



NEWSLETTER

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GRANTS AWARDED TO 'ENERGISE' STRATHBOGIE SHIRE



Ausnet Services' Customer and Community Manager Craig Velt (third left) presents Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren and Councillor John Mason with a cheque for \$20,000 for the Energising Your Community Development Grant Program. They are pictured with grant recipients from Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie, Ruffy and Strathbogie.

A \$20,000 grant program has been awarded to 11 groups in the Strathbogie Shire to further enhance community development.

The AusNet Services Energising Your Community development program has awarded grants of up to \$3000 to local, not-for-profit organisations for eligible projects.

Back in August this year, AusNet and Council put the call out for local sporting/recreation clubs, service organisations and support groups to apply with their best sustainable projects for the betterment of their clubs and to the benefit of community members.

Council and AusNet representatives attended a special ceremony at the Avenel Bowling Club recently where the grants were awarded to the community groups.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said these groups were all run by volunteers and Council was appreciative of the time spent on these projects.

"These grants will enable not for profit organisations such as sporting clubs, hall/reserve committees of management and fire brigades to improve amenities and upgrade equipment that will help them keep up with modern times and technology," she said.

"Strathbogie Shire is proud to work side by side with AusNet services, which has supported our municipality for many years."

Winners of the grants are:

- Avenel Bowling Club – new bench seating on one side of the bowling green
- Euroa Basketball Association – playing equipment, umpire development
- Euroa Historical and Genealogical Society – display cabinet

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WORKS UNDERWAY AT LONGWOOD RECREATION RESERVE

Limb removal of two large Red Box trees located either side of the Longwood Football Netball clubrooms will make it safer for users of the oval.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are working with Council and the Longwood Recreation Reserve Committee of Management to start work, which will also include removing dead wood from the tree canopies.

An arborist's assessment was requested by Council to establish the health of the trees, asking the work be done.

Local arborist Steve Wright (Wright Out Tree and Stump Removal) has been engaged to complete the works.

In addition to the limb removal project, Council will be erecting bollards around both trees to restrict vehicle access and parking.

Driving or parking vehicles under trees has a detrimental effect on the root system, which restricts the penetration of water and the ability for the soil to breathe.

Soil compaction forces the water to run off, eventually starving the tree of moisture and nutrients.

The establishment of mulch and understory plants will help provide the necessary protection for their survival.

The tree located next to the canteen has been identified as a Significant Tree on the National Register of Big Trees.

Both trees in question form a significant part of the aesthetics of the reserve and DELWP is pleased to be working with interested parties to retain them.

If you are interested in the project, contact David Donehue (DELWP) on 5761-1611.

YOUR LOCAL MARKETS

Nagambie Twilight Farmers' Market – Wednesday, December 21

High Street, Nagambie – 4pm-8pm

Nagambie Lakes Community Market – Saturday, January 7

Jacobson's Outlook, High Street, Nagambie – 9am-1pm

Violet Town Market – Saturday, January 14

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

Euroa Village Farmers Market – Saturday, January 21

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

Please note there is no Avenel Market in January 2017. It will return on the second Sunday of the month in February.



RUBBISH TIPS

Recycled steel cans are used in the manufacture of new products such as bicycle parts, car parts, steel beams, concrete reinforcement, household appliances and new cans.

WASTE COLLECTION

AREA A							
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
DEC	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
JAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

AREA B							
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
DEC	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
JAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

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:

MON	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
TUE	Area A – South of the Hume Freeway, including Sheans Creek, Kelvin View, Strathbogie and Gooram Area B – North of Hume Freeway, including Moglonemby, Miepoll, Tamleugh, Earlston and Violet Town
THUR	Area A – Pranjip, Molka, Arcadia South, Wahrung, Goulburn Weir, Kirwans Bridge, Bailleston, 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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- Nagambie Bowling Club – bowling equipment for a barefoot bowls and school program
- Nagambie Lakes Men's Shed – for funds to connect the new venue to the electricity network
- Nagambie and District Historical Society – gazebo and chairs for events
- Nagambie Fire Brigade – mobile trailer upgrade for community safety purposes
- Ruffy Recreation Reserve – kitchen cupboard replacement
- Strathbogie Golf Club – steps and sliding door improvements
- Strathbogie Memorial Hall – ceiling fans
- Tablelands Community Centre (Ruffy) – air-conditioning unit

