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**“OUTSTANDING”, “FANTASTIC”  
EUROA SHOW & SHINE FOLLOWED  
CANCELLATION IN MARCH,  
SAVING IN APRIL**



**BEST IN SHOW:** Albury's John Tyrrell was awarded "best car in show" for his rare 1959 Chevrolet Corvette. PHOTO: Darren Chaitman



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## The Show & Shine that almost never happened

IT was the show that almost never happened. The Australian National Show & Shine Euroa was a success on Sunday – a triumphant turnaround after what had earlier appeared to be a dim situation for Euroa's biggest annual event. The car show was cancelled in March due to a lack of committee members and volunteers, but the announcement prompted a

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surge of volunteers to come forward in April, saving the event. "I think it was an outstanding success," the exhausted new committee president, Donna Carroll, told this masthead over a beer at Seven Creeks Hotel after

the event on Sunday. It was too early to say how many attended, with the committee still crunching numbers on Monday afternoon, but the figure stood close to 5000 – more than last year – with online ticket sales still to be counted. "Having now done one, I have a total appreciation of how it was done last year with nearly nobody," Ms Carroll said.

"I have no idea how people managed it. "It takes a lot of volunteers to put this show on – I think we had about 70. "And a huge chunk of those are areas... cars in, cars out. Hard work. "We've got people that have been working all day today from six in the morning. ■ Continued page 2

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## HOW TO VOTE CARD STRATHBOGIE COUNCIL ELECTION



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**CARLSON, Gregory**

**OUR COUNCIL CAN AND  
MUST DO BETTER**

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2024

# DIARY

# EUROA & DISTRICT

## October

26-27

The Euroa Agricultural Society Inc will hold the 132nd Euroa Agricultural Show at the Euroa Showgrounds.

6-30

Tablelands Community Centre 27 Nolans Rd Ruffy - ARTBOX viewings  
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## November

10

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16

Rotary Club of Euroa presents Wendy Stapleton and Wilber Wilde & Friends 6.30-11.30pm  
November 16 at Euroa Memorial Oval. Book at Trybooking.

2-23

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# Euroa Goods Shed to be demolished next week

By DARREN CHAITMAN

INLAND Rail will demolish the Euroa Goods Shed next week, over a year after their announced intention to demolish the 150-year-old shed sparked significant community opposition.

On Monday, October 14, crews will set up the site for the shed's demolition over the week, with works scheduled from 7am-7pm, Monday to Friday.

Inland Rail's Beveridge to Albury delivery director, Ed Walker, said in a statement: "Any salvaged materials from the removal will be catalogued and stored off-site for potential reuse in the new station precinct as part of the heritage interpretation."

"The stone foundations will be left in-situ until the construction works for the station precinct commence.

"We are currently preparing updated designs to share with the community and during this engagement we will seek feedback on a heritage interpretation plan that presents options for acknowledging the goods shed."

Euroa Railway Station's west platform will be closed during the demolition, with traffic management, signage and reduced road speeds also planned near the work site.

Community group EuroaCon-

Demolition scheduled over a year after a campaign delayed the 150-year-old shed's demise

nect, who spearheaded the fight to save the shed, requested community members be involved in a discussion regarding the repurposing of components prior to the demolition, but their offer was rejected by Inland Rail.

"We remain of the view that the building is of major historic significance to the community of Euroa and surrounding areas," EuroaConnect president John Simpson wrote in an email to Mr Walker.

"With this in mind... I am writing to convey our expectation that the demolition process will be planned and undertaken in a way that maximises the retention in good order of building elements and fixtures," he continued.

"The people of our community expect that the process of identifying, salvaging and storing building components will be undertaken through a collaborative process where local residents with appropriate expertise work with representatives of Inland Rail and VicTrack to plan and oversee the demolition process."

But Mr Walker wrote back: "Due to the safety requirements of the operating railway line and high-risk nature of the removal works, the worksite will only be

accessible to workers accredited to undertake the removal and work in the rail corridor."

"Given this, participation by the public or other third-parties in the goods shed removal will not be possible," he continued.

EuroaConnect member Jim Shovelton told this masthead: "We have tried to work collaboratively with Inland Rail... as normal, that offer was rejected."

He said the group had no plans at this stage to protest during the demolition, explaining: "Given that it doesn't have [heritage] protection, there's not a lot we can do."

But he is skeptical of Inland Rail's ability to safely preserve the heritage materials in removing the shed.

Tamleugh historian Bruce Cumming, also a EuroaConnect member, echoed this concern: "It would be outrageous if Inland Rail goes ahead and just tears down the 1873 Euroa Goods Shed, damaging its materials and heritage in the process."

Heritage Council of Victoria had halted Inland Rail's demolition plans in November 2023 when they granted an interim protection order for the shed following a submission from EuroaConnect.

But in January, Heritage Victoria's executive director recommended the shed not be granted permanent protection as it did not meet the criteria for statewide significance.

EuroaConnect successfully requested a hearing to rebut the recommendation, further delaying the demolition plans until a ruling last month.

Inland Rail first announced in August 2023 its intention to demolish the shed, saying the relocated station platform will encroach on it when they upgrade Euroa Railway Station for the Inland Rail network.

At the same time, Inland Rail commissioned an engineering report which found the shed posed a health and safety risk as its collapse was imminent.

The shed's condition has visibly declined since Inland Rail fenced it off in August 2023, and in January, Inland Rail commissioned a second engineering report which recommended immediate demolition, stating "a collapse could occur without further warning, at any time".

Construction of Euroa's updated railway station and railway precinct is scheduled for early 2025, to be completed by 2027.

