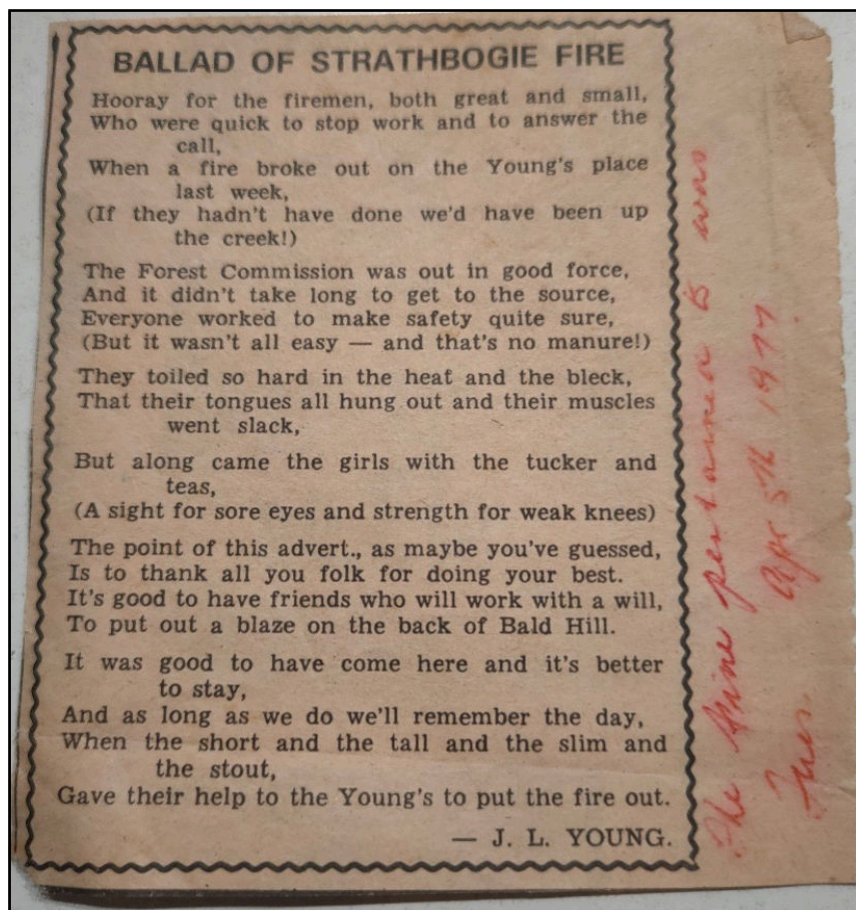




November 2026

Some Strathbogie Fire Brigade History



A newspaper clipping of a poem from 1977 was discovered amongst historic documents during a cleanup at the Strathbogie fire shed. Not only is our fire shed clean and organised, but we now have the history group sorting through a box of these old archives. Let's see what else we might find.

Bushfire Sunday was a great success, reaching around 50 community members. Cara and Felicity from CFA shared information on how to get fire ready. Agriculture Vic introduced several new topics including farm animal care and recovery planning. Local Police also spoke of their role in bushfire management. Thanks to our brigade's community engagement officer Kim for organising the event and the delicious scones he made.

Dana Last

Captain.

What's On

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Every Thursday evening - Pizza Night at the Recreation Reserve

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 1pm in the Soldier's 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.

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Sense & Sensibility PG Nov 1 4pm

Coyote vs Acme PG Nov 6 6.30pm

The Social Reckoning M Nov 7 7.30pm

The Plastic Country G Nov 10 6pm (free)

