



NEWSLETTER

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CINEMA PACKED WITH FUN

Willow Harper, Mae Goodman and Lucy Steers were front and centre for a screening of Finding Dory at the Euroa Community Cinema Family Fun Night. Organised by Strathbogie Shire Council's EVOLVE Youth Committee, the sold out screening saw over 200 seats filled with shire residents and visitors to our region. The cinema is run by volunteers and managed by Strathbogie Shire Council. See inside for the latest movie screenings.

SUSTAINABLE DISCUSSIONS MOVE FORWARD

The Sustainable Development Reference Group, appointed by Strathbogie Shire Council, is going from strength to strength, meeting regularly to discuss the best way forward for all Shire residents and visitors.

The group, which formed in 2015, is a great forum for community representatives to get together and discuss, with Council, various issues including the use and development of public land; protecting natural resources; securing safe and liveable urban/rural environments; and facilitating and promoting sustainable development.

Made up of residents who represent the Euroa Environment

Group, Business Euroa and the Strathbogie Sustainable Forest Group (SSFG), last month's meeting focused on solar power initiatives.

Guest speakers Geoff Drucker and Leigh Newbery, directors of Countrywide Energy, spoke about their work with the City of Wangaratta, delivering a 10 megawatt solar facility – which is in response to Wangaratta's desire to make it an attractive location for industry and business, by having some control over energy pricing and delivery.

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When complete (end of 2017), the electricity will be delivered by solar panels that feed directly into the industrial estate, which is achieved by leasing Council land that abuts the industrial estate.

They reported four other Councils along the Hume corridor have expressed interest in something similar for their municipalities.

In terms of bringing a solar facility to Strathbogie Shire, which would supply about 2500 homes with electricity and be an attractive selling point for businesses to move to the region, significant government funding would be needed in order to make it happen.

Ward Councillor and group chair Mick Williams said the SDRG was a very proactive group of people from a broad cross-section of the community.

"Our members come from right across the Shire and all provide great input to the table," he said.

"It is one of the best groups I've ever chaired, mainly because the members bring issues and ideas to the SDRG, we discuss it and if we're all happy, these ideas are given the green light to go to Council.

"A great example of this is the introduction of an Environmental Officer, which was a successful 2016-17 Budget submission."

Other items which arose from the SDRG meeting included:

- The SDRG made a successful budget submission to secure funding for an officer to address environmental, weed and pest issues in the Shire.
- The SSFG asked the SDRG to support them in their objective of securing a Victorian Environmental Assessment Council review of the Strathbogie Forests. When completed, this would provide the framework for the future management of the forest.

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS



Shania Thind, Sunmeet Kaur and Karandeep Thind (pictured with Strathbogie Shire Mayor Colleen Furlanetto) have become Australian citizens and now reside in the Strathbogie Shire.

New Australian citizens Rachel Zarsuelo Libre (middle), daughter Althea Zarsuelo Libre and Aldrin Dalagan Libre were naturalised recently at the Strathbogie Shire Council chambers, in the presence of family and councillors. They currently reside in Euroa.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACTION GROUPS

A change may be coming to the Strathbogie Shire's community planning, with Council keen to reduce red tape for its eight action groups, making life easier for its volunteers.

There has been no decision as yet as Council is seeking feedback from the action groups first, following the Combined Action Group in June 2016.

Representatives from the Avenel, Euroa, Graytown, Longwood, Nagambie, Ruffy, Strathbogie and Violet Town action groups recently met with Council to discuss a proposed change to the groups' operation.

Council has listened to feedback from action groups about some of the challenges they face, with the Shire possibly to do more work developing community plans.

In an effort to 'revamp' the community action group program and as part of the changes, local communities will be consulted, generate ideas and prioritise local projects in the upcoming Council and Community Plan (CCP).

Local projects that groups prioritise in their area can be delivered by the action groups if they have the capacity.

Larger scale projects, beyond a group's resources, would then become Council's responsibility and prioritised through the Council Plan.

Projects would be funded by Council through a community projects grant stream, with each group given detailed procedures to ensure they know what to do.

Seven out of the eight action groups are committees of Council (Violet Town Action Group the exception as it is incorporated), and would cease to be under the auspice of council if the changes are implemented.

Project Teams would be formed on an 'as-needed' basis, specific to certain projects and would be considered only if there was sufficient interest.

This will make sure that projects with good support from the community are a priority.

Following Council's presentation, the action groups have until July to give feedback and make comments on the proposed changes.

For more information, contact Council on 1800 065 993.



EVOLVE YOUTH PROFILE

Name: Ashleigh Butcher
Age: 16
Shire residence: Nagambie
School: Seymour Secondary College
Length of Membership: One month
Interests: Music, photography, baking, travelling

1. Why did you get involved with EVOLVE Youth of Strathbogie?

Inga, the Youth Development Officer, approached me at Muso Magic and told me about the committee. I am interested in leadership and would like to make a difference in the community, so I was happy to be a part of a team.

