



February, 2021



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What's On

Please contact each organiser to check for current arrangements.

Every Third Monday - 7.30pm
STAG meet at Strathbogie Hall.
Helen Peters, Secretary.

Every Second Tuesday of the month - Strathbogie Memorial Hall Committee meets 6pm in the Hall.
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 - Strathbogie (except in School Holidays)
Ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

Every Second Month - Strathbogie Landcare first Sunday 9-11am
Contact Sean 0400 019 607

Every Second and Fourth Sunday - Church service at St Andrews Church - Strathbogie 11.00am

First Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 5790 8523

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

Every Third Sunday of the month - 4pm Strathbogie Community of Food Finders at the Recreation Ground

Every Thursday - 5pm. Tennis at the Recreation Reserve. All welcome. Secretary Mayra Walsh

Every Thursday - 6 - 8.30pm. Pizza and drinks at the Rec Ground

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Feb 5 8pm

The Dry: Feb 6 8pm, Feb 7 4pm

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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.

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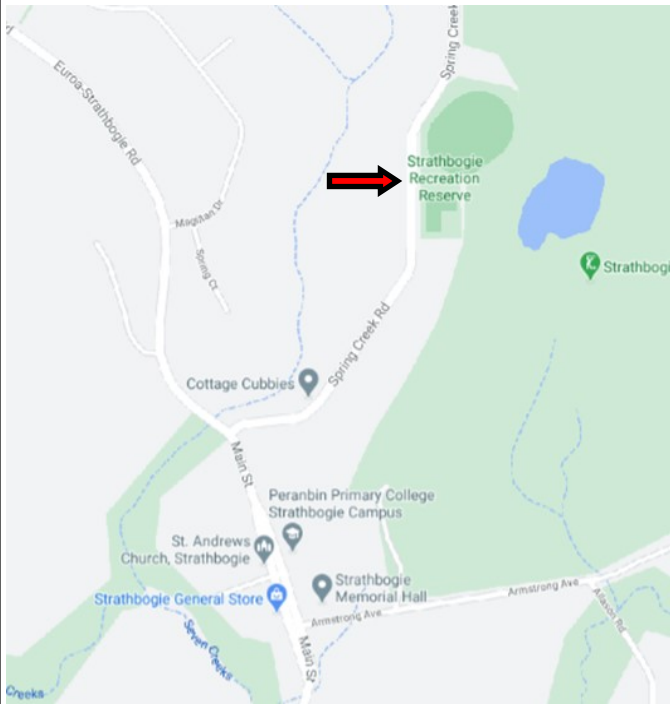
The TT Team

The Deadline for the March edition of Tableland Talk is Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

e: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, m: 0400 019 607, or via Strathbogie PO / Store.

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

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It can be operated using credit cards or if an account is opened, a dongle is supplied and RFS will even do on farm deliveries for larger quantities of diesel. The instructions are attached to the inside of the access (black) door which is located on the front and it is easy to master the process.

Having such a handy facility in Strathbogie is something we do not want to lose. In the event of a fire, the recreation ground is a staging area for the CFA and they are very keen to retain it, noting that the next closest fuel is a 1 hour return trip to Euroa, if the roads are clear.

Please, please give it a go and support your local community.

Mark Reynolds from RFS is available on 0418 510 028 if anyone requires assistance with the facility.

Stuart Bridgeman

STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP INC.

While Council put the Community Planning Program and associated funding on hold for 2020/21, STAG has continued to work on a number of projects.

Covid Community Grant

Funding received through Council's COVID Community Grant Program has been used to purchase hand sanitiser units for both the Rec Ground and the Hall and to transfer the community website to a new host. The Communications Sub-committee will be auditing the various sites and liaising with site managers re updates. The grant funding will also be used to refurbish the main board of the community noticeboard in Main Street.

Spring Creek Picnic Area

STAG is continuing to have discussions with Council in relation to this project, however there are ongoing issues that are still to be resolved. Of particular concern is the continued use by vehicles of the pedestrian path which is frequented by children and bicycles. Apart from the safety factor, this is causing erosion and damage to the path.

Township Signage

STAG received two designs for township signage last year however only one was received by the closing date. After some discussion it was decided that, as there are already Shire signs at each entrance to the town and the cost involved would be significant (and therefore prohibit STAG from supporting other projects) not to proceed at this time.

