



April, 2021

## Tableland Brigades Celebrate Funding Success, but no new Shed for Strathbogie yet.

Eight CFA brigades across the Euroa electorate will receive funding under the latest round of the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

Member for Euroa and Deputy Leader of The Nationals Steph Ryan said it was important local emergency services were supported, particularly following the huge effort many put in over the Black Summer bushfires.

“These grants help brigades – many of whom do an extraordinary amount of their own fundraising – to purchase critical operational equipment and appliances to protect our local communities.”

“Eight local brigades will receive a share of more than \$700,000 of funding for vehicles and appliances and minor facility improvements that will ensure their betterment of future firefighting capabilities.”

Successful CFA brigades included:

- Avenel: \$41,094 towards a new field command vehicle
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- Nagambie: \$8,967 towards a new electric gate
- Rushworth: \$321,667 towards a new medium tanker
- Strathbogie: \$193,333 towards a new light tanker

The Seymour SES unit has also received \$60,604 to assist with purchasing a new vehicle.

Ms Ryan said while it was wonderful to see brigades including Strathbogie earmarked to receive a new light tanker, urgent funding was still needed to upgrade their existing station.

“Strathbogie’s fire station is no longer viable for the brigade. With such little storage, the brigade has no option but to store their ultralight tanker at a neighbour’s property.

“The Andrews Labor Government must act immediately and find a new home for the brigade to ensure that any additional tankers can be safely stored and that future firefighting capabilities aren’t compromised.”

Steph Ryan MP



## What's On

*Please contact each organiser to check COVID-19 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

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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.

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*The TT Team*

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**The Deadline** for the May edition of Tableland Talk is Monday, April 26, 2021.

e: [tablelandtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

## Exploration Drilling in the Tallangallook Dry Creek Historic Area



*A drill rig set up in in the same area in 2020.*

Currawong Resources holds an Exploration Licence (EL006430) over the Tallangallook area and has been conducting work here since May 2018, when our licence was granted. As part of our exploration activities, we will be commencing a diamond drilling program in the Tallangallook Dry Creek Historic Area in mid-April 2021 for approximately three months. This programme is a continuation of drilling work we completed in the same area throughout 2020.

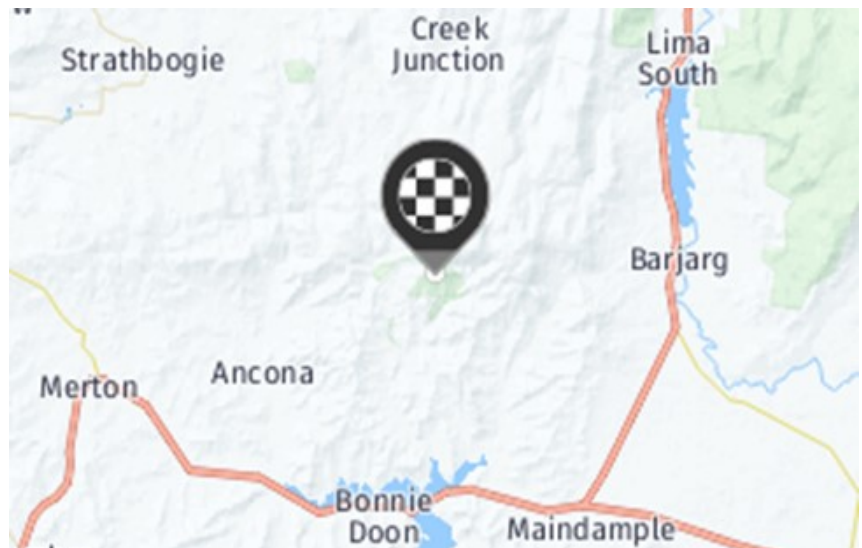
Diamond drilling is used to extract a continuous cylindrical core of rock, which is then analysed to help us obtain detailed information about the type of rock and mineral content in the ground below. It is used to further understand the geology of 'areas of interest', identified through previous geophysical and geochemical processes such as mapping and soil sampling.

