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## FARMING & ENVIRONMENT

### STRATHBOGIE TABLELANDS' ROADS to RUIN

Shire Counsellors and Local Government personnel will tell you that the issues that ratepayers always want to discuss are Roads, Rates and Rubbish.

Perhaps if those very Local Government folk put their minds to solving these perennial issues their lives would be a little easier; life would certainly be a whole lot better for their constituents.

We choose to live in this wonderful part of Australia, but that does not mean we give up the right to expect roads that are built and maintained to a standard consistent with our status as an advanced western nation.

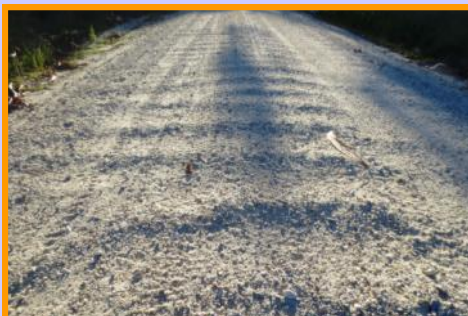
We've all heard the statistics about the number of kilometres of gravel roads & bridges that the Strathbogrie Shire has to maintain, but surely we should expect better than this.



The Weibye Track below McLeans Lane at Creightons Creek/Ruffy is a potential death trap for anyone attempting to use it as a northerly escape route in the case of bushfire.

*The Lower Weibye Track is virtually impassable*

Nolans Road at Ruffy was graded recently but within two weeks the corrugations had re-formed, making it worse than before. It seems that the light grader was used. There must be a person with a name and a Shire salary who makes these unbelievably short sighted decisions.



*Nolans Road will rattle your suspension & your teeth*



*Redgate Lane goes from bad to dangerous*

Redgate Lane is lucky to see a grader once a year and in the meantime it just continues to degenerate. Is it any wonder that residents and visitors get upset? They're not only forced to drive on bloody awful roads, but they also have to bear the cost of repairs to suspensions and tyres.

The Strathbogrie Shire is holding their "Listening Tour" at Ruffy this Tuesday evening.

*By Don Cook*



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### READERS' WRITES

*"A lovely article on Stan Artridge.*

*It's good to get a long term view of life in Australia esp. when polities are so short sighted!"*

**Peter Hagen — Broadford**

*"I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed your article about Stan Artridge. I don't know him personally but I really enjoyed reading about him.*

*Can you write some more stories about local identities and what's going on in the area? I'm sure others would love to see more feature stories.*

*I look forward to receiving TGN each week and I believe all local / community publications should be encouraged and promoted."*

**Jenny Berry**

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### LOCAL GOINGS ON

#### Shire of Strathbogie's

#### **"Let's Talk we are Listening" Tour Comes to Ruffy Tuesday Feb 28th 5-7pm at the Ruffy Hall**

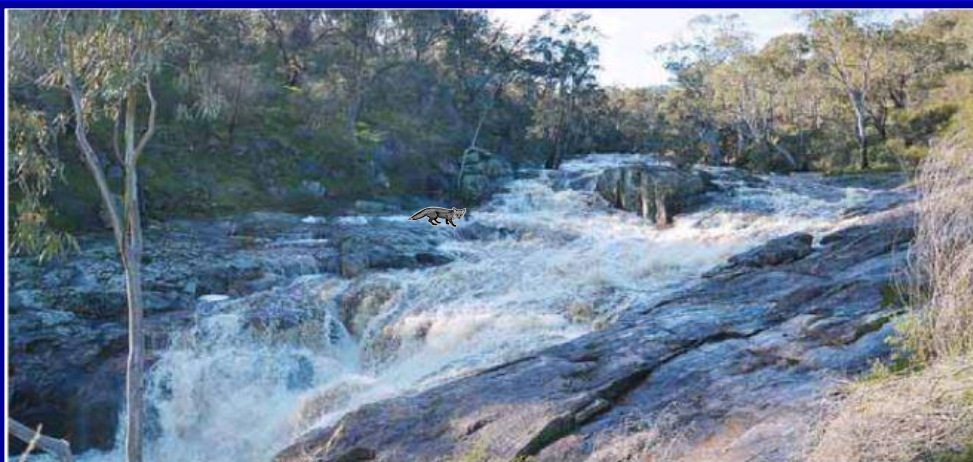
Every Shire Councillor will be here and all local residents should try to attend.

It's a chance for you to air your views (in a mature & respectful manner) about the things you believe the Shire needs to address to effectively support its citizens now and in the future.

Roads and Rates are always items of vigorous discussion, especially given the 3rd world condition of our local roads, but there are sure to be many others, for example:

**Encouraging & Managing Population Growth, Rural Zoning, Planning & Building Permits, Neighbourhood Safer Places, Roadside Signage in Charming Rural Villages,** just to name a few..

