



July 2026

## A new kitchen for the Strathbogie Memorial Hall

The Hall Committee is delighted to announce that our Tiny Towns' grant application for a major kitchen upgrade has been successful. The goal is to deliver a fully renovated kitchen that meets current OH&S requirements and the needs of the community.

We are grateful to those individuals and groups for providing letters of support – Dr Helen Haines MP, Rachelle Quattrocchi, CEO Shire of Strathbogie, Strathbogie CFA Brigade, STAG, Festival Committee – Melbourne Cup Weekend, Strathbogie History Group, Strathbogie Tableland Emergency Committee, Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group, Bogarts and Strathbogie Golf Club.

Planning and preparation of detailed designs will commence as soon as the funding is received, and our intention is to support local businesses and contractors to undertake the renovation works. There will also be an opportunity for community consultation.

Budget estimates are that the kitchen upgrade will cost approximately \$100 000 and will take 12 months to complete. The value of the Tiny Towns' grant is \$50 000, and Council will be co-contributing \$35 000. We have received a donation of \$1, 500 from the Melbourne Cup Weekend Festival Committee. Fundraising activities and events are planned to boost the Hall Committee's co-contribution of \$10,000.

We look forward to sharing further updates as the project progresses.

*Mary Wynne - Chair*

## What's On

**July** I Am Not A.I. ArtBox p7

**July 9** SCOFF Family Feast at The Rec

**July 9** Strathbogie Shire Community Forum in the Hall p7

**July 16** Playgroup returns p5

**August:** ArtBox exhibition space available p3

**August 29** CFA Trivia Fundraiser p5

**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)

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Swanpool  
Environmental  
Film Festival PG  
July 11 11am

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events.humanitix.com/euroa-  
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Cats in the Museum 2 PG July 2 11am  
(sensory) 3pm

Shrek PG Jul 2 7pm

The Richest Woman in the World M  
July 4 4pm

Finding Emily M July 4 7.30pm, July 5  
4pm

Minions & Monsters PG July 9 11am  
(sensory), 3pm

Wolfram M July 11 7.30pm, July 12 4pm

The Death of Robin Hood MA15+ July  
18 7.30pm, July 19 4pm

How to Talk Australians M July 25  
7.30pm, July 26 4pm

### Riddles for Kids

Q: What do you get when you  
cross a lion and a parrot?

A: I don't know, but if it talks you  
better listen!

Q: What do cats store in the  
freezer?

A: Mice cubes.

Q: What do you call a penguin in  
the desert?

A: Lost!

Q: Why don't chickens get invited  
to parties?

A: Because they always use fowl  
language.

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### Winter Haiku

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loss  
Rain filled and heart sick  
Sean Mathews

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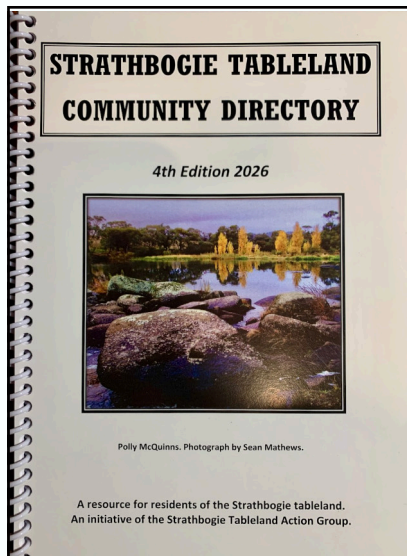
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## Strathbogie Community Directory: hard and digital copy.



In this digital age some might question the need for the likes of The Strathbogie Tableland Community Directory in hard copy. The 2026 updated version is the fourth edition. The first was issued in 2014. This is a community resource that has been delivered to all households across The Tableland. As well as important local contact details, it includes a paper based self guiding Emergency Planner.

Why does it keep coming back? The first answer is that not everybody on Strathbogie Tableland has internet access or a smart phone - and everybody should have the right to be able to find who to contact if a need arises. The second answer is that many Strathbogie Tableland residents are vulnerable due to significant distances from emergency, health and other services. Their neighbours are the closest for assistance. The third answer is power outages are all too common up here. And finally, the risk of destructive emergencies such as isolating or catastrophic weather and bushfire is growing. Under all the circumstances outlined above a digital version alone is never going to be enough.