DISCONTINUATION OF CHINAMAN'S BRIDGE

The heritage-listed Chinaman's Bridge, which opened in 1891, was declared Main Road connecting Nagambie and Heathcote. In 1995, following a road realignment of the Nagambie-Heathcote Road onto a new replacement bridge, VicRoads removed the Main Road status from Chinaman's Bridge but retained a more general road status in its place.

The bridge has now fallen into a state of disrepair and is hazardous to the public using the Goulburn River Reserve and boating traffic on the river.

Since 2015, Council has been encouraging VicRoads to mitigate the public risk and has therefore recommended the road along the bridge be permanently closed.

At last month's Ordinary Meeting, Councillors voted to close the bridge and to advertise this to the public.

Submissions to the bridge's closure will be accepted until January 6, with submissions heard at a Special Council Meeting on January 24 and considered in the February Ordinary Meeting in 2017.

MEETING MINUTES

Strathbogie Shire Councillors have adopted an Amendment to the Strathbogie Planning Scheme for re-zoning of 30 hectares of land in Nagambie.

The re-zoning (from farming to industrial) will provide for industrial opportunities along Habel Road (Nagambie), which will allow for new industry to come to the Shire.

This decision was made at the Planning Committee Meeting on November 22 and will now be referred to the Minister for Planning for final approval.

Up to 100 equivalent full time positions could be created following the amendment, with a positive flow-on effect for tourism and economic development.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY

Due to a change in process requested by the new Council, *Love Strathbogie* will now be going quarterly to all households in 2017.

This change will not impact the Strathbogie Shire's commitment to good communication and we will continue to spread our latest news through a variety of traditional and social media, website updates, face to face opportunities and much more.

If you would like more information on how to best stay connected with the latest news, contact Council on info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call our friendly customer contact team on 1800 065 993.

The next edition of *Love Strathbogie* will be distributed in March 2017 – if you have anything you would like to see in that edition, email newsletter@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

THE YEAR TO EVOLVE

Council's EVOLVE Youth of Strathbogie held its annual showcase last month – an opportunity to show friends, family and the wider community all they had achieved in 2016.

Held in the Council Chambers and with Councillors John Mason and Deb Swan in attendance, there was no doubt that EVOLVE had done some great things this year.

From DJing at events such as the inaugural Hawker's Market and Relay for Life, to hosting the Shire's first ever Silent Disco and starring in a music video filmed in Violet Town – EVOLVE are certainly involved in the community.

If you would like to hear more about EVOLVE and want to get involved in the committee, contact Council on 5795 0000 from January 3 next year.



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EVENTS DIARY

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Tuesday, December 20 – Carols by Candlelight

Rotary Park, Euroa from 7pm. For more information contact Helen Barton on 57954 1480

Saturday, December 31st – New Year's Eve Celebrations – Violet Town

Brian Hayes Memorial Rooms, Violet Town Recreation Reserve – Doors open 7.30pm. Band Oh Muma! From Melbourne playing 60s, 70s and 80s music. Finger food and drinks at bar prices. \$35 pre-purchase (available until December 23) or \$45 at the door. Tickets can be purchased with cash only at Fruits and Fare Benalla, Violet Town Post Office or Jax Café Euroa.

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve Fireworks

Regatta Centre, Nagambie from 7-10.30pm. Free event.

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.

