

# Berringa Community News

## Summer 2025

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

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## 20 Years of Berringa CERT

Berringa Community Emergency Response Team marked its 20th anniversary with a dinner at the Bethanga Hotel with former and current team and committee members and Ambulance Victoria staff present. Berringa CERT was launched on 17 November 2005. We were the twentieth CERT set up in Victoria.

The Berringa CERT history is in two interlinked parts – a committee and the team.

In 2004 Leslie Smith successfully applied for a grant to form Berringa CERT.

The CERT team was part of the Department of Justice with a Committee of Management responsible for the management of the team of volunteers. David Elder was the first President followed in 2007 by current president Carol Marshall.

In 2015 the CERT team became employees of Ambulance Victoria. The committee became an incorporated association with the purpose of raising additional funds and managing expenditure and assets which support the Berringa Community Response Team.

As a CERT committee we raised over \$50,000 to purchase 13 community defibrillators one training

defibrillators and 2 evacuation mats for the Tallangatta Ambulance branch. We have the ongoing management of 10 defibrillators.

We also provided a mental health first aid course for the CERT in 2009 from a donation following a local suicide. We participated with the local CFAs and police providing high visibility uniform roadside numbers for rural properties and staging a training scenario Triple 10 (10/10/2010) which was a two-car collision on the bridge on Talgarno Cemetery Road.

We also awarded an annual Citizenship prize to a student at Bethanga and Talgarno primary schools.

The committee also provided assessment kits to all CERT members.

The CERT Team covers the areas of Bethanga, Bellbridge, Talgarno, Granya to the top of the Gap and Thologolong, an area of approximately 300 sq kilometres.

15 people completed the first round of training. In 20 years, 47 locals were trained CERT members. 8 are still in the team.

We have had people with varying backgrounds and skills

# COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

- nurses, vets, farmers, teachers, police officers. We started out attending about 25 callouts per year with a gradual increase to 50 plus since 2020. We have attended over 850 callouts since we began.

Big changes occurred in 2013. Jacki Eckhart resigned as team leader after 7 years and was replaced by our current Team Leader, Julie Miller. It is also the year that our uniforms turned from green to blue. Although we looked like AV employees, our car retained its tradesman livery until 2019.

It is sad that there does not seem to be a long-term future for CERT. The average age of our current team is 69 and unless we have new members join in the next two years, we will not be able to provide 24/7 coverage to the community.

If you are interested in joining CERT please contact me on 0419 339 679

Julie Miller



Launch of Berringa CERT team on 17 November 2005

## Bethanga Art, Crafts and Laughs

I have started a new facebook group called Bethanga Art, Crafts and Laughs. I plan to arrange get-togethers monthly in the Bethanga hall.

Please see the Facebook page for details of our get togethers

Elizabeth Brett

**BETHANGA**  
AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

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# Snack Shack to Open 7 December

The Berringa Peninsula will welcome its newest meeting place with the opening of the Snack Shack container café and the Bellbridge Foreshore Walking Trail on Sunday 7 December. The event will run from 9.00am to 11.00am and will feature live music, complimentary morning coffee for local residents, and activities for children.

The Snack Shack, operated by Dylan Connell, will offer a selection of food and drinks, providing an opportunity for the community to sample the new menu. Residents are advised that the car park near the cafe will be closed during the event. Those who are able to walk are encouraged to do so to ease congestion. The opening marks a new addition to the Bellbridge foreshore and is expected to attract visitors throughout the summer.



All construction and landscaping has been completed but Towong Shire is awaiting connection from AusNet. The opening event will be held even if a generator is required for power.

Dylan Connell is known for his successful launch of The Brekkie Box in Wodonga and brings a wealth of experience, creativity and community spirit to this exciting new venture.

With a background in engineering and container design, Dylan is no stranger to turning bold ideas into vibrant realities. "I've always loved working with containers - they're versatile, sustainable, and full of potential," he says. "The festive green of the Bellbridge café container really pops. It's such a fun, energetic colour that connects perfectly with the Snack Shack brand. I can't wait to bring it to life."

Dylan's journey with The Brekkie Box began during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when he took a leap of faith to open a café that quickly became a local favourite. His ability to adapt and build community through great coffee and warm service has made him a standout in the region.

Looking ahead, Dylan is eager to explore ways the café can support and enhance foreshore activity in Bellbridge. "I see this as more than just a café. It's a chance to contribute to the vibrancy of the area," he explains. "I'm excited to

look at opportunities that bring people together, whether they're locals or visitors enjoying the lake."

With Dylan at the helm, the Container Café is set to become a welcoming hub of connection, creativity, and community pride. Stay tuned for more updates, and be sure to give Dylan a warm hello when the doors open soon!



The newsletter is also available in colour on line at [www.berringacommunitynews.com.au](http://www.berringacommunitynews.com.au)

## No Market this Year but ..



The Peninsula Seasonal Markets have been running for around five

years and have been a fabulous way to showcase and promote our local produce and crafts.

In more recent years, we've found ourselves needing to invite stallholders from further afield. To ensure stallholders continue to enjoy strong sales, we've scaled the market back to once a year, usually at Christmas time.

Our small committee of four, myself and three busy working parents, are now looking for a new committee to continue keeping this wonderful community market going.

Unfortunately the committee for the Peninsula Seasonal Markets and myself have had a few challenges getting a meeting and market organised for this Christmas. Thankyou so much to those who expressed an interest in joining the committee.

We will organise a meeting early next year on Facebook and our local notice boards.

*Denise Anderson*

## Talgarno Community Social Club Report

During the past financial year, with the support of the community, the Club earned an income of \$10,409, incurred expenses of \$7,709 and generated a profit of \$2,619. The Club donated: \$1,000 to the Talgarno Fire Brigade; \$500 to the Rec Reserve; \$500 to the Berringa Community News; and \$500 to the Sunshine Walk for Cancer.



**BETHANGA**  
AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

**Executive & Committee positions open**

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## Help Wanted

The Bethanga Gymkhana Organising Committee is inviting new members to get involved in the preparation of one of Bethanga's premier events; the always fun and entertaining Bethanga Gymkhana!

If you would like to get involved in this terrific community event and have a good laugh with the fantastic humans on our committee, please contact Kelly Gibbons on 0414613918.

In particular, we are in dire need of a new committee Secretary. Our new AI meeting software will make this a super easy job ,so please don't be afraid to step up and give it a go!





## Bethanga CEMETERY

The Bethanga Cemetery Trust is getting into gear to kick off 2026. We have a full complement of Trust members and a number of those have recently undertaken training provided by the Victorian Department of Health.

