



Welcome, Wumindjika and G'day

Did somebody say "Rain!" After a couple of 30 degree+ days, giving us all an early taste of summer, down it came. What a wonderful couple of drenching days of much welcome precipitation. As I type the rain is beating a tattoo on the iron roof and my tanks are filling up nicely. The whipper snipper is about to be serviced to cope with all the action it is going to see in the next week or two, slashing back all the new growth and potential fire threat. I need the exercise! Until next week, **Pauline And Kenny?** Was socialising with the kingfisher out in the Yea Wetlands.

Riparian Walk #3 - Mountain Hut Creek, Kelvin View

Time & Date: 8:45am – 2pm, Sunday the 24th of November

Starting Location: 100 Kelvin View School Rd

End Location: Gate on Euroa Strathbogie Rd

Difficulty: Hard

Length: 8km

Our riparian walks are back and bigger than ever, with 6 walks covering the best of the bogies as well as some new gems. The aim of these walks is to become better acquainted with our local waterways, and record some of their standout features along the way.

We're branching out from previously explore paths to uncharted territory, with this walk being our first exploration of the hidden, but magnificent Mountain Hut Creek. If conditions are right, we may explore the aboriginal cave art nearby.

This walk is long (8km/5hours) and of **high difficulty** with several creek crossings, steep descents and bush bashing to contend with. Hiking experience isn't necessary, but an average level of fitness and mobility will be required. The walk Mount Wombat/Garden Range nature reserve. Walkers will follow the creek down to the edge of the GA Waterhouse reservoir before diverting to see the aboriginal cave artwork. Then we'll head to gate at the bottom of the hill on Euroa-Strathbogie Rd. Walkers will then be driven back to their cars at the starting point.



Note: If you'd like to help with the car shuffle, please meet us at the end point at 8:20am.

Please note, as we'll be traversing private property on these walks, no dogs or other pets are allowed.

RSVPs are essential, so please email us at events@strathbogieranges.org to register your interest.

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



Feedback? - editor@tgn.org.au

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"We never know the wealth of water until the well is dry."

Thomas Fuller - British physician & intellectual (1654—1732)

The Granite News is an open but moderated community forum.

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Friday 13th December
Details to follow....



Month	Highlands	Ruffy
October	21.9 mm	10.9 mm
2019Total	478.4 mm	Sept 50.3mm
October Rain Days	10 Days	Days

Community Notices & Classifieds

CALENDAR of EVENTS — October & November

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
 Wednesday 13th Nov. @ 11am NB New Date!	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
Saturday 16th Nov. 10-12noon	DUNG BEETLE FARM WALK Discover how useful these little beggars can be. See p.4 for more details.	at 141 Monkey Creek Rd, Limestone Enquiries? Prue 0412 753385
Saturday 23rd Nov. @ 11am	STRATHBOGIE RANGES CONSERVATION - AGM Come along and have your say at the SRCMN's AGM.	at Tablelands Community Centre RSVPs events@strathbogieranges.org
 Saturday 23rd Nov. 12-2pm	HIGHLANDS BLACK MARKET Bring along your excess produce, buy local and learn from each other.	at 94 Old Highlands Rd Enquiries? - Clare 0428 969366
 Saturday 23rd Nov. @ 5pm	WHITEHEADS CREEK/TARCOMBE RFB CHRISTMAS PARTY Come & celebrate, BBQ meat supplied, bring along a salad or dessert. See attachment for more details	at Whiteheads Ck Fireshed
Sunday 24th November 8.45am-2pm	STRATHBOGIE RANGES - RIPARIAN WALK #3 A challenging walk in the wonderful ranges. See p.1 for details & don't forget RSVPs are ESSENTIAL!	at 100 Kelvin View School Road
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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Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group – Expressions of Interest

An opportunity has become available for a community representative to fill a vacant position on the Strathbogie Shire Council - Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group.

This group was formed in August 2017 to support Council in their commitment to public participation, and utilizing the general community to assist in the achievement of future Council Plans and strategies that govern the future of the Shire. **The roles and objectives of the TACAG are:**

- To provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the development & implementation of the Arts & Culture Strategy.
- Act as advocates and champions for Tourism, Arts and Culture programs and projects within the Shire that are of community benefit.
- Provide a forum for discussion of Tourism, Arts and Culture industry trends & best practice in the Local Government sector.
- Assist Council to work strategically to encourage, foster, value and promote Tourism, Arts and Culture.

