



NEWSLETTER

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SUMMIT SHOWCASES STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

The Goulburn Valley region was the epicentre for the annual Victorian Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Summit, with Strathbogie Shire Council one of four member councils hosting the event.

The Summit, held August 8-10, was a chance for all VIC personnel, economic development staff and regional tourism bodies from across Victoria to be inspired, learn from best practice examples and exchange ideas about promoting their region.

Strathbogie Shire, as well as Mitchell, Murrindindi and Greater Shepparton Councils, hosted the activities, with Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) coordinating.

It was the first time in the event's 16 year history that the Goulburn Valley was showcased, with Strathbogie Shire taking several delegates to notable locations in Avenel, Euroa and Nagambie.

On the Monday, delegates started in Nagambie looking at the Black Caviar statue, cruised the Goulburn River and visited Tahbilk and Mitchelton wineries, before finishing off at Swettenham Stud.

They also toured the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk, visited Fowles Wine and finished off marvelling the three Victoria

Cross recipients immortalized in bronze at Euroa.

On the following two days, tourism workshops and presentations took place, as well as the Tastes of the Goulburn River Valley Region, which involved a cooking demonstration of local produce matched with regional wines.

GVRT Tourism Officer Caolan O'Connor said the organisation was proud to be part of the VIC Summit.

"We were able to show off our region and promote tourism opportunities open to visitors of the Goulburn Valley region and the Heart of Victoria," he said.

"This is the first time the event has been held in our region, which prides itself on the arts, food, wine, equine and heritage. "A big thanks to our four councils for their involvement, particularly with the Tastes of the GRV Region."

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Colleen Furlanetto said the Summit was an exciting opportunity to exhibit our Shire.

"Working in partnership with our neighbouring shires is essential," she said.

"We complement each other, not compete with each other, which I think was highlighted at the Summit beautifully.

"All rural Councils can be so proud of their volunteers and active citizens, who play a massive part in our tourism success."

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COMPOSTING TOUR EDUCATES RESIDENTS

Thirty Strathbogie Shire residents gained a fascinating insight into the Western Composting Technology facility in Shepparton recently.

Residents took a tour of the facility, learning how the organic waste that is collected throughout the Strathbogie Shire gets turned into compost.

They learnt about Strathbogie Shire's 2015-16 waste collection figures as well as receiving an overview of the role of the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GWRRG).

The GWRRG has been working with three councils across the Goulburn Valley (Strathbogie, Greater Shepparton and Moira) in expanding and introducing a food and green organics service to their residents.

The aim of introducing/expanding these new services is to divert over 7000 tonnes of waste per year from landfills across the region, whilst also increasing the region's compost volumes.

In 2015-16, 1057 tonnes (the equivalent of 10kg per household per week) of organic waste was collected within the Strathbogie Shire and sent to Western Composting Technology for processing into compost.

In addition, however, 58 tonnes of non-organic material was also collected through the organics collection service.

This material had to be removed during the composting process and sent to landfill, all at additional cost to Council.

If you are interested in touring Western Composting Technology's facility, please contact Council on 1800 065 993.

AVENEL RESIDENTS 'POOLING IDEAS' FOR RESOURCE

A new roof over the amenities area, a beautified entrance and a new splash park are just some of the ideas Avenel residents have come up with to improve the town's swimming pool.

Several residents attended a community meeting last month, taking relevant items to the Pools Working Group for consideration.

The Friends of the Avenel Pool also distributed 'pooling idea' boxes around town, with people making suggestions including:

- Meet with Violet Town and Murchison pool committees to find out how to improve the Avenel pool
- Spend allocated Council money to improve the pool amenities area
- Appoint an Avenel resident to manage the pool during the upcoming 2016-17 season

At the most recent working group meeting held in Violet Town, members discussed the history of the pools in Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town, with Avenel to further investigate information.

Other items discussed at the meeting include:

- Sport and Recreation Victoria, with the support of Regional Development Victoria, will be speaking to the group about funding opportunities, the strategic work required before submitting an application as well as overall information on pool operation.
- Tenders for the Avenel, Nagambie and Violet Town pools have been advertised and will be finalised next month. Contracts have changed for the 16-17 season due to group feedback.
- Free pool passes will still be available on rate notices this year.
- Surveys targeted at students will be finalised at the next meeting, with each school within the Shire involved in the consultation process.
- Council will also install electric hand-driers and add sanitary bins (where needed) in the swimming pool toilets, following discussions with the Violet Town Action Group.

