

Berringa Community News

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Spring 2019

Rest in Peace Danelle Filby

This is a Community at its Best

Sunday 28 July was sunny winter morning in Talgarno. The tranquillity of the day was shattered as news spread through the community that Danelle Filby had died suddenly at home at the age of 38. The community rallied to support the family.

Danelle, husband James and their four boys Taj, Zane, Ari and Lawson had moved to Talgarno 5 years ago and were building their own home.

The family were an integral part of the Talgarno School community. Although the children were home schooled, they attended Talgarno Primary one day a week and participated in school events and activities. Danelle also provided before and after school care for some local children.

On Monday morning, the school had a counsellor in place to help the students and their families come to terms with the tragedy, and the school parents soon established a roster to provide meals and firewood for the Filby family. By Tuesday, the Principal Jayden Kotzur had set up a GoFundMe page to raise money to support the family for funeral costs, immediate bills, food, education and the completion of their family home. To date, over

\$39,000 has been donated. Small and large donations of cash, clothes, shoes, food and home goods were also dropped off at the school.

The Bethanga Primary school children emptied their pockets to raise \$250 and a raffle organised through the school raised a further \$1200

All the Filby family had been suffering from the flu and three days after Danelle's death, James was hospitalised in a critical condition. He remained in hospital for three weeks. For the first week, two locals stayed with the children at the family home until alternative arrangements were made.

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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 Wisers Creek Road, Talgarno.

In the past, this situation meant many phone calls but in this digital age a 'Gather-my-crew' webpage was established to allocate and co-ordinate the tasks that needed to be done. Gather My Crew is a free online rostering tool that allows people to call on the help of friends, family or colleagues when they are need it most. Daily meals for the boys were dropped off at the Talgarno school, even while they were staying at their grandparents, and will continue until James is well enough to manage.

The Filbys were in the process of self building their home, a deck had been planned and some internal plastering and other works were needed. James' boss, Andrew Kaye from AK Project Solutions, organised for the home to be completed. Tradespeople and locals donated their time and tools, and local businesses donated materials to complete the home. At times, the house was swarming with people, and there was always a crew on site to provide meals and refreshments for the workers. Many local businesses also donated new furniture and other household items to complete the refurbishment.

A team of locals came together to tidy up, prepare and stock the house ready for James' release from hospital and his return home with the boys.

On Sunday 1 September a community fund raiser



was held at the Bethanga Golf club. Over 300 people attended and over \$11,000 was raised. There were many generous businesses and individuals that donated to the day.

We should be very proud to be part of this generous community. Many people have contributed to helping the Filbys, some in ways that we will never hear about. We cannot take away the grief and loss of James and the boys but as a community we can be there to help them adjust to their life ahead.

Julie Miller

People can still contribute through www.gofundme.com Filby Family or contact Jayden Kotzur at Talgarno Primary School.

Talgarno Cemetery

Tree Planting At Talgarno Cemetery

In late July the enthusiastic and energetic Talgarno School students helped to plant more than 500 mixed natives at the Cemetery. They were assisted by the school community and members of WCT Landcare and the Cemetery Trust.

The morning included a quick lesson on the benefits of planting local species, a drone recorded the very successful event and ended with a barbecue lunch at school.

The WCT Landcare group have also allocated funding for fencing the area.

Melissa Nichol ph. 6020 1290

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Schools participate in Wodonga Arts Festival.

On August 27 Bethanga and Talgarno Primary Schools travelled together to perform at the Wodonga Arts Festival. This festival has been an annual event for the past 43 years. It is run and organised by a group of teachers who give up their time to ensure this special event happens every year for all government schools to be a part of.

It is now held at Galvin Hall at Wodonga Senior Secondary College, having moved from the old Wodonga Civic Centre. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the stage and perform to a crowd as well as showcasing their art works.

Bethanga Primary School junior class sang and danced to an original song written by Peter Klein called 'Wobbly Tooth'. The senior class performed 'You're the Voice' with actions and Auslan signs.

Talgarno Primary School performed "Riptide" and "The Best Day" accompanied by Peter Klein.



Bethanga Primary school perform "You're the Voice"



Bethanga Primary school perform "Wobbly Tooth"



Talgarno Primary school



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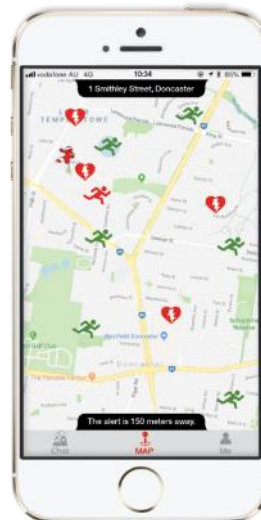
What is the GoodSAM app?

GoodSAM is a free global smartphone app that alerts appropriately qualified responders when someone nearby is in cardiac arrest. GoodSAM is linked to Triple Zero, so as soon as an ambulance is dispatched, a GoodSAM alert will notify responders in proximity.

How does it work?

1. In the event of a cardiac arrest a Triple Zero call (000) triggers an alert to be sent to GoodSAM Responders.
2. The GoodSAM app alerts nearby first aid qualified Responders
 - within 400 metres in built-up areas (eg a metropolitan area, regional city or township)
 - Within five (5) kilometres in a rural area

Responders are given the location of the patient and the location of the nearest available defibrillator (AED).
3. The closest available ambulance is simultaneously sent to the patient, and in some parts of Victoria, the fire brigade is also



GoodSAM Responder



dispatched.

4. Meanwhile, the GoodSAM Responder can provide CPR and, if possible, make use of the nearest available defibrillator. This gives the patient a greater chance of survival.

Initially paramedics and medical professionals were invited to join Victoria's community of trusted responders but now adult members of the public with first-aid qualifications, are encouraged to join.

