



# NEW CEO STARTS



## BE FIRE READY



**As Australia is gripped by an unprecedented bushfire crisis, Strathbogie Shire residents are being urged to continue to be vigilant and prepared.**

Residents should not only prepare their property, but have a plan of action in place in case they are required to leave their property at short notice.

It is important to remove all flammable material from outside your home, ensure grass and weeds are kept short and prune low hanging branches from trees and shrubs.

Residents that live on rural property neighbouring urban housing must ensure there is a minimum 20-metre firebreak between the properties.

The CFA advises residents to make decisions about which fire danger rating will trigger them to leave.

Residents are urged to make a firm plan if they will leave that morning or the night before and where they will go.

Other factors to consider are:

- ✓ What routes will you take and what is the alternative to this route in the event the fire changes direction?
- ✓ What will you take with you?
- ✓ Do you need to organise pets and livestock?
- ✓ Who are you going to inform of your plan and movements?
- ✓ Are there other family members or friends you need to help or check up on?
- ✓ What means of communication will you use to stay informed about warnings and updates?

CFA officials also advise residents to have a back-up plan if they cannot leave their home during the fire.

For more advice and fire information visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au). To receive information about fires in your area download the Vic Emergency app on your mobile device. Strathbogie Shire Council can be contacted on **1800 065 993** for more information.

### Julie Salomon has joined Strathbogie Shire Council as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Salomon brings with her a wealth of senior executive experience, having spent more than 10 years at Greater Shepparton City Council and City of Monash.

She has signed a three-year contract with Council, taking over from Acting Chief Executive Phil Howard.

Ms Salomon was selected from a list of high-achieving candidates after an extensive recruitment process.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Cr Amanda McClaren said Ms Salomon was passionate about working with, and for, communities, driving quality service delivery and delivering creative and sustainable outcomes for the community.

“We are so pleased to appoint Julie, a seasoned local government executive, with a strong connection to the Goulburn Valley region and broad experience in leading and managing community development and services,” she said.

Ms Salomon said one of her key priorities was working with the community for better outcomes for all.

“I look forward to building on and harnessing new, existing and emerging opportunities and working with Councillors and our community to achieve our shared goals, priorities and aspirations,” she said.

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## Be a responsible PET OWNER



### A reminder that animal registrations will be due in April.

Dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered and must also be microchipped before the new registration period.

Having your pet registered is important for a number of reasons including improving the chances of it being returned if it becomes lost.

Strathbogie Shire Council will send out renewal notices to existing pet owners in the coming months.

Residents who do not receive the renewal notice by April 1 are urged to contact Council, as all renewals are due on April 10.

Council also asks residents to check the renewal notice carefully to ensure the owner and pet's details are correct.

New pet owners can contact Council on **1800 065 993** for an application.



## BEAT THE HEAT This Summer

### As the temperature continues to climb over the summer months, it is important for residents to take adequate steps to beat the heat.

Heat kills more Australians each year than natural disasters with statistics showing heatstroke to be fatal in 80 per cent of cases.

Victorian health officials advise young children, the elderly or people who are sick are the most vulnerable to suffering heatstroke.

There are simple steps that can be taken to stay safe this summer

- ✓ H2O: Drink plenty of water during the day and ensure you always have a full water bottle handy. It is better to take small sips often then drink large amounts all at once.
- ✓ Never leave pets or children in cars: Every year in Australia, 5000 kids are rescued from being left in hot cars. On a typical day the temperature inside a car can be 20 to 30 degrees hotter than outside. Health officials warn that children and pets left in a hot car for even one minute can prove fatal.
- ✓ Choose somewhere cool: Shopping centres, cinemas, libraries and community centres are all great places to flock when the weather is particularly hot as these places are air-conditioned.

It is important to stay out of the sun over the hottest part of the day and if you do need to be outside wear a hat and sun-cream and always have a bottle of water with you.