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*Our drilling location within the Tallangallook Dry Creek Historic Area.*

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- Information on your local business or service

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## The Name Game: Short and Sweet

### Angus Martin

It's sometimes said that taxonomists delight in giving the smallest animals the biggest names: the pig, for instance, is *Sus scrofa*, whereas the tiny vinegar fly is *Drosophila melanogaster*. But that doesn't hold as a general rule; I suspect, however, that some names are longer than they really need to be, perhaps reflecting a kind of taxonomic one-upmanship. In theory there's no upper limit on the length of names, though users are entitled to regard oversize ones as a damned nuisance. There's a much greater challenge in trying to make names as short as possible, but I'm confident that I know who would get the prize: British zoologist Oldfield Thomas (1858-1929), who named a newly-discovered Asian bat *la io* in 1902. *la* was a beautiful maiden in Greek mythology; *io*, a priestess who became one of Zeus' lovers (as well as being a moon of Jupiter). Writing at a time before political correctness became obligatory, Thomas explained that use of the names reflected his view that young women and bats are equally flighty creatures.



And now I'll honour the erudition of Oldfield Thomas and the virtue of brevity by shutting up.

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- \* Registration numbers
- \* People involved male, female, how many



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Illegal firewood

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Peter Roberts on behalf of Strathbogie Landcare.



## Violet Town RSL sub Branch

Welcome Neighbours to TT, our wonderful local News Paper. If Covid stays away we will be joining with so many other RSL Branches to provide an opportunity to reflect and remember all the service Men & Women who sacrificed so much for us and our Australian nation on 25th April, ANZAC DAY.

You are welcomed to join us at our Dawn Service at 0600 or at the Memorial Service at 1000. You can lay a Wreath to Honour those you would like to remember. You can also join in the March which starts about 1030. We will line up in front of the Memorial Hall in Cowslip St with a short March to Hyacinth St, take a left turn and head towards the VTFC for morning tea.

If you would like to lay a Wreath, please drop a note into the VT Cafe, VT Corner Store, Monkey Business, or the Box I'll leave at Strathbogie Store. Or if you would like to post a note to VT RSL, PO Box 96 Violet Town 3669. If we know who will be laying wreaths it will help the Memorial service to run smoothly.

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John Ryan, President

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## STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP INC.

Two representatives from STAG attended a combined Community Action Group meeting to consider possible changes to the model defining Council's approach to working with the Action Groups. Six Action Groups attended and it was agreed that the current model should continue with some minor changes.

The group identified a range of improvements to the current model that the Shire could consider to refine their approach to working with Community Action Groups. These included:

- Confirmation of funding and alignment with a full calendar year
- Having a key person at Council for Community Action Groups to contact (Currently, there is no Grants Officer)
- Clarification of eligibility for Community Grants: who can apply and do they align with Community Action Plans
- The need for more Council support and promotion of Action Groups
- Council to host an annual forum for Action Groups to provide support and enable the sharing of issues and ideas.
- Council to host a specific session on insurance issues

Action Groups to play a role in the community engagement sessions planned for the Council plan.

### Annual General Meeting

STAG's AGM was held on 15 March and included reports from the Chairperson, Treasurer and three sub-committees: Communications, Emergency and Roads.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Dana Last and we thank her for her contribution.

Office bearers are as follows:

Chairperson: David Hamilton Vice-Chairperson: Andrew Townsend

Secretary: Helen Peters Treasurer: Henry O'Connor

It was agreed that some of the Secretary's tasks would be shared amongst the committee and we thank Natasha for the time she has devoted to arranging the Telstra session.

Lastly, the noticeboard in Main Street has been replaced as part of a Covid grant STAG applied for.

STAG meets in the Soldiers Room at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month (except January) and all community members are welcome to attend.

## The temporary opening hours at our Euroa branch are:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays:

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## The Ground Storey Part 2 - Nutrient recycling and moisture retention

(This is the second article drawn from a recent publication\* about the role of 'the ground storey' - fallen logs, branches, sticks and leaves - as habitat.)

