The Cats of Gokogu Shrine G May 30
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Autumn view: Polly's to Wombat

Riddles for Kids

Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

Q: What do you get when a elephant sits on your friend?

A: A flatmate.

Q: What did the dog say when he was attacked by a tiger?

A: Nothing. Everybody knows dogs can't talk.

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Community groups invited to apply for 2026/27 Strathbogie Shire Council grants

Strathbogie Shire community groups and event organisers are being encouraged to bring forward their ideas, with Council launching its 2026/27 Community Grants and Event Grants Program. The annual program provides funding support for local projects and events that strengthen community connection, support sustainability and enhance wellbeing across the shire. Subject to formal Budget adoption, Council has allocated \$153,000 across three Community Grants funding streams for 2026 to 2027, with up to \$75,000 also available through the Event Grants Program. "Council values the contribution our community groups make in creating a strong, inclusive and connected Strathbogie Shire," Mayor Scott Jeffery said. Applications for Sustainability Grants and Community Strengthening Grants will open on 22 April 2026 and close on 31 May 2026. Sustainability grants of up to \$20,000 are available for projects aligned with Council's Climate Change Action Plan, including environmental initiatives, energy efficiency upgrades and sustainable practices.

Community strengthening grants of up to \$10,000 will support projects focused on improving social connection, inclusion, equality and community wellbeing across the shire. Event organisers can apply for funding through the Event Grants Program, which is open year-round until funds are fully allocated. The program supports activities that bring people together, celebrate local identity, and contribute to the community's social and economic life.

Smaller, time sensitive initiatives can also be supported through the Quick Response Community Grant, which will open on 1 June 2026. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available, with applications accepted until 31 May 2027, or until funds are expended.

"In 2025–2026, Council was proud to support 25 Community Grant projects through the Community Strengthening, Sustainability and Quick Response Grants programs, delivering more than \$171,683 in benefits across the Strathbogie Shire," Mayor Scott said. "These grants help community led ideas move from planning to delivery."

All applications will be assessed through a three-stage process including an eligibility check, pre-assessment panel screening and an assessment panel review. Step by step guidance is available in the Community Grant Guidelines 2026/27 and Event Grant Guidelines 2026/2027 at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-funding/. More information about the 2026 to 2027 Community Grants and Event Grants Programs is available at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or by contacting our Community Development Officer on 1800 065 993.

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Now comes the most amazing part of this tragedy. On the day of the funeral of these two young men, the hearse and a few service men and local church minister, in just a few cars, were halted at the cemetery turnoff by a convoy of military vehicles, north bound. The Officer in charge of the convoy, halted the convoy and advised the hearse to proceed. During their short meeting the army officer enquired at to who was killed, and was horrified to learn that it was his brother Noel. Naturally he attended his brothers funeral - "What an amazing coincidence." BUT, when he thanked the minister for his services, he mentioned that the minister in Scottsdale, Tasmania bore the exact name and was a family friend, the minister stated that he was that minister, and that he had baptised both of you boys! What an amazing coincidence!

One thing I would like to see rectified is the memorial plaque at the crash site. I would like it replaced as it states Pilot Sgt M.W. Sowter, whereas it should be "N" for Noel, and this picture of the plane on the plaque is of a Cessna or the like. It should show the likeness of a fighting machine. The Wirraway Number A-20-265

P.S. Around the 1950s when Castle Creek Sawmill of Euroa were logging in the crash area, Doug Leerson picked up a magneto some 200 yards from the crash site. Hedley Page picked up a large alloy part with quite a series of well-balanced cog therein. Bert Harrison and Lionel Downing felled a tall peppermint tree that had a fair bit of the tail of the Wirraway amid the top foliage. The author saw the landing wheel and the large alloy section and can vouch for the authenticity of these finds.

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- Requests for assistance
- Offers of assistance
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- Announcements of social activities / get-togethers
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about
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Dispose of household chemicals safely. Strathbogie Shire Detox Your Home event



Strathbogie Shire, in collaboration with Sustainability Victoria, is encouraging residents who need to safely dispose of toxic household chemicals from their sheds, cupboards and under kitchen sinks to drop them off at the upcoming Detox Your Home event on Wednesday 20 May from 9am to noon at the Euroa Transfer Station.

Sustainability Victoria's Detox Your Home events are a free and convenient disposal service, helping to keep local families, waterways, animals and the environment safe. The service is for household chemicals only. A number of places have been set aside for households affected by recent fires, with those residents warmly encouraged to register as they continue with clean-up and recovery.