## Strathbogie Shire Council PROJECTS 2019-2020

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ✓ Nagambie Oval Upgrade - Stage 1
- ✓ Nagambie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade
- ✓ Wattlevale Road, Mitchellstown, Bridge No. 74
- ✓ Loddings Lane, Nagambie, Boat Ramp
- ✓ Faithfuls Creek Rd, Balmattum - Bridge No.6 (replacement)
- ✓ Avenel Pre-School Development
- ✓ Euroa Memorial Oval Exercise Stations
- ✓ Euroa Caravan Park Shed replacement
- ✓ Marie Street footpath, Nagambie
- ✓ Strathbogie Picnic Shelter
- ✓ Euroa drainage works to Balmattum Hill Track
- ✓ Ewings and Livingstone streets, Avenel intersection design

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- ✓ Nagambie Oval Upgrade Stage 2 and 3
- ✓ Pavement rehabilitation program (shire-wide)
- ✓ Road resealing program (shire-wide)
- ✓ Shoulder pavement program (shire-wide)
- ✓ Re-sheeting program (shire-wide)
- ✓ Zero Class upgrade program (selected regional roads)
- ✓ Fixing Country Roads - Upton Rd, Mullers Rd & Longwood/Ruffy Rd (selected regional roads)
- ✓ Avenel Skate Park
- ✓ Friendlies Reserve Development, Euroa
- ✓ Violet Town Men's Shed
- ✓ Boundary Rd South, Euroa, Future Open Drain - Stage 2
- ✓ Gross pollutant trap for Lake Nagambie
- ✓ Shelton-Watson Street, Avenel, Corner Construction
- ✓ Rowe Street, Euroa, Footpath Construction
- ✓ Cowslip Street, Violet Town, from Hospital to IGA South Side - Footpath Widening
- ✓ Violet Town Rec Reserve Football/Netball Toilet

### PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

- ✓ Euroa Civic Centre: Roof cladding Stage 2
- ✓ Euroa & Violet Town Pool Upgrades and Expansions
- ✓ Retarding Basins at McGregor Avenue, Nagambie, with a Pump System
- ✓ Ballantynes Rd, Nagambie, Retention Basin design
- ✓ Seven Creeks Park Weir Gates, Euroa - Flood Protection
- ✓ Graytown Community Hub Solar Panels and toilet
- ✓ Stormwater Drain Survey (within townships)
- ✓ Streetscapes Renewals (shire-wide)
- ✓ Euroa RSL Clubroom Expansion
- ✓ Nagambie High St Toilets
- ✓ Nagambie Youth Space
- ✓ Euroa Civic Centre Toilet Upgrade
- ✓ Nagambie Netball Courts redevelopment
- ✓ Avenel Hughes Creek Pedestrian Bridge



# FARMING COMMUNITY

## To Benefit

### Strathbogie Shire Council has applied for the first allocation of \$1 million of funding under the Federal Government's Drought Community Program support package.

If approved, part of the funding will be used to directly support farmers by bolstering infrastructure to improve public access to water.

This will be achieved by installing new bores, standpipes and water tanks at a number of locations throughout the Shire.

This project will not only assist drought-affected farmers but also enable the fast replenishment of water for fire-fighting appliances during emergency situations.

The Council was selected as one of 13 additional councils to be included in the Drought Communities Programme Extension in 2019.

The funding is part of a \$100 million national package rolled out late last year, which has a 30 June delivery timeline.

Strathbogie was deemed as a municipality at risk, with farmers and businesses across the community struggling with the ongoing dry conditions and low rainfall, which are slowing the local economy.

The funding is intended to stimulate economic activity and employment across drought-affected communities.



# ARTS & CULTURE

## Gains Support



### Strathbogie Shire Council has adopted its first ever Arts and Culture Strategy at the December 2019 Ordinary Council meeting.

The strategy aims to increase opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness, increase arts and cultural experiences, preserve heritage and foster diverse cultural sustainability within our Shire.

The need to further nurture, develop and support arts and culture within our community was highlighted at the beginning of Council's term as a part of the Conversation Cafes, which in turn led to the creation of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group and the development of the 2019-2023 Arts and Culture Strategy.

Extensive consultation was conducted over a significant period of time, both within our community and amongst the broader creative collectives, in order to develop a strategy that is reflective of both our current and future needs, which also addresses the desired Cultural, Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance outcomes.

The associated 12-month action plan focuses on strategic objectives that have been identified as both important and achievable in line with the goals that were developed as reflective of both our immediate and broader community.

A copy of the 2019-2023 Arts and Culture Strategy and associated 12 Month Action Plan are available online on our website [www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au) and hard copies can be made available at the Council main office upon request.

Goals are:

- 1 A connected and vibrant community – To strengthen the strong sense of belonging and community pride, by increasing the opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness
- 2 A culturally capable community – To increase the capacity of the community to lead and deliver arts and cultural experiences, by supporting opportunities for growth and learning
- 3 A diverse community that recognises, expresses and celebrates creativity and heritage – To increase levels of appreciation, belonging and equality of opportunity for all people, by supporting creative communities to preserve and foster cultural sustainability



# WHAT'S ON This Summer

Follow @WhatsonStrathbogie on Facebook or download the latest monthly flyer on our website [strathbogie.vic.gov.au](http://strathbogie.vic.gov.au) to keep up to date with events, markets and activities happening in the Strathbogie Shire.