Local resident Dayle Tame led the Directory compilation. The work was supported by local residents, Strathbogie Tableland Action Group, Strathbogie Shire Council and jointly funded by the Victorian State Government and the Australian Federal Government.

The Directory comprises contact details for local residents who have consented to their inclusion, emergency and health contact details, useful contacts for a diverse range of local services and listings for many local businesses.

Is there a digital version available? Yes, there is on [www.strathbogie.org](http://www.strathbogie.org) The digital version has advantages, such as currency. This is where we can update details. You can let us know of your changes or others that may have occurred and we can check them out too. Contact us via the email address on the web site [bogieweb@strathbogie.org](mailto:bogieweb@strathbogie.org)

*Sean Mathews on behalf of the STAG Communications subcommittee.*

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Thank you

Kind regards,

**Therese Thompson**

Media and Communications Business Partner

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- 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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# Strathbogie Community Playgroup

As Term 2 comes to a close, Bogie Playgroup has embraced all the joys of winter: muddy boots, cosy indoor play and plenty of opportunities for connection and creativity.

Over the past few months the children have spent their days exploring both indoors and out. We've enjoyed wandering the school grounds, creating crafts, engaging in free play and watching the children's imaginations unfold on our Thursday mornings. One highlight was our Pyjama Party, where we all arrived in our favourite PJs, brought along a teddy or two and spent the morning warm and cosy in the multipurpose room.

As the weather cooled we also turned our hands to some winter-themed crafting such as decorating and cutting paper snowflakes to celebrate the shortest days of the year. Another memorable morning began when one of the children discovered a forgotten box of dress-ups tucked away in a cupboard. Before long the room was filled with an amazing and eclectic mix of toddler fashion, reminding us how easily children's imaginations can transform an ordinary day into something magical. Adding to the magic has been the school koala who has spent much of the term perched in the trees around the school grounds. Spotting "her" has become something of a playgroup ritual, bringing excitement and a spirited game of "I spy" whenever it's time to head indoors.

One of the great strengths of playgroup continues to be the way that activities often emerge naturally from the children's interests and discoveries. Whether it's a planned craft activity, an outdoor adventure or a spontaneous dress-up parade, the kids bring enthusiasm and creativity to everything they do.

It's been a wonderful term of play and community & we look forward to more adventures together in Term 3.

Bogie Playgroup will take a break over the school holidays, with our first session back on **Thursday 16 July from 9.30am** at Strathbogie Primary School. The kettle will be warm, and we are always open to new faces & friendships.

Warmly,

Sharna Holding and Ally Keenan

*Strathbogie Community Playgroup Coordinators*

## Strathbogie CFA Brigade Report

The Strathbogie brigade held its AGM and elections on 10<sup>th</sup> June. New brigade management team consists of: Captain - Dana Last, 1st Lieutenant - Sim Ayres, 2nd Lieutenant - Tanya Lumley, 3rd Lieutenant - David Hamilton, 4th Lieutenant - Chopper Hopper. Additional management roles were also voted in and they are: Brigade Community Safety - Kim Usher, Brigade Training Coordinator - Tanya Lumley, Brigade Health & Safety - Ian Millar, Secretary - Alana Mountain, Treasurer - David Hamilton, Communications - Lorraine Millar, Group Delegates - David Hamilton & Dana Last, VFVB Delegates - Dana Last & Chopper Hopper.

I would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of outgoing captain David Hamilton and all outgoing members for their years of service to the brigade.

This year we have four brigade members signed up to do the Firefighters Stair challenge. Lookout for the Triva Night fundraiser coming to Strathbogie on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>. This event will raise funds to support Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and 000Foundation.

Dana Last

Captain Strathbogie Brigade5

## Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with  
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## Try something different?

