



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

With stockpiles of recyclables being sent to landfill and warehouses of toxic substances being discovered in Melbourne's north and west it's timely to talk about rubbish and its inseparable twin—recycling. Now some of you may remember the ditch in the paddock, that was filled with all sorts of household rubbish over the years, indeed some may still be using such a disposal method.

However as The Granite News' readership is now over 650 emails obviously not all of us live in an area where such a "rubbish collection" is possible. Which probably means that you are either paying your local council for a collection service—rubbish, recycle and maybe green waste or like me, you take those items on a regular basis to the local resource recovery centre, previously known as 'the tip', as we tipped anything and everything into it.

But in the environmentally aware 21stC this is no longer acceptable and we actually have to sort our rubbish. If the nightly news is anything to go by some people resent doing this—especially if it means tossing items into more than 2 bins—red for rubbish and yellow for recyclable.

Of course the recycle bin then has a further issue of non-rinsed out bottles and cans dribbling onto the paper and cardboard in the bin as that in turn contaminates those items which means they are no longer recyclable and are sent to landfill. What a nightmare!! Well... not really.

Strangely, the residents of the more enlightened cities and towns of Europe seem to have mastered the art of rubbish and recycle to the nth degree. Three years ago Peter and I were on holiday in Europe and stayed a 15 minute train ride out of Barcelona city in its surrounding, suburban hills. At the end of our 3 night stay we walked our rubbish and recyclables 50m down the road to the communal collection point.

There were 7 or 8 round solid plastic balls 3 metres in circumference with a slot in each one. They were colour coded—white, green & brown for the varieties of glass, yellow for soft plastics, red for hard plastics, blue for paper and cardboard and black for rubbish, etc. We popped what went where into the correct holes and then continued on with our day. Sadly I never thought to take a photo of such a simple and effective recycling system.

No matter where you live city, town or bush wouldn't it be great if **ALL** our local councils could introduce such an easy and efficient means of sorting 'stuff'. It would certainly solve the current contamination and co-mingled issues, with just a little bit of effort by us all. Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** Was jumping bumps in one of the SXS buggies at Mafeking.

CFA Fire Restrictions will commence....

Mitchell Shire— 1am on Monday 11th November 2019

Murrindindi Shire—1am on Monday 11th November '19

Strathbogie Shire—1am on Monday 28th October 2019



Please note: Thursday evening is the deadline for inclusion in the following week's TGN although this will depend on space and time constraints—thanks



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"I believe in loyalty I think that when a woman reaches a certain age she likes, she should stick to it." - Eva Gabor (1919—1995)

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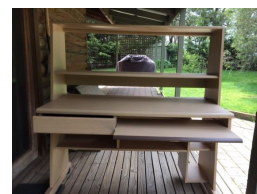
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Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — October & November

Mon. 28th & Thurs. 31st October 10 - 3	EUROA ARBORETEUM end of season PLANT SALE See p.3 for further details. Tube stock are only \$1 each!!	at Euroa Arboretum
Thursday 31st October @ 5.30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS All people in the district are welcome, pink note (\$5) donation towards a BBQ, BYO and chat	at Caveat Church
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November 10am - 4pm	DARREN GILBERT'S OPEN STUDIO Darren's studio, with his creative works is now open on first weekend each month. An inspirational environment where both art and sculpture come to life in a beautiful scenic countryside of Highlands.	2742 Highlands Rd, Highlands
Saturday 2nd November @ 8pm	RUFFARTZ CAFÉ CULTURE SERIES - Dr Hernandez See last week's TGN for further details - another GREAT night out!!	at Ruffy Hall Enquiries? Christine 0419 561386
Tuesday 5th November @ noon	TERIP'S ANNUAL MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON It's almost that time of year again when Terip Central comes alive for Melbourne Cup Day! A Chicken and Champagne lunch, sweeps and of course LIVE telecast of the race that stops the Nation!	at Terip Rec Reserve
Thursday 7th November @ 7.30pm	RUFFY RFB - Pre-Season Meeting All welcome.	at Ruffy CFA Fire Shed Enquiries? 0458 904268
Friday 8th November @ 6.30pm	DRINKS ON THE DECK Starts at 6.30pm 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.	at Highlands Community Hall 57969247 & Contact Judy
Monday 11th November @ 11am	HIGHLANDS SPINNING CLUB The Highlands Spinning Club will get together in 2019 at the same place—450 Caveat-Dropmore Rd, the same time 11am and with the same good company! BYO lunch and great tea & coffee will be provided.	Enquiries? - contact Jan 5790 4361
Wednesday 13th Nov. @ 7.45pm	RUFFY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP—AGM & Quarterly Meet ALL community members WELCOME- please come along and have your say about your Community and, if you wish, take on a committee role. We will be electing new committee members.	at Tablelands Centre
Friday 15th November 6.30-9.30pm	YWDC 2019/2020 Speaker Series - Prof. David Karoly The second talk in this excellent series—Climate Change & Community Responses. See p.3 for more.	at Beaufort Manor, Yea
Friday 15th November 7.30pm	HUGHES CREEK CATCHMENT COLLABORATIVE - AGM All welcome to attend the AGM first, followed by a short general meeting.	at Tablelands Centre Enquiries? 0458 904268
Every second Wednesday 10.30-12.30	MURRINDINDI MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library visits the TGN area, based at the Highlands Hall every fortnight. Why not pop in? Term 4 dates for 2019 - November 6th & 20th and December 4th & 18th.	at Highlands Community Hall
Every Monday @ 10 am	YOGA AT RUFFY Yoga with Kylie Penny continues into spring. All welcome! Equipment provided, \$20 per class or \$153 per term paid upfront. (BYO water bottle) Any enquiries please call/SMS Kylie 0418 899966 or email kyliepenny@gmail.com Please note bookings are essential via SMS, phone or email.	at Tablelands Community Centre Ruffy
Every Thursday @ 7.30 (sharp) - 9pm	SWING DANCE CLASSES - Free! Swing dances feature the jazzy Big Band music of the 1930s and 40s, and they are definitely all about having fun!!	at Euroa Uniting Church Hall Enquiries? Ray 0467 951559