In 2026 we will be actively working on ways to make sure the cemetery and its history are a key part of the town's conversations and community activity. The Trust is responsible for the cemetery, not only now but in perpetuity, and will be taking some time to plan for this in 2026. We hope to have opportunities for the community to contribute to this work as it commences.

- We have a new website <https://bethangacemetery.rip/> This provides information and an easy way to get in touch. The website will be updated regularly, and we will be building on the amount of public information that can be shared appropriately, ensuring privacy legislation is followed.
- With thanks to a grant from Towong Shire, the site has now been fully digitally mapped. This not only makes the work of the Trust easier and more efficient but enables the public to look at the cemetery in a different way. You can see the digital mapping through a link on the website.
- Work has commenced on a full review of our policies, fees, safety in the cemetery and the perennial (since the 1890s) issue of rabbits and weeds. This may lead to some changes, all of which will be shared broadly with the community and available on our website.
- Countless locals have volunteered in numerous and invaluable ways big and small, over many, many years, and the Trust would like to thank each and every one of you. As our planning progresses there may be ways people can help that we have not yet thought of. If you think you would like to volunteer in the future, you can let us know via the website.
- Donations – we all know costs are increasing continually. The Trust will be setting up easy pathways for anyone to donate to assist with the maintenance and improvement of the site. More info to come.

Contact – [bethangacemetery@gmail.com](mailto:bethangacemetery@gmail.com) or through the website.

## Peninsula Emergency Plans

The Berranga Peninsula Community Network always had, in front of mind, to try and improve our preparedness and awareness in the event of an emergency. We went to our Peninsula communities and sub communities to develop emergency plans to reflect the needs of each community.

We were extremely fortunate to have had some very experienced people involved.

I would like thank those people and others who were involved in any way, attended meetings, contributed local information.

It was a mammoth effort.

I would also like to thank the Berranga News Team for delivering the plans with this edition - much appreciated.

Lastly, thank you to Towong Shire for the printing and for the Staff who assisted coordinating the final plans.

*Denise Anderson*

On behalf of BPCN

(BPCN has now ceased operation)

## SPRINGDALE RECREATION RESERVE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Executive and Committee positions open  
Everyone welcome!

**7pm Thursday 22 January 2026**  
The Bethanga & District Golf Club

## Pet Therapy

Our residents are regularly treated to visits from the four-legged variety, and Hank, Daisy, Ella, Snoopy and others are often led around by their staff member handlers. Many of our residents were previous dog owners, and they so much enjoy being given the opportunity to nurse or pat our friendly visitors.

Recently, both staff and residents were enthralled to have a visit from "Brodie", a very gentle and engaging pony, who was the highlight of the morning for many. Pet therapy is known to offer a wide range of benefits, including reduced stress, anxiety, and loneliness. This pet visit was a great surprise, and brought joy and laughter and put smiles on many faces.



*A surprise visitor*

## Spring Dance

As a final salute to the Seniors Festival, a Spring Dance was recently enjoyed by residents and family members. Allied Health and Leisure and Lifestyle staff spent many hours in the lead up to the day sourcing gowns and "glad rags" so everyone could look their best. Shoes were shone, hair was curled, and lots of activity created great anticipation for the day.

As well as the musicians, a professional dance duo attended and delighted all with their lively steps. Several residents took to the dance floor, whilst others tapped and sang along.

The dance was a resounding success, which evoked wonderful memories and created great enjoyment for all involved.



*Spring Dance*

## Medical Centre Bulk Billing commenced

We are pleased to advise that with the Federal government's boost to Medicare, Tallangatta Medical Centre has commenced bulk billing all patients with a current Medicare card on all eligible services and item numbers.

Please note, practice fees may apply for dressings, procedures, Workcover and insurance claims.

## Holiday arrangements – Medical Centre

Please note that over the Christmas and New Year period, the Medical Centre will be closed. It will be open on 24 December (Christmas Eve) and closed from 25 December (Christmas Day), reopening on Monday 5 January 2026

## We urge all patients to organise their prescriptions in time to have adequate supplies of medication over this period.

Note that Dorevitch Pathology will be closed from 19 December, through until Monday 5 January 2026 (with the exception of Christmas Eve).

## During this period, our Urgent Care room will be open.

Tallangatta Health Service Urgent Care Room operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Typically, in business hours patients attend the Medical Centre.

The Urgent Care room is accessed through the main hospital entrance and provides a service to those in our local community seeking urgent medical attention. It is mostly utilised for those medical concerns where people would normally see an after hours GP. It is staffed by a registered nurse who will assess your condition.

Telehealth support is provided by the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) where a doctor can consult over a computer screen to our Urgent Care room patient.

If you are seriously ill you should ring for an ambulance on 000.

## Visitors to Aged Care

### Our visiting hours are 10am to 6pm each day.

It remains important to practice good hand hygiene and stay home if unwell. We ask that anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19 within the last 7 days should not enter the facility. Equally, if you are experiencing cold and flu like symptoms please avoid visiting your loved ones. Conditions such as Influenza spread very quickly with vulnerable cohorts such as aged care Residents.

### Travel Pics, Crochet Hooks, Cups of Tea, Reading Books .....

Tallangatta Health Service embraces support from our community, and we welcome anyone who would like to enhance the day to day experiences of our Residents on a volunteer basis. You don't need any special skills or qualifications. What we love is to see happy people willing to say hello and be interested.

Maybe you could sit and knit or crochet with one or two

others? Perhaps you could bring in your holiday snaps and souvenirs and talk about travels and funny encounters along the way? Maybe you could read articles out loud from the Weekly Times or Stock and Land (there are ex-farmers who would love to talk cattle sales and rural affairs). You may even like to help organise and arrange the next "Spring Dance" complete with outfits and hairstyles. The opportunities to engage are endless, and the time spent with our Residents is also very rewarding.

We would love to expand our volunteer base so we can do a call out when we need a hand with activities. Whilst many of us can't commit far in advance, we may be available three days ahead when asked. If this sounds like you, contact Sue Mitchell, Volunteer Coordinator on 6071 5255 or email [Sue.Mitchell@ths.org.au](mailto:Sue.Mitchell@ths.org.au) to discuss further.

This could be the "thing" in your life which you are seeking to make a big difference!



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An invitation is extended to all members of the community to attend the  
AGM of Tallangatta Health Service

**Tuesday 9 December commencing at 10.30am  
in the Activity Centre**

Please RSVP by 5 December.