Holy Cannoli M Nov 14 4pm

Pressure M Nov 14 7.30pm, Nov 15 4pm

Wicker MA15+ Nov 21 7.30pm, Nov 22 4pm

Verity MA15+ Nov 28 7.30pm, Nov 29 4pm

Swanpool Cinema

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The Musicians PG Nov 1 6pm

The Richest Woman in the World M
Nov 1 8.15pm

The Sheep Detectives PG Nov 1 1.30pm

Bonegilla The Migrants Journey Nov 6
7.30pm

The Odyssey M Nov 2 6pm, Nov 8 6pm

St Kilda Short Film Festival M Nov 13
6pm, Nov 15 6pm

Colours of Time M Nov 14 6pm, Nov 15
6pm

Connemara M Nov 14 8.45pm, Nov 15
8.45pm

The Rivals of Amziah King M Nov 21
6pm, Nov 22 6pm

Pike River M Nov 21 8.45pm, Nov 22
8.45pm

Drummer Boy Nov 22 1.30pm

Sense & Sensibility M Nov 25 10.30am,
Nov 28 6pm, Nov 29 6pm

The History of Sound M Nov 28 8.45pm,
Nov 29 8.45pm

Riddles for Kids

Q: What do you call an elephant in a
phone box?

A: Stuck.

Q: What is black and white, black and
white, black and white?

A: A penguin rolling down a hill.

Q: What do you call an elephant that
never washes?

A: A smellyphant.

Q: What do you get if you cross a duck
with a rooster?

A: A bird that wakes you up at the quack
of dawn.

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Things to do instead of being on your phone.

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- Who would be your co-star?
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A chat about trees & the Armstrongs of Strathbogie

By Shelley Straw. Photos by Tracey Thomson



Phillip Armstrong, Christine Malone, Janine Wright. Phillip and mum Valerie Armstrong

A little while ago, someone asked about the trees along Armstrong Ave. Strathbogie. That led to the question from keen history buff Loretta McPherson: "Where is the original tree plaque to Robinson Armstrong?"

Who was Robinson, and why was a road named after him?

The Strathbogie Tablelands History Group decided to do some digging, and tell his story with a new storyboard plaque.

On Monday 5th October, descendants of Robinson unveiled the plaque with guest of honour, Valerie Armstrong.

Armstrong was a great man back in his day. He was a farmer of 1000 acres and represented Strathbogie on the then Euroa Shire Council, for 18 years! He worked hard with many locals to improve Strathbogie for all.

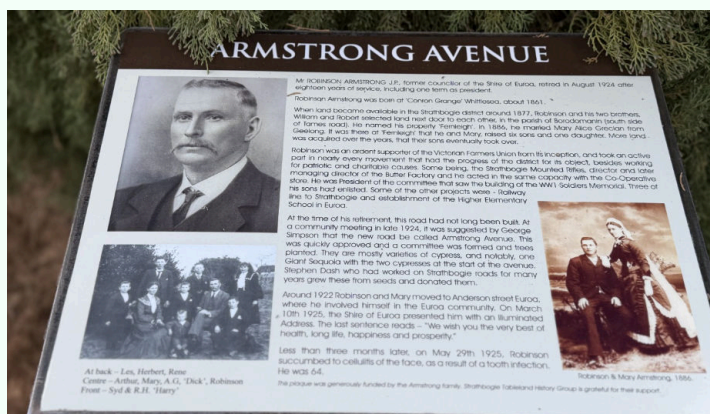
Key projects included development of the Strathbogie Cooperative Store, the Butter Factory, & the WW1 Soldier memorial monument.

Robinson then branched out a bit, helping to establish the Higher Elementary School in Euroa, and working hard to gain funding for local roads, including the Strathbogie-Euroa Road. (Bring back Robinson!)

On Robinson's retirement in 1925, local George Simpson suggested a new road be named after him. Another local, Stephen Dash, grew the Cypress seeds that are now the 106-year-old trees standing at the start of Armstrong Avenue. A Sequoia grows beside them. You can check them out opposite the Strathbogie Store.

Well done, Robinson, and hats off to his many descendants who are spread far and wide around Australia.