Invertebrates, fungi and bacteria live and work within fallen logs and the organic ground layer to ultimately return the 'captured' nutrients to the soil – nutrient recycling.



**Compost for the soil:** A home gardener knows that healthy plants need healthy soil, and a strong indication of healthy soil is the presence of earthworms. These unassuming invertebrates are the champions of nutrient recycling. They quickly digest and break down organic matter to deposit as nutritious castings, they provide aeration and enable moisture to move freely and deeply through the soil profile – even the earthworms 'slime' contains nourishing nitrogen. Their bodies are nutrient-packed, so when they die, they become 'instant fertiliser'.



**Homes for earthworms:** A healthy domestic garden usually provides optimum conditions in which earthworms can thrive. In a rural setting, conditions are harsher, drier and less predictable, but earthworms still seek a place to live and work. All components of the organic ground layer provide protection and help trap soil moisture, and it is here the humble earthworm will be found.



**A place for fungi:** A multitude of fungi species are nutrient recyclers found growing on, around and beneath fallen logs. Although it appears that fungi 'eats away' at logs, as a true decomposer, fungi utilises chemical and biological processes to directly absorb nutrients and break down the log's organic structure. Eventually, this matter is returned to the ground where the once-captive nutrients rejoin the soil...to feed the next generation of germinating seedlings.

**The role of bacteria:** Fallen logs, soil, moss, lichen, fragments of insects, leaves and roots are also home to the tiniest of decomposers – bacteria. Bacteria is important because it can immobilise the nitrogen present in the soil, keeping it from being lost to the air and water. Bacteria confines nitrogen to the root zone to nourish growing plants and trees. Bacteria can also act as a disease suppressor, break down acids in the soil to release nutrients, help aerate the soil and accelerate creation of topsoil and humus.

Next month's articles will cover the ground storey's role in reducing erosion and weeds.

\* Mentiplay-Smith, J. (2020). *The Ground Storey: Fallen logs, branches, sticks and leaves for wildlife, property and landscape health.*

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### Quiz question of the month

Q: Which Australian Aboriginal painter held his first exhibition in Melbourne on December 5 1938, selling all of the 41 paintings exhibited?

A: see bottom of page 13

### Joke of the Month



A boss was searching for an employee. Finally, he found her sitting at a table eating her lunch. He immediately said, "Where the hell have you been? I have been trying to find you all morning!"

She shrugged and replied, "Good employees are hard to find."

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# 2021 Honeysuckle Art Exhibition “The Shape of Things”



It's all over for another year!

It was a wonderful exhibition! Every exhibition seems to be an improvement on the one before.

The HAC committee thanks everyone who came to Opening Night, came to see the art works on the days the exhibition was open and especially those who volunteered to be the welcoming face in the gallery greeting the visitors and answering queries.

Even greater thanks go, however, to John Thornhill who volunteered many, many hours to

be on the Museum desk on the Opening Night and throughout the exhibition and the one to deal with all things financial. Greatly appreciated thankyou John!

Thanks too to the artists! We have a rich pool of talent in this NE region. Their responses to the theme were so varied in the materials that were used, the colours, the images and the ideas.



Dr Rebecca Coates, Director of the Shepparton Art Museum, graciously came to the Opening event to judge and present the awards. The Open Award went to Michael Flatt for his photograph *Curvating*. Four Honourable Mentions were given to Abbey Cecil for *Bird*, Maria Egerton for *Brain Noise*, Amanda Hocking for *My Blue Horses* and Wolf Passauer for *Bird*.

The two Children's art awards went to Ariel Jarvis for *Runt Ostrich* and Judah Ferguson for *Bush Painting 2*.

Congratulations to all of those artists!

Everyone who visited the exhibition was able to place a vote for the People's Choice award worth \$400. As the votes cannot be counted until the end of the exhibition, we don't yet know the result at the time of writing this article. We will let you know in early April via the Community Notice board and the HAC facebook page and also via the May Tableland Talk.