Two designs were received and we would like to thank those who took the time to submit them. Only one design was submitted within the advertised timeframe and STAG would like to display it at the picnic area.

Water Tank for the CFA

It is disappointing that the installation of the tank and generator at the Rec Ground, which was promised by mid-December, is still not complete. While the tank is in place the generator, which has been stored at Brady and Kibble since April 2019 is still to be connected. The CFA Captain also advised the recent STAG meeting that a high volume pump will be required to enable tankers to be filled quickly and efficiently.

Community Planning Review

Cr Raeburn attended STAG's meeting in January and, when asked about the Community Planning Review, advised that a meeting of all Action Groups is planned.

AGM

STAG's AGM will be held on Monday 15th February commencing at 7.30pm at the Hall.

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- Offers of assistance
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- Lost / missing animals or people!
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Australia Day, Strathbogie



Andrew Townsend Citizen of the Year

The Hall Committee has had a busy few weeks preparing for the hall to reopen after being closed for COVID. The Strathbogie Shire Council provided a thorough cleaning during the COVID shut down and did some minor repairs. This made for a very "spick and span" space for us to celebrate the Australia Day Ceremony last Tuesday.

Apparently, it was the first time the ceremony had been held indoors. We were pleased we weren't outside because right on our time to begin there was a huge downpour of beautiful much needed rain. Due to the inclement weather the flag was raised inside, by Shirley Dash, who only recently retired from the Hall Committee after serving for over 15 years, and Ariel Margrie, a student from our local school.

The event was attended by around 60 people from near and far. Due to restrictions there was no official Australia Day Ambassador, but we were able to have our very own excellent speakers.

Our resident Strathbogie Tableland History Group President, Lisa Duggan, hosted an Armchair Conversation with two long term Bogie residents, Brian Law and Allan Rowarth. Both these gentlemen had been to different primary schools in the district and then followed on their secondary education at Euroa. They have spent their lives here, working and being outstanding community members, playing football, cricket, tennis and golf as well as volunteering on those committees. They also told great stories of their days as volunteer firefighters.

Lisa kept everyone on the edges of their seats listening to the great tales of their lives on the Tableland. We felt honoured and inspired that they were able to share such wonderful stories.

The Citizen of the Year went to Andrew Townsend. Andrew who has lived in Strathbogie for over 30 years was honoured for his great volunteer work and his contribution to youth in the area.

Tom Hamilton won the Junior Citizen Award for his contribution to our community as a CFA member and for his work as a lifesaver at Anglesea.

Due to COVID precautions, we observed on screen singing of the National Anthem and We Are One.

Following the ceremony, the attendees were treated to the traditional Australia Day Morning Tea of lamingtons, followed by an early lunch BBQ of sausages and onions.

From all accounts, it was a great gathering of people, happy to be able to come together as a community to catch up after one of the most difficult years in the majority's life time.

Our next meeting will be held at the Hall on Tues Feb 9 at 6 pm.

Mary Wynne

Strathbogie Landcare News

Our local Landcare group is looking forward to a productive 2021. Once again we have strong membership numbers and the new Committee is keen to further engage with our community. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. We look forward to meeting our new members. Ideas for new projects are under discussion. Anyone who wants to participate is encouraged to come along to our meetings. The next meeting is on Sunday February 7, 9am at the Hall. All welcome.

If you have walked Bridge to Bridge or the extension tracks recently, you will have noted the effectiveness of the latest round of blackberry and woody weed treatment. Also, look out for the coming refurbished



Blackberry kill between Smiths and Armstrong Ave bridges

interpretive signage. Commencing this year, regular maintenance as per Bridge to Bridge is being planned for the extension tracks.

The Landcare / Shire Roadside Weed Program is also to be improved this year by Tableland appropriate timing.

Parks Vic plan rabbit control measures along the extension section of Wildlife Reserve corridor in 2021. If anyone has a problem with Common Mynas on their property, Landcare have loan traps available.

For the Pasture Demonstration Sites, another Field Day is planned for 2021. This time looking at the effectiveness of giberalllic acid and molybdenum applications.

Last year's Galls Gap tree plantings look good. We will work toward more of this and new public speakers as well.