Great grandson Phillip Armstrong still farms in Strathbogie. He and his mother Val, cousins Christine Malone, and Janine Wright represented the family at the unveiling. *Shelley Straw*



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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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Graeme Dash Honoured

Graeme Dash was presented with a Department of Health Certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of service to the Strathbogie Cemetery Trust in July 2026. Cemetery Trust members along with many members of Graeme's family met at his home in Euroa to present the certificate and celebrate Graeme's contribution to the lovely Strathbogie Cemetery.



Graeme served as Chairperson during his time on the Trust and he never missed a working bee. He could be seen pushing a mower, happily sitting on a ride-on or cutting up any wood that needed to be cleared. He always enjoyed a cuppa and a chat after working bees.

Graeme was passionate about the Strathbogie Cemetery and was a wealth of knowledge regarding early history of the cemetery. Many thanks must go to Graeme from the Strathbogie Cemetery Trust and the Strathbogie community. *Diane Mackrell, Secretary/Treasurer Strathbogie Cemetery Trust*

Strathbogie Shire joins Garage Sale Trail for final treasure hunt

Strathbogie Shire Council is participating in Garage Sale Trail for the first time, giving residents more ways to clear out, cash in and connect. Australia's biggest secondhand treasure hunt will take place on 7–8 and 14–15 November 2026, with garage sales, markets and community events being held across the country. For the past 16 years, Garage Sale Trail has brought millions of Australians together to declutter, reuse and connect with their communities.

Residents can host a sale from home on one or more days across the two weekends. Registration is free and includes a listing on the national map, how-to guides, promotional materials and support to help attract shoppers. A garage or front yard is not required, with unit blocks, schools, community groups and neighbours all encouraged to get involved.

In 2025, the average household sale made \$761, while community groups raised more than \$1325.

Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery said the event made sustainable choices practical and accessible. "Buying and selling second hand keeps useful items in circulation for longer, reduces waste and lessens the demand for new resources," Mayor Jeffery said. "It's a simple way for every household to make a difference, while saving or earning money and connecting with others in our community. "We're excited to take part for the first time and encourage residents across the Shire to get involved." Mayor Jeffery said.

Residents who would prefer to sell at a local market can book a 3m x 3m stall for \$10 at:

Go Nagambie Market

Saturday 7 November, 9am–1pm

Bookings: market@gonagambie.com

Euroa Farmers Market

Saturday 21 November, 9am–1pm

Bookings: euroavillagefarmersmarket@gmail.com

The Euroa Farmers Market will take place the weekend after the official Garage Sale Trail dates, extending the opportunity for local residents to sell and shop for pre-loved items. Market stalls must be booked directly with the relevant market organiser. Council will also hold a special Tip Shop Sale in Nagambie, from 9am to noon on Saturday 7 November.

The sale will feature pre-loved household furniture, tools, toys, garden equipment, bicycles and more, with most items priced between \$1 and \$15.

Hosting a garage sale is free. Register at garagesaletrail.com.au/register. Shoppers can use the interactive map to find sales and plan their route at garagesaletrail.com.au/sales.

For further information:

Tiffany Nicholas

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Information at: www.strathbogrieranges.org.au



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Alison Pouliot

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Melvin Xu and Ema Corro
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Wildlife, Fungi and Fire Conference

Sun 8 Nov 9.15am-1.15pm

A Strathbogrie Ranges Conservation event

At Euroa Community and Function Centre, Memorial Oval

Come along and hear from inspiring researchers who have been out doing fun field work with fungi, greater gliders, bandicoots potoroos and other wildlife.

Front-of-mind for us all are bush-fires and Professor Don Driscoll will share his research on the ecological effects of the 2019/2020 fires.

We are fortunate to have renowned ecologist, photographer and author Alison Pouliot speaking on the day. Alison in her entertaining way will give her perspective on how fungi are faring in a warming world and share some current research on actions taken by different countries in response to Climate Change.