Saturday, February 4th, 2017 – Jayco Herald Sun Tour – Nagambie

Will begin in Benalla and travel through the Shire (Violet Town, Euroa, Longwood, Locksley and Nagambie) before finishing at Mitchelton Wines at approximately 2.30pm. For more information go to www.heraldsuntour.com.au.



Saturday, February 18th, 2017 – A Day on the Green – Mitchelton Wines, Nagambie

Gates open at 3pm, with artists John Farnham, Kate Ceberano, Russell Morris and Moving Pictures performing. For tickets go to www.adayonthegreen.com.au.

Saturday, March 4th & Sunday, March 5th – Nagambie On Water Festival

Featuring a 1.1km open water swim, NOW Lakeside Market, grape stomping, a community canoe challenge and live music. This year, the Victorian Rowing Championships will be taking place at the nearby Regatta Centre. Go to www.nagambieonwater.com.au.

Inland Sprint Regatta – Nagambie

Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8

New players welcome. No paddling experience is necessary, just the ability to have a laugh. To make a booking for this session, visit www.vic.canoe.org.au.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD CEREMONIES – THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

Violet Town Community Complex

35 Cowslip Street
7.30am Breakfast, 9am Ceremony

Strathbogie

Shire-Wide Ceremony – Strathbogie Memorial Hall
9.30am Ceremony, 10.30am Morning Tea, 12pm BBQ

Avenel

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

Nagambie

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

Euroa

RSL Park, Kirkland Avenue
12pm Ceremony, 1pm BBQ

Longwood

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

Visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au for more information.

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE IMMUNISATION DATES 2017

Where	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Euroa	18	15	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	20
Nagambie	18	15	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	18	15	20
Violet Town	18		15		17		19		20		15	
Avenel		15		19		21		16		18		20

EUROA
Bury Street
10am - 11am

NAGAMBIE
16 Vale Street
12.30pm - 1pm

VIOLET TOWN
Hyacinth Street
3pm - 3.30pm

AVENEL
15 Queen Street
3pm - 3.30pm

WATERWAY SAFETY

Strathbogie Shire Council is urging users of its waterways to be safe this summer.

Many water sports take place at Lake Nagambie, including rowing regattas and canoe polo.

Council is working with Maritime Safety Victoria (MSV) to address the small minority of boaters intent on anti-social behaviour on the waterway, as seen by users and nearby residents last boating season.

In Victoria alone, there are 191,000 registered recreational boat users. There are 395,000 marine license holders and 838,000 adult recreational fishers.

Since 2013, there have been 15,000 more boat users in Victoria alone and there is no doubt that many of them have utilised the pristine Lake Nagambie.

Boating provides a \$4.5 billion contribution to the Victorian economy, providing 17,700 full time jobs within the industry.

When using the waterways, ensure you are always wearing a personal flotation device and carry the required safety equipment as MSV and Council boating safety officers will issue infringement notices.

Maritime rules apply to all forms of recreational use on Lake Nagambie including boating, jet-skiing, swimming, canoeing and fishing.



COLLECTION CONTAMINATION UP TO 25TH NOVEMBER

COLLECTION DAY	Collected (tonnes)	Contamination (tonnes) / rate
Monday (Euroa township)	54.33	0.57 (2.08%)
Tuesday (Violet Town – Strathbogie)	14.36	0.207 (2.91%)
Thursday (Avenel – Mangalore – Longwood – Arcadia South)	18.22	0.622 (6.81%)
Friday (Nagambie township)	25.14	0.808 (6.33%)

What contamination have we found in your organic bins?

Please note that any contaminants placed in your green organics bin have to be sorted by the processor and taken to landfill, resulting in additional costs to Council for landfill disposal.

The contaminants being found in our organic bins are a mixture of:

- Plastic bags, including 'biodegradable' plastic bags. Remember that plastic bags are not compostable and must be placed in your red rubbish bin. Food and garden waste should only be placed into your green bin loosely or contained within a purple, compostable liner supplied by Council.
- General household waste (including disposable nappies, plastic food wrap and polystyrene meat trays). These things must also go in your red bin.
- General household recyclables (including food tins, plastic bottles/containers and paper). These must go in your yellow recycling bin.