For more information and to download the app go to www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/goodsam/

*Julie Miller
Team Leader Berringa CERT*



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Thank you from Bethanga Gymkhana

The annual Bethanga Gymkhana and Family Fun Day held at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve on Easter Saturday attracts a large crowd. It is an event run by the community for the community. The Bethanga Gymkhana committee distributes the profits that are made from the event each year to the local community organisations that have contributed to organising and running the event. This year \$500 each was donated to Bethanga Cricket Club, Peninsula Mens Shed, Berringa Kindergarten, Bethanga Primary School, Berringa Community News, Berringa CERT, Bethanga Memorial Hall, Bethanga Pony Club, Bethanga CFA, Talgarno CFA, Bethanga Junior CFA.

The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee thanks the members of these organisations and members of the community who contribute their time and skills to

Talgarno Recreation Reserve Masterplan

The Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee has developed a draft Master Plan for review and comment by community members and local organisations. A Master Plan for the site will enable the Committee to take up funding opportunities as they become available.

The key features of the Plan are

- ◆ A covered area between the fire shed and the hall approximately 12m long and 8m wide, which will have a cement floor, housing the pizza oven and BBQ at the Northern end and a fire pit at the Southern end.
- ◆ Landscaping to beautify the site and separate people from vehicles
- ◆ Improved parking area
- ◆ The current playground will be removed, and a new playground installed. The Committee took up a grant available through the Towong Shire (through our then local MP Cathy McGowan) to install a new

playground between the hall and the tennis courts and a picnic table under the existing sunshade. Installation is scheduled for September/October.

- ◆ The site will require extensive drainage and earth works. As part of the water management for the site a wetland nature reserve is proposed.

If anyone has questions or wishes to make any input to the plan, please call Greg Hayes 0419 609 042 or ggbhayes@gmail.com



James Filby
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Talgarno Recreational Reserve
Draft Master Plan 23 June 2019

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Berringa Community News now has a Facebook page. We will post deadline dates and advise when the latest edition is available on our website and as hard copy. Locals can also post local events





Rates and Valuation Notices

Rates notices along with information on key Council projects for the 2019/20 Financial Year will be distributed to ratepayers in early September.

Payment for instalment 1 is due by 30 September.

You can register to receive your rates notices via email on our website.

www.towong.vic.gov.au/planning-rules-payments/rates-payments/register-email-rates-notices/

Recycling Update

You may have noticed information in the news about issues in the recycling industry. Our recycling services are not impacted by these ongoing issues.

Council owns and directly manages our waste collection service, landfill and transfer station. Recycling collected throughout the shire is transported from our transfer station in Tallangatta to a recycling facility operated by JJ Richards in Wangaratta. JJ Richards has guaranteed that no recycling collected in Towong Shire is being sent to landfill.

A review of our recycling and waste services is currently underway. This review will consider costs, environmental impacts and possible improvements to our current bin system.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments Open Now

Enrolments for Towong Shire Council managed kindergarten programs for 2020 are now open, with parents and caregivers reminder to submit required enrolment information now to secure their place.

The 2020 four year-old kindergarten program will be offered at:

- Bellbridge: Wednesdays and Fridays
- Corryong: Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Tallangatta: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Walwa: Mondays and Fridays

3 year old Kindergarten will also be available at Bellbridge on Fridays and Tallangatta on Tuesdays

Mayor David Wortmann said kindergarten is an important way for children to build the communication and problem solving skills they will need throughout their life.

"We know that children who access early years education

achieve better results throughout their schooling and also have better social outcomes. Kinder really is vital," he said.

"I hope to see all pre-school aged children in the Shire enrolled in kindergarten programs for 2020 so that our youngest community members have the brightest future possible," he said.

Enrolments can be made online at Council's website www.towong.vic.gov.au. Further information about session times, fees and programs are also available on Council's website.

Information about Victorian priority of access guidelines is also available from Council on (02) 6071 5100 or info@towong.vic.gov.au

2019 Budget Discussion Forums

In March Council held discussion forums in Corryong, Tallangatta, Mitta Mitta and Bellbridge.

These sessions focused on:

- The Council decision making and planning processes (including masterplanning, Council Plan and budget cycles);
- How Council can improve consultation with the community when making these decisions.

Contributions from 40 session attendees and a further 71 responses to an online survey have been summarised and are now available to view on Council's website. Council has also outlined a series of initiatives based on the information gathered at these sessions, which is also available to view online.

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the process was extremely valuable and constructive.

"Contributions from attendees and survey respondents have given us some great insights and will guide how we make Council processes more transparent, accessible, responsive and clear over coming weeks, months and years," he said.

"We were also pleased to see an increase in submissions to this year's proposed Budget, and we hope this opens the door for constructive conversations," he said.

Council is encouraging any community members who would like to be included in future activities or be notified of opportunities to provide feedback to register their interest by emailing communications@towong.vic.gov.au.

More information is available at www.towong.vic.gov.au.

Changes to E-Waste Disposal

To help protect our environment and recover more precious resources, as of 1 July 2019 the Victorian Government is mandating that all e-waste will be diverted from landfill and recycled. That means e-waste can't go in just any bin.

There are valuable materials (and also some hazardous ones) in your old phones, computers and household electrical items. Recycling these items through dedicated e-waste facilities means the valuable bits can be reused and the bad stuff is kept out of harm's way.

What is E-Waste?

E-waste includes anything with a plug, battery or power cord. Items like:

- Phones, refrigerators, laptops and power tools, electric toys and video games.
- Fluorescent lamps, LED lights, batteries, household appliances and IT equipment.
- Audio equipment and remote controls, watches, hair dryers and electronic coffee machines.

Collection points are Wodonga Waste Transfer Station, 29 Kane Rd, Wodonga or bring your e-waste to our dedicated facilities in Corryong and Tallangatta so they can be recycled or disposed of safely.

For more information visit <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/campaigns/ewaste>

Bethanga Black Spot Funding Confirmed

Council has been awarded \$179,000 from the Federal Government Black Spot Program toward a \$200,000 project to improve safety along Lake Road, Bethanga. Ratepayer funds of \$21,000 will round out the project budget.

The improvements will include the installation of safety barriers and signage along a stretch of road between Bellbridge and Kurrajong Gap Road. Shoulder sealing works may also be possible as part of the works, budget permitting.

Mayor David Wortmann said the upgrades are much needed and will improve safety along the Lake Hume peninsula.

