

Berringa Community News

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

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The Community Helps Rescue Injured Skier from Lake Hume

Sunday the 26th of March saw a busy day for Ambulance Victoria on Lake Hume with the rescue of a high-speed water skier.

The call came out early in the morning that a man at the Hume Boat Club was injured in the skiing accident. The local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and CFA were despatched as well as an Ambulance crew from Wodonga.

The CERT team was first on scene and quickly established from witnesses in another boat the accident had occurred much further up the Murray River arm of Lake Hume and the skier was still in the water. He had a period of no feeling in his lower limbs and was floating alongside his tow boat. The exact location was not known but believed to be somewhere near 'Zauners place'. By this time further Ambulance resources were called in.

Local knowledge by CERT was then used to follow tracks and attend properties along the Murray River Road while the Ambulance crew set up a Command Post at the Boat Club. It was during this phase that local community members put themselves out to assist. Gary Zauner and his son Cam helped in a search of the lakeside to locate the stricken skier and the boat by using their small 4-

wheeler to drive along the shoreline.

Eventually the skier was located coming to shore at 'Reflections on Hume'. He was still clinging to the side of the boat which was being inched forward slowly by another boat. All the while the skier was supported in the water by his wife. Obviously the potential of a spinal injury was high in minds of the skier and his friends and they were doing everything to ensure the best possible outcome: working calmly, slowly and methodically keeping him stable and afloat in the water rather than pulling him out of the water.

Ambulance Victoria had already despatched the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS). The chopper was soon at the exact location, guided by the GPS co-ordinates provided by the CERT radio. The Zauner team (now also with his son Chris and wife Tracy) assisted by ferrying the HEMS Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) Paramedic to the water's edge.

The skier was still in the water and a plan developed to get the skier from the water to the shore. One of the CERT team with the assistance of a CFA member and two of the skiers entered the water with a spine board (scoop) and carefully floated the

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patient onto the scoop. The skier in his 30s was extremely co-operative despite being in obvious pain.

Once on-shore medical attention commenced by the HEMS Paramedic, assisted shortly after by two MICA Paramedics from Wodonga (one arriving by boat with the Coastguard) and two other Ambulance crew members, with all road crews directed to the location by the Zauner family.

The next part of the rescue – involving a full assessment of the patient together with pain relief, spine protection with a cervical collar and then finally stabilisation for transfer by air – was a text book operation by Ambulance personnel. The assistance provided non-ambulance personnel was invaluable, from holding up IV fluids, to shade protection and finally carefully carrying the patient by stretcher for some distance over very uneven ground. Special mention should be given at this point to the Modra family from 'Reflections on Hume' who generously provided blankets and towels to some of the rescuers as well as water and soft drinks to all who needed them. Be-

lieve me, they were much appreciated, particularly the HEMS personnel who still had a flight ahead of them and had worked tirelessly in rather hot conditions for some 4 hours by this time.

The skier was taken by HEMS to Melbourne for treatment for his injuries.

This operation highlighted a number of things: the recognition of the possibility of spinal injury and the importance of applying simple measures to protect against further injury; the importance of providing as much information as possible about the location; the capability of local Ambulance services and the availability of HEMS to assist where necessary. But, perhaps most importantly it emphasised what a great community we live in when people like the Zauner's and the Modra's open their hearts and give freely of their time and resources to assist someone in trouble at their back door; a place where other members of the community donate their time to volunteer for services like CFA and CERT.

*David Cottee
Berringa CERT*

Berringa Firies Calendar Update

On the 12th May at the Talgarno fire shed BBQ, we were delighted to present a cheque for \$1000 each to the Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno fire brigades.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped out and to our fantastic sponsors: Bethanga General Store, Dan Mitchell Building & Development, Excell Gray Bruni, George Stahl Electrical, Jono Green Farm Services, Laura Kate Design, Michael McCormick Bricklaying, Mitchell Pastoral Bethanga, Premium Earthworks, Lakeside Building & Renovations, Steeline, Supaturf, Wilson Transformers, Wunderbar, Bethanga Courthouse Hotel, FJ Star & Sons, HR & P Green, Jamie Swinnerton Electrical, PDI Antennas, Reds Carpentry, Stephen & Kate Naismith, The Wool Press, Trim Taut Terrific Fitness.

A Group of Peninsula Friends Fundraise for a good cause

On Saturday morning 20 May a group of Peninsula friends hosted a morning tea at Julie and Jim de Hennin's home at Talgarno to raise money for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. The very successful event raised \$4387.60 for the AWR Cancer Centre. Guests were invited to bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. We certainly have some fabulous cooks in our area!!!!

During the morning three raffles were run consisting of prizes that had been handmade and/or donated by local residents and/or businesses; plants stall; books stall and produce stall. Items on these stalls were popular with enthusiastic purchasers.

An auction was also conducted by local auctioneer Craig Schubert of a painting donated by Cecily and John McKenzie-McHarg in memory of their son Brendan who died from cancer a few years ago. The painting was painted by local artist Joan Lehmann and the winning bidder was local resident Nene Green.



A delicious morning tea in the garden was enjoyed amidst autumn leaves and Peter Klein serenading guests.

Julie de Hennin

Local Award Winner

Julie Miller, Team Leader of the local CERT Team was a winner in the 2017 Minister for Health Volunteer Awards.

The annual awards recognise the hard work and generosity of the countless volunteers that give their time and talent in hospitals, ambulance services, community health, mental health and aged care.

Minister for Health Jill Hennessy handed out the 14 awards, congratulating the recipients on their outstanding work, which ranged from leadership in raising awareness within the community around specific health issues, to closely caring for the most vulnerable.

Julie was the winner of the Outstanding Achievement by a Volunteer: Improving Patient Experience

Julie has a strong passion to ensure her team and community are provided with a community first responder team, which is reflected in her passion and drive to nurture and support the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). First responders are volunteers who are dispatched at the same time as an ambulance, and they provide basic emergency care services within their local community until the ambulance arrives.

A founding member of her local CERT, Julie has been instrumental in ensuring the CERT provides a vital 24-hour service to the community. Julie not only performs the hands-on role, she is also a vital link that maintains the team's cohesion, wellbeing, support and ensures that the CERT delivers on its

promise.

Due to Julie's long support for the CERT and her commitment to maintaining a solid working relationship with Ambulance Victoria, she has developed a team of motivated, self-driven group of volunteers who are dependable; loyal and genuinely happy to be a part of a venture that is stressful and challenging. The community benefits from the dramatic reduction in the time taken to deliver an emergency response, and Ambulance Victoria benefits from a reduction in volunteers leaving the program, continued support for the program and consistent management of a reliable and dependable remote team.



ANZAC Day at Bethanga

ANZAC Day 2017 at the Bethanga Hall was a very well attended morning of remembrance, which, due to the wet weather, was held inside. MC, John Tudor, welcomed all present and apologised for Bob and Betty Price, who have been regular contributors to the ceremony and were unable to attend this year. He then read a short address written by Betty. A catafalque party from Army Logistics Training Centre, Bandiana performed the flag raising and lowering ceremony. Guest speaker, Warrant Officer 2, Darren Hill, also from Army Logistics Training Centre, Bandiana, addressed the crowd, referring to the wide range of conflicts our men and women have served so bravely in over many years and in various locations.

Our local talent helped to make the service a moving experience. Peter Klein sang a moving rendition of "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda". Alison Hovar and Kelly Gibson sang "Abide With Me" and "Amazing Grace", adding depth with their lovely harmonies. Brendon Pearson, played the Last Post and Reveille. Students from Bethanga and Talgarno primary schools led the crowd in an enthusiastic rendition of both verses of the National Anthem.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from Towong Shire, CERT, Bethanga Fire Brigade, Victoria Police, Bethanga Cricket Club, Bethanga Primary, Talgarno Primary and the Hall Committee. John concluded the ceremony, thanking all contributors and commenting on our talented local musicians. A tasty morning tea was enjoyed by all, especially by the young soldiers of the catafalque party, after they had dried off!



Williams Descendant Reunion

On May 6 descendants of Reuben Edwin Williams and Susannah Maria Watts family gathered at "Gleningle" - Don and Marita (nee Williams) Elliot's Talgarno property.

People travelled long distances to attend the delicious luncheon held in the gardens of Don and Marita's home. Many described the home and garden as delightful in the perfect autumn weather.



Many stories and tales were told of times spent in Talgarno and Bethanga. The Williams family spent time at "Goonibil", "Greyleigh", "Gleningle", "Reuben's Run", "Thistlecamp", "Hilltop" and the little white weather board house up the road from the school, known to locals as "Elkins"

Reuben and Susannah had a large family. Two of their sons, Samuel and Albert were the only family members that stayed in the district. Their



children attended Talgarno Primary School. The children of the next generation, attended both Talgarno and Bethanga Primary schools.