Finally thanks to the Strathbogie Shire for their funding support of REFRESH.

Thank you also to VTAG for their sponsorship of the art awards and Carlisle Arts Benalla for sponsoring the Honourable Mention awards.

Until next exhibition, cheers from the Honeysuckle Art Collective (HAC), part of VAMP.

Sue Paton

## Dan down

by Donmil

As I was coming down the stair,  
Dan, I noticed, wasn't there;  
He wasn't there again today –  
I'm hoping, Dan, that you're OK.

[You may recognise this as a parody of the classic:

As I was coming down the stair/ I met a man who wasn't there/  
He wasn't there again today/ Oh, how I wish he'd go away]

## St John's, Euroa and St Attracta's, Violet Town.

The pleasant Autumn weather is with us and Covid is staying away. Praise the Lord

With Easter just around the corner a lot is happening.

HOLY THURSDAY 1st April, at 7.30

evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St John's followed by "The Watch" until 9.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April at 3.00pm at St John's will be the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

Violet Town at 5.30pm we will be gathering at St Dunstan's Anglican Church for an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April there will be an Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm at St. John's

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April at St Attracta's Mass will be at 8.30am and at 10.00am Mass will be at St. John's

All are welcomed to any of the Services or Masses not only over Easter but all year.

May we wish you, your families and friends a very Safe, Happy and Holy Easter.

John Ryan for Parish Priest: Fr Tony Hill



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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](http://www.sassysisterliqueur.com.au)



## Pretty as a Picture



Many people are drawn to live on the Tableland because of its natural beauty. With its rolling hills covered with native bushland and picturesque farmland, how could you not fall in love with this countryside?

Linking these landscapes is roadside vegetation. As soon as you drive up the hill, you're instantly struck by the difference.

Here on the Tableland, roadside vegetation frames your journey. With grand, old Eucalypts and a wide range of other native plants, our roadsides are in complete contrast to those found in other parts of Victoria.

Just a short drive down the hill in most directions, the landscape is often starkly different, with its sparse vegetation that is often in decline. In these landscapes, it is common to see livestock desperately seeking the shade of any tree, be it an isolated tree in the middle of an over-grazed paddock or from what little roadside vegetation remains.

Wildlife in these areas is also not as diverse or abundant in comparison to the Tableland. It's hard to consider that once these areas were as vibrant as our own. Our roadside vegetation is vital for the movement of wildlife throughout the landscape. Without intact roadside vegetation, populations of some wildlife could become unhealthy and disappear locally. If managed poorly, any landscape can degrade quickly and become almost unrecognisable.

In past years and most recently, there have been a number of instances locally where roadsides have been cleared. In some of these cases, large old trees hundreds of years old have been knocked over and placed in huge piles to be burnt. Whilst it is recognised that fences need to be maintained and replaced, it is important that it is done in a way to minimise damage to adjoining roadside vegetation.



To help guide this process, the Victorian State Government has set out legislation and guidelines for all councils across the state, including Strathbogie Shire Council to administer. This process is pretty straight forward and has been established to not only help protect roadside vegetation, but also road users and road infrastructure.

Prior to any works being carried out, landowners are strongly encouraged to contact Council first. Council officers will work with landowners to discuss how works can be carried out in order to minimise vegetation losses, whilst taking a practical stance on fence replacement.

Where works are undertaken without consent and vegetation is removed illegally, landowners leave themselves open to being prosecuted. In some instances, landowners may face fines and be required to off-set any losses of vegetation, which can be very expensive.

If you'd like to learn more about protecting or enhancing vegetation on your property, including how to create wildlife corridors to link up to roadside vegetation, please stay tuned for future contributions to Tableland Talk from Strathbogie Tableland Landcare.

