



June 2026

## Strathbogie Shire blasts AER for short-sighted decision on power upgrades

Strathbogie Shire Council is bitterly disappointed at the AER's decision to reject AusNet plans to improve power reliability in the region. AusNet proposed the installation of a \$38 million express feeder that would have provided essential power redundancy for the Benalla to Euroa BN11 powerline, which serves more than 5000 customers across the townships of Euroa, Violet Town and surrounding communities. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) rejected the plans and said it would only approve \$5.7 million for the installation of covered conductors.

The BN11 feeder is the longest single-line feeder in AusNet's Victorian network at more than 1200km. There is no redundancy or alternative supply paths and it's vulnerable to faults as it runs through bushfire-prone areas and difficult terrain.

Strathbogie communities experience weekly power outages that are more frequent in the heat of summer and during storms. When the power goes out, it's often out for hours or days as the entire feeder line needs to be physically inspected for faults before power can be restored. Electricity was lost for days during January's Longwood bushfire when access to power for crucial for firefighting and communications.

More than 1400 people signed a petition earlier this year calling on the AER to approve AusNet's submission. "Covered conductors won't save the Strathbogie Shire businesses that are struggling to survive with fridges of spoilt food, power dependent customers or our farmers who need electricity to water their stock," Cr Jeffery said. "Every power outage has a significant impact on households, business and industry, and poses an unacceptable risk to the community. "This was the opportunity for the AER to acknowledge the importance of power reliability for our rural communities who have suffered for too long, and to take positive action to ensure we get access to the power we need to thrive and grow.

It is the second time the AER has rejected AusNet's plans based on a cost-benefit analysis. Late last year, Strathbogie Shire called on the AER to consider a more holistic framework as part of its determinations, including social resilience, emergency management and regional equity.

The AER determination said its decision ensured that "consumers are only asked to pay for AusNet's forecast programs where they are demonstrably in the long-term interests of consumers". It will be five years before AusNet can apply again for the project to go ahead.

Reliable electricity is a key advocacy priority for the Shire, and Cr Jeffery said the AER's decision was short-sighted. "Council will continue to work with AusNet, key stakeholders, and State and Federal Members of Parliament to ensure energy security for the region. They deserve so much more."

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## What's On

**June 7** Artbox comes to Strathbogie p10

**June 10** CFA AGM 7pm at the Hall p10

**June 10** Community Info Day p5

**June 26** Primary School lunch p10

**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** (school term) Bogie Playgroup 9.30-11.30am at the school Sharna 0401 445 675

*Note: A correction from our previous story about the Wirraway crash.. It appears LAC Masters was the Wirraway pilot and not Sgt Sowter.*

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0419 908 522 or

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## Euroa Cinema

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**The Sheep Detectives** PG June 6 7.30pm, June 7 4pm

**The Princess Bride** PG June 12 6.30pm

**Tuner CTC** June 13 7.30pm, June 14 4pm

**The Mandolorian and Grogu** M June 20 7.30pm, June 21 4pm

**H is for Hawk** M June 27 7.30pm, June 28 4pm

## Swanpool Cinema

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**The Devil Wears Prada 2** M June 6 6pm, June 7 5pm

**The Amateur** M June 6 8.30pm, June 7 7.30pm

**La Grazia** M June 13 6pm, June 14 5pm

**Mr Nobody Against Putin** PG June 13 8.45pm, June 14 7.45pm

**The Voice of Hind Rajab** M June 20 1pm & 8.30pm, June 21 5pm

**Sirat** M June 20 6pm, June 21 5pm

**The Sheep Detectives** PG June 24 10.30am, June 27 6pm, June 28 5pm

**Project Hail Mary** PG June 27 8.15pm, June 28 7.15pm

## Riddles for Kids

Q: What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel with a rooster and a poodle?

A: Cockerpoodledoo.

Q: Why are four legged animals bad dancers?

A: Because they have two left feet.

Q: What do you call woodpecker with no beak?

A: A headbanger.

Do you need a Justice of the Peace?

Chris Thomson  
'Aberdeen'  
5790 5340

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## Winter Haiku

Falling maple leaf  
Together we fall to ground  
Winter is coming

Sean Mathews

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## 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 our email address 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 our way too!

The Deadline for the June edition of Tableland Talk is Friday, June 26, 2026.

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.

