



April 2024

Community Lunch

Calling all Strathbogie Tableland community members!

You're invited to attend a free community lunch, where you can learn more, and have your say, about Community Emergency Preparedness and Recovery.

During the meeting we will:

- Explore information relating to the local risks in Strathbogie Tableland
- Invite your ideas for community priorities to prepare for emergencies

Your input will help to inform a Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) for Strathbogie Tableland.

When: **11.30am-1pm, Sunday 21st April**

Venue: **Strathbogie Golf Clubhouse**

RSVP **by 17th April** (with any dietary or accessibility requirements) to:
Danna Lezcano (Resilience Planning Officer)
Email: dlezcano@murrindindi.vic.gov.au
Telephone: **(03) 5772 0333**

This community meeting is part of the LEAPing into Resilience project, a joint initiative between Mansfield, Strathbogie and Murrindindi Shire Councils and is funded by the Australian Government.

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What's On

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Every Last Saturday of the month - Strathbogie Golf Club Community Meals.

Every First Monday of the month - Strathbogie Tableland History Group meets 1.30pm, Strathbogie Memorial Hall.
strathbogiehistory@gmail.com

Every Second Wednesday of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets 7pm in the Soldiers Room. Enq Mary Wynne 0419 592 211

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - usual times 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome
Ph: Jill Smith 5790 5159.

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 Fourth Saturday of the month - Australian Plants Society Group meeting Pete 0402 882 959

Every Third Sunday 10am STAG Committee at the Hall. All welcome.

Tennis at the Recreation Reserve. Enq about social tennis: Secretary Mayra Walsh 0423 475 564

Euroa Cinema

Migration G Ap 3 11am (sensory) & 3pm
10 things I hate about you PG Ap 4 7.30pm
Fallen Leaves M Ap 5 8pm, Ap 6 4pm
The Rooster MA15+ Ap 6 8pm, Ap 7 4pm
Combat Wombat back to back PG Ap 10 11am (sensory screening) & 3pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire PG Ap 11 7.30pm
The Great Escaper M Ap 13 7.30pm, Ap 14 4pm
Wicked Little Letters MA15+ Ap 20 7.30pm, Ap 21 4pm
Community Choice Movie Ap 27 7.30pm, Ap 28 4pm. Vote at 1800 065 993 (BH) or <https://share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au>
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Napolean M Ap 13 6pm, Ap 14 5pm
Priscilla M Ap 20 6pm, Ap 21 5pm
On the wandering paths M Ap 20 8.30pm, Ap 21 7.30pm
Anatomy of a Fall MA15+ Ap 27 6pm, Ap 28 5pm

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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 email below >>>

For information regarding the Violet Town Village Voice or to get an emailed copy each month contact Abbey Ferguson at villagevoice@violettown.org.au online at www.violettown.org.au

Jokes of the Month

A friend of mine suggested I put horse manure on my strawberries. I am never doing that again. I am going back to whipped cream!

I don't usually brag about going to expensive places, but I just left the petrol station.

I don't want to get technical or anything, but according to Chemistry, alcohol is a solution.

Cartoon by Peta Manning



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Dates for Strathbogie:

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Every 2nd Saturday



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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 to publish.

The TT Team

The Deadline for the May edition of Tableland Talk is Thursday, April 25, 2024.

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

ARTBOX is coming!



April

Bruce Hargrave
April 4 - April 29, 2024



May

Deborah Cavanagh
May 1 - May 28, 2024



June

Peranbin Primary College
Strathbogrie Campus
student exhibition
June, 2024

Find the ARTBOX at
29 Main Street, Strathbogrie
(Strathbogrie Memorial Hall
Grounds)

Visit www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au
to find out more or to submit an
Expression of Interest form to exhibit
in one of our other 2024 locations.

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ARTBOX is coming to the Strathbogrie Memorial Hall grounds, Main Street from April to June 2024.

