

Berringa Community News

News and views from the residents of
Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno

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What is *Burning Seed*? A Party? A Festival? No - a Burn

Anyone travelling along the Murray River Road over the October long weekend, may have wondered what event was occurring on a property near Talgarno.

Burning Seed is an experimental gathering dedicated to creativity, collaboration and a gifting community – conceived, built, run and returned to nothing again by the participants. Ten principles guide this special something, called a Burn. People new to Burning Seed often assume that a Burn is like a festival: a mostly passive experience where event management organise everything and you just need to pay and rock up “Here’s my ticket – now feed me,

entertain me and clean up after me”. Instead, a Burn is created by its participants, not for them. Together, we pool our resources, skills, ideas and imagination to create the funding, the city, the entertainment and the experience itself, filled with art, theme camps, gifting, performances, crewing, music, fire and more. It is this very act of collaboration and participation that makes Burning Seed special.

Burning Seed follows in the footsteps of Burning Man, which began life on a San Francisco beach in 1986 and has been taking place in Nevada’s Black Rock Desert since 1991. Burning Man attracts up to 65,000 attendees each year.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

This section is for individuals in the community to share their stories, ideas, poems and reports about local happenings etc. Email items to info@berringacommunitynews.com.au or post/drop in to 341 Wises Creek Road, Talgarno.

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The 2016 Burning Seed festival was originally planned to be held at Matong State Forest site (near Wagga Wagga) where 4,000 people were due to congregate, but flooding forced this event to be transferred to another site, which was also inundated by flood waters. Eventually the organisers decided to divide the festival into smaller parties, one of which was hosted by Kelly and Kurt Gibbons in Talgarno.

Two hundred people, aged from 9 to 69 and from all walks of life, attended the Talgarno party who had travelled from Western Australia, Melbourne, Sydney, Canada, Germany and New Zealand. The 2016 theme was "Deep Space", with many of the costumes reflecting the theme.

The four-day festival entailed participants camping, two main bar areas, DJs, live bands (including a flaming trumpet player) and five theme camps taking it in turn to organise events during the festival. The laser images projected onto surrounded hillsides was sensational.

Many thanks for the catering provided by the Talgarno CFA and Talgarno Tennis Club (Burns normally only supply block ice and water); with special thanks to Mick, Trevor and Barrie for getting vehicles out of the mud!

The 2017 Burning Seed festival will reconvene at Wagga Wagga over the October long weekend.

If you want to read more of the philosophy of Burning Seed, visit our website: www.burningseed.com



This submarine car on a trailer, travelled from Melbourne, complete with DJ deck and sound system

Getting off the Bus after 22 years

After 22 years of driving the Tallangatta High School bus Stuart and Jane Wood have retired. The initial bus run was from Bethanga to Tallangatta but over the years the run was shortened to meeting the Koetong bus at Granya. That represents a lot of kilometers and watching many local children grow into young adults. On behalf of the community we would like to thank Stuart and Jane for safely transporting our children for all those years.

Ann and David Wortmann have taken over the bus run.



Road Upgrade

It is great to see that work has finally started on upgrading the Riverina Highway from the Bridge to the Lake Hume Resort.

The work is expected to be completed at the end of June 2017 with no work between December 16 and January 8 to allow for the peak tourist period. The hours of work are 7am – 6pm weekdays and 7am -1pm Saturdays. Road users will need to allow extra travel time for possible delays during the works.

An Educational Visit

On Melbourne Cup Day, Talgarno had a visit from Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham, who was accompanied by his team and staff from Cathy McGowan's office. This visit was to discuss the importance of mobile children's services in our area. The Federal Government are looking at changing the funding model of early childhood services next year and Mobile Child Care, such as the one run from Talgarno, is at risk of closure.

There was an excellent turn out of families, educational leaders from both the local schools, Mayor David Wortmann and Community Early Years Child Care Manager, Anne Bowler, who are all keen to see our childcare continue.

Simon was keen to discuss issues the families are facing in our area, many parents expressed concerns at the possible closure of mobile child care as this would result in difficulties for many working families, others expressed a desire for a Long Day Care in Bellbridge which would include before and after school care and another topic raised by some parents was the bus zones for Tallangatta Secondary College.

It was a positive visit from Simon and was excellent to see the community rally behind such an important service. [If you would like to book your child into the Mobile Child Care please call 6056 4399.](#)



Berringa Firies Calendar

We are well underway to finalising our community fire brigade calendar, 'Berringa Firies 2017'. We would like to thank everyone who came along to our photo shoot in October and to the businesses and individuals who have kindly donated money or time to this project.

The Calendars will be on sale from December, in local shop fronts, community buildings and at community events such as the monthly Talgarno Fire Brigade BBQ. If you are able to sell calendars, or know of a business that would be happy to sell some, please let us know.

Please help support our local fire brigades by purchasing a calendar.

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The Community Loses a Treasure

Lawrence Thomas Packer



A very large crowd of mourners spilled out of Bethanga's St Francis Church, braving cold, rainy weather to show their respect and love for Lawrence Packer, a true contributor, who 'gave his all', not only to his family, but to the wider Bethanga community where he was born and raised. Virtually all local groups have benefited from Lawrie's enthusiasm, commitment and drive, from his early years and continuing throughout his life. He was an all round, total participant – serving the community, playing the sports, holding office bearer and committee positions, often for many years, attending and helping at working bees and, of course, making friends.

Lawrence Thomas Packer was born on the 27 February, 1950. He was the first son of Leo and Kathleen Packer and was raised on the farm with his younger brother, Ian, in the family home "Kaylee". Lawrie was a happy and active toddler but unfortunately he contracted polio at the age of 18 months. The treatment for this involved many trips to Melbourne where he was under the care of the noted physician, Dame Jean MacNamara. Lawrie bore the effects of polio all his life but never let them hold him back from any activity he wished to pursue. If he could not achieve things one way, he would keep trying other ideas until he was successful.

Lawrie completed his primary education at Springdale Primary School. He and Ian then boarded in Albury and attended St Thomas Aquinas College to complete their secondary education. After completing Year 12 in 1967, Lawrie began his career as a Clerk of Courts in Albury. From there he was transferred to various places in Sydney and then to Hillston, where he formed many life long friendships. He briefly went back to Sydney before leaving the court system to move back to Bethanga and

work on the farm with his father, Leo, in 1978.

On his return to Bethanga, Lawrie became an active member of many community groups including the football club, cricket club, golf club, angling club and the darts competitions. He always volunteered his services as a committee member to all these groups.

In 1982, on a very hot December day, he married Carolyn in the St Francis Church, Bethanga. His parents hosted a great reception in the wonderful garden created by his mother at the family home, a great feat considering the country was in the grip of a severe drought. Over the next six years Lawrie and Carolyn had three children: Sam, Tom and Adele.

Lawrie continued his involvement with sporting clubs, including taking an active role in the coaching of the junior cricketers of Bethanga. He expanded his community involvement to many groups. These included the Recreation Reserve, Landcare, Wild Dog Action Group, Best Lamb Best Wool, the Gymkhana, the local CFA and many others. He served as the secretary/treasurer of the Bethanga Cemetery Trust for 30 years. He was very proud and humbled to achieve Community Service Awards on more than one occasion.

