

September, 2021

Podcasts capture the spirit of Shire townships

A series of podcasts capturing the spirit of Strathbogie Shire have been released. Completed in conjunction with start-up company Storytowns, the podcasts feature the Shire's towns – Strathbogie, Avenel, Longwood, Euroa, Violet Town, Nagambie and Ruffy – as well as an episode exploring our many tracks and trails.



Cass with pet Lab, Neve.

A selection of locals were interviewed as part of the series – focusing on what each town has to offer when it comes to tourism. Cass Moore, owner and operator of Upton Grove in Ruffy, said she thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the project. “Living in the Strathbogie Ranges is a huge privilege, and it was a great buzz to be included

in the Storytowns podcast series with a chance to share my story about our place in this beautiful setting and great community,” she said.

Storytowns founder and interviewer Jarrod Pickford said he loved making the podcasts for the Strathbogie Shire community. “We discovered the Shire has such a big heart and lots of community spirit. It was amazing spending time with the locals - we uncovered some amazing stories,” he said. “So many people drive through the shire every day and do not realise just how much it has to offer to the visitor. “Diving into these towns, our goal was to uncover local knowledge for tourists and encourage people to discover these towns along the roads less travelled in the area - there is so much to discover! “We're so excited to have worked with Council to get these geo-located podcasts on the Storytowns app. Now listeners from home or the travellers can easily download the app for an immersive experience in the Strathbogie Shire.”

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Chris Raeburn said the podcasts were a fantastic way to showcase the many incredible things the Shire has to offer. “We are so proud to be able to deliver these podcasts to the community as well as visitors from near and far to the area,” he said. “Our Shire is a destination area and these podcasts will only help to drive tourism, boosting the local economy for businesses.”

To listen to the podcasts, visit www.strathbogiestay.com



Tara Whitsed

What's On

Please check with organisers regarding current covid-19 arrangements.

Every Third Monday of the month 7.30pm STAG meets 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 Ph: Di Mackrell 5790 5241

Every First Sunday of the month - Strathbogie Landcare 9-11am Contact Sean 0400 019 607

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. Contact Wendy 5790 8523

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

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

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Death of a Ladies' Man M15+ Sep 18 6pm, Sep 19 5pm
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The TT Team

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10.00 - 12 noon

Every 2nd Saturday



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The Deadline for the October edition of Tableland Talk is Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Editor: Sean Mathews 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*.

St Andrews ZOOMS in Strathbogie



The congregation at St Andrews Uniting Church in Strathbogie have joined the IT world since the inception of the pandemic. We meet together via ZOOM when restrictions are in place and cannot meet in person.

We are a small and connected group and it is a team effort with Joan Wood putting together a service, Di Mackrell setting up the ZOOM links and providing the music via the ukulele, congregation members sharing in doing the readings and everyone working through the intricacies of logging in and connecting via the internet!!

On several occasions, retired Baptist minister Bob Bruce who leads services at the church in Strathbogie once a month, has emailed sermons to Joan to share with us on ZOOM. It is wonderful to see everyone's faces and have the opportunity to share thoughts and experiences with each other. How lucky are we to have access to a tool such as ZOOM in these very uncertain times????!!!

We would like to issue an invitation to anyone else who may like to participate in our ZOOM services – just email Joan Wood (joanalan66@gmail.com) or Di Mackrell (dianemac73@bigpond.com). We will include YOU in the ZOOM invitation.

11am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Di Mackrell

Beautiful Bogie trees - pick for August 2021

This long-leaved box (*Eucalyptus goniocalyx*) at Kelvin View, is on the property belonging to Eddie and Dorothy Spain. Growing on the rhyolite/rhyodacite of the Violet Town Volcanics, it was a mature tree with a wide canopy in the 1940s, so it must be well in excess of 100 years old. The Spain's have made the paddock surrounding this tree available for revegetation as part of a rocky outcrop restoration project. At the start of the project, it was one of only two mature trees remaining in that paddock. Numerous trees from the first planting, some years ago, are now well established. More trees, purchased with money raised by Bogart at the Bogie pizza nights, were planted a few weeks back. Wind and storm exposure are a threat to old trees such as this, but revegetation surrounding such trees can mitigate this risk.

I know that many of you go for walks around the Strathbogies, and must be seeing some wonderful native trees, so please contribute a photo of one of your favourites for Tableland Talk. Please send the photo, and a short paragraph to indicate its locality etc., to me. Thanks!

Email to: kathstuart60@gmail.com a few days before the last Friday of each month or send directly to the Tableland Talk team at: tablelandtalk@gmail.com

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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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STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND LANDCARE GROUP

'Landcare is for Everyone'

Over the last few months we have been in the process of organising our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. Whilst, Covid-19 restrictions have hampered our Committee's ability to hold our regular monthly meetings, we have persevered and somehow managed to squeeze in a meeting or two, in between lockdowns.

Prior to this latest lockdown, we decided to schedule our AGM for **3 Oct at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall at 10am**. As you would appreciate, this date may need to be rescheduled depending on the latest Covid-19 restrictions.

