

Berringa Community News

Winter 2019

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The enthusiastic crowd bidding for auction items

What a Community!

The community is to be congratulated on the success of the 3rd Annual Berringa Community Morning Tea, raising record funds to support Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust.

Thanks to the generosity of the attendees, auction item donors and our community the 3rd Annual Berringa Community Morning Tea held on Saturday May 4th at Julie and Jim de Hennin's property at Talgarno, was a huge success.

Approximately 450 people attended and enjoyed the opportunity to support a new initiative of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund by raising funds for a nursing scholarship. This scholarship aims to strengthen the pool of specially

trained oncology nurses at the Cancer Centre.

Clinical nurse specialist Tamara Quigley, who attended the event, will become the hospital's first qualified Nurse Practitioner with the financial support of this event in completing her Masters in nursing practice.

The team who worked at putting this event together aimed to raise \$10,000; however, the financial success of the morning was much greater having raised over \$26,500. Due to the success of this event our community will sponsor the second nurse to support the new initiative of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund for a nursing scholarship.

The weather was warm and sunny so people enjoyed the delicious morning tea spread, sitting or wandering around the garden with a tea or coffee, bidding on the silent auction items, bidding on the Auctioneer called items, eating chicken kebabs from the BBQ and chatting and catching up with friends.

The gratitude from the AWRCC Trust to our community and feedback from many attendees has been immense. Whilst such events do take a lot of organising, the great success of this event is due to the generous help of many. This included setup tables and chairs, parking, donating plants, cakes



Auctioneer Craig Schubert who encouraged lively bidding

COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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etc, managing the auctions, managing the sales of the stall items, securing donations, washing up, serving morning tea, selling raffle tickets, setting up the gazebo and cooking the kebabs and cleaning up after the event to name a few of the tasks. We live in a very generous community.



Thanks to the following people whose contribution was significant to the success of our community fundraiser-

RAFFLE DONORS – Pat McMillan who made a magnificent patchwork quilt; Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch donated a load of Firewood, Di Schmidt who made and donated an elegant necklace and earrings set & Graeme Nickless who donated a bottle of Grange Wine.

AUCTIONEER CALLED AUCTION – Trish & Imre Lele donated for auction accommodation in their 4 bedroom holiday home for 1 week at their Sorrento Beach House; Hugh & Monique Acton-Adams of Rotor Solutions donated, in their helicopter, a 1 hour flight over Albury- Wodonga; Ray & Marg Barrette donated a Chicken & Champagne luncheon & boat cruise on Lake Hume; Bill Hotson donated one of his much sought after original paintings; Bruce Trethowan donated 2 bales of his 18% protein Canola Hay and Hugh & Nene Green donated one of their prime lambs that was packaged by Cavanagh's Butchery Tallangatta.

The **SILENT AUCTION** was very popular due to the huge array of high quality items. Thanks is extended to Adam Ladanay-BIG W, Ann Darmody, Annette Drew, Bella Klein, Beryl Hartshorn, Blairs Produce, Carol Murray, Cheryl Ballam, Coons Dairy, David Cottee, Elders Albury, Ellen Hottelmann, Flower Macklin Pty Ltd, Frank Kelly, George Stahl, Helen Waar, John Kohl, Karen & Brendon Collins, Kelly Gibbons, Kellys Wodonga, Landmark NorMac, Lea

Casey, MariJana Van Zanten, Mate Street Pharmacy, Michael Schorobura, Neil & Fay Schliebs, North East Fertilisers, Peards Nursery Albury, Penny & Lachlan Campbell, Pete Klein, Posh Plonk, Regent Cinemas – Albury, Sharon Star, Sue Curran and Wal Wood.

Sincere thanks is also extended to Rob Scaddon – Scads Printing Bellbridge, for his continued support in producing the raffle tickets and event posters and Wayne Smith – Kwik Kopy Albury for his continued support in producing the invitations for the event.

The beautiful background music provided by Pete Klein and Rowan Brown was a highlight of the morning. Special thanks are extended to Pete and Rowan.

The Auctioneer Called Auction is a popular element of the morning, in the main because of the magnificent array of items to auction but more specifically because of our own local auctioneer; the talented and professional Craig Schubert. Sincere thanks Craig.

Thank you to all involved in this wonderful annual event. We look forward to see you at our 'Berringa Community Fundraising Morning Tea for AWRCC' next year.

