

Strathbogie Shire | December 2023

Community Update

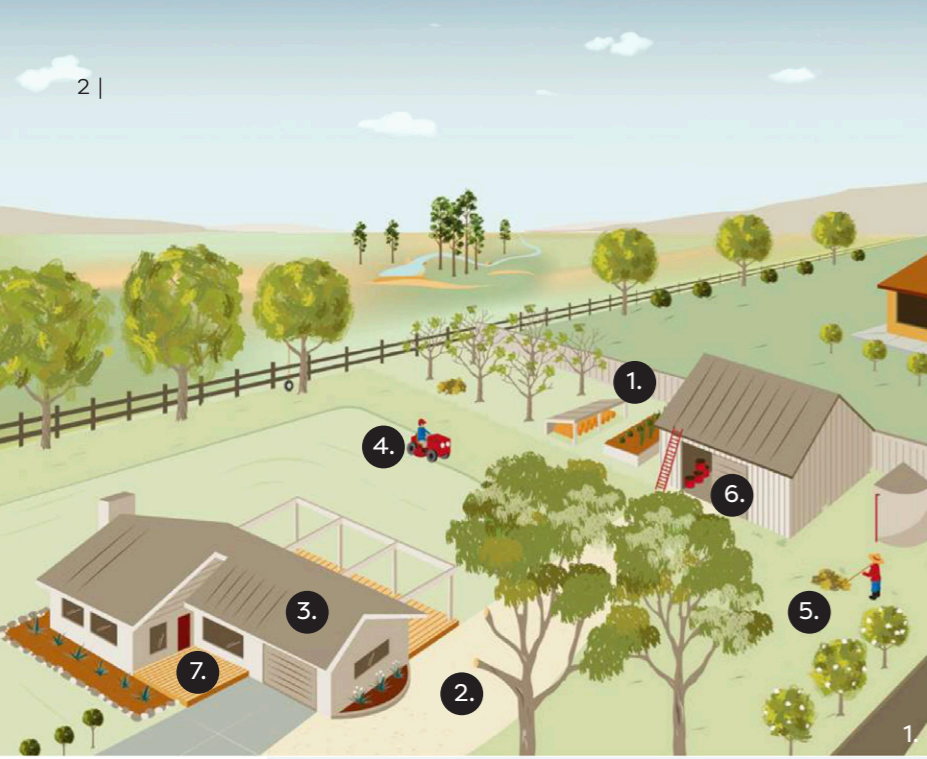
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Fire ready for summer

The Fire Danger Period for our Shire began on November 27, 2023 as declared by the CFA.

Council has contacted community members with properties requiring fire-reduction work in the Shire and provided information on how this can be achieved. If residents or property owners have questions about what they need to do, they can call Council on 1800 065 993.

Preparing for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire you could save their lives as well as your home.

CFA are encouraging the following actions to prepare yourself and your property:

1. Move your winter woodpile away from the house or sheds.
2. Prune tree branches so they are not overhanging the roof or touching walls.
3. Clear your gutters.
4. Keep grass shorter than 10cm.
5. Remove leaves and twigs from around your property.
6. Test anything that is part of your fire plan such as sprinklers, pumps and generators.
7. **Make sure your household has a Bushfire Survival Plan. Find out how at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/bushfireplan**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we strive, the peoples of the rivers and the hills of the Strathbogie Shire region who walked these lands for generations. We pay our respects to the elders of the past, and the speakers of the first words, who lived in harmony with this country.

Our Community Update is produced inhouse and printed locally on 100% recycled paper.

Cover image: Foreshore Walk brings joy

LOCAL EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

Strathbogie Shire Council has joined forces with Mansfield and Murrindindi Shire Councils to deliver the LEAPing into Resilience Project, funded by the Federal Government.

The project will result in five Strathbogie Shire townships being equipped with their own community driven Local Emergency Action Plans (LEAPs).

Already, the Violet Town LEAP Steering Group have completed their plan with the community now more prepared for local emergencies.

The Violet Town Local Emergency Action Plan (LEAP) was the first LEAP to be released following a collaborative process with the steering group consisting of local community residents and various emergency agencies (CFA, VicSES, Ambulance Victoria and Victoria Police) along with Council's support.

LEAPs are also currently being developed for Avenel, Euroa and Strathbogie while Nagambie's will take place in 2024.

The LEAPing into Resilience project enables people to become more aware of the risks facing their community and identify ways they can be better prepared for emergencies and able to respond and recover from these events.



For further information about the LEAPing into Resilience Project, visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/LEAP-resilience

1. An infographic assisting in preparing your home for the fire season.
2. Members of the Violet Town LEAPing into Resilience Steering Group.
4. The Nagambie Splash Park is fun for all!