We are also able to confirm that our AGM special guest speaker, will be wildlife researcher for Melbourne University Dr Kath Handasyde, who will be giving a presentation on Echidnas.

Besides learning everything about echidnas at this year's AGM, you will also be able to find out what the Landcare committee have been up to behind the scene since our last AGM. In spite of the difficulties which the pandemic has thrown up, you'd be surprised what we've achieved. You will also have the opportunity to feed into the planning process for the coming year.

As highlighted in July's edition of Tableland Talk, as a community we have the opportunity to shape what direction our Landcare takes. If you would like more or different programs to be on offer, please come along to the AGM, as this is your opportunity to guide the direction Landcare takes.

Those attending the AGM will have their name entered into a raffle for the chance to win one free, Annual Household Landcare Membership and a \$100 gift voucher for indigenous plants from the Euroa Arboretum.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, you must register before 27 Sept to be able to attend the AGM, as numbers will be strictly limited.

Only those registered to attend will be eligible to win the raffle prize.

Morning Tea will be provided, please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking.

The Strathbogie Tableland Landcare Group committee meet on the first Sunday of every month at 9am at the Strathbogie Memorial Hall subject to Covid-19 restrictions

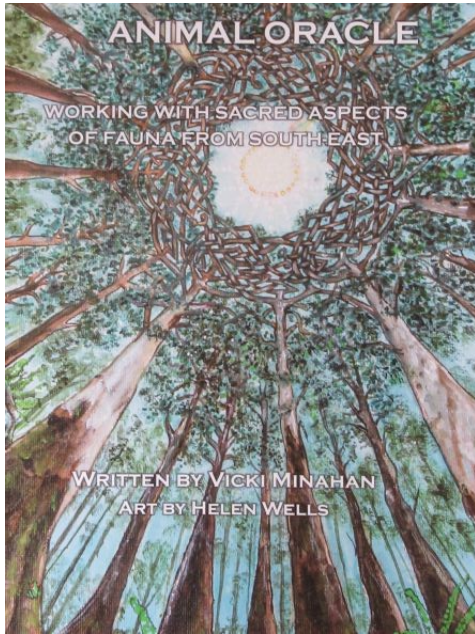
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Animal Oracle by Vicki Minahan



After nearly ten years I am pleased to announce a project close to my heart has arrived with art by Helen Wells. Mountain Ash Animal Oracle is here.

I grew up at Strathbogie South in the 60's and 70's on 120 acres owned by my parents Dave and Ann Nicholls and have been greatly influenced by both the environment and the lifestyle espoused by my parents and extended family. After Dad passed Mum remained for a short time on the property and moved to Euroa about six years ago

where she still lives. I currently live in Cockatoo, Australia, Victoria

With this book and accompanying cards I have incorporated family stories, autobiographical aspects, my spiritual experiences and scientific information for each animal. I have drawn deeply on my experiences growing up at Strathbogie South. My hope is that this will help you to incorporate both the Apparent and Otherworldly aspects to aid you on your journey through life.



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Vicki Minahan

And the loser is

by Donmil

You have to feel for Brisbane!
It's a fate they'll live to rue:
Being stuck with the Olympics
In 2032.

Quiz Question of the Month

In the early 1990s the state slogan on vehicle number plates was changed. Previously 'Victoria: the Garden State', what was the slogan changed to?



Answer page 7

Joke of the Month

The man's wife had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet he had stayed by the bedside every single day. One day, when she came to, she asked him to come nearer.

As he sat by her she whispered, eyes full of tears, "You know what? You have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When my health started failing, you were still by my side...You know what?"

"What dear?" he gently asked, smiling as his heart began to fill with warmth.

"I think you're bad luck."

The Name Game: Rhino-this and Rhina-that



If I were to tell you of the existence of a species whose scientific name is *Rhinacanthus nasutus*, what kind of creature would you guess it to be? If you had even a sketchy knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, I reckon your thinking might go like this: *rhinos* (Greek) nose; *akantha* (Greek) spine or prickle; *nasutus* (Latin) with a long nose. Has to be a rhinoceros, for sure ... but it isn't. It's a tropical Asian plant used in a variety of medicinal applications, and its common name is Snake Jasmine.

What, then, is the generic name (genus) of the rhinoceros – is it (as it ought to be) just plain *Rhinoceros*? Well it is and it isn't: it depends on which kind of rhinoceros you have in mind. Africa is home to two species of rhino, Asia to three. The survival of all five is under threat, at levels ranging from serious to critical.

Two species, the Indian (sometimes called Greater One-horned) and the Javan Rhinoceros do indeed share the genus name *Rhinoceros* (Greek, nose horn). The Javan species is *Rhinoceros sondaicus*, referring to Sunda, the inclusive name for the parts of south-east Asia where the species is to be found. Each of the other three species is in a separate genus, and their horns are the feature chosen by nearly every describer to provide the basis of their names, using a variety of combinations of the Greek and Latin words for **nose** (Greek *rhinos*) and **horn** or **horned** (Greek *keras*, *keratos*; Latin *cornu*, *cornutus*).

