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A free night of fun for the whole family at the Euroa Showgrounds

Strathbogie Shire Council is encouraging local farmers to put the tools down, grab the family and come along for a relaxing evening with great food and great company.

A Night to Forget is a free event for farmers, rural businesses and their families happening on Friday 21st June from 5.30-9pm at the Euroa Showgrounds.

A scrumptious free dinner will be provided by the wonderful people at the Euroa Agriculture Society, Rotary Club of Euroa and Euroa Branch of the Country Women's Association.

There will be door prizes to give away on the night and children will be treated to a 40 minute puppeteer extravaganza, followed by a movie.

There will also be the opportunity to learn more about the variety of services and networks available to farmers and agriculture businesses.

Rural Counsellor Ivan Lister and Rural Financial Counsellors Jim Moll and Andrew Hipwell will be coming along to the event to speak with anyone who is interested in finding out more about their services.

There will also be representatives from Gecko Clan Landcare Network, Granite Creeks Landcare Network, Alliance for Water Stewardship, Longwood Plains Catchment Management Network and Strathbogie Ranges Catchment Management Network, who will be available to speak with people on the evening.

Honeysuckle Creek Ward Councillor and Chair of Council's Sustainable Development Reference Group (SDRG), Kate Stothers said Council and the Euroa community believe that it is time to reach out.

"We wanted this event to be a show of support and a sense of solidarity from our community that farmers, their families and the businesses they support are crucial to the social and economic fabric of our region," Cr Stothers said.

SDRG member and local farmer, Anna Toland said the event hopes to give rural citizens a night off and a chance to catch up with old friends and neighbours they may not have seen for years.

"We know that some are doing it tough due to the dry conditions and lack of feed and water and we really wanted to organise a fun, free family event for them to forget," Ms Toland explained.

“We heard about the wonderful success of the Moglonemby Hall event in April and we wanted to do something similar and invite the farmers in for a free meal and some entertainment for the kids.”

If you'd like to attend, please register with trybooking at www.trybooking.com/BCYZF or register with Customer Service staff at Council on 1800 065 993, preferably by Friday 14th June, for catering purposes.

Strathbogie Shire Council and Primary Care Connect acknowledge the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services for supporting this event.

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