"This intersection has been identified as a safety risk for some time so we're really pleased to see this investment from the Federal Government," he said.

"This announcement is great news for residents of Bethanga, Bellbridge and surrounding towns, but also a really important safety improvement for anyone who travels through Towong Shire from Albury / Wodonga."

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Major investment to Bellbridge treated water supply

North East Water will soon begin a major upgrade to the Bellbridge water treatment plant and several water mains within the town.

The project supports the growth and development of the town and will increase the storage capacity of treated water.

Executive Planning and Infrastructure, Kevin Freeman said, "The \$2.5 million upgrade is expected to commence in July and will take approximately 18 months to complete.

"It will begin with the replacement of water pumps and pipework that carries untreated water from Lake Hume to the treatment plant", Mr Freeman said.

"We will then build two larger water storage tanks at the plant and update water mains within the town.

"Following completion of the storage tanks, the water treatment plant will then be upgraded."

Mr Freeman added, "During certain periods of construction, traffic management will be in place along Bethanga Bridge, Lake Road, Hillcrest Avenue and Elizabeth Circuit."

"There will also be minor disruption to the water supply of a small number of customers and reinstatement works will be necessary during and after the upgrade.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their patience during the coming work."

Prospects for the Season Ahead

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

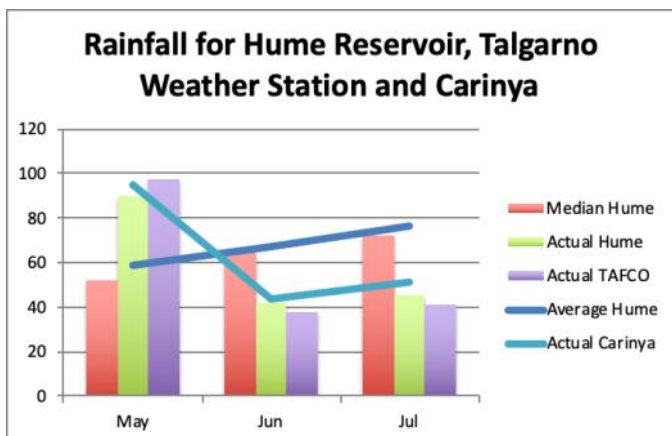


Rainfall Round-up

The winter rainfall (May to end July) was 176 mm at TAFCO station (De Hennin's), 177 mm at Hume Reservoir and 190 mm at my place. The Hume reading was 7% below the median and 12% below average (202 mm). May (90 mm) was 73% above median, June 35% below median and July 37% below median. Although the total rainfall over winter wasn't much below average, getting most of it in May and below average rainfall in June and July has made it a less than ideal winter. Nonetheless, pasture growth in July was surprisingly high, and there is generally a good level of feed available right now. This is probably due to the milder temperatures over winter which were at least 10% warmer than average. Perhaps this may become a permanent feature with climate change resulting in milder winters.

We will need to have 30% above average rainfall each month for the next 12 months to get us back to that 700 ml mark.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested that autumn rainfall would be likely to be a bit below average and this turned out to be right. The high rainfall in May was the result of a series of cold fronts and low pressure bringing in rain as the subtropical ridge of high pressure stayed north where it should be at this time of the year. Even though the fronts kept coming in June the high pressure in the north of the state kept the rain away. In July, the Southern Annular Mode (winds around Antarctica) moved into a negative mode which helped bring a series of fronts and storms into southern and central Victoria. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) moved into the positive state which generally means lower winter rainfall because it removes moisture sources from the North.

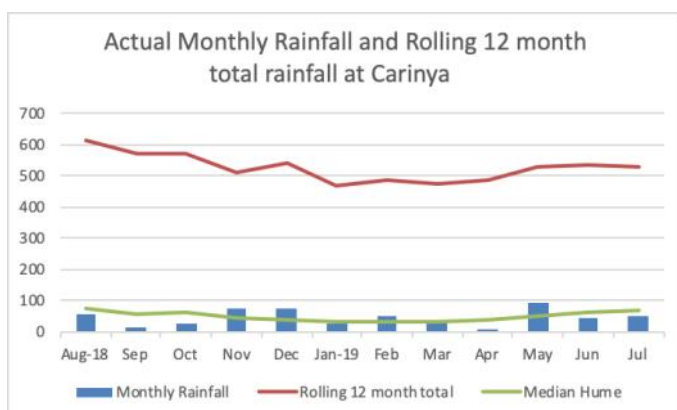


Prospects for spring (August to end November).

BOM is saying that it is most unlikely that we will have rainfall above the median for our part of the world over spring. For the three months August to end November we have only a 1 in 3 chance of getting more than the median (194 mm).

Looking at the bigger picture, our rainfall over the past 12 months is now around 526 mm compared to (what used to be) our average rainfall of around 700 mm.

The main influence on our spring rainfall is the positive IOD and this is expected to remain until the end of October. The SOI is still mainly neutral and hence there is no indication of an El Niño event at this stage.

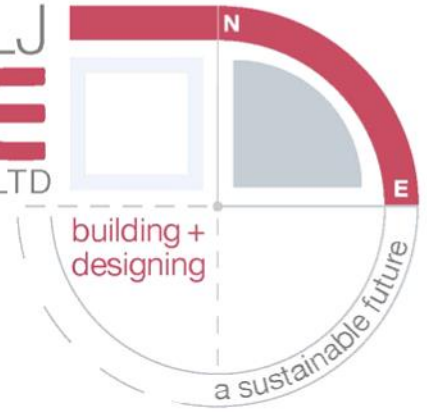


There is a strong consensus about this spring with seven models suggesting a drier than normal spring and only one suggesting average rainfall. Looking further ahead to summer, 2 out of 8 models suggest drier than average, 3 out of 8 suggest average-to-drier and 3 out of 8 suggest average rainfall. As always, we need to remember that these are only models and they can be wrong but I'm not going to bank on it.

Greg Hayes



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In Memorium



Roslyn Mary Webb

1951 – 2019
of 'Hawksview',
Riverina Highway,
Hume Weir.