Nagambie Foreshore Walk

PHOTOS

We're looking for amazing images taken on the Foreshore Walk like this one snapped by Belinda Beer (3. right). Share your photos at www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au



Construction on the Nagambie Foreshore Walk was recently completed, bringing the \$3.8 million project to fruition.

The fully accessible pathway stretches for 1.6km along the southern edge of Lake Nagambie and is 2.5m wide to allow pedestrians and cyclists to share the walkway and ensure it is enjoyed by all.

The infrastructure for the new Nagambie Foreshore Walk is a significant addition to appreciate all our Shire has to offer.

It offers a safe and accessible connection between Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, the Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park and the town centre, supporting township connectivity, economic development and safe, healthy, active living.

The project is a true testament to what can be achieved when all tiers of government come together. The project was made possible by a \$3 million Victorian Government Regional Development Victoria Grant, with additional contributions from the Federal Government and Strathbogie Shire Council.

PHOTOGRAPHY CAMPAIGN

We're calling on the community to share the Foreshore Walk's stunning views with us!

Council is running a photography campaign calling on community members to share their incredible photos from the Foreshore Walk.

To submit your photographs, visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au



SPLASH INTO SUMMER

Did you know if you are a Strathbogie Shire resident you can get into any of our outdoor swimming pools for free?

All you have to do to activate your membership is download the Active World App on:

- Apple Devices: Active World on the App Store
- Android Devices: Active World - Apps on Google Play

Or simply contact Customer Service on 1800 065 993 if you need assistance.

For more information about the pools and for opening hours, visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/sport-and-recreation/swimming-pools/

We are also excited to have the Nagambie Splash Park running for its second year.

This facility is open from 8am to 8pm daily but parents are reminded it is not supervised and therefore all children must be actively supervised by an adult at all times.



POOLS

We would also like to remind pool and splash park users the facilities are not open on Christmas Day and in extreme weather events, as well as any day where the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has forecast a temperature below 22 degrees Celsius.

To avoid disappointment please ensure you check the forecast before using the facilities and visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/sport-and-recreation/nagambie-splash-park/

Scan the QR code for information



Community driven projects!

SHARE STRATHBOGIE

Scan the QR code or visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to start engaging on important projects!



Council has delivered some exciting projects recently, including but not limited to, the Jubilee Park Play Space upgrade in Avenel, new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for Nagambie and the streetscape upgrade project in Binney Street Euroa.

The Jubilee Park Play Space upgrade was assisted with the help of local residents, in particular school and kindergarten students, who helped to select the equipment for the upgrade.



EV CHARGING STATIONS

Similarly, the EV Charging Stations were erected in Nagambie following community consultation to select the best location.

Residents were given the choice from three proposed suitable locations and feedback strongly indicated the desire for the stations to go in the median strip carpark in Nagambie's main street.

Council has already seen usage data dramatically increase since the stations went live.



1. EV Charging Stations were installed in Nagambie. 2. Binney St upgrades in Euroa celebrated by the community. 3. Celebrating Avenel's new Jubilee Park play equipment.



ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

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.

Scan the QR code on this page or visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to start engaging on exciting projects!

OPEN PROJECTS

Avenel 2024 Township Strategy:

After consulting with the community, a Draft Avenel 2024 Township Strategy has been released for public comment. Council is encouraging residents to view the document and provide their feedback.

Feedback closes at 5pm on Jan 27, 2024.

Pitch My Project 2024/25:

It's time to pitch your ideas for inclusion in the 2024/25 Budget! There's heaps of information about funding, how to apply and inspiration of past projects at www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Pitches close at 5pm on 23 February 2024

Kirwans Bridge Advocacy:

We need a long-term future for Kirwans Bridge. Tell us why Kirwans Bridge is important to you by uploading a video, picture or message to Share Strathbogie.

We'll use this to send a message to potential funders. Together we can ensure a sustainable future for Kirwans Bridge.

Shire-wide activities

Strathbogie Shire children and youth have taken part in free My Future Academy programs thanks to Council's Youth Development Program and VicHealth funding.

More than 100 children aged 4-17 signed up to the programs during Term 4. These programs allow young people to participate in physical activity, play and adventure with a clear focus on positive social and wellbeing outcomes.

YOUTH

To sign up for upcoming programs visit www.myfutureacademy.com



SWOOP THE BIG BARRWARRANG

After collecting suggested names from community members, the Euroa Chamber of Commerce and Euroa Community Action Group were tasked with choosing a winning name.

After much thought, the 3.5m magpie sculpture in Euroa's Seven Creeks Park was named 'Swoop the Big Barrwarrang'. The name was recently revealed at the Euroa Agricultural Show.

