

Winter Bulletin

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A message from our Mayor

What a busy start to 2022! The first half of the year has flown by bringing us to the adoption of the 2022/23 Budget recently.

We are so excited about the inclusion of 13 fantastic community-led projects which were funded through Council's Pitch My Project initiative.

You can find more information about the Budget and some of the incredible projects Council has been busy working on in this MyStrathbogie Bulletin edition.

We are seeing so much action around the Shire with our current streetscape renewal works taking place in Longwood, Avenel and Euroa. We are incredibly eager to see the improvements once completed and thank the community for their amazing input to bring these projects to fruition.

Another facelift that took place recently was the launch of Council's new-look website. The website took months of hard work to create something that is more user-friendly for our community after more than a decade of our previous website design.



Scan the smartphone QR code or visit **strathbogie.vic.gov.au** to view the site!

We've also achieved another milestone in our 2021-2025 Council plan by adopting our new corporate branding strategy.

Council's renewed brand reflects the rivers and the ranges of Strathbogie Shire, with the flexible elements helping to promote our townships.

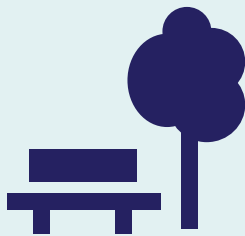
We saw families enjoying some of the amazing things on offer at our recent Winter Wonderland events, held in Nagambie and Euroa with support from GoNagambie and the Euroa Chamber of Business and Commerce respectively.

There's much anticipation brewing for the completion of the Nagambie Foreshore Walk and Rockies Footbridge in Euroa as these long-desired projects come to fruition over the coming months.

There is so much happening at Strathbogie Shire Council. We encourage you to keep up to date by subscribing to our monthly eNewsletter (turn to the back page for a handy QR code) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest news and ways you can engage on current projects.

Mayor Cr Laura Binks

Budget delivering on community projects



“We are excited to fund 13 community-led projects through the Pitch My Project initiative,” Cr Binks said.

- 1. A Longwood Master Plan has been included in the 2023/23 Budget
- 2. Funding has been allocated to investigate options for Kirwans Bridge

Strathbogie Shire Council has adopted its 2022/23 Budget which not only ensures the continuation of Council’s core work, it provides for many new initiatives designed to improve amenity and lifestyle for residents and visitors.

Mayor, Cr Laura Binks, said in preparing the 2022/23 Budget, Council considered many factors to balance community expectations and benefits with financial responsibilities.

“The Pitch my Project initiative is a great way of ensuring we’re funding and completing the projects that matter to our community.”

The 2022/23 Budget provides for a \$14.87 million capital works program, together with \$7.69 million carried forward from 2021/22.



Pitch My Project Highlights	
Seven Creeks Master Plan (incorporating design of a nature play space in Euroa)	\$85,000
Euroa RSL – memorial to Sir Charles Ryan	\$4,180
Avenel – carpark study	\$55,000
Longwood Master Plan	\$30,000
Strathbogie Memorial Hall – roof works	\$95,000
Public art installation	\$20,000
Euroa Bowls Club – clubrooms update	\$17,000
Euroa Community Garden – irrigation system	\$8,000
Euroa Fire Brigade – repair asphalt training tracks	\$8,500
Mountain Bike Trails – business case	\$112,500
Strathbogie Memorial Hall – bike racks	\$4,000



In addition to the four-year period covered by this Budget, Council’s Long Term Financial Plan has been extended to cover a 10-year period which allows for a total expenditure on capital works over that period of \$92.22 million.

Council has worked to minimise rate increases and prepared the Budget based on a 1.75 per cent increase in the average rate per property, which is set under the State Government’s ‘Fair Go Rates’ legislation.



“The rate increase allows for maintenance of existing service levels, funding new initiatives and the allocation of sufficient funds for the continuing strategic renewal of Council’s infrastructure,” she said.

This Budget provides a significant amount for renewal of existing assets as well as the creation of new assets.

Other Budget Highlights

Community Grant and the Community Events streams: Increase of \$60,000

Operating expenditure: road and bridge maintenance, parks, open space and streetscape works, and footpath and pedestrian bridge updates – \$32.28 million

Capital Works Highlights	
Strathbogie Memorial Hall – kitchen upgrades	\$35,000
Nagambie Bowls Club – fence extension	\$10,000
Kirwans Bridge – options investigation	\$100,000
Shire-wide Open Space Strategy	\$100,000
*Nagambie Foreshore Walk	\$755,000
Violet Town Landfill Rehabilitation	\$3 million
Transfer Station Resale Shop	\$113,000
Violet Town Bowls Club – unisex disabled toilet	\$10,000
Violet Town Recreation Reserve – pavilion carpet	\$25,000
Memorial Oval precinct – link with Apex Walking Track	\$29,000
*Upgrade to Strathbogie Recreation Reserve pavilion	\$250,000
*Euroa Rockies Footbridge	\$53,000

