



NEWSLETTER

5th July 2016



Euroa Health was successful in their 2016/17 Budget submission, with Strathbogie Shire Council donating \$300,000 towards equipment and fit-out of the new aged care facility. Pictured are (from back left) Ward Councillor Mick Williams, Euroa Health CEO Wayne Sullivan, Shire CEO Steve Crawcour and Mayor Colleen Furlanetto.

LOWEST RATE RISE IN 20 YEARS

Strathbogie Shire Council has announced its lowest rate rise in over 20 years at 2.5 per cent, with its 2016/17 Budget and Council Plan.

The adopted budget sees Strathbogie Shire abide by the state government's Fair Go Rates legislation, which caps rate increases.

This has been achieved through long term financial planning, significant staff restructures and improved efficiencies such as the shared services project, which council initiated and is in partnership with Greater Shepparton and Moira Councils.

Council has worked hard to develop a budget that balances ratepayer affordability with the continuing and newly emerging

demands of a growing community.

Council adopted its Budget, Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan at its Ordinary Meeting (June 21) following several weeks of community consultation with shire residents.

Over 40 submissions were made from shire residents and council listened to community feedback, with some items listed in the completed Budget.

Strathbogie Shire has allocated \$4.1 million to roads, \$3.2 million towards fixing 20 bridges, with no new borrowings, reducing debt in the process.

More information inside.

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WELCOME TO LOVE STRATHBOGIE

Welcome to the very first edition of *Love Strathbogie*, the official Strathbogie Shire Council newsletter, coming to your letterboxes every fortnight from today.

Strathbogie Shire has been on a constant journey to improve its communication across the board.

It may be something as simple as which bin to put out this week or what latest film is screening at the Euroa Cinema, but rest assured *Love Strathbogie* will have all the information and more.

Recent feedback from over 1200 residents in the council's Community Satisfaction Survey stated that the most preferred methods of communication were items delivered to the household (newsletter/letterbox drop) with over 600 responses.

Currently, council is distributing its news via traditional methods like local media (press releases), social media (Facebook,

Twitter and Instagram) as well as our website.

While council will continue to deliver its news in that format, we would now like to extend our reach out to 5000 households through the newsletter.

In each edition you will find:

- The latest news from Strathbogie Shire
- Updates on projects and works, waste collection and the Pools Working Group
- Planning Committee, Ordinary and Special Council Meeting dates
- Organic, recycling and rubbish collection calendar
- Euroa Cinema movie screening times
- Advertising and more!

Love Strathbogie is included in the 2016/17 Budget in a variety of areas due to different departments, which total \$70,000 and does not require additional staff to produce it. This budget item is made of public notices, tourism and marketing information, project and works updates and more. The newsletter is printed and distributed by local businesses.

And if there is something you'd like to see in our newsletter, please email: newsletter@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call (03) 5795-0000.

Colleen Furlanetto
Mayor Strathbogie Shire Council

RESIDENTS DISCUSS FUTURE OF POOLS



The Strathbogie Shire Pools Working Group have begun to meet on a regular basis to discuss ways of improving our four pools. Pictured are (from left) Michelle Kettels, Director Asset Services Roy Hetherington, Steven Jeffery, Felicity Edwards, Deputy Mayor Malcolm Little, CEO Steve Crawcour, Sissy Hoskin, John Thompson and Kate Steers. Not pictured: Mayor Colleen Furlanetto

Strathbogie Shire's newly formed Pools Working Group has met to discuss what needs to be done to save the four swimming pools in the shire.

Representatives from Euroa, Avenel, Violet Town and Nagambie recently met with Strathbogie Shire representatives, to discuss ways to improve the pools and create a Shire Wide Pools Strategy.

At the meeting, Mr Crawcour talked about the Pools Charter and that there were no pre-determined outcomes as many options need to be developed for the future of the pools in Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town.

Suggestions were made to visit other neighbouring councils, like Murchison, Bendigo or Ararat, to see their aquatic strategies and get ideas on how Strathbogie Shire can operate their pools better.

Mayor Furlanetto said it was essential the community owned

the strategy moving forward and all work should be done with consultation.

Director of Asset Services Roy Hetherington said pools need to be sustainable but social values also need to be recognised.

"Cutting costs can happen in innovative ways but we cannot move forward with the same thinking," he said.

"The pool infrastructure is all on the decline, something must be done soon.

"We need to understand more about community uses and that is why regional planning is important."

Group members have requested to see the costings of the pools and would like to speak to the pool operators to see how they are run.

They also would like to find out what people use the pool for and see if they can get more input from the community.



CHOCOLATE FEST COMES TO NAGAMBIE

Celebrity chef Adriano Zumbo (pictured left) will be demonstrating at the inaugural Chocolate Festival held at Mitchelton Wines, Nagambie in August.

With chocolate wine tourism becoming more and more popular in Australian wineries, Mitchelton's Ministry of Chocolate café and factory will host the event on the weekend of August 20-21.

