



August 2026

Four Strathbogie CFA Stairclimbers!

The Strathbogie CFA team is gearing up once again for the 2026 Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb, and this year there's **four local firefighters** taking on the challenge!

The Firefighter Stair Climb raises vital funds for **Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation and the 000 Foundation**, supporting mental health, cancer research and the wellbeing of our emergency services personnel.

To help our team reach their fundraising goals, we're bringing back the **Strathbogie Trivia Night**. Join us on **Saturday 29 August** for an evening of laughs, friendly competition and community spirit, all while supporting our local climbers.

Keep an eye on The Bogie Tree and at the Strathbogie General Store for ticket sales, coming soon. We'd love to see the community come together once again to support our team!

<https://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/station/cfa/strathbogie/>

Save the Date

Strathbogie Trivia Night

Tickets on sale soon!

All funds going to Lifeline, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, and 000 Foundation

2026 MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB

What's On

Aug 5 - 31 ArtBox Exhibition Suzie Bates & Dana Coleman / Kate Long & Katie Van Nooten p5

Aug 29 CFA Trivia Fundraiser p1

Sept 9 Hall AGM p5

Sept 27, Oct 4 & 11 Radio Play Workshops 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

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

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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.

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Tennis at the Recreation Reserve.

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2 4pm

Toy Story 5 G Aug 6 6.30pm

Holy Days PG Aug 8 7.30pm,
Aug 9 4pm

Send Help MA15+ Aug 15
7.30pm, Aug 16 4pm

Spider Man: Brand New Day M
Aug 22 7.30pm. Aug 23 4pm

Obsession MA15+ Aug 29
7.30pm, Aug 30 4pm

Riddles for Kids

1. Q: Why did the banana go to the Doctor?
A: Because he wasn't peeling very well.
2. Q: What time do you go to the Dentist?
A: Tooth-hurty.
3. Q: What kind of room doesn't have any doors or windows?
A: A mushroom.
4. Q: Knock, Knock, who's there?
A: Antish
Q: Antish who?
A: Bless you!

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Winter Warmer Limerick

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Sean Mathews

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The Deadline for the September edition of Tableland Talk is Friday, August 28, 2026.

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

The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte Conaghy (Penguin, 2025)

The location of Conaghy's third novel, the fictional and remote island of Shearwater, is framed on the actual Macquarie Island, a subantarctic island in the southwest Pacific Ocean, about halfway between New Zealand and Antarctica. As you would imagine, the island experiences some wild weather, which makes it a most appropriate backdrop for the dread of looming environmental collapse. And drama is in plentiful supply in this complex weave of family tragedy and loss, scientific researchers gone rogue, and suspected murder. Dominic Salt, a widower, is the former director and guardian of the seed vault. He has brought his three children, Fen, Raff and young Orly, back to Shearwater after the death of his wife, Claire, in order to oversee the final dismantling and relocation of the seed vault due to rising sea levels. The latter fictional vault mirrors the actual Svalbard Global Seed Vault in Norway, which aims to ensure the continuation of biodiversity in the event of disasters that might spell the collapse of society as we know it. The unexpected arrival of Rowan, who is washed up, apparently dead, on the shore after a wild storm, sets the scene for the tortuous and heavily laden plot of the novel. Rowan is the wife of Hank, an idealistic botanist tasked with selecting which seeds housed at Shearwater would endure in the face of climate collapse. However, Hank has disappeared and Rowan has come looking for him.

Conaghy's highly dramatic narrative has received ebullient praise in many quarters, including amongst the Bohomians, with many finding the combination of intrigue and sense of impending disaster a 'pressure cooker' that kept them glued to the book. However, the unrelenting trauma, grief, suspense and dread that is carried by both the characters and the surroundings was too much for some readers, who felt numbed and distanced by the baroque overkill of the plot. Each to one's own. Where the Bohomians did unanimously agree was on the skill and sensitivity with which Conaghy's prose renders, lyrically and beautifully, the natural world, and the probability of Wild Dark Shore becoming a successful movie, so stay posted for the box office release.