Exhibition Schedule:

April - Bruce's Strathbogrie Artbox by Bruce Hargrave

May - Deborah Cavanagh

June - Peranbin Primary School, Strathbogrie Campus student exhibition

Please contact Strathbogrie Council on 1800 065 993 or

artsandculture@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au to find out more, or submit an Expression of Interest form to exhibit at one of our other locations* via the Strathbogrie Council website at <https://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/artbox/>

*Limited other locations available for 2024

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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub



Limberlost by Robbie Arnott, Text Publishing, 2022

Our February read took us inside the head of a teenage boy, Ned West, growing up in the Tamar River valley in north-eastern Tasmania during the '40's. Ned lives on an apple orchard with his father, his mother having died when he was very young. Two older brothers are away at war, and the family's fear and longing for them is a constant thread throughout the book. His older sister returns to live on the farm; however, his relationship with his father and sister, both of whom are distracted in different ways by the agony of war, remains distant. Although he knows nothing about sailing, Ned is driven by a secret desire to own a boat. He aims to sail up to the mouth of the Tamar river, the location of a terrifying childhood boat ride to see a legendary whale. With single-minded determination, Ned spends much time trapping rabbits to fund this dream.

Our experience through Ned's eyes strongly evokes the challenges and pleasures of a lonely teenage boy in rural Tasmania. We share with him the difficulties and mysteries of relationships with family, friends, and a halting love

interest. With him we take tentative steps and mis-steps toward adulthood as his role in the family evolves. Together we are immersed in the wonders and terrors of the natural world. As we learn more about Ned's life, we are able to understand how the events of Ned's childhood shape the man he becomes.

Arnott's writing in this, his third book, is a joy, beautifully descriptive and evocative of the stunning Tasmanian bushland and the river that are embedded in Ned's being. We are immediately pulled into experiencing all the sensations of each place and event by Arnott's eloquent words. Although some characters and events are only briefly touched on, Arnott succinctly and accurately captures their essence. The pace of the book feels much like the sailboat that Ned dreams of, sometimes quieter, sometimes rougher, or meandering pleasantly, with currents and whirlpools that take us forward or back to Ned's different life experiences and memories. Enjoyed by every member of the bookclub, we highly recommend this book.

Debra Mika

Next month: *Tell Me Why: The Story of My Life and My Music*, by Archie Roach, 2020

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Anzac Service Strathbogie - Wed 24th April



Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus & Strathbogie Tableland History Group invite all to join us at 10.30am, Wednesday 24th April, at the Strathbogie War Memorial Statue, Main St, Strathbogie.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Starkey Followed by Morning tea in the Strathbogie Memorial Hall. *It has been many years since the School ran this once*

annual Anzac Service, so we do hope you support such and turn out in numbers.

The Hall foyer will be the place for a cuppa and a bikkie on Anzac Day plus there will be access to the Soldiers Room.

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Strathbogie Tree

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Strathbogie-Tree is our unofficial Strathbogie Tableland bush telegraph. It is an email list based on Google Groups and covers a fair percentage of the Tableland population and friends (both transient and permanent). Through this, we share the following information and more:

- 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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To learn more or join Strathbogie-Tree, please send an email to Stuart on stuartb446@gmail.com or call on 0422 408 915



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Getting To Know You.....

Name? – Phil Fry

Where were you Born? – Andover, a small town in Hampshire, England, about two hours south west of London. I would not recommend going out of your way to visit, but the surrounding countryside is beautiful, including lots of little villages and pubs. Some of my favourite villages being Over Wallop, Under Wallop and Nether Wallop, collectively know as ‘The Wallops’.

Siblings? – Brother Michael, who died as a baby and big sister Susan, who lives in Bristol, in England.

Hobbies/Sports whilst growing up? – Big sports lover, who tried most things and was not very good at any. I was the Andover junior tennis champion in 1982, but when I had a hit at the Bogie tennis club last week, I hit more balls over the fence than in the court! I was also the high school cricket captain, but I think only because I confused everyone by bowling right handed and batting left handed. After running out our star batsman in a crucial game, my cricket career didn’t go much further.

Current hobbies? – Still love watching and playing sport. Country racing is a great day out and golf is definitely my current obsession and is mainly responsible for my wife and I settling in Bogie. When we are not play at the course, you might see me in the garden practising my swing, with my camera resting on a step ladder to record and review my swing . did I mention it is an obsession? Also, my wife and I like playing the card games 500 and Cribbage, with good company and a local wine.

Name the places you have lived? – Not many. I spent my first 22 years in Andover, then thought I should spread my wings ... next stop Melbourne. Arranged accommodation in Frankston, which I was told was in Melbourne and secured a job in Northcote, which I was told was in Melbourne. Imagine my surprise when I got here and realised I had to travel the equivalent of three small European countries to work each day. From Frankston, I moved to Glen Waverley, then Surrey Hills, until finding utopia in Bogie.