On the farm he worked hard and used his great husbandry skills to breed a fine line of Hereford cattle that will continue as his legacy. He also diversified into Merino sheep and used Dorset and Leicester rams to produce first cross lambs. He qualified as a Wool Classer and thoroughly enjoyed spending his time with the many characters in the shearing sheds of the district. He also completed his training as a cricket umpire and this was another role that gave him great enjoyment and allowed him to interact with many people across the wider district of Albury/Wodonga.

Lawrie was a very strong man who loved life and always had time for a chat and drink with anyone. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at Easter in 2015. The initial prognosis was not good and, in true style, he put up a great fight, but in the end, even that was not enough. To his credit, he continued to work on the farm right up until his last days.

Lawrie loved his family and friends and always enjoyed any excuse to be involved in celebrations with them. His great smile, laughter and fighting spirit will be missed, not only by his family and friends, but by the entire community.

Rest in peace, Lawrie.

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Pub News

A wet start to spring, but how beautiful the Peninsula looks! A full lake, lots of green grass, fat cows, horses and sheep and magnificent gardens.

The Footy Tipping windup was held on 24 September and the 2016 winner was Trent Sirl (146 points); equal second: Carolyn Packer, Peter Scammell, Peter Watson and Brodie Sirl (143 points) equal third on 142 points were Dawn Hird and John Bayliss.

The Scammell's scooped the Junior Footy Tipping with Archie the winner (136 points); Charlie second on 134 points and Will third on 133 points. Well done everyone!

The Hotel hosted a hearty breakfast in November for the Bethanga Stampede – a reenactment of part of the stage of the Southern Cross Car Rally. After breakfast, the participants did a lap around the outskirts of Bethanga and then headed towards Mansfield.

It was also a sad spring with the loss of a wonderful man, Lawrence Packer, a man who contributed so much to the local community. He will be sadly missed.

During November, we hosted many group functions, one in particular that generated great attention was a bus loaded with "Where's Wally" dressed in red and white striped clothes and glasses. Lots of laughs were had by all.

Leslie and Paul welcomed another grandchild on 16 No-

vember, Kenneth Bruce, a son to Heath and Aimee and brother for Somer (who turned one on 9 October) – Heath has been busy.

The November Music Club night was well attended and we look forward to December.

Christmas: I have been "talked" into doing Christmas Lunch this year (not by staff members) as World War 3 almost erupted last year because I did not do it! Therefore anyone who wishes to join us for Christmas Lunch, please book now as tables are filling fast.

Whilst on Christmas, trading hours as usual over the Festive Season, but we will close on Christmas Day around 6 pm.

For the calendar:

Music Club Nights on 10 December, 14 January and 11 February.

Australia Day BBQ – all welcome.

CERT Trivia night 25 February 2017

With summer fast approaching, associated hot winds and a huge amount of highly flammable fuel growth – Please be alert.

Have a wonderful happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Cheers, Leslie and all the staff

2017 Australia Day Community Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Berringa Peninsula Australia Day Community Awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms can be collected from the Bellbridge Store/Post Office. Nominations close 19 December 2016.

Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Towong Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au

Berringa CERT Fund Raising Trivia Night

What: Trivia Night - questions will range from local issues and history to intergalactic trivia.

Where: Bethanga Pub (Courthouse Hotel)

When: 7:30pm Saturday 25 February 2017

Cost: \$10.00 per head and maximum teams of 8 per table, with all proceeds to Berringa CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Finger food will be provided free – drinks are to be purchased from the bar.

Bookings are essential and need to be made to the pub by 18 February 2017 on 6026 4214. Please advise numbers attending, contact person and team name.

The night will provide a great opportunity to show your trivia prowess, so form a team from your club, organisation, street or town and support this very worthy cause.



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As many signs as you need are **free**, however if you would like to make a donation to help pay for the signs we would be grateful. Direct Deposit can be made to The Bendigo Bank BSB 633000, Account Name 'Neighbourhood Watch Area P56, Account Number 108911397.

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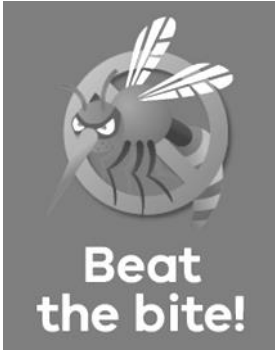
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This information comes from DHHS and the Victorian Government Better Health website (see below).



The recent significant rains and flood have caused ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The DHHS are planning for increased cases of notifiable conditions such as Barmah Forest virus disease and Ross River virus and possibly Murray Valley encephalitis.

Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Unit. Tel. 1300 651 160

Your local council.

You can find more information and resources at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite

Some simple things to do to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne disease:

- Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about (usually dusk and dawn).
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your home.
- On holidays make sure your accommodation is properly fitted with mosquito netting or screens.
- Don't forget the kids – it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.
- Mosquito repellents – which are the most effective?
- Repellents containing picaridin or DEET are the most effective. These products are available in different concentrations, or strengths, ranging from 3 to 100 % DEET, or 10 – 20% picaridin. All these products are effective in repelling mosquitoes, but higher concentrations provide a longer duration of protection.
- Repellents come in lotions, gels, aerosols and pump sprays. All repellents containing picaridin or DEET are effective when used correctly, but lotions and gels are easier to apply properly.
- Natural repellents (such as Citronella or Eucalyptus) provide only very limited protection. Devices like mosquito bands and sound emitters are gimmicks.

You can reduce the risk of mosquito bites if you get rid of potential mosquito breeding sites around your home. Information on how to control mosquitoes around the home is at <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases>

A lush bio-diverse garden can help attract dragonflies and damselflies. They and their larvae love to eat mosquitoes and their young. Dragonflies lay their eggs on water, floating plant material or on nearby vegetation. Once hatched, the larvae will spend months to years underwater, swimming, feeding and hiding in amongst submerged plants and roots. It is thought that pungent plants such as native mint, artemisia, marigold, perennial basil, mint and rosemary may also help to confuse and repel mosquitoes.

Dragonfly larvae



Damselfly larvae



Where can I get help?

If you have any concerns about your health, see your doctor or call NURSE-ON-CALL Tel. 1300 60 60 24

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Bec's Banter

Rebecca Chettleburgh has experience and qualifications in the area of permaculture gardening, and an interest in controlling environmental pests. She has generously agreed to be a regular columnist and adviser. If you have any questions or want information about gardening pests, problems and solutions email Rebecca at info@berringacommunitynews.com.au or call her on 6026 4033

Wow, well what a funny start to summer....

There seems to be a few issues associated with all this moisture; powdery mildew and leaf curl like I've never seen. Aaarrghhh – Note to self: definitely spray early next year for leaf curl on the fruit trees.

I have the bare minimum of vegies in this year. I am concentrating more on getting trees and natives established not a bad year for it.

Can't get too complacent though, we have had some very drying winds in between this rain and its bloomin' surprising how quickly the soil dries out, so please get your mulch, compost and organic fertiliser out asap.

Just picked up a couple of gorgeous Rhode Island red pullets yesterday - I'm looking forward to them frolicking in the garden. If you have chooks, don't forget how quickly they suffer in the extreme heat we have coming up. Chooks don't like warm drinking water apparently, so ensure you have cool water in the shade for them to access and if you get them used to it, mine don't mind a spray with the mister on the hose when it's really hot... even a few frozen ice cream tubs in their house don't go astray to help cool them down.



If you still have some trees or shrubs to plant out, just ensure you have prepared the soil and the plant for its

new spot.