Swoop was among the most popular of suggestions while Barrwarrang plays tribute to our local Taungurung people - meaning magpie in their language.



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

A series of events to celebrate and honour Strathbogie Shire's seniors, kicked off in October with the Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra (GVCO) performing live at Euroa Community Cinema.

The live music did not stop there with a second concert - the Beatlez Tribute Band - held in Shepparton at Riverlinks.

This was followed by the successful Explorers Way Bus Tour retracing the steps of explorers throughout the Shire, visiting the various monuments and cairns dedicated to Hume and Hovell and Major Mitchell.

Finally, the Seniors Festival events finished off with a free movie screening in Avenel, thanks to the support of Avenel Active Inc. where residents were treated to The Intern (M) at the Avenel Memorial Hall.



CHILDREN'S WEEK

Children's Week was celebrated with a 'Come and Play' event in Avenel and a 'Nature Art' event at the Euroa Arboretum in October.

Children enjoyed the free activities which are on offer every year.

You can stay up to date with all of our upcoming events and more via Council's website.

1. My Future Academy program participants. 2. Euroa's magpie sculpture. 3. Children's Week Nature Art activity at the Euroa Arboretum. 4. Seniors Festival event - GV Orchestra at the Euroa Community Cinema.



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Flood recovery taking place

WORKS

RSL Club
25% complete

Euroa Bowls Club
50% complete

Euroa Croquet Club
70% complete

Euroa Third Age Club
20% complete

Euroa Miniature Railway
Restoration works underway

Euroa Caravan Park
Planning Stage

Steady progress is being made to repair Strathbogie Shire Council's community facilities following the devastating floods in October 2022.

Overview of the progress on Council's community facilities repairs as of beginning of December 2023:

RSL Club: 25 per cent complete. The discovery of termite damage was promptly addressed to prevent further delays in the restoration process.

Euroa Bowls Club: Progress 50 per cent, with works initiated in early July. Plastering and flooring have been successfully completed.

Euroa Croquet Club: At 70 per cent completion, most of the carpentry and plastering work is done. About 40 per cent of the electrical and plumbing work has been completed, with painting underway. Upcoming tasks include installing new windows and an entry door, along with completing the flooring.

Euroa Third Age Club: Progress currently stands at 20 per cent, with the focus starting on the flooring, which recently commenced.

Euroa Miniature Railway: The facility has been stripped out and is on track for restoration works to commence in January.

Euroa Caravan Park: This area is still under investigation as we work diligently to assess the extent of the damage and develop a comprehensive plan for recovery.

Council are extremely grateful to our community for their understanding throughout this process and we will provide an update when the works are complete.



1. Euroa Miniature Railway
2. Works taking place on Longwood-Ruffly Rd.
3. New textile boxes are free to use.



ROAD REPAIRS POST FLOODS

Ongoing repairs are being made to Council-managed roads following destructive floods in October 2022.

Council would like to once again thank the community for their patience as we work diligently to repair our roads.

We have initiated repair works focusing on sections of roads that suffered flood-related damage. These efforts are vital to ensure the safety and convenience of local residents, businesses, and commuters.

While several sections of roads have already undergone restoration, the recovery efforts have faced unexpected delays due to adverse weather conditions, with many roads still awaiting repair.

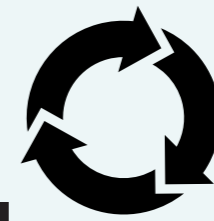
Seal works on Polly McQuinns Road have been successfully completed, representing a significant milestone in the ongoing recovery process. Outstanding road repair projects awaiting completion, including: Monea, Tarcombe, Ponkeen Creek, Youngs, Wahrung-Euroa and Cahill roads. We anticipate these repairs will be completed prior to the end of the year.

Major full reconstruction works are also on the horizon for some roads. For instance, the landslip on Harry's Creek Road is currently under traffic management controls, and reconstruction works are anticipated to start in 2024.

Safety remains a top priority, and we are working diligently to minimise disruptions and inconveniences while ensuring the roads are restored to a high standard.

We will continue to be in close communication with affected residents and stakeholders to provide updates on the progress and necessary traffic management measures during these road repairs. We are grateful for the community's support and cooperation during this challenging period.

Sustainable initiatives



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

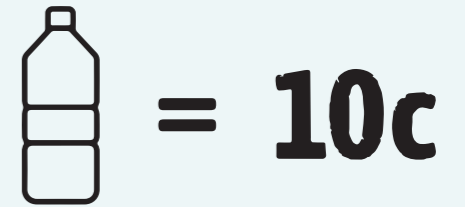
On 1 November 2023 the Victorian Government's container deposit scheme, CDS Vic, commenced.