## The STAG report

The following notes are from our most recent Strathbogie Tableland Action Group meeting, which was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 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) Further discussion with Goulburn Valley Water suggests 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 an extended blackout.
  - 2) STAG is seeking funding for plant and will develop a procedure to keep the generators at the recreation ground and the hall operating during extended power outages.
  - 3) STAG are still in communication with the Shire Council to erect a hand stand, connected to the water tank and bore at the Strathbogie Recreation Ground
- STAG is establishing a bank account at GMCU for the Emergency subcommittee, to cover their costs and purchases, in particular for the Recovery Hub.
- STAG is in consultation with Goulburn Valley Water to create a potable water supply at the Strathbogie Recreation Ground
- There has been further development in the Strathbogie / Euroa community bus service project. After a wonderful community response, we are applying for a grant to start a 12 month trial.
- STAG has noted that the Melbourne Cup Weekend Festival – Strathbogie will not take place this year. We may have a community day with a market, kids sports, tennis competition and other events, at the Strathbogie Recreation Ground in its place.
- The next STAG meeting will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, most likely at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall.

## Celebrating our volunteers with a night of comedy

More than 125 local volunteers were treated to a well-deserved night of laughs on Friday 22 May as Strathbogie Shire Council celebrated the people who help keep the community running for National Volunteer Week. The free Comedy for a Cause event brought together volunteers from across the region, including many who played a vital role in bushfire recovery efforts over recent months. Held as part of National Volunteer Week celebrations, the event recognised the enormous contribution volunteers make to local communities every day.

Australian comedy favourite Dave Thornton headlined the event alongside Brendhan Lovegrove, Sonia Di Iorio and Evan Hocking, delivering a night full of laughter, connection and appreciation.

Strathbogie Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery said the evening was about recognising the volunteers who quietly give their time and energy to support others. "Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our towns. They are the people who step up, help out and make things happen behind the scenes every single day. This was a small but heartfelt way to say thank you and give people a chance to relax, connect and enjoy themselves — because they truly deserve it."

The event struck a chord with attendees, with one volunteer describing the evening as "just what I needed". and another, "I would like to say thank you for the great night last night. It was very enjoyable, very funny and just what I needed," they said. Council thanked all volunteers for their continued generosity and contribution to the community.

Volunteer opportunities continue throughout the year, with community members encouraged to get involved and make a difference through volunteering.

Tiffany Nicholas E: [tiffany.nicholas@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:tiffany.nicholas@strathbogie.vic.gov.au) P: 0438 184 693

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- Lifts / rides / car shares
- Requests for assistance
- Offers of assistance
- Local job advertisements
- Lost / missing animals or people!
- Announcements of social activities / get-togethers
- Fire sightings / road washouts
- Any other thing you might want to contact other Tablelanders about
- Information on your local business or service

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# HERE TO HELP COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Date: 10 June 2026 Time: 10am to 3pm  
3RD Age Club, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa

A free Community Information Day is being held to help connect local residents with essential support services available across the Strathbogie region. The event was inspired by conversations with community members about how difficult it can be to know what services exist, what they do, and how to access help — particularly as face-to-face services in regional areas continue to decline.

Organised by a local financial counsellor who regularly works with regional clients, the day aims to make support services more accessible in a welcoming and informal environment where people can speak directly with real people rather than spending hours searching online or waiting on the phone.

A wide range of organisations will be attending, offering information and support relating to aged care, legal assistance, financial counselling, housing, mental health, family violence, gambling support, energy assistance and government services.

Attending organisations include ARC Justice, Primary Care Connect, Elder Rights Advocacy, Services Australia (Centrelink), the Anglicare Energy Assistance Program and Ivan Lister, who provides rural outreach support.

Also attending will be four ombudsman services providing free information and support regarding:

- Energy and water complaints
- Telecommunications issues
- Victorian government services
- Financial and insurance disputes

Local MP Annabelle Cleeland will also attend during the morning for community members wishing to speak with her.

Community members are encouraged to come along, ask questions, collect information and learn more about the support services available to them

Free tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available, along with a free barbecue kindly provided by the Rotary Club of Euroa.

See ad on page 14

Helen Peters

## In the doghouse



Woof!

I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to withhold my dinner for it was only a minor crime that should not leave me food less for a time

this situation is certainly partly your fault for exposing your best shoes to assault by discarding them carelessly inside the front door such that my resistance steadily weakened wherefore .....

the attraction of soft chewy elastic leather proved as irresistible as a day of sunny weather when chewing shoes in vestibule halls equates to the joy of parkside chasing of balls and you must admit my masticating those tasty treats is not the equivalent of nutritious and tasty meat so spare a thought for an act ne'er again to be mentioned please, your dismay was never my intention I strongly exhort you to review my sentence in return I'll offer a cute and remorseful look of never again pretence

Sean Mathews

## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

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**Bogie Playgroup**  
9:30am – 11:30am  
Thursdays during school term  
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19 Main Street Strathbogie

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for families with children  
aged 0-5years

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Bring a piece of fruit  
to share

Contact:  
Sharna 0401 445 675 or Ally 0426 992 355

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Want to learn more about your house or farm?