If your plants are in a pot, soak overnight in a diluted Seasol and fish emulsion solution (to help with transplant shock), soak the hole you have prepared overnight too with the same solution and a bit of organic fertiliser (not too much though as the plant then doesn't go hunting for nutrients). Definitely dig that hole double the root ball size of the plant, it really does make all the difference for a plant trying to establish itself....

Plants of the season for me

Boston Ivy – I have four different varieties growing over different structures around the yard and they have just taken off. I can't wait for the autumn tones to show through...(lets get through summer first) haha

Echinacea/cone flower – have planted these out in groups of 3's and 5's and they are looking gorgeous.



For something different I purchased a 'Patchouli' plant from a market in Myrtleford, it is a bit frost tender but has made it through and it really does smell like Patchouli, I love it...

I'm sure I must need some more plants to plant out, so I'm on the hunt for some more unusual plants.

I still have lots and lots of plants to share if anyone is interested.

Bec

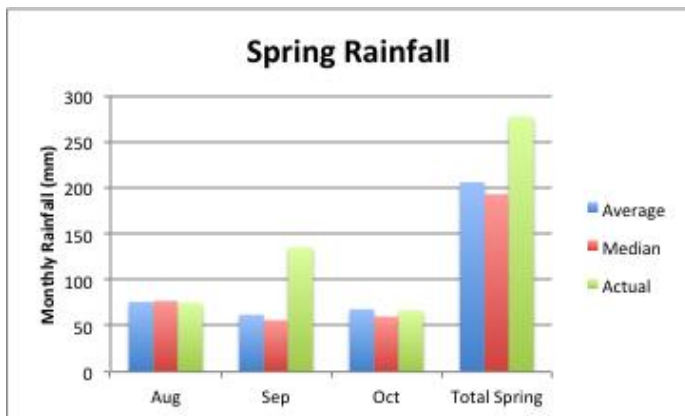
Prospects for the Season Ahead

Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.

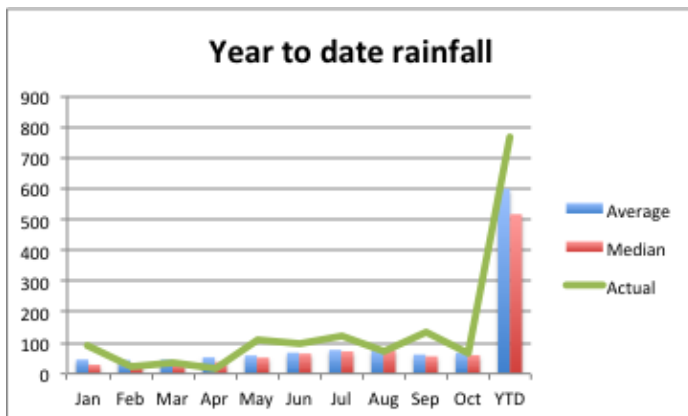


Rainfall Round-up

The spring rainfall (August to end October) was 277 mm, 44% above the median (193 mm) and 34% above the average (206 mm). It was only because of the 135mm in September (more than double the average) that we ended up with a wet spring because August and October were just average. This spring was a little colder than usual, particularly September and October.



For the year to date (YTD), our rainfall (766 mm) has been 48% above the median and 28% above average. If we get average rainfall for November and December we will have a total of 866 mm, which is about 25% above average.



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook suggested that we could expect above average rainfall and below average temperature and they were right. August was very windy and a series of cold fronts brought average rains. September was the second wettest on record across Australia and there was flooding in Victoria and heavy rainfall. Over the spring, the sub-tropical ridge of high pressure has been located more to the north of the Bight than normal which means the pressure over Victoria is lower and this allowed frontal systems to deliver

rain to south eastern Australia. Since the start of October however, there have been fewer sources of high level moisture and hence it has turned dry.

Prospects for Summer (November to end January)

It now seems unlikely that a La Niña event will develop although it is still possible. The negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) which has been in place since May has provided our wetter than average year to date, but it is now in decline. Even so, the warmer waters off our northern coasts could provide moisture for above average rainfalls given the appropriate triggers.

Five out of ten models suggest average rainfall for summer while four models suggest slightly wetter than average. It is also likely that the temperature will be warmer than average. This outlook, coupled with the still good deeper soil moisture levels, suggest that there will be reasonable level of paddock feed at least into December.

At this early stage, the longer term models are suggesting that the late summer/early autumn rainfall should be average and temperatures average or slightly warmer.

Greg Hayes

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David Wortmann Mayor for third term

Towong Shire Council's five Councillors were sworn in at an official ceremony in Tallangatta on Tuesday 8 November.

Councillors Aaron Scales, Jennie Star, Peter Tolsher, Andrew Whitehead and David Wortmann took the Oath of Office at the first meeting of Council in the Tallangatta Council Chambers.

Cr Star, Cr Tolsher and Cr Whitehead will serve their first terms as Councillors and Cr Scales will embark on his second term. Cr Wortmann, who is serving his third term on Council, was elected Mayor and Cr Scales was elected Deputy Mayor.

Cr Wortmann praised the former Council's achievements, saying it had been one of the most successful periods in the Council's history. Cr Wortmann also said he was looking forward to working with his new Council colleagues and continuing the Council's success.

"We have a great group of passionate and dedicated Councillors and very talented staff, and

I'm really excited about what we will be able to achieve."

"We have a number of significant projects, such as the Great River Road touring route, the Upper Murray Events Centre and the Destination Tallangatta town revitalisation project to deliver during the term of this Council."

"Our first priority however will be to prepare a Council Plan for 2017 – 2021."

"Financial sustainability will be a big focus, while addressing the unique challenges we face as a rural Council in delivering the services and infrastructure our communities rely on."



L-R) Cr Andrew Whitehead, Cr Aaron Scales (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennie Star, Cr David Wortmann (Mayor), Cr

Who are the new Councillors?

As there was no voting in Towong Shire residents were not provided with any information on the Councillors. Berringa Community News asked the Council to provide some brief background information on each Councillor.

Cr David Wortmann (Mayor)

David Wortmann was first elected to Council in November 2008 and was elected Mayor on 11 November 2014. David was re-elected to the Council on 22 October 2016 and now serves his third term. He has lived in Granya all his life where he runs a beef and sheep farm and also operates a school bus service. He is married with two children.

Cr Aaron Scales (Deputy Mayor)

Aaron Scales was first elected to Council on 27 October 2012. He was raised on his family's farm at Dartmouth and has settled in the town with his wife Naomi and three children. Aaron studied in Law, Accounting and Hospitality/Tourism and has completed a Master in Business Administration, he is currently the owner and manager of a hotel and also works in a business development role. This is now Aaron's second term.

Cr Jennie Star

Jennie has called the Towong Shire home for the past twenty five years and is married with four young adult children. Jennie and her husband own and operate a mixed beef and fine wool business in the Cudgewa Valley. She has a Bachelor of Education in Environmental Studies and has completed tertiary studies in information technology. She works on farm and in the office and for the past seven years has also developed an annual print and online platform to help support local business in the Upper Murray. She is a graduate of the Alpine Valley Community Leadership Program. Over the years she has served on the executive and committees of many community groups and has researched and published two books on the history of the Upper Murray community.

Cr Peter Tolsher

Peter Tolsher was elected to Council in October 2016. He moved to Tallangatta in 1975, married a local, raised two children and currently lives in Tallangatta. Peter has been involved in the water industry for over 30 years and is currently a director for the Water Industry Operator Association of Australia and a Senior Manager at North East Water.