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Helen McKernan



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Peranbin Primary School News

Our return to Term 4 has been extremely exciting, with catching up on holiday adventures, attending Year 3-6 camp and Sena becoming a big sister! With three full weeks under our belts, the remaining 2 months are already filling up. We have swimming lessons, a Colour Run day, a Questcon science incursion, end of year college special day out, end of year concert, year 6 graduation and transition sessions for incoming students. In amongst all of that we have our usual learning programs and for teachers, formal assessments and report writing duties.

Our Strathbogrie campus end of term celebration will take the form of a celebratory morning of games and a BBQ lunch. We hope you can join us on our last day together on Thursday 17 December from 11am (lunch from 12noon).

Year 3 – 6 Camp

It was an excited group of kids setting off from our Violet Town campus on a Monday morning, destination: Alexandra Adventure Resort. After about 90 minutes, we pulled in and after sorting out bags, rooms, and beds, we had a tour of our home for the next few days. The aim of the camp was to build social connections between our campuses (big TICK) and provide students opportunity to challenge themselves, physically and mentally to try new things. Scary as being away from home may be or attempting to climb a rock wall for the first time, camp provides safety – the place may not be familiar, but the students and school staff are. Overall, a wonderful time was had with many fond memories made.



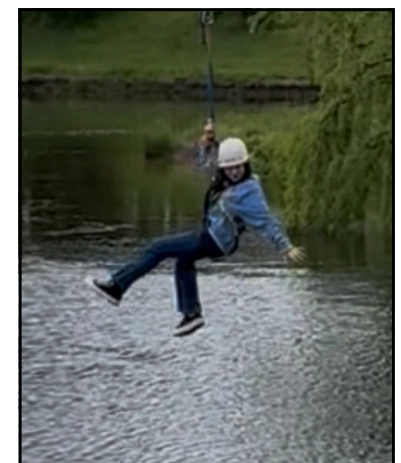
The low ropes course



Pip shoots at archery



Nervously awaiting



Clara on the Flying Fox

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Strathbogrie Campus

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Note: November meeting cancelled. See you in 2027.



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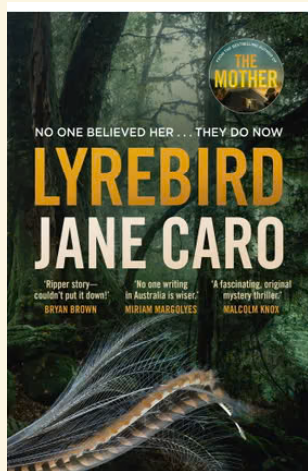
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

Lyrebird by Jane Caro, Allen & Unwin, 2025



The opening pages of this crime novel have you sitting up a bit straighter in your seat. A young ornithology PhD student, Jessica Weston, experiences a spine-chilling sound while out in the forest researching her subject – the lyrebird.

The lyrebird is a brilliant mimic, so if it mimics a woman screaming in terror and begging for her life, it has witnessed a crime.

Twenty years later, after a woman's body is found in the same area of forest, Megan Blaxland, a retired senior detective, is called back into service to reopen what became a cold case. Set in the lush valleys and rainforest of the Barrington Tops in the Hunter Valley, NSW, it's the perfect setting for the discovery of two more bodies – who knows how many are out there? – and also for the catastrophic bushfire that becomes ground zero for the criminal investigation.

The novel, Jane Caro's second, weaves a network of relationships that sustain and build the tension, though at times the network becomes a bit stretched, challenging plausibility. The kidnapping of Jessica Weston's recalcitrant teenage daughter as the fire's rage intensifies ramps up the tension and overshadows the criminal investigation, just as the detectives are poised to arrest the main suspect. A perfect storm, you might say.

Sitting behind all this action and mystery are several of Jane Caro's pet causes: the environment and the dire state of Australia's national parks; climate change and the increasing threat of out-of-control firestorms; and, powerfully, the murky world of sex trafficking and the poverty that drives women to become its victims. Thus, this novel is more than just a crime thriller; it brings to the fore important issues that deserve our attention. Situated in a novel that reaches out to a wide audience, this merits commendation.