"Gleningle" has been associated with the Williams family since 1933. The Smith cousins enjoyed telling tales of their time living at Gleningle, with other cousins often visiting for meals prepared by Amy Smith (nee Williams), their mother.

Family members were able to catch up with descendants of the Williams family who had moved out of the district, namely, Annie Lawson (nee Williams) descendants.

A big thank you to Ron Trewella for researching and sharing his extensive family history.

Marita is the only Williams family member still residing in the Talgarno/Bethanga region.

Family members also took the opportunity to celebrate Jim Stapleton's 104th birthday. Jim was married to Nell Williams for 76 years. Nell passed away in 2016 at the age of 99 and 10 months. Nell was a daughter of Albert Williams.

Tammy Dean & Marita Elliot

Do you remember the 1938 Grand Final?

Jim Stapleton shared his memories of Bethanga Football Club's game against Lavington in Hume League 1938 Grand Final .

Bethanga was the only team from Victoria, all other teams fielded were from New South Wales.

The grand final was well known as the blood bath.

Jim spent 4 days in hospital following the final to awake to his future wife Nell Williams by his bedside. An amazing marriage of 76 years followed.

The match was stopped mid-play due to the Lavington team being disqualified.

Jack Mortlock was the Bethanga team captain and many locals were in the team. Local identities who played for Bethanga were Paddy Lees, Jack Sommers, Norm Martin, Norm Trewella, Vic Hertzog, Jim Hanley, Frank Retallick, John Vinge and three Butler boys from Tallangatta. Jim recalled that the grand final team was a great team.

The Woods boys, Stuart and Michael and Bob Martin enjoyed listening to Jim's many stories. They were amazed that Jim is still driving his car at age 104. Jim was proud to show them his driver's license. Jim is a very fit and able person.

Stuart was quoted as saying "He's an amazing old man. We all agreed he is indeed an old man".



Left to right: Stuart Wood, Bob Martin, Jim Stapleton, Michael Woods at the Bethanga Hotel on Sunday, May 7 enjoying lunch as part of the Williams family reunion.

*From the Albury Banner and Wodonga Express
Friday 9 September 1938*

LAVINGTON PREMIERS IN ROUGH FINAL BETHANGA OVERWHELMED UMPIRE THROWN ASIDE

The premiership match of the Hume League, between Lavington and Bethanga, played at Jindera on Saturday, was a rough and tumble affair from start to finish. Lavington won without effort. The gate was £57,

On numerous occasions blows were struck, and in one instance the umpire, who rushed in to stop a melee, was violently thrown aside. Tripping and elbowing, which in some instances appeared deliberate, were common incidents of the play, and only on rare occasions was systematic play seen. By way of comparison, the match was 'miles behind' the first semi-final played on the same ground between Bethanga and Walbundrie.

Lavington won the toss, and with the help of a strong breeze blowing across the ground, soon had a good lead. Bethanga was on the defence throughout the quarter, and failed to score. At the first change over Lavington led by 21 points to nil.

It was expected that with the wind in its favor, Bethanga would make up the leeway in the second quarter, but Lavington added three goals.

Play was interrupted by fighting, and when the goal umpire tripped over a boy he was unable to signal the score, and play ceased for 10 minutes and gave way to arguments and explanations. Lavington were 35 points in front at half-time, and increased the lead as the game progressed. Final scores were-

**Lavington, 17 goals 23 behinds
Bethanga, 5 goals 6 behinds.**

Goal-kickers. — Lavington: L. O'Connell 4, T. Farley, T. Gulson, J. Livermore and S. Prater 3 each, W. Dawson and H. McIntosh. Bethanga: W. Butler 3, T. Barnett.2.

Best players: Lavington, T. Gulson, E. Collins, L. O'Connell, T. Farley, W. Dawson, C. Lee, A. Lord; Bethanga, J. Somers, T. Barnett, J. Mortlock, N. Martin, J. Packer, A. Dower, W. Butler.

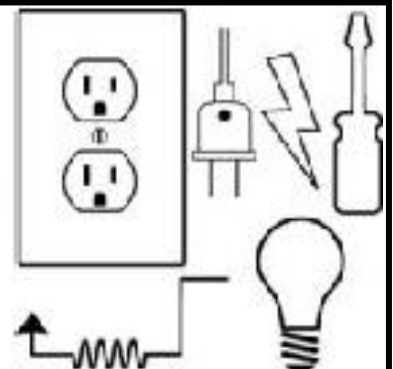
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Mothers Day High Tea @ The Woolpress Granya

Talgarno Primary School hosted a Mothers Day High Tea fundraiser at the Wool Press in Granya. 90 locals attended the themed event bringing family and friends from local and afar. It was a relaxing afternoon set in the valleys of Granya at The Wool Press which allowed for the mums to have a unique and indulgent day.

The event was catered for by "Tea By Three" who cooked up a storm, serving a variety of cute sandwiches and delicate savouries, followed by traditional high tea desserts and beverages (of course including tea!!). It was somewhat like taking a step back in history to the social era of the 1900's in

England with a contemporary Australiana feel. Complimenting one another was the elegant royal Albert crockery, rose coloured crystal wine glasses and the rustic industrial feel of the renovated shearing shed, decorated with weeping willow, vintage tea pots, flowers and eucalyptus.

There were many people in the community who volunteered their time to make this event a huge success. Talgarno Primary would like to shout out a massive thank you to all those involved. The fundraising committee at Talgarno Primary are looking at making this an annual event.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated gifts and attended on the day to support Talgarno Primary School!

Overnight Camping at Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

The Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee is hosting a community information session at the Recreation Reserve on **Saturday 17 June**, commencing at **11:00am**, to provide information and consult with the Bethanga community about a proposal for overnight camping at the reserve.

Casual overnight camping has been occurring at Bethanga Recreation Reserve (BRR) for many years. Campers have often stayed overnight following a function at the reserve, however recently visitors to the region have been coming to BRR to camp overnight.

Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (BRRCOM) would like to formalise the casual overnight camping process and encourage travellers who would use the reserve for the sole purpose of camping.

- ◆ An increase in visitors at BRR would result in an increase in business for Bethanga businesses
- ◆ From experience with previous overnight campers they are willing to make a modest donation to the reserve in lieu of payment for staying at the reserve and accessing the facilities. This would provide an income towards maintenance of the reserve and to improve facilities.
- ◆ The site location for the camping area is between the entrance road and Bethanga Creek opposite the tennis courts. The site has been chosen for high visual amenity and privacy for campers, is screened by existing vegetation with minimal visibility to Bethanga residents living on Hollow St, is close to facilities e.g. toilets & showers and does not affect to usual operations/access e.g. Cricket training & general car parking etc.
- ◆ a camping 'check in' information area would be es-
- ◆ There is demand for low cost casual overnight camping in North East Victoria.

established which would detail the camping policies including a suggested donation for staying at the reserve.

- ◆ Casual overnight camping is unlikely to result in increased rubbish at the reserve. BRR facilities include public showers, toilets and outside kitchen areas. Waste management policy will prohibit the dumping of any waste on reserve ground including grey water. Signage will detail locations of dump points in the region.
- ◆ The reserve has adequate amenities for camping. Current amenities are an external men's toilet block, external women's toilet block, 2 showers and camp kitchen with sink and pizza oven. Safe pedestrian access to the general store, post office, Bethanga Hotel and police station has been provided by an internal walking track.

- ◆ a rostered camp supervisor will be nominated to monitor and manage compliance issues
- ◆ A good neighbour policy will outline the standards expected when staying at the reserve. Any serious anti-social behaviour or public safety concerns will be referred to the Victorian Police.
- ◆ Campers will be permitted to stay a maximum of seven nights. The Camping supervisor will monitor, and discuss with campers if there is a problem. Power can be cut if non-compliance. Campers wishing to stay longer than seven nights will be encouraged to negotiate a short-term agreement with BRRCOM.
- ◆ The residents living immediately adjacent to the reserve have been consulted. There is nil opposition to the camping proposal.

If you cannot attend the meeting send your comments or questions to bethangareserve@gmail.com

Record 2017 Lake Hume Cycle Challenge (LHCC) Good for The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre

Wow! The 2017 Johnsons MME Lake Hume Cycle Challenge was a huge success with record participation in 4 of the 5 rides. Bellbridge-Lake Hume Rotary Club Treasurer Rob Lees said the 2017 donation from the ride will be close to \$20,000. This boosts the Cycle Event's total donation to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre to over \$100,000. Amazing!

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge (LHCC) was held on Feb 25 attracting close to 900 riders (600 on roads and 300 on town trails). The weather was mild and riders had a great day. Out of town visitors were all smiles praising the stunning scenery of the Kiewa Valley and relaxing riverside Noreuil Park "Chillzone".