Cr Andrew Whitehead

Andrew Whitehead was first elected to Council in October 2016. He has been a resident of Towong Shire for over 40 years and is married with 4 children. He runs a beef and sheep farm and also works as a part time mechanic. He is involved in numerous community groups.

Waste transfer station trial

Towong Shire Council will trial reduced operating hours at its waste transfer facilities in Corryong and Tallangatta.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the trial was an important part of Council's efforts to identify efficiencies and cost savings across its operations.

"Councils across Victoria are being asked to look at every possible way to minimise rate increases. Every Council service is under the microscope as we examine ways to maximise efficiency and reduce costs," he said.

"This change to the waste transfer station operating hours presents ongoing cost savings and reduces the financial pressure that impacts the levies and rates charged to residents. It allows us to remain open at peak usage times, giving residents the opportunity to dispose of their waste."

The altered hours were introduced after an assessment of usage patterns for the Landfill and Transfer Station sites. The reduced hours are based on data that revealed the facilities' peak usage times and highlighted opportunities where hours could be reduced with minimal inconvenience to residents.

The trial operating hours are as follows:

Corryong Landfill and Transfer Station:

Thursday 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Sunday 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Tallangatta Transfer Station:

Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday 12.00pm – 4.00pm

The trial will continue throughout summer and be reviewed in 2017.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Council offices and depots will close on Friday 23 December 2016 at 5.00 pm and reopen at 8.30 am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

The Corryong Landfill and Tallangatta Transfer Station will be open on Saturday 24 December and Saturday 31 December from 12.00pm – 4.00pm (and not Christmas Day or New Years Day).

Waste collection services will continue as normal. During the Christmas closure, urgent matters requiring Council's attention can be phoned through to our After Hours Emergency number (02) 6071 5100 (follow the prompts).

COUNCIL MEETING

6 December 2016

10.00am Corryong Council Office

The agenda for the meeting can be viewed prior to the meeting at Council Offices at Corryong and Tallangatta or online at www.towong.vic.gov.au

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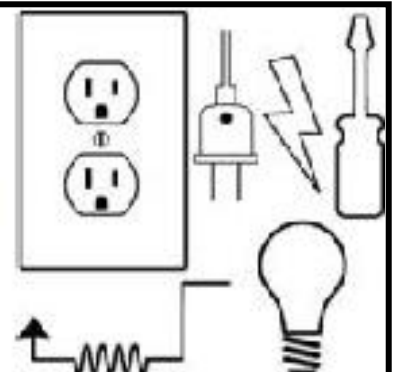
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They will ask for details such as:

- * time of meeting
- * duration of meeting
- * date of meeting
- * contact name
- * contact phone number

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For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

Women's Health Clinics

Clinics are held at Bellbridge every three months at the Maternal Child Health Centre/Community Centre Bellbridge.

Clinics are also held at Tallangatta on the first and third Monday of each month.

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Friday 16 December

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7.30pm Santa Claus

8pm Carols in the Park
Bring a rug and picnic dinner and sing along to your favourite Christmas songs. Featuring guest acts from the community & the Tallangatta Carols Choir.

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MORE INFORMATION:
 Deb 0418 482 269 or Katherine 0400 897 200
 Tallangatta Christmas Party with Santa & Carols 

Granya Hall

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Non-profit organisations \$60 including tea and coffee.

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Bookings and Information contact

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Berringa Community Centre

Do you have young children? Have you accessed Council's Maternal and Child Health Service for free health, developmental and learning checks?

Towong Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is available in Bellbridge on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Drop in to see a qualified nurse between 9.30 am and 12 noon or arrange an appointment for the afternoon. Home visits can also be arranged for a time that is convenient for your family.

For more information or to make an appointment call Trudi Ellis on 6026 4228 or 0417 535 978

Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall

Xmas Raffle

\$50.00 "Scratchie Tree".

Tickets available at Bethanga Store from 10th to 17th December

Tickets \$1.00 each, drawn 17th December.



In Memoriam

. **Janet Coker-Godsen** The team at the Berringa Community News extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Coker-Godsen. For many years Janet provided the CWA articles for the Berringa News. At most Bethanga community events Janet was there helping in any way she could.



Weddings



Ian Hartnett, son of John and Bev Hartnett of Talgaro married **Tamara Henry**, daughter of Peter and Paula Henry of Ringwood North on 11 November 2016 at All Saints Estate, Wahgunyah. They both enjoyed their relaxing honeymoon in the Maldives.

Mitchell Lovett and **Ashdelle Ralph** were married at 4pm on the 12th November with close family and friends down on the picturesque hay paddocks of Green's farm at Talgaro. Weirs views in one direction and the beautiful Talgaro Church in the other. The reception followed at the Talgaro Hall shortly after.

Babies

Archie Lawrence Packer

Daisy and Tom are pleased to announce the arrival of Archie Lawrence, born on the 21st of September at Wodonga Hospital. Much awaited baby brother for Scarlett. Very special first grandson for Carolyn and Lawrence.



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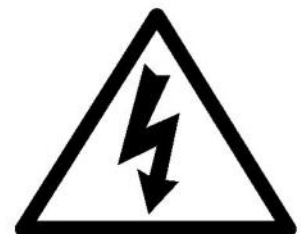
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Presents...

Let it Snow

Our Inaugural Whole School
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kings, elves, pixies, fairies and all
the wonders of Snow Making in the
Magical land of Winterland!

Thursday 15th December 6pm
(BBQ dinner at 5pm)
Bethanga Town Hall
Tickets \$5 each **ALL WELCOME**



PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating Safer Communities

Area Co-ordinator: Bob Martin Ph 0418 597 982

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 6026 4323

Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 6020 1144

Newsletter: Lyn Martin Ph 0407 933 480



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this last edition for 2016 of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. I invite you to take part in our current **community safety program**, which is to put gate and fence signs on your property. As many signs as you need are free, however, if you would like to make a donation toward the cost of these, it would be appreciated. It would be nice to think every gate and fence, rural and urban, throughout the Peninsula area had signs attached to remind ourselves and 'visitors' we are a Neighbourhood Watch community. This program will only work if we all attach the signs to our gates and fences. With your involvement, let's make it known that the Peninsula is a NHW area and we look out for each other. You will also notice there are larger road signs that have been erected to add to our NHW presence.

Please continue to be aware of any suspicious or untoward activities and report these to our local Bethanga based Policemen, Nev Barrow; phone 6026 4204. If he is not at the station your call will be transferred to Wodonga Police Station, who will respond to your call. Remember to report an incident immediately; note the location and any details such as vehicle registration, type, color, and if there are people you see. Remember, your task is to report the incident to Police not attend to it.

The November Community Meeting followed by the Christmas Dinner was a great night. Thanks to those who attended and contributed to the meal.

Our next Community Meeting is on Wednesday 15 February 2017, 7.30pm at Granya Museum. I look forward to seeing you at this first NHW meeting for 2017. Please bring to the meeting any community ideas or concerns that can be discussed.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Best wishes

Bob Martin, Area Co-ordinator

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

The following dates and locations are for our Community Meetings to be held in 2017.

