



NEWSLETTER

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Euroa Memorial Oval committee and tenants have been successful in their 2016/17 Budget submission, securing \$50,000 to build a new netball court. Euroa Junior Netball under-16 coach Kate Petersen (pictured, back left), when making the submission, told council it was a "logistical nightmare" to coordinate the high number of netball teams currently using the only netball court at the Euroa oval. The entire project may cost an estimated \$250,000, with the club applying for a Country Football Netball Grant, and will fundraise at a local level. Also pictured are Cr Mick Williams, under-14 netball coach Barb Putamorsi, under-17 coach Teagan Kohn, with Mayor Colleen Furlanetto and junior netballers Scarlett Putamorsi and Ashley Allen.

VIOLET TOWN GETS FLOOD READY

An information session was recently held in Violet Town to discuss flood mitigation for the owners of land within flood affected areas of the township.

Strathbogie Shire Council has allocated \$100,000 in its 2016/17 Budget as its contribution to provide flood mitigation infrastructure in Violet Town.

Funded equally by the Federal and State governments (\$420,000 each), as well as council, a Special Charge Scheme (\$320,000) can also be developed with landowner support to raise the local contribution. A Special Charge Scheme is a process that enables residents to contribute to the cost of up-

grades to the flood infrastructure in Violet Town.

The flood mitigation infrastructure can be designed and constructed as a Water Management Scheme, with a community based committee appointed to prepare the scheme for the Minister.

Work will include flood levees and additional roadway culverts which will avoid the flood of both private and public land, protecting 47 buildings from damage in a 100-year flood.

This will improve liveability, safety and mobility within the town and enhance the viability of local business.

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VIOLET TOWN GETS FLOOD READY

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It comes after several flood incidents in and around Violet Town over the last 20 years.

Residents will now complete a questionnaire and will have four key opportunities to express their views on the proposed scheme, with Council to decide whether the project goes to the next stage or not depending on feedback.

Following the questionnaire, the steps will be:

- Information session – concerned property owners will be able to provide further input to the council on the Scheme
- Community based committee – will develop the Water Management Scheme
- Final information session – residents will get to view both the completed Water Management Scheme and Special Charge Scheme (developed by council)

- Intention to declare Special Charge Scheme by Council – this will be publically advertised, with submissions invited and an opportunity to address Council with any concerns.
- Declaration of Special Charge Scheme – After considering objections/submissions, Council must decide whether work goes ahead or not.
- Construction and maintenance
- Payment – can be paid in full or by instalments, with interest

Council is expected to consider the questionnaire results at the August 16 Ordinary Meeting, with the first information session tentatively planned in September.

If the project proceeds, work could begin towards the end of next year.

LANDFILL REDUCTION IN FORTNIGHTLY BIN SERVICE



Do you ever wonder what your neighbours put in their rubbish bins each fortnight?

An audit was conducted on the contents of landfill waste bins throughout the Strathbogie Shire, with results indicating council has more than halved the total amount of rubbish being thrown out.

The aim of the 2010 audit was to identify the materials that could be diverted into recycling and organic bins.

Our results were compared to the last audit and found:

Waste type found in landfill waste bin	2010 Audit (kg per household per week)	2016 Audit (kg per household per week)
General waste	5.44kg	2.40kg
Recyclables	3.40kg	1.45kg
Organics	2.46kg	1.15kg

Of the bin audits conducted across the six councils within the Goulburn Valley region, Strathbogie Shire has:

- The lowest bin weight (5kg) per household per week
- The lowest percentage by weight of organics material,

including the two other councils offering a full organic collection service (City of Greater Shepparton – 3.52kg, Moira Shire Council – 3.80kg)

- The highest percentage by weight of recyclables

The results found that plastic containers make up a majority of the recyclable materials found in rubbish bins (0.5kg), with paper/cardboard and aluminium cans/foil following.

About 0.6kg of the food waste found in rubbish bins included food that had expired, whole fruit and vegetables and unopened food still in packaging.

By diverting all of the recyclable/organic items currently found in our landfill waste bins and placing them in the right bin (organics or recycling), Strathbogie Shire can achieve a saving of \$25,600 per year in waste disposal costs.

TIP: Plan and shop smarter to avoid landfill waste in the first place.

Remove expired food from its packaging. Place packaging in general waste bin and food into your kitchen caddy.

REMEMBER: All Strathbogie Shire ratepayers will start to receive new purple, green waste caddy bags (free of charge) by the end of July.