*Project carried over from 2021/22 Budget

- 3. Funding has been allocated for a carpark study in Avenel.
- 4. The Strathbogie Memorial Hall will receive kitchen upgrades and roof works through 2022/23 Budget funding.
- 5. Funding has been allocated for a Sevens Creek Master Plan incorporating design of a nature play space in Euroa



Getting projects and outdoor works done

Behind the scenes, there is always plenty of work going into projects, footpaths, road upgrades and so much more. Here is a snapshot of some of the work that has taken during the 2021/22 financial year.



- 1. Streetscape renewal Binney Street, Euroa
- 2. New shade sails at Avenel Swimming Pool
- 3. & 4. Shire-wide road and footpath upgrades
- 5. Solar water pump installation, Nagambie
- 6. Graytown facilities
- 7. Rockies footbridge



Zanelli Rd before



Zanelli Rd after



Maintenance highlights (2021/22):

1,030km of roads graded	1350 urban trees maintained
995t potholes and road edges repaired with premix	43ha of parks mowed
214 gravel roads repaired with crushed rock	42 bridges maintained
21 footpath hazard repairs	7 playgrounds topped up with soft fall material

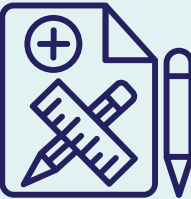


A total of 55 capital works and infrastructure projects were completed in 2021/22, with a further 33 carried over to be finished off during the 2022/23 financial year.

Communications & Engagement Projects Jan 01– June 30, 2022



32 projects



2,862 community contributions



6,474 website first time visitors

476 website returning visitors



Most engaged-with projects:

- Australia Day Celebrations Review
- Four-Bin Kerbside Service
- Nagambie Splash Park
- Whroovale Estate Open Space
- Euroa Community Cinema

Media



62 media releases

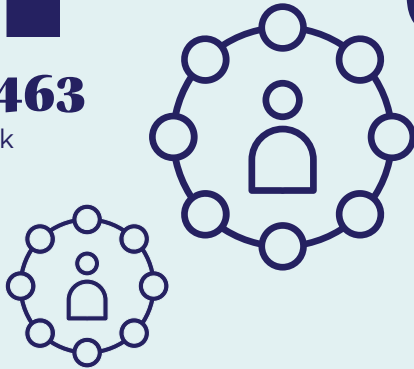


7 eNews editions

20+ radio & TV interviews



137,463 facebook reach



8,522 instagram reach



27,391 website page views

13,128 website unique visits



Council’s top five advocacy projects



1. Equitable digital and telecommunications infrastructure

Council Plan 2021–2025, Section 2.1.4 Lobby State and Federal governments to fund improved digital and telecommunications infrastructure.

The ask:

Improved infrastructure and service delivery through secured funding to meet community service expectations and needs that metropolitan-based residents enjoy as a right. Specifically:

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- One.** Build mobile phone towers in Mitchelton and Boho South
- Two.** Provide fibre connections to the towns of Avenel and Violet Town as a Stage 1 response of a comprehensive roll out across the Shire
- Three.** Eliminate mobile black spots in Strathbogrie Shire



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3. 2026 Commonwealth Games: Lake Nagambie Rowing venue bid

Council Plan 2021–2025, Aligns to the Community Vision themes: 2) Live. Access. Connect. Focusing on economic and financial gains, and 5) Strong. Health. Safe. Health & Wellbeing through sport and recreation.

The ask:

One. A Victorian Government commitment for the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre to be the host rowing venue for the 2026 Commonwealth Games

- 1. Nature based play space – Children’s Garden, Wangaratta*
- 2. Australian Olympic Rowing team training at Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre in 2021*
- 3. Community renewable energy advocate, Charlie Brydon*
- 4. Euroa Energy and Mondo sponsored truck trailer curtain promoting the Euroa Microgrid project*
- 5. Ruffy community members from left: Edward Sprunt, Theo Lagarde, Rob Jamieson, Gerry Ginnivan, Darryl Otzen and Bill Eddy*

- Two.** Funding investments of:
 - \$4.1 million for the Rowing course deepening
 - \$1.7 million to upgrade the Regatta Centre (including competitor amenities, IT, toilets and storage)
 - \$1.6 million for the Regatta Centre Peninsula Extension
 - \$250,000 to seal access roads and car park facilities
 - \$250,000 to upgrade the peninsula toilet block

4. Greening Euroa Project

Council Plan 2021–2025, Section 3.1.3 Finalise the detailed design for the Greening Euroa project in partnership with Goulburn Valley Water.