## MARKETS

### NAGAMBIE LAKES COMMUNITY MARKET

**Saturday 7 March 2020**  
**Saturday 4 April 2020**  
8am-12pm, Median Strip High Street, Nagambie

### VIOLET TOWN COMMUNITY MARKET

**Saturday 14 March 2020**  
**Saturday 11 April 2020**  
8:30am-1:00pm  
Violet Town Recreation Reserve

### AVENEL MARKET

**Sunday 8 March 2020**  
**Sunday 12 April 2020**  
9am-1pm, Jubilee Park, Avenel

### EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

**Saturday 21 March 2020**  
**Saturday 19 April 2020**  
9am-1pm, 19 Kirkland Avenue, Euroa

### NAGAMBIE FARMERS MARKET

**Sunday 22 March 2020**  
**Sunday 26 April 2020**  
10am-2pm, Tahbilk Winery, Nagambie

## EVENTS

### SECOND VOICE LIVE MUSIC...PLUS OPEN MIC!

**Friday 14 February 2020, from 7pm**  
The White Hart Hotel 63-65 Hill Street, Longwood. Free event, all welcome

### MACBETH IN THE COURTYARD AT FOWLES WINE

**Saturday 29 February 2020, 7-9pm**  
1175 Lambing Gully Road, Avenel  
Tickets via [www.fowleswine.com](http://www.fowleswine.com)

### LONGWOOD FOR THE LOVE OF ALE FESTIVAL

**Saturday 29 February 2020, 2pm-8pm**  
Longwood Recreation Reserve  
Tickets via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

### NAGAMBIE ON WATER (NOW) FESTIVAL

**6-8 March 2020**  
Nagambie. Multiple family friendly events over three fun filled days! Visit the event Facebook page or go to [nagambieonwater.com.au](http://nagambieonwater.com.au)

### EUROA APEX RODEO 2020

**Saturday 21 March 2020, 3pm onward.** 16 Frost Street, Euroa. Ticketed event, Family friendly event. See the Facebook page for further details.

### GO FISH NAGAMBIE

**2-5 April 2020**  
Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre  
Visit [www.gofishnagambie.com.au](http://www.gofishnagambie.com.au)  
For registration & event info.

## CINEMA

Tickets: \$10.00 NO EFTPOS  
(Pre-school children FREE) 1B Bury Street, Euroa

### JOJO RABBIT

Comedy/War [M]  
**Saturday 22nd February, 8pm**  
**Sunday 23rd February, 4pm**

### EMMA

Drama [PG]  
**Saturday 21st March, 8pm**  
**Sunday 22nd March, 4pm**

### BOMBSHELL

Biography/Drama [M]  
**Saturday 29th February, 8pm**  
**Sunday 1st March, 4pm**

### THE CALL OF THE WILD

Drama/Adventure [CTC]  
National Breast Cancer Foundation Fundraiser  
Tickets \$15 Adults, \$10 Children  
**Friday 27th March, 6:30pm**

### SHAUN THE SHEEP: FARMAGEDDON

Family [G] **Friday 6th March, 6:30**  
(Family Fun Night)  
**Saturday 7th March, 4pm**

### DOLITTLE Family [PG]

School Holidays - \$5 Tickets  
**Saturday 28th March, 4pm**  
**Wednesday 1st April, 2pm**  
(Sensory/Baby Screening)

### MIDWAY

Action/Drama [M]  
**Saturday 7th March, 8pm**  
**Sunday 8th March, 4pm**

### THE PROFESSOR & THE MADMAN

Biography/Drama [M]  
**Saturday 28th March, 8pm**  
**Sunday 29th March, 4pm**

### EMBRACE

Documentary [M] International Women's Day Celebration FREE ENTRY  
**Thursday 12th March, 7:30pm**

### FROZEN 2 SING-A-LONG

Family [PG]  
School Holidays - \$5 Tickets  
**Saturday 4th April, 4pm**  
**Wednesday 8th April, 2pm**  
(Sensory/Baby Screening)

### THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON

Adventure/Comedy [M]  
**Saturday 14th March, 8pm**  
**Sunday 15th March, 4pm**

### MISS FISHER & THE CRYPT OF TEARS

Mystery [M]  
**Saturday 4th April, 8pm**  
**Sunday 5th April, 4pm**