EUROA HEALTH EXPANSION ON TRACK

Strathbogie Shire Council will be providing \$300,000 worth of equipment, furniture and overall fit-out of the Granite Hill aged care facility at Euroa Health.

The largest hospital and residential aged care provider in the Shire, Euroa Health was successful in its 2016/17 Budget submission for financial support from council.

Work on the 75 room facility is on schedule, with an expected completion date of mid-February next year.

Euroa Health CEO Wayne Sullivan said the facility will have five wards for high care, low care, dementia as well as kitchen and administration facilities.

He said while the hospital expansion wouldn't provide new employment straight away, the facility had the potential to facilitate further redevelopment in the rest of the hospital.

"We have 126 personnel at Euroa Health, with the majority of these employees residing within the Strathbogie Shire," he said.

"Euroa Health is a strong organisation committed to building projects to benefit our community."

He said Council's investment into Euroa Health was appreciated, allowing the health organisation to off-set borrowings it needs to undertake.

"Council's grant will help us move forward as a growing organisation.

"Euroa Health...is a key component of the Strathbogie Shire and it is fair to say that without the hospital, with its range of community and residential aged care services, many people

would not see Euroa and district as a desirable location.

"This financial contribution to Euroa Health can be seen as a contribution to the future success of the Strathbogie Shire."

Mayor Colleen Furlanetto said Council, in a tight rate capping environment, has been able to facilitate the \$300,000 funding commitment.

"Council requires, as it does with all ratepayer committed funds in the budget, that key reporting and transparency of work progress be communicated to council and community," she said.

"This commitment has been made due to the gap in Euroa Health's financial shortfall for the development to occur.

"Council looks forward to seeing the development come together as a quality facility benefiting Euroa and the shire-wide community."

Council will help fund the fitout of Granite Hills which includes furniture & equipment.

Euroa Community Cinema

Bury St, Euroa



FINDING DORY

97 Mins - Animation
Fri, 22nd July @ 6pm
Sat, 23rd July @ 4pm

WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT

112 Mins - Comedy/War
Sat, 23rd July @ 8pm
Sun, 24th July @ 4pm

MONEY MONSTER

98 Mins - Crime/Drama
Sat, 30th July @ 8pm
Sun, 31st July @ 4pm

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE



Euroa Saleyards, Stage 2: Works have commenced on the high voltage electricity power pole relocation at the Euroa Saleyards roof project.



FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON STUDENTS POOL USE



A pool survey specifically targeted at school-aged children will be compiled to gauge feedback on what the younger generation want out of their swimming pools.

The Strathbogrie Shire-appointed Pools Working Group, consisting of Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town representatives, has also agreed to create a survey (to be included in a future edition of *Love Strathbogrie*) with questions coming from the group on how to get more community input into the pools.

It comes after the group's most recent meeting in Nagambie, where various issues were raised (about the Nagambie pool) including: lack of signage, the look of the pool, people knowing the pool is there and toilets/change room being separate from the pool ground (as well as plant room).

Council CEO Steve Crawcour confirmed that all four pools would re-open during the 2016/17 season and the group

couldn't expect changes within a month, with the new Council part of all future decisions.

Group representatives each made a 'wish list' of ways to improve their pools, which include:

- Holding a community meeting in Avenel
- Improved amenities area (Avenel)
- Longer/earlier opening hours (Euroa and Nagambie)
- Addition of a gym, hydrotherapy pool, picnic tables (Euroa)
- Free wi-fi and music playing over speakers (Violet Town)
- Zero depth splash park and play equipment (Violet Town)
- New barbecues (all pools)

The next Pools Working Group meeting will be held at the Violet Town Community Complex on Cowslip Street, following a Violet Town pool visit.



FREE EVENT WORKSHOPS

Are you considering organising an event?

This free event planning workshop on Saturday, August 20 will provide event organisers and community organisations with the skills and knowledge to run a successful event.

The hands-on workshop will be delivered by Tracey Hull (THA Consulting), who has over 25 years of experience in the events industry.

Her experience means realistic event training will be provided with lots of practical examples, tools and templates.

The workshop will cover:

- Event management planning

- Documenting events
- Risk, safety and emergency management for events

To make a booking at Euroa (9am-12pm) at the Flour Mill on 17 Kirkland Avenue, Euroa, or Nagambie (2pm-5pm) at the Regatta Centre, Loddings Lane, Nagambie, go to www.trybooking.com/LHIU (Euroa) or www.trybooking.com/LHJQ (Nagambie).