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Lighting fires in the open without a permit can bring a penalty of more than \$21,800 and/or 12 months imprisonment. For a full list of conditions, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/can)

Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at [cfa.vic.gov.au/farms](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/farms)

More information about FDPs is available online at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firedangerperiod)

To find out what you can and can't do during FDP, visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can) or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.



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# BETHANGA

## SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL RESERVE

Notice is given of a

### PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 9 December 2025** commencing at **6:00pm**.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall Reserve for a term of three (3) years. The current committee's term will expire on 14 January 2026. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries, please contact the Secretary, Vicki Baker, on 0420 304 900 or (02) 6026 4047.



## Talgarno Landcare Group

Recent weather has been warmer and drier than average, with rain still much needed.

Since our last report we had a great presentation about raptors and birdlife from Ben Humphries in September. Ben engaged the audience with his knowledge and shared stories of local birdlife and was well received by attendees. A lovely evening was had by all and Ben continues to provide our members with ongoing information and engagement opportunities.

We look forward to year end activities, especially one of our highlights in presenting our Landcare student award at Talgarno primary school in December.

Our AGM is yet to be held but we anticipate it happening in the coming months. It was unfortunately delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. We welcome all members (old & new) and any interested parties to attend, so please keep your eye out for notification of the new date and time. Brad Costin from Ag Victoria will be our guest speaker, presenting an update on Ag Victoria projects, drought packages, farm resilience and farm water. In these dry times this should be of great interest and benefit to everyone in our community.

Feel free to contact any of our committee members if you have any Landcare enquiries.



Collared Sparrow Hawk

### COMMITTEE

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# News from Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (CoM)

## Community Survey and Business Planning

The Talgarno Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee is beginning a strategic planning process for the upcoming three years. We are eager to involve the community in shaping the future of the reserve by gathering ideas, suggestions, and feedback.

A community survey has been distributed via Facebook, email, and letterbox drop. We have also engaged with children through Talgarno Primary School and spoken with community members at the Social Club BBQ. The survey closed on Friday, November 15, but if you missed it and you are keen to contribute, we still welcome your ideas. Please share them with us at [talgarnorecreationreserve@gmail.com](mailto:talgarnorecreationreserve@gmail.com). Your input will help us set priorities and plan for ongoing improvements. Once we have reviewed all responses, we will share the survey results and our upcoming business plan in early December, giving the community a clear view of our future directions. We welcome anyone in the community to contribute to our efforts, realise improvements and activities to enhance the reserve, be that via your time and energy, skills, labour, or monetary donations!

## Fundraising

Our Fire Pit Plaques are still available for purchase at \$75 each. Plaques are being installed on the bench seating around the fire pit. Funds from sales will support ongoing projects and maintenance of the reserve. To purchase a plaque, please contact Anthea Redman at [talgarnorecreationreserve@gmail.com](mailto:talgarnorecreationreserve@gmail.com).

We also have another Bunnings BBQ scheduled for Saturday 24 January at the Wodonga store where we are hoping to raise further funds for the Hall and Recreation Reserve. If you are available to support the committee in offering your time for a shift during the day, we would love to hear from you. Alternatively, if you are out and about in Wodonga on the day, we would love to see you and we'll happily serve up some snags and drinks.

## Facility Improvements

Approval has been granted for the construction of new public toilets, with work set to start soon. These will be located in the western part of the car park, near the tennis courts. The facilities will be self-contained, featuring water tanks, wastewater holding tanks, solar-power and batteries for electricity supply.

Additionally, the Talgarno Hall is approved by Towong Council for use as a commercial kitchen. We would like to thank Jayden and Katie Kotzur for their generous donation of a large Bain Marie, which will be available for community events and functions.

The committee sincerely appreciates the ongoing support and involvement of our community as we work to develop and improve the Talgarno Recreation Reserve. Together, we hope we can make the reserve an even better place for everyone in the community.

*Brendan Pearson and Mari Jones  
On behalf of the Talgarno Recreation Reserve*

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# Prospects for the Season Ahead

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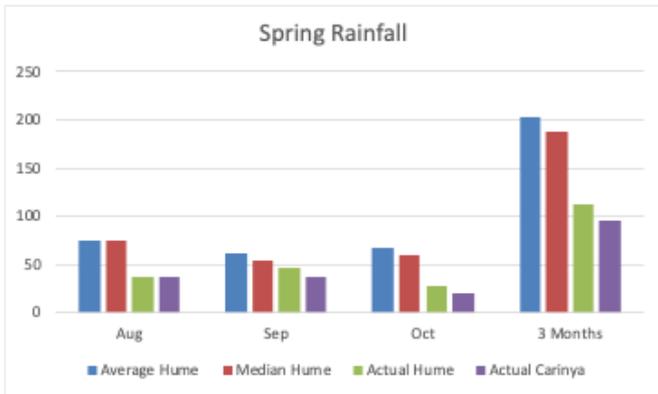
## Rainfall Round-up

Here's a summary. Spring wasn't as predicted, sorry about that, rainfall 44% below average. A rare heating event over Antarctica turned our westerlies dry. Our year-to-date rainfall is 453mm. BOM forecasts almost equal chance of dry, average or wet. Not much help there. Need to watch BOM updates.

The Hume Reservoir recorded 113 mm for Spring (August- October) and so far, (to November 21), the total for the calendar year is only 453mm, which is 35% below average.

The forecast from BOM in mid -August was inaccurate predicting above average rainfall but it turned out 44% below average. In mid -September BOM changed its forecast to a hot dry Spring after noting an extremely rare heating of the stratosphere above Antarctica, like what had happened in 2002 just prior to the Victorian Alpine bushfires. (<https://www.bom.gov.au/climate/updates/articles/a035.shtml>) This event brought hot dry westerly winds to southern Australia and overcame the expected rainfall boosting effects of other climate drivers.

August was very dry with just 38 mm and September a little below average, but it was the very dry October with just 28 mm that finished our spring early and disappointingly.

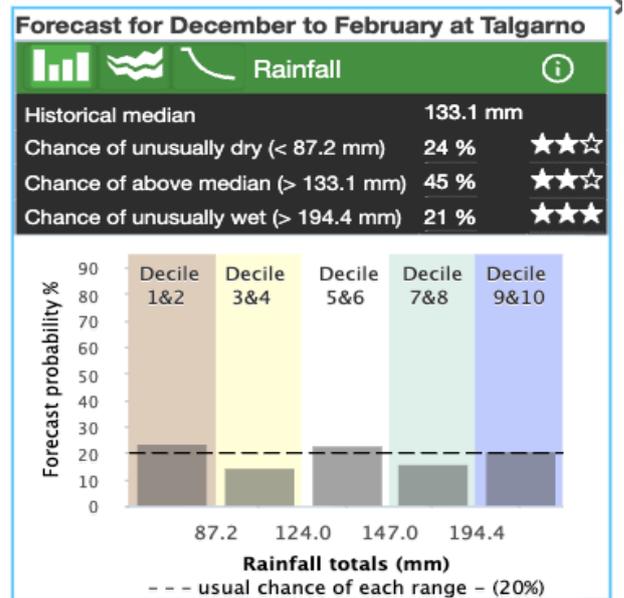


November is nearly over as I write this and it looks like it will go on the records as another below average month, perhaps only 35 mm. The rolling 12 month rainfall to November 21 at Carinya was 523 mm which is 25% below average (700 mm).