Ride Director, Colin Maginnity, offers a big thank you to the members, partners and friends of the Rotary Clubs of Bellbridge-Lake Hume, Albury North and Wodonga Central. High 5 to the Ulysses Motorcycle Club who provided professional escort.

With the Riverina Highway upgrade continuing, rides had to be re-routed south of Lake Hume. Thanks to our first time Rider Reviver stop helpers at the Dederang Primary School, Kergunyah Rural Fire Brigade and Kiewa Valley Primary School.

Congratulations to Jayco Albury-Wodonga for winning the "Corporate Challenge", and St Patrick's Albury who won the "Primary School Challenge"

It costs money to run the LHCC, so thanks to our Major Sponsors; Johnsons MME, Drummond Real Estate, Jayco Albury-Wodonga, Commercial Club of Albury, and Albury City Council and the business who kindly donated equipment and prizes

Finally, thank you to our local riders and all the motorists who were very patient and looked after our riders and visitors on the day. The Event has become a major fundraiser for the Border, also bringing new visitors to area spending substantial tourist \$\$ at local hospitality businesses. It's all worth it when you see the facilities that the ride has helped provide in the now operational Wellness Centre.

Would you like to see this Event become the premier recreation cycle Event of inland SE Australia? Your ideas to improve the Event are welcome, as are volunteers to help organise next year's ride

We would love more helpers and active Sponsors. If you are interest, or can think of someone, please contact Colin on 0438 264 365.

Nepal: A Most Humbling Experience

Having nursed for over 35 years and currently working at Tallangatta Health Service and Federation Clinic, I was fortunate to be selected as a volunteer on a medical team travelling to Nepal with Open Heart International. Open Heart International has been involved in Nepal since 1989. I was travelling with the Women's Health Team, whose primary goal is to provide humanitarian relief to Nepal's marginalised women. We were based at the Scheer Memorial Hospital, Benapa, Nepal, approximately 25kms east from Kathmandu, a 2 hour bus trip.

World Health Organisation estimates reveal that one in every ten Nepalese women of reproductive age is suffering from uterine prolapse. Risk factors include early pregnancy, poor child spacing and resuming heavy work too soon after childbirth. These women suffer from incontinence, irritation and pain, abscesses and complications impacting future pregnancies, leading to social isolation, abuse and abandonment. The surgeries involved vaginal hysterectomies, posterior and anterior vaginal repairs, other gynaecological surgeries and surgery to improve urinary incontinence. Approximately 80 surgeries were carried out in ten days. Our team of 27 included surgeons, including Obstetrician and Gynaecologists (O & G), Urologist, Anaesthetists, theatre, anaesthetic and ward nurses.

We had carried 10kg individually of medical supplies with us to Scheer Memorial Hospital. I was working as a ward nurse caring for women and their families pre- and post-operatively and also spent time in the assessment clinic with an extremely experienced retired O & G. Being in theatre, with a step by step explanation of the surgeries being performed and with even a sneak peek at a maternity delivery, greatly expanded my women's health knowledge. To give these women an opportunity to return to their families and communities was the most humbling experience.

The women received a bag with shampoo, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc to take home, everyday commodities we take for granted. Pre-operatively they were also given a warm blanket, donated by an O & G, to take home. Many women had never slept in a bed so some were harder than others to get up post-surgery. This wasn't due to the surgery but again due to having a comfort we take for granted.

Many of the women had travelled many kilometres to Benapa for their surgery. In a far west region of Nepal, a village named "Doti" was a three day bus trip plus walking, for the women to get to the Scheer Memorial Hospital for surgery. Once discharged post-surgery, these most grateful women stayed nearby at a hotel before journeying back to their homes.

Scheer Memorial conditions were very different from Australia, with frequent power outages that required using a phone for light. The women had their own bathroom area to share with their family. (We were advised not to attend this area due to hygiene reasons.) Their families would organise the patient's meals, mostly dahl, and then about 9pm the family members would all pull up sleeping bags or mats on the floor to sleep.

The Nepalese nurses were the most beautiful, caring girls

and were in their third year of study in a 4 year course. (Men are not allowed to become nurses in Nepal.) As well as being committed nurses, they were also our translators and were so grateful for the knowledge and experience we shared. The extremely capable registered nurses carried out many duties and were also so gentle and understanding with the women and their families.

I also helped an anaesthetist teach CPR. Education is something we take for granted here. Team members shared their specialty with the hospital staff and with very limited equipment, several sessions were held with the grateful staff.



We stayed at a local hotel and could bus to and from work each day. However, one of my highlights was walking 5.3 kms over the mountain to work, when possible. This was an amazing opportunity. We passed many women carrying extremely heavy loads (on their backs!), children milking their cows and playing simple games at their houses.

My volunteering experience in Nepal was more than just a trip to Nepal; it enabled me to expand my knowledge greatly. It was being part of a team that makes a difference to marginalised women and their families, making new friends and taking home many fabulous memories, and without a doubt, appreciating everyday things that we take for granted. I am hoping to return with the team again in 2018. Lastly, thank you very much to all those that made generous donations to the Open Heart International program. All the donations are greatly appreciated and make these life-changing surgeries possible.

Sue Reid

The following morning some walkers in Wises Creek called in to café Eileen for a cuppa



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Pub News

The last three months have been busy at times with the great weather, a lake still reasonably full, a perfect weekend for Easter, many group functions and reunions and tourists visiting our beautiful region.

Footy Tipping has generated a lot of interest and at the time of writing:

Al Stevo and Brodie Sirl are 1st on 48

Ian Mo, Bristle and Eagle Magic (Trish) are on 46

Tony Murray, Trent Sirl and Tubby are on 45.

In the juniors:

Eli Carmody is on 44

Will Scammell 43

Charlie Scammell and Jack Scammell are on 40.

Music Club sessions have been well attended and we have seen new faces and some old musicians return (after 10 years).

Coming Events:

Saturday 10 June : Music Club (Queen's Birthday weekend)

Wednesday 12 July : Girls' Night Out – a fashion night with our local dressmaker (see ad)

Saturday 15 July : Music Club

Saturday 12 August : Music Club

I am trying to organise a comedy night with Mark Murphy – a date is yet to be set. Watch for flyers or emails!

Winter is coming, the fires are burning at the pub : hearty meals ... and don't forget takeaway pizza and Chinese.

Cheers,

Leslie and the team



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Bethanga Gymkhana & Family Fun Day.

We managed to snag a beautiful autumn day for our Gymkhana this year. The good weather and fun activities attracted 586 adults and just as many, if not more, kids. A lot of new faces this year. Many of the families holidaying at the Lake Hume Caravan Park attended, and the feedback was very positive. Locals won their fair share of prizes, however, some went to Wodonga, Albury, Wangaratta and Sydney. A wonderful turn out of horses of all colours and sizes were competing for the spoils in the Showjumping, Hack, and Novelty arenas. As well as the locals from the Albury and Wodonga area, we had competitors from as far away as Wollert, Killawarra, Hopetoun Park, Cranbourne, Narre Warren, Gembrook, Lancefield and Kilmore. Many arrived on the Friday and stayed until the Sunday, and all vowed they would be back next year.

We had two new attractions this year. Captain Peter Klein ran a busking event. A dozen or so had the courage to participate and the great music and singing entertained us all. The Bethanga C.F.A., along with their mascot Captain Koala, was in attendance this year. They had a steady stream of kids donning the uniform and having a go on the hose. They start training them young these days !!

After 22 years of running the BBQ, Dave and Lyn Mackin and Danny and Carol Hirt retired after last years Gymkhana. We hope they all enjoyed having the Easter break off. A massive effort to have done it for so long. It is the first time that we can recall that a Mackin has not been associated with the barbeque, as Reg, the late father of Dave, volunteered in that area for many many years. We knew that finding replacements for these good people was not going to be easy. Luckily for us, the Talgarno Fire Brigade took up the challenge. We threw them in the deep end and they all came up swimming. And they had to. It was extremely busy. We used 12 more loaves of bread and the takings were up by \$600-00. A little bit of the Mackin family will be with us each year though, for it is their tent that the secretary works out of each year. We are sure if Dave, Lyn, Danny and Carol are at a loose end next Easter, the new team would be most grateful for their assistance.