The festival will showcase the best local wine and produce, together with established Melbourne-based chocolate companies.

The café and factory was opened in late 2015, a welcome addition to the winery's offering with good food, delectable wine and amazing views.

Following its success, Ministry owner Drew Maddison, a chocolatier and Daintree Estates Cacao Ambassador (one of only a few Cacao growers and chocolate manufacturers in Australia), decided to host a Strathbogie Shire first – a chocolate festival.

About 4000 attendees are expected over the August weekend, with brand ambassadors Kirsten Tibballs (Savour Chocolate School) joining Zumbo (Zumbo Patisserie), demonstrating on the main stage.

The festival will feature the Best Chocolate Dessert competition which will be held over the two days, with industry chefs judging and announcing the winner at the end of each day.

Other activities will include Kids Zone, wine making tours, chocolate tastings and chef demonstrations.

For more information, contact drew@ministryofchocolate.com.au.

LOWEST RATE RISE IN 20 YEARS

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The 2016/17 Budget will include the following projects in its \$11.06 million Capital Works Program:

- Binney/Railway Street (Euroa) intersection - \$400,000
- Avenel Hall - \$400,000
- Euroa Health equipment donation - \$300,000
- Brock Street (Euroa) toilets - \$200,000
- High Street (Nagambie) accessible toilets - \$200,000
- Birkett Street (Euroa) railway pedestrian crossing - \$138,000
- Violet Town Flood Mitigation (Special Charge Scheme) - \$100,000
- Nagambie Library - \$10,000, together with \$10,000 from Goulburn Valley Libraries and a \$90,000 Living Libraries Infrastructure Fund (state government) = \$110,000 in total
- Euroa Netball courts - \$50,000
- Euroa Croquet Club toilets - \$40,000
- Avenel school parking - \$40,000
- Euroa Primary School parking improvements - \$150,000
- Violet Town Recreation Reserve toilets - \$100,000
- Strathbogie Hall windows refurbishment - \$30,000

Euroa Community Cinema

Bury St, Euroa



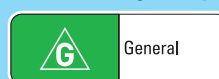
X MEN APOCALYPSE
144 Mins - Action/Adv
Sat, 9th July @ 8pm
Sun, 10th July @ 4pm



HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE
101 Mins - Comedy
Sat, 16th July @ 8pm
Sun, 10th July @ 4pm



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



RESIDENT INFORMATION PACK NOW AVAILABLE

The 2016 Resident's Information Pack is filled with information on waste collection services, local swimming pools and history of shire townships among other useful information.

All information is current (as of March 2016) and is available now on council's website or hard copy at the Euroa Hub, Nagambie Visitor Information Centre and our council office in Euroa.

Beside each township is a map of the area, with an easy-to-use grid reference at the back of the pack, which is a useful tool for visitors and residents if they require directions.

There is also information on all emergency services, health facilities (pharmacies, medical centres and hospitals), post offices, library information as well as the local kindergartens, day care centres, primary schools and the high school.

All of these notable locations are pin-pointed in the town maps. Please visit our website on www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/about-council/residential-information-kit to read all about it.



THE COMMUNITY GIVES FEEDBACK

The revamped Community Satisfaction Survey for the Strathbogie Shire has this year delivered pleasing results from the community.

Asking residents for their feedback on all council-related items, the survey gave them ample opportunity to voice any concerns they had.

Over 1200 responses were received, with results enabling council to move forward, taking into account residents' issues.

Among the questions asked were:

- If and where the person worked (industry)
- How long they have lived in the shire
- If they have had interaction with council and whether the staff were helpful
- How they felt about roads, footpaths and quality of services provided by outdoor teams
- What was the most important service delivered by council (ranked from 1-13)
- How should council best communicate with them (options were local paper, newsletter or social media/online)

Among the survey results were:

- 43% indicated people were unhappy/extremely unhappy with the standard of local roads (while 39% were extremely unhappy with footpaths).
- 72% were happy with customer service, with a further 51% saying council was extremely responsive to enquiries.
- 73% found roads, rates and rubbish a number one priority for council, closely followed by economic development and parks/gardens.
- The preferred communication method for 53% of residents, according to the survey, was a post/letter drop and/or a newsletter.

In terms of the overall performance of council, many residents stated they were unhappy due to issues regarding: the proposed Violet Town Depot closure, pokie machines and felt community consultation/communication needed to be better.

Council will now develop a Community Satisfaction Action Plan to incorporate this feedback into constructive actions for improvement.



WINE ON SHOW

The Strathbogie Shire was represented at one of the biggest tourism expos in Victoria at the 2016 Good Food and Wine Show, held in Melbourne last month.

Bringing with them over 2000 showbags filled with useful tourist information about our region, it was the first time the shire took part in the event that helped showcase the wineries.

Council staff and councillors including but not limited to Mick Williams, Malcolm Little, Deb Swan and Mayor Colleen Furlanetto, as well as customer service officer Deb Clinch (pictured) and CEO Steve Crawcour, volunteered their time over the June weekend.