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1.30pm first Monday of each month  
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Soldiers Room, Memorial Hall, Strathbogie.

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## **Bogie Playgroup Update**

Bogie Playgroup has settled into the cooler weather this month, with crisp mornings, muddy boots and plenty of cosy play. While the children are still spending lots of time outdoors climbing trees, digging in the sandpit and exploring the school grounds, we've noticed the seasonal shift bringing more indoor play, shared stories and cups of tea around the table for the grown ups.

Thanks to our new membership with the Euroa Toy Library, courtesy of the Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival Committee, we'll be able to rotate some wonderful toys through the space for our winter imaginative play sessions.

The "koala tree" has had its visitor back quite regularly over the last few weeks, sparking lots of excitement when the toddlers are able to spot the koala themselves. It's such a special way to introduce the children to the wildlife of our local area.

Our "bring a piece of fruit to share" platter has also been working beautifully, and the children have delighted in the return of citrus fruits (especially mandarins back in season!). One parent recently suggested the idea of local businesses sponsoring playgroup for a half term or full term to help cover the cost of the weekly fruit platter...

From the beginning, it has been important to us to keep barriers to participation as low as possible and ensure every child can head home from playgroup with a healthy snack in their tummy. If your business or family would like to donate to or sponsor a term of the weekly fruit fund, please reach out to Sharna or Ally, or email [strathbogiecommunityplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:strathbogiecommunityplaygroup@gmail.com). No amount is too small.

We've continued to welcome new families into the group and have loved seeing friendships forming between both the children and parents. As always, playgroup has been full of conversation, laughter, snack sharing, baby cuddles and the comforting reminder that raising children is made lighter when done alongside others.

Bogie Playgroup runs Thursdays during school term from 9:30am–11:30am at Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie. New families are always welcome.

Warmly,  
Sharna Holding & Ally Keenan  
*Strathbogie Community Playgroup Coordinators*

## ***Strathbogie Heritage walk***

***1.1km return 45 min, very easy***

<https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/5816>



Enjoy a very local history walk in the most peaceful of township surroundings. This short loop walk along Strathbogie's Main Street takes you to significant sites from the town's near 150 year past.

Just two hours out of Melbourne, perched high on Strathbogie Tableland, sits the attractive small rural town of Strathbogie. It is the only town on this beautiful large north central Victorian plateau of mountains and rolling hills. It is steeped in 150 years of history.

The Strathbogie Tableland History Group has provided locals and visitors with the chance to walk and imagine living in the past through interpretive historical marker signs along the Main Street. Each tells the story of its location and Tableland life in clearly expressed text and historic images. It is like walking your way through a history book.

The walk also includes other attractive features. The location and scenery are marvellous. The town is surrounded by bushland, farmland and permanent flowing waterways with accompanying walking tracks. Wildlife such as koalas, echidnas, wallabies and kangaroos may be encountered. There are swimming holes, fishing holes and golf holes for further recreation.



Refreshments can be purchased from the very popular Strathbogie Store. There are seats, sheltered and unsheltered picnic facilities, public drinking water and toilets available. There is also a nearby playground at the Recreation Reserve.

*Sean Mathews*



## Light the Way Counselling Brianna King

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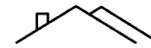


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## “Hi” to all newcomers to our beautiful Strathbogie Tableland & Community

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](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)

# Peranbin Primary News



We have had another busy month at Strathbogie campus, hosting Cross Country, attending Euroa Secondary College Experience Day, celebrating SES Volunteers and participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime event to name just a few things. Our classroom heaters decided to stop working and we have relocated to our admin building – the learning continues regardless of the venue. While we were trying to solve the problem ourselves on a chilly Bogie morning, the kids made the most of classroom beanbags and blankets as Mrs Fry read the class novel.

**No heaters, but still listening and learning.**

## Cross Country – A stunning day and a clean sweep!



We were very happy to welcome the other Peranbin campuses and families in May for our annual Cross Country event. The sun was shining, the legs were primed and a great deal of cheering could be heard across the Tableland as the students competed in 2 and 3km races at the Golf Club. Sena, Pip and Clara all finished in first place in their respective races – a clean sweep for the Bogie campus.