As usual, the contestants in the Iron Man, Iron Woman and Pie Eating competitions entertained us all. Shaun "helmet" Croxford from Benalla was just a bit too good for Brodie "princess" Sirl. Or could it have been a broken "jumping bucket" that was to blame!! The recently married Jess "Mrs princess" Sirl was triumphant over Melissa Doughty from Albury in the ladies version. Well-done Jess!! The meat pie was replaced this year by apple pie and cream. Mark Torrens beat Ross Mitchell and Samuel Reynolds in this event, but all contestants ended up with cream all over their faces. A field of 14 contested the Men's Gift where Joe Hodgkin was successful over Caleb Styles and Brodie Sirl. Casey Mitchell was the fastest of the 12 competitors in the ladies gift with Megan Paton and Claire Coyle filling the placing's.

The dog jump is always a favourite for many. Both divisions were hotly contested with Scrappy successful over Sandi and Polly in the small dog section. Mac out jumped Gomez in the medium dog section. Both divisions put on a marvellous display and the winner wasn't decided in either section until the 10th round.

A gymkhana has been held in Bethanga each Easter Saturday for well over 100 years. For many years, prior to government grants being available, it was the main fundraiser for our wonderful local hall, and an old time dance was always held in the hall on the Saturday night. Things have changed a bit since then. Now, all of the groups within our community that assist with the running of the event, benefit financially from it. We have had our ups and downs and had some hurdles to negotiate along the way but in the past five years \$19,500-00 has been distributed to groups in our community. Well she is all done and dusted, but not quiet packed away, for another year. If you did something, made something or gave something in the lead up to or on the day, we sincerely thank you. If you came along with a horse in tow or the kids in tow, we thank you for supporting our event. We hope you all enjoyed the day.

Mary Northey (Secretary)
On behalf of the Committee.
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Below is a listing of those firms and individuals that assisted us with our day. Some gave a financial donation and others gave gifts or vouchers. We sincerely thank one and all and request that you support them where you can.

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BETHANGA GYMKHANA 2017 RESULTS.

| EVENT | PRIZE | WINNER |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Lucky Gate Prize | \$50-00 Bunnings Gift Voucher | Jo Wilson, Wodonga |
| Lucky Gate Prize | \$50-00 Coles/Myer Gift Voucher | Lachlan Mudra |
| Lucky Gate Prize | \$50-00 Beazleys Meat Voucher | Manei, Bethanga |
| Lucky Gate Prize | Easter Egg Basket | Rylee Hooper, Wangaratta |
| Lucky Gate Prize | Two Towels | Don Walter |
| Lotto Raffle | \$600-00 | Leslie Smith, Bethanga Pub |
| Lotto Raffle | \$5-00 Scratchie | Cameron McInness, Kate O'Grady, Sara Bayliss, Kelby Eddington |

| Event | Actual | Guess | Winner | Runner Up |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------|--|
| Bale of Wool Weight | 189kgs 1 | 187.2 | Alex McKenna | Leo Kirk |
| Lollies in the Jar | 96 | 196 | Chris Wilson & Aliah McDonnell | Chris won the draw. Aliah a consolation prize. |
| Step the Distance-Men | 5888mm | 5800mm | Chris Cawood | Justin Cawood |
| Step the Distance-Ladies | 5733mm | 6050mm | Eliza Goyne | Chris Wilson |
| Pole Height | 6074mm | 6000mm | Bill Linden & Clare McDonald | Chris Cawood |

| Event | Winner | Runner Up |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nail Driving - Men's | Chris Cawood, Sandy Creek | Justin Cawood, Sandy Creek |
| Nail Driving - Ladies | Tls | Michelle Avery |
| Nail Driving - Kids | Jack Neilson | Tls Lightning |
| Handball - Open | Noah Amery, Tallangatta | Noah Amery, Tallangatta |
| Handball - Kids | Alex Swinnerton, Bethanga | Will Mitchell, Bethanga |
| Soccer Goal Shoot - Open | Shaun | Thomas |
| Soccer Goal Shoot - Kids | Luke Carty | Jack Booth and Heath Reek. |
| Golf Putting - Men's | Bruce Mitchell | Adam Carty |
| Golf Putting - Ladies | Eliza Goyne, Wodonga | Tina Mitchell, Bethanga |
| Golf Putting - Kids | Joe | Stella |

| Event | First | Second | Third |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gift - Gents | Joe Hodgkin | Caleb Styles | Brodie Sirl |
| Gift - Ladies | Casey Mitchell | Megan Paton | Claire Coyle |
| Iron Man | Shaun Croxford | Brodie Sirl | |
| Iron Woman | Jessica Sirl | Melissa Doughty | |
| Pie Eating | Mark Torrens | Ross Mitchell | Samuel Reynolds |

| Artwork | First | Second | Third |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Foundation, Year 1 & 2 | Taylor Daly (B) | Daniel Richardson (B) & Ari Filby (T) | Elsie Star (T) |
| Year 3 & 4 | Tilly Pearson (T) and Charlotte Ladanay (B) | Lauchlan Eddington (B) | Brooke Ramadge (T) |
| Year 5 & 6 | Cameron Dale (B) | Zane Filby (T) | Will Mitchell (B) & Ella Medwell (B) |

(B) Bethanga PS
(T) Talgarno PS



Riders (left to right): Deb Booth (background), Will Pritchard, Vicki Cottee, Summah Dryden

Bec's Banter

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

We have been doing quite a bit of experimenting with Ponds!!!

I absolutely love the sound, the look and wildlife that 'water' can bring to your garden. It can bring a much more diverse range of 'life' into your garden. We currently have 3 small ponds all with varying degrees of plant life and fish. We just have goldfish at the moment, but I have been doing some research into getting some Native fish when I put in the larger pond.

<https://www.thefishworks.com.au/fish-available>
<http://www.ozwatergardens.com.au/fish-ponds>
<http://www.betterpetsandgardens.com.au/fish/pond-fish/>

And I am currently looking into getting someone in (small excavator) to create a 'BIG' pond in the front paddock. I'm very excited. I'm looking at a very 'natural' looking pond with soft edges, river stones and lots and lots of edge plants as well as some bog plants.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s1135137.htm>
<http://www.ozwatergardens.com.au/zone-two>

I have found some fantastic water plants at our local Bunnings as well as Peards Albury, but there are also some fantastic websites that sell Native, and Indigenous water and bog plants.

<http://www.watergardenparadise.com.au/australiannative.php>
<http://www.ozwatergardens.com.au/australian-native-plants>

I have noticed an increase in frogs, insects as well as different bird species, particularly in summer when there are several water options available for birds and wildlife.

One thing I am particularly passionate about are 'bees'. Honey bees as well as our amazing native bees and wasps. We are not doing them any favours around the world at the moment, and it is a real worry. Creating a safe place for them to rehydrate and gather some water is really really important (and Fun) especially if you have kids. One of the plants that our Bees find really attractive is the Native 'Azolla', the bees are able to land on it and be safe to get their water, it is quite fabulous to watch.

To add to your waterer you could then work on a 'insect' motel, which is another one on my list.

<http://www.glenn-apiaries.com/beepond.html>
<https://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/make-watering-hole-bees-your-bee-friendly-garden.html>
<https://www.intelligentliving.co/make-bee-waterer-help-hydrate-pollinators/>

I have included several websites that I have found really useful if you might be interested in putting some water in to your garden space too.

I'm off to find my excavator person.

Bec



Small Natural Pond



Just one option to create water for our insects and bees

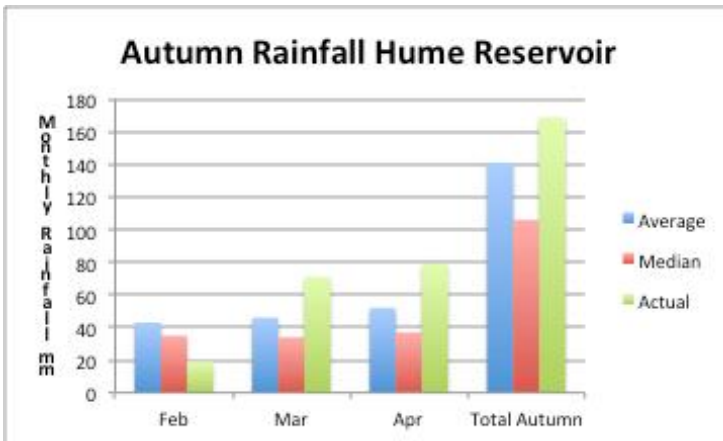
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Rainfall Round-up

The autumn rainfall (February to end April) was 169 mm, 60% above the median (106 mm) and 20% above the average (141 mm). February was well below average while March and April were well above average. Most of the March rain came in a dump over two days with a slow moving low pressure trough delivering 64 mm out of the total of 71 for the month. There was a similar result in April with 46 mm on the 25th and 26th.