2. What do you see as the biggest issue facing the younger generation today?

Drugs and alcohol abuse. Underage usage and nowhere to go if you developed an addiction.

3. What do you hope to achieve as a Strathbogie Shire youth representative?

I wish to achieve greater confidence around new people and for others to be able to be accepted through fun community events.



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE TO HELP HOST TOURISM SUMMIT

Strathbogie Shire will help host the 16th annual Victorian Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Summit next week (August 8-10).

The Summit is the yearly meeting place for all VIC personnel, economic development staff and regional tourism bodies to get inspired, learn from best practice examples and exchange ideas.

Murrindindi, Mitchell and Greater Shepparton Councils will also host the event.

The event will feature a cooking demonstration 'Tastes of the Region' featuring locally produced food, wine, beer and cider and family tours showcasing the region, which is highly regarded as the 'heart of Victoria.'

Delegates will discover how the Goulburn Valley region provides an abundance of diverse visitor experiences, many of which will be explored over the three days.

More information will be in the next edition of *Love Strathbogie*.

Euroa Community Cinema



Bury St, Euroa

AN (SWEET BEAN)

118 Mins - Art House/Drama - Fri, 5th August @ 8pm

An is the delightful story about a lonely Japanese baker who hires a 76 year old woman to be his new assistant. He soon learns she has a wonderful recipe for sweet red bean paste which she claims comes from her communing with nature (Japanese subtitles)



ME BEFORE YOU

110 Mins - Drama - Sat, 6th August @ 8pm - Sun, 7th August @ 4pm

Me Before You tells the story of the unexpected relationship that blossoms between a contented small town Englishwoman and the wealthy, paralysed Londoner who hires her as his carer.



THE BFG

115 Mins - Family - Sat, 13th August @ 8pm - Sun, 14th August @ 4pm

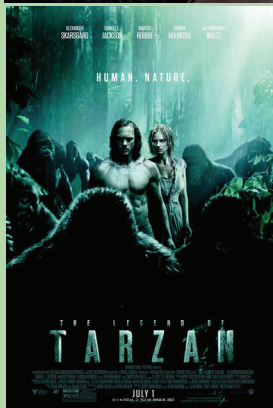
Roald Dahl's tale of a young girl, the Queen of England and a benevolent giant known as the BFG, who set out on an adventure to capture the evil, man-eating giants who have been invading the human world.



THE LEGEND OF TARZAN

110 Mins - Drama/Action - Sat, 20th Aug @ 8pm - Sun, 21st Aug @ 4pm

Years after leaving the jungle and settling down with his wife Jane in London, Tarzan returns to the Congo to act as a trade representative for England.



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE CUSTOMER SERVICE SCORES NUMBER ONE



Strathbogrie Shire Council has for the second time in six months ranked number one in customer service out of 40 local Councils.

The Customer Service Benchmarking Australia (CSBA) survey also saw Strathbogrie Shire's Customer Service Index rise eight points to 186, from the previous quarter's 178.

This result included a near perfect 99/100 for service delivery, which was attained via a 'mystery shopper' program, which independently measures and benchmarks the customer service performance of Strathbogrie Shire's contact centres and provide recommendations on how the Council can improve its customer service.

RECYCLING INCREASED

In the 2015-16 financial year, a total of 1029.13 tonnes of recyclables were collected, which is 22 per cent more than 2014-15 (843.32 tonnes). Broken down, recyclables included:

| Recyclables | Tonnes |
|-----------------|--------|
| Paper/Cardboard | 627.77 |
| Glass | 267.57 |
| Mixed plastic | 51.46 |
| PET | 30.87 |
| HDPE | 20.58 |
| Steel | 20.58 |
| Aluminium | 10.29 |

The 2015-16 environmental benefits from this increase mean:

- Over 8000 trees were saved
- About 2500 barrels of oil were saved
- 2778 cubic metres of landfill was saved
- And the equivalent CO2 savings was 639 tonnes



AFTER HOURS ACCESS

Did you know that www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au is open 24 hours a day? We have a wide variety of information available, including tourism, building and planning permits, community grants and volunteering, waste depots and native animals; as well as allowing you to see the bin collection cycle, and handy information on what services are near you according to your address. More information go to www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au.

FAMILY VIOLENCE DISCUSSION

Various forms of family violence were explored in detail by Women's Health Goulburn North East, who gave a presentation to Strathbogrie Shire's community and health workers recently. The training was delivered by Sandy King, who also explained ways to respond to disclosures of family violence and appropriate referral pathways.

Some key points about family violence covered included:

- Family violence is a gendered crime which is based on fear.
- Family violence is not an act of anger.
- Family violence is a specific choice to exert power and control.

Strathbogrie Shire 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, in any circumstance, to be unacceptable.

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

For more information about preventing violence against women, go to www.ourwatch.org.au or www.courageousconversations.org.au.