Ros was born into a dairy farming family at Warragul where she developed her love of animals, gardening and music. Her leadership skills, academic prowess and positive peer relationships were evident through her

schooling years. Outstanding matriculation results gained her entrance to Melbourne Uni where she topped every year of her physiotherapy degree.

Ros worked at Prince Henry's Hospital for three years and quickly became lead physio in ICU. This was followed by a move to Albury Base Hospital, to a position vacated by Margaret Webb, her future sister-in-law. A welcoming invitation to a meal at 'Hawksview' resulted in Mike asking her to his cricket wind-up, which led to romance and marriage. After some renovations to the cottage on 'Hawksview', they settled into their farm life and in 1975, Katie was born, followed by Rick. When pregnant with Amy, Ros and Mike upsized to the homestead where Pam and Tom later joined the family.

Ros valued and supported her children's education through her 20 year involvement at Bethanga Primary, as a strong contributor of the P&C committee, an AustSwim teacher, 'canteen' mum as well as assisting with reading, sports days, camps and extra-curricular activities. With

her quiet perseverance, foresight and strong educational values, Ros set up farm tours and published classroom support books with her sister, Margie, as well as retraining and returning to her physio work.

'Granny Ros' was devoted to her 9 grandchildren and her family, yet she still maintained and developed her interests in art, history and the land. She hosted Historical Society visits to the farm and the legacy of her involvement in Landcare on 'Hawksview' and surrounding areas will be felt well into the future. She lived closely to nature, tending her garden and conducting regular platypus, tortoise and bird surveys around the lagoon on their property.

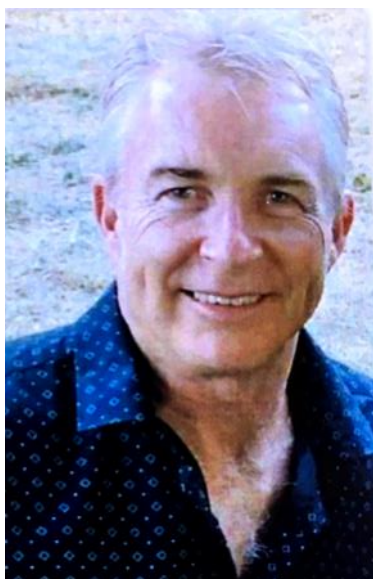
Ros also loved her golf days, sharing with friends, accepting challenges and serving as ladies captain at Thurgoona and President of the Riverina Ladies Golf Association. She enjoyed several overseas trips but especially loved camping around Australia in their trusty caravan she named 'Taj Mahal'.

Ros was a spiritual person who valued her many friendships, celebrating the good times and supporting in tough times. Her qualities were many, including selflessness, kindness and compassion, ability to see the best in people, her intelligence, curiosity and quiet resolve and her practical and pragmatic nature which, even now after her passing, is still helping others through her precious gift to five families.

A celebration of Ros's life was shared by her loving family and so many friends at a 'filled to overflowing' St Matthew's, Albury.

May she rest in peace.

(summary taken from eulogy)



Stephen James Tucker

1960 - 2019

Steve Tucker was born in Melbourne and moved to Bellbridge with his wife Pauline and son James in 1986. Eve and Josh were later born there, completing their family. Steve was an 'outdoors man' who loved spending time with his family and friends, enjoying the lifestyle that this area has to offer. He loved camping, boating, fishing, skiing, bush walking and anything else that would satisfy his sense of adventure. He was an active member of the Hume Boat Club for several years.

A celebration of Steve's life was held in Wodonga, where many stories of his exploits were shared by his three children, James, Eve and Josh, as well as some of his friends and work colleagues.

Pauline and the family wish to thank the community for all the love and support they received during Steve's long illness, the last 12 months of which were spent in the Royal Melbourne Hospital where he received the best of care from all of the staff.

Now at peace

Babies

Karina, Nathan and big brother Elijah are thrilled to announce the arrival of **Sophia Kate Baker** Born 13.8.2019 @ 6.43am 8lb 4oz 51cm

Proud grandparents Mark & Trish Trafford, Dennis & Wendy Baker can't wait to spoil their new granddaughter!



Maternal & Child Health

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 at Bellbridge Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Drop in to see a qualified nurse between 9:30 am and 12:00 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

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GRANYA GAZETTE



Cotton Tree Cottage is a rustic and cosy Airbnb tucked away in the foothills of Granya. Scott and Virginia McKenzie have been operating the B&B for the last 6 months. The cottage has been very popular with travellers from near and far, so much so that Scott and Gin are now super hosts. It accommodates 6 guests and has all the essentials at your fingertips. If you would like to make a booking please visit the Cotton Tree Cottage, Located at Granya on Airbnb.com.au or phone Ginni on 0439 845 103.



The Granya Tennis club is looking forward to a bumper season. It has been great seeing the club expand and everyone is super keen to get back on court!

We are always looking to recruit players of all levels and ages. Please phone Andy Gramlick on 0409 667 910 or Jayden Kotzur 0468 695 073 if you're interested in having a hit.

GRANYA MUSEUM –

Lunches at Granya Museum are now held on the last Thursday of the month. It's great to see so many children and young faces attending our lunches!

Please phone Kaye for more information on 0412 848 180.

GRANYA CFA –

The Granya CFA is keen to recruit new members and wish to undertake a minimum skills very soon. If you wish to join our CFA, please phone Ken Star on 0419 141 444.

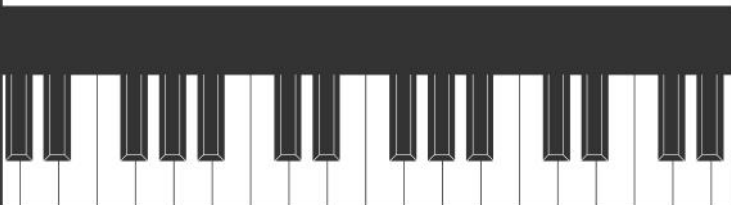


Bethanga Primary School
Community Fair
Friday 1st November
4:30pm - 7:30pm

cake stalls, book stalls, homemade goods, jumping castle, face painting, silent auction ... and much, much more!

