



May 2024

Pitch My Project Success – it's time to have your say!

Strathbogie Tableland residents – it's time to have your say on your favourite community Projects. Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee Inc. has pitched for a generator and rewiring the hall. Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Inc. has pitched a feasibility study for a footpath along Spring Creek Road between Main Street and the Recreation Ground. Both have made the final Pitch my Project list of 15 to be voted on by all Strathbogie Shire communities.

Strathbogie Shire Council has released its draft 2024–25 budget to public consultation and is calling on the community to have its say on its favourite projects in the **Pitch My Project** initiative.

Administrator Peter Stephenson said this year \$300,000 has been allocated to projects across the shire. It is time for the community to help decide which projects will be included in the final 2024–25 budget. 'We want to fund and deliver projects which reflect the community's priorities.'

This is the fourth year Council has run Pitch My Project and this year Council received a healthy 15 eligible projects which are now on the Share Strathbogie website for people to view and prioritise. 'We want as many people as possible to help us prioritise the projects to be included in our final 2024–25 Budget,' Mr Stephenson said.

Go to www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to give your views on your favourite projects or to visit a survey station in your township.

For Strathbogie Tableland residents to view the draft documents and provide feedback go to:

- visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au
- email us at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au
- write to us at PO Box 177, Euroa Vic 3666

Drop in to a survey station in your area:

- Euroa Library
- Violet Town Library
- Strathbogie General Store

Feedback closes 5.00pm on Friday 24 May 2024.



Contact: Merrill Boyd
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What's On

- May 13** Business Award nominations close p6
- May 15** Have your say Council Governance finishes p9
- May 21** Volunteer thank you p10
- May 22** Stand for Council info sessions finish p8
- May 24** Have your say: Council Budget & Council Plan finishes p9
- May 24** Pitch my Project vote closes
- May & June** Artbox in Strathbogie p3
- 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

Swanpool CINEMA

The Zone of Interest M May 4 6pm, May 5 5pm

The Road to Patagonia May 4 8.15pm, May 5 7.15pm

The Great Escaper M May 10 10.30am, May 11 6pm, May 12 5pm

May December MA 15+ May 11 8.15pm, May 12 7.15pm

Just a Farmer M May 17 7pm

The Last Night of Amore M May 18 6pm, May 19 5pm

Fallen Leaves M May 18 8.30pm, May 19 7.30pm

IO Capitano MA 15+ May 25 6pm, May 26 5pm

Hit the Road PG May 25 8pm, May 26 7.30pm

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Cartoon by Peta Manning



Jokes of the Month

Q: What do you call a travelling flea?

A: An itch hiker.

Q: Why did the germ cross the microscope?

A: To get to the other slide.

Q: Where do Killer whales go to get braces?

A: The Orca-dentist.

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A: A fsh.

Contribute to Tableland Talk

Our community newsletter relies on community contributions to publish. We are all about sharing and enjoying Tableland stories and activities. Send us your local tall tales and true, photos and sketches, community and business advertisements. We love to hear from community members of all ages. See email below >>>

Tableland Talk is a community newsletter run by volunteers.

This newsletter is entirely made up of contributions. Contributions to this newsletter are published as a forum for public discussion.

The opinions expressed are the opinions of the contributors and not necessarily the opinions of the TT Team. By publishing contributions this newsletter does not give its authority to the truth or validity of the material contained in contributions.

Readers are reminded that all contributions **MUST** be submitted with the name and address of the writer.

We would appreciate it if all invoices for advertising are paid in full, and promptly - we have to pay to publish.

The TT Team

Library Service

The library service has changed to alternate Mondays 09.45—12.15 in the Soldier's Room at the Hall. No more bus. Next: May 13 & 27.

[GVMobileLibraryTimetable.pdf](http://gvmobilelibrarytimetable.pdf)
gvlibraries.com.au



Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Available for hire— \$150 with \$250 refundable deposit in case carpet cleaning is required.