Food Fan or Food for Fuel? – Sorry, have to say both. I am constantly eating for fuel and definitely get a bit grumpy when I am hungry. However, I really enjoy fresh healthy foods and love trying different things, unless it contains cream, which I have recently developed an intolerance for. Please don’t eat a pavlova in front of me, I get really jealous.

Jobs you have held? – I was lucky to have an interest in computers at college and started in a small I.T. company in Andover as an 18 year old. Ironically, I had no interest in golf then, but I secured the job when the boss set me a task of developing a software program to calculate golfing handicaps, which I did overnight and got the job the next day. When I came to Australia, I worked for an I.T. firm in Northcote, who sent me to the nickel mines in Yabulu, near Townsville – very different environment to Andover. More recently, I have worked for different departments in State Government and I am currently working for the Department of Health.

Favourite genre of music? – Very mixed. During my teens I loved the band Genesis and hearing their songs now brings back good memories. However, I’m happy to listen to almost anything, from Irish folk music to Taylor Swift, it really depends on the occasion and the mood.

Dancer or non-dancer? - Non dancer who loves the occasional dance – normally after too many drinks. I did take ceroc classes for a while, which is a little bit like jive. I’m not very good, so if you dance with me, expect to leave the dance floor with your head spinning, as I have probably spun you way too often.

Anything on your Bucket List you haven’t ticked off? – Not really, I think I have found my Nirvana. A beautiful place to live, surrounded by beautiful people, who care for each other and the environment. Thank you to everyone in Bogie and surrounds who have welcomed me and my family to the area. Oh, perhaps a hole in one at the golf course would be nice.

Favourite animal? - The three chickens we have inherited. They follow me around the garden, eat our kitchen scraps and give us three little presents every day.

Community Groups you are involved with? – We are members of the golf club (you probably could have guessed that one by now) and are regulars at the Rec Centre on Thursday nights. Also keen to join the Tennis club, if they will have me.

Favourite holiday destination? – Any nice warm water Australian beach, I love to boogie board. Road trips to Bargara and Rainbow Beach in Queensland have been my favourite summer holidays, but I am keen to try others.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you “Grew up?” I wanted to be a famous soccer player. Unfortunately I didn’t make it any further than the local under 14’s.

Nickname/s? – Because of my surname, at school I was either ‘Stir-Fry’ , Fryer-Tuck’ or ‘Fry-Pan’. When I got to Australia, people referred to me as ‘Lucky Phil’, I didn’t know why until someone told me about a character on TV. I don’t think I have one now, other than perhaps – ‘that chap married to Victoria’.

Lisa Duggan

Good Things Only

Nursing a days old baby in my arms as she practices for the perfect sleep to come. Her pastel skin small nose soft lashes and milk mouth filling my eyes with intermittent tears of joy and wonder. Her irregular breathing coming in short rapid shallow bursts followed by deep sighs of contentment as she snuffles and ruffles and stretches back and reaches out and flexes fingers and kicks legs and crinkles her nose and dreams baby dreams with eyelids aflutter while her eyes move this way and that underneath. Her lapping tongue unconsciously works at nipple traction in automatic rehearsal. The soft pink lips open and shut pucker and pout refining the sucking technique

in readiness for the next lactation latching that will draw milky nourishment and unqualified love from her besotted mother supported by her smitten father and adored by the rest of us in this small family bubble. With her smooth brow unfurrowed by concern or worry she is the very picture of innocence.

Sean Mathews



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Pet regos will land in your mailbox soon



Strathbogie Shire Council is reminding pet owners that registrations are due for renewal by April 10, 2024.

Residents with registered pets will soon receive a notice in the mail with their annual registration fee invoice.

Strathbogie Shire Council Administrator Peter Stephenson said it was also a timely reminder for anyone who may have recently welcomed a new cat or dog to the home, or if you've recently moved to the area, you must register your pet with Council.

"It is an easy process to register your pet with Council. All you need to do is visit our Council offices at 109A Binney St, Euroa, or 293 High Street, Nagambie, complete a pet registration form, and pay your fee with our friendly customer service team," Mr Stephenson said.