Natasha Baldyga  
President

Quiz answer: Albert Namatjira



# Strathbogrie Flavours



[www.strathflavours.com.au](http://www.strathflavours.com.au)



**We're coming to you, Strathbogrie and Ruffy.**



*Telstra are listening and residents from Strathbogrie and Ruffy will have the opportunity to meet with Telstra's management team from Telstra Regional Australia (Western and Northern Victoria) at two community drop in sessions.*

*This is an opportunity for residents to meet the local Telstra team and ask any questions in relation to your Telstra services, particularly how to improve your mobile network experience and what the best solutions are to maximise your coverage.*

*Attending will be Regional General Manager Steve Tinker and Regional Engagement Manager Marcus Swinburne*



*who can discuss future network plan whilst also in attendance will be a local Telstra technician who can demonstrate mobile coverage extension devices.*

*Telstra will be at Strathbogrie on the 15<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am-12.30pm (Strathbogrie Memorial Hall) and then from 1.30-5pm at Ruffy (Ruffy Tablelands Community Centre). If you can't make it on this day, the Regional Managers and technician will also be at the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo.*

## Let's chat in person Strathbogrie and Ruffy.

We're a friendly bunch of Telstra experts who can talk to you about network upgrades, maximising coverage, and all the latest devices and plans that will suit your needs.

**APRIL 15** Strathbogrie Memorial Hall 8.30am – 12pm

**APRIL 15** Ruffy Tablelands Community centre 1.30pm – 5pm

Come down for a chat.

## Tree of the Month

### A National Champion



Size may not be everything, but it's hard to ignore.

Trees become favourites for different reasons; family connection, historic events, symmetry and beauty, shape, bark pattern etc. It's not always about size ... however, there is something about a big, old tree that turns heads and is naturally impressive. It might be huge girth, massive boughs and extensive crown, or even some innate, primitive knowing deep in our hearts (or brain-stems) that big, old trees are awesome.

But how exactly to measure and compare big trees and what does 'big' even mean? Tree nerds have been around a long time and, having given this considerable thought, came up with a formula that, when applied to a particular tree, calculates a point score that can be used to compare trees of different shapes and even species.

Total Points = trunk circumference in inches + height in feet +  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the average crown spread in feet.

The measurements are in imperial units because this method for comparing tree size was first developed in North America. There are also conditions the tree needs to meet in order for the measure to be valid. You can read all about it on the National Register of Big Trees ([nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au](http://nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au)).



This privately run website contains 894 trees, from 370 different species across Australia and orders them according to their score. The biggest trees, based on score, are afforded the title of National Champion.

Not that this means National Champions are the biggest known trees of their type in Australia, just the biggest trees of their type submitted to the register – but still an impressive achievement.



The register contains this tree (pictured), a huge, healthy Narrow-leaved Peppermint (*Eucalyptus radiata*) growing in a paddock at Boho South, with a point score of 420 (circumference: 7.8 m, height: 26 m, crown 34m) and miles ahead of the next biggest Peppermint on the register with 324 points. To stand next to its massive trunk and look up into its vast crown with limbs the size of substantial trees, is to feel truly humble. This one's a National Champion!

*Bert Lobert*

## Birdlife

Birds sit in the top of the trees  
 Planning attacks on insects and bees  
 They sit on their branches  
 Scanning insect sky dances  
 With shelter from leaves as their eaves

Birds on the end of a bough  
 Twitter loudly in order to vow  
 They can talk to each other  
 Every sister and brother  
 In a way that says, "Hey, we know how!"

Birds that forage on the ground  
 A set who are basically unsound  
 They defy law and order  
 Like lambs to the slaughter  
 Because predators are always around

Birds that drink from a dish  
 Do so in order to wish  
 For handouts of bread  
 To keep them well fed  
 As their tails switch and go swish

Birds that peck at a window  
 Are very much likely to forgo  
 Food on their plate  
 Appetite they may sate  
 Fighting themselves as a foe

Birds that fly in the sky  
 Look down and say, "My, oh my!"  
 All the people down there  
 At whom we can stare  
 Choose to be grounded, "Why, oh why?"