February 15, 7.30pm – Granya- Community Meeting at Granya Museum followed by supper

May 17, 7.30pm – Bethanga - Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall followed by supper

August 16, 7.30pm – Talgarno - Community Meeting & AGM at Talgarno Primary School followed by supper

November 15, 7. - Bellbridge – Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Berringa Community Centre

The community where the meeting is held is encouraged to invited residents to attend these meetings



Specific 'Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch' Gate and Fence Signs have been made and we ask you to attach these to your gate, fence, stock yards etc. to remind potential criminals we are a Neighbourhood Watch community that report to Police any untoward or suspicious activities. Signs are free but if you would like to make a donation toward the cost, that would be appreciated.

POLICE CRIME REPORT

TOW 1

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report for August, September and October, 2016

Report Date 25/08/16

Criminal Damage, Lake Road, Bellbridge.
Between 9.00am 12/9/16 and 9.00am 11/08/16.
Unknown offender has caused death of several new
trees planted in garden beds along Lake Hume
foreshore. Appears to be 'Roundup' used.
Value Approx. \$2500.00.
Nil suspects. Investigation ongoing.

Report Date 20/09/16

Willful Damage, Jobling Street, Bethanga.
Between 12.30pm 27/08/16 and 10.30am 29/08/16.
Post Office window smashed.
Value \$330.00.
Nil identifiable suspects.

Report Date 12/10/16

Criminal Damage, Lake Rd, Bellbridge. ,
Between 4.00pm 29/08/16 and & 4.30pm 02/10/16.
Damage to 2 cisterns within male public toilets.
Value \$550.00.
Nil identifiable suspects.

Report Date 22/10/16

Theft, Granya Rd, Granya.
Between 9.00am 1/03/16 and 9.00am 01/07/16, Steel
Farm gates and harrows stolen from unoccupied
farm property.
Value \$1200.00.
Nil suspects. Investigation ongoing.

**Reminder: Please complete an Absent from
Residence Form if you are away over the Christmas
break (and for any time of the year) and leave the
form at the Bethanga Police Station. Nev will keep
an eye on your property and if anything untoward is
reported, he will have your contact details.**

Regards,
Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254 | Bethanga
Police Station |
address: 1 Bethanga Bay Road, Bethanga, VIC 3691 | DX: 219763
email: neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au
phone: 6026 4204 | fax: 6026 4600 | Mobile: 0417 722 952



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Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program



Garage and Shed Security

- Keep sheds and garages locked at all times.
- Keep all tools locked in sheds and garages so that they can't be used to break into your house, car or shed.
- Mark all your tools with V and then your driver's licence number – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch have UV pens for you to borrow to mark your tools.
- Write down the serial and model numbers of all your tools and any identifying features in case you need to prove it is yours at a later date.
- Do not advertise the fact that you have a new purchase by leaving the box out in the car port or on the nature strip for collection. Break the box up and place it in the recycle bin.
- Use quality locks, padlocks and/or chains to secure your items.

What to do if your shed or garage has been broken into

- Contact Nev Barrow at Bethanga Police Station Ph 6026 4204 and he will take the relevant details. It is important not to disturb the scene unless a police officer has given you the all clear. Police will want to know: When or between when did the offence happen? How did they get in? What did they take including model and serial numbers, colours and approximate value of items?



Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch wishes
everyone a happy, safe and healthy Festive
Season and best wishes for 2017.

*'Let's keep making our Peninsula Community a
Safe place to live'*

CLUBS AND GROUPS

BERRINGA CERT



In an Emergency call 000

Snake Bite

As my Jack Russells brought home their first snake for the season, I am reminded that it is time to be aware that snakes are about. If you suspect snake bite;

Call 000

Treatment is pressure bandaging and immobilisation. Venom of Australian snakes moves through the lymph system which in turn relies on muscle activity in the limb for effective flow. Forcing an uphill flow in an immobile limb with a constrictive bandage applied impedes snake venom flow through the lymph system. Apply a firm bandage over the site and up the limb - from fingers or toes up as far as you can go. The bandage must be tight without stopping circulation to the limb.

Remove any jewellery on the effected limb.

Mark the bandaged limb approximately where the bite location is to assist with later swabbing and venom identification. A cut can be made in that part of the bandage and the bite swabbed without any other part of the bandage being disturbed.

Keep the person very still, splint the limb if possible. If practical, position the patient in a legs-down position, semi-recumbent or (where an upper limb is affected) with the arm slung downward to the side of the body. Attempt to keep the bite in a position below the heart at all times, thus using gravity to assist with slowing the spread of venom to the central circulation.

Stay with the person and check circulation to fingers and toes. Take note of the time the bandage was applied. It may be easier to apply the bandage over clothes rather than trying to remove them.

Do NOT wash the bite, cut the bite, apply a tourniquet or try to catch the snake.

Pedestrian Safety

I was driving late one afternoon when suddenly out of the glare of the sun I glimpsed a pedestrian walking along the edge of the road. He did not see me as he had his back to me and was wearing headphones. We were lucky that time. Over the last few weeks I have noticed more examples of risky pedestrian behavior.

When walking on country roads remember:

- if there is no footpath or nature strip, walk so that you are **facing oncoming traffic**

- wearing headphones and using a mobile phone will reduce your awareness of what is happening around you
- if walking somewhere dark, carry a torch so you can still see the ground when confronted with headlight glare
- be very cautious of traffic near crests of hills and curves, if a vehicle is approaching make sure you have a safe escape available and be prepared to use it
- **never assume a driver has seen you.**

10 Years of Service

Four of our CERT members, David and Vicki Cottee, Brendan Hallinan and myself have been recognised by Ambulance Victoria for 10 years service and safe driving. David, Vicki and I attended a presentation in Wangaratta where the CEO of Ambulance Victoria, Tony Walker presented us with our medals.



Vicki Cottee receives her 10 year service and 10 year safe driving medals from Tony Walker CEO Ambulance Victoria

CERT Trivia Night

Next year's CERT fund raiser will be a trivia night to be held at Bethanga Hotel at 7.30pm on Saturday 25th February 2017. Please come and have some fun while you help us help you. (See advert p 7)

*Keep well, Julie Miller
Team Leader Berringa CERT
juliemiller@skymesh.com.au*

6020 1107

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

A lot has happened since the last newsletter.

We have been working hard on the extensions to the roof area on both sides and the end of the original veranda. The shower areas for campers and sporting clubs have been getting a makeover. We also replumbed the outdoor women's toilet and underground pipes.

As we were having fridge problems, we have also purchased a double glass door commercial fridge for the main kitchen area.

We have upgraded the power to the machinery shed and separated it from the bar area to allow for stable power usage.

In the outdoor area we have installed an outdoor double sink with hot and cold water and two benches on rollers.

We are applying for a grant to install outdoor safety lighting. The SR 500 had their 14th year with us this year. The club enjoyed their weekend again and really appreciated the picturesque beauty of the grounds and the improvements that had been made. The members of the SR 500 loved the meals provided. Thanks so much to all that helped with the meals.



We received this letter of thanks from the SR 500 Club and notice that they will return next year.

Dear Dave,

On behalf of the SR500 Club Australia Inc I would like to thank you and the Bethanga Community most sincerely for your hospitality and continued support of our Club's annual rally. This year's Rally in Bethanga attracted in excess of 120 enthusiasts from Victoria, NSW/ACT, Tasmania and Queensland. One attendee rode his SR500 all the way from Townsville, Qld which was quite an effort on a 500cc single.

With the generosity and support of the Bethanga community and the hard work of Club volunteers the Rally is getting bigger and better every year and has become the highlight on the SR500 Club's calendar. A successful rally takes a lot of preparation and attention to the small details to make it come together so we wish to thank you personally for preparing everything for us in advance and being on hand to look after any problems as they arise. Also, kindly pass on our thanks to all the locals who fed and watered us over the weekend. The food was fabulous, the bar ran smoothly and everyone had a fabulous time.