Julie de Hennin

On behalf of The Berringa Community Fundraiser Morning Tea for AWRCC team.



Berringa Furies Calendar 2019

In May, we finally got to distribute the funds from the Berringa Furies Calendar. We were very proud to announce that we raised \$2700, and presented the 'rather large' cheque to the Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya Fire Brigades.

We are very proud of how the community has come together and supported this initiative, either through sponsorship, purchasing calendars, or time towards the production of the calendar. We look forward to doing it all again for 2020!

Berringa Furies Team



*Jim de hennin,
Talgarno
CFA and Ben
Mitchell,
Bethanga
CFA accept a
cheque from
Mel Naismith*

Bellbridge House Fire

It started as a normal Monday night for Bellbridge resident Kersten. She had not long put her book down and was off to sleep when her chihuahua started barking and woke her up. She said that she could hear a banging noise coming from the laundry and expected it to be a neighbour's cat coming through the doggy door. She got out of bed and headed to the laundry where she was confronted with a few plastic containers on fire. Her first thought was to smother the fire with her fire blanket but she was unable to get to it. She then attempted to smother it with a jacket but then realised that she had little hope of putting it out as the curtains then caught alight. This is when she was forced to retreat and the smoke alarms started going off.

Kersten ran out of the laundry to get her mobile phone and her two dogs. As she was evacuating she phoned 000 and ran to her neighbours. By the time she got to her neighbours house she could see flames coming out of the roof. She was very lucky to get out. She sustained minor burns to her hand and ankle as a result of trying to put the fire out.

The call came through to Bethanga CFA at approximately 12.30am Tuesday morning and the Bellbridge stationed Bethanga ultralight was on scene after approximately 6 minutes. By this stage the fire had spread from the laundry into the roof space. Four brigades attended the incident – Bethanga, Talgarno, Bonegilla and Wodonga. Twenty firefighters worked for approximately an hour and a half to extinguish the fire. Damage to the property was extensive and impacted all parts of the home. All the fire fighters did a fantastic job and thankfully no one else was injured.

Next day CFA fire investigators assessed the scene and determined the point of origin to be an electrical component attached to the freezer compressor motor, located in the laundry.

Kersten said she could not believe just how quickly the fire spread through the house. She'd come along to the community meeting following the fire on the hill behind Bellbridge the previous year and had gone away from it deciding that she needed to be better organised to evacuate if there ever came the time. She had a box packed marked 'fire' with all her documents and some basic emergency supplies and had them ready to go. She said she may have had more time to gather her things if it was a bushfire in our area, but she didn't realise just how quickly a fire could spread through a house.

Kersten hopes by telling her story, other people might understand the importance of have working smoke alarms through their house and also have a fire plan not just for bushfires but house fires as well. Thankfully Kersten had home and contents insurance which is a good reminder to check with your insurance company and make sure you are fully covered and up to date.

Take this opportunity to test your smoke alarms. They should be tested monthly and their batteries should be changed yearly. Keep fire blankets in an easily accessible place in the kitchen and fire extinguishers throughout the house. Develop a plan on how you and your family would evacuate the house and practise it. It should include two ways to escape each room of the house and a meeting point – for example, the letterbox. Then call 000 and wait for emergency services to arrive.

For more information on making a plan please visit the CFA website at: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>

And always remember, your safety is the most important thing. So leave early!

Bethanga Gymkhana

Although Easter was very late this year, we experienced a beautiful and very warm day for our Gymkhana and Fun Day. In excess of 500 adults, and just as many children, participated in the many activities available.

As well as the locals that come along on the Saturday, trucks and floats from Mooroolbark, Little River, Broadford, Kilmore, Echuca, Hastings, Lancefield, Canberra and Wagga rolled in on Thursday and Friday. Many of the events on the horse program had in excess of 20 entries. Excellent numbers, especially for the Open Novelty Ring Events. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, every child participating in the "Apple in the Straw" events again went home with a prize of some description.

The last Tug of War event on the program is always the children versus the adults. We had to call it a draw this year as our rope, which has served us well for 15 plus years, snapped in the center and everyone ended up on the ground.

A new game, "Smash the Jaffa" was introduced this year. This consisted of a piece of piping attached to a table. A jaffa was placed in the top of the pipe and when it rolled out onto the table, each contestant had one go at smashing it with a little hammer. If you smashed it, you got a prize. If you missed it, you simply picked it up and ate it. Several packets of jaffas were consumed on the day.