At Bethanga Primary School

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BERRINGA CERT



Team Leader Report AGM 23 August 2019

Our team of 13 responded to 41 callouts in the last year and missed 6 because nobody was available. Each team member gives what time they can spare with their work and family commitments to being on call, but because we are around, one couple and I tend to have the car most of the time. It is not ideal because I am at one end of our footprint, 20 k from Bellbridge and 18 from Bethanga. Our average response time for the year was 16.6 minutes, minimum 0 minutes, max 30 minutes. Not bad allowing for getting dressed, phoning a partner, calling ESTA and driving at the speed limit. In most cases we meet at the location and the first to arrive will go in and start assessment. I am pleased that the committee has agreed to purchasing assessment equipment kits for each member household. This will allow first on the scene to use their time to best effect.

Our response time will improve if we had more members, particularly in Bethanga and Bellbridge and I am pleased to say that we will have 4 people completing the next course in November/December and hopefully two more in February/March

This year we had 8 callouts to Talgarno and Bellbridge, 24 to Bethanga and 1 to Bungil. We had 28 medical cases, 7 trauma, 4 car accidents, 8 cardiac. 10 callouts were on Sunday, 9 on Saturday, 7 on Friday and Monday, 6 on Tuesday, 4 on Thursday and Wednesday. 19 callouts were between 8pm and 8am (6 of these after midnight), 10 between 8am – 2pm and 18 between 2pm – 8pm. The average age of our patients was 56, youngest 3 and eldest 90.

In our team the average length of service is 11 years, with two members part of the first intake, approaching 15 years and the newest recruit with 7 years membership.

Certificate of Appreciation

At the AGM Vicki and David Cottee were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Ambulance Victoria for their fund-raising activities. In the last 12 months David and Vicki have raised \$5100 for CERT by providing first aid at local horse events. We thank them for their work.

David volunteered and has been invited to be on Ambulance Victoria Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Reconciliation Working Group. Well done.

*Julie Miller, Team Leader Berringa CERT
juliemiller@skymesh.com.au
6020 1107*

BELLBRIDGE COMMUNITY GROUP

Roy Williams Park continues to be a popular meeting place for our community. In this year's budget, council has allocated \$50,000 to be spent in the park.

They will be consulting with the community in the near future, on how these funds can best be spent. Your input is important!

The Towong Council also needs to hear from our community, with any questions or concerns so they really know what's happening in our community and what we want or need. Contact can be made phone 6071 5100 or info@towong.vic.gov.au. If your not confident in contacting Council, our community group is happy to help put forward ideas or raising concerns with Council. Our aim is to increase communication with our council. To join our group please contact;

Denise Anderson 0418 612 470

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

Phil Craig, President

BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

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

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*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon
Brian 6026 4235*

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

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All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

25th May 2019 6:59pm

Brigade responded to a reported grass fire. The brigade investigated and found a burn off.

27th July 2019 10.15am

The brigade responded to a car accident on Lake Road. The brigade supported with traffic control and scene clean up. The driver escaped with only minor injuries.

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BELLBRIDGE HYDRANTS

The brigade conducted their biannual serviceability check on the Bellbridge hydrants in July.

We inspected and cleaned the hydrants and replaced any missing blue reflectors.

BUNNINGS BBQ

On Sunday the 4th of August the brigade/Junior brigade ran a very successful BBQ at Bunnings

Wodonga.

The profit of \$794.00 will be split equally between the Bethanga brigade and Bethanga/Talgarno Junior brigade. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

A big thank you to Bunnings for allowing us and many other volunteer organizations to fundraise at their stores. Thank you also to Arnolds and Beazley's Meats Wodonga for the bread, onions and tasty sausages.

TOWONG SHIRE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS - BE PREPARED

The Council Fire Prevention Officer will be conducting inspections of township properties at the start of the fire season. It is in everyone's interest to ensure that you comply promptly with any direction that Council make, particularly regarding the long grass within the town limits. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Towong shire Fire prevention officer Ken Whitehead.



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- Keep the grass short around the house and buildings.
- Remove any flammable rubbish 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.
- Check your gas barbeque equipment for leaks.

BRIGADE PREPAREDNESS

In September the brigade will be doing fuel reduction work in the form of roadside spraying to areas around Bellbridge and Bethanga, including Lake Road and Kurrajong Gap Road.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The brigade is in the process of delivering minimum skills training to 4 new members in Bethanga/ Bellbridge. These members will be ready for the upcoming fire season. Welcome and well done to all who completed the course and thank you for your desire to give back to our community.

BRIGADE TRAINING

As a brigade we attend varying types of incidents. Our monthly trainings are also quite varied to better prepare ourselves for the different situations we come across. Our goal is the safety of our members and community.

So far, we have had a safe winter; there are still a couple of weeks to go before we welcome the warmer weather. Let's always remain vigilant.

CONTACTS

Ben Mitchell, Captain 0411 080 277

bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com

Tracey Woodhouse, Secretary 0413 708 302

bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com

Ron Evans, Community Safety Liaison 02 6026 4301

BETHANGA TALGARNO JUNIOR BRIGADE

Our juniors have had another good term since the last Berringa News. We've had some fun doing some mapping activities in teams around Talgarno, lead by Ange. We have also done some work developing our own brigade group rules lead by Brendan. This was important for us to recognise what we all want to achieve from being part of the brigade and how we all need to behave to ensure we can achieve our goals.



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At Bethanga, John, Scott and Brendan ran a mock incident where all juniors had the opportunity to take on different roles in the incident, including controller, crew leader, pump operator, firefighter on hoses and practice on the radios. On one occasion we added an extra degree of difficulty with a rescue of 'Bob' the stuffed dummy. Luckily for Bob he was rescued from danger and resuscitated. However, he did lose his head upon packing up at the incident and remains....stuffed.



To cap off the term we visited the new Wodonga station, which has both paid and volunteer members. The crew on duty talked and walked us through the station and we had the opportunity to observe a call out, where the crew responded in less than 90 seconds. Afterwards we had pizza at Oddies Creek Park and had another instalment of down-ball championships!