Thank you for your support of the SR500 Club's 2016 Rally and

we look forward to returning to Bethanga in 2017

*Sincerely
Tony Jones
Secretary*

Shows what a community that works together can achieve.

So, as in the past years, a huge thank you to all that helped out over the days, and in the weeks leading up.

Cricket was enjoyed on the day and must say the ground looks wonderful. Thanks to Peter Schmidt for doing the mowing around the grounds.

Thanks also to all the contractors that have helped to date with the on going improvements to the Reserve. It would not happen without you.



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Friends of Bethanga Creek Fire Awareness Awards finalists

From DEWLP facebook page

Congratulations to the Friends of Bethanga Creek – led by Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management - for being listed as one of 28 finalists in this year's annual Fire Awareness Awards.

Their nomination is for proactively seeking to carry out a planned burn, with the help of local CFA (Country Fire Authority) and Forest Fire Management Victoria crews, along the Bethanga Creek and gully to protect the township and its residents, reduce fuels, and eliminate exotic grasses and woody weeds. The successful burn complemented weed control works they are doing with North East CMA to improve the amenity of the area adjacent to the town's recreation reserve.

Run by Victoria's fire agencies – MFB (Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade), CFA and Forest Fire Management Victoria – the finalists will be acknowledged at a ceremony in Melbourne on 1 December at RACV City Club.

RACV Insurance will be awarding the RACV Insurance Award for Excellence worth \$10,000 for the most outstanding application. There are also three special incentive grants of up to \$2000 available to assist individuals, community groups, schools, volunteers or not-for-profit organisations to undertake a new fire project, or further develop an existing fire project.

bethangareserve@gmail.com

President: David Elder 0408 281 006
davidcaelder@bigpond.com

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED

6 Sirl Street, Bethanga



The Men's Shed meets every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come

along and get involved in Shed projects or create your own, or even get the men at the shed to do a project or repair job for you, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Member meetings are held at the Shed on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

*Phil Craig
President*

LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

If you and your kids are dreaming of A-League super stardom, or maybe just looking for a bit of local sporting fun on a Saturday morning, then Lake Hume Soccer Club (LHSC) could be just what you're looking for. We get together on Saturdays from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. We enjoy a healthy two hours of fun, fitness and a friendly game of soccer.

Our season kicks off in April. We cater for girls and boys aged 4-14 (we'll take younger or older if they are keen) and we divide into skill/age appropriate groups. Our enthusiastic coaches will put the players through their paces practicing new skills, improving on existing ones, playing a game and having a good run around. Parents are encouraged to get involved either on the field, on the sidelines or helping in the canteen or you may get yourself a coffee from the canteen and take in the spectacle that is Saturday morning junior football.

LHSC is a small club and we don't field any teams in the Albury Wodonga Football Association competition – so all our games are home games! The club is affiliated with the Football Federation of Victoria and all Lake Hume Soccer Club players are required to be registered.

The cost is \$50 per player for the season, with a discount for families with three or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football.

We need more players for the 2017 season to keep the club going as we're losing a few children next year due to age. It'd be a shame to lose such a great community club. We also need some parent volunteers to join the committee. For more information please contact:

*President, Kelby on 0439 702 334
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BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

Just a reminder that members can weigh their fish in at the Bethanga Hotel at any time.

Anyone interested in joining the Club or any member who has any suggestions for future outings, please contact Brian Hunter at Bethanga Hotel on 6026 4214.

*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon
Brian 6026 4214*

TALGARNO CFA

Firstly, thanks to all our members who helped out with the BIG catering job over the Grand Final weekend, it was a huge effort at such short notice but many hands made light work! I think most enjoyed meeting all the visitors to Talgarno and we made a good profit to help us with fundraising towards items like our upgrade to an Ultralight tanker and new Quick Fill trailer.

At our recent Pre-Season meeting in October we resolved to proceed with the VESEP grant application for a new Ultralight tanker. We were lucky enough to have a good look over Old Tallangatta's Ultralight and were most impressed at how accessible all equipment was on the tray.

On 23 October, a Bushfire Planning workshop, organised by Jonathon Green, was attended by approximately 35 local residents from Talgarno and Bethanga. We were very lucky to have April and Maureen guiding us through the process and many of our brigade members offering local knowledge about fire history and behaviour. I think all would agree it was a worthwhile process to work through and got many considering how they would deal with different situations.

We will soon be sending out information to all Talgarno com-

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munity members for our annual donation drive. We strongly encourage all those who are in the position to donate, to dig deep so we can continue to purchase essential equipment for the brigade.

Our roadside burning program that usually occurs at this time has been delayed due to the unusually wet spring. It could well happen that we move in to the fire season and have limited opportunity to do any burning off. We'll keep the community posted as to whether we go ahead with this or not in the coming weeks.

The Berringa Firies calendar is coming together really well and looking great. We had a very fun photo shoot at the October BBQ and have lots of material! The calendars are being sponsored by a range of businesses in the local area which we are very grateful for and calendars will soon be on sale at a range of community locations and events. If your business is happy to sell a few on our behalf please let Mel Naismith, Jill Pearson or Mari Green know.

If you haven't already done so, jump on to our Facebook Page and like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/talgarnoruralfirebrigade/> so we can keep you informed of local fire brigade activities, upcoming training, events and

information and how you can become involved in our brigade.

Finally a reminder to please call VicFire 1800 668 511 for burn notifications, so we do not attend unnecessary fires. If you are planning to do any burning off please do it before the fire season is declared and if you have any questions about burning off please have a read of this website: <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off/>

Many thanks

Brendan Pearson, Secretary
brendanofoz@gmail.com
or 0439 881 440

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800 240 667

All peninsular Fire Units - UHF 10

INCIDENTS

Thankfully, there were no incidents over the past three months.

Well done for being safe.

ROADSIDE FUEL REDUCTION

The Brigade has sprayed the roadsides twice in the past four months in an effort to minimise the fuel load along various roads in and around Bethanga and Bellbridge. We are assessing its effectiveness as an alternative to doing roadside burning.

FIRE AWARENESS AWARDS

Last year, the Bethanga brigade in conjunction with the Recreation Reserve and DEWLP burnt the Bethanga creek reducing the fire risk to adjoining residents.

This project has been short listed for the 2016 Fire Awareness Awards evening to be held in December at the RACV City Club in Melbourne. A representative from the Brigade and Recreation Reserve will be attending the evening and enjoying light canapés and beverages.

CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS

As at the time of writing the date Fire restrictions for the Towong Council area has not confirmed but they are expected to commence sometime in the first two weeks of December.

When fire restrictions are in force, you must adhere to the restrictions listed in the CFA "Can I Can't I" brochure. Fires that do not comply with the rules or accidentally escape are viewed very seriously by Police.

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[open all hours]

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COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR OPEN FIRES

RESIDENTIAL ZONES: Towong Shire Council encourages residents to not light open fires within council defined residential zones and to use waste transfer stations and hard waste collections instead. No permits to burn will be issued for these zones.

TOWNSHIP ZONES: Permits to burn in a Township Zone will be considered on a case by case basis.

RURAL LIVING ZONES: (Farmlets/Hobby farms) Residents will require a council permit to burn anytime (during and outside the fire danger period).

