NEWSLETTER

5 December 2016

PUT THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT BIN

St John's School Euroa students (from left) Isabella Smith (grade 3), Mia Vaz (grade 4) and Lily Fowler (grade 3) have enjoyed putting the right things in the right bins as part of their waste management curriculum this term. They are pictured with Strathbogie Shire Council Waste Management Engineer Darren Ritchie.

Love Strath

St John's School in Euroa has taken the lead in educating students in improving the environment by putting the right things in the right bins.

Grade 6 students, with the help of school staff, have been learning how to use the landfill, organics and recycling bins – and have been spreading the word around the school.

St John's has acquired several bins from Council to get in the habit of saving the environment.

Grade 3-4 teacher Rachel Timperley said the students have been learning about sustainability and have had 'mini lessons' on waste collection, with the intention of holding a 'bin audit' to see how other students have been going.

"Eventually we'd like to collect the school data and see how we've done and if we need to make improvements," she said.

"Later on down the track, we want to try and have 'rubbishfree lunches' and maybe pour all the rubbish out and ask the students to re-sort them into the right bins.

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"We already have chickens at school and we want to be more sustainable. There is a big focus on caring for our community here at St John's."

She said there were plans for students to visit Western Composting Technology in Shepparton next year to see what happens to the food and garden waste collected from the school.

Council Waste Management Engineer Darren Ritchie said Council was happy to support and provide recycling and organics services to St John's.

"It's great to see St John's have put waste management on their curriculum, as we know from experience that students will take their recycling messages home as well as spread it throughout the school and the community," he said.

"If any schools are interested in finding out how they can better manage their waste, call Council on 1800 065 993.



EVENTS DIARY



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Tuesday, December 20 - Carols by Candlelight

The annual event is being held in the Seven Creeks Park in Euroa. Presented by the Euroa Citizen's Band from 7pm, free drinks and sausages will be supplied by the Euroa Lion's Club with a special visit by Santa Clause. Carols start at 7.30pm For more information, contact Helen Barton on 5795 1480.

Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Fireworks

Regatta Centre, Nagambie from 3pm-10.30pm. Free event. Contact Sissy Hoskin on 0419 627 276

Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29 – Nagambie Sufferfest Multisport Festival

An event for all ages and all abilities, over many different distances including Half Ironman (1.9km swim, 90km cycle, 12.1km run) and Sprint (500m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run). A fast and flat multi-loop course all in the centre of Nagambie. Visit them on Facebook @nagambiesufferfest.

Euroa Community



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(pre-school children FREE)

Bury St, Euroa

Tickets: \$10.00



Recommended

for mature

Café Society - Sat, December 10 at 8pm and Sun, December 11 at 4pm

A young man arrives in Hollywood during the 1930s hoping to work in the film industry. There, he falls in love, and finds himself swept up in the vibrant café society that defined the spirit of the age.



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The Accountant - Sat, December 17 at 8pm and Sun, December 18 at 4pm

A forensic accountant un-cooks the books for illicit clients.

Note this is the last cinema program for the year – the cinema will be closed until January 18 next year.

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Your green lidded organics bin is collected on the same day every week.

Your red lidded landfill waste bin collection and your yellow lidded recycling bin collection alternate every fortnight.

Collection Area A and Collection Area B are as follows:

NOM	 Area A – Euroa Township, North (railway side) of Clifton / Tarcombe Streets. Area B - Euroa Township, South (freeway side) of Clifton / Tarcombe Streets and Creightons Creek 					
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THUR	Area A – Pranjip, Molka, Arcadia South, Wahring, Goulburn Weir, Kirwans Bridge, Bailieston, Tabilk, Mangalore, Mitchellstown and Northwood Area B – Avenel, Locksley, Longwood, Longwood East and Creighton.					
FRI	Area A – Nagambie Township, West of High Street Area B – Nagambie Township, East of High Street and Nagambie – Locksley Road.					
Organic Collection						
		Recycling Collection				
		Waste Collection				

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POOLS OPEN FOR SUMMER

Council's asset maintenance team have worked hard to ensure pools in Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town were in tiptop shape for the 2016-17 season opening on December 1st.