Sean Mathews, Secretary snmthws@bigpopnd.com



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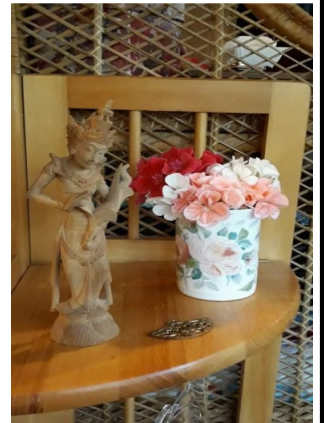
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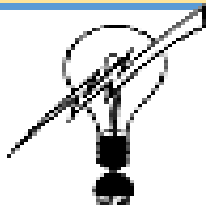


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The Name Game: Flights of Fancy

Some scientific names of animals (*Dreadnoughtus* springs to mind) are a bit far out, and even some common names sound fanciful. What, for instance, is a Cacomistle? a Fanaloka? a Boky? Some puzzles to wonder about in idle moments. But it might be more entertaining to contemplate some *really* fanciful names – ones invented by authors for creatures of their imagination. What brought the topic to mind was re-reading the enigmatic story of *The Hunting of the Snark*, Lewis Carroll's 1876 long nonsense poem. His *Through the Looking Glass* (follow-up to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*) provides us with one of the most celebrated of fanciful beasts, the Jabberwock. We know exactly what a Jabberwock looks like, because there's a magnificent depiction of it in Chapter 1: it's a fearsome-looking creature, with elements of dragon, dinosaur, eagle and who-knows-what-else in its make-up. What's the source of the name 'Jabberwock'? No-one but Carroll knows. The original intention had been to have the illustration as the frontispiece of *Looking Glass*, but Carroll changed his mind because he was afraid that it might frighten young children. So a gentle and likeable character in the story, the White Knight, ended up serving in the role.

The Jabberwock shares its homeland with a number of other strange inhabitants. All we know of the Jubjub bird is that we should beware of it; the picture of it in *Looking Glass*, however, doesn't reveal what is so formidable about it. The Bandersnatch, on the other hand, is known to be *frumious* (none the wiser? – it's a mix of fuming and furious), but we have no idea what it looks like. Both the Jubjub ('a desperate bird') and the Bandersnatch (with its 'frumious jaws') re-appear in *The Snark*, but without any significant additional information about them.

What do we know about the Snark itself? The name is surely a mix of *snake* and *shark*, an eminently scary combination. The illustrator produced a draft sketch of a Snark, and it certainly looks alarming, but it didn't find a place in the book as published. Carroll freely admitted that he had no idea what a Snark looked like, and he wanted readers to imagine it for themselves rather than having someone else's idea dished up to them. In fact a small and partly obscured rear view of a Snark did sneak through, but the little you can see of it is more suggestive of a walrus than anything else.

Why the Snark was hunted, and what the hunters would have done with it had they caught it, are also matters of conjecture. We do know that there are several varieties of Snark, of which one, the Boojum, will cause you – if you try to catch it – to 'softly and suddenly vanish away, and never be met with again.'

Tragically, it turns out that the Snark of the poem is indeed a Boojum, and so ... end of story.

Angus Martin

Children's Imaginative Drawing Competition.

Can you show our readers what a Jubjub bird looks like, a Bandersnatch, a Snark? You might like to read Lewis Carroll's wonderful stories to look for clues. Let your imagination go wild and send your pictures to tablelandtalk@gmail.com We will publish a gallery of your images in the March edition.

All ages welcome.

Brave new world

by Donmil

So we say good-bye to 2020 –
A year that gave us grief aplenty;
And I can't help wondering now and then:
Will things ever be the same again?



Quiz question of the month

Which bird, only found in Victoria and Tasmania, is often attracted by an imitation of its clicking call and builds nests using spider's web and lichen?



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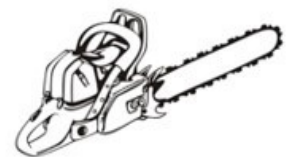
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watched a family of owls in its branches – what lovely experiences it has brought to their garden.



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Quiz answer

The **Pink Robin** (only the male has the pink
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Time to Present the Shape of Things!

Sue Paton

One sign of a healthy, thriving community culture is a dynamic arts scene. Violet Town has enjoyed a resurgence of the arts over the last few years with special events, music, visual and performing arts all flourishing in forms and venues new and old. But Violet Town was not exempt from the dampener that COVID necessarily imposed on Victoria and many a good thing was stopped in its tracks, in the interests of our collective safety.