If you need help or are seeking advice these contacts can help you:

- Women's Domestic Violence Service 1800 015 188
- Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491

EVENTS DIARY



Fri 5 Aug Business Enterprise Euroa Dinner

To be held at Fowles Wine, Avenel from 7pm. Great business networking event for the Strathbogie Shire – guest speaker Shane Jacobsen.

Sat 6 Aug Nagambie Lakes Community Market

Jacobson's Outlook, High St, Nagambie – 9am-1pm. Held on the first Saturday of every month.

Sat 6 – Sun 7 Aug Magical Ironbark Tour

Eastern Veteran Cycling Club race along Seymour-Avenel Rd, Mitchell St and Spencers Rd.

Sun 7 Aug Canoeing Vic Marathon

Hosted by the Bendigo Canoe Club, the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre is the place for the Canoeing Victoria Marathon Doubles race. Online entries will be accepted up until Friday, August 5 with late entries being accepted on August 7 from 8.30am. All the action starts at 9am sharp.

Sat 13 Aug Violet Town Community Market

Recreation Reserve, Tulip St, Violet Town – 8.30am-1pm. Held on the second Saturday of every month.

Sun 14 Aug Avenel Market

Jubilee Park, Queen Street, Avenel – 9am-1pm. Held on the second Sunday of every month.

Sat 20 Aug Free Event Planning Workshop

A free event planning workshop providing event organisers and community organisations with the skills and knowledge to run a successful event. Held at the Flour Mill in Euroa (9am-12pm) and Nagambie at the Regatta Centre (2-5pm). Bookings must be made by Tuesday, August 16. Go to www.trybooking.com/LHIU (Euroa) or www.trybooking.com/LHJQ (Nagambie).

Sat 20 Aug Euroa Village Farmers Market

Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave, Euroa – 9am-1pm. Call 0456 723 331 for more information, or go to www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org. Held on the third Saturday of every month.

Sat 20 Aug – Sun 21 Aug Mitchelton Chocolate Festival

A Strathbogie Shire first, come along to the inaugural Mitchelton Chocolate Festival held at Mitchelton Wines, Nagambie. The free event will include chocolate tastings (baked goods, freshly cooked pastries and more), chef demonstrations from Adriano Zumbo and Kirsten Tibballs, a kids' zone with jumping castles and a petting zoo...and of course wine tastings! All the excitement starts at 10am both days. Visit www.mitcheltonchocolatefestival.com.au for more.

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ACCREDITED FARMERS MARKET FOR NAGAMBIE

The picturesque Nagambie Lakes will be the epicentre of a brand new farmers market, kicking off in September 2016.

Nagambie Lakes Tourism and Commerce (NLTC) was successful in its bid to gain funding to start up an accredited farmers market, recently receiving \$30,000 from Regional Development Victoria.

To be located on the median strip along High Street (in the Nagambie town centre) on a monthly basis, Nagambie is perfectly located to showcase the finest produce, celebrating local food in the region.

The market is tipped to become the 'go to' market on every 'foodie's' calendar, following in the footsteps of Avenel, Euroa and Violet Town.

While the existing Nagambie Community Market will continue to operate on a regular basis on the first Saturday of the month, the first farmers market will be a regular occurrence on the last Sunday of the month, launching September 25th when the Melbourne Cup Tour comes to town.

It will offer great benefits to local businesses and, with the ease of access to nearby shops is expected to increase patronage and opportunities for new businesses to open their doors.

The event will be a direct marketing outlet, offering farmers a more profitable way to sell their produce.

TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Strathbogie Shire Council will appoint its first tourism committee with key industry stakeholders involved in boosting economic development in the region.

The Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee will aim to seek specialist advice and enable community participation in developing and implementing a Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategy Plan which will help drive key tourism-related items in the Council Plan.

Once appointed, the committee members will act as advocates and champions for tourism, arts and cultural programs/projects within the Shire that are of community benefit.

The committee will be made up of two Councillors and Council Officers, with representatives from Business Euroa, Nagambie Lakes Tourism and Commerce, Goulburn River Valley Tourism and four members of the community.

WASTE COLLECTION

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AREA B


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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:

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| 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, 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. |

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PUBLIC NOTICES / COUNCIL MEETINGS

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - AUGUST 2016

Council will be conducting the following meetings in August 2016:-

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday 9 August 2016 and Tuesday 23 August 2016
- commencing at 4.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre (Bury Street, Euroa)

The Agendas for the meetings will be available on Council's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting. Council officers can also confirm planning 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

Tuesday 16 August 2016
- commencing at 6.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre (Bury Street, Euroa)
The Agenda for the meeting will be available on Council's website on the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting.

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer
Strathbogie Shire Council

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE



LIBRARY GETS FINISHING TOUCHES

During the summer, an automatic watering system replaced the small existing system at the Violet Town Library, for the gardens and lawn adjacent the library.

A crushed rock parking area behind the new library has recently had an asphalt surface constructed.