This term so far, we have helped at a Bunnings BBQ raising money for our brigade. For the remaining weeks we have planned to do some running activity practice, help at the Filby Family fundraiser at the Bethanga Golf Club and do some demonstrations at the Berringa CFA Family Fun Day at Talgarno Recreation Reserve on 8 September.

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Thanks to all the parents for supporting the juniors in getting along to the sessions and thanks to the leaders John, Maddie, Scott, Ange, Brendan and Jono for giving of their time.

John Northey 0414 931 442

Brendan Pearson 0439 881 440

bethangatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com

- Remove flammable items from decks and verandas such as boxes, furniture and door mats.
 - Clear your gutters and keep them clear of leaf litter
 - Trim trees and shrubs near the house to reduce fuel loads and water well
 - Get rid of dry grass, piles of leaves, twigs and branches
 - Store any flammable liquids away from the house
- Make sure seals around windows, doors and roofing materials are in good order to avoid embers entering.

As the grass starts drying out, please take care with lighting fires around your house or paddocks. A bit of wind can easily spread a fire. Please ensure you patrol fires and have adequate firefighting equipment on hand, just in case.

A reminder that you should notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) when burning off to avoid our brigades turning up. You can do this in the following ways:

1. Phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information.
2. Complete the [Burn off Notification Form](#) from CFA website. Email the form to burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au or by fax: 1300 674 428.
3. Use the National Relay Service by ringing 1300 555 727 and ask for Information to be relayed to ESTA via 1800 668 511

We are very much looking forward to taking ownership of our new Ultralight tanker, which is due for delivery in late September or early October. We will be organising to sell our existing 'Slip on' unit (tank, pump, hoses etc) separately from the Landcruiser. We will make the community aware of how you can express interest in purchasing these, if you so wish.

Quick Updates

Training: We are planning a training session around an incident at the Talgarno Primary School and Hall and HAZMAT. At this training we will take into account the issues we would need to consider if there was a real incident at these important community assets.

Private units: This season we encourage all members that have private units to attend our preseason briefing in December. These will ensure you have essential equipment on board such as UHF radios to communicate with the Incident Controller. We will also make you aware of fire ground practices, particularly the need to notify the Incident Controller when you enter the fire ground to ensure your safety and to direct you where needed.



Tallangatta Group of Fire Brigades

Family Fun Day

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11 AM - 2 PM
TALGARNO FIRE STATION
MURRAY RIVER ROAD, TALGARNO

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For more information and to RSVP please contact Elissa on e.rossiter@cfa.vic.gov.au or 02 6043 4418



TALGARNO CFA

Welcome to the spring update from Talgarno Fire Brigade. We hope you are enjoying some warmth and thawing out after the cool winter that we've experienced! It has been a quiet few months for our brigade in terms of incidents, with only a few support callouts where we were turned back.

As we head into spring it's a good opportunity with the lovely weather to get outside and tidy up around the house and yards for the upcoming fire season. Some good ideas include:

- Cut your grass around your house to less than 10cm in length. Keep it as green as possible

Berringa Family Fun Day: The CFA district 24 in conjunction with the Tallangatta group of brigades is holding a family fun day on 8 September from 11am-2pm at Talgarno Recreation Reserve. The day will include a jumping castle, face painting, animal farm, BBQ, coffee van, donut van, CFA displays and more. For more information or to RSVP please contact Elissa Rossiter on e.rossiter@cfa.vic.gov.au or call 02 6043 4418.

If there are any community members who would like to join our brigade, please contact Peter Star or Brendan Pearson or attend one of our monthly BBQs on the second Friday of each month.

*Peter Star, Captain, 0429 436 347
Brendan Pearson, Secretary,
0439 881 440*

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

There is plenty going on at the Talgarno Tennis Club. Monday afternoon tennis coaching has been underway for several weeks and we currently have over 16 kids attending lessons with our coach Paul Sykes. This is a great program for kids learning to play and for those representing the club in Saturday morning pennant.

With spring comes a new Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association season. This year we hope to again field a team in each of the four sections. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the courts on Sunday September 8 at 6pm. Please come along if you are interested in playing tennis this season, have some fundraising ideas, or you'd just like to show your support for the club. If you'd like some input but can't attend the AGM please contact myself (details below), Jarrod Stephenson (President) or Jill Pearson (Treasurer).

We welcome the local community to utilise our picturesque courts – there is always a net set-up for anyone wanting to hit some balls. Our only request is that you leave the courts and surrounds as you found them. Also, if any newcomers are interested in playing Saturday afternoon pennant tennis, please let us know. The K&TD is an excellent country competition, with quality tennis played in a friendly spirit amidst classic country settings.

*Club Secretary
Adam Richardson 0412 560 833*

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Christmas in July

The "Christmas in July" function was held on the first Sunday in July at the Bellbridge Childcare Centre. About 40 elderly residents from the peninsular region attended the function organised by the Rotary club. They were treated to a two-course luncheon with beverages, singalong and friendship.

Lake Hume Fishing Classic

The Lake Hume Fishing Classic will be held on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2019 at the Lake Hume Tourist Park. Registrations can be made at www.lakehumeclassic.com.au or register on-site on Friday 25 October from 4.00pm to 8.30pm, Saturday 26 October from 5.00am until 11.00am. Fishing commences at 6.30am on Saturday morning and concludes at 10.30am on Sunday morning. Meals will be provided on the Saturday night and Sunday lunchtime. Alcoholic and soft drinks will also be available. No BYO alcohol. Random/spot prize draws will be conducted at 8.00pm on Saturday night. Further details are available on the website or contact a Rotarian associated with the Rotary club.

Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club

*Regards,
Andrew Christy 6026 4338*

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Executive

President - Brett Martin

Secretary - Andrew Hird

Treasurer - Karen Pyle

General committee

Matt Gill

Jo Ollington

Terry Macartney

David Elder

To contact us email

bethangareserve@gmail.com or
SMS 0468 350 930

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 on 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.

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Contact either

Peter Star 0429 436 347

Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048



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BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

The 2019/20 Season is fast approaching. The Bethanga Cricket Club is busy planning for the upcoming season. We hope to have two dedicated A & B Grade Teams. Training will commence under the leadership of a coach, mid to late September.

