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**You're welcome to the Strathbogie Shire for 2017 Seniors Festival**

There's plenty of fun to be had in Strathbogie Shire for the 35<sup>th</sup> Victorian Seniors Festival, which takes place during the month of October.

This year's Festival theme is "You're Welcome," encouraging all senior citizens, regardless of experience or mobility, to take part in the celebrations.

There are over 1500 events and activities happening across the state for older Victorians and their families and friends to enjoy.

Strathbogie Shire Council is screening the film *Voyage of the Southern Sun* at the Euroa Community Cinema on Wednesday 11 October at 1.30pm.

The film follows the journey of solo pilot Michael Smith who makes an adventurous round-the-world journey, retracing historic air routes in his tiny amphibious flying boat.

The event is free and will include afternoon tea.

The Euroa Third Age Club is hosting a Seniors' Lunch at the Euroa Hotel on Thursday 12 October at 12pm.

Those interested in attending will need to ring 5795 2116 to make a booking.

The fun continues on Tuesday 17 October at 1pm with a game of bingo and afternoon tea at Nagambie Senior Citizens Hall.

The Opera Scholars are coming to town on Sunday 22 October at 2pm for an entertaining afternoon of song at the Euroa Community Cinema.

The Opera Scholars are a not for profit organisation that foster the vocal development of young classical singers aged 18-28.

Seniors can also enjoy free travel on V/Line Economy Class rail and coach between 8-15 October by showing their Victorian Seniors Card.

Seniors can also call into the Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town libraries during the month of October to access large print books, books on CD, music CDs, DVD's, newspapers and magazines available to read on-site or for loan.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Council are so pleased to be able to support a variety of events and activities for the senior residents in the Shire.

"Our senior residents make up a considerable portion of the Shire's population so it is great to be able to assist in providing social activities for them," Cr McClaren said.

“The Victorian Seniors Festival is a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contribution our older people make in the community.”

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