Temperatures over autumn were close to average despite a very hot day in February (42.7 degrees). Elsewhere, March was the hottest on record.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested there was a 35-45% chance that we could expect better than median average autumn rainfall but in fact we exceeded the median. I'm sure nobody is complaining about that and that you understand that forecasts are not predictions they are just indicating what is most likely to occur. Seven out of the eight climate models that are reported suggested average rainfall for autumn so they pretty much got it right. It was only the BOM model that had suggested drier than average.

Prospects for winter (May to end July)

Those of you who watch ABC's Landline program will have seen that we are still on an El Niño watch. The chance of an El Niño developing this year is around 50%, twice the normal chance. The reason for this is that the temperature of the Pacific Ocean in the mid Pacific is warmer (by about 0.5 degrees) than normal and that is one of the conditions required for an El Niño to develop. The other conditions are not yet in place so it is impossible to say with any certainty whether an El Niño will develop. A slim majority (5 out of 8) of the models suggest that the ocean will warm further reaching the threshold of +0.8 degrees above normal that defines an El Niño event. On this basis the BOM is suggesting that an El Niño will have commenced by September. Nonetheless, the BOM's own long term POAMA model suggests that the SOI will remain below the El Niño threshold so there is considerable uncertainty.

Another key influence on our rainfall is the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD). When this is positive at the same time that the SOI is negative, there is a likelihood that rainfall will be lower. At present the IOD is neutral but 4 out of 6 models are predicting that it will become positive by July.

Taking these influences into account, the BOM is suggesting it is unlikely that winter rainfall will exceed the median (194 mm). Using their estimates it seems likely that we may get a total of around 170 mm and that is only slightly below our average winter rainfall. It will be worth watching the SOI however to get a sense of what our spring might be like.

Greg Hayes

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Council issues permit reminder

Towong Shire Council is reminding residents that completing a project in a road reserve requires a Council permit.

A road reserve includes the drivable road, kerb, nature strip, footpath and roadside reserves that are typically adjacent to private property.

Residents wanting to build a driveway or lay piping in a road reserve first require a Council permit.

"The permit process makes sure that any works conducted within these road reserves meet design compliance and OH&S requirements," Cr Wortmann said.

"Common projects people might deliver on a road re-

serve include constructing a driveway, laying water pipes or works to shop front verandahs and tree removal. Each of those first require Council permission."

There have been five reported cases of works being carried out on a road reserve without a permit in Towong Shire in the past year.

"We don't believe there was anything malicious in their intent, sometimes people just aren't aware of the requirements to obtain a permit," Cr Wortmann added.

Permit fees are set by State Legislation and the current permit fee is \$83.60. To obtain a permit to work in a road reserve visit www.towong.vic.gov.au or call Council on 6071 5100.

Residents come out in force for 'Our Future'

Towong Shire Council has thanked the many community members who participated in the Our Future Community Workshops held in February and March.

Around 200 residents attended a series of community workshops hosted in six locations across the Shire.

Feedback from the sessions is being considered by Councillors and staff as they continue to develop the Council Plan and 2017-18 Budget.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann praised the Shire's residents for getting involved.

"It's important that the Council Plan and our vision for the future reflects the needs of our ratepayers and residents," he said. "These workshops were an opportunity for residents and ratepayers to offer their input into the Council's priorities for the next four years.

"The feedback we've received is very pleasing. Common themes included developing and promoting Towong Shire's tourism offering, continued lobbying for improved mobile and internet coverage, more diverse library services as well as general Shire-wide infrastructure maintenance.

"We've compiled the feedback from each session and will be making it available on our website so all residents and ratepayers can see what was discussed at the workshops and get an insight into the thoughts and priorities of the wider community.

"Our intention is to use this input to build a Council Plan and Budget that responds to the needs of our communities, both in the short and long term.

"We appreciate having such an engaged community and we're really grateful to the residents who took the time to come along and participate."

The Draft Council Plan for 2017 – 2021 will be developed throughout May with the draft to be presented to Coun-

cillors for in-principle adoption at the 6 June Council meeting. It will then be released for further community input and comment.

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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- * time of meeting
- * duration of meeting
- * date of meeting
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The old chairs and the tables are available for hire by donation.

For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

Women's Health Clinics

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

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Berringa Community Centre

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

Towong Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is available 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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Wedding Anniversary

60th Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations Bill and Norma Edney



Bill and Norma Edney from Bell-bridge, recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on the 16 February 1957 at the Wesley Methodist Church, Lonsdale Street Melbourne. They have five daughters: Triplets Heather, Vicki and Gayle; Dianne and Maxine.

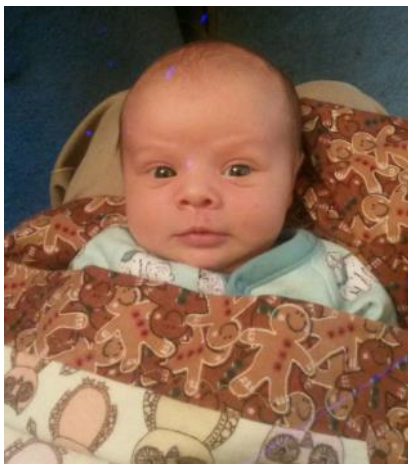


From left to right: Vicki Gilchrist, Dianne Riess, Maxine Ebeyan, Bill Edney, Norma Edney, Heather Spierings and Gayle Hill

Bill and Norma celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with 42 family guests at the Lake Hume Boat Club.

Babies

Stuart and Jane Wood welcomed the arrival of their 10th grand-child, **Genevieve Mary Wood**, born 10 May, second daughter for Simon and Emma Wood of "Waugoola" via Cowra.



Anne and Colin Maginnity were delighted to welcome a granddaughter, **Emma Margaret Maginnity**, the first child of Terry and Kristy Maginnity, born in Wodonga on 12th April and eagerly anticipated beautiful little baby girl. It will be great having one grandchild living close by.

Anne and Colin Maginnity welcomed the birth of their grandson, **Justin Colin Maginnity**, the first child of Ken and Bettina Maginnity, born at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA on 7th March, 2017. A beautiful and much loved baby boy.



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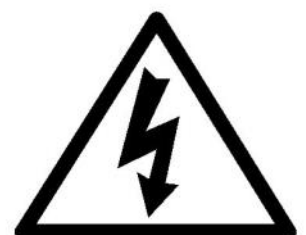
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Granya Gazette

The Tale of Archie

The story of border collie Archie who went missing from the Granya Pub over Easter went viral on social media, Archie's story also made the local news and Weekly Times. There was also a substantial reward in place for who ever located Archie. 4 days later and less than a kilometre from where he went missing in the first place, Archie was found hiding out in the pig pen at a property near Hotel Granya. Archie had made friends with the young piglets. When he was found he needed a good feed and some TLC. Ken Star, who found Archie, rang the owners who were super excited to have their beloved pup back! Ken and his family declined the reward. They were just happy to be able to reunite the dog with his owners!



High Tea at the Wool Press

The Wool Press, Talgarno Primary School and "Tea by Three" partnered together to hold a Mothers Day high tea fundraiser at Granya. *"It was a fantastic, memorable and classy event!"* one mother said!



Hotel Granya

Every Friday between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm people meet up in the bar for *happy hour*, sometimes even combined with live music from a local band that Mick invites.

On Mothers Day the hotel was packed with families who enjoyed a lovely beef or pork roast for lunch and spent the rest of the afternoon relaxing in the sunny beer garden, with music from "Backporch Fridaze" easing their Sunday afternoon. Don't forget you can get a hearty meal on Friday evenings and Sunday lunch times. Follow us on Facebook for Updates @ Hotel Granya!



Other Community News

Devonshire Teas on the last Sunday of the month from 2—4pm at the Granya Museum. If you are keen to get involved or attend please phone Val for further information on 60729554.



PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating Safer Communities

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AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this edition of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. Thanks are extended to the Bethanga Community for hosting the May Community meeting which was well attended.

It was pleasing to hear LSC Nev Barrow's report and that there had been only a few crime incidents in our Peninsula area over the past quarter; however there were still numerous incidents under investigation and, of course, there are incidents which LSC Nev has to attend to that cannot be published.

We were all reminded to note anything untoward in our area and immediately report this information to the Police, Crime Stoppers or in the case of an Emergency phone 000. You may think seeing an incident is trivial, however such information may be useful to the police in current or further investigations. One of the features of NHW that has developed over the years that I like is the way the community cares for each other in ways such as calling a neighbour and saying they saw livestock on the road or roadside.

A 'highlight' of the May Community meeting was the drawing of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Annual Fundraiser Wood Raffle. Congratulations to Lorraine White from Bellbridge who won the load of wood. I wish to thank, most sincerely all the ticket buyers and sellers who have made a significant contribution to our Annual Fundraiser for PNHW.