## Prospects for Summer (December through February)

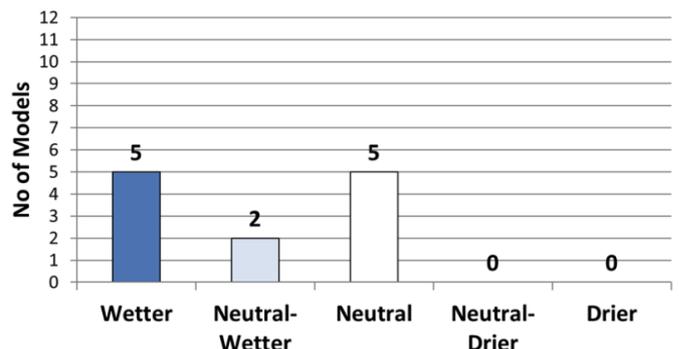
Well, it seems your guess might be as good as anybody's. BOM are being very cautious and saying there is no strong signal – we could get anything. They are more confident about December saying there is a good chance it will be drier than average.



The key climate drivers are giving only weak neutral signals. There are some indications that a La Niña event may become established soon but not certain. The negative Indian Ocean Dipole event hasn't behaved the way it should and will soon be over.

Dale Grey's analysis of 12 climate models is a little more optimistic. As always, you need to keep watching for updated forecasts because a lot changes over a few weeks – BOM updates its longer term forecasts each fortnight.

### Model Distribution Summary for Victoria Rainfall Nov 2025 - Jan 2026



Greg Hayes

# Stay Informed

## Latest Council Updates

At Council we use a variety of ways - both in print and online - to reach our community and let you know about opportunities for consultation, project updates, events and services.

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## Bethanga Hotel: A Year On, and Just Getting Started

As the weather warms and the hills turn that Bethanga gold, we're settling into another summer here at the pub, our second one since taking the keys. It's been a year of learning, late nights, laughs and a lot of love for this community. We're grateful every day for the locals who make this place feel like home, and for our hard-working team who bring energy, heart and good humour to every shift.

Our new summer menu has landed and it's already proving a hit. Think fresh, bright plates for warm days alongside the pub classics you know and love. We're still rotating our weekly specials, and now have an almost-daily deal to look forward to, including our Small Bites Weekday Lunch Menu, Thursday Parmi Night, Rump Saturdays & our Sunday Roast.

Friday evenings have become a favourite way to wind down the week, with Happy Hour making the drinks taste sweeter, Joker Poker keeping things fun and the meat raffles helping support our local clubs.

As we look ahead to the new year, our focus remains the same: great food, music that brings people together and friendly hospitality. Whether you've lived here 40 years or you're just passing through, Bethanga Hotel is a space where we want everyone to feel welcome.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events on our website and socials, there's plenty more to come.

Thank you for being part of Bethanga Hotel, truly. Cheers to long days, cold drinks, warm evenings and good company.

See you at the bar,  
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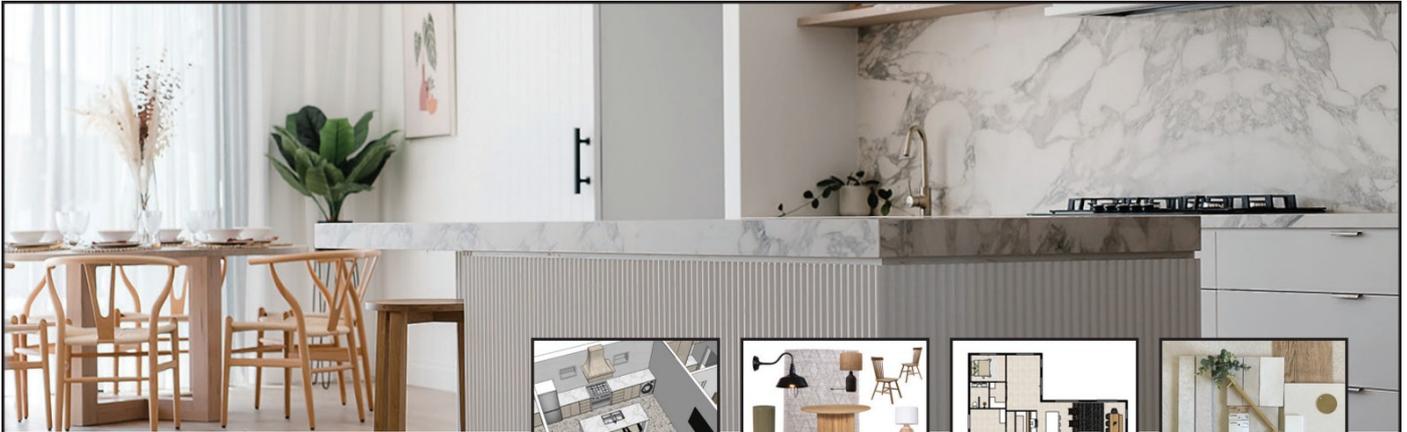


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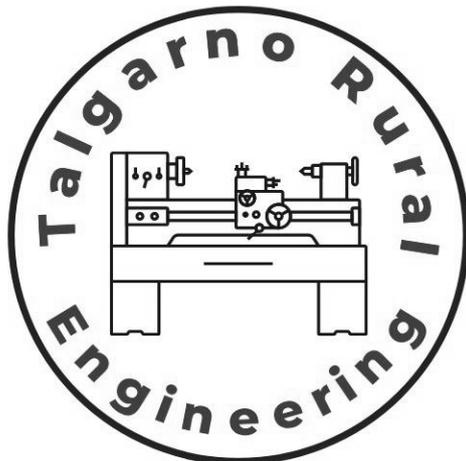
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## *In Memorium*



### **Barry Eric Elliot**

**29 October 1940—6 September 2025**

Barry Elliot lived his entire life in Talgarno. His parents owned Kelso Park in Talgarno where he and his siblings went fishing, horse riding, trapping rabbits and milking cows. He attended

Talgarno Primary school. His family would hear stories about how he had to walk or ride his horse 10 miles to school in rain, hail or shine. They thought this was a bit of an exaggeration as the school was only 2 miles away!!!! Barry then went to Wodonga High school and then on to Wangaratta Anglican College where he completed an Agriculture Course. Barry then began his first and only job working for Mr. Keith Drummond at Talgarno Park, first as a farm hand and later as the farm manager.