Visual changes within your local pools this season include:

• A fresh water-proof paint sealant at Euroa Pool, with new tiles and new timber slats on the outdoor seats

• New sand filters at Violet Town Pool, as part of Council's Capital Works Program

• Water pump replacement at Avenel Pool, as part of Council's ongoing maintenance.

All pools are open from 1-7pm on weekdays and weekends and from 12pm on school holidays.

Pools will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day only and any day below 23 degrees Celsius or inclement weather threatens.

An evening extension will be granted till 9pm if the temperature is higher than 30 degrees at 6pm and at the discretion of the pool contractor/s.

NAGAMBIE LIBRARY UPGRADE ON TRACK

Refurbishment of the Nagambie Library is almost complete and is now reopened following a short closure during works.

A self-service kiosk with a new after-hours returns chute has been installed, with landscaping to be completed outside the library.

The \$110,000 project includes \$10,000 each from Strathbogie Shire Council and Goulburn Valley Libraries, and \$90,000 from the State Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Fund.

A more modern space will be created with more seating options, a 'fresher' and more 'vibrant' space encompassing light and visibility through the main room, an expanded children's and teen area including a 'green wall' for multi-media use, and alternate quiet spaces for small groups.

Additional computer desks, TV screen outlets and an automatic book scanner have been included to provide improved services to the community.





Remember to bring the free season membership voucher attached to the first allocated rate notice in the new financial year, which may be handed to the pool operator for a free family, adult or student season pass.

SWIMMING PROGRAM AT ST JOHN'S

St John's School in Euroa have started a beginners swimming program for summer.

The program will focus on water safety and swimming elements but aims to get children using the water safely and improve their confidence so they can practice over the summer holidays in the warmer weather.

Once students return for the 2017 school year, swimming trials will begin for those in years 3-6, with the fastest swimmers competing at district level for St John's.

This is the first time in several years that St John's has run a swimming program in Euroa.

In addition to this, VicSwim will be running in Euroa for two weeks from January 3 costing \$30 per week.

For more information on the swimming programs, contact St John's on 5795 2937.

DEVELOPERS TAKE NOTE

Strathbogie Shire's planning department has achieved a 100 per cent approval rating for the second time in six months.

The statutory time period for issuing planning permits is 60 days.

Council Manager Sustainable Development Emma Kubeil said to maintain such a high standard, within a small team, is an outstanding achievement.

"Strathbogie Shire supports quality development and the door is always open for discussion of potential projects," she said.

"Having the ability to liaise internally with Council engineers, health officer and building services staff allows the process to run more smoothly and efficiently."

Recent approvals which demonstrate considerable interest in the region reflect the Lake Nagambie Ward as an attractive place for investment, with the Mt Wombat Ward also kicking goals, particularly in the last two months.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2017 EVENTS



There is an action-packed schedule of events happening in the Strathbogie Shire for Australia Day in 2017.

Each year, six of the main towns hold a special ceremony commemorating residents and community groups/events that have made a significant difference in their community.

Not only are there town-specific awards, but also Shire-Wide Awards, with the location of the Shire-Wide ceremony rotating annually.

This year, the main event will be held in Strathbogie at 9.30am on Thursday, January 26.

See below for the main locations and times for each event. Check out a future edition of *Love Strathbogie* for all Australia Day Ambassadors.

VIOLET TOWN CEREMONY

7.30am Breakfast, 9am Ceremony

Violet Town Community Complex, 35 Cowslip Street, Violet Town

STRATHBOGIE – SHIRE-WIDE CEREMONY

9.30am Ceremony, 10.30am Morning Tea, 12pm BBQ Strathbogie Memorial Hall, Main Street, Strathbogie

AVENEL CEREMONY

9.30am Ceremony, 10.30am Morning Tea Jubilee Park, Queen Street, Avenel

NAGAMBIE CEREMONY

9.30am Sausage Sizzle, 10am Ceremony, 11am Sausage Sizzle Rear of Nagambie Library, Cnr High and Vale streets, Nagambie

EUROA CEREMONY 12pm Ceremony, 1pm BBQ RSL Park, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa

LONGWOOD CEREMONY

5pm Children's Games, 6pm BBQ, 7pm Ceremony Longwood Community Centre and Recreation Reserve, Down Street, Longwood

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Goulburn Valley Libraries is encouraging all children in the Strathbogie Shire to develop a reading habit, introducing the 1000 Books Before School program.