Bookings contact person is Mary Wynne
m: 0419 592211

Strathbogie Recreation Ground

All bookings are to be made with John O'Brien
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The Deadline for the June edition of Tableland Talk is Monday, May 27, 2024.

e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607

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
Strathbogies Campus
student exhibition
June, 2024

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

Visit www.strathbogies.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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SHIRE COUNCIL

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

Exhibition Schedule:

May – Deborah Cavanagh

**June - Peranbin Primary School,
Strathbogies Campus student exhibition**

Please contact Strathbogies Council on
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the Strathbogies Council website at [https://
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culture/artbox/](https://www.strathbogies.vic.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/artbox/)

*Limited other locations available for 2024

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Strathbogies Shire Council
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Toll Free: 1800 065 993
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Our Strathbogies Store farewells the Townsends

I remember, I remember

When the rumour was quite new

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Could it possibly be true?

And now we know it was so

And how they welcomed us

The community just blossomed

It happened without fuss

Affecting out beyond the store

We got to know each other more

And soon it became the place to meet

And regulars filled every seat (or nearly)

The delightful staff who served us

Enhanced the atmosphere

Family and others we've come to know

And now hold very dear

Friday nights became fish and chips

Then Saturdays hit the map

With burgers every 2nd week

And Joycies beer on tap!

And now has come the time for change

It's hard to see you go

We wish you such bountiful days in the sun

In every way we know

Our gratitude does not end there

We're hugely grateful too

To the locals who've put up their hand

We want to welcome you

With arms out wide for Joanne and Justin

And family too, I hear

Where would we be if you hadn't come?

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- 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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STAG Report

(Tableland Talk)

STAG held their meeting at the Strathbogie Hall on Sunday 21st April at 9.30am finishing at 10.45am.

What does STAG stand for and what do they do???

Strathbogie Tablelands Action Group

We are a community elected committee of 12 members of the community.

We advocate for the entire tablelands, not just Strathbogie Township. There are several community groups and committees, and we all do something different, but we are united by STAG.

STAG will liaise with the relevant people in the shire for roads, footpaths, streetscapes, other capital works and initiate the communication needed to help the community to get funding through grants.

This month at our meeting we thought it would be a good idea for all the groups, committees and clubs to, once a year, in February, have a group meeting and pool all our ideas and need. To discuss and apply for grants as a whole community, so we can support each other's endeavours and have a strategic approach to obtaining funding.

This will kick off for this financial year in June 16th when we will hold 'The Grand Grant' meeting.

The Strathbogie Council held the Strathbogie Tableland Local Area Emergency Plan (LEAP) Community consultation day on Sunday 21st April at the golf club, to hear what our community wants/ expects from the Council and other services to provide, after an emergency event hits our Tableland.

Roads

Creek Junction road is open but still doesn't have lines marked.

Euroa—Strathbogie Road near Mt. Wombat turnoff is completed, with the turn into Mackrells Road greatly improved for large vehicles, trucks, tractors.

It looks like Harry's Creek road upgrade is about to begin. Patience is needed from all of us, as this is a very big job, to be done properly this time. It will take considerable time.

Bonnie Doon Road sides have been cleared from much of the debris after the storms.

Upper Boho road is still a work in process. Remember, if you have a problem with your road, put in an official report to the shire so they know where the problem is.

We are still in consultation with the Council in an attempt to have some type of signage warning of animals on our roads.

Log onto **Strathbogie.vic.gov.au** under the "**Services**" tab, go to "**Roads and grading**" at the bottom of the page, you find the following:

*Keeping our roads safe and in good condition is important to Council. If there's a problem on a road you use, contact Council so we can endeavour to fix it as soon as possible.

To report an issue with a Council-managed road, click here*

We will be having our next meeting on Sunday May 19th at 9.30am. Hopefully, at the Boho South Hall.

Have a great month.

2024 Strathbogie Shire Business Award Nominations Now Open

Help us recognise businesses that provide outstanding products and services in the Strathbogie Shire and nominate them for a **Strathbogie Shire Business Award**.

There are seven award categories including:

1. Service Excellence
2. Tourism Excellence
3. Employee Recognition
4. Excellence in Agriculture (new award)
5. Youth Recognition/Apprenticeship Award (new award)
6. Small Business Award

7. Large Business Award

Nominations are now open and close on Monday 13 May, 2024.

Here's where you can nominate today:

Online: [Visit Euroa Business Awards](#) or [Go Nagambie Business Awards](#)

Email: business.euroa@gmail.com or hello.gonagambie@gmail.com

Post: Go Nagambie, PO Box 71, Nagambie VIC 3608 or Euroa Chamber, PO Box 322, Euroa VIC 3666

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Dear Fiona and Andrew, what to say? except thank you, thank you, thank you!