Barry met Joan at a tennis match (his favourite sport) and they dated for 4 years. They were married in 1968 on a very cold and rainy day in Tallangatta. After a couple of years, Barry and Joan bought a small fibro cement relocatable house and had it shifted next to his father's house. It was known as Kelso Cottage. Barry was an avid veggie gardener and had a veggie patch wherever he lived. He was still tending his veggie patch not long before his passing. Kelso Cottage was where

they raised their two boys, Michael and Mathew. In 1993, Barry and Joan moved to Talgarno Park where a whole new veggie patch was started.

Barry certainly was a very active member of the Talgarno community and gave a lot of his time and support to many local groups, which meant plenty of meetings and working bees. He loved his tennis and played all over the district. He was a member of the Talgarno Tennis Club and was on the committee of both the Talgarno Tennis club as well as the Tallangatta Tennis Association. Barry was on the Talgarno School Council even before his sons started school. He was a Warden of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Talgarno and attended nearly every Sunday until it closed a few years ago. Barry was a long time committee member for the Talgarno Hall and was a member of the Talgarno Cemetery Trust. Barry was also awarded a Life member of the Talgarno CFA in 2021 for 65 years of service. He held many positions in the CFA including Captain. Barry's love of cattle and especially Herefords, saw him involved with the Tallangatta Show for many years. He has certainly left his mark in our community.

Barry will always be remembered as a true 'Talgarno Gentleman' and a great bloke!

*(taken from his Eulogy)*



### **Enid Joan Hanley/Warnock**

**23 April 1929—24 October 2025**

Enid was born on 23 April 1929, the third of four children to Lesley and Jessie Hanley. She grew up on the family farm in Granya alongside her two brothers, Jim and Bert, and older sister, June. Her childhood was a happy one, shaped by farm life, community

spirit, and the rhythms of the land. As a teenager, she joined the Granya community in regular gatherings by the Murray River, near the junction with Koetong Creek. With its shady trees and sandy beach, it was a favorite spot for swimming, picnics, and long summer days.

As a young woman, Enid's life changed when she met Bob Warnock, a herd tester who quickly fell in love with

her. They married in February 1949 and began building their life together. Their early years took them to Lima South near Benalla and Annandale near Bullioh before they eventually returned home to the Granya farm. There they raised four children. Money was often tight, but the table was always full of wholesome, home-grown food. Enid and Bob loved to dance—fox trots, barn dances, the Pride of Erin—and were always the first on the floor, especially when Trewella's band was playing.

Eventually came grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all adored by Enid. Their visits brought her immense joy, and in her final months she kept her table covered in photos of her 26 great-grandchildren—every one of them present in spirit when she passed.

Enid was gifted and creative. Offered a scholarship to study art in Melbourne when she was in Grade 8, she chose instead to remain on the farm she loved. She sketched clothing designs, became an accomplished

seamstress and later returned to knitting, producing beanies, scarves and finally, a tiny jumper for orphaned lambs. In her thirties, she joined the Granya Gadabouts, performing in concerts, singing, dancing, and sewing costumes. She later learned watercolour painting and took up ceramics, completing a four-year certificate and selling many pieces through the Tallangatta Hub.

A devoted gardener, she continued growing vegetables until recently. She was also a founding member of the Granya Pioneer Museum and authored *Timber Tombstones*, documenting the history and families of the Murray River region. Trees were one of her lifelong passions—she drew them, painted them, shaped them into ceramics, and celebrated them in her writing.

Enid's passing marks the end of an era. She often said that her generation had lived through the best of times: hardship, progress, prosperity and extraordinary change. Her life was rich, creative, and deeply rooted—like the enduring trees she loved so well.

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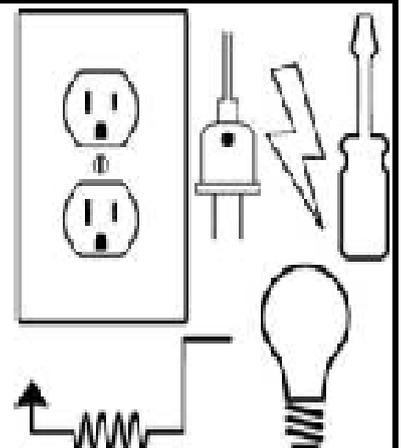
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We welcome new volunteers. Please call Julie Miller on 0419 339 679 for more information.

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### Lake Hume Fishing Classic

The Lake Hume Fishing Classic was attended by over 200 eager fishers who enjoyed the competition on a coolish great weekend. Unfortunately, due to several factors, some beyond the organiser's controls, it has been decided to discontinue the fishing classic.

### Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols will be held as usual at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge, on Sunday, 7 December commencing from 6.30pm, Food and drinks will be available as usual. Gold coin donation appreciated. Santa will make his usual visit plus his lolly bags.

## Australia Day Celebrations

The awards will be held on Monday 26th January 2026 at the Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge, with a hearty breakfast commencing from about 8.30am before presentation of awards. The TS Albury Navy Cadets will conduct the flag raising ceremony

*Rotarian Andrew Christy*

## TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

The 2025/26 tennis season has officially begun at Talgarno Tennis Club, and there's plenty to celebrate. With a wave of new players, exciting competitions, and generous community support, the club is thriving more than ever. We'd like to start by thanking all our amazing sponsors who have come onboard this season. Their support is helping us make huge improvements to our facilities and continue building a club that's focused on community, inclusion, and growth. Without their generosity, none of this would be possible.

We're proud to welcome our major sponsors Grouse Grass Bethanga and Schubert Boers, whose contributions are making a real impact. Our club sponsors this season include Southern Trees, Lieschke Plumbing, Red's Carpentry, Zauner Construction, Hamilton Valley Wastewater Service, Chant Holdings, Bethanga Hotel, Pendula Kelpies, Monumental Icecream, Sportspower Albury and Stepz Fitness. We encourage all our members to support these local businesses and show them the same generosity they've shown us.