The literacy campaign, which originated in America, will be in 40 public library services across Victoria.

It encourages parents and carers to provide positive early experiences of reading at home, by reading 1000 books with their children before they start school.

The program has been running at Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town libraries since mid-November and is open to all children aged 0-5 years.

Parents are encouraged to come to their local library to register their children where they will receive a pack containing a tote bag, stickers and reading records.

Each time a book is read to a child, a sticker is placed on their reading record.

When a reading milestone has been achieved (e.g. 100 books), they are rewarded with a small prize.

For more information, visit your local library.

INTEREST IN STAGE TWO OF NAGAMBIE PROJECT

Council has received 50 submissions for the second stage of the Nagambie main street project.

The tourism enhancement includes the introduction of angle parking (with bicycle lane) along High Street, with a developer of a proposed café, restaurant and brewery offering to build a brand new, purpose-built Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and lake access to the main strip.

The angle parking component would provide approximately seven parking spaces for every four parallel spaces in front of the development.

It will provide an additional 26 parking spaces – eight for long vehicles, four bus spaces and six extra disabled spaces.

There will also be 14 long vehicle parallel spaces against the median strip for caravans, trailers and camper vans.

After Council's successful Listening Post discussion held in October, residents made submissions on whether they supported the project or not.

Half of the submissions were happy with the angle parking, while nine opposed the entire project because they believed the proposed VIC location would block the view of Lake Nagambie.

Nine responses stated they did not like the parking proposal, saying the elderly residents would find it difficult to reverse park on the main street.

Five submissions, while supportive, requested short-term parking limits be enforced, particularly between Marie and Prentice streets.

An off-street parking alternative was also suggested, with four others requesting the six proposed additional disabled spots be located in front of the pharmacy, newsagency and post office to cater to the elderly.

The new Council will make a decision based on the submissions, which were heard last month, on December 20.

NEW MAYOR FOR STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Councillor Amanda McClaren, one of two Lake Nagambie Ward representatives, has been unanimously elected unopposed as Mayor of Strathbogie Shire for 2016-17.

The vote took place at Council's annual Statutory Meeting on November 15, with Councillors deciding not to elect a Deputy Mayor for the first time in several years.

Returning Hughes Creek Ward Councillor Malcolm Little was appointed Chairperson of the Planning Committee.

Other key committee Councillor appointments include:

Audit Committee (Councillors John Mason and Mick Williams)

• Nagambie Waterways Advisory Committee (Councillors Deb Swan and Amanda McClaren)

• Sustainable Development Reference Group (Councillors Mick Williams and Kate Stothers)

• Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (Councillors Alistair Thomson and John Mason)

Cr McClaren said she was honoured and humbled to be afforded the opportunity to serve as Mayor, with some of her key priorities including more collaboration with the community, rotating Council meetings throughout the Shire and the introduction of Council Forums.

One of the Councillors' first tasks is to develop a Council Plan



and Budget, setting out what they want to achieve over their four year term.

The new Council will next meet on Tuesday, December 20 for the final Ordinary Meeting of the year.

Check out the *Euroa Gazette* and future editions of *Love Strathbogie* for meeting locations, dates and times for the new year.

ESTIMATED \$5 MILLION SPENT AT REGATTA CENTRE

Nagambie's Regatta Centre is fast becoming the epicentre of water sports in the Strathbogie Shire, with visitor numbers dramatically increased from previous years.



Representatives from Rowing Australia and Rowing Victoria met with Strathbogie Shire Council recently in lieu of the upcoming regatta season at Nagambie

According to Shire statistics, in the 2015-16 financial year, an estimated expenditure of \$2.9 million has been spent based on 28,550 day visitors over the year for events.