Notwithstanding, *Lyrebird* wasn't a top-of-the-list reading experience for many of the Bohomians; even though Caro flips the usual detective novel tropes – for example, the 'sad-sack, gravel-throated older detective cooking his soup alone after a day from hell' is replaced by a 'competent, independent older woman who enjoys coming out of retirement' – it was felt that the abovementioned very serious issues were essentially trivialised through their location in such a genre; the fact that it was welcomed as an 'easy read' by a few of us perhaps highlights that conundrum.

However, put it on your book pile next to your gin and tonic this summer and expect to be entertained and hopefully provoked into deeper reflection.

Jane Caro, is an award-winning Australian social commentator, writer, editor, and lecturer. She is a feminist and atheist, and also a proponent of public education. She has also written many books, as well as many articles for *The Saturday Paper*, *The Conversation*, *The Guardian*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, the ABC and *Online Opinion*.

Her first novel for adults was *The Mother*, which addresses the theme of coercive control within a family.

Ruth Fluhr



Recipe of the Month

Lemon Cheese Cake

Base

235g crushed Nice biscuits

170g butter

Filling

170g chilled evaporated milk

1 pkt lemon jelly

1/2 cup boiling water

250g Philadelphia cheese room temperature

1 tbs grated orange rind

2 tspn sugar

1/2 cup orange juice

Mix biscuits and butter. Press into greased spring form tin and refridgerate. Dissolve jelly with boiling water, let thicken. Beat thoroughly cream cheese with sugar, oj and rind. Beat milk until fluffy. Add jelly and fold into cheese mix. Pour into crusty base and refridgerate until set.



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(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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or

Pennie Beard: claneypenne@gmail.com

Bogie Playgroup update



With the warmer days finally arriving, we've been making the most of our usual Thursday mornings at the school. The sandpit has been getting a good workout, the bikes are in high demand and there's been plenty of tree climbing and outdoor adventures. As the weather continues to warm up we're looking forward to introducing some water play and campstove cooking into our mornings over the coming weeks.

Spring Bush Kinder at the Euroa Arboretum

We've enjoyed two wonderful guided Spring Bush Kinder sessions at the Euroa Arboretum with Charlotte giving our little ones the chance to explore, discover and learn in a beautiful natural setting.

The children have headed off on nature walks, collected native flowers, and spent time discovering insects at different stages of their life cycles. We've searched for tadpoles in the water, built cubbies and learnt about fire and fire safety. There's been so much

to discover, with the children following their curiosity, asking questions and getting hands-on with the natural world around them.

Bush Kinder offers a lovely opportunity for children to learn and explore beyond the usual playgroup setting. Whether they're examining a tiny insect, noticing changes in the plants around them or working together to build a cubby, these experiences encourage confidence, problem-solving, imagination and a growing appreciation for the natural environment. There's something special about giving children the time and space to explore at their own pace with plenty of room for wonder, discovery and a little muddy fun along the way!

The Euroa Arboretum is a particularly special place for these experiences with native woodland, wetlands and walking trails to explore. With its focus on native plants, habitat restoration and caring for the local environment, it provides a wonderful place for children to get to know the bush, observe seasonal changes and develop a connection with the natural landscape right here in our own region.

The Arb is also a beautiful example of what a community can achieve when people volunteer their time and energy to care for a place they value. The work that goes into maintaining and restoring these natural spaces is a reminder that strong communities are built by people who are willing to pitch in and make a difference. By bringing our youngest community members into these spaces, we hope they'll grow up not only appreciating the natural world, but also understanding the value of looking after it together. What a lovely way to introduce children to the spirit of volunteering and community participation from an early age.

A heartfelt thank you to the **2025 Strathbogie Cup Weekend Festival Committee**, whose generous funding has made our Bush Kinder sessions possible. The funds raised from the festival and donated to playgroup by the committee has meant that families with young children on the Tablelands can participate without the cost being a barrier.

Community support like this makes a real difference. Without the generosity of local community groups, early childhood experiences like these simply wouldn't be accessible to many families. We're incredibly grateful to the Committee for investing in our local children and helping create opportunities for them to learn, play, explore and grow together.