Bookings must be made by Tuesday, August 16 and are essential.

For more information, contact Claire Hahnel (Strathbogrie Shire Council) on 5795-0000 or email info@strathbogrie.vic.gov.au.



3RD ANNUAL HEART OF VICTORIA TOURISM DINNER

Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT), the peak tourism industry body, soft launched its new digital platform for the region, which includes a new website, at the third annual Heart of Victoria Tourism Dinner recently.

The event was well attended by over 100 people, including representatives from Strathbogrie, Murrindindi, Mitchell and Greater Shepparton councils, as well as members of the tourism industry and local MPs.

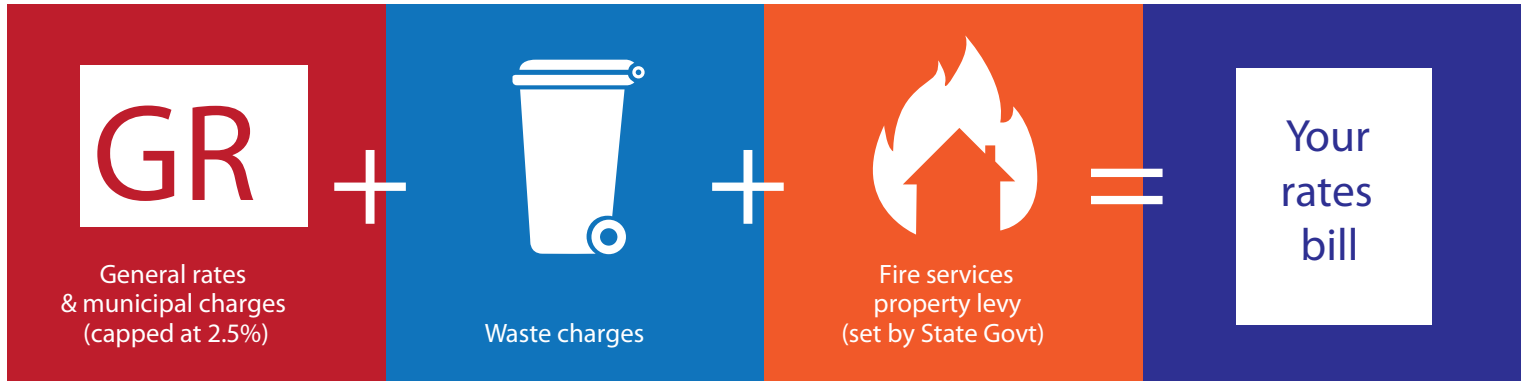
GRVT unveiled its new consumer logo that better captures the essence of the Heart of Victoria (or the Goulburn Valley region) and provides contemporary branding that will see the region into the future.

The crowd enjoyed performances by The Opera Studio, who gave a sneak peak of what people can expect from the upcoming Nagambie Lakes Opera Festival (September 2-4) by four of their young artists.

The Capping of Council Rates

- A complex policy explained

The components of your annual council rates bill



A council can only raise its general rates and charges above the 2.5% cap if it has consulted with its community and been granted permission by the Essential Services Commission.

This year, six Victorian councils were granted a rate cap variation.

The waste charge pays for kerbside waste collection, recycling, waste disposal and State Government landfill levy - a charge the council must pay when depositing waste at landfill.

Waste charges are not subject to the rates cap.

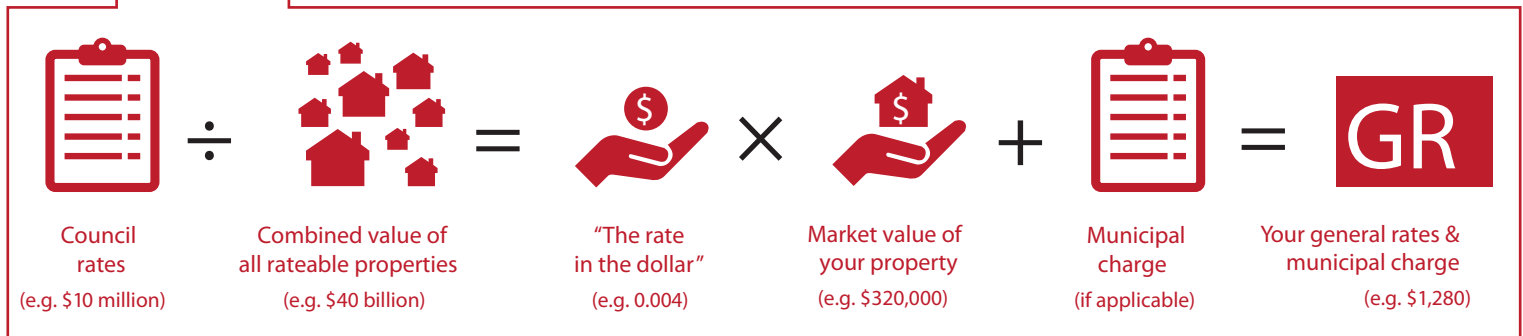
All Fire Services Property Levy money collected by councils is passed onto the State Government to fund fire agencies.