For training camps in the same year, based on 3013 visitors spending an average 3.6 days (tourist numbers), the estimated expenditure was \$2.028 million, which was the same for the 2016-17 financial year (with visitors spending an average six days).

Events have certainly picked up in 2016-17, with an estimated \$5.625 million spent based on 55,150 day visitors over the year (so far).

This increase in visitor numbers and dollars has positive benefits to industry and community.

It is important to note that it's expected for every direct dollar in output, there is an extra \$0.67 of activity generated within the broader community due to the industrial effects.

Local community groups and sporting clubs also take advantage of the high influx of visitors to the area, helping with parking, manning the canteen, operating the ticket box and more at various events at the Regatta Centre.

YOUR LOCAL MARKETS

Violet Town Christmas Market – Saturday, December 10

Recreation Reserve, Tulip Street, Violet Town - 8.30am-1pm

Avenel Market – Sunday, December 11

Jubilee Park, Queen Street, Avenel – 9am-1pm

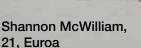
Euroa Village Christmas Farmers Market – Saturday, December 17

Rotary Park, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa – 9am-1pm

Nagambie Twilight Farmers' Market – Wednesday, December 21

High Street, Nagambie – 4pm-8pm





Why did you get involved with EVOLVE Youth of Strathbogie? I want to see a change in the community for youth and to get them involved and outside doing things and interacting. I was originally just tagging along with my friend.

What do you see as the biggest issue facing the younger generation today? Young people communicate too much with technology and don't have enough face to face interaction.

What do you hope to achieve as a Strathbogie Shire youth representative? I want to provide safe and fun events/spaces for the youth in our area.

'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH' – TIME FOR A COFFEE

Strathbogie Shire Council, in collaboration with local community markets and businesses, are promoting the message of Enough is Enough when it comes to violence against women.

EVOLVE Youth of Strathbogie committee member Shannon McWilliam, 21, has created a beautifully designed coffee cup which has been distributed to vendors to encourage conversations about gender equity and respectful relationships, with the goal of changing the way we talk about and view women.

The initiative is in support of White Ribbon and promotes International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25 running through the 16 Days of Activism to the Human Rights Day on December 10.

Euroa Village Farmers Market and Nagambie Lakes Community Market were on board, with this weekend's Avenel Market also on the bandwagon.

Council is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our community and considers violence against women and children in any form to be unacceptable.

Raising awareness of what violence is, its causes and prevalence, is the first step in developing community knowledge about violence against women and what can be done to prevent it.



RUBBISH TIPS

Containers do not need to be rinsed before being placed in your recycling bin. Although rinsing does reduce bin odours, items not rinsed can still be recycled.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The December Ordinary meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 20 December 2016 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Please Note: There is no Ordinary meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council held in January 2017.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Planning Committee are currently scheduled as follows - Tuesday 13 December 2016

Meetings are held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 4.00 p.m. The Agenda for the meeting is available on Council's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting.

Council officers can also confirm if there are items listed for consideration - please call 1800 065 993 during office hours.

If there are no items listed for consideration, the meeting will not go ahead. This information will also be advised on Council's website.

LAKE EVENTS/CLOSURES

Fri 9 – Sun 11 Dec 2016 - Victorian Canoe Polo Championships Regatta Water affected – Regatta Centre and Buckley Park boat ramps open

Sat 31 Dec 2016 - New Year's Eve Fireworks – Lake Nagambie affected – Regatta Centre boat ramp open, Buckley Park boat ramp closed 4pm – 11pm

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL EUROA OFFICE AND NAGAMBIE MOBILE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE CLOSURE

Council's office in Euroa and Mobile Customer Service Centre in Nagambie will be closed on Wednesday 7 December 2016 from 12.00 noon until 2.00 p.m. due to all staff attending a compulsory training workshop.

RATES EXTENSION

Due to technical issues with the mail-out of the second rates instalment, an extension of two weeks has been applied interest-free. The second rates instalment is now due Wednesday, December 14.

Steve Crawcour Chief Executive Officer Strathbogie Shire Council