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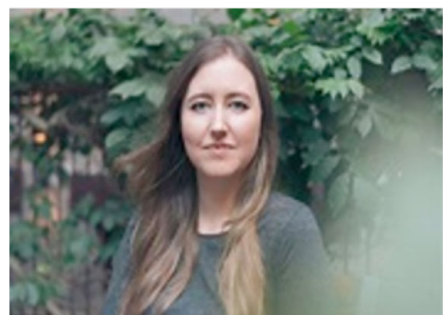


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Charlotte McConaghy is an Australian novelist and screenwriter. She is the author of *Migrations* (2020), *Once There Were Wolves* (2021), and *Wild Dark Shore* (2025). Her novels explore subjects related to the climate. McConaghy attended the Australian Film, Television and Radio School from which she received a master's degree in 2012. *Once There Were Wolves* and *Wild Dark Shore* were New York Times best-selling novels.



August: *Women and Children* by Tony Birch (UQP, 2023)

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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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Strathbogie Fire Brigade Report



At the end of May, a training session was held at Violet Town that saw ten members of our fire brigade travel down on a cold rainy night. This was to experience some practice with fire brigade response to Motor Vehicle Accidents - MVA, using the CFA training pod whilst it was in Violet Town. As MVA's are not that common on our Tableland this was a valuable lesson for all attending.

Welcome to two new brigade members who successfully complete General Fire Fighter; Jeremy Rhimes and Leigh Redding. They have both shown themselves to have met the minimum skill level to help during a fire event and I look forward to seeing them on the fire ground in the future.

Come along to a Trivia Night on 29th August at the Hall to support the four Bogie Brigade members participating in the Melbourne Firefighters Stair Climb challenge. This is a fundraiser to support Peter McCallum Cancer Research, Lifeline and the 000 Foundation. Last year's trivia night was a great success so book early to show your support.

Preparing for the coming fire danger period is best done now. Clean up around outside your house and garden including gutters. Make sure you ignite any burn off piles and ensure that they are completely extinguished before the weather becomes too risky.

Dana Last

Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

July saw the Strathbogie Shire Council community forum night where Mayor Scott Jeffery and Chief Executive Officer Rachelle Quattrocchi provided a presentation to inform the community on Council's strategic direction. This was a great chance to catch up and see what's going on with our Council.

Artbox continued its stay in the Hall carpark. The July exhibition I am not A.I. showcased our diverse range of local art and crafts. The Euroa Gazette featured an article about the exhibition and it's been well attended. August sees Suzie Bates and Dana Coleman exhibiting in the first two weeks and Kate Long and Katie Van Nooten using the space as artist's studio for the remaining two weeks. Pop in to see all their creations.

Join us for a Trivia night booked for Saturday 29th of August in the Hall. This is a fundraiser for the four Strathbogie fire brigade members who are participating in the Melbourne Firefighters Stair Climb.

Further news at the Hall is our kitchen renovation has upgraded plans with funds now arrived. Also putting a call out for new members to join us at our upcoming AGM on 9th September as all are welcome.

Dana Last, Strathbogie Memorial Hall secretary

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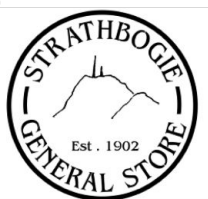
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Residents will soon have easier access to safe battery and e-waste recycling



Strathbogie Shire Council has upgraded three existing E-Waste Stations at its busiest transfer stations - Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town. The project, which has received \$20,660 in funding from the Victorian Government, will help improve access to safe recycling options for items that can pose a fire risk when placed in household bins.

Items such as mobile phones, headphones, electric toothbrushes, toys, power tools and laptops often contain embedded rechargeable batteries. When these items are placed in household bins, the batteries can be damaged or crushed during collection and processing, potentially causing dangerous fires.

