



CONVERSATIONS

STRATHBOGIE REPS RECEIVE RESIDENTS' RAPS.....and remain unRuffled

A delegation of Strathbogrie Shire Councillors came up the hill to Ruffy on their "Let's talk...we're Listening" tour on 28th February. The evening was hosted by Councillors Alistair Thomson, Kate Stothers, Deb Swan, John Mason, Malcolm Little and Mick Williams.



Cr Alistair Thomson hosted Ed Sprunt, Theo & Chris Lagarde and Randall Threlfall

It must be a daunting prospect for any local Councillor to face their ratepayers 'en masse', because just about every Shire in every State faces demands and expectations well above their financial capacity; and the Ruffy community certainly turned out en masse. 42 local residents accepted the invitation to work through a comprehensive range of issues with their Strathbogrie Shire representatives.

It's no surprise that the biggest concern was the appalling state of our local roads, but there was also temperate and mature discussion around many other issues such as: *the lack of response by Shire personnel to residents' enquiries; inconsistent rate valuations; roadside weed control & protection of native vegetation; clearing of fallen roadside trees; inappropriate roadside signage; insurance cover for sports events on sports grounds; the CFA Captain excluded from Shire's fire planning; all Shire spending should be assessed for productivity that generates economic activity; and a potential review of the Rural Farm Zoning regulations.*

What may have been interpreted as a 'divide & conquer' strategy by having each Councillor host a table of residents, was in fact an effective way of giving everybody the space and time to work one-on-one with their designated Shire Councillor.

Apart from the terrific supper served by the Ruffy Rec Reserve caterers, the highlight of the night was Councillor Mick Williams announcing his credentials as a road-maker then conceding that the Shire is using Mangalore gravel on our roads which is entirely unsuitable as a road topping.

A robust Q&A session concluded the evening, and Councillor Thomson summed up with a commitment to respond with feedback to the individuals and the community on the key issues.



Olga & Michael Hill, Gerry Ginnivan & Stan Artridge were hosted by Cr Mick Williams



Cr Deb Swan hosted Henry & George Noye, Helen Macdougall, Sally & John O'Connor

Shire representatives chose to take a drive down Nolans Road to experience it for themselves, with one eminent Councillor declaring "....you're right; it's S#*T!"

Report by Don Cook

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LOCAL GOINGS ON



HAY RUN HOLDS OUT a HELPING HAND.....AGAIN

The Burrumbuttock Hay Run team have done amazing work over the 4 + years since the first load of hay was delivered to a drought affected farmer by Brendan Farrell.

This year we ended up with 10 semi loads (360 Rolls) from 14 local farmers which left on the 22nd of February to join the 12th Hay Run from Darlington Point to Muttaborra Queensland, a 4000km round trip.

The support from Euroa Rotary and the community that raised

fuel dollars for the local trucks was greatly appreciated.

It is much more than Hay; it's communities supporting communities, farmer supporting farmer, just as we've been helped when we've had fires in our district

By Colleen Furlanetto



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Monday 20th March

Bring anything that you may be
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knitting, embroidery, spinning,
etc.....

Same place – 450 Caveat-Dropmore
Road, Caveat.

5790 4361

Same time – 11am.

Hope to see you, Jan

Seymour Working Sheep Dog Trials



Kings Park-Seymour

Friday 31 March – Sunday 2 April

8 am start daily
catering available

Enquiries to Diann Schrapel

5792 1089



Walk the Hughes Creek Stage 3

“The BIG one”

Sunday 19th March 2017

All hikers are invited to join
Landcare members on a walk
through the spectacular

Hughes Creek Gorge between Kulaba to Booroola .

A rugged 13kms but all down hill and with plenty of good
swimming holes along the way.

***Pass through remote and wild country**

***Explore rare native fish habitat**

***Bring lunch, camera, bathers & strong boots**

Meet at Ruffy Store @7.45am or Old Kulaba Homestead Gate at
the bend away from the creek on the Hughes Creek Rd @9am.

Contact Janet if you would like to join the group or need a map
to find the starting and ending points. 57904268

hughescreek2@gmail.com

*** There is no mobile phone coverage where we are going.**

*** Please don't get lost finding the starting place.**

*** A car shuffle will be organised.**



FOUND



A pair of pregnant ewes.

Dorpers or Australia Whites,
in very good condition, they
have orange ear tags from
a Bendigo breeder

They wandered in from the
Weibye Track, Ruffy.

Owner can contact Theo

5790 4189

COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR — MARCH 2017



**W/C Sunday
March 19th**

Highlands/Caveat.....Driver: Les Lawson Radio: Jenny Roche
Ruffy.....2nd Lieutenant John O'Connor's Team

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**

**Saturday 18th
March**

9am-1pm

EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa
"Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop"
A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers.
Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org

Sunday 19th

March

**7:45am Ruffy
Store
or 9am
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Homestead Gate**

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**Sunday 19th
March**

10am—1pm

CFA FIREFIGHTERS FUN DAY

at Yarck Recreation Reserve

Activities & Games for All Ages

Please bring a Salad or Dessert to Share

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Monday 20th

**March
11:00am**

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450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat

Bring anything that you may be busy working on – knitting, embroidery, spinning, etc..... All Welcome

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Sunday 26th

**March
9am-1pm**

NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET

on centre median strip High St Nagambie

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**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

**Thursday 30th
March
5:30pm**

SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS

Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
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**Saturday 1st
April
9am-2pm**

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