A 'lowlight' of the May Community Meeting was that this meeting was LSC Nev Barrow's final Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting before retiring in the future. Nev is thanked for his professionalism, fairness and thoroughness as our local police officer. Nev was presented with a framed photo of the Bethanga Bridge as a thank you from Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch.

The next meeting of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch will be held at the Talgarno Primary School on Wednesday August 16th at 7:30pm. This meeting will include the quarterly community meeting followed by the AGM. We would love to see you at this meeting and show your support for Neighbourhood Watch and the Peninsula Community.

Best wishes

Carolyn Butko

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch, Assistant Area Co-ordinator

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

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

August 16th, 7.30pm 2017 – Talgarno - Community Meeting & AGM at Talgarno Primary School followed by supper

November 15th, 7.30pm 2017 - Bellbridge – Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Berranga Community Centre

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

Thanks Nev.....

LSC Nev Barrow's final PNHW Meeting



Carolyn Butko, Assistant Area Co-ordinator, thanks LSC Nev Barrow for his partnership with Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch at Nev's final Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting which was held at Bethanga Hall.

After six years as our local Policemen, LSC Nev Barrow is retiring from the Victorian Police Force. At his final meeting for PNHW, residents spoke of

the fair and professional way Nev had worked with the community, so much so that one resident said to the meeting 'I have lived here for 40 years and Nev is the best Policeman we have had.'

Thanks Nev. We will miss your support but wish you every happiness and good health in your retirement.

POLICE CRIME REPORT

TOW 1, Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch
Crime Report for February, March, April, 2017

February, 2017.

Criminal damage, Lake Road, Bellbridge.

Between 12.05am 19/01/17 & 12.05am 24/01/17 an unknown offender caused damage to 4 newly replanted trees on the Lake Hume foreshore by possibly spraying with roundup or similar product. This is the 3rd event and total damage is now \$3000.00.

March, 2017. Nil report of Crime

April, 2017. Nil report of Crime

Following his Crime Report Nev commented that whilst there were few criminal incidents to report there were still numerous incidents, which he was unable to report on, that had occurred across the community and that it was critical we all kept a vigilant eye out for untoward incidents. Nev commented "if you see something out of the ordinary, call the Police"

Regards,

Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254
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Notification of Absence from Residence Forms

If you are planning to be away from your home for a few days or more, during June, July and August please complete an Absence from Residence Form and fax, email or deliver to Nev at the Bethanga Police Station before 6th July 2017, or to the OIC at Tallangatta Police Station.

These forms are available from the www.nhw.com.au or www.police.vic.gov.au

Annual Fundraiser - Wood Raffle Draw and won locally!!!!



Congratulations to
Lorraine White from
Bellbridge who won the
load of wood.



NHW Gate and Fence signs have been distributed across the Peninsula area. Please attach these to your gates and fences to remind potential criminals we are a community that look out for each other.

'Having recently travelled the Murray River Road from Talgarno to Thologolong it was very pleasing to see that many of the residents along this road had attached their gate/fence signs to their property. Well done.'

REMINDER - HAVE YOU REPLACED YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES?

Most fatal fires occur at night. Every home needs a functional smoke alarm to provide an early warning signal. Install smoke alarms in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements and each area of your home.

Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling about 8cm from the wall. Do not install near draft areas such as windows, vents etc.

A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends, however if you haven't done that please do so now.

Our local CFA brigades have been reminding us all to check our Smoke Alarms and change the batteries.

SAFE PLATE DAY

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch would like to offer a 'Safe Plate Day' this year. 'Safe Plate Day' is when our



Neighbourhood Watch and community members offer to replace number plate screws with Security Screws. If you are having a community event and would be happy to invite vehicle owners to have the number plate screws replaced with security screws, please call one of the PNHW named persons on this newsletter.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

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Redback Spider Bites

CERT provided first aid for the Bethanga Gymkhana. Mid-afternoon we expressed how pleased we were that our services had not been required but our musings were interrupted by a panicking Sharon (she gave permission to use her name). She had been bitten between the toes by a redback spider that had dropped from under a table.

Redback Spiders can kill, although this has not happened since 1956. But 2000 or more people a year get *bitten*. Redbacks rarely bite humans, and when disturbed, they usually try to escape or feign death by curling its legs and dropping to the ground but, if threatened by a human, may bite. In this case, the spider was trapped between Sharon's toes. Sharon was bitten by a female redback as only the female bite is venomous

Most people bitten by a Redback will experience as Sharon did:

- immediate intense localised pain, with swelling and sweating at the bite site
- severe pain and swelling may be experienced over the body after about an hour
- headache, nausea and vomiting may occur - profuse sweating is common.

The effects of the bite may last up to a week.

People at greater risk of severe reactions to spider venom include babies, young children, the elderly and people with an existing heart condition. Some people may also be allergic to certain venom and experience an adverse reaction. Immediate medical treatment is recommended. If in doubt, see your doctor, go to the emergency department of your nearest hospital or dial triple zero (000) to call an ambulance.

Antivenoms are available for the treatment of Redback bites.

The following first aid is recommended:

- keep patient calm
- wash the bite area well
- apply ice packs (such as a packet of frozen peas wrapped in a tea towel) to minimise pain and swelling
- seek medical aid - anti-venene will be administered if symptoms are severe.

Do not use a tourniquet or restrictive bandage, or cut the bite.

Thank You Nev

On many of our callouts the police are also present. The CERT Team would like to thank local policeman Nev Barrow for the help and support he has given us. He has helped keep us safe as we work, helped lift and carry and passed on messages. We wish him well in his retirement.

Want to join the CERT Team?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CERT team training courses for new recruits will be conducted twice each year. The next course will be conducted on 23 & 24 Sept 2017 and 14 & 15 Oct 2017

Closing Date for Applications 14 Jul 2017.

If anyone is interested or wants more information please contact me.

CERT Committee AGM

CERT Committee AGM will be held at Bethanga Hall on **Monday August 21 at 7 pm**. For more information contact President Carol Marshall on 6026 4041

Keep well, Julie Miller

Team Leader Berringa CERT

juliemiller@skymesh.com.au

6020 1107

LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

If you and your kids are dreaming of A-League Super Stardom, or maybe just looking for a bit of local sporting fun on a Saturday morning, then Lake Hume Soccer Club could be just what you're looking for. We get together on Saturdays from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. We enjoy a healthy 2 hours of fun, fitness and a friendly game of soccer.

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

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

The cost is \$50 per player for the season, with a discount for families with 3 or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football, and if this appeals to you, come to our first session and try it out. Kids get two 'come and try' sessions before needing to register.

For more information please contact Jenny on 0475 945 474.

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Bethanga Recreation Reserve Annual General Meeting and Committee Election

The Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management is inviting all community members to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15th July at 11:00am at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

At the meeting we will provide the latest update on the developments at the reserve as well as a recap of the work that has been completed during the 2.5 years of the current committee. We will follow the AGM with the election of a new committee.

Have you given some thought to being a member of a Committee of Management?

There are approximately 1200 Committees of Management across Victoria and they perform a vital role in managing and developing Crown Land for Victorians. The Bethanga Recreation Reserve is an important hub for sport and recreation in Bethanga. It is frequently used by sporting groups and community members. The Reserve hosts the annual Bethanga Gymkhana and the SR500 Motor Cycle Rally.

Being involved in this important community service is a great way to learn new skills, meet people and take part in the development of a significant community asset. There are no special skills required, just a bit of enthusiasm and a desire to help improve Bethanga. If you are not interested in sitting on the committee, please come down and take part in the election and in welcoming in the new committee.

Election Process

Nominations

A call for nomination will be made. Candidates can be nominated for any or all committee positions and candidates may nominate themselves. Candidates must be in attendance at the election to accept a nomination. A successful candidate can only hold one position.

Voting

All community members are eligible to vote. Members must be in attendance at the election to cast a vote. Voting method will be determined through a general vote prior to the election.

Community endorsement

To be eligible to stand as a candidate for election, candidates must receive an endorsement by the community. The community endorsement will be a majority vote in favour of the candidate. For example, the majority vote is half of the election attendees + 1 additional vote. For example, if 20 people attend, the candidate must receive 11 votes to receive an endorsement.

Abstention

Community members wishing not to cast a vote during the election are able to do so through a voting abstention. Abstention votes will not be counted when determining the election majority.

Election

All current positions on the Committee will be vacated at commencement of the election. The position of Chair of the Committee will be elected first, then Secretary, then Treasurer. The remaining committee positions (maximum of six) will follow.

Exhaustive ballot

All positions will be elected by receiving a majority vote in favour of the candidate. If no candidate is successful in the first round (i.e., no candidate receives the majority of votes), the candidate with the least votes will drop out for that position. Voting rounds will continue until a candidate is successful. Candidates who are unsuccessful in early rounds can still be nominated for later rounds, until all positions are filled.