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Strathbogrie Arts & Culture Strategy

We welcome your feedback!

Strathbogrie Shire Council has released its draft Arts and Culture Strategy which aims to increase opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness, increase arts and cultural experiences, preserve heritage and foster diverse cultural sustainability within our shire.

The need to further nurture and develop arts and culture was highlighted by our community at the beginning of Council's term, which led to the creation of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy.

Extensive consultation has taken place over a significant period of time both within our community and with the broader creative collectives to develop a strategy that is reflective of our current and future needs, that also addresses the desired Cultural, Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance outcomes.

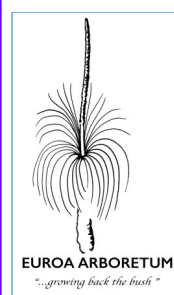
Council encourages our community to take a look at the strategy and associated 12 month action plan and provide feedback to be considered in the final review of the strategy before it goes to Council for consideration.

You can get a copy of the draft Arts and Culture Strategy online on our website www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au and hard copies will be available at Council Offices as well as the libraries in Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town.

If you're interested in having your say, visit the Have Your Say button at www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au to view the strategy and post in the discussion forum.

You can also provide feedback via email to info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au or provide written feedback to Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa.

We will be receiving feedback until 5pm, Friday 15 November, 2019.



Plant Sale this Week—all tube stock just \$1 each!

This week is the Euroa Arboretum's plant sale and remember that it's cash sales only. **The nursery will close from 1st November to March 2020.** During the summer season they will be busy planting and collecting seed throughout the hot season.

They will still be at the Euroa Farmer's Market, the third Saturday of each month. Whilst you're at the nursery, take a walk through the flowering grasslands. It's spectacular!

For more information and the 2020 plant order form which launches this Friday, contact Carolena carolena.helderman@euoraraboretum.com.au

Plant Sale dates and times—

Monday 28th Oct 10-3 & Thursday 31st Oct 10-3

Save the Date - Friday 13th December

End Of Year Get Together

Highlands Hall

Friday 13th December

Details to follow....



Session #2 Climate Change and Community Responses

Friday 15 November 2019, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Beaufort Manor, 111 High Street, Yea

Prof David Karoly, NESP Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub, CSIRO, will examine the science underpinning climate change, and how the observed climate globally, in Australia and in the region around Yea, has changed over the last 100 years. He will describe two paths for the future: one in which all countries meet their commitments and global warming is limited; the other where countries increase greenhouse gas emissions and global warming continues. Which path we follow into the future depends on the choices that are made now.



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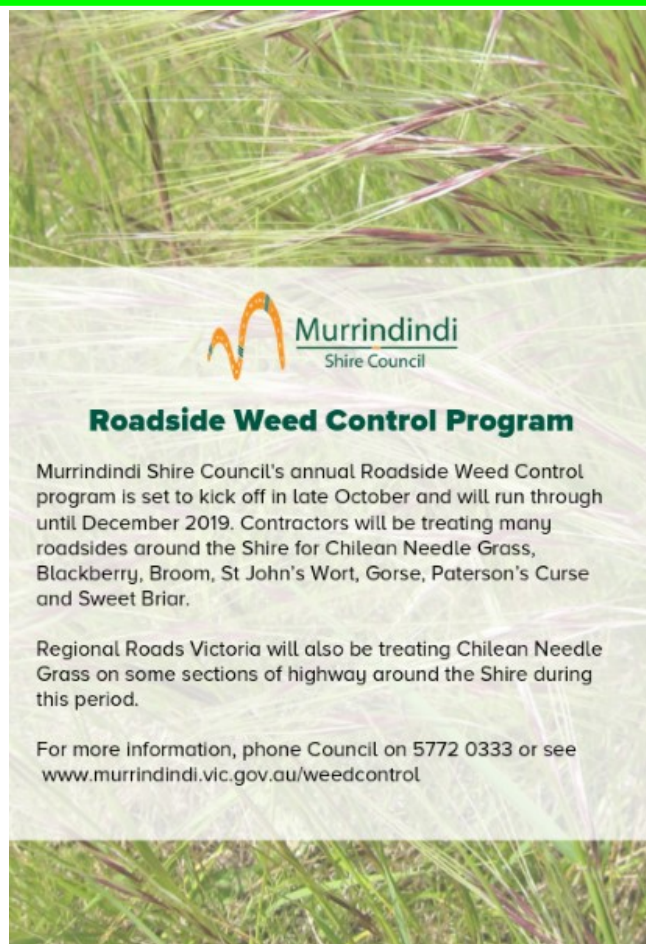
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Climate linked to earlier, longer fire seasons: CFA and BoM researchers say