Now, we hope, the time has come to pick up where we left off and celebrate the talents and the creativity of the artists in our community.

That's why we are so glad to be able to present, in March, ***The Shape of Things***, the 2021 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition, where local artists are encouraged to submit two and three -dimensional original pieces representing individual interpretations of that theme.

With the support of REFRESH funding, VAMP is organising a series of arts events over 6 weeks in Violet Town's backART Gallery in Tulip Street. ***The Honeysuckle Art Exhibition is one of these, to be held between March the 12th and the 28th.***

Celebrated sculptor, Shaun Murphy has agreed to be the guest artist and his impressive works will be on display throughout the exhibition. Weekend entertainments in March include a Chair Circus and an Open Mic. evening.

If you are an artist, dust off your canvasses, sharpen your chisel and get to work. Substantial prizes are there to be won.

Or if you're a discerning patron of the arts or you just like to enjoy what others have made, come along to ***Opening Night on Friday March the 12th*** at 7.30 pm at the backART Gallery, 20 Cowslip Street.

It will cost you \$10.00, which includes a light supper, a glass of wine, the engaging spoken word of Sim Ayres and wonderful music by the superbly talented Jo Jo Smith.

This is a popular event and numbers will be capped to keep everyone COVID-safe so bookings are essential.

To book contact 0408981435 or email: honeysuckle3669@gmail.com

Artists only:

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For more information visit <https://www.violettown.org.au/what-s-on>

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The Honeysuckle Arts Co-operative (HAC) is a sub-committee of VAMP

Violet Town Honeysuckle Art Exhibition

The Shape of Things

March 12th - March 28th 2021

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(I'm still working in Euroa a couple of days a week).



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LONGWOOD BEER WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY FEB 27 2021
2PM - 8PM

For the Love of Ale 2021

LONGWOOD RECREATION RESERVE
LONGWOOD VICTORIA

BEER - WINE - CIDER - FOOD VENDORS
LIVE MUSIC - KID'S ACTIVITIES - SHUTTLE BUSES
JESSICA LORRAINE BAND - GRIM FAWKNER

PRE-SALE TICKETS: \$25
ONSALE VIA WEBSITE
AT THE GATE: \$30 U/18S FREE

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SEVENS CREEK WAGYU

Farmgate Lunch & Store

Visit Sevens Creek Wagyu farm in Strathbogrie for a barbeque you won't forget. Bookings are welcome but not essential. Conveniently located 1.3km from Polly McQuinn's swimming hole on Sevens Creek.

You can arrive at the farm any time between 11.00am to 4.00pm. From there you'll be able to pick your own steak, which will be served with vegetables roasted in Wagyu fat and sides.

Prices range from \$40 - \$90 per plate (depending on how fancy the steak is that you choose). We also offer other fare like charcuterie & sharing platters as well as a kids menu. Sevens Creek Wagyu is pooch friendly but they must be on a lead.

Soft drink and water will be available to purchase, but please BYO booze.

We look forward to welcoming you to a Sevens Creek Wagyu Lunch experience.

Our Farm to Your Plate

Wagyu & Produce is available for purchase at our Farm Store

Book online at www.sevenscreekwagyu.com.au

Open 11am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday

85 Richards Lane Strathbogrie

Phone: 0427 765 550

Sassy Sister Decadent Blueberry Liqueur

A labour of love and passion from Amanda Furlong and Rob Mitchell. We create Sassy Sister at Bilyara Springs, our sustainable farm and craft distillery, nestled in the foothills of Victoria's pristine Strathbogrie Ranges. Made using our organically grown berries, and locally sourced Oak aged spirits, Sassy Sister is distilled and bottled on site at Bilyara Springs.

With Sassy Sister we celebrate and honour generations of strong and independent women. The name Sassy Sister is inspired by two sisters from our family, who combine sweet natures with a zesty wit and luscious vintage style. These sassy sisters have matured into beautiful and capable women - just as our own Sassy Sister has matured into a sumptuous and sophisticated liqueur.

Available across the North East, in Euroa through Strathbogrie Local Open Food Network, Weekend Local and Burtons SUPA IGA. She is in both supermarkets in Mansfield and she can be tasted as a cocktail at the Luna Bar in Mansfield where "Sassy Smash" is on their cocktail list.

Or buy direct from www.sassysisterliqueur.com.au