On the court, our Saturday pennant teams are off to a strong start. This year we're fielding two Section 4 teams and one Section 3 team, thanks to a fantastic influx of junior players. It's great to see so many young faces around the club, bringing energy and enthusiasm to every match. Our juniors also competed in the McKimmie Cup in November, with plenty of medals heading home to Talgarno. Congratulations to all who participated—you've done our club proud.



In the higher divisions, we have one Section 2 team and one Section 1 team. Both have already secured a few wins and are looking good for the season ahead. The long-standing rivalry with Granya has taken on a new twist with the introduction of the Talganya Trophy,

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## BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB



**BETHANGA**  
CRICKET CLUB

### 2025-2026 Season

The Bethanga Cricket Club 2025-2026 season is underway! The club is naming 3 sides this season - A, B and C grades. New players are always welcome! We are also running a Woolworths Cricket Blast program, which has continued to be a great success with kids in the local community. Our Annual Charity was another big success, this year raising money for Movember. Please see below our upcoming events for summer.



And finally, keep an eye out for our new club merchandise. Shirts, hats, and drink bottles are on the way, and we're getting pretty fancy at Talgarno! Here's to a great season ahead, filled with good tennis, great company and delicious afternoon teas!

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	31st ~ B grade @ Home vs Eskdale	20 <sup>th</sup> ~ Goods and Services Auction @ Bethanga Hotel
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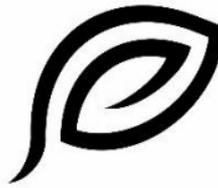
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### BEING READY FOR SUMMER

It was a very quiet spring season for us with no call outs to attend. With this in mind, and the change of seasons, now is not the time to be complacent. Our proximity to Albury Wodonga can sometimes mean we forget that we are isolated resource wise in the event of a fire. Being lucky enough to live in this beautiful area comes with the responsibility to be prepared and ready to look after yourself, be community minded and chat with your neighbours.

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### BE FIRE AWARE

Pay attention to local announcements, weather warnings etc and make sure you stay aware of what is happening around you. Familiarise yourself with the 3 levels of warnings **Advice, Watch & Act and Emergency Warning** found on the **VIC EMERGENCY** website or APP. It doesn't matter what side of the border you are on as VIC EMERGENCY follows the standard Australian Warning System. In the event of a fire, don't forget there is a likelihood we may lose phone and internet service as well as power in this area, so a battery-operated radio tuned to **ABC** is a good way to keep in the loop if that happens.

**The official Fire Danger Period (FDP) commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 and fire**

restrictions have now come into force. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements

### BE INVOLVED

We are lucky to have welcomed some new members to the brigade and will be doing some training with them to complete the necessary tasks so they can jump on a truck and help this summer. As a community we always need more people trained and willing to put their hand up for General Fire Fighting. The more members we have the more equipped we will be in the event of a big fire season. Catering, support, administration, education, community events and kids' programs are amongst the

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many different things that you can pop your hand up for. Every member is significant, and every one can bring something to the table. If you ever wanted to be a firefighter when you grew up, or in my case, dream of owning a set of red braces and yellow pants, dreams really can come true. After a little bit of time investment early to get the formal things ticked off, the amount of time you put in really comes down to what you have capacity to do. It is very rewarding to be able to give back to the community you live in. You really do get 'heart happy' feels from helping others. As a member of the CFA you can also access Emergency Memberlink and receive special offers and discounts on numerous items.

#### **BE DECKED OUT**

Please take the time to ensure you have all your "turn out gear" (uniform for firefighting) ready to go as we roll into summer. If you are yet to get the new light weight uniform (imagine swapping the weight of a Dryzabone for a Flanny) or have anything that needs to be replaced such as helmets etc. pop into District 24 Headquarters 55 Moorefield Park Drive, West Wodonga and they will help you sort out what you need.

**Our Brigade currently doesn't outlay the cost replacements or the new uniform but that may change in the future,**

#### **BE A CHAMPION**

The **CFA CHAMPIONSHIPS** are a chance for the community to watch volunteer firefighters compete in a fun, family friendly environment. The events were designed back in the 1800's for ways to demonstrate how to assist in getting hoses and other necessary equipment to the scene of a fire faster. These days there are Championships held locally called Rural Championships, **Next Championships are in March 2026, training will start in February sometime. Everyone is welcome.**

#### **BE ABOUT COMMUNITY**

We held an Open Day BBQ in October which allowed us to connect with the community, complete member compliance drills and be available to anyone who had questions about the CFA and its ability to support Bethanga, Bellbridge and surrounds. It was lovely to meet some new faces and connect with some old (not by age) ones all together on the same day. There was a steady line up of kids jumping into the big truck, having a go at aiming the hose and squirting the water at a target. Interestingly the target often seemed to morph into the form of a parent or grandparent and listening to the laughing and giggling when that happened is still one of my favourite things to see and hear. Thank you to everyone who showed up and the volunteers who gave up their time to help.

#### **BE LISTENING**

Monthly testing of the brigade siren continues. This is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. When testing, the siren will sound for no more than 10 seconds. For incidents, the siren will sound for 90 seconds.

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## BE INFORMED

If you have any questions or need guidance with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## CONTACTS

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Molly Peterson, Secretary 0412 997 157  
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Mel Naismith, Community Safety Liaison 0428 191 283

John Northey, Junior Brigade Liaison 0414 931 442  
CFA Championship contact

*Stay Less Crispy Berringa  
Cheers Mel*

## TALGARNO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



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Most tragedies occur when last minute decisions are made in catastrophic situations

The CFA has great resources available online to help you to make plans that will protect your family and assets. Your local CFA Brigade can also assist to help put in place a plan for your situation

Current conditions are leaning towards a drying of grass land vegetation quite quickly, also forest vegetation is dryer than normal. Experts are predicting conditions similar to the 2019 /20 Black Summer season.

Our Brigade has been busy with annual training and readying our equipment for summer

We had a community engagement open day in October which was encouraging with new members willing to join up and information flyers sent out .

Once again, we encourage you to join our brigade. We have numerous roles that require filling. Age, gender or

experience are no barrier to joining and the experience of volunteerism in your local community is very fulfilling.

Private firefighting units play an important role in containing initial fire outbreaks. The CFA encourages the use of private units with some guidelines. These include road worthiness, UHF, good operating pump /hoses flashing amber light, etc. Also, reporting to the incident Controller on the fire ground is important for everyone's safety. Details are available online .

On a sad note we mourn the passing of our Group Officer Max Wood. Max had been Tallangatta GO for numerous years and did a power of work in our group to help our wider community.