Thank you to everyone in our wider community who contributes their time, energy and resources to making our region such a wonderful place to raise little ones.

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Strathbogie Memorial Hall Report

Bushfire Sunday was held at the Hall in October. It was a great success with around 50 people attending for some advice on how to get fire ready. Taungurung Land and Water council held their community engagement day at the end of October.

The Hall's kitchen renovations have progressed with the first stage of the plumbing under way. There is now potable water plumbed to the kitchen sink and an instant gas hot water system. With plans now finalised, a new dishwasher, stove, oven and fridge have been ordered.

November will see the hall hosting a polling venue for our state elections all day on Saturday 28th. We will also run a sausage sizzle, and the Garden group will have a plant stall on the voting day. The AGM for Landcare will be held at the Hall on Sunday 15th at 11 am. Dance lessons commenced at the Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm, join them for great fun learning to line dance.

Dana Last

Secretary

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Two years of Bogie Playgroup!

This month, Bogie Playgroup celebrated its second birthday! What started with a couple of mums sitting down for a cup of tea has grown into a regular weekly gathering of four to ten families, with up to twenty children ranging in age from newborn to six years old.

It's lovely to see how something so simple has grown into a little community of its own. A place to share a cuppa and a chat, watch the children play, make connections and know there are other local families navigating the same stages of life. For some it's a chance to meet new friends; for others it's a familiar face and a good chat on a Thursday morning.

A big thank you to all the families who have joined us along the way and helped make playgroup what it is today. Whether you've been coming since those early cups of tea or have only recently found us, you're part of what makes this little community group special. Here's to another year of sandy socks, shared morning teas, new friendships and plenty of laughs.

Warmly,
Sharna Holding & Ally Keenan
Strathbogie Community Playgroup Coordinators

National Recycling Week 2026: Join the Cycle. Residents urged to keep resources out of landfill

Strathbogie Shire Council and Planet Ark are encouraging residents to discover new ways to reduce waste, reuse resources and recycle right during National Recycling Week 2026. This year's campaign, *Join the Cycle*, encourages councils, workplaces, schools and households to build better recycling habits, reduce consumption and make the most of the resources they already have.

Running from 10 to 16 November, National Recycling Week highlights practical ways to cut waste, recycle correctly and keep valuable materials in use for longer. Residents can take part in recycling-themed events, test their recycling knowledge using Planet Ark resources, learn about emerging recycling technologies and policies, and explore local options for recycling items ranging from batteries to textiles.

Strathbogie Shire Council Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery said "We encourage everyone to take a moment to check what belongs in each bin, look for opportunities to repair or reuse items, and think carefully before buying something new.

Residents can also take part in free activities across the Shire during National Recycling Week, including a movie screening and drop-in recycling information sessions. **Free Movie Screening The Plastic Country 2026 (PG)** Date: Tuesday 10 November Time: 6pm Address: Euroa Community Cinema - 1B Bury St, Euroa Bookings required: <http://tiny.cc/theplasticcountrymovie>

Library Pop-Up Q&A

Residents are invited to drop in for a chat with Council's waste team and ask questions about recycling, waste services and how to recycle common household items correctly. Euroa Library Date: Wednesday 11 November Time: 11am Address: 62 Binney St, Euroa

National Recycling Week is supported by Major Sponsor Coles; Associate Sponsors Coca-Cola Australia and Tetra Pak; Supporting Sponsors MobileMuster, Australian Paper Recovery, Stone & Wood and Cartridges 4 Planet Ark; and Media Partner Seven West Media.

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Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group AGM and lunch.

Special Guest Speaker – Ross Abberfield – Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly
Co-ordinator, who has the message for us up here on the Tableland, that...

“Fruit Fly is closer than you think”

Sunday 15th November 2026

11.30am to 1.30pm – Strathbogie Hall

Strathbogie Landcare’s Annual General Meeting, as well as a special presentation by Ross Abberfield followed by lunch.