Rocket Launch. What can we say? Is this game popular or not, 473 people tested out their rocket launching skills. Two managed to land one of their three rockets in the far bucket that contained the major prize of a \$50 Bunnings Warehouse Gift Voucher. Well done.

For the first time, we had a draw in the Ironman competition. Elliot Green from Sydney and Johnathon Reynolds from Tallangatta East just could not be separated at the end. After such a grueling tussle, we decided they each deserved \$100. Maddy Reid from Talgarno out lasted Anita Reynolds from Tallangatta East in the Ironwoman version. Casey Mitchell proved too swift for Allannah McMillan and Stella Moeliker in the ladies sprint. Elliot Green was first across the line in the

men's version, with Elijah Amery and Kobi Coonan not far behind. And Ed Benson proved he was faster than everyone at consuming a meat pie from Henri's Wodonga Bakery, beating Ben and Sam Reynolds.



With Captain Pete unavailable this year, we sincerely thank Kevin Ellison and his helpers for stepping in to provide music and a venue where children could perform and entertain.

In total, 29 dogs contested the Dog Jumping Events. Scrappy, owned by Dave, just beat Sandy owned by Cameron in the small dog version. Charlie, owned by Mikayla and Mack, owned by Jono could not be split in the large dog event. These dogs put on an excellent display of jumping as the placings were not decided until the 12th round in both divisions. The crowd favourites, however, would have to go to the two little pups, Skye and Poppy, who both managed to scramble over the first height and Skye managing to get over the 2nd height.

Future champions perhaps.

Katie Kotzur from Granya, by purchasing ticket number 296, won the Lotto Raffle. Sam Schmehl



from Burrumbuttock and Karen Barnes from Wodonga won the Lucky Gate \$50-00 Gift vouchers from Bunnings and Coles Myer. There were 168 lollies in the jar (prior to them melting). The weight of the bale of wool was 109kg. The Height of the pole was 5,313mm and the distance between the pegs was 6,061mm. Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

With Easter being so late and conditions being a little trying for

we farmers, finalizing the Gymkhana hasn't exactly been high on our list of priorities. We believe everyone who was entitled to a prize has received it. We expect to be able to determine the profit by mid June and hold a meeting soon after to disperse the profits to the participating groups.

That's it 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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Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated

The committee has continued to work towards further developing the master plan for the Recreation Reserve and is currently working with the Towong Shire regarding the installation of a new playground for which funding has become available.

The proposed master plan incorporating the playground, shelter, BBQ/pizza oven area, fire pit, car park and landscaping is being drawn up by James Filby and will be available for viewing and discussion at the public meeting. The committee plans to apply for funding for the separate zones as appropriate funding becomes available, as well as work towards some fund raising events, and call on the community to assist with some of the projects.

We would love to see any interested community members and get your feedback on the master plan at the public meeting on Sunday June 23rd at 10am

Lea Casey, Secretary
lea.casey@gmail.com

Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated

Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING and AGM**

To be held at 10 am on Sunday June 23rd 2019

The purpose of this meeting is to nominate no less than 3 nor more than 9 persons as the Committee of Management for the Talgarno Recreation Reserve for a term of 3 years. The current committee's term will expire on 31 July 2019. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or at the meeting. Nominations from all community members are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local DELWP or at the meeting. For further enquiries contact the current secretary, Lea Casey (0418 967 953 or lea.casey@gmail.com)

Talgarno Cemetery

Further landscape planting will be conducted at the cemetery to complement the recently completed shelter and niche wall.

We received a Landcare grant for up to \$1890 and we are being assisted by Simon Feillafe who is ordering the plants. Talgarno School students will be assisting and we would like a good number of community members to join us from 10am-12pm. This will be followed by a free BBQ

lunch. This will be on Friday 26th July.

Thanks to Melissa for organising this project. If you would like to be involved please let myself or Melissa know you are attending.

Melissa Nichol ph. 6020 1290
Lea Casey, Secretary, lea.casey@gmail.com

Update on Policing in the Berringa Area

From Acting Inspector Luke Kirton, Wodonga Local Area Commander

As you would be aware Senior Constable Anthony JASINOWICZ is currently on leave from his gazetted position at Bethanga Police Station.