"Cats and dogs aged three months or older must be registered with Council and they must be micro-chipped prior to registration.

"Registering your dog or cat is important for so many reasons. Your pet wearing the Council's disc improves the chances of your animal being returned to you if it becomes lost and provides a whole range of other important services, including:

- A Council identification tag for your pet to wear.

- Lost and found service: a guarantee that if your pet is found wearing the council identification marker, you will be notified.

- Council services to respond to calls about wandering dogs or dog attacks. This includes removal of aggressive dogs from the streets, so you and your pet can walk in safety.

- Council services to deal with nuisance problems. These services manage issues like barking dogs, cat trespass, and unowned animals.

- Council control of 'dangerous', 'menacing' and 'restricted breed' dogs in your area. This ensures they do not pose a threat to the community.

- Council monitoring of pet shops, boarding kennels, catteries, pounds, shelters, and pet breeding and training businesses. This ensures they meet the strict animal welfare standards required by Animal Welfare Victoria.

- A State Government education program for schools. This program makes visits to all Primary Schools in Victoria. It teaches children about safety with dogs, and how to be a responsible pet owner.

- A State Government education program for pre-schools. This program teaches children and parents how to avoid dog attacks in the home and in public places.

"We're encouraging members of the community to be responsible pet owners, register your pet and make sure it wears its ID tag at all times," Mr Stephenson said.

More information about registering your pet can be found at <https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/residents/pets-a-livestock/dog-a-cat-registration>

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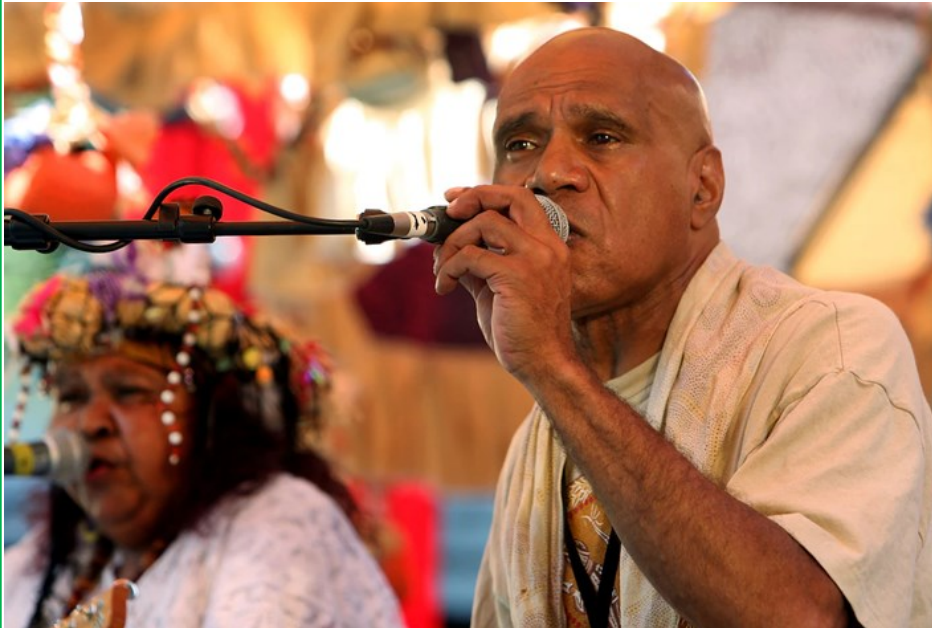
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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohemians Bookclub



Tell Me Why: The Story of My Life and My Music, by Archie Roach, Simon & Schuster, 2020

The late legendary singer-songwriter and Indigenous activist, Archie Roach, who died in 2022, has left a stunning autobiography.

Archie Roach was a Gunditjmara and Bundjalung elder, born in Mooroopna, Victoria in 1956. As a toddler, he was taken from his parents by welfare officers; his aunt tried to scare them away with a gun and his cousins hid him under a pile of leaves, to no avail. Thus, he became one of the tens of thousands of Indigenous children taken from their families – the Stolen Generation. In spite of

Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. He was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in 2015.

his foster family being kind and loving Scottish immigrants, his early loss indelibly marked his life and music, causing him to embark on an often-tortured search for his family, and to pour his pain into songs that earned him both local and international fame.