WHITE RIBBON AT THE FOOTY

Euroa footballers Tom Burke, Ryley Bjorksten and Jack McKernan, with GVFL Co-Chair Mick Williams



Strathbogie Shire Council threw its support against domestic violence with the first ever GOTAFE Goulburn Valley Football League (GVFL) White Ribbon round recently.

The themed round was initiated by club delegates to support White Ribbon Australia in its campaign against domestic violence in our communities.

Several footballers and netballers from the Euroa Magpies wore white arm bands during their match against Kyabram on Saturday August 13.

A feature match (Mansfield vs Shepparton) saw a function held pregame, featuring a White Ribbon Ambassador in Mansfield, helping footballers and netballers take the White Ribbon Oath

– a verbal commitment to stand up and speak out against domestic violence and to prevent men’s violence against women.

Strathbogie Shire CEO and White Ribbon Ambassador Steve Crawcour said he was extremely proud to support this event. “I was privileged as the first local government CEO to have it written in my contract,” he said.

“I have been a resident of Euroa for almost nine years and have constantly promoted this important initiative.

“Family violence should not be tolerated under any circumstances and as civic leaders we should exhibit qualities that promote family unity and support.”

Euroa Community Cinema

Bury St, Euroa



Tickets: \$10.00
(Pre-school children FREE)

GOLDSTONE

109 Mins - Crime/Thriller - Sat, 27th Aug @ 8pm - Sun, 28th Aug @ 4pm
Indigenous Detective Jay Swan arrives in the frontier town of Goldstone on a missing persons enquiry. What seems like a simple light duties investigation opens a web of crime and corruption.



MUSTANG - FRIDAY MOVIE

97 Mins - Drama - Fri, 2nd Sep @ 6pm
Five young Turkish sisters are subjected to strict principles by their guardians in a small coastal village in the moving feature debut from director Deniz Gamze Erguven



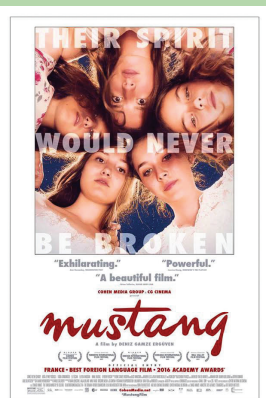
JASON BOURNE

123 Mins - Action/Thriller - Sat, 3rd Sep @ 8pm - Sun, 4th Sep @ 4pm
Jason Bourne, now remembering who he truly is, tries to uncover hidden truths about his past



LIGHTS OUT

81 Mins - Horror - Sat, 10th Sep @ 8pm - Sun, 11th Sep @ 4pm
When Rebecca left home, she thought she left her childhood fears behind. Growing up, she was never really sure of what was and wasn't real when the lights went out – and now her little brother, Martin, is experiencing the same unexplained and terrifying events that had once tested her sanity and threatened her safety.



OPERA FESTIVAL RETURNS

Imagine having a glass of wine while listening to some beautiful opera singers performing a show right here in the Strathbogrie Shire.

The Nagambie Lakes Opera Festival is coming back for its second year in the Shire, staging performances at Tahbilk, Mitchelton and Fowles wineries.

Taking place on the first weekend of September, the festival provides young artists from Gertrude Opera opportunities to perform dynamic 'opera-as-theatre' in a variety of roles, with acclaimed, established artists.

The festival brings together the local community as well as visitors from Melbourne, interstate and surrounding regions for two days (September 2-4) of music, theatre, laughter and local food and wine.

Guests can buy individual tickets from \$30 (prices ranging between \$30-\$60) for each show; or can choose a VIP Full Festival Pass (includes Gala Dinner) for \$460; a Saturday Gala Pass for \$155 (\$350 including dinner); or a Sunday Pass for \$185.

To book a ticket or for more information, visit www.nagambielakesoperafestival.com.au.