The new committee consists of:
Trent Sirl - President (re-elected)
Kristen (Krusty) Jahne - Treasurer
Jo Ollington & Lynette Tomic - Secretary

We are always keen to hear from new players. Please phone Trent on 0439090333 or follow us on Facebook Bethanga CC

Jo Ollington, Secretary.

Trent Sirl, President 0439 090 333

BONEGILLA HALL CRAFT GROUP

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

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

Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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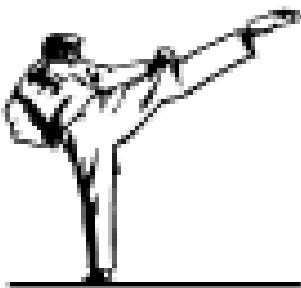
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Bethanga Landcare Group

The air is chilly and the mornings foggy, but winter is a great time of year to get out and about and involved in Landcare activities. This winter has seen Bethanga Landcare members planting trees,

assessing local pest and weed issues and thinking about the importance of native pastures. Water is always on the agenda, with a very dry summer behind us and ever-increasing uncertainty about rainfall and water availability.

In June we held our annual tree giveaway and membership drive and were pleased to see 7 new members sign up, as well as many past members return for another year. The tree giveaway is one of the main ways we touch base with our members so it was great to spend the morning chatting with people about their interests and issues with regards to their own properties. We gave away 480 trees, which will improve the Bethanga landscape in years to come and provide much needed habitat for local fauna. It is not too late to join Bethanga Landcare or renew your membership, so please get in touch.

This year we decided to hold our tree planting day a little earlier to allow more time for trees to establish before the dry summer conditions strike. Our planting day, Sunday June 16, was chilly and overcast with the threat of rain. Nonetheless, 26 Landcare members and friends turned out to assist with the planting of 500 trees on the Bethanga South Commons. The task was made a little easier as we had pre-dug the holes the day before. The weather held just long enough, and as the last plants went into the ground the fog rolled back in,



accompanied by a light drizzly rain – just perfect really. The planting crew then enjoyed a celebratory barbeque, undercover at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

Connection with the community is at the heart of Bethanga Landcare, and over the last few months

this has been demonstrated by our involvement in the Junior Landcare Grant being delivered in partnership with Bethanga Primary School. Students learnt all about the life cycle of plants and seed propagation when Stacey Bell and Kathie Le Busque from Petaurus Education Group visited the school. Varnish Wattle, Mallee Wattle, Burgan and Golden Wattle (our Australian floral emblem) seeds were planted in trays and will be looked after in the school's greenhouse. The latest report is that many seeds have already sprouted - these plants are destined to be planted in the Bethanga area in 2020! An indigenous art class was also held at the



school funded by the grant, with local indigenous educator David Dunn teaching the kids about the many uses of Silver Wattle and other native plants found locally.

2019 is another busy year for Bethanga Landcare. For your calendar, set out below are the key dates for this year's events. Updates to event activities and dates will be noted in future Berringa News editions, however, keep an eye on our Facebook page for any last-minute changes.

Bethanga Landcare hold four Committee meetings each year where the events, planning and budgeting are discussed and decided. As a community organisation and in the spirit of transparency, the committee has chosen to make these meetings open to all interested parties who

would like to attend and share their views. Come along, we look forward to seeing you there.

Bethanga Landcare is a community organisation primarily funded through Landcare grants. The greater our community involvement and membership, the better placed we are in our funding

applications – your participation supports grant funding for local school and community projects. We look forward to seeing you at some of this year's events.

Susanne Watkins, Secretary
bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com

Bethanga Landcare Event	Planned Date	Details
Weeds Field Day	Sunday, October 27	Field excursion, Guest speaker, Barbeque
Year in Review Celebration	Wednesday, December 4	Photo presentation 6:00pm, Bethanga Pub barbeque + finger food

Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group



It has been a quiet time for our group over winter. Simon has been in contact with those landholders who expressed interest in planting trees and shrubs and has distributed plants to those people. We have applied for more funding under the Victorian Landcare Grant program and expect to hear the results shortly. There has been a suggestion that we seek funding for a small wetlands project adjacent to the school and within the Talgarno Recreation Reserve. The next step will be to meet with the school council and establish their interest in this project. It would be a wonderful way to further enhance the children's interest in nature while also adding to the benefits of the Recreation Reserve.

The tree planting day at the Talgarno Cemetery was very successful with the children involved in planting about 400 shrubs and 100 trees at the back of the Cemetery. They showed that they now know how to plant trees and shrubs so we can look forward to some new members in a decade or so.

We will have a get together before the end of the year but at this stage the date hasn't been decided. In the meantime if you have anything that you want to discuss about possible landcare activities please call Simon Feillafe (0438 190 999), Jim de Hennin (0408 978 847) or Greg Hayes (0419 609 042).

AGISTMENT

Springdale Recreation Reserve

Offers are invited to agist the above area for approximately 3 months from November/December (after making hay) to February 28th 2019.

This area includes the Bethanga Golf Course and would be for sheep only. "Conditions Apply"

For further information contact:
Peter Star 0429 436 347.

Offers close Friday 1 November 2019

Mail offers to:

Secretary, Springdale Recreation Reserve
515 Talgarno Gap Road
Bethanga 3691

STANDING GRASS FOR SALE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the "STANDING GRASS" at the Springdale Recreation Reserve (Bethanga Golf Course) for the making of hay. Approximately 13 Ha in Size.

Payment is to be made before commencing harvest.

For further information contact:
Peter Star 0429 436 347

Tenders close on Friday 4 October 2019.

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Well it has been another eventful term at Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre. After months of lobbying, community support and MP representation, we finally achieved what we've all been working towards and secured ongoing funding for the centre!

This is a fantastic outcome for those who currently use the centre. An ongoing childcare presence will ensure local schools continue to grow and prosper, helping to make this area an attractive option for families.

So thank you to our community for your ongoing support – people power is strong and alive in this region!