Archie did find his siblings along that painful journey, but, like many of his Indigenous peers, he sought relief from inconsolable loss in alcohol and cannabis, resulting in him roaming from place to place, sleeping rough and, ultimately, serious damage to his health. “For years I’d walked around with this burden, not just of being removed, but of who I was removed from: my mother and father,” he said in 2018. Fortunately, he also found the love of his life and rock-solid support in fellow musician, Ruby Hunter and, together, they formed their own family, raising two sons and travelling Australia and the world with their music.

Archie’s Roach’s autobiography is a very important book. It reveals, in a clear, unadorned voice, the undeniable truth of the unhealed wound in the body of the Australian nation: “We still need to own the whole history of this country and be honest and courageous,” he said. “It’s the only way we’re going to move on.”

Archie doesn’t preach or indulge in self-pity; he lays his story out in a voice that speaks in simple, clear tones, much as if he was having a one-on-one conversation with the reader. There is sadness and humour, anger and forgiveness, despair and resilience, and thus, this book is both difficult and easy to read. Hopefully, it is on the permanent senior school reading list and a hot favourite for every bookclub in Australia.

Archie’s music, which includes 10 studio albums and opening for, variously, a host of musical luminaries such as Tracy Chapman, Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and Billy Bragg, has won numerous awards and a huge following. The legacy he has left in his music is a voice for the suffering and loss of First Nations Australians and First Nations people worldwide, a beautifully framed, cracked mirror for all Australians, and a call to the world for more love and compassion.

Out of the ashes, Archie Roach created diamonds.

Next month: *Normal People* by Sally Rooney, 2019

Recipes of the Month: Two Scone Recipes

Lemonade Scones

MacIntosh Family

Ingredients

3 1/2 cups SR flour
1 cup cream
1 cup lemonade
Pinch of salt

Method

Preheat oven to 220 degrees
Place flour into a medium bowl and make a well in the centre. Add cream and lemonade, stir gently with a spatula until the dough starts to come together. Turn mixture onto a lightly floured surface, gently bring together. Flatten dough with the palm of your hand until 2-3cm thick.
Use a 6.5cm cutter to cut scones and brush with milk.
Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden.

Nan's Plain Scones — Jane Broughton

Ingredients

2 cups SR flour
1 teaspoon Baking Powder
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup of cream
1 cup milk



Method

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Sift the dry ingredients together. Add the milk and cream to form a soft dough. Lightly roll or press out dough onto a floured surface. Use a cutter to cut out scones and place on an over tray. Bake in a hot oven for 10-15 minutes.

Note: Nan would always mix her scones with a fork, claiming it helped to keep them lighter. I think it was just her years of experience though.

Ref: Delish our family favourites. Peranbin Primary College 2012.

What's worth reading on www.strathbogie.org?

Love to read? Find out all about community book sharing on the Tableland. There is a world of books out there and lots of sharing to be done either in a Book Group or by borrowing from the Goulburn Valley mobile library in Main Street every two weeks.

STAG Communications sub committee

Bruce's Strathbogie Artbox

an ARTBOX exhibition by Bruce Hargrave

April 4 - April 29, 2024

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Strathbogie Wildlife: Echidna fun fact.

Echidna babies hatch after only 10 days. They are called 'puggles'.



Sean Mathews

STAG update from March 2024 Meeting

The most recent STAG meeting was held at the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve on March 17th at 9.30am

Committee members in attendance were.

Adrian, Henry, Alli, Mark, Pennie, Joel, Kath, Dave, Stuart, Fran, Jim and new committee member Robert

Apologies: - None

Welcome to our new member Robert, to the STAG committee.

Items discussed.

GENERATORS AT GOLF CLUB AND REC RESERVE

There is a lot of discussion about the generator at the Recreation Reserve regarding it's on going use during power outages.

The Generator at the Golf club was purchased some time ago for use during emergencies, as the Golf Club is the Bushfire Place of Last Resort. We were advised that the generator is being checked and started by Wally every other month.

UPPER BOHO STORM DAMAGE – STAG contacted the shire about the clean-up from storm damage in Upper Boho Rd. It is important for community to log a report to the shire about damage. Shire is then aware of the problem and can proceed with repairs. The shire asks to be made aware of the seriousness of the damage particularly after the initial clearing of the roads.