Acting Inspector, Wodonga Local Area Commander Luke Kirton has informed the community that until it is clear whether Anthony will return to the role or be replaced, every endeavour is being made to supply a regular and ongoing police presence into the area.

Whilst Senior Constable Jack HARRINGTON has previously undertaken the role at Bethanga, other resourcing commitments across the Wodonga, Indigo and Towong shire have dictated that this has not been possible recently.

Tallangatta Police Station will provide regular patrols to the township of Bethanga and surrounding areas several times per week during the day and evening.

The Wodonga Highway Patrol will also ensure on their Towong patrols that they are regularly enforcing their traffic duties in the township of Bethanga and surrounds

providing a visible police presence.

Once resourcing allows, we will revisit the secondment of a member from Wodonga or Tallangatta to undertake the Bethanga role. I am not in a position at this time to indicate a specific date when that may occur but we are committed to ensuring that the Berringa community receives a dedicated and ongoing policing response.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact :

Luke KIRTON | Acting Inspector | Wodonga Local Area Commander

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Anzac Day Bethanga 2019





Fixing Bethanga's Country Roads

Work is well underway in Bethanga as part of Council's Fixing Country Roads projects. Council received \$666,000 in funding from Regional Roads Victoria, bringing forward these planned upgrades.

This work will see the intersection at Bridge Street upgraded and new drop off zones built at Bethanga Primary School to improve pedestrian safety.

Eight roads throughout the township are also being sealed or resealed.

The works are scheduled to be completed in July. Further funding was received for works in Eskdale which will commence in coming weeks.



Bridge Street intersection

Rate rises steady for 2019/20

Council's Proposed Budget for the 2019/20 Financial Year is now available for public feedback.

The Budget includes funding for major projects in Corryong (Fixing Country Roads works at Hanson Street) and Colac Colac (Building Better Regions Fund upgrades at the Caravan Park) which will be delivered in 2019/20.

Mayor David Wortmann said Council has worked hard to minimise increases to rates and charges, to avoid putting ratepayers under further pressure.

"Council has had approval from the Essential Services Commission (ESC) for a higher rate cap of 5.55%, in acknowledgement of the financial challenges faced by our Council," he said.

"Securing additional State and Federal Government

funding as well as reducing operational costs means Council is able to accommodate a lower rate increase of 4.80% for a second consecutive year."

The costs of maintaining the Shire's large infrastructure network make up a considerable amount of costs, with 77% of Council funds spent on capital works, roads and drainage.

The standard kerbside waste collection service charge will increase by \$9 to accommodate increased costs of delivering the service, but the waste management charge will remain the same.

What's in the Proposed Budget for 2019/20

- Improvements to Hanson Street, Corryong as part of the Regional Roads Victoria Fixing Country Roads Program
- Construction of the Upper Murray Events Centre
- Amenity and playground upgrade at the Colac Colac Caravan Park
- Installation of a shade structure at Attree Centre, Corryong
- Upgrading the Cudgewa Netball Courts
- Rejuvenation of the Tallangatta Triangles including the installation of a bus shelter
- Sealing of a section of Wisers Creek Road, Talgarno
- Widening and resealing of part of Hardys Road, Tallangatta
- Completion of the Eskdale and Bethanga Fixing Country Roads projects

More detailed information can be found in the full 2019/20 Proposed Budget available online or at Council offices in Corryong and Tallangatta.

Community members are encouraged to review and provide feedback on the proposed 2019/20 Budget by close of business on Monday 10 June 2019.

Information on how to provide feedback is available on the Council website.

End of Fire Danger Period

Towong Shire residents are encouraged to contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on 02 6071 5100 for advice before undertaking any burning activities. Our 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 us before starting a burn. In a township area a fire

can only be lit within purpose built equipment, such as a barbecue, stove or chiminea 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, 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.

Information on permits can be found at www.towong.vic.gov.au. For more information on fire season visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Library offering goes digital

Residents in Towong Shire can now access a catalogue of digital books and downloadable audiobooks that can be accessed on a smartphone, tablet, computer or MP3 player. These are available via the free Borrowbox app, accessible to all library members across the Shire simply by using their library card and password or PIN.

Once the app is set up items can be "borrowed" for a fortnight just like typical library books. The new service is free to Towong Shire library members who can borrow, reserve and renew digital books just like traditional books.

Corryong resident Lisa Wilkinson is thrilled with the service. "The audiobooks are great to have on in the background when I'm pottering around at home," she said.