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1.30pm first Monday of each month  
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## I Am Not A.I. Strathbogie community creations fill ARTBOX this July



Have you spotted ARTBOX in Strathbogie yet? This July, the mobile art space features a new exhibition celebrating creativity made by hand, at home and within the local community.

Titled *I am not A.I. Made by me @ home*, the exhibition invites visitors to explore a diverse collection of artworks created by people across the Strathbogie Tablelands, each offering a personal response to creativity in an increasingly digital world.

The exhibition opens on Friday 3 July at 11am at the Strathbogie Hall, Main Street and runs until Sunday 27 July.

Curated by local artists Kate Long and Bridget O'Connor, the exhibition grew from conversations in Kate's pottery studio on Taungurung Country.

"We found ourselves reflecting on the need to create and tend to the self amid the noise of A.I. and external technologies," the curators said.

"We wondered if others felt the same and what people might be making quietly at home, just for themselves."

The community response was strong, with contributors of all ages sharing works spanning a range of materials, styles and stories. Each exhibitor has also provided a written reflection, offering insight into the inspiration behind their piece and how it came to be.

Mayor Scott Jeffery said, "It is inspiring to see the depth of creativity across the Strathbogie Tablelands. ARTBOX provides a space for people to share what they make and tell their stories with the wider community."

ARTBOX will be open from 11am to 1pm, Friday to Monday **each** week, welcoming locals and visitors to experience these personal and thoughtful works.

### Exhibition details

**Title:** *I am not A.I. Made by me @ home*

**Opening:** Friday 3 July, 11am **Dates:** 3 July to 27 July

**Location:** ARTBOX, Strathbogie Hall, Main Street

**Opening hours:** 11am to 1pm, Friday to Monday

## Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

On the day of our winter solstice, there was a CFA First Aid course held in the Hall, ensuring our first responders are up to date with CPR and first aid.

Also in June, another Who Gives A Crap community bulk order was delivered and dispensed from the Supper room. The committee are grateful for the donation this brings.

Tiny Towns grant for the Hall's kitchen upgrade has been awarded. We are looking for some volunteers who would like to help with the planning and implementation of these renovations.

In July, the Strathbogie Shire Council community forum will be held in the evening of Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything regarding community you would like to share, come along.

*Dana Last*

*Strathbogie Memorial Hall secretary*



## Light the Way Counselling Brianna King

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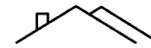


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## “Hi” to all newcomers to our beautiful Strathbogie Tableland & Community

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

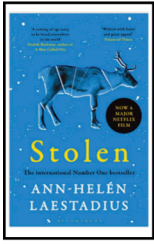
The pack contains information on local committees and community groups, local events, bushfire emergency information, an edition of Tableland Talk (our local monthly newsletter), our local website ([strathbogie.org](http://strathbogie.org)), a local business directory, maps, some local goodies, etc.

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)

## The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemian Bookclub



“*Stolen*” by Ann-Helén Laestadius, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021.  
Translated into English by Rachael Willson-Broyles

On a winter day north of the Arctic Circle, nine-year-old Elsa—daughter of Sámi reindeer herders—sees a man brutally kill her beloved reindeer calf, Nástegallu, and threaten her into silence. When her father takes her to report the crime, local police tell them that there is nothing they can do about these “stolen” animals. Ten years later, hatred and threats against the Sámi keep escalating, and more reindeer are tortured and killed in Elsa’s community. Finally, she’s had enough and decides to push back on the indifferent police force. The hunter comes after her this time, leading to a calamitous final confrontation.

The book’s title refers to the criminal slaughtering and illegal poaching of the reindeer being ‘classified’, or rather dismissed, as mere theft of domestic stock in the eye of the law. This is in stark contrast to the Sámi philosophy of “*I don’t own you, you belong to yourself. You are only mine on loan.*” For the Sámi the reindeer are not just livelihood but hold spiritual significance. Thus, their cultural identity is stolen, openly, abjectly, animal by animal. The cultural pride in the richness of the Sámi world and their intense connection to the land is depicted in minute detail, whether expressed in the seasonal changes, proud making and wearing of their colourful clothing, *gákti*, the uniqueness of joiking, the reindeer herding, or the daily coffee rituals in the home of families and friends.