When you took on our local general store and post office in Strathbogie, in late 2021, it was not the centre of our somewhat scattered community, but it is now. As well as stocking things we need, we could also buy some excellent local goods and produce, including Andrew and Fiona's beef. Our store has turned into a bustling cheerful place for people to meet, chat, eat or just have a coffee, and the lovely thing is that, even if you are by yourself, there is always someone to talk to. It is not just locals who enjoy this wonderful spot – lots of people travelling through our beautiful Tableland, by car, motorcycle or bicycle, meet here for lunch and a drink. I think many of them are very taken by the number of friendly locals coming and going. What a great atmosphere! And what a fantastic last night on Saturday 20th April – a huge turnout, the tables were crammed and the staff worked like crazy to look after us all. Burgers, beers (thanks Joycie) and wine were the favourites. But now it is time for you to have a break, so we want to say a huge, heartfelt thank you, to both of you and all of your lovely staff, including family, for giving us this warm, welcoming space.

The new owners, Jo Stebbing, Justin Ellis and their three young children (Isaac, Tori and Cindy) have moved into the house next door, and are settling in. They are originally from our area, and after working in other parts of Australia they moved back to the Tableland about 5 years ago to have a family. Jo, who has worked extensively in hospitality, says they have been thinking about the General Store for some time, and now, here they are. So, the future for our store is bright. Jo says they will continue fish and chips on a Friday night (yeah!), and they will continue selling locally produced meat (their own). A big welcome to Jo, Justin and family.

Kath Handasyde and Stuart Bridgman



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Strathbogie Shire residents – have your say on our budget!

Strathbogie Shire Council has released the draft 2024–25 budget and fees and charges for public feedback. Administrator Peter Stephenson said the draft budget is a significant document for Council as it sets out how we plan to allocate money for our capital works and community services programs – and the resources required to deliver these.

‘In preparing the draft 2024–25 budget Council has tried to balance community expectations and benefits with financial responsibilities,’ Mr Stephenson said. ‘We have prepared the draft budget based on a 2.75 per cent increase in the average rate per property which is in line with the increase allowed under the State Government’s Fair Go Rates legislation. ‘Rates for individual properties will vary depending on how that property’s valuation has changed compared to the average increase,’ said Mr Stephenson.

The draft budget provides \$11.977 million for our capital works program, together with \$2.972 million carried forward from 2023–24. This includes \$5.79 million on roads, \$746,000 for bridges, \$344,000 for footpaths and cycleways, \$1.015 million for recreation, leisure and community facilities and \$1.16 million for parks, open spaces and streetscapes.

Feedback closes 5.00pm on 24 May 2024.

Have your say on the Council Plan update!

The Strathbogie Council Plan is updated each year and the draft 2024-25 action plan is now open for public feedback. Administrator Peter Stephenson said this is the fourth and final year of the 2021-25 Council Plan prior to a new plan being developed following the October 2024 Local Government Elections.

Feedback closes 5.00pm on 24 May 2024.

The 2021-25 Council Plan is the key strategic document governing allocation of human and financial resources at Council and outlines the actions and strategies used to achieve our Community Vision. ‘By reviewing and updating it each year we can make sure it stays relevant and responsive to unforeseen issues or significant changes impacting our community,’ said Mr Stephenson. ‘This update includes the development of the Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan, adoption of the Urban Growth and Land Use strategies and establishing a significant tree register – and many others. ‘It has been standard practice for Council to update its plan at the same time as the budget and we encourage the community to have their say on both,’ said Mr Stephenson. The updated action plan aligns directly with the funding priorities and key initiatives in the budget – and both documents are now open for public comment.

Draft Council Governance Rules – have your say!

Strathbogie Shire Council is seeking input into an amended draft of the governance rules. Administrator Peter Stephenson said since the 2023 review we have identified some necessary amendments which will result in clearer processes, as well as updating the Election Period Policy in readiness for the October 2024 Local Government Elections.

Governance rules are required under section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020 (The Act) and determine how Councils make decisions fairly and in the best interests of the Strathbogie Shire community. ‘Our draft governance rules underpin the decision-making processes of Council and are a way in which the overarching governance, and supporting principles of The Act are implemented on a day-to-day basis,’ said Mr Stephenson.