## The show that almost never happened

■ From front page

"Some of us have worked from five; some from four."

Last year's committee president, Ian Langlands, did not nominate for president again as he had planned to be overseas during the event, but a change in plans saw him stay in Euroa for the show after all.

He was vice president this year, supporting Ms Carroll and showing her the ropes.

In appreciation of Mr Langlands' work, Ms Carroll surprised him with a "secret trophy" she had organised privately, presenting it to him during the announcement of awards at the show.

The trophy was named "The Strathbaggie and Seven Greeks Parkland Volunteer Award", a reference to spelling mistakes that almost appeared in posters and another trophy.

"I wanted to present that to Ian for the person who has an entire show in his head," Ms Carroll said.

"He is the go-to person to put a question to at any time.

"And without Ian, the show just would not have happened.

"We might have made it over the line, but it would have not been the show that it was today."



**PARK MY CAR: Seven Creeks Park was overtaken by the Australian National Show & Shine Euroa on Sunday.**

PHOTO: Dale Mann

Reflecting on this year's show, Mr Langlands said: "It was fantastic."

"They've all said to me today, 'Jesus, we didn't realise there's so much work involved in this,'" he said.

"That's probably the biggest thing."

In a promising sign for the event's future, he said all the volunteers that worked on Sunday had told him: "We'll be back next year."

Asked about his favourite vehicle on show, Mr Langlands nominated the Lincoln Continental

displayed in Elite Street.

He said it was one of four cars brought to the show by Chris Retzos, Shepparton's "KFC king".

The Shepparton-based Retzos Group owns over 60s KFCs, including a Euroa KFC set to open in two weeks.

But the coveted "best car in show" award went to a 1959 Chevrolet Corvette owned by Albury's John Tyrrell.

Mr Tyrrell said he had owned the rare car for about 10 years.

He spent a year restoring it, having bought it in a condition

that "wasn't very good", he said.

He said he repainted it in its original silver after he had "pulled it all apart, taken the body off the chassis and completely done a nut and bolt restoration".

But Mr Tyrrell had no designs on winning the top award.

"You never bring your car to win trophies," he said

"You bring your car to show it, and support the people who run the show."

■ More photos and coverage of Sunday's Show & Shine on pages 8 and 9.

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SHOW & SHINE EUROA 2024



▲ **TROPHY WINNER:** Winner of the Marg Stribling Memorial Trophy, Violet Town's Neil Garrett, with his 1954 MG TD.



▲ **PICTURESQUE:** The Show & Shine took over Euroa's Seven Creeks Park.

PHOTOS: Dale Mann

◀ **ALLEN'S RIDE:** Allen Tubb of Euroa with his MB B, Australian built in 1972.



▲ **POST-FLOOD DEBUT:** Euroa Miniature Railway made its post-2022 flood debut after a long recovery effort.




► **SHOW & SHINE FOUNDER:** Graham Vickers, Rob Asquith from Euroa, who ran Show and Shine for 13 years, Bev Asquith and Fred Williams with Rob Asquith's Wolsey.

**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE**

**VOTE 1**

**Jimmy Davidson**



**MAKING THE HARD DECISIONS FOR THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE**

Authorised by Jimmy Davidson, 2 Hinton St, Euroa 3666



▲ **GET THIS PARTY STARTED:** Dorothy Sutton from Euroa, with her 1932 Ford Coupe, which she built herself with sister-in-law Wendy Carrafru from Queensland.



▲ **ZOOM, ZOOM:** Clint Irwin and Keith Irwin from Nagambie with their Mazda R100.

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▲ **DRIFTCAT:** Fashion award winner "DriftCat", also known as Euroa's Catherine Coleiro.

# Show's hidden gem a 60-year-old fire truck

By DARREN CHAITMAN

A CREIGHTONS Creek man's 1964 fire truck was one of the biggest hits at this year's Australian National Show & Shine Euroa.

Council CEO Tim Tamlin presented James Dunn with the Strathbogie Shire Council award on Sunday in recognition of the WE Austin vehicle, built in Ballarat.

Mr Dunn bought the vehicle in 1989 because he "wanted something to use around the farm".

"It's fully operational," he said.

"It's got a five horsepower motor and pump on the back, and it's good for me to use out in the paddocks to cart water.

"It's a 400-gallon taxi if you ask me.

"It's got to earn its keep."

Despite being 60 years old, it is also still used as a fire truck.

"It's tied up with the Creightons Creek Fire Brigade and they've asked me if I'd make it available for our end of Creightons Creek, which is the northern end of Creightons Creek," Mr Dunn said.

Show & Shine committee president Donna Carroll nominated the vehicle as her personal highlight of the show.

"He honestly is the loveliest man," Ms Carroll said of Mr Dunn.

"He's been consulting with us all the way through.

"He was just so proud of this truck, and he has done the most extraordinary job."

**CREIGHTONS CREEK MAN  
JAMES DUNN BOUGHT  
AUSTIN FIRE TRUCK  
TO "USE AROUND  
THE FARM"**



**JAMES' TRUCK:** James Dunn of Creightons Creek bought his 1964 WE Austin fire truck to use around the farm.



**IT'S A DUNN DEAL:** Council CEO Tim Tamlin presented James Dunn with the Shire of Strathbogie award on Sunday in recognition of his fire truck.



**TRACTOR LEE:** Geoff Lee from near Benalla with his Massey Ferguson MF 35X.



**MOTLEY CREW:** Kymberley Sanderson, Thomas Reichen Bach, Dorothy Sutton, Kate Hard, Ella Hard aged 9, Evie Hard aged 6 and Kevin Long.

**VOTE 1**

**Claire Ewart-Kennedy**

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