14 Oct 2019

Human-induced climate change is the most likely driver behind Australia's earlier and longer fire seasons, according to new research by CFA and Bureau of Meteorology researchers.



CFA Manager Research & Development Sarah Harris and BoM scientist Chris Lucas co-wrote [Understanding the variability of Australian fire weather between 1973 and 2017](#), recently published by science journal PLOS ONE.

Examining seasonal fire weather history for 44 years at 39 weather stations across Australia, it explores whether early starts to the bushfire season in different regions of eastern Australia in the recent past – including this season's significant fires in south-east Queensland and New South Wales – are an indicator of a changing climate.

In an [article published by The Conversation](#), Chris Lucas and Sarah Harris write that “climate change is definitely playing a role in producing the earlier start to bushfire seasons and overall more extreme seasons, particularly in south-eastern Australia”.

The researchers point out that the natural variations in climate modes continue to play a key role.

“That means we should not expect every bushfire season to be worse than the last as a result of climate change. Similarly, a few milder bushfire seasons among a string of record high seasons does not mean that climate change should be dismissed,” Drs Harris and Lucas write.

CFA CEO and Chief Officer Steve Warrington welcomed the research.

“As firefighters, we see the effects of these longer and more severe fire seasons and CFA is proud to play its part on this topic, both through its robust research program, but also through initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse emissions, such as increasing our use of rooftop solar and the number of hybrid vehicles in the fleet,” he said.

Article taken from the CFA News Update email which is sent to all CFA members.

Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network's Upcoming Activities

Have your say at our Annual General Meeting

If you've ever dreamed of getting involved with the SRCMN, now's your chance to come along and participate in our annual general meeting at the illustrious Ruffy Tablelands Community Center. A new committee will be elected and the charter and constitution will be reviewed. Planning and strategy for the next 2 years will also be discussed so that the SRCMN remains effective and relevant.

Our keynote speaker from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA), Dr Jenny Wilson, will hold an interactive session to assist with priority setting and will listen to public feedback.

After the formal meeting, attendees have the options to head over the road to the Ruffy General Store for lunch.

Time & Date: 11am, Saturday the 23rd of November, 2019

Location: Ruffy Tablelands Community Centre, Nolans Rd, Ruffy

Please let us know you're coming by emailing us at events@strathbogieranges.org

The third Riparian Walk will follow on the next day—

Sunday 24th November and will explore the hidden, but magnificent, Mountain Hut Creek. Further details in next week's Granite News.

Finally, we have another Common Myna workshop coming up in Euroa on **Saturday the 30th of November**.

SRCMN are currently seeking feedback from the public about what aspects of Myna control they'd like to learn more about, email the above email address with your feedback.



Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest

In accordance with the recommendations of the Draft Strathbogie Community Pools Strategy 2019-2029 adopted by Council on 21 April 2019, Strathbogie Shire Council has resolved to appoint a Pools Advisory Committee.

The objectives of the Committee are to advise Council on:

- The implementation of the Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Strategy 2019-2029;
- The development and review of policy and strategy relating to Community pools and assets;
- Policy relating to the management of pools; and
- Potential advocacy priorities regarding pool and aquatic issues and initiatives of community safety and benefit.

Council will take the advice of the Committee into consideration as part of its deliberations regarding matters concerning our Community pools and assets.

The Committee will be made up of Councillors, Council Officers, Community and Youth representatives. The Council or Committee may second people to the Committee with technical expertise or engage with interested parties as required for a temporary period.

Membership will be based on a mixture of skills, location and experience with the preference for two members to represent the Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town pools.

Youth representatives should ideally be within 16 years and 25 years of age and members may need to obtain their Working With Children's Check (WWCC) if they are required to have regular and ongoing engagement with young people under the age of 18 who do not have their parent/guardian present.

The Committee will meet at least quarterly at a date and time to be determined at the first meeting (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you are interested in joining the Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Advisory Committee or wish to obtain a copy of the Committee Charter, please contact Jeff Saker, Group Manager Community Assets at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or phone on 1800 065 993 to obtain the Application Form.

Applications are to be received no later than **COB Tuesday 12 November 2019**.

Phil Howard

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