**A Cross Country clean sweep.**

## Measurement Madness

In Maths a focus area of learning was on measurement, specifically length, mass and capacity. We became proficient in measuring a variety of products, learning about level and heaped measurements for spoonfuls and cups. We also investigated if 4 different measuring cups actually held the same amount of flour. Using our digital scales to check, the everyday skills of “zeroing” were important to ensure accuracy of results. Another lesson saw us predicting the capacity of 3 objects, using water and many different scaled measuring tools.



Cup	mass (gm)
silicone	140gm
doll	132 gm
scooper	153 gm
jug	182 gm



**Clara measuring flour in the cup comparison. Cup comparison results. Pip adds more water to check the capacity of her object**



**Sena happily shows her 500gm weight after locating an object of similar mass. Guts and hearts artworks made with Sim.**

## Art with Sim

After the success of our work for the R.A.G.E. installation in term 1, we have been drawing our own representations different body parts, and we will eventually “piece them together” to make our own bodies. We started off with the heart and so far we have created lungs, kidneys and “guts” (stomach and small and large intestine). We are keen to make our brain, liver and possibly eyes too. We have also enjoyed having a themed playlist to match our weekly focus. Kidneys were impossible but for lungs we had songs associated with breathing. It was quite eclectic... Breathe by Kylie Minogue, Breathless by The Corrs, Breathe by the Prodigy, Every Breath You Take by The Police, and Between Two Lungs by Florence and the Machine.

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## End of Term Celebration

To celebrate the end of Term 2 we are hosting a lunch and invite members of our community to join us. The kids will be playing a pivotal role in planning and preparing the food, applying their excellent measurement skills. There will be warm and cold foods available, and we hope you will be able to join us for some tasty treats and a chat about the term that was.

When: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1-2pm

Please let Kate know of any dietary requirements.

Email: [kate.hand2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kate.hand2@education.vic.gov.au) or

SMS: 0419 154 505

## Lunch With Us .....

The Strathbogie Campus of Peranbin Primary College would like to invite members of our community to join us on the final day of term 2 for a tasty lunch and the chance to chat with students and staff about the term's learning.

The menu will be made with the kids, applying their skills in measuring ingredients, calculating final quantities and of course time needed to not only cook, but set up and clean up.



There will be a mix of warm and cold foods - something to tickle everyone's tastebuds.



WHEN: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm - 2pm

Please let Kate know of any dietary requirements.

Email: [kate.hand2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kate.hand2@education.vic.gov.au)

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## Recipe of the Month

### Lunchbox Blueberry Muffins

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 cups wholemeal plain flour

4 teaspoons baking powder

125g butter

1/2 cup honey

2 eggs 3/4 cup full cream milk

St Dalfour blackberry jam

#### Method

Preheat oven to 200C.

Melt honey and butter together in a small saucepan. Mix all dry ingredients, add milk and eggs to dry ingredients and mix. Add melted butter and honey and mix well. Pour mixture into 12 muffin cases placed in a muffin tray. Spoon a level teaspoon of jam onto the top of each muffin. Cook 12 - 15 minutes. Carefully lift out muffins and place on a wire rack to cool.

Ref: *Delish*. Peranbin Primary School 2012

## Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May the Hall hosted the funeral of Shirley Dash. Thank you to the garden group for the wonderful floral decorations that honoured her passing.

June brings arrival of the Artbox. The first exhibition is by Bruce Hargrave and is opening on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Check out his watercolour paintings of Bush and Bay.

We have our Hall booked with the Strathbogie CFA brigade holding their AGM and elections on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are a CFA member, come along to vote and have a say in how the brigade is run.

The Hall committee would like to acknowledge the generous donation from the Strathbogie Festival committee of a fridge as well as some funds to go towards the kitchen renovations. We are very grateful for their contributions and are looking forward to a new kitchen for the community to use.

Dana Last

Strathbogie Memorial Hall secretary.

**GRANITE BRIDGE  
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**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 Forks with front and rear forks for large bale hay handling
- ◇ Post Hole Digging - 6", 9", 12", 15" or 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 or concrete posts, wire or wire/hinge joint fences
- ◇ Fence Repair and Clearing Trees Off Fences
- ◇ Chainsaw Work and other tasks around the farm



**RATES:** Tractor Work: \$55 per hour incl. GST (\$50 + GST)  
All Other Work: \$44 per hour incl. GST (\$40+GST)

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

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

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**Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival Committee announcement**



After three successful annual festivals, we regret to inform our community that there will be no Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival in 2026 due to a combination of factors that are simply beyond our control. A number of members of the committee have personal issues that will make it impossible for them to commit the considerable time and resources required for this year and we are also impacted by the bushfire in terms of financial support. We will however be back bigger and better and look forward to bringing you a Cup Day Weekend Festival in 2027. Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways in previous years – we hope to see you again in 2027.