Strathbogie Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery said the campaign was a simple reminder that a small action could have a significant impact on community safety. "Many people don't realise that everyday electronic items contain rechargeable batteries that can cause fires when they're thrown in household bins," "By disposing of these items correctly, residents can help prevent fires, recover valuable materials and keep hazardous waste out of landfill."

Fire Rescue Victoria estimates it attends around one battery-related fire every day, highlighting the growing importance of safe battery disposal.

Residents can dispose of eligible e-waste at the Avenel, Nagambie, Euroa, Longwood and Violet Town transfer stations. This project is supported by the Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund – Hazardous Waste Stream. The Fund is delivered by the Victorian Government under its circular economy plan, Recycling Victoria: a new economy.

For more information visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call 1800 065 993.

Green waste trial introduced to support bushfire recovery efforts

Residents using the Euroa and Nagambie transfer stations are being advised of changes to how green waste is unloaded as Strathbogie Shire Council trials a new approach to manage increased demand and support ongoing bushfire recovery efforts.

As part of the trial, green waste will now need to be placed into designated skip bins, rather than unloaded onto existing ground stockpile areas, while Council works through increased volumes at the sites. Residents are encouraged to bring manageable loads and be prepared to lift or shovel green waste into the skip bins when visiting the transfer stations.

The trial follows a significant increase in green and organic waste after the recent fires, with many residents undertaking clean-up works across impacted areas. Council is working to ensure green waste services remain available while continuing to deliver important recovery projects for communities impacted by the fires. This includes the Nagambie Firewood Recovery Program, which is helping families replace winter firewood supplies lost during the fires, and the Euroa Poly Tank Recycling Program, which supports the collection and recycling of damaged water tanks.

Council appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as the new approach is trialled.

As clean-up efforts continue, Council will monitor green waste volumes and make further adjustments where needed to best support the community.

For more information, visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call 1800 065 993.

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100g can creamed corn

1 tspn chopped chives

1 egg

45g self-raising flour

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(our local monthly newsletter), our local website
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If you would like one of these packs, please contact:

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Pennie Beard: claneypenne@gmail.com

Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Success in Obtaining Strathbogie Shire Community Strengthening and Sustainability Grant

Among successful grant applications across the Shire is the Strathbogie Community Bus Pilot Program, which received \$10,000 to trial a weekly return bus service between Strathbogie and Euroa.

Led by the Strathbogie Tableland Action Group (STAG), the project aims to improve transport options for residents while gathering data to support future funding for a community-owned electric bus.

Marion Roberts, as a member of the STAG Committee, recently surveyed Strathbogie Tableland residents about their level of interest in such a project. Many residents responded. A strong affirmative response saw the Grant application go ahead.

For more information visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call 1800 065 993.

Plan to expand Euroa's Tesla Superchargers



Tesla has operated its Supercharger facility within the Council-owned car park at the corner of Kirkland Avenue East and Bury Street since 2016. A proposed increase in the number of dedicated EV charging spaces from 6 to 10 includes new CCTV infrastructure within the car park. Euroa is a key stop for those driving between Melbourne and Sydney so the additional chargers will help meet growing demand for electric vehicle charging while supporting tourism.

All costs associated with the installation, operation, maintenance and eventual decommissioning of the Supercharger infrastructure will be met by Tesla. No capital contribution is required from Council.

The consultation period closes on Tuesday, 11 August 2026. Community members can view the proposal and lodge a submission via share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tesla-supercharger-expansion-euroa.

Families to access free vaccinations through local doctors and pharmacies

Families across Strathbogie Shire will have greater access to free vaccinations from July, with local GP clinics and participating pharmacies providing immunisation services close to home. Previously offered through dedicated clinics with limited service hours, immunisation services are available through trusted local GP clinics and participating pharmacies, providing families with greater choice and flexibility to access vaccinations.