LAKE CLOSURES

Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, January 21 – Nagambie Water Ski Club Event – Part of the Goulburn River (between Sandy Creek and Tahbilk Winery) will be affected between 8am and 5pm but will be open.

Saturday, January 7-Sunday, January 8 – Inland Canoe Sprint Titles – Regatta Water affected but lake will be open

Sunday, January 29 – Nagambie Sufferfest Multisport Festival – Lake Nagambie (adjacent to Nagambie Township) affected, with the Buckley Park boat ramp closed between 6am and 12pm.

Visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au for a full list of lake closures between now and May 2017.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF 2017 JAYCO HERALD SUN TOUR

On February 4 next year, the Jayco Herald Sun Tour will, between 10.30am-2.30pm, travel from Benalla to Mitchelton Winery, via the following main roads: Midland Highway, Dookie-Violet Town, Harry's Creek, Strathbogie-Creek Junction, Euroa-Strathbogie, Euroa-Shepparton, Pranjip, Pranjip-Longwood, Nagambie-Locksley, McDonalds, Racecourse, GV Highway, Mitchellstown.

These roads will **not** be closed, however traffic delays may be expected. For more information, contact Sarah Tate on 0402 142 243 or for a more detailed map, visit strathbogie.vic.gov.au.



OFFICE CLOSURES & WASTE SERVICES CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR 2016-17

The Strathbogie Shire Council Offices in Euroa and Nagambie will close at 12pm Friday 23rd December 2016 and re-open 9am Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

There will be minimal staff working from the Depots during this time however if you have any emergency enquiries during this period (such as trees or stock on roads, dog attacks etc.) please call 1800 065 993 and follow the prompts.

Kerbside Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collections:

There will be no change to kerbside waste, recycling and organics collections over the 2016 – 2017 Christmas / New Year period.

Waste Transfer Station Operating Hours:

All Waste Transfer Stations within the shire will be closed on the following days:

Sunday 25 December 2016

Monday 26 December 2016

Sunday 1 January 2017

Please note:

All Transfer Stations will be closed on all days that are declared a Code Red (Catastrophic) Fire Danger Rating.

Green waste will not be accepted at any Transfer Station on days that have been declared a Total Fire Ban.

Maternal Child Health (MCH):

Council's Maternal Child Health Service will be closed Friday 23 December 2016 to Tuesday 3 January 2017. If you have any concerns during this time, please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 and follow the prompts. This is a Victorian Government statewide service and can also be accessed online via the following link: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/support/Pages/mchline.aspx>

Nagambie & Euroa Visitor Information Centres:

The Visitor Information Centres will continue to operate under normal opening hours during the Christmas / New Year period (Nagambie, 10am – 4pm and Euroa 9am – 4pm), with the Nagambie Office closing only Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December 2016 and New Year's Day, Sunday 1 January 2017 and the Euroa 'Hub' closing Christmas Day only.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 2016

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 20 December 2016 at the Waterfront Motel, 277-279 High Street, Nagambie, commencing at 6p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting is available on Council's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the Council meeting, community members are invited to meet with Councillors and the Executive Management Team at 5.30 p.m. (at the same venue) for general discussions.

Please Note: There is no Ordinary Council Meeting held in January 2017.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meetings of the Planning Committee are scheduled to be held as follows -

Tuesday 24 January,

Tuesday, February 7 and

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Meetings are held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 4p.m.

The Agendas for Council and Planning Committee meetings are 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 for a Planning Committee meeting, the meeting will not go ahead. This information will also be advised on Council's website.

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer
Strathbogie Shire Council

ROVING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please note that all Ordinary Meetings of Council will be rotated around the Shire as of February 2017, starting with Nagambie.

The Meeting will be held at the Waterfront Motel on High Street. For all other Meeting locations visit our website.