So the Indian Rhinoceros is *Rhinoceros unicornus* (nose horn, one-horned); the African White or Square-lipped Rhinoceros is *Ceratotherium simum* (horned beast, snub-nosed). Both the Sumatran and the African Black Rhinoceros have two horns, and their names celebrate the fact: the Sumatran species is *Dicerorhinus sumatrensis* (two-horned nose from Sumatra). The name of the African Black Rhinoceros ensures that you won't forget how many horns it has: *Diceros bicornus* (Greek, two-horn; Latin, two-horn). A parallel with the Northern Hemisphere Brown Bear, *Ursus arctos* (Latin *ursus*, bear; Greek *arktos*, bear).

One question remains: Why does Snake Jasmine have such an animally sort of name? I haven't got that one figured out yet. Any botanists out there?

Angus Martin

Recipe of the Month

Something sweet

Chocolate Rough Slice

From the Jacka Family, an old favourite recipe handed down from their Grandmother. Great for catering occasions as well.

Ingredients:

- 125g butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 desert spoon Golden Syrup
- 1 cup SR flour
- 1 cup coconut

Topping:

- 1/2 tin condensed milk
- 50g butter

1 cup icing sugar

1 cup coconut

2 tbsn cocoa

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees. Cream butter and sugar, beat in Golden Syrup. Add sifted flour, fold in coconut. Bake for 30 minutes.

Topping: combine milk and butter in a saucepan and stir over heat until melted. Remove from heat and blend in icing sugar, cocoa and coconut. Spread over the slice while still hot.



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Walk of the Month

Longwood Heritage Walk

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Take a walk along the wide streets of Longwood, a classic Central Victorian town. Historic sites, rural lifestyle and evident community pride will keep you engaged.

As for so many Victorian towns, traffic to Victorian goldfields saw the original Longwood settlement securely established. However, arrival of the railway in 1872 moved the town's centre of activity. It resulted in Old Longwood's eventual depopulation. The site of today's main township is New Longwood, surveyed in 1885 to make the most of the railway line.



The town has interesting stories to tell. Bushrangers and ne'er-do-wells roved local hills and plains, including the notorious Kelly Gang. Drought and fire have taken their toll. New technologies such as rail and the motor car have heavily influenced residents' comings and goings.

There were many enterprises supported by the town. At various times there have been several hotels, a telegraph repeater station, a tolling station, a railway station, a bank, Post Office, a coach builder and blacksmith, sale yards, 7 saw mills, grocery stores, butchers, a horse racing track and numerous social and sporting clubs.

Today, it is hard to believe that at the turn of the 19th / 20th century this was dairy as well as sheep country. By the 1920s, land was five pounds per acre. One acre was said to support a ewe and a lamb. The arrival of superphosphate increased stock holdings significantly. Resident Brian Morrison broke the world shearing record by shearing 410 Merinos in 7 hours and 48 minutes. With wife Judy, their next big accomplishment was "Morrison's", a company that became a household name across the nation for quality rural apparel.

Few localities can claim multiple heroes awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery. Three local soldiers have been memorialised here and in grand style at the VC Memorial in nearby Euroa. Major Leslie Maygar in the Boer War, Captain Fred Tubb and Corporal Alexander Burton at Gallipoli in WWI.

The ever busier modern world, with its urban focus and city to city fast cars whizzing past on the freeway by pass, have seen quieter times come to Longwood. However, this is probably another good reason for you to take some time out here.

For the Victoria Walks version enter this link to your browser:

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Junior News

Well done to Milly, Freyja, Zach, Maggie and Lachlan for achieving their 100 nights Home Reading certificates. Reading at home is a wonderful way to help your child grow their vocabulary and oral language skills too.

The Junior Mathematicians have been learning about division. We have been sharing shapes outside for fun and we know that division is just sharing fairly or equally, something Strathbogie kids are really good at! Shout out to Clara and Kai for being focused and persistent. We have been investigating 3 dimensional objects. We have learned about different objects having a different number of faces and edges and corners. The kids enjoyed checking out our new 3D objects tubs full of brightly coloured examples of spheres, pyramids, cubes, cylinders and all sorts of things. It is great for kids to construct an object so they can understand how it is made. We made cubes and it was great to hear lots of people saying "Oh, so we're making a box". Real life applications in Maths make the learning more interesting and it sticks. Shout out to Kai for giving his cube his best shot and practising his confidence. In Literacy, we have been learning about adjectives and nouns. We have learned that adjectives are describing words and nouns are the names of places, people, animals and things. Shout outs to Jasper for his excellent efforts in grammar and to Freyja and Clara for doing a great job with rhyming words.



Senior News

The Seniors have been exploring what is explanation text. We read a piece about pop corn, and discussed how and why pop corn pops. This also led to the opportunity and need to actually cook some for ourselves and check our analysis! We cooked Thai chicken and corn in the slow cooker for lunch! We learned about doubling quantities, spices and chillies, and how to keep a hygenic and safe kitchen. Then we used this experience to write a big book that we can take home and share with our parents.

The class has been practising the reading strategy of questioning through several Jackie French books. In Maths, we have been working on division strategies. We've been making links between multiplication and division, and drawing on students' skip counting skills.

Art at Bogie, drawing Proteas from Suzie's garden

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