"I also tend to listen to them while I'm driving. It makes me not want to stop at the petrol station because I'm absorbed in a chapter."

She said her children have also embraced the technology and love browsing through the catalogue. "The kids love the digital books too."

For more information or help getting set up contact the Corryong Library on (02) 6076 1639 or the Tallangatta Library on (02) 6071 2955 or info@towong.vic.gov.au.

[Image: Lisa Wilkinson and Frances (3) browsing the Borrowbox



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BUDGET 2019/20

Council has prepared a proposed budget for the 2019/20 financial year.

The proposed budget is available for viewing until Monday 10 June 2019 at:

- Council's Corryong and Tallangatta offices
- Council's website, www.towong.vic.gov.au

Submissions on the proposed budget are invited and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act. Submissions must be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

Any person wishing to be heard or represented in support of their submission must specify this in their submission.

Submissions close 5.00pm Monday 10 June 2019.

Council will consider all submissions at its meeting on Tuesday June 25 2018 prior to adopting its 2019/20 Budget.



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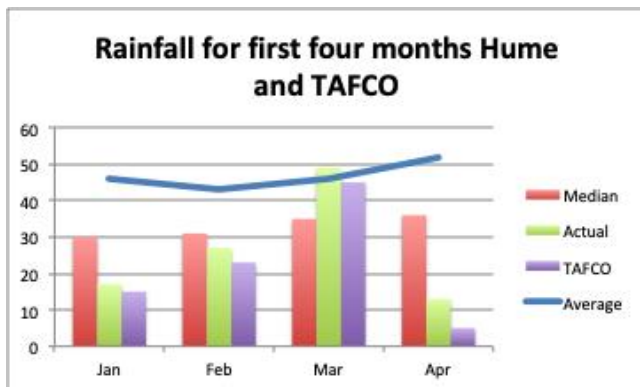
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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 73 mm at TAFCO station (de Hennin's) 89 mm at Hume Reservoir and 91 mm at my place. The Hume reading was 13% below the median or 37% below average (141 mm). February was 13% below median, March 29% above median and April 74% below median.



Nine out of every 10 years since 1922 have had more rain in April. It was very frustrating to see us missing out on any rain over April but thankfully the dry spell was over two days into May.

Autumn is the least reliable season of the year with a variability of 98% followed by spring 65%, summer 62% and winter, the most reliable with 51%. Again we were much better off than most of the state which as a whole had the sixth driest April on record (it was the 13th for us). And for western and central Victoria, the first 4 months were the driest on record since 1923.

I have been keeping track of the rolling 12 month total rainfall at the TAFCO station to try to adjust stock numbers in relation to what our rainfall actually is rather than the average I expected we might have. It has gone from 665 mm in April 2018 down as low as 475 mm at the end of April 2019 and is now at 534 mm. Hopefully, we will soon get back to where we were.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested that autumn rainfall would be about average but, as a result of the dry April, this turned out to be wrong. In the early part of autumn the sub-tropical ridge of high pressure kept further north than normal and during April we had a series of higher than normal pressure areas located over southern Australia. The combined impact of this was to push any rain-bearing lows to the south. This pattern is becoming a common theme, perhaps it is something related to long term climate change.

Prospects for winter (May to end July)

BOM is saying that there is only a one in three chance that we will have rainfall above the median for our part of the world over the June to August period. For the three months May to July we are likely to get close to the median (190 mm). The outlook has been downgraded because of the prospect of a positive IOD.

The IOD is still neutral but a majority of the models now suggest a positive IOD (meaning less rain in winter and early spring) after July.

We have been on an El Niño Alert for the past couple of months but this has just been downgraded to Watch meaning that the chance that an El Niño may develop in winter is now down to 50%. Most models suggest that even if we do have an El Niño it will be short-lived.

Dale Grey who produces the Fast Break tends to cut through the confused messages from the outlook models and he summed things up as follows on April 29. *'The consensus of 12 models is favouring average rainfall and warmer temperatures over the next three months, code for any rainfall outcome is likely.'*

It seems really uncertain how much rain we will get particularly at the later end of winter. Sorry not to be able to be more positive especially after the excellent rain in May.