This is a safe and easy way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals while protecting the community and environment. With community safety in mind, the event will operate as a drive through and contactless service with no walk-ins.

Toxic household chemicals such as cleaning products, pool chemicals and pesticides are harmful to the environment and should not be placed in kerbside bins or poured down sinks.

Chemicals accepted at Detox Your Home events include:

- acids and alkalis
- detergents, disinfectants and drain cleaners
- fertiliser
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- solvents, thinners, turps and paint stripper
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For the full list of accepted items, visit <https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems>

Paint is not accepted at this event. Unwanted household paint can be disposed of at any Paintback drop off site. Find your closest location at www.paintback.com.au.

Detox Your Home events are staffed by expert chemists who identify and sort chemicals for recovery, reuse or safe disposal at licensed facilities.

Registrations are essential.

Register for the Detox Your Home Strathbogie Shire event at

<https://detoxeuroa2026.eventbrite.com.au>

Address: Euroa Transfer Station, 46 Euroa Tip Road, Euroa

For further information:

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The STAG report

The following notes are from our most recent Strathbogie Tableland Action Group meeting, which was held on Sunday 19th April 2026 at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

- STAG, along with the Strathbogie CFA, are trying to establish power, water, communication and access security for the Strathbogie township by the following actions and consultations:
 - 1) Discussion with Goulburn Valley Water has revealed that they are planning to install a backup diesel generator to keep the town water supply pump near Smiths Bridge operating when the grid goes down. This will provide a reliable water supply for the township when there is a blackout.
 - 2) The hall committee have had Starlink installed at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall, to provide reliable communication for the community, in and around that facility.
 - 3) STAG is seeking funding for and developing a procedure to keep the generators at the recreation ground, the hall and the STAG generator (presently used by the golf club), operating during extended power outages.
 - 4) STAG are in communication with the Shire Council to find a better solution to trees and branches blocking our roads during and after an emergency event, when Council officers and contractors are unable to reach the Tableland.
- The golf club has made it clear that they no longer wish their clubrooms to be used a future Bushfire Place of Last Resort (Neighbourhood Safer Place) BPLR, so the Shire Council and the CFA are looking for another site which will be suitable for the Strathbogie Township BPLR.
- STAG are concerned that very large vehicles are being diverted up Harrys Creek Road when the Hume Freeway is closed at Violet Town. We are requesting the Shire Council to erect signs at the approaches to Harrys Creek Road advising that Harrys Creek Road is unsuitable for large vehicles
- The next STAG meeting will be held on Sunday 17th May, most likely at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

Recipe of the Month

A traditional cold season warmer from the McKeachie family brought to the table by Juna's grandmother from Silesia - **Potato Dumplings**

Ingredients

3 parts cooked potatoes (approx. 500g for 4-6 people)

1 part flour

1 large egg

salt

a light handful of potato starch

Method

Cook potatoes in their skin. Peel while still hot and press through a potato ricer into a large bowl. Set aside, lightly covered with a sheet of newspaper to allow to cool slowly and evenly to about room temperature. Ensure steam can get out so that potatoes will not become soggy. They are to be dry and fluffy (quite like making gnocchi). To make the dough press a well in the middle of the bowl, break the egg into it, sprinkle the flour, salt and starch on the top and fold all in to form a smooth dough.

To form the dumplings, dust hands with flour and take a small amount of dough, approx. the size of a small tennis ball and form into a smooth and firm round by lightly throwing the ball from one cupped hand into another. Rest dumplings on a lightly floured wooden tray. Cover with a clean tea towel to

prevent drying out. Bring salted water to the boil, preferably in a wok. (My grandmother used an enamel bowl because woks weren't known in her part of the world). Any non-sticking pot that has a heavy bottom and a wide opening will do. When the water is boiling carefully let the dumplings slip into the water and take to pot off the heat.

Gas top stoves are ideal as you can quickly regulate the heat. On any other stove it may need a bit of trial and error to get the heat right. On my electric one I turn down the heat to no more than half as soon as the dumplings are all submerged in the water.

When the dumplings are rising back to the surface, cook in simmering water for about 20 minutes, ever so gently turning them over with a wooden spoon.

Make sure the water is not boiling rapidly or the dumplings will cook too fast on the outside and become mushy, or worse, fall apart. To test if the dumplings are ready, take one out and cut it in half. The texture should be even and creamy

Tip: Cook the potatoes well in advance, up to 3 hours before making the dumplings.