STAG have finalised the action plan points. These have been sent to Jean McKinnon at the Shire, who will complete it and make it available to all Tableland residents as soon as it is done.

People are still putting rubbish & plastic bags in and around the recycle bins which not only creates a terrible eyesore at our recreation reserve, but stops the contents of the recycle bins from been recycled. If bottles, etc are put in plastic bags, or rubbish is put into the recycle bins, the whole lot is then sent to landfill and not recycled. There is a continual problem with sorting, landfill rubbish being put into bins and litter all around the area. How can we solve this problem? Any suggestions please?

Please use the recycle bins correctly and show you care about our environment.

Wildlife signage on our roads is a high priority for our area, and we will be pursuing it vigorously. Stuart has put forward a proposal to the Council's Pitch my Project and is still waiting to hear back. It seems that the Shire will not be involved but if so, we will be pursuing it as a community project.

New Strathbogie Tableland brochures – The Communications committee will be updating the Strathbogie Tableland brochure which describes local places of interest. We look forward to seeing the results.

E-NEWS – Are you aware of monthly Strathbogie shire E-News? Check it out. Everyone can register to receive copies on line, or Stuart forwards it onto Strathbogie Tree each month.

PITCH MY PROJECT- STAG will be applying for a PITCH MY PROJECT Grant. This will be going towards the first phase of the footpath along Spring Creek Road from town to the rec. reserve. Make sure you vote when it comes out, probably April.

It's fantastic to see the Tableland Talk has grown. Thank you everyone for your contributions

Stuart Bridgman

Quiz question of the month

Which Victorian National Park contains a ski resort, a unique frog, and a unique heath plant which all share the same name as the park?



Answer: Baw Baw National Park Ski runs are on Mount Baw Baw, the frog is called the Baw Baw frog and the heath is called the Baw Baw berry.



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Final community pizza night for the season

We had our last Community Pizza Night gathering at the Bogie Recreation Ground on Thurs 28th March – what a hoot! There were loads of people and lots of cheerful chatter and laughter, plus a band, Clean Coil from Euroa, for us to dance to (or just jive along in the background). The food was great, (pizzas, a BBQ and even hot chips!) and the new bar, with Dave Joyce and his team, works a treat. There was also a raffle, drawn at the end of the night, and the prize was the remaining contents of the bar fridge – whoohoo Pat!

This regular Thurs evening get together over the warmer months has been so fantastic in bringing us all together as a community, with the bonus of assisting our local groups with their fundraising efforts. A huge thankyou to all of those who have been involved in making it happen. A special thankyou to Johnno, for keeping it rolling, the team who turn up early to get the pizza oven going, and to Eric for his tireless work in cooking our lovely pizzas.

Already looking forward to next seasons pizza nights!

Kath Handasyde & Stuart Bridgman



A talk by Neil Phillips



Sunday, 14th April at 11.30am at the Strathbogie Hall with a light lunch to follow.

Neil has been studying the geology of the Strathbogie Ranges for many years and has presented the findings in short talks and field excursions from Tallarook to Swanpool. The Strathbogie Granite Project is a collaboration of his field studies, combined with the expertise of colleagues at the University of Melbourne, Stellenbosch University in South Africa and with input from colleagues in Portugal. Neil's presentation will draw upon recordings taken on the plateau with much of the work being done on private property: permission for this work is greatly appreciated.

The granite geology plays a part in so many of the landforms and features we see on the plateau from the iconic boulders to extensive rock slabs, waterfalls, steep scarps, perched paddocks and seeps and bogs halfway up hillsides. This granite body covers 2000 sq km and there are some interesting variations between the four main plateaus of Tallarook, Highlands, Seven Creeks and Mt Samaria.

Neil's love affair with the Strathbogie Ranges began with mapping around Mt Strathbogie as an undergraduate student and has continued to the present day. He regularly imparts his knowledge and understanding of the Strathbogie granite formations to various community groups as seminars and on field trips.

There will be a brief Landcare Meeting beforehand with reports from our sub committees including Tree Planting plans for this year; progress with our pasture trials; and other work that Strathbogie Landcare is undertaking.



This event is free to attend and we welcome all who are interested in our Tableland and its geology. For catering purposes could you please email prighetti@macsfield.com.au or text 0418 148 511 your name and the number of any visitors that will be attending with you.