Birds that float on the water  
 Think it's the place where they oughta  
 Because the land is not safe  
 From trouble and strife  
 The water is a more secure quarter

Birds who love to eat worms  
 Queue to take it in turns  
 At freshly tossed compost  
 Of breaking down humus  
 Knowing a worm never learns

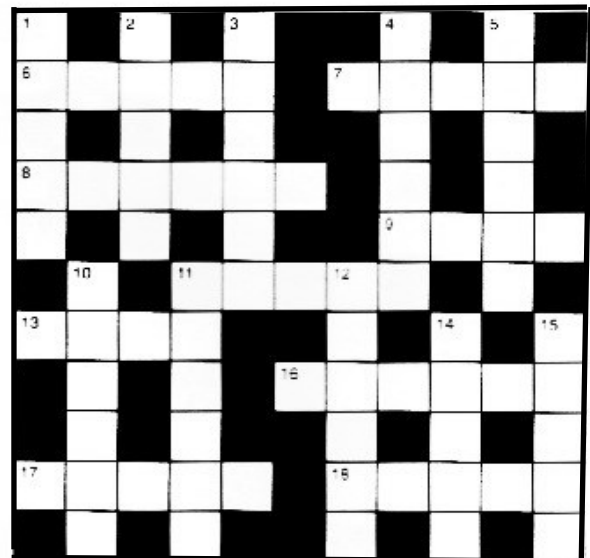


Sean Mathews

## Anagramcross

In this crossword each answer is an anagram of the clue.  
 Rearrange the letters in the clues to form new words that  
 will fit into the crossword frame.

ACROSS	DOWN
6 BOWEL	1 TEENS
7 TRIPS	2 U BOAT
8 CAUSES	3 STEWED
9 MARY	4 MASTER
11 LAMPS	5 ICEMAN
13 RATE	10 RESCUE
16 STEVEN	11 ASPIRE
17 SHRUB	12 VOLLEY
18 ELAND	14 DINES
	15 SUING



## Recipe of the Month

*Perfect for your apple harvest.*

**Apple Spice Muffins** from Terry Frewin

### Ingredients

2 cups SR flour  
 1/2 tspn bicarb soda  
 1/2 tspn cinnamon  
 1 tspn powdered ginger  
 1 tspn nutmeg  
 A pinch of cloves  
 1/4 cup brown sugar  
 200g stewed apples  
 1 egg lightly beaten  
 3/4 cup of milk  
 60g melted butter  
 1 small apple peeled and sliced



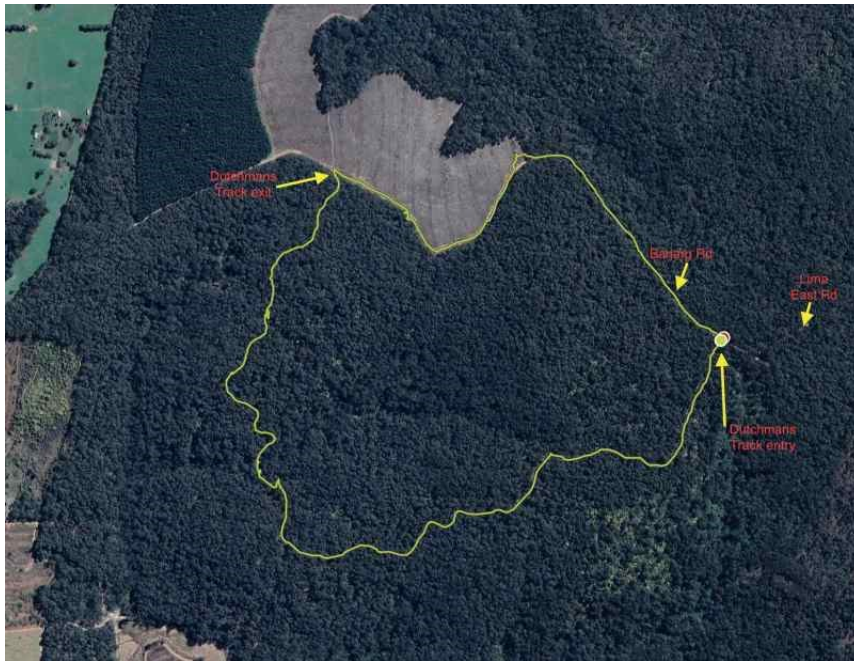
### Method

Preheat oven 180 degrees. Sift and mix dry ingredients together. Stir in apple, egg, milk, butter. Add mixture to a muffin tray. Place slices of apple on each muffin, brush with a little extra butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake 25 minutes or until cooked.