AUSNET OFFERS GRANTS

AusNet Services, Strathbogrie Shire's electricity distribution company, has announced a \$200,000 community development grants program that will award up to \$3000 to local not-for-profit organisations for eligible projects.

The 'Energising Your Community' program will accept applications until September 16 with Council's support.

AusNet's programs have in the past helped not-for-profits tackle various community challenges for a number of years.

AusNet is committed to assisting these groups to deliver sustainable projects within their electricity distribution network.

Types of groups include local sporting and recreation clubs, service organisations and support groups.

If successful, the grants could help groups purchase equipment to deliver projects and services to benefit the entire community.

To apply, visit www.ausnetservices.com.au and go to the 'community' section.

YOUR COUNCIL, YOUR VOTE: STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL 2016 ELECTIONS

The Strathbogrie Shire Council elections will be held this October.

General elections are held every four years and local Councillors make decisions on a range of issues, including local roads and footpaths; parks and recreation facilities; planning and building regulations; and libraries and community centres.

Council strongly encourages all eligible voters to have their say at the 2016 Council Elections on October 22 – in fact, compulsory voting provisions apply and you may be fined if you don't vote.

To find out more and check your enrolment, visit vec.vic.gov.au.

Remember you must be enrolled to vote by 4pm on Friday, August 26.

ROADWORK BEGINS

Major road improvement works partly funded by residents have begun in Euroa.

Home owners on Rowe Street are contributing towards the project via a Special Charge Scheme with Strathbogrie Shire Council contributing the remainder.

The scheme was established following extensive community consultation.

Wright's Earthmoving Pty Ltd are the successful contractors and they have started the underground drainage works and will begin kerb and channel and pavement extensions to the road soon.

Work will also include gravel driveways, minor nature strip earthworks and the reinstatement of the nature strip.

Traffic management arrangements have been put in place for residents while construction is taking place, which is expected to take 10 weeks subject to suitable weather conditions.

SOIL AERATING



Please be advised that Council will be aerating the soil at the Seven Creeks Park from October 5-7.

Council will use an injected, compressed air method to aerate the soil, letting air and moisture in the soil, which will help improve the health of the grass and trees in the park.

This will be done after the Australian National Euroa Show and Shine (Sunday, October 2).

EVENTS DIARY

Fri 2-Sun 4 Sep Nagambie Lakes Opera Festival
Gertrude Opera will stage performances at Tahbilk, Mitchelton and Fowles wineries in the first weekend of September. The festival provides young artists opportunities to perform dynamic opera-as-theatre in a variety of roles, with acclaimed, established artists across a number of days in a beautiful, regional Victorian setting. The festival is a highlight on the region and any music, theatre and opera lover's calendar. For tickets, go to www.nagambielakesoperafestival.com.au.

Sat 3 Sep Nagambie Lakes Community Market
Jacobson's Outlook, High St, Nagambie – 9am-1pm. Held on the first Saturday of every month.

Sat 10 Sep Violet Town Community Market
Recreation Reserve, Tulip Street, Violet Town - 8.30am-1pm. Held on the second Saturday of every month.

Sun 11 Sep Avenel Market
Jubilee Park, Queen Street, Avenel - 9am-1pm. Held on the second Sunday of every month.

For more information go to www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/StrathbogieShireCouncil.

GET READY TO EVOLVE AT SILENT DISCO

Get your dancing shoes ready for a night out in Euroa for the shire's first ever Silent Disco, raising funds for next year's Relay for Life.

Organised and run by Strathbogie Shire Council's EVOLVE Youth Committee as part of their FReeZA program, the alcohol and drug free event will be held at the Old Flour Mill on Kirkland Avenue on Friday, August 26 from 5pm.

A DJ will be spinning some tunes for not one but two discos (5-6.30pm for under-12, 7.30-11pm for 12 and over), with children and adults listening via headphones with three 'stations' to choose from.

Modish Events and Entertainment from Ballarat will be providing the headsets, and will provide a free photo booth.

The Silent Disco idea stemmed from this year's Relay for Life and may be included in a future relay event.

