



RAY of HOPE for RURAL ROADS

Earlier this year the Strathbogie Shire Councillors conducted a series of local community forums to listen to concerns direct from their ratepayers. As reported in The Granite News, the issue that the majority of ratepayers wanted to highlight was the parlous state of our rural roads. There were some encouraging early signs that the Ruffy community feedback had hit pay-dirt.

*Councillor Mick Williams declared in the meeting that the Shire had been using the wrong materials to form up some roads.

*Councillor Deb Swan took a drive along Nolans Road and declared it to be pretty bad (not her exact words).

*Invited by this writer, Councillor Alistair Thomson made a follow up visit to inspect the disgraceful state of Boathole Road.

The Shire of Strathbogie's 2017-18 Budget & Council Plan has been released and it's refreshing to read that, in line with the declarations made earlier in the year our Councillors have signed off a budget and Council Plan for priority maintenance and remediation of the road network.

Here's an extract from the Council Plan media release :

Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council understands the Shire has been known as a high rating municipality in the past and a significant part of the rates revenue each year is committed to assets and infrastructure maintenance.

"The Strathbogie Shire is a large area of over 3300 sq/km with over 2500km of roads, 507 bridges and culverts as well as over 160 buildings to maintain both now and into the future," she said.

The sum of \$500,000 has been committed to a significant new program upgrading Class 0 roads to Class 1 in the Road Management Plan, so that they can be regularly maintained.

Cr McClaren said this commitment is in addition to the regular roads management budget allocation and is aimed at improving road access for rural ratepayers with a 'Roads to Market' economic approach.

About 67km of these priority roads will be re-classified, with half that amount to be upgraded within the next 12 months.

Council's continued commitment to roads in 2017-18 also includes the following areas: road re-seals (\$1.12M), road rehabilitation (\$1.309M), road re-sheeting (\$460K) as well as bridge work (\$3.443M).

The 2017-18 Budget, 2017-2021 Council Plan and the Strategic Resource Plan can be viewed now on Council's website

www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au By Don Cook

Ruffy – An Exciting Future?

Do you wish to take an **active** part in planning for Ruffy's future?

The **Ruffy Community Forum and Dinner on Friday 4 August** in the Ruffy Hall will give you the opportunity to do this in the pleasant company of other members of your local community.

Please note this date prominently in your diary!



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Christmas in July

Dinner and Trivia Quiz Fundraiser

Saturday 22nd July

6.00 for 6.30 at the Creightons Creek Hall

2 Course Sit Down Dinner
Welcome Drink and Nibbles
Raffle for Giant Hamper
BYO Drinks and Glasses

Book a table of 8 or just come along and join in

Bookings Essential

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Pre Pay Tickets by 15 July

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Peter Hagen presents another of
his classical music concerts in his
delightful secluded venue just out
of Broadford. On **22 July** at
7.30pm Andrew Byrne will play a
gut strung lute in a candle lit set-
ting by the fireside to recreate
the atmosphere that the nobility
basked in during the 17th century.

Peter delights in creating experiences of this sort in his regular concerts
entitled **Salon Concerts at Broadford** and says

*"As the lute is a quiet instrument the contrast to the barrages of the noisy
world we live in will be heightened. It will be a great opportunity to read-
just our ears."*

Come and enjoy this concert and let the intricate melodies weave their
magic through your soul and cleanse you.

To those that have not seen one before the lute is rather like a guitar,
but constructed in a much lighter manner and with many more strings.

This concert features the music of Sylvius Weiss from the court of
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'Secret Treasures' will be performed from unique manuscript copies that
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COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR — JUNE/JULY 2017

Monday 10th July 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNERS 450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd. Caveat Bring anything that you may be busy working on – knitting, embroidery, spinning, etc..... All Welcome Contact Jan 5790 4361
Friday 14th July 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 to cover power. Contact Judy 5796 9247
Saturday 15th July 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
Saturday 22nd July 6:00pm	CREIGHTONS CREEK CHRISTMAS in JULY at Creightons Creek Hall Dinner & Trivia Quiz Fundraiser. 2 Course Sit-down Dinner BYO Drinks & Glasses. \$30 per adult Kids under 12 Free. Contact Ken 0438 898358 or Robyn 5790 3275
Sunday 25th July 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
Friday 4th August Time TBA	RUFFY COMMUNITY FORUM DINNER at the Ruffy Hall Here’s an opportunity for you to come together over dinner with other local people to contribute your ideas and suggestions about Ruffy’s future. More details will be available later in July.

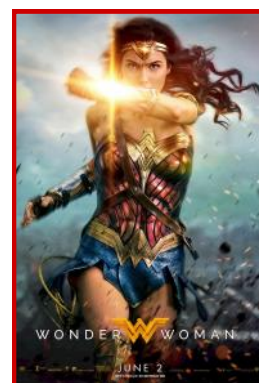
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 Wednesday 12th July at 2pm Tickets \$5 each
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A Dog’s Purpose Family Fun Night Friday
 14th July at 6:30pm (Doors open 6pm—BYO Dinner)
 Saturday 15th July at 8pm Tickets \$10 each
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