This charge is set by the State Government and is not subject to the rates cap.

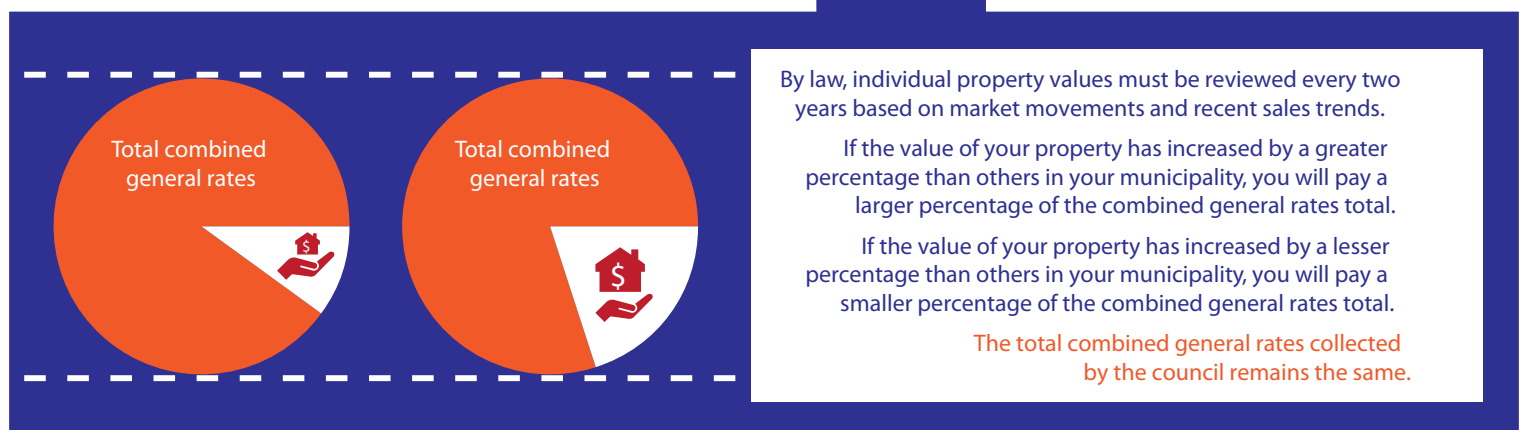
Your bill may be more or less than you expected because the 2.5% rate cap applies to the **overall rate revenue collected by each council, not your individual property.**

The 2.5% rate cap does not apply to waste charges, the fire services property levy or property revaluations.

How general rates and charges are calculated



Councils DO NOT get more money if your property valuation increases



The diagram features two pie charts on the left, both labeled 'Total combined general rates'. The first pie chart has a small slice removed, representing a property with a higher valuation. The second pie chart has a larger slice removed, representing a property with a lower valuation. To the right, a text box explains the process and the impact on the council's total revenue.

By law, individual property values must be reviewed every two years based on market movements and recent sales trends.

If the value of your property has increased by a greater percentage than others in your municipality, you will pay a larger percentage of the combined general rates total.

If the value of your property has increased by a lesser percentage than others in your municipality, you will pay a smaller percentage of the combined general rates total.

The total combined general rates collected by the council remains the same.

WASTE COLLECTION

AREA A

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
JULY	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AUG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

AREA B



	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
JULY	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AUG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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, Waring, Goulburn Weir, Kirwans Bridge, Bailieston, Tabilki, 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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PUBLIC NOTICES / COUNCIL MEETINGS

INTERIM SECTION 86 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT SHADFORTH RESERVE, VIOLET TOWN

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at Shadforth Reserve, Violet Town, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 26 July 2016 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.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

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

PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, 9th August 2016 @ 4pm
Euroa Community Conference Centre
Bury Street, Euroa

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer
Strathbogie Shire Council