RURAL ACTIVITY ZONES & RURAL FARM ZONES: (Agriculture) Residents do not require a permit to burn outside the fire danger period but do require a permit to burn in the fire danger period.

If you are unsure, it is important to check with council which zone your property is in. It is a council requirement that you have Public Liability Insurance when applying for a permit to burn.

For further information contact Towong Shire Fire Prevention officer, Ken Whitehead.

PREPARATION AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

The wet winter and spring has seen large amounts of grass growth. When it dries, the result will be a very high fire danger with the possibility of fast moving grass fires that are difficult to stop. It is very important this year to be well prepared by doing the following.

- Keep the grass short (below 100 mm/4") for a good distance around your property

In dry grass flame height is around four times the fuel height. Four times the flame height is the radiant heat safe to stand distance e.g. In grass ½ m high, the flame height will be around 2 m and 8 m is as close as you can be without being burnt by radiant heat.

- Remove any flammable materials lying around.
- Check your firefighting equipment for serviceability.
- Look around and assess your individual fire risks and discuss with your family and neighbours about what you are going to do if there is a fire. (This is a basic fire plan).
- Clean out the gutters and keep them clean.
- Check your Gas Barbeque equipment for leaks.
- Stay alert to the current and predicted weather conditions.

FINALLY

Remember fire safety at your property is your responsibility. Be careful and have a safe summer.

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TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

It's been a great start to the season with so many people young and old...er mature playing tennis down at the club. We have approximately 30 children aged 5 to 13 receiving coaching at the courts on Monday with Coach Patrick the Pom. Three sessions are being held and the kids are just loving it and picking up lots of good habits as every week goes by.

In addition to this we have four teams playing in the Saturday competition; one team in Section 1, two in Section 3 and one in Section 4. At this stage in the season, Section 1 is sitting in first position undefeated. Our Section 3 teams are getting used to singles tennis and the higher standard thus having a few losses, but have been competitive in all matches so far. Our Section 4 team is finding their feet and will not be far away from their first set if the last few weeks are anything to go by.

We were fortunate to partner up with the Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade to cater for the big event over the Grand Final weekend. We made a good profit for the effort and we'd like to thank everyone who pitched in at such short notice!

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We look forward to seeing you down at the courts and if anyone has any ideas on how the club can better serve the community, please let us know.

*Brendan Pearson, 0439 881 440
Grants Officer
Talgarno Tennis Club*

BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

Rally days are held on the third Sunday of each month and riders receive instruction in horse riding and horse handling, with safety as the primary goal.

Although you would expect that horse ownership is a basic requisite to be a Pony Club member, the club is fortunate enough to have extra horses brought along by existing members and committee members to give those members without a horse, an opportunity to participate.

Horse activities to date have included a trail ride, ground skill lessons, riding at the walk, trot and canter, sporting (such as barrel racing) and obstacle courses. One rainy day, members even did some indoor class work and getting to understand their horses and how they move. The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee has included two new events in its program for BPC members.

The Bethanga Pony Club is a member of Pony Club Victoria.

The club has up to two "come and try days" before fees are due. Annual fees include insurance through Pony Club Victoria which provides cover for members 24/7, not just at Pony Club rallies.

The Bethanga Pony Club has its own Facebook page, so check us out; friend us at Facebook at 'Bethanga Pony Club'.

If you have any old 44 gallon drums or long pine poles/posts or even remnants of still usable paint that you no longer have a need for, please consider donating them to the Pony Club - we can always use them.

For general information, registration and rally days, please contact Kelly Gibbon on 0414 612 918.

ROTARY CLUB OF BELL- BRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

"Christmas Carols" will again held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge on Sunday 4 December, commencing at 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance as well as the choir singing Christmas carols. Drinks and sausages will be available.

The Rotary Club will be conducting its annual Australia Day celebrations on Thursday 26 January 2017 at the Bellbridge Community Centre commencing with a free breakfast at 8.00am.

The Club is seeking nominations from the community for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nominations close on 19 December. Nomination Forms are available from the Bellbridge and Bethanga Stores or be downloaded from Towong Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge will be held on 25 February 2017

This quality cycle event provides great cycling, country hospitality and raises funds to provide local supportive care for people living with cancer. The LHCC allows bike riders of varying level of fitness, ages and ability to safely experience the wonderful scenery of the Lake Hume and Albury-Wodonga area, then mix socially at the shady riverside "CHILLZone" on their return. There is a generous time limit. It's a charity fun ride so no times are recorded. For more information and to register visit www.lakehumecyclechallenge.com.au

*Regards,
Andrew Christy*

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Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048



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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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Come along to our craft group session every THURSDAY (excluding school holidays). Bring all those UFO's along and enjoy a bit of laughter.

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Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

EXERCISE CLASSES

Want to lose weight or improve your level of fitness? Then why not try our fitness classes. These continue to run at the Talgarno Hall on most evenings and have proven to be very popular. Classes begin at 7:00pm on Sunday and Tuesday nights and 7.45pm on Thursday night. All sessions run approximately 1 hour and cost is a minimal \$2.00. There are additional sessions on most other evenings from 7:00pm by arrangement.

Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment now includes a running machine, exercise bike and recumbent bike (both with heart monitors), cross trainer and an array of hand weights, fit balls, medicine balls, a kick bag and other ancillary equipment. Come and enjoy the fun. New members are always welcome. You work at your own pace in a friendly group atmosphere. For more information, contact David or Vicki on 6020 1147 (just leave a message on the answering machine if they can't get to the phone).



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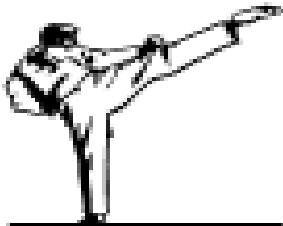
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*Jennie Miller, Angela Stephenson, Tallangatta Health Service
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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

We received notification from the North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) on 21 November that our Expression of Interest submitted in late August has been successful, with approved project funding of

\$10,000. The Executive will now complete the Project Plan for submission to NECMA by Friday 9 December 2016.

Unfortunately, wet weather forced the cancellation of our Working Bee at Johnstone Creek roadside stop on Murray River Road, Talgarno scheduled for Sunday 18 September; however, we will reconvene in the New Year.

On Friday 30 September, approx. 30 people gathered for the *Wood-fired Pizza and Woodland Birds* evening at the Talgarno Hall to enjoy homemade wood-fired pizzas and socialise, followed by an informative presentation by Damian Michael on "Birds of woodland environments". Many thanks to the workers and chefs for a great effort.

Our Christmas breakup was a luncheon held at Hugh and Rhonda's place, where we had a chance to reflect over the past 12 months of landcare activities, whilst enjoying chicken and salad.

We wish all community members a well-earned break over the Festive Season and look forward to a productive 2017.

*Rhonda Sinclair, Secretary
wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com*

Jim de Hennin Recognised for his Service to Landcare

Jim de Hennin, President of the Wises Creek-Talgarno Landcare and the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group, received an Executive Committee Service Award on the 25th November at the 30th year of Landcare in Victoria recognition event, held at Parliament House. Jim's award recognised his leadership, dedication and community engagement in Landcare activities.



Jim de Hennin, standing on the steps of Parliament House, Melbourne, after receiving a Service Award at the 30th Year of Landcare in Victoria recognition

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Children's Groups



Community Early-years Childcare (FARMS) continues to operate at the Talgarno Hall every Tuesday from 8.30am-4.30pm. Cost is \$5/hour/child. It is a wonderful opportunity for young children to interact and socialise with other local children in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. There are currently 8 local children attending ranging from 1-4 years. FARMS provide a diverse range of educational and learning opportunities through their indoor and outdoor play areas.