Governance rules include:

- Conflicts of interest processes
- Mayor and Deputy Mayor and relevant committee chair election processes
- Council meeting, Audit and Risk Committee and other delegated and community asset committee procedures
- Election Period Policy.

Feedback closes 5.00pm on 15 May 2024.

To view the draft documents and provide feedback people can:

- visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au
 - email us at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au
 - write to us at PO Box 177, Euroa Vic 3666
 - drop in to a survey station in their area:
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Strathbogie Shire Council invites local volunteers to attend the Strathbogie Shire Council - Volunteer Thank You Event to celebrate, recognise and express our sincere thanks to all the remarkable volunteers who have generously contributed their time and energy to enriching our community.

Join fellow volunteers for a light lunch, accompanied by discussions led by our curated panel. Guest will also be the first to hear about our exciting new program, Local Legends, set to launch in May 2024.

When: 12pm, Tuesday 21 May 2024

Venue: Euroa Butter Factory

(Bus transport available from Nagambie)

Bookings are essential for this event. To book, visit:
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What's worth reading on www.strathbogie.org?

Strathbogie Tableland History Group.

Strathbogie Tableland has a long and rich history. The History Group has conducted some fascinating research and prepared interesting publications from which members of the community can learn a great deal about what was what is and why.

To discover Strathbogie Tableland in greater depth visit the following page on www.strathbogie.org https://strathbogie.org/?page_id=203

STAG Communications sub committee

Burning Off in Autumn? Make sure you do it right!

As fire restrictions ease around the state, EPA Victoria is warning landholders that what they toss into the flames while burning off this autumn could be costly for the environment and their hip pocket. EPA Northeast Regional Manager, Ben Kneebone, says many waste items create toxic smoke and residue as they burn.

"Burning farm waste like silage wrap, old tyres and chemical drums sends smoke and other residue into the atmosphere, waterways and soil," Mr Kneebone said. "Don't let a routine burnoff turn into something that contaminates your land or neighbouring properties; send any waste to an appropriately permitted facility," he said.

There's a handy publication dealing with waste disposal and recycling on the EPA website at epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/iwrg641-1 If you are burning fallen trees or other natural wood, make sure they are as dry as possible to limit the volume of smoke, and farmers should make sure they have any relevant council or CFA permits. Timber from buildings, furniture or other manufactured products is not safe to burn because it has probably been chemically treated and would be considered waste.

EPA can fine offenders more than \$9,000 for burning anything other than vegetation-sourced matter like timber and crop stubble. "Farmers understand how important a clean environment is to their livelihood and their community," Mr Kneebone said. "By thinking twice about what goes onto the pile when burning off, you can protect the environment from contamination of the soil, water and air around your farm and your neighbours," he said. "You can also protect yourself from a hefty fine, which EPA would consider if we [find](#) evidence on illegal matter getting burned."

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or providing details online at epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution



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Quiz question of the month

Question: Near Colac is a lagoon which contains six islands. What makes these islands unusual?



Answer: They are called "The Floating Islands." They move, as much as 20 meters in a few minutes. The reason why remains unknown.

We're here for you

Monday:	9:30am - 4:30pm*
Tuesday:	9:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday:	9:30am - 4:30pm*
Thursday:	9:30am - 4:30pm*
Friday:	9:00am - 12:00pm

(* Closed for lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm)

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**Rural Contracting
Tractor, Fencing
& Chainsaw Work**

Tractor Work Using Deutz Fahr 96hp Tractor:

- ◊ Flail Mowing with 2.4m (8ft) cutting width
- ◊ Front End Loader Work - Bucket, Heavy Stick Rake, Pallet Forks
- ◊ Hay handling with front and rear forks
- ◊ Post Hole Digging - 6" to 24" diameter augers
- ◊ Harrowing with 4m (13ft) harrows
- ◊ Grading with 1.8m (6ft) grader blade
- ◊ Light Plowing / Scarification with 3.2m S-Tine Cultivator
- ◊ Pulling, Pushing and Towing - 4wd and 4 wheel diff locks can pull whole trees!



