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**Council acknowledges volunteers in the Strathbogie Shire**

In the spirit of National Volunteer Week (21- 27 May 2018), Strathbogie Shire Council would like to acknowledge all of the local volunteers who dedicate their time to benefit the Strathbogie Shire.

As part of the *Wear Orange Wednesday* campaign, Council staff wore orange to honour the SES volunteers across Australia who give up their time to serve their communities in floods, storms and other emergencies and to acknowledge all volunteers in the Strathbogie Shire who give back to their community.

The National Volunteer Week campaign slogan '*Give a little. Change a lot.*' epitomises the selflessness and generosity of local volunteers who contribute their time to making the Strathbogie Shire a great place to live, work and play.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said she is constantly blown away by the generosity of local individuals and community groups.

"Our shire may be small in stature but boy we are an active bunch," Mayor McClaren said.

"It is the ongoing commitment of volunteers that make our communities tick; from the local CFA, Euroa SES and the Euroa Community Cinema, to the Visitor Information Centres and the multitude of community groups and passionate individuals."

"Volunteers and are absolutely crucial in times of emergency and provide valuable services for residents and visitors alike, generating tourism and economic growth for the region," Cr McClaren explained.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one you who volunteer in our shire; we wouldn't be anywhere without volunteers."

Council also encourages community members interested in volunteering in some capacity to reach out to local community groups or contact Council Offices to find out where and how you can be involved.

"Volunteering provides people with the opportunity to learn skills, build social networks and be a part of the local community," Mayor McClaren said.

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