## Talgarno Fire Brigade Training Update

As we head into the upcoming fire season, the Talgarno Fire Brigade is well-prepared and ready to respond. We currently have 22 operational members who have completed the required Entrapment Drill and Tree Hazard Awareness training, ensuring they are fully equipped to handle the challenges of the season ahead.

We're always keen to welcome new members to the brigade. Those interested can undertake the General Firefighting training, which is delivered through a combination of online learning and in-person practical sessions. It's a great opportunity to gain valuable skills, contribute to the community and be part of a team.

This year, our brigade has installed new mobile and fixed digital radios, which will improve our communication during operations. We plan to hold radio familiarisation sessions soon so members can get comfortable with the new equipment before the season begins.

In addition, we'll be releasing dates soon for our monthly brigade training sessions, which are a great opportunity to maintain our skills, build teamwork and ensure we're ready to respond.

If you're interested in joining or learning more about training opportunities, please contact Brendan Pearson M: 0439 881 440

On a personal note, on behalf of my family I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to individuals who sent flowers, messages and calls on the passing of my father Barry Elliot and the guard of honour performed by CFA members at the funeral was very touching for the family.



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Barry was Talgarno ex Captain and CFA life member for close to 70 years.

On behalf of the Brigade, we wish you a Merry Christmas, safe holidays and a prosperous, healthy new year .

Keep safe  
Cheers

*Michael Elliot  
Talgarno CFA Captain*

## **BETHANGA-TALGARNO JUNIOR CFA BRIGADE**

On 19 October the Bethanga and Talgarno Junior and Senior Running team completed in the 60th CFA Gapstead championship that was postponed in March due to high fire danger.

There were teams from all over the state competing on the day, some travelling over 5 hours to compete. There would have been 15 different Brigades teams competing on the day. Eldorado had 5 teams competing on the day.

The day was a huge success our boys. Will and Riley Green, Shune Cole and Conrad Klippel completed in 5 events and were successful in all.

1st place

Low Down Pump and Ladder  
Drawing water from Tank  
Wet hose & Ladder

2nd place

Tanker Priming and ladder  
Hydrant and Tanker

Also

- District 24 11-13 years Aggregate Cup
- VFBV District 24 Alf Richardson Shield 11-13 years
- Pam Nankervis District 24 11-13 years Shield



Our boys also assisted Gapstead team, who were short members on the day, to be successful bringing home another 3 medals.



Congratulations boys well done on a very successful year!

Thanks to John Northey and Shane Bracegirdle for training the boys through the year and the parents for getting them to training and competitions.

The Senior Team, Shane Bracegirdle, Mark Starford, Wade Baad, John Northey and Jono Green also competed and placed 3rd in the Low down Pump and Ladder event and

got the District 24 Senior Aggregate cup.

A very good finish to the year for the team.

We will be looking for new Junior members 11-15 years and any Senior guys for next season. Contact Mel Naismith or Jono Green

*Jono Green*

### **JOINING THE JUNIOR BRIGADE**

If you are 11 to 15 years old (or are turning 11 soon) and are interested in joining the junior brigade, please get in contact using the details provided below.

*John Northey 0414 931 442  
[bethangatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bethangatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com)*



# BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

## New Pavilion Project update

It was great to see everyone at the New Pavilion Community BBQ in October, where the plans for the new building were on display. Thanks to Towong Shire Council for funding this event and a bigger thank you to everyone who assisted on the day to make it successful.

Architect Darren Hall, from FOUR18 is the new Pavilion Project Manager. The successful tender is due to be announced late December 2025, with work hoping to start early 2026. The current pavilion is to be re-purposed into a storage area and a camper's kitchen.

Council will erect a community sign when the project commences. The sign will contain informative information, including contact details for any ongoing questions.

A shout out to Julie from the Bethanga General Store for hosting a fundraiser for the new pavilion. 'Platypus Jam' played music at the shop on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, and proceeds have been donated to the Rec Reserve – **THANK YOU!**

## New Solar

New solar panels and batteries have been installed at the Rec Reserve. We thank the Towong Shire Council, Border Trust for funding this project, along with valued guidance provided by Joe Calvert and the Bethanga Cricket Club for sponsoring this grant.

## Signage at the Reserve

You may notice new signs around the reserve, especially near older trees that may drop limbs from time to time. Signage will also be displayed when spraying is taking place at the reserve. If there is planned large scale spraying, prior notification will be published on our

Facebook page for community awareness. All persons carrying out spraying at the reserve have completed a certified Chemical user training course.

## Upcoming events:

**SR500 Club Australia** - The annual motorcycle rally guests rolled into town on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> -23rd November 2025. Thank you everyone who made delicious food and donated time to assist in the major Rec Reserve fundraising event – We could not have done this without YOU!



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## Cricket Club Annual Fundraiser – NOVEMBER

29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 This is a family event hosted by the Bethanga Cricket Club commencing at 1pm. Tickets are \$60.00 which includes food & drinks. Silent auctions and activities will be held on the day. For further information contact Jack Robinson 0488 995 256.

A huge THANK-YOU to the volunteers who keep the Rec Reserve tidy for the community to enjoy.

You can follow us on Facebook or email us at [bethangareserve@gmail.com](mailto:bethangareserve@gmail.com)

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## BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

### Teeing Off for a Good Cause: Drummond Golf Day Raises Nearly \$7,000 for Lifeline

The spirit of community and compassion was on full display at the recent Charity Golf Day held on Friday, November 7th at the Bethanga Golf Club. Hosted in partnership with Drummond Golf Albury, the successful charity event saw over 30 enthusiastic golfers from all walks take to the greens for a great cause. Thanks to the generous participation, the day raised an impressive just short of \$7,000 for Lifeline, supporting their crucial work in crisis support and suicide prevention.

### Generous Prizes and Tee Off Fun

Playing an Ambrose in teams of 2, the event featured some fun elements for the players. On the 1st tee, teams

had the unique opportunity to donate some cash and have Australian PGA Tour Player Zach Murray step up and tee off for them. Zach delighted participants by smashing the drive nearly 300 meters up the fairway, giving many a perfect start to their round!

Adding a final twist, players faced a unique challenge on the 150-meter par 3, 7th hole. Before teeing off, golfers had to spin a wheel to choose their club, with options ranging from standard irons to hilarious ones like a baseball bat or even a putter!