The TACAG is made up of Councillors, Council Officers, business and community representatives. The group currently meets once a month for one hour at various locations throughout the Shire (additional meetings may be convened at the discretion of Council).

If you have an interest in joining the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and feel like you have the appropriate skills and knowledge to assist in achieving the objectives of the TACAG, please contact us via email at info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au, including a brief description of your experience and reasons for wanting to join.

Should you require any further information, please phone on (03) 5795 0000 – submissions close 22 November, 2019 @ 5pm.

FOR SALE - Beautiful Plants

Assorted succulents & cactus for sale at Terip Terip. Most are in flower now, great everlasting Christmas present. **Open most weekends or by appointment call Kerri on 5790 4191.** Prices vary on item size.



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 changes globally, in Australia and in the region around Yea have changed over the last 100 years. He will discuss 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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Dung Beetles a most unattractive helper

The dung beetle is inadvertently the farmer's little helper. You will find at least a couple of species in your paddocks at various times of year. Fresh dung is the dung beetle's sole diet and it also buries dung as part of its reproductive cycle. Join Yea River Catchment on a Landcare Group farm walk in Limestone (and morning tea) to find out more about this extraordinary insect and how it helps improve your farm in so many ways. Bring along specimens for ID. RSVP Prue King. See p. 4 for more details.

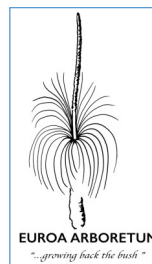


Euroa Arboretum is now taking orders for 2020 planting

Even though the nursery is closed from 1st November to March 2020 staff will be busy planting and collecting seed throughout the hot season. They will also still be at the Euroa Farmer's Market, the third Saturday of each month.

For more information and to place a 2020 plant order, contact Carolena (see below) Plant order forms can be downloaded at

<http://euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-order-form/> Please specify pick up month on order
carolena.helderman@euroaarboretum.com.au



CFA Fire Restrictions will commence....



Mitchell Shire— 1am on Monday 11th November 2019

Murrindindi Shire—1am on Monday 11th November 2019

Strathbogie Shire—commenced on Monday 28th October 2019





Yea River Catchment Landcare Group
and local dung-beetle expert Bertram Lobert
invite you for a
DUNG BEETLE farm walk

It's springtime and dung beetle activity is ramping up.



Learn how to identify which dung beetles live on your property (native or exotic species; male or female), why they are so important to agriculture, what their breeding habits are, how you can introduce new species, and how farm drenches can affect them. Bring along beetles to identify.



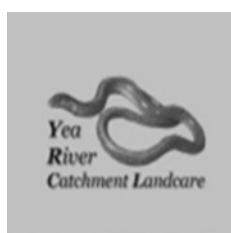
When: Saturday, 16 November
Time: 10 am to 12 pm with morning tea

Venue: 141 Monkey Creek Rd

Limestone 3717

**Cost: \$5 for non Landcare members,
members free**

**RSVP: Prue King by Wednesday, 13 November: 0412 753 385 or
prudencenz@hotmail.com**



Strathbogie Arts & Culture Strategy

We welcome your feedback!

Strathbogie 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.strathbogie.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.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to view the strategy and post in the discussion forum.

You can also provide feedback via email to info@strathbogie.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.

Community Pool Kiosks

Strathbogie Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from community groups and other interested parties to operate the kiosk at the Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town pools during the 2019-2020 pool season.

Key duties for this role will include the procurement and sale of agreed kiosk goods and other opportunities that may be agreed.

Pool season runs from 1 December 2019 to 9 March 2020.

Please submit details of your interest and relevant experience by 5pm Wednesday, 20 November 2019.

Any questions? contact Council Offices on 1800 065 993

Terip Terip Tales...

Don't forget it's almost Cup Day and shaping up to be another great day. To finalise our catering can everyone please **RSVP immediately by calling Kerri 5790 4191 or Jenny 0448 833 871.** Looking forward to seeing you there!



There are still some advertising spaces for businesses left in the **Terip Community Calendar** at the great price of \$100. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact **Jonathan on 0448128 298.**

Strathbogie Shire Community Pools Advisory Committee – EOI

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 - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Another Christmas Party...!

This one will be held at the Tablelands Community Centre

on Saturday 7th December at the TCC in Ruffy, commencing at 6:30pm.

More details to follow.

Contact Melissa McDowall
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