Regards David Elder

bethangareserve@gmail.com

President: David Elder 0408 281 006

davidcaelder@bigpond.com

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed members meet every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get involved in Men's Shed projects or create your own, or even get the men at the shed to do a project or repair job for you, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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

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BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

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

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

*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon
Brian 6026 4214*

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800 240 667

All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

21/2/17 1:39pm

Bethanga Slip-on assisted Bonegilla at a grass fire at Huon.

17/2/17 1:55pm

Tree fire from lightning strike Sirls Road.

Bethanga tanker 1 attended with a crew of 4. With the assistance of Old Tallangatta brigade the tree was cut down and extinguished.

17/2/17 1:57pm

Scrub fire from lightning strike Retallicks Lane/Mitchells Track. Bethanga Tanker 2 attended with a crew of 4. With the assistance of Talgarno Brigade the small fire was extinguished quickly.

22/2/17 3:21pm

Grass fire resulting from a broken cross arm on a power pole. Bethanga Tanker 1 with a crew of 4 assisted Bonegilla Brigade at a grass fire along Bonegilla Road.

23/2/17 7:53am

Non-structure fire at Kurrajong Look Out.

Both Bethanga tankers and slip-on and 14 members attended. A local resident spotted 2 young men lighting paper with an accelerant. After a confrontation they left the scene and the local resident recorded the rego number and extinguished the fire. Police investigation revealed the number plates on the vehicle were stolen and the offender aptly dealt with.

26/3/17 10:36am

Lake Hume Bellbridge

5 members assisted Ambulance Victoria with a rescue of an injured skier.

16/4/17 12:36pm

Bethanga Tanker 1 and Bethanga Slip-on with 7 members extinguished an unattended burn of prunings at Bellbridge Boat Club. The fire had spread into bark chip and burnt more than intended.

BRIGADE ALERTING COSTS. YOU CAN HELP

Bethanga Brigade is fortunate enough to have a larger than average number (60) of volunteer firefighters. While the core group is around 25 members, we achieve the maximum num-

ber of responders by alerting all members of incidents. CFA only supply us with 25 pagers as our primary alerting system with the remaining members receiving alerts via SMS or a smartphone App called BART. Each year the Brigade covers the cost of around \$600 to receive these secondary alerting systems.

If any business or individual would like to help us cover these costs, please think about sponsoring the Brigade by emailing or phoning our secretary/treasurer or other contacts listed at the bottom of this article. All donations over \$2:00 are tax deductible. We are also listed to do a Bunnings Barbeque fundraiser in the second half of the year to help with these annual costs.

BERRINGA FIRIES CALENDARS

Well done and thank you to the organizers of this very successful fund raiser. The profits from the sales of the calendars resulted in Granya, Talgarno and Bethanga brigades each receiving \$1000.

Thank you to all the public that supported our local brigades by purchasing a calendar.

CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND OUT OF CONTROL FUEL REDUCTION BURNS

Fire restrictions ceased at midnight on Tuesday 18th April. A reminder that while CFA fire restrictions have ceased, the person lighting the fire is still responsible to ensure it does not get out of control, so please assess the conditions and have adequate firefighting equipment and capable personnel to ensure your burn stays in control.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Towong Shire residents are encouraged to contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on 02 60715100 for advice before undertaking any burning activities. The Fire Prevention Officer can advise residents about their obligations when conducting burning activities. The requirements vary depending on where you live or what time of the year it is, so it is best to speak with them before starting a burn. In a township area a fire can only be lit within purpose built equipment, such as a barbecue, stove or chimenea for heating or cooking purposes. All open fires within the Towong Shire require a permit (exemptions may apply to agricultural zoned properties in the Shire. Please contact Council on 02 6071 5100 to clarify if you are eligible for a permit exemption). Burning garden waste or other items requires a valid permit or licence and permits will only be issued for rural and agricultural areas. The construction and/or use of incinerators for any purpose is prohibited throughout the shire, unless a valid permit or licence has been obtained.

The above information has been extracted from the Towong

Shire website. More detail and permit applications can be found by searching "Fire Permits and Restrictions" on the Towong Shire website.

WINTER IS UPON US

Please be sure to clean your chimneys, heater flues, fans, clothes driers (for lint build up) and check electric blankets before use. Consider upgrading to a modern electric blanket that has safety features such as: Automatic turn off countdown timer and over temperature turn off.

SMOKE ALARMS & HOME PROTECTION

Smoke alarms are designed and manufactured with a service life expectancy of 10 years.

Every home should have modern smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be checked and tested regularly. CFA recommends replacing smoke alarms older than 10 years and batteries should be replaced annually at Easter, regardless of the residual battery life.

For your best protection each home should also have a fire blanket and dry chemical fire extinguisher. Please check annually that this important fire safety equipment is in working condition.

Ensure all household members know how to use your extinguisher and fire blanket, and familiarize yourself with the instructions located on the equipment. At the time of writing this, a rural home was totally destroyed by fire at Tallandoon.

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NEW BELLBRIDGE STATION

The new replacement Ultralight Tanker for Bellbridge should be arriving before the next fire season.

The new unit is slightly larger than the existing one and will not fit into the existing shed. The brigade has applied for an Emergency Management Victoria Grant to build a new shed. As yet we have not heard if we were successful.

BETHANGA GYMKHANA

Easter Saturday saw the annual Bethanga Gymkhana, with Talgarno and Bethanga brigades participating with demonstrations, information for the public, and the CFA's Captain Koala coming along to entertain and inform the kids. The day was a great success and we enjoyed interacting with both, adults and kids.



MINIMUM SKILLS

Coming into the winter we plan to conduct a minimum skills training. This is the initial training for new members that allows them to respond to fires and incidents. Anyone interested in joining the brigade and become a volunteer fire fighter please contact any of the members listed at the bottom of this article straight away.

John Northey Captain Tel 6026 4574 | 0414 931 442

Liz Fagence Secretary/Treasurer Tel 6026 4220 | 0407 414 003

Ron Evans Community Safety Liason Tel 6026 4301 | 0427 465 286

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

The courts are available for hire at \$5 per hour and an additional \$10 per hour to use the lights. A key is available if you contact Brendan Pearson 0439 8814 40 and we rely on your honesty to pay court fees to help us maintain the facilities in the best shape. Members can use the courts at any time they wish.

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

Brendan Pearson

Grants Officer Talgarno Tennis Club M: 0439 881 440

BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

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

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

Horse activities to date have included a trail ride, ground skill lessons, riding at the walk, trot and canter, sporting (such as barrel racing) and obstacle courses. One rainy day, members even did some indoor class work and getting to understand their horses and how they move.

The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee has included two new events in its program for BPC members. The Bethanga Pony Club is a member of Pony Club Victoria.

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

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

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

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

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Contact

Russell Huon 02 6026 4531

Jan Bennie 02 6026 4512

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ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Seniors Christmas in July

The Rotary Club will host its annual Christmas in July function for peninsula seniors July 2. As usual it will be held at the Bellbridge Community Centre commencing at mid-day. A two course meal and drinks will be provided free of charge. A bit of foot tapping music is always enjoyed by those attending.

If you know someone locally who would like to be there and who may be in need of transport, please contact Rotarian Bob on 60264305.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Once again, the Rotary Club will be collecting in the area for this worthy appeal. Please give your generous support which is very well appreciated by the Salvos.

*Regards,
Andrew Christy*

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

Hi everyone.

Yes it is the end of the season for another year. The start of the season wasn't real good as we didn't get on the pitch till the 29th October 2016 due to the amount of rain we had earlier.

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As the season began A Grade won their first game by five runs which made the start interesting for us. Alas by the end of the season they had won two matches which was great considering we had a volunteer coach. As an end result we ended up on the bottom of the ladder.

Our B Grade team which we didn't field the season before started the year with a mixed side of oldies and the young ones. Most of the youngies came from the Tallangatta Cricket Club, but by Christmas time players came out of the woodworks which was very good. However they also ended last but had some fun anyway.

Through the year we had fundraisers which included our usual Mystery bus trip (what a hoot) which is always a great night, followed by haycarting. Thanks to all those that gave up their nights. That exercise raised over \$2000 which helps towards another roller. We tried an extra fundraiser which was a Summer Olympics. Those who participated had a ball. Congratulations to the more mature team for winning gold. The younger ones that received silver and bronze medals need to up their skills of throwing darts.

As Elgin's Hotel is our major sponsor for the season, we had our Christmas break up night there and also in March our presentation night. Thanks to all who turned up. We had 40 members attend our final function. Congratulations to all trophy winners. I personally would like to thank all those persons for their help through the year, especially when we held the B Grade finals. A big thank you to Steve Karakai for the time and effort he put in over the season as our coach.