Note: leftover dumplings can be covered and put in the fridge. They won't be nice reheated in water, but I always loved them sliced and fried in butter with a little bit of salt sprinkled over, for breakfast or a snack the next day. This may be an acquired taste though.

Ref: Delish Peranbin Primary School 2012



Light the Way Counselling Brianna King

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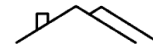


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STAG (Strathbogie Tableland Action Group), has prepared a number of Strathbogie Tableland Welcome Packs, which are available for all newcomers to our Tableland community.

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:

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Mapping the Hidden Hills of Wondoomorook. An Artbox exhibition by Simeon Ayres

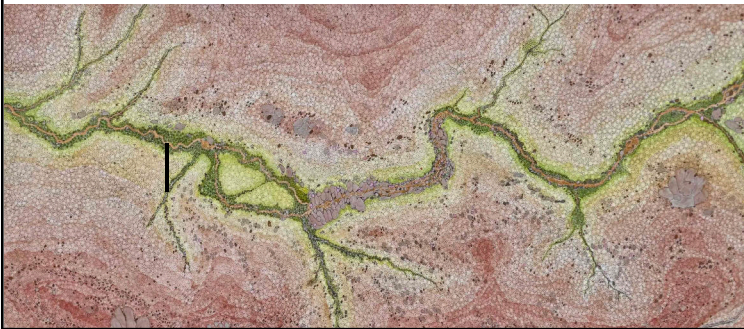
Strathbogie Shire Council is pleased to present *To Wondoomorook*, an exhibition by local artist Simeon Ayres, at the Artbox in Euroa this May. The exhibition brings together a distinctive series of map drawings and limited-edition prints reflecting Ayres' ongoing engagement with place movement and lived experience in the region.

Artist Simeon Ayres said the exhibition was “a bundle of ideas and meetings of one-off maps and drawings and limited-edition prints showing some of the secret pathways into the hidden hills of Wondoomorook”. An accomplished artist with many admirers, Ayres is also a mapmaker and bus driver from Strathbogie. His practice spans creative mapping, visual art and community engagement. He has exhibited widely and completed numerous mapping commissions across Victoria and North East Victoria. In 2027, he will present a commissioned exhibition at the Shepparton Art Museum.

Mayor Scott Jeffery said Council was proud to support artists whose work deeply connected to local stories and landscapes. “We are proud to showcase an artist who uses mapping to tell local stories”, Cr Jeffery said. “Sim Ayres' work reflects the depth and richness of our region and the creative voices that come from it.”

Visitors are encouraged to drop in throughout May and meet the artist during gallery opening hours. The Artbox is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 2.30pm. The exhibition can also be viewed at any time through the Artbox glass windows, providing continuous public access. *To Wondoomorook* is the final Artbox exhibition in Euroa for 2026 and marks the 34th exhibition presented through Council's mobile micro gallery program. Following the exhibition, we look forward to the Artbox moving to Strathbogie township for a three-month residency.

Water Dragon moving through Gooram



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Bogie Playgroup Update



Bogie Playgroup has been making the most of the beautiful Autumn weather, with gorgeous sunny mornings spent among the changing leaves. The children have still been spending most of each session outdoors, climbing trees, playing with water and soaking up the sunshine before Winter shifts the rhythm of our mornings.

Before the school holidays, the Peranbin Primary school students kindly organised an Easter-themed craft activity and hunt for the little ones which was a big hit and brought plenty of excitement to the group.

The roadworks at the end of Main Street near the bridge have also been a major source of fascination for the little people of Strathbogie, translating into lots of play and conversation inspired by graders, drum rollers, and traffic lights.

The children also liked visiting the display of projects created by the school students at the start of Term 2, featuring different animals, stories, games and music. It sparked lots of curiosity and gave everyone plenty to explore together.

This past month we've also welcomed new members into the group, shared plenty of homemade morning tea, and laughed (and sometimes cried!) over all the ways our kids keep us on our toes. There's something special about raising children side by side in a small community and sharing both the chaos and the joy together.

To help keep playgroup sustainable and flexible with changing numbers each week, we've recently moved to a "bring a piece of fruit to share" model for our weekly fruit platter. Sharna and Ally have personally covered the cost of these platters for the past 18 months, and we're grateful to now have a simple way for everyone to contribute and share in this part of our mornings.