Ref: Peranbin Primary College *DELISH Our Family Favourites* 2012



## Local Walk of the Month: Dutchman's Track, Strathbogie Forest



This is a pretty, 6km Strathbogie Forest loop through Messmate, Mountain, Blue, Manna and Peppermint Gum forest. There are two entrances to Dutchman's Track. Start at the Barjarg Rd entrance near Lima East Road for gentler uphill gradients.

Dutchman's Track will take you down through the forest into a wet gully and back up to Barjarg Road, along which you can return to your starting point. This dirt road has very little traffic, but be mindful nonetheless. You will skirt the boundary of pine plantations for a short section along the road.

The track itself has some muddy patches churned by dirt bikes, but you can get around these. There are birds flitting about aplenty. The forest is a pleasurable place to be, with many grand trees to admire, especially when the wattles come into bloom and the forest comes alive with vibrant yellow.

This is a good walk for all ages, but doesn't lend itself to mobility assist devices.

Fortunately, Strathbogie Forest has been protected from logging since early 2020. Historically, it was a significant timber source. In the late 1800s, the forest timber started to be used in commercial quantities for mining, construction and railway building. Several mills were established within the forest to meet the demand for timber. Originally, preferred trees were millable Blue Gum and Messmate. However, over time pulp became a product as well. This extraction compounded ecosystem damage.

Protection doesn't mean set and forget. For example, feel free to write to DEWLP and ask them to do something about blackberries or abuse you see. Now the forest is protected, it will need new forms of advocacy.

Be alert for the mournful sound and spectre of the Dutchman as you traverse this place of solitude. This logger without a forest to log is now doomed to drive the logging tracks forever in his ghostly logging truck – never to find a coupe again.

Drivers and motor bike riders must: use formed roads only, be licensed, and be registered.

More walks: <https://strathbogieangesnatureview.wordpress.com/>

Cycling: [seanmathews.blog](http://seanmathews.blog)

Sean Mathews

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# Peranbin Primary College Strathbogie Campus

## Swimming Sports

Thank you to everyone who attended the Swimming Sports. It was great to see all the kids together and enjoying themselves. We were proud of the great sportsmanship on display with everyone participating and supporting their teammates.



Clara and Violet

## Hockey Afternoon

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of Hockey skills. Chris and Andy from the local Euroa Hockey Club came up and taught us all some stick and ball skills. The kids were given some information about 2 Come and Try free sessions at Euroa or Benalla Hockey Club.

## Tennis

Mark B and Mayra have begun our school tennis sessions during PE and everyone is having a ball! (Sorry, couldn't resist). The kids are learning new skills and getting fit at the same time. We are very grateful for the Hotshots program and Mark and Mayra's expertise and encouragement.



Anika, Holly and Dan

## Bogie Backyard

In Bogie Backyard we traded eggs at the Share Shed. Then we went for a walk along the creek and talked about water safety while we played in the creek.



Kai and Milly

## Junior Room

Well done to Kai and Milly for achieving their 25 nights Reading at Home certificates.

## Post Box Play

We have a class post box and our very own postie! We have been enjoying writing letters and practising nominating Stars of the Day. Everyone can't wait for their turn to be Postie!

## Senior Room

This week the Senior Grade has been learning about the First Fleet. Today we used the Six Hats to discuss different ideas about what it would have been like to be a part of the First Fleet. The students enjoy using the different coloured hats as props!

During Literacy this week, we have been focusing on prediction as a comprehension strategy, and Mem Fox as an author. Possum Magic may require us to make our own lamingtons! Maths has been a study of different types of graphs - pie, bar, pictographs, line and area graphs.