For more information, please call 6056 4399 or go to Community Early-years Childcare website: www.awcc.edu.au/communityearly-yearschildcare

Maternal & Child Health

The service is under the care of the Towong Shire. The service at the Bellbridge Community Centre is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is an open consultation from 9 am until 12 noon, followed by afternoon home visits. Friday afternoon consultations are also available by appointment.

For enquiries and appointments, please phone Trudi Ellis 0417 535 978 or 6026 4228 (on Bellbridge days).

Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday from 10am until about lunch time in line with Victorian school terms.

Everyone is welcome, we have a range of ages from 18 months to 5 years. We enjoy the use of a fantastic range of toys and creative materials, and the mums enjoy a nice hot cuppa as well.

Playgroup is free!!

You can purchase a \$25 membership to Playgroup Victoria ,optional (this includes insurance).

We meet at alternating venues, so just give Simone a call to find out where we will be meeting next.

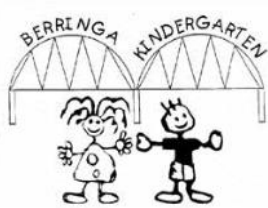
See you there!

Contact: Simone Eddington

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Berringa Kindergarten



Music by The Lake - Friday 4th November. 6pm-7.30pm

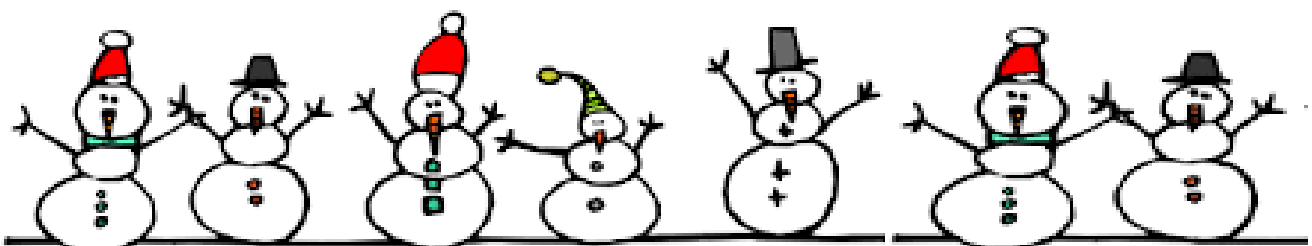
This event was held at the Bellbridge Boat house in the early evening. It was an initiative of the local kindergarten teacher, Christine Cameron. With the enthusiastic support of the Principals of Bethanga and Talgarno Primary Schools, and parents, the evening was quickly organised.

All three local schools joined together to listen to the children performing a selection of music items that they had been rehearsing.

Murray Conservatorium supported the event by sending Tim Atkins, who played his guitar to the audience.

The event was enjoyed by all who attended, and all are keen to hold a similar event next year.

Christine Cameron
Kindergarten Director



Bethanga Primary School News



What an action-packed term we have had a Bethanga! So much has been happening on top of the high level teaching and learning going on in the classrooms! Here is a snapshot of what has kept us busy this term!



Casey represented our school at the Victorian State Championships in 800m after finishing first at the Regional Event - A massive achievement that we are all very proud of!



Students in years 4-6 went to CSU to explore all things science including chemical, biological and forensic science.

We held a whole school Bluearth Day which was organised and run by our senior students - we participated in active games, core and dynamic activities



The Kanga cricket carnival was a great day at Willow Park Wodonga for our students in 3-6



Our students in Foundation - grade 2 had an amazing experience travelling to Melbourne by train to explore life as a Sailor on the Polly Woodside (including scrubbing the deck!). They then discovered a multitude of aquatic creatures at the Sealife Aquarium



We held a whole School Walkathon to coincide with Walk to School Month in October - this was great fun with everyone walking laps of the rec reserve (Collecting beads each lap!), then enjoying a sausage sizzle at the end. Students have been busy designing a new library so we were thrilled to raise money to go towards our library which will open term 1 2017

Students in 4-6 have had a fabulous time honing their sailing skills on the Weir through the 'Tackers' program at The Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club.



Music was very prominent this term with 'Music Count us In', 'Music by the Lake' and rehearsals for our School Production



We've managed to pack so much into term 4 with still more to go! We will finish the year off with swimming lessons, Carols by Candlelight and our Whole School Musical Production 'Let it Snow' which will take place at the Bethanga Town Hall on Thursday 15th Dec (6pm - all welcome!).



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A huge welcome to our new principal Jayden Kotzur who started this term. The students are thoroughly enjoying being taught by him and doing lots of new sporting activities! Term 4 has been another busy term. In early October, Tilly & Klancie competed in the division athletics. Klancie competed in hurdles and relay and Tilly in high jump and triple jump. Both performed extremely well and showed great sportsmanship.

School transition for our new foundation students will begin in November. We look forward to welcoming the students and their families into our school community.

In early November, the students attended the "Science on the Road" expo. They learnt about a range of scientific phenomenon including electricity, volcanoes, worms and the solar system, with the highlight being the worm exhibition.

Music by the Lake was held at the Bellbridge Boat Club where our students performed 2 songs to the community. They did a fantastic job, and were very confident performing in front of an audience.

The senior students have participated in the Hot shots tennis tournament, Kanga cricket day and sailing during the term. We combined with other cluster schools to form teams and have had a great time getting out and about and meeting up with our friends from the other schools.



We welcomed some new students to the school in October!

TPS was lucky enough to have Berringa Kindergarten visit on 19th October. The kindergartens buddied up with students and were taken on a tour of the school. They enjoyed playing games, reading and planting sunflowers together.

Now taking Enrolments!



Please come and see us if you are interested in enrolling your child at TPS next year. Our numbers are looking fantastic for 2017 with many new families showing interest in our school. If you would like a tour of our school, please feel free to contact Jayden to arrange a suitable time, or alternatively drop by on one of our coffee mornings to meet some of our parents and helpers.

What's on @ TPS?

Coffee Morning - every 2nd Thurs morning 9-10.30. All welcome

Cooking Program - every Friday (Volunteers welcome)

Marc Van - every second Thursday

Swimming program - 5th-9th December

Foundation Transition days - Tues 22 Nov, 29 Nov, 6 Dec, 13 Dec

Indonesian- every Thursday

Christmas Celebration

Wed 14th December

Santa will be coming!



Welcome Mr Kotzur!

Why did you want to teach here? Talgarno is a beautiful area and I heard there were wonderful kids and beautiful families here. I love the rural setting.

What school did you start teaching at?

Baranduda Primary School. I taught a prep/1 class.

What is your favourite colour? I don't have a favourite colour.

How many kids do you have and how old are they? I have two kids. Mia is 20mths and Billy is 5mths (but looks much older!)

What is your wife's name? Her name is Katie

What's your favourite food? Thai green curry , very spicy

Who is your favourite footy team? The mighty Saints!



By Jennoah, Tilly & Klancie

A big thank you to the parents and community members who have helped with our cooking program. The students have loved learning about food and cooking and love making delicious meals. We were also very excited to get our new oven to cook in!

We love having volunteers come to our school. Please let us know if you are interested in donating some time for activities such as cooking, craft, gardening, sport or reading.

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