We've also been so fortunate to be the beneficiary of some of the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival fundraising. This has already allowed us to renew our yearly insurance and join the Euroa Toy Library as well as purchase some new resources just in time for Winter. We're excited to be able to rotate some fantastic quality toys throughout the colder (and hopefully wetter!) months ahead, bringing even more variety and fun to our weekly sessions.

Warmly,
Sharna Holding & Ally Keenan
Strathbogie Community Playgroup Coordinators



You can access Tableland Talk in a number of ways

On the first day of each month Tableland Talk is distributed in a number of ways to give everyone on Strathbogie Tableland the opportunity to access a copy. 160 hard copies are folded and delivered to Strathbogie General Store for Strathbogie Tableland postal delivery and slotting into post boxes. The store retains another 35 hard copies for locals and visitors to peruse or collect.

85 hard copies are delivered to Boho South residents by our gracious and reliable volunteers John and Heather Pearce.

Euroa Library is delivered 8 hard copies and Euroa Newsagent 12 for local residents to read.

At the start of each month each new issue is posted on www.strathbogie.org for online access. Every preceding digital copy is also available here either by link or download. You can access these copies via the link on the home page or the home page drop down menu titled Publications.

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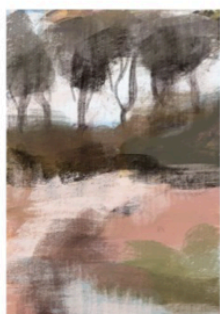
An exhibition of works from places visited and sights seen.

Michael's photos are mostly from travels in Central Australia and Deborah's paintings from a wider variety of places that called to her in her travels.

Opening on Friday May 1st until Sunday 31st May.

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 3pm.

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Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

April was an action-packed month for the Hall, particularly Saturday 18th. During the morning, we hosted the Bushfire Saturday with around 40 attendants finding out about preparing for bushfire events. Then in the evening there was a spontaneous music festival fundraising for Arncliffe winery and the Bennett family, who lost their home and vineyard in the Longwood fires this summer. Also, during April, the Hall was the venue for a lovely local wedding.

May has had only a few bookings so far. The Hall committee meeting is on Wednesday 13th and STAG will be gathering on Sunday 17th. Two great community groups that do wonders for our town. You are all welcome to attend, and they would love to see your support for what they do.

Don't forget that the Goulbourn Valley Library will visit our town on Monday 11th and 25th at 9.45am. Pop in to borrow a book or two and check out the selection of reading material on offer.

*Dana Last
Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Secretary.*

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- Speak with **Services Australia (Centrelink)** staff - get your questions answered
- Get free information from **ARC Justice** who provide legal help and tenancy advocacy services
- Meet **Primary Care Connect Financial Counsellors** - help with debt, bills and financial stress
- Talk to the **Energy and Water Ombudsman (EWOV)**, **Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO)**, **Victorian Ombudsman**, and **Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)**
- **Anglicare energy team** will provide support with bill management and finding better deals

Plus!

FREE tea, coffee and light refreshments
FREE barbecue kindly provided by the Rotary Club of Euroa

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Peranbin Primary School News

We are back for Term 2 at Strathbogie campus and boy did we have a huge week back! Before delving into that, here is a recap of our last week of Term 1 where we were very excited to host a morning of Easter fun for our Playgroup friends.

Sena confidently helped to make Easter baskets and Easter headbands before slipping out and hiding 40 or so brightly coloured card eggs. It was an absolute delight to watch the excitement on the faces of our young visitors as they searched high and low. Once found, we headed back inside to decorate the eggs with stickers and pencil. All in all, it was a morning of great fun.

After a much-deserved holiday, we returned and put the finishing touches on our work for our open morning. We were a bit taken aback by such as large turnout, with more than 30 visitors to the classroom. Our students were open to answering a variety of questions about their work, their learning processes, and overall interests. It's opportunities like these that really help to build confidence and finesse in holding conversations with people outside of the home and classroom. A morning tea allowed for lots of chatter among our community members.

On the Friday we joined with our community again to commemorate Anzac Day. A glorious autumnal morning greeted us, and Clara and Sena read our campus Acknowledgement of Country and the poem Red Poppy, respectively. After laying our campus wreath, they shared the reading of the Ode of Remembrance. Our portable speaker/microphone failed but it was impressive to watch both Clara and Sena speak with clarity and volume.

This term we are looking forward to welcoming the other campuses to Strathbogie for Cross Country – fingers crossed the Bogie weather continues to shine.