There will be no change to eligibility or cost, with all recommended vaccinations under the National Immunisation Program remaining free and available locally. Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery said residents would continue to have access to free immunisation services, ensuring there was no gap in service. By making greater use of these existing services, families can access vaccinations through providers they already know and trust, at times that suit them."

Mayor Jeffery said, "While Council will no longer fund monthly community immunisation clinics, we will continue to deliver the school-based adolescent immunisation program at Euroa Secondary College in line with the National Immunisation Program Schedule,"

To support the transition in Euroa where demand for services has traditionally been higher, Euroa Medical Family Practice will be offering a two-hour immunisation clinic from 9.30am-11.30am Thursday 23 July and 27 August. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling (03) 5795 2011.

"Protecting the health and wellbeing of our community remains a priority," Jeffery said. "This approach keeps vaccination services local, provides greater flexibility for families and supports continued access to essential healthcare across our shire."

Residents can contact their local GP clinic or participating pharmacy to book a vaccination appointment or visit Council's website for more information: <http://tiny.cc/Strathbogieimmunisations>

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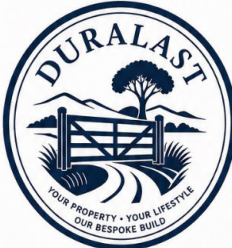
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Peranbin Primary School (Strathbogie) News

The arrival of July meant the beginning of term 3 and it was lovely to catch up with everyone's adventures, although more than one family had fallen to the dreaded winter bugs doing the rounds. We have already had a couple of trips to our Violet Town campus, the first was for a special whole school day for NAIDOC Week and the second was to join the senior class there for PE lessons. We will continue this on a fortnightly rotation, much like we do with our MACC (Art) and MARC (Library) Van sessions. Here is a little snapshot of our first 2 weeks of term 3.

NAIDOC Week



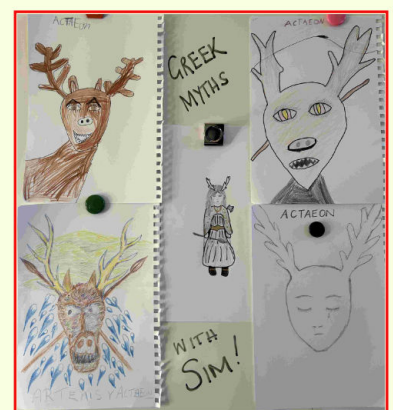
Unfortunately, our original presenter for this year's 50 years of Deadly NAIDOC Week celebration, Aunty Cheryl Cooper, was unable to join us as she was unwell. Ms Fitzpatrick and our Baddaginnie students for kicked off the event with Ms Fitz. (who previously worked in a Northern Territory aboriginal community), sharing a collection of authentic Aboriginal artefacts with us. These included a didgeridoo, fighting sticks, a dilly bag, and a nulla nulla (also known in some communities as a wadeye). A special highlight was the beautiful friendship bracelets that the Baddaginnie crew made for every student. Representing friendship, peace and unity, these bracelets are a wonderful reminder of the importance of respect, connection and belonging within our school community. We then rotated through a range of activities that celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, and achievements, from painting and playing Indigenous games to stick puppet movies using Dreaming stories for inspiration. We also collaborated by every student placing their handprint on a celebratory artwork.

Storytelling with Sim



Sim has regaled us with two stories so far this term: Artemis and Actaeon, and The Lindwurm.

Artemis, the Greek goddess of hunting, modesty, and childbirth and Actaeon, a hunter who became very big-headed was our first tale and it was unlike one we had heard before. Things did not end well for Actaeon – in fact, gruesome is the word the comes to mind. Once told, we each drew our own version of either Artemis or Actaeon.



Our second story, The Lindwurm, had some familiar literary aspects to it but as Sim wove the story together, we all had some different ideas on how it would end. This story had princes, princesses, a serpent, a quick-thinking farm girl and a couple of crones full of wisdom and magic. The creation of art based on this story proved more diverse, with everyone tapping into a different aspect of awe, curiosity, or interest.