Greg Hayes

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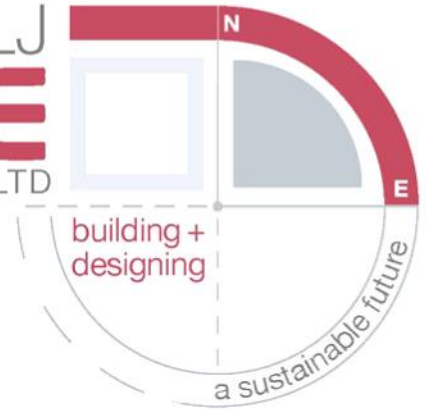
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The newsletter is distributed by volunteers to mail boxes where they are available. **Copies will be placed in PO boxes for residents in Bethanga township or they can be picked up at the PO or Bethanga General Store.** For those in Granya with PO boxes copies are available in the community mailbox at the Granya Hall.

The newsletter is also available in colour on line at
www.berringacommunitynews.com.au

The BCN team would like to warmly thank **Lyn Whitehead** for her many years of efficient and gracious delivery of the newsletter to all residents of Bellbridge. Lyn and Graeme have now moved to Wodonga. We wish them all the very best in their new home.

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

Engagement

Alan and Kerrie Stephenson are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Sarah Stephenson to Adam Blackburn** of Hobart. The happy couple are currently building their new home in Hobart.

Missing

Missing from Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall. Stainless Steel 15 litre water bucket. Near new. Used for filling the urns at the Hall. If you have used it to take items home after a function, can you please return it ASAP. If you know where it is, please contact Graham Maynard 60264007. Thanks

Thank You

The family of **Laurie Scott** would like to express their appreciation to the Berringa CERT team for the assistance they provided to their mother during her long illness

Bellbridge Community Group

The Bellbridge Community Group was formed to address the communication gap between the Bellbridge residents, Towong Council and our Councillors. The Our Bellbridge Plan will be moving onto Stage 2 in the coming years. We encourage you to have a look at the plan on line under "Our Bellbridge". There are big plans and we are keen for the existing rate payers to benefit from future planning. We have the Roy Williams Park in the proposed 2019/2020 budget. Towong council will welcome submissions in response to the proposal.

planting in the Roy Williams Park! At the meeting in the park in September 2018 the Mayor and Council representatives had a resounding response that residents did not want more trees. The Council advised the feedback forms, unfortunately did not reflect this, you can find the results on the Towong shire website, under "Upgrades to existing facilities". Our group continues to work with council and we are keen to increase our numbers, so we can convey a broad view to Council of what works in Bellbridge and what doesn't.

If you can please attend the Budget Drop In Session, 6th June at our Pre-school, 4.30 to 6.30. We are still working with Council regarding the small budget allocation in the 2018/2019 financial year for some tree

So if you can, join us, voice your opinion.

Denise Anderson Ph:0418612470
Email: wgdja@hotmail.com

Welcome to our new Dietitian

Tallangatta Health Service welcomes new Dietitian and Health Promotion Officer Kerryn O'Brien. Her main areas of dietetic interest are: Aged Care, Diabetes, Eating and Feeding Disorders, and Gastrointestinal Disorders. In her spare time she likes to play her cello, ride her horse and swim, as well as look after her 3 teenage children.

Kerryn will be working Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information on dietetic services at Tallangatta Health Service, please phone us on 6071 5200.

CEAG – Community Engagement Advisory Group

A Consumer Engagement Advisory Group has been established consisting of local community people to ensure that we empower people for health and listen to the voice of our community. The Group's purpose is to provide advice to Tallangatta Health Service from a consumer perspective to ensure Tallangatta Health Service services are person centred.

This is a newly formed group and we are still seeking more community members. If you would like more information about this group please phone us on 02 6071 5200.

Family Violence

Our Tallangatta and Surrounds Family Violence committee is up and running and welcomes new members to help us make sure we are meeting our community's needs. It occurs on the last Tuesday of the month at 11am in the Community Hub in Tallangatta. Cathy Wallace is our project lead and would welcome a call on 02 6071 5200 if you would like further information.

New Doctor for Tallangatta Medical Centre

We welcome Dr Rasmita Mishra to our Medical Centre team, who commenced on Wednesday May 8th 2019. Dr Mishra will be working every Wednesday in the Medical Centre. After working at a number of hospitals throughout Australia, Rasmita returned home to Albury/Wodonga and commenced her training as a General Practitioner Registrar in 2015. Rasmita has particular areas of clinical interest which include obstetrics and women's health.