Come along to hear about:

- ☐ Strathbogie Landcare’s activities and involvements through the past year.
- ☐ Our plans for the 2027 year
- ☐ Landcare’s regional activities in NE Victoria
- ☐ Opportunity to make suggestions as to potential activities or projects for Landcare to consider into the future
- ☐ Enjoy an interesting presentation from our Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker – We are delighted that Ross Abberfield has agreed to attend and update us on Fruit Fly activities in the Goulburn and Murray River catchments. Some of you will remember Ross speaking at the Strathbogie Hall a couple of years ago, which was a very informative and well received presentation.

Our AGM is open for the whole community to attend – you do not have to be a Landcare member. We need everyone who is coming to text me on 0418 148 511 with numbers attending so we can cater for lunch.

Peter Righetti
Co-Chairman

Walk of the month

Whroo Historic Area

Reedy Lake Rd., Whroo 3612 (near Rushworth)

1 1/2 hours, 6km, easy.

This is often a quiet, empty place of bushland, native flora and fauna. Exploration of the Whroo Historic Area Walk unearths evidence of a different, busy, crowded and culturally significant past.

Start the walk at any point. The cemetery or central car parks are easiest. See the maps on site.

Whroo Historic Area is 490h within 24,300h of ironbark forest . The forest canopy is of red and mugga ironbark, grey box, yellow box, white box and red stringy bark. There are grass trees, blackwood, golden wattle, spreading wattle, casuarina, melaleuca and dogwood, with occasional mallee.

The Nguraililam-wurrung people used ironbark for canoes, hunting implements, to construct shelters. Ironbark blossom made a sweet beverage. The name "Whroo" is said to mean "lips". This was apparently a reference to aboriginal watering holes in the area.

Balaclava Hill is the highest point in the Whroo district and was a rich mine. During the Silurian period, an intensely heated earth's crust beneath the gold fields pushed volcanic rocks into extremely-hot salty water. As water moved closer to the surface and cooled, gold crystallised out with quartz. 600 million years later, quartz bearing gold veins up to 15cm across saw a 19th century fortune - more than £1,000,000 . Whroo is estimated to have produced 40,000 ounces of gold.

Gold was discovered in Rushworth in 1853. In 1854, a gold nugget was discovered in grass at Balaclava Hill by John Lewis and James Nickinson. The consequent goldrush lasted much of the decade, recurrently bringing thousands to try their luck. Gold mining began with alluvial diggings, proceeding to open cut methods. By 1860, a population of just 450 remained. The Balaclava Hill Mine continued to be productive until it was shut down in the 1870s due to water management problems. However, shafts have been mined since. The last active shaft was filled by the Mines Department in the 1960s.

In it's time, the Whroo township accommodated a Mechanic's Institute, a state school, a post office, a savings bank, a free library, 2 churches, 3 ore crushing mills, 3 hotels and a cordial factory. 139 buildings were still present in 1871.

Rumour has it Ned Kelly and his gang visited the area. Prior to anticipated trouble with the local constabulary, it is said a cache of Kelly gold was stashed in the area and never found again

Whroo cemetery reflects the difficulties of life in a harsh environment, where neither age, nationality, culture nor religion provided protection. Chinese miners make up 15% of 400 graves. They were a significant part of the community as miners, puddling machine operators and market gardeners.

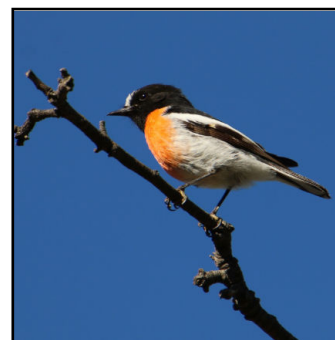
By the 1920s ironbark timber cutting was the principal remaining industry. By 1933 the population had fallen to just 52. By 1955, Whroo was a ghost town. Sean Mathews



Balaclava Mine



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