The scheme rewards Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return.

There are currently two over the counter collection points in Strathbogie Shire:

The Euroa Timber Yard,
De Boos Street, Euroa

The Avenel Café,
28 Livingstone Street, Avenel



TRANSFER STATIONS HOURS

You can find Council's Transfer Stations and Collection Points opening hours and addresses on the Council website via www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/services/rubbish/transfer-stations/



Scan the QR code for hours.

U4B

Commercial operators, including charities, can contact U4B directly so they can engage with the provider to have a dedicated service. www.upcycle4better.com.au



Council has partnered with UpCycle4Better (U4B) to provide the Strathbogie community with an opportunity to dispose of textile items for upcycling free of charge.

Residents can drop of items such as clothing, shoes, home textiles, soft toys, accessories and underwear.

Australians buy about 27kg of fashion and textiles per year, of which we dispose of 93 per cent. Australia has 1,168 operational landfills that receive more than 20 million tonnes of textile waste each year.

We encourage the community to be conscious when buying new clothes as well as donating your pre-loved items that are still in good condition to your local opportunity shop and second-hand stores to ensure we can divert as much waste from landfill as possible.

The team at U4B reuse items that are in good condition and require little or no resources to keep the items in use. But when items require repair, U4B will work to give a fresh look to items, so they can head back into local shops as a resource for the community.

Lastly, U4B recycles what cannot be upcycled by breaking down the items into products such as rags, ensuring nothing is wasted and ends up in landfill.

These Textile Recovery Boxes are located at the Euroa, Nagambie, Violet Town and Avenel transfer stations.



FREE RECYCLING AT TRANSFER STATIONS

The following items can be dropped off for recycling free of charge at all four Transfer Stations in Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town.



- Car batteries
- Clothing and textiles
- Electronic waste (TV's, computers etc)
- Fluorescent tubes and globes
- Household recycling
- Metal, aluminium and steel
- Paper and cardboard
- Washing machines and dryers
- Waste oil and drumMuster containers

Collection Points in Longwood, Ruffly and Strathbogie accept electronic waste and household recycling free of charge.

For even more recycling options visit www.recyclingnearlyou.com.au

Green waste (mulch) is available to collect free of charge for residents from all four Transfer Stations

MULCH

News, movies, events & hours

eNews

Scan the QR code to sign up



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 and projects in our Community.

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.



2024
Strathbogie Shire
Markets
On every weekend!



Beer - Wine - Cider - Spirits
Food Vendors - Kid's Activities
Live Music
For the Love of Ale 2024
SATURDAY FEB 24 2024 2PM - 8PM
LONGWOOD - VICTORIA

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is always lots of exciting things happening in all corners of Strathbogie Shire. Whether it's live music, food and wine or fun for the kids, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Every month the following markets take place: **GoNagambie Market (1st Sat), Violet Town Community Market (2nd Sat), Avenel Community Market (2nd Sun), Euroa Farmers' Market (3rd Sat) and Nagambie Farmers' Market - Tahbilk (4th Sun).**

You can stay up to date with the region's upcoming events on Council's website.



Scan the QR code or visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/events/whats-on/

KERBSIDE COLLECTION

There are some changes to your bin collection over the festive season. To stay up to date with changes to your bin collection calendar during this time, visit: www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/hours-christmas-and-new-year-period/

1. Violet Town Market stall 2. The Ruffy Mini Enduro and Carriage Drives (4 - 6 May, 2024) 3. For the Love of Ale 2024 (24 February), Longwood. Tickets: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1146910



To view upcoming screenings and more, visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/euroa-community-cinema/ or scan the QR code.



HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Council offices in Euroa and Nagambie will close at noon on Friday December 22, 2023 reopening at 8.45am on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

If you have an emergency during this time, we will be here to help! Please telephone 1800 065 993 and follow the prompts.

Council's Transfer Stations will operate as per usual, however, the facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



Scan the QR code for Transfer Station's and Collection Point's hours.

EUROA COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Euroa Community Cinema will close for a short break from Monday December 11, 2023, reopening on Saturday 13, January 2024.

Stay tuned for the January program including \$5 school holiday films. The cinema thanks the community for its continued support during 2023.

You can vote on monthly community choice screenings at the Euroa Community Cinema by visiting www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/euroa-community-cinema

The Euroa Community Cinema is Strathbogie Shire Council-managed and supported by a committee made up of council staff and local volunteers.

Dedicated community members volunteer their time to screen movies and operate the kiosk and ticket box. Visit our website or contact Council if you'd like to join this amazing team.