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## FREE Smoke Alarm Installation

### Strathbogie Shire 1 - 14 June 2026

Only working smoke alarms save lives

**72% of fatal house fires start in the bedroom and occur while a person is sleeping**

Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?

**By law, all homes are required to have smoke alarms in hallways between bedrooms and the rest of the home, but fire services also recommend having them installed in bedrooms and living areas.**

CFA is now installing free smoke alarms powered with a 10 year lithium battery in the homes of people in Strathbogie Shire who are unable to purchase, install or maintain their own smoke alarms. This service is also available for people living in rental properties and temporary accommodation such as caravans.

To determine your eligibility and book a time for the installation, please contact Emily Birch on 0447 415 849 or email [emily.birch@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:emily.birch@cfa.vic.gov.au)

Learn about Home Fire Safety & Smoke Alarms:  
<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>



# HERE TO HELP: INFORMATION DAY

**DATE:** 10 JUNE, 2026 **TIME:** 10AM - 3PM  
 3RD AGE CLUB, KIRKLAND AVENUE, EUROA

**Free community support all in one place**  
 If you have questions about bills, debt, Centrelink, aged care, or where to go for help, come and speak to real people in a relaxed and welcoming space.

**What's happening on the day?**

- Chat with **Elder Rights Advocacy** about aged care and your rights
- 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


Whether you need help, information, or just want to know what support is available. **Everyone is welcome. No appointments. Just drop in.**  
 Please note no money will be distributed, nor bills paid on the day.

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## ROGAINING

• 50th Anniversary •



### Tallarook 2026

After its humble beginning at Tallarook in 1976, the sport of rogaining has spread to all Australian States and then to over 30 countries. It involves a cross-country navigation event for teams using map and compass, and the championship events last for 24 hours.

The Victorian Rogaining Association runs a 6hr, 12hr or 24hr rogaine most months and 200-400 participants is a typical turnout. It caters for children with their parents, teenagers and adults to octogenarians. The World Rogaining Championships is the elite component with the 20<sup>th</sup> WRC set for September 2027 in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rogaine is already being advertised on the VRA website: [www.rogainevic.org.au](http://www.rogainevic.org.au) as are some shorter rogaines being held before September. The sport's insurance is also documented on this site under an Australia-wide policy.

Further details of the main volunteers already involved in the 50th:

- Neil Phillips [gneilphillips@gmail.com](mailto:gneilphillips@gmail.com) 0417 300 400 (Community Liaison)
- Alaster Meehan 0419 319 965 (Course Setter – already underway)
- Paul Monks (Course Vetter – beginning shortly)
- Boris Bulkin (Catering – closer to September)
- Nick Somes [nick@rogainevic.org.au](mailto:nick@rogainevic.org.au) 0407 871 046 (VRA President)
- Grant Jeffrey (Tallarook-50 Co-ordination)



# Granite to Goulburn Bushfire Recovery Alliance

## Bird Survey & Bird Monitoring Project Launch



On Sunday morning May 10, quite a crowd gathered on a Longwood East property to launch a Bird Survey and Bird Monitoring Project that will track recovery of bird species in the fire footprint over the next two years.

Acknowledgement of the ecological & human impact of the fire was a key part of the introduction to the Project. People present were also informed of further monitoring Projects being initiated to track recovery of flora, fauna & fungi.

Granite to Goulburn Bushfire Recovery organisers Allison Trethowan, Helen McKernan and Bert Lobert led engaging group discussions covering topics such as:

- Reflection on the wider fire impact and the fire history on the property on which we had gathered.
- How to best monitor bird population recovery across the 20 reserves in the fire footprint including timeline, bird ID expertise, group size and frequency.
- Monitoring methodology, survey method, group size, data collection – eBird, iNaturalist, equipment and site selection.



After an introduction to the methodology for the project, bird identification experts led the day's pilot Bird Survey walks in small groups covering 2ha over 20min. Afterward, recruiting more leaders to

regularly survey key fire affected sites was a successful part of the achievements on the day.

Morning tea followed with further observations shared about the burnt landscape, personal stories, and a summing up. Reflection on the mental health consequences of such natural disasters and coping strategies ended the day with a positive view to recovery.

Final survey counts were reported, but not tallied on the day. Anecdotally, more birds than anticipated had found their way back into the landscape, including smaller birds.



To get involved:

Email: [info@biodiversityrecoveryalliance.com](mailto:info@biodiversityrecoveryalliance.com)

*This is an independent report by Sean Mathews who is not an official spokesperson for Goulburn to Granite Bushfire Recovery Alliance.*