The AGM will be held at Eglin's Hotel on Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Congratulations to Brodie Sirl and Jessica Campbell on their recent wedding on the 8 April 2017.



Regards,
Marg Sirl

Marg Sirl- President 6026 4504
Brodie Sirl- Vice President 0457 269
Andrew Hird- Sec/Treasurer 0421 36235

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

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EXERCISE CLASSES

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

Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment now includes a running machine, exercise bike and recumbent bike (both with heart monitors), cross trainer and an array of hand weights, fit balls, medicine balls, a kick bag and other ancillary equipment. Come and enjoy the fun. New members are always welcome. You work at your own pace in a friendly group atmosphere.

For more information, contact David or Vicki on 6020 1147 (just leave a message on the answering machine if they can't get to the phone).



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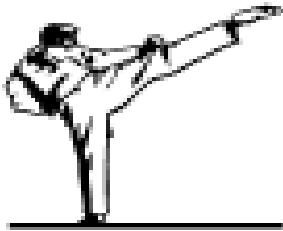
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Di Schmidt 6026 4325

Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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 6020 1177

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

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Anglican - Holy Trinity

Services held 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month – 9:30am, followed by morning tea.

All visitors welcome.

Baptisms/Christenings - by appointment.

Annie Berber 0419 407 420

Catholic - St Francis

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Berringa Kindergarten Fundraising News



Annual Wood Raffle

You could be the lucky winner of a trailer full of quality redgum wood delivered right to your door! There are only 1,000 tickets available at a cost of \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Bellbridge Shop, Bethanga General Store, Lake Vue Cafe and Kangaroo General Store or from any of the kindergarten parents.

Raffle drawn at trivia night



Trivia Night

Please join us for an evening of fun and frivolity at our 2017 Trivia Night and help raise funds for the kindergarten.

When: Friday 4th August 2017 (from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start)

Where: Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge

Tables: 8 - 10 people per table

Cost: \$10 per person

Extras: BYO drinks and nibbles.

Great prizes, auctions, games and more!

Children welcome, too.

Contact: Kate Singline on 0422 725 147 to book tickets or to join a table



Thank you for supporting our local kindergarten!



Bethanga Landcare Group

The Bethanga Landcare AGM was held on Tuesday, 23rd May. All committee positions were declared vacant and nominations called for. The 2017/18 executive positions were elected.

President, Roger Barrows

Vice President, Jean-Gabriel Manguy

Secretary, Susanne Watkins,

Assistant Secretary, Cate Packer

Treasurer, Jim Hayes

Communications and Technical Officer, Joe Calvert

A recent proposal of the Bethanga Landcare group involves the erection of interpretive signs, identifying and describing specific flora, at a site to be finalised. Joe Calvert presented examples of signs he has designed, which were well received. It was decided that we would proceed with the initiative and, with long term plans, add to it over several years.

Also discussed were plans for a weed/native grasses trail day and a theme night with guest speaker, details to be decided.

To access the website, type in "Bethanga Landcare Group" or go to <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/bethanga>

Email contact: bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com

Roger gave a brief report on the past year, noting that although not a large group, we are achieving our set goals and through sharing and support, are solving some local issues and continuing to improve the local environment. He also spoke about the success he's observed locally of the decline in rabbit numbers, through ripping, K5 virus and shooting and the continuing need to be vigilant in the destruction of pest rabbits.

As in the past we will be having a 'Tree Giveaway', to coincide with National Tree Day. This will be held on Saturday, July 29 and is available to all paid-up members of the group. A \$15 membership (payable on the day, if not already a member) entitles you to approx. 40 trees/shrubs to enhance your immediate environment, provide habitat, etc.

National Tree Day planting will be held at Bethanga Creek on Susanne Watkin's property on Sunday, August 6, 2017. (Posters giving details, will be in the Bethanga Store, Bethanga Pub, Bellbridge Shop and on the Bethanga Landcare website.) We invite community members to come along and help improve our creek and share in a BBQ lunch afterwards.

Recognition was given to Scots School Year 10 students who have helped control privet tree woody weeds and who have also provided valuable assistance with tree planting over recent years.

Dave Elder reported on the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2MBAG) Forum, held at Rutherglen on May 16. The day focussed on biological control initiatives, their success rates and the need for careful planning for the future. Several presenters spoke on their experiences with biological control of a range of flora and fauna pest species.



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Children's Groups



Playgroup

Playgroup is on every second Wednesday morning from 9.30 am to 11.00 am during weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of the Victorian school term. Everyone is welcome, we have a range of ages from newborns to 5 years, and it's a great opportunity for parents to catch up for a cuppa and chat.

For more information about playgroup, including where playgroup is being held, contact Karen Green (details below).

See you there!

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Maternal & Child Health

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

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

Berringa Kindergarten



Berringa Kindergarten is set in a beautiful natural setting in Craig Drive Bellbridge, next to the playground. The kinderyard provides many opportunities for the children to discover and explore in an engaging natural learning environment.

We have recently completed art works for display at the Bethanga Gymkhana held over Easter. Educators are working with the children and the Smiles for Miles Co-ordinator on the Smiles for Miles project; a dental health teaching program. Currently the kinder dental clinic is very well attended and staffed with keen customers!

For the first time, the children are learning Indonesian, an Early Learning Languages Australia program funded by the Australian government. There are several interactive apps that each child explores at their own pace. This learning can be also reinforced with the use of the free family app. The children are enjoying using this app at kinder.

Declan The music Man has visited and provided a very entertaining and informative concert, playing a large variety of musical

instruments. The children had a turn of playing some of the instruments.

Coming up is our National Family Day where families have been invited to have a picnic at the kindergarten.

We have vacancies at kinder, and families are welcome to visit. For appointments, please contact the kinder on 02 60264373. The centre is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

*Christine Cameron Director/Teacher.
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Bethanga Primary School News



Bethanga Primary School

Educating students today for the world of tomorrow

We have had such a busy few months at Bethanga Primary School! Our senior students embarked on an interstate adventure exploring our nation's capital on school camp. Students even got the opportunity to sit in on a High Court Case that was in session!

Despite pouring rain, the community came together to commemorate Anzac Day at the Bethanga Hall. It was lovely to have so many students attend in recognition of families past and present connected to the Defence Services.

Not a cloud in sight for the Gymkhana! What a heartwarming event - bringing everyone together for some good old-fashioned fun!

We planted out a new veggie patch earlier this year, thanks to the Wodonga Food Bank - won't be long before we will be whipping up a winter soup with our home grown wares!

Our library is coming along beautifully and we hope to have an official opening for all community members in the coming months.





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We have jumped into Term 2 full steam ahead! In April, our students participated in the NERSSA Athletics carnival. The F-2 students enjoyed games in the middle of the track, while the 3-6 students participated in the track and field events. Everyone did a great job, with Klancie first in the hurdles, Brooke winning her discus, Tilly 3rd in high jump and Jennoah 4th in hurdles

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Bunnings BBQ. We raised \$796 which is a fantastic effort, and will be put towards the outdoor area at our wonderful school.

The Life Education Van visited us on the 4 May. Our students, together with our Bethanga school friends learned about friendships, body systems and decision making. We all had a great day, which was topped off by a sausage sizzle for lunch!

Our students and families attended the ANZAC day service in Bethanga, where the students laid a beautiful wreath that was exquisitely made by Julie Wilson. They then sang the Australian Anthem along with Bethanga Primary.

What's on at TPS

- Science Challenge—every Friday for 5 weeks
- Cluster Art Performance in Tallangatta—2nd June
- Responsible Pet Education Day—7th June
- Beauty & the Beast Excursion— 30th June
- Cooking program—Fridays
- Marc Van— every 2nd Thursday
- Coffee morning— every 2nd Thursday



Canberra Camp

On Monday 29th March we went to Canberra. First we went to the Old Parliament House, it looked cool and was good fun. Then we went to the kitchen for dinner. We had chicken with vegies. After tea, we went swimming. On Tuesday we went to Parliament House, the people there were busy! We got to have a go of being members of Parliament. We also went to the AIS where we got to play some fun sports. On Wednesday we went to Questacon, my favourite thing to do there was the free fall slide. We also had a go at beating a robot at air hockey. It was a great time and we all had fun.

By Jennoah

Mother's Day High Tea

Over 100 people attended our inaugural Mothers Day High Tea at The Wool Press Granya, and we managed to raise a whopping \$1800!

The day consisted of delicious food, raffles, photos and tea pots! Tea by Three were our wonderful caterers, and put on a remarkable spread of savouries, sweets and tea.

We thank everyone involved in making this day happen. Our fantastic fundraising committee together with some very generous community members, did a great job setting up for the event.

We hope to see you there next year!



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