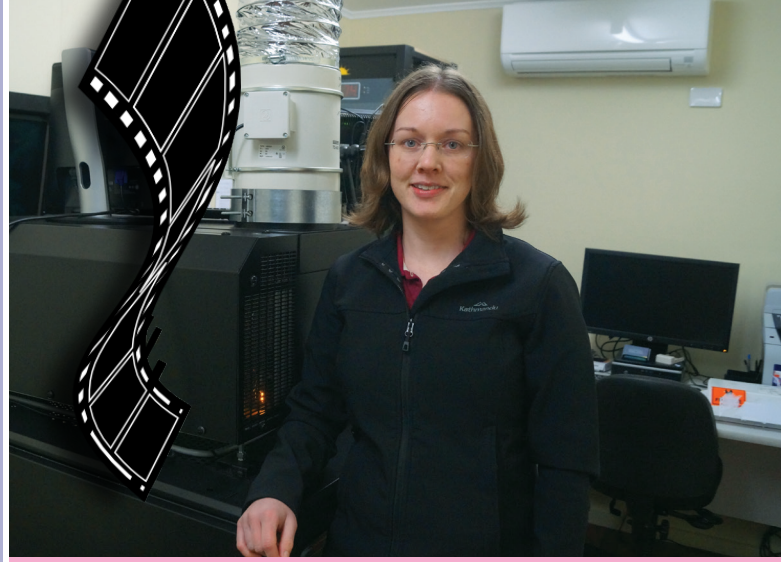
This is a chance for the whole family to have a night out in a friendly environment and do something completely different.

Tickets are available now at Fashion Jam on Binney Street at an affordable \$10 for under-12 and \$15 for over-12 (\$5 will be refunded on the night when headphones are returned) as well as at the door on the night.

VIOLET TOWN RECREATION RESERVE TOILETS

Strathbogie Shire Council has allocated \$100,000 for new toilets at the Violet Town Recreation Reserve in its 2016-17 Budget.

Following consultation with various community groups, Council are investigating the potential to create an additional amenities area to accommodate the high volume of netball and tennis activity, this would require additional funding and further planning.



VOLUNTEER PROFILE WITH KATHERINE BELL

Name: Katherine Bell - **Age:** 29

Shire residence: Euroa

Length of time as volunteer: 8 years (started end of 2007)

Favourite movies: Horror movies, The Hunger Games and Harry Potter series and the Star Trek movies.

1. How and why did you get involved with the Euroa Community Cinema?

I was part of the Strathbogie Shire's Making the Links Mentoring program in 2007, as I had Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and was unable to work full time. My mentor, who worked at the Shire, suggested that I volunteer at the cinema. The cinema gave me an opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills.

2. As the cinema has undergone many changes over the last few years, what would you like to see happen at the Euroa cinema?

I would like to see the cinema used by the general community more than it currently is. Upgrading our cinema to digital equipment has meant that we can use the cinema for purposes other than to just screen movies. For example, using our new equipment, I have screened short films made by local filmmakers. This is something that was not possible with our old 35mm film projector.

3. In which direction is the cinema industry going?

I think the cinema industry is going very steadily at the moment. A few years ago, not as many people were going to cinemas, due to big screen TVs and DVDs becoming much more affordable. People still like to come out and enjoy the movie on the 'big screen', especially on family nights. It becomes a destination, somewhere affordable to take the family for a bit of fun.



WASTE COLLECTION

AREA A

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
AUG	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
SEP	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

AREA B




	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
AUG	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
SEP	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

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, Warring, 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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PUBLIC NOTICES / COUNCIL MEETINGS

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2016

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday 23 August 2016, Tuesday 13 September 2016 and Tuesday 27 September 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.

CHANGE IN DATE FOR SEPTEMBER ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the Local Government Elections Caretaker Period commencing on Tuesday 20 September 2016, Council will be conducting its monthly Ordinary Council meeting on Monday 19 September 2016 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

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



ORGANIC UPDATE

Due to a shipment delay, Strathbogie Shire ratepayers will start to receive new purple, green waste caddy bags (free of charge) towards the end of August and early September.

If you run out of your current bag supply in the meantime, you can either put the items in the green bin directly or wrap them in a piece of newspaper.