Fencing, Chainsaw & General Work:

- ◊ New Fence Erections
- timber, steel or concrete posts, wire or wire/hinge joint fences
- ◊ Fence Repair and Clearing Trees Off Fences
- ◊ Chainsaw Work and other tasks around the farm



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RATES: Tractor Work: \$77 per hour incl. GST (\$70 + GST)
Other Work: \$55 per hour incl. GST (\$50+GST)

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

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The Bookshelf – notes from the Bohomians Bookclub

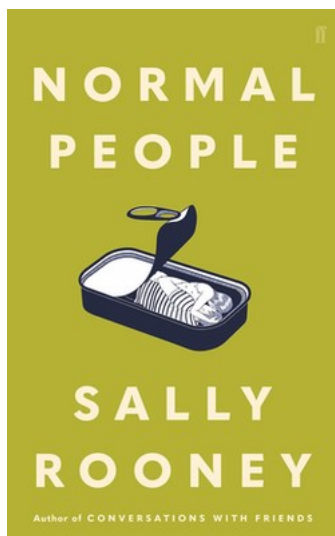
Normal People by Sally Rooney, Faber & Faber Ltd, 2018

This novel has earned a veritable multitude of rave reviews from a wide range of illustrious sources, from the Times Literary Supplement, the Guardian, the New York Times, the Economist, to name but a few; the flyleaf lists a mere nine (!) awards, and the author is heralded as the “novelist defining a generation.” *Normal People* is also available to watch as a miniseries on Stan and Hulu, and was republished as a paperback in 2022. Moreover, it is listed as ‘one of Taylor Swift’s favourite books’!! The latter accolade is telling. The target audience for *Normal People* is seen, variously, as 13 to 23, 18 to 30 and 20 to 30.

Irish boy (Connell) meets Irish girl (Marianne) in senior school. Girl is a victim of emotional and physical abuse from her wealthy family and unsympathetic peers. Boy experiences anxiety and depression as he enters early adulthood. Boy and girl move through and around each other while at Trinity College, Dublin, entering a variety of other relationships, always finding their way back to each other, where they find they are able to ‘get’ and comfort each other. The future of Marianne and Connell’s relationship is left up to the reader to determine.

If the synopsis above reads as a somewhat unsympathetic take on this novel, then so be it. To be fair, the dialogue is deftly handled and a number of more peripheral characters are swiftly and capably developed, but Marianne and Connell’s journey as friends/lovers/friends and lovers/friends and sometimes lovers is weighted down by the inconclusive stops and starts of their relationship encapsulated within the choppy structure of the novel. Perhaps Rooney’s intention was to capture the awkwardness and emotional gymnastics of late adolescence/early adulthood, and if so, she succeeds in that. However, one’s reading lifespan as a mature-age reader is perhaps too short to engage in extended reflection on a period that, while necessary and instructive, is best shelved for occasional reminiscence. So many good books to read; so little time, but if you’re aged between 18 and 30, go for it!

Ruth Fluhr



Sally Rooney, 33, is an Irish author and screenwriter, born in Castlebar, Ireland, in 1991. She was educated at Trinity College, Dublin.

She has published three novels: *Conversations with Friends* (2017), *Normal People* (2018) and *Beautiful World, Where Are You?* (2021). The first two were adapted into television miniseries, *Normal People* and *Conversations with Friends*.

Genre: Fiction

Notable works: [Conversations with Friends](#) (2017); [Normal People](#)

Next month:

After Story by Larissa Behrendt, UQP, 2021.



Recipe of the Month:

Scalloped Potatoes

Ingredients

1kg potatoes
300ml cream
1 tspn minced garlic
1 tspn curry powder
1 tspn chicken stock
Bacon pieces
Mozzarella cheese



Method

Preheat oven to 180C

Peel and slice potatoes. Layer in a greased oven proof dish.

Mix together cream, garlic, curry powder and chicken stock. Pour over potatoes. Sprinkle bacon pieces on top and cover with mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 1/2 hour. Remove foil and bake another 1/2 hour until all is soft and golden.

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

Commemoration of the ANZACs

Wednesday 24th April saw the return of a past tradition in Bogie, with the Strathbogie Campus of Peranbin College and the Strathbogie Tableland History Group combining to organize a commemoration for the ANZACs, followed by a morning tea and displays in the Soldier's Room of the Memorial Hall.



All those in attendance commented on how wonderful it was to see such up and happening again and what credit the School Children were to their parents, teachers and community.