Bethanga and District Golf Club

## WHATS ON IN 25/26

### DECEMBER

**2nd** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

**6th** End of Season Club Awards 1.30pm

**6th** Family Xmas Party & Hambrose 4pm

**16th** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

### JANUARY

**6th** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

**20th** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

### FEBRUARY

**3rd** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

**17th** Chook Run 5pm for 5.15pm Tee Off

### MARCH

**5th** Bethanga Golf Club AGM 6pm

To find out more about any of these events email us at [hello@bethangagolf.club](mailto:hello@bethangagolf.club)

 *Chat to us on Facebook*



The fun continued afterwards with over \$3,000 worth of raffle prizes generously donated by Drummond Golf Albury from top brands like Callaway, Srixon, TaylorMade, and Tour Edge.

Attendees enjoyed a day of friendly competition, stunning scenery, all while contributing to Lifeline, an invaluable service that helps thousands of Australians every year.

The Golf Club team extend their sincere thanks to Drummond Golf Albury for their partnership and to Zach Murray and every golfer who participated and donated, making the Charity Golf Day a resounding success for Lifeline.



### 2025 Season Reflection

As we draw to the end of the 2025 season, we take a moment to reflect on an outstanding year for the Bethanga Golf Club. This season has been marked by growth, strong community spirit and memorable achievements both on and off the course.

Our women's team competed in more than 20 tournaments across the North East District and proudly brought home two bowls & one hole in one!!! Our men's team represented Bethanga Golf Club in several tournaments throughout the year, along with a number of mixed events where our players showcased both skill and great sportsmanship.

Our members and supporters have each played a vital role in making 2025 one of our most successful seasons yet. From well-attended tournaments to continued improvements to our facilities, the club has not only strengthened its competitive edge but also deepened its sense of camaraderie.

We were especially pleased to welcome new golfers into the Bethanga family, including enthusiastic juniors who took part in our Thursday evening program throughout Term 4. Supporting developing talent remains a cornerstone of our club, and this year's participation highlighted a bright future ahead.

As we look forward, we do so with gratitude and

excitement—ready to build on the accomplishments of 2025 and committed to ensuring an even stronger and more vibrant 2026 season.

## BONEGILLA HALL CRAFT GROUP

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

10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Cost \$4.00, includes tea or coffee. Bring along your lunch.

## TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

Held on the last Friday of the month. Come and share ideas and enjoy each other's company. For further information contact:

*Joan Elliot 0498 208 308*

## PALMS

### PENINSULA ACTIVITY, LAUGHTER, MOVEMENT & SOCIABLE

Run by Tallangatta Health Service, this group provides a range of activities with a chance to meet new people and make new friends, a great avenue for companionship and keeping active in the community.

**When:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday

**Time:** Starts 2 pm

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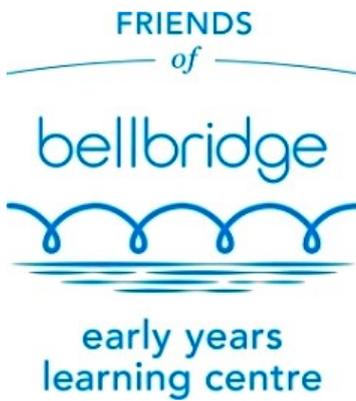
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The countdown to Christmas is on, and things have been buzzing at BEYLC! From muddy masterpieces to festive plans, here's what's been happening behind the scenes...

**Mud Kitchen Magic:** Our shiny new mud kitchen is officially installed – and the kids are loving every squishy, splashy moment!

**Educators' Day:** A big shout-out to our amazing educators who were spoiled with thoughtful gifts and cards last term.



**PJ Dress-Up Day:** Term 3 ended in style with a parade of pyjamas. Who knew bedtime fashion could be so fabulous?

**Space Week:** Rockets, aliens, and recycled space suits turned the centre into a mini-NASA (minus the car-troubled astronomer – we'll catch him next time!).



**Bee Man Visit:** Jean Gabriel Manguy wowed the kids with his bee knowledge. Pollinators have never been so popular!

**Christmas in July/August Social:** Ugly jumpers, mulled wine, and crazy dancing – what more could you want? Thanks to everyone who joined the fun!

**Centre Photos:** Say cheese! Professional photos were snapped on 28–29 October.  
**Discovery Program:** Museum Victoria landed at the centre on 12 November, with the children relishing some hands-on learning.

## What's Coming Up?

**Graduation Day:** Thursday 11 December is the big day for our little graduates. Caps and gowns are ready for the cutest ceremony ever!

## Christmas Party Alert!

Circle this in red: Tuesday 16 December from 5.30pm at Roy Williams Park. Expect Santa on a fire truck, delicious food, fruit platters, and plenty of festive cheer. Bring picnic blankets, your best holiday spirit, and maybe a dance move or two!



## A Fond Farewell

We're sending a huge thank-you hug to Brooke for her leadership as President and to Rowena for an incredible eight years of service. Your dedication has made BEYLC a brighter, happier place for all BEYLC families and you will be missed!



From all of us at Friends of BEYLC, we wish you a joyful Christmas and a sparkling New Year! May your holidays be filled with laughter, love and maybe a little mud-kitchen magic.

# Bethanga Primary School

## School Values

**R**APPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance **P**ersistence  
**P**ride **O**ptimism **R**esilience **T**ruth



Our Purpose We provide all students from Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with an inspiring and responsive curriculum to promote thinking and encourage curiosity. We nurture individual talents and needs in our setting underpinned by high expectations, quality opportunities and caring personalized attention in order for our children to reach their full academic and social potential.



Students at Bethanga Primary have had an action-packed term full of active learning in the classroom, exciting excursions, extra-curricular opportunities and plenty of fun!

Throughout the term, students took part in a number of Cluster events, including a hockey day and the Parallel Wilds launch in Tallangatta – a wonderful culmination of Landcare activities, story writing and virtual reality experiences. Most recently, our F-2 students enjoyed a fantastic day at Walwa Primary School, where they learned about wool (from shearing to spinning to finger-knitting!), explored gardening and took part in dance sessions – all highly engaging experiences.



All students were also thrilled to work with visiting artist Vivien Naimo, who shared her incredible talent and passion for wet felting. Students proudly wore their handmade poppies during our Remembrance Day service, taking time to reflect on and appreciate the sacrifices made by so many in service to our country.

Our F2026 students have begun their onsite transition program. After meeting their buddies at kinder, they took part in an interactive literacy session full of songs, sounds, movement and craft – a winning combination! The smiles said it all and highlighted the importance of transition in helping our newest learners feel supported, happy and connected well before they begin 'big school' next year.



We also celebrated our Spring Fair, a wonderful event that brought our school and the wider community together. A big thank-you to Bethanga CFA, Bethanga Police and CERT for joining us and engaging with our students – they were a real hit!

Not long until the end of a very busy year – time flies when you're having fun!

Rachel Saunders



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