**Your community needs you to come along and have your say.**



## BOGIES & BEYOND PLANNING for CLIMATE CHANGE

We know our climate is changing but what we don't know is precisely how it will affect farming and production, the natural environment and community wellbeing.

That's why we need your help to plan now for how communities in the Strathbogie Ranges might better respond, and adapt, to climate change.

If you're interested in helping us understand the key environmental and social aspects that make the Strathbogie Ranges region so special we'd love you to get involved in the Bogies and Beyond project.

Here's how:

We're seeking people who are interested in attending a series of workshops between March and June, to help develop a local plan for the Strathbogie Ranges.

This local plan will:

- detail projects that help us, our environment and industries to adapt to, and be prepared for, climate change; and
- help prioritise which of these projects will be funded through the grants from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Communities initiative.

To get find out more and get involved, please read the Bogies and Beyond fact sheet and complete the Expression of Interest form that can found on our website or email [reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au) and ask for copies to be sent out to you.

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### CONVERSATIONS

"In summer it can be too hot to be outside. Apart from being alert to the fire situation, I like to sit with a good book or watch the tennis or cricket.

Even watching snippets of sport on the news it is curious to me the exuberance with which goals are celebrated, wickets taken or matches and races won.

In tennis, some lie down (exhausted), some dance, others send virtual kisses, or kiss the court, preceded by much fist punching. When a wicket is taken the bowler is vigorously mobbed by the rest of the team, while in the pool the fist in the air is usual.

In football it can get quite rough when the whole team jumps on the goal kicker. I am often concerned about their safety. Sometimes s/he escapes by running around the boundary. Initially I thought it was to receive the adulation of the crowd, but now I think it is their way to avoid being roughed up by team mates. It still puzzles me why Tim Cahill wants to shadow box the corner flag.

When I was young my parents insisted that I be a gracious loser. Mind you I did get plenty of practice. Winning gracefully was rarely required. This applied equally to sport as well as when I lost all my money in Monopoly.

It does make me think about the triumphalism that is expressed by modern day sportspeople and their supporters. No doubt the media encourages it. I can well understand the excitement and relief of being a winner, but I do feel some triumphalism is rather ugly. I do wonder whether 'winning with dignity' has been lost somewhere. What do you think?"

**Stuart Reid — Highlands**

### SPEAKING PLAIN ENGLISH

**"Tmesis" is an English word meaning cutting a word in two and inserting another word, usually a swear word. As in abso-bloody-lutely. From Greek 'tmesis' - a cutting**

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# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017



**W/C Sunday March 5th** Highlands/Caveat.....Driver: Rick McAlpin Radio: Hilary Accroyd-Curtis Ruffy.....4th Lieutenant Susan Sleigh's Team

**Tuesday 28th February 5pm—7pm** **"Let's Talk we are Listening" Tour** at the Ruffy Hall  
The Shire of Strathbogie invites all shire citizens to attend to talk about what YOU believe to be the critical issues needing to be addressed in order for the Shire to best serve its community . **It's in your interest to attend and to have your say**

**Sunday 26th February 9am—1pm** **NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET** on centre median strip High St Nagambie  
Experience a true accredited farmers' market in the picturesque lakeside town of Nagambie. **Further details Contact** [nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au](http://nagambiefarmersmarket.com.au)

**Saturday 4th March Doors Open 7:30pm** **RUFFARTZ — "A SEASON of SATURDAYS"** Ruffy Hall, Nolans Rd., Ruffy  
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**Monday 6th March 8pm** **RUFFY MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE Inc.** at the Ruffy Hall  
Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING  
The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Ruffy Mechanics Institute Reserve Inc. for a term of three years.  
The current committee's term will expire on 22nd April 2017.  
All position s will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.  
Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting.  
**For enquiries contact the Secretary, Sharron Batt on 5790 4329**

**Friday 10th March 6:30pm** **'DRINKS ON THE DECK'** at Highlands Community Hall  
Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome, especially new faces. Gold coin donation. **Contact Judy 5796 9247**



**Monday 13th March 9am—2pm** **SEYMOUR LIONS CLUB LABOUR DAY MARKET** Goulburn Park, Seymour  
A wide range of stalls, exhibitors and entertainment for young and old including an animal farm, balloon artist and carnival rides. The local car club have a wonderful display for you to enjoy. **Stalls can still be obtained by contacting Brenda 0427 234474**

**Sunday 26th March 2017 10:30am** **HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS** meet at the Highlands Hall  
Andrew Shaw is planning to take us from the corner of Highlands Road & Spaniaks Road to Lades Road through forest fire tracks past several old huts.  
All welcome. Bring a carry lunch & a water bottle. **Contact Judy Reid 5796 9358**