We would also like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising initiatives over the last term. We continue to be humbled by everyone's generosity. To say thank you, we'd like to invite you to a community BBQ at the centre (Sept/Oct), so watch out for the posters when event details have been finalised.

The centre is seeing numbers increase, with over 28 families now using the facility.

The programme continues to evolve and reflect the interests of the children. Over the last couple of months, the students have enjoyed messy paint play – exploring their senses and creativity. Nature play has been a theme too; collecting sticks, making a campfire and then pretending to roast marshmallows while listening to stories. They have even created their own 'Warnayarra Rainbow Snake' by walking on paint, as part of Naidoc week celebrations. Declan the Music Man dropped into the childcare centre to provide some fun with different instruments, and there was a community morning tea hosted by the centre. The kids are all excited too by their logo– banded T shirts and hoodies!



The 'after school care' students have also been busy with some budding engineers constructing buildings to ascertain how much weight they could hold. Involving students from Bethanga and Talgarno PS, this challenge involved working as a team, exchanging ideas, making discoveries and celebrating their efforts together.



For more information about the centre which runs a 3 year old & 4 year old kinder programme, a 'long day care' and a 'before & after school' program, please contact Nadya Blake, Centre Supervisor on 02 6026 4373

School Values

RAPPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance
Persistence **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.

We have had a very busy start to third term and have packed a lot in to the last 7 weeks.

This term has seen a new staff member begin at Bethanga Primary School and the retirement of another. We welcome Sarah Grove to the school who will be teaching in the junior room. We also said goodbye to Mr Ross Hogan and celebrated his retirement with a school BBQ and drinks at the Pub. Thank you to Finer Frames & Gallery in Wodonga who did a fabulous job framing our retirement gift for Mr Hogan. www.finerframesandgallery.com or find them at 59 High Street Wodonga.



We kicked off our F2020 transition program with a story time and craft session - our littlest learners did a fabulous job and loved creating their Gruffalo puppets!

We had our last regional rehearsal for State School Spectacular - it's all the more real now that costumes have been revealed! Now for the real thing. The performances are on the 14th September.



The 5/6 students donned white lab coats and explored natural disasters through earthquake and quick sand experiments! Our students loved the experience - not only an opportunity to get into Science for Science week but also a great chance to become more familiar with the surroundings at secondary school.



The students in 3-6 commenced our drama in literacy program being facilitated by Rachel from [Sydney Theatre Company](http://SydneyTheatreCompany.com). Students actively participated in a range of activities which aim to not only boost engagement and confidence, but enhance vocabulary and literacy skills... to inspire creative writers!

A fabulous day was enjoyed with our Cluster friends acknowledging NAIDOC at Walwa Primary School. Students explored aboriginal artefacts with Koorie Engagement in Schools staff (KESOs) enjoyed aboriginal stories, cooking and painting. Thanks for having us Walwa Primary School.

Students in the junior room having been counting down the days in terms 1 and 2 till they got to 100 days at school and then we held a celebration to acknowledge this. We had a dress up day where the students could come as some very old students or students from yester years. There were plenty of activities around the number 100. To top off all of our 100 day celebrations... an F-2 sleepover!!





Book Week at Bethanga Primary School

Week 6 this term, Bethanga Primary School celebrated Book Week. We had a great week with lots happening. It was great to see the students and parents get involved and support all the activities.

The theme for this year's Book Week was "Reading is my super Power"

We kicked off Book Week with 'Books and Breakfast', followed by the students' favourite - book scavenger hunt! We discovered new books in the library and explored text through continued novel study... we love to read at Bethanga Primary - reading really is a superpower!



Then on the Wednesday night we had 'Books before Bedtime'. Students, teachers and parents came in their pyjamas or dressing gowns to share their enjoyment of books. This was a lovely night – we reached our goal of reading 100 books, enjoyed hot chocolate and had some volunteers sort our fiction shelves as well!!



Book Week came to a close with what better finale than a dress up day! Thank you to students, siblings, parents and teachers who participated in either wearing or constructing the fabulous book inspired costumes! It was also great to see the students match their costumes with the books their character appears in.



Talgarno Primary School

NAIDOC DAY AT WALWA PS

On Wednesday 24th July we joined all of our cluster schools for a fantastic day of celebration for NAIDOC week at Walwa PS. Students were involved in activities to deepen their understanding of the indigenous culture. They made indigenous artwork, plaited bracelets, made Johnny cakes, read traditional stories and explored Aboriginal artefacts. We were very lucky to have Sally and Rosie our two Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO) from Wodonga share their knowledge and culture with us. The students had an amazing day interacting with their friends from the cluster schools. We were also lucky enough to come home with a beautiful handmade artwork created by students on the day.

SPORTS NEWS

Congrats to these students for making the next level of athletics:

Klancie Star for high jump, long jump, hurdles and 100m.

Holly Hall for discus and 800m.

Malakai Blazely for high jump.

We wish them all the very best when they compete next term.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

On Friday 26th July our whole school took part in National Tree Planting Day with Talgarno Landcare. Our students planted lots and lots of trees at the Talgarno Cemetery and learnt all about the types of trees we were planting and why we were planting them there. After all of our hard work digging holes, planting and mulching we were rewarded with a BBQ lunch and a can of soft drink. It was a fabulous day and we can't wait to see the plants grow over time.



BOOK WEEK

Book Week starts on Monday 19th August and will run for the whole week. During the week students will be taking part in some fun activities around the book week theme 'Reading is my Secret Power'. On Tuesday our Foundations for 2020 will be spending the morning with us and taking part in some book week activities. On Wednesday students are invited to dress up in either a superhero costume or as a character from a book. We can't wait to see all of the wonderful costumes.



SCIENCE WITH MRS RANKIN

Last Thursday we learnt about bridges and what shapes make bridges strong. The 3-6 students then got to test out their engineering skills and build their very own bridge to hold as many marbles as possible. They were able to use paper straws, pipe cleaners and 1m of sticky tape. All students were able to complete the task and designed and built some very impressive bridges. Klancie was the overall winner with a bridge that could hold 68 marbles, a fantastic effort! The F-2 students also build bridges using Lego to span a gap in 2 tables, so much fun!

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