The morning started with all in attendance following our wonderful Bagpiper, Greg Roberts, to the War Memorial in Main Street. Once at the Memorial, Carissa made a Welcome to Country Address



In true small community style, our MC Chris Thomson had organised two fire trucks, manned by Campbell and Dave to block traffic at either end of the street – thank-you!



Guest speaker Jeff Starkey was a perfect speaker, talking about local things and people, not just random war facts. Did you realise that

the War Memorial was funded entirely by the Bogie Community dipping into their pockets to the tune of what would be \$50,000 in today's



dollars? It also took three days to transport up here.

It was beautiful and moving to then hear from some of the School Children, reading out letters of gratitude that they had each written to our past service men and women. All spoke



beautifully.

The Last Post was then played followed by a 2-minute silence, for all to reflect on the sacrifices made.

Fittingly, Allan Rowarth raised the flag during the playing of the Rouse.

Those in attendance then combined to sing our National Anthem, before the laying of wreaths at the Memorial.

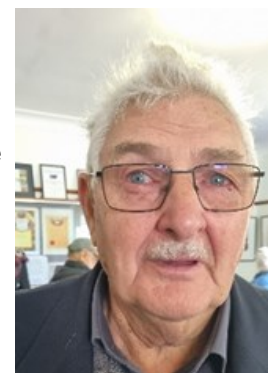
At the conclusion of the ceremony all retreated to the warmth of the Hall, to partake in morning tea and view all the historical detail on display.

The children received a well-deserved round of applause as they entered the Soldier's Room, bringing a tear of joy to Allan Rowarth's eyes. It was wonderful to see the Children so engaged, with the Juniors asking their teacher, Tess Scanlan to read them the letters homes from the War to the Hobbs Family.



All in all a wonderful morning...a big thank you Tracey & Chris Thomson, the CFA, Allan Rowarth, Victoria Fry, Tess Scanlan, Greg Roberts, Jeff Starkey and our School Children.

Video's can be viewed at the Strathbogie Tableland History Group's Facebook site.
Lisa Duggan



Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

Strathbogie campus would like to extend a warm welcome our new students and their family. Billie in Grade 5 and Elwood in Grade 1, both students have settled in seamlessly.

We have had our first Art and Bogie Backyard session with Suzie and it was great to have her back. We heard about her amazing adventure and she gave the students African coins from her travels. In Art we worked on our echo pictures and freestyle drawing, and in Bogie Backyard we started preparing our garden beds for planting.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been lucky to have some beautiful weather at Bogie. This allowed us to get out into the garden with Ms S. to start work on our new garden path. The students came up with ideas on how to get from the sandpit to the tap without walking over the garden and their initiative and collaboration has produced some amazing results. A huge thank you to Dave Sweet for constructing the stepping bridge and working with the students on their ideas.



In Maths both classes have been collecting, sorting, and analysing data. Juniors have been learning about bar and pie charts and how to tally. Seniors have been analysing and creating dot plots and line graphs. All students went for a walk to the creek with Ms S. to survey and tally the number of wildlife observed. Both classes have been building their number skills in Maths. Juniors have been reading writing and building 1,2- and 3-digit numbers, while the Seniors have investigated odd and even numbers and been working with decimal tenths and hundredths and extending their knowledge of multiplication facts.

During our Health sessions with Miss Jung, we are learning about Cyber Safety and what it means both at school and at home. PE for the Seniors was a knockout tournament using the throwing skills they have enhanced over the last couple of sessions, while the Juniors continued practising over-arm throws.

AUSLAN had students reviewing their outside the house signs and learning new signs for vegetables.

Senior Inquiry saw us learning the legend of Romulus and Remus and the founding of Rome and they created a comic strip depicting the story. The Junior Class learnt the story of the “Elves and the Shoemaker,” and made their own paper shoes.



The Senior’s had their first Euroa Secondary College transition session with Mr Cooke, who was accompanied by former student, Anika Murray

We are learning about ANZAC Day and were privileged to have Allan Rowarth and Tracey Thomson visit to share their family history of their fathers who fought in WWII. The students were able to hear stories about their time as prisoners of war, look at pictures taken at the time and to see the medals presented to them including for “front line service” during the war.

We will be participating in Anzac Commemorative Day events on Wednesday 24th April with the Strathbogie community. Students cooked ANZAC biscuits as a fundraiser for our campus, thank you to everyone who supported us by buying some biscuits.