They were joined by representatives from Fowles Wine, Mitchelton Wines, Tahbilk Winery and Maygars Hill Winery, who were giving out wine samples and selling their awarding winning wines.

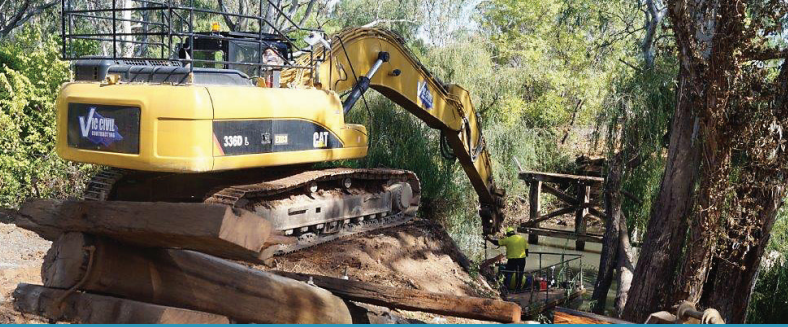
CAPITAL WORKS 2015-16 IS NOW 95% COMPLETE

CAMPBELL STREET

Campbell Street pathway connection - \$60,000 project. Footpath work along Campbell Street, Euroa has been completed and continues from Euroa Secondary College to Brock Street.

Plans are being drawn for a new off-road pedestrian crossing of the railway (underpass) at Campbell Street, which joins on to Birkett Street.

It's a great example of council listening to community feedback, where Euroa's Jessica Nicholson petitioned to the council last year, saying it was unsafe for pedestrians without a continuous footpath.



Buckley Park Bridge, Nagambie
Removed in April



Violet Town Community Complex re-roofed



Rotary Bicentennial Park, Euroa
New fencing, playground equipment upgrade



Lighting of foreshore walk, Nagambie

CREEK DRIVE MADE SAFE

Power along part of a Euroa street will be moved underground due to two trees blocking the power line, with plans for the trees to be cut back, scrapped.

This comes after the Country Fire Authority deemed the two 'veteran trees' a high bushfire risk.

The trees, located between Anderson and Kennedy streets, have been identified by AusNet as being in breach of the required clearance distance of the power lines.

Strathbogie Shire engineers had determined the trees should be cut back in order to meet regulation, however the works involved would have quite an impact on the health and vitality of the trees. Council has therefore recommended the power be undergrounded instead of cutting the trees' limbs.

Mayor Colleen Furlanetto said the council decision to explore power lines as an underground solution was a decision based on risk and amenity and meant "minimal disruption to the magnificent trees located in that area."

AusNet will install approximately 108 metres of underground low voltage cable between Anderson and Kennedy streets within the next six months.

UPGRADE TO NAGAMBIE LIBRARY

Strathbogie Shire Council has received a \$90,000 grant from the State Government to upgrade and refresh the Nagambie Library.

The \$110,000 project, which includes \$10,000 each from council and Goulburn Valley Libraries, includes a major refurbishment to improve both the exterior and interior of the library.

A more modern space with a smaller, fresher collection, as well as more seating options and an expanded children's and teen area is part of the scheduled work.

Library signage and gardening work will also be done to spruce up the building's exterior.

Goulburn Valley Libraries will also be providing a new self-service kiosk with a new after-hours returns chute to improve customer options and service.

The upgrade is scheduled to be completed by October 2016 and may involve a small closure to enable works to be completed efficiently and safely.

WASTE COLLECTION

AREA A - JULY

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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AREA B - JULY




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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:

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, 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



Maternal and Child Health Service

Please be advised that the Maternal and Child Health Service Centre in Euroa will no longer offer an open session on Thursday afternoons.

Weekly open sessions will continue to be offered at the following locations and times:

Euroa – Mondays 9.30am – 12.00pm
Nagambie – Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm
Avenel – Wednesdays 9.30am – 11.00am
Violet Town – Thursdays 9.30am – 11.00am

Individual appointments can be booked at other times by phoning Strathbogie Shire on 5795 0000 or Freecall 1800 065 993



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Meeting

Tuesday, 12th July 2016 @ 4pm
Euroa Community Conference Centre
Bury Street, Euroa

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 19th July 2016 @ 6pm
Euroa Community Conference Centre
Bury Street, Euroa

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer
Strathbogie Shire Council

Youth Advocates Program

Coming to Euroa Secondary College in Term 3

Are you in Year 9, 10 or 11?

Are you looking to develop your skills and knowledge?

Do all this thanks to



You'll be able to:

- Talk knowledgeably about mental health, symptoms and treatment options for young people and advocate help seeking.
- Analyse local area needs, plan your advocacy and identify/select the support you will access to become an effective advocate.

Sign up at the front office today or contact the Youth Development Officer on 5795 0000. Places are limited.