*Stolen* is a, sometimes shockingly graphic, account of the injustices faced by the Sámi people. The threats to their way of life are all too familiar to indigenous communities around the world. They are confronted with external perils like climate change, exploitation of resources and daily conflicts with their non-Sámi neighbours. Internal stresses from intergenerational gender-biased conflicts and increasing mental illness, especially among young men, add to this. Laestadius is convinced that silence is a real danger in these remote indigenous communities. It is the other killer. While reading of stubborn resistance, the torturous feeling of fruitless repetition, powerlessness and imposed muteness is never far in *Stolen*. These notions seem reinforced in the writing style, which, at times, might be felt as hindering the narrative flow and tension. The Bohemians diverged on whether this was due to creative intention, conforming to Nordic storytelling, awkward translation or the author’s inexperience of adult fiction writing.

Through her young heroine’s coming-of-age story, a journey permeating every layer of her society, and, importantly, showing the profound effects of traumatic juvenile experiences for later life decisions, the author attempts to give the Sámi a voice for dialogue and survival.

### About the author:



A journalist and award-winning writer of children’s and young adult fiction, AHL lives near Stockholm. Of both Sami and Tornedalian heritage with strong ties to her mother’s reindeer-herding community, she grew up in Northern Sweden (Kiruna region). She has written 21 books over the last two decades. A bestseller and Sweden’s Book of the Year, followed by a Netflix film adaptation in 2024, “*Stolen*” is AHL’s debut adult novel, and the first book in her *Sapmitrilogin* (“*Punished*” 2023 and “*Shame*” 2025).

### Next reads:

July – “Women and Children” by Tony Birch, University of Queensland Press, 2023

August – “Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens” by Shankari Chandran, Ultimo Press, 2022

Juana McKeachie

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- ◇ 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!**

## Refuelling Solutions

### 24/7 Self Service Diesel

**Strathbogie Fuel Cell 62 Spring Creek Rd**

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

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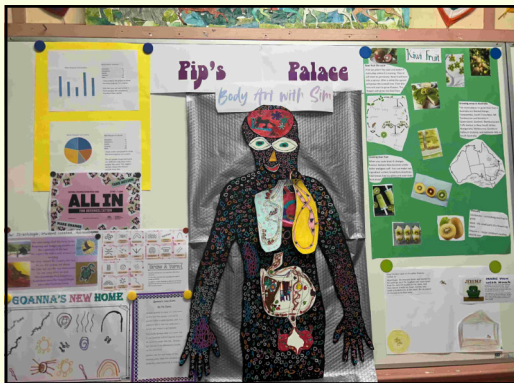
# Peranbin Primary School News

At the time of writing this month's edition, the term has ended with a truly wonderful Community Open lunch with more than 30 people joining us to celebrate the learning of our students. It was an incredibly busy week as we prepared soup, sausage rolls, wraps and sandwiches and for sweet treats, mars bar slice, 'posh' honey-joys and choc-nut-marshmallow clusters. We also included some freshly made popcorn and tea and coffee.

Everyone had a selection of work on display and happily chatted about their various pieces from works in Reconciliation Week, graphing using Excel in Maths and Information Report posters in Literacy. Of course this is only a small part of our learning. At the centre of each work was Body Art, made with Sim Ayres. Our weekly drawing of different body organs suddenly came to life when mounted onto body outlines and surrounded by the millions of cells in our body.

Extra notes: We all made speeches as part of the Benalla Lions Club Public Speaking competition, joining with our other campuses at Violet Town. These speeches had included lots of learning about public speaking as well as researching their individual topics. Congratulations to Clara Croxson who was named Most Outstanding for Year 5-6.

We hope everyone who has some time off during the school holidays enjoy themselves. We are all looking forward to having a few sleep-ins.



Pip's work display.



Our 2nd batch of choc-nut clusters.



Body art pieces finished with Sim.



Soup cup decoration for our Community Lunch.



A snapshot of our lunch.



Clara receives her Benalla Lion's Club Award.