The ask:

- One.** To secure \$3.8 million from State and or Federal Government grants in water infrastructure and innovation sectors, or the equivalent in a co-contribution agreement.
- Two.** To obtain representative support and raise awareness of this leading innovation and stakeholder collaboration.
- Three.** To enable the standpipe and pipeline to provide recycled water to service several parks and recreation reserves across the Euroa township.

How you can help support the Greening Euroa Project

To help make this project a reality, we need to spread the word far and wide. Community members are encouraged to visit **www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/environment/greening-euroa** where you can download a series of social media tiles and posts to share. By visiting the above link, you can also access a pre-written letter to send out to politicians to ensure local politicians are hearing the message loud and clear.

It’s a no-brainer!

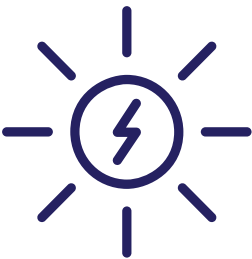
#LetsGreenEuroa!

5. Nature Based Play Space

Council Plan 2021–2025, Aligns to Community Vision Theme 2. Live. Access. Connect Section 2.6 Prepare and implement a playground strategy following the adoption of the Open Space Strategy, and Theme 5. Strong. Health. Safe, Section 5.1.1 Seek external funding for the preparation and implementation of an Open Space Strategy.

The ask:

- One.** Council invites the Victorian Government to commit \$1.5 million to design and deliver a nature based playground in Euroa.



Find out more about our Advocacy projects at **www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au/council/advocacy**





In brief



Sign up for our eNews

Council's monthly eNews bulletin is another way to keep you up to date on the latest news, information and work of Strathbogie Shire Council.

We urge you to share this with your friends and family and encourage them to sign up for their own copy which will land in your email inbox each month.

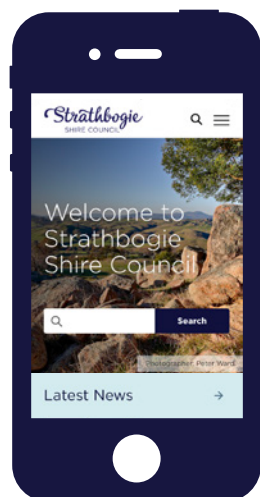
You can sign up by visiting the Strathbogie Shire Council website homepage and providing your email address.



Have your say

Strathbogie Shire Council's online engagement portal Share Strathbogie enables community members to have their say on our important projects.

It's a fantastic way for you to contribute ideas, provide feedback and exchange views with others on key decisions and priorities for our community.



It's updated regularly so we encourage you to visit often and have your say.

Visit Share Strathbogie **www.share.strathbogie.com.au** where you will be able to view and engage with several Council's current projects.

New Council website launched

Council recently launched its new-look website.

After more than 10 years, Council's website needed a refresh to make it easier for our community members to find information, make payments and access our services.

After such a massive project, we do expect a few teething issues, so please be patient with us as we tweak the site over the coming months.

Visit **www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au** to check out the new site!

We also want to hear your feedback! If you'd like to provide your thoughts, please email **info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au**



Euroa Music Festival



Cranksters Cruise, Nagambie

Upcoming events 2022

September 10 – Tabilk-Tabilk Community Festival, Nagambie

September 16 – Cranksters Cruise, Regatta Centre, Nagambie

October 2 – Australian National Show and Shine, Euroa

October 5 – Victorian Seniors Festival film screening: 'The Princess', free entry, Euroa Community Cinema

October 30 – Strathbogie Heritage Day, Strathbogie

November 4 – Euroa Music Festival Pre launch Street Party, Binney Street, Euroa

November 5 – Euroa Music Festival
Tickets: **www.euroamusicfestival.com**

November 6 – Vineyards Running Festival, Nagambie. **www.vineyards.run**

Euroa Community Cinema – Upcoming Screenings

Ali and Ava [M] Drama, Romance
Saturday **September 10**, 7:30pm |
Sunday **September 11**, 4pm

St Kilda Film Festival – 2022 Regional Victorian Tour Saturday **September 17**, 7:30pm | Sunday **September 18**, 4pm

Minions: The Rise of Gru [PG] Animation, Adventure, Comedy | \$5 School Holiday Wednesday **September 21**, 11am (sensory screening) & 3pm

Bookings: **www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/euroa-community-cinema/**

Note: children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years or older.

Vote on monthly community screenings at the Euroa Community Cinema

Visit **www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/euroa-community-cinema** to select your top picks for our monthly community screenings and provide your thoughts and feedback on the cinema.