If you wish to make an appointment with Dr Mishra, please call us on 6071 5200. Dr Anne McMahon and Dr Richard Barkas are also available for consultations.

Influenza vaccines have arrived at Tallangatta Medical Centre

Influenza vaccinations are now available at the Tallangatta Medical Centre. Please book your appointment with Sue Reid or your General Practitioner to receive your influenza vaccination for 2019.

Who is eligible for a free vaccine?

The influenza vaccines are **FREE** to:

- All children aged 6 months to five years and under
- People aged 5 years and over who have a medical risk factor that increases their risk of complications from influenza
- People who have a chronic disease
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over
- All pregnant women anytime during pregnancy
- All adults aged 65 years and older

Please ask your Doctor, Sue Reid or nurse regarding this.

If you are interested in the pneumococcal vaccine and are 65 years and over or have a chronic disease please enquire at Tallangatta Medical Centre.

Everyone is encouraged to have an Influenza Vaccine to protect themselves and others for the upcoming winter period.

To make an appointment at the Tallangatta Medical Centre please phone 6071 5270

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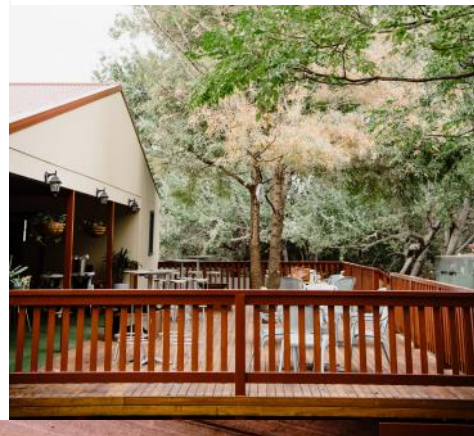
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Back to the Gay 60's

Stepping into Pam and Brian Eades home in Granya was like stepping back into 1960s. They have remarkable collection of kitchenalia from 1950s and 60s: shelves of brightly coloured cannisters, cookie jars, spice sets and other novelty kitchenware. Pam has been a collector from the time she bought a set of orange Gayware cannisters that reminded of her happy early childhood. She now scours eBay, markets, op shops and has joined facebook groups to build on her collection. The collection is eclectic but is focussed on Australian made products.

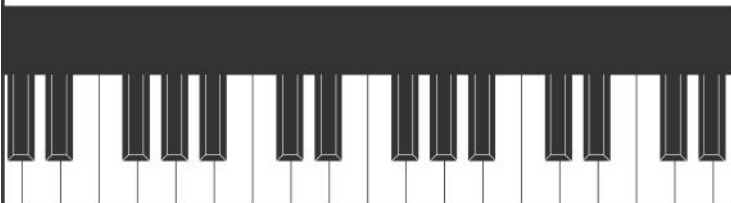


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The symptoms to look out for include:

- increasing wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and coughing,
- needing to use a reliever again within three hours of last taking it
- waking often at night with asthma symptoms.

An asthma attack can become life threatening if not treated properly, even in someone whose asthma is usually mild or well controlled. Consult your GP to develop an asthma action plan. An asthma action plan is an individual plan created by you and your doctor to help you manage your asthma. The plan advises you about what you must do to stay healthy, and what to do when your asthma is unstable, and you need help.

Asthma first aid

An asthma flare-up (attack) can take anything from a few minutes to a few days to develop. It can be a very frightening experience and people having an asthma attack need help straight away.

If someone is experiencing an asthma attack, follow the instructions in their asthma action plan. If they don't have an action plan or you aren't sure what to do, follow the four steps of asthma first aid.

The four-steps of asthma first aid are:

1. Sit the person upright and give reassurance – do not leave them alone.
2. Without delay, give the person four separate puffs of their reliever medication. If using a puffer this should be taken one puff at a time via a spacer. Ask the person to take four breaths from the spacer after each puff of medication.
3. Wait four minutes. If there is little or no improvement, repeat steps 2 and 3.
4. If there is **still no improvement, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance immediately**. Repeat steps 2 and 3 continuously while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Opportunity to Join CERT

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers are dispatched at the same time as an ambulance to potentially time-critical emergencies within the local community. CERTs are trained in providing basic emergency care services within their local community until the ambulance arrives.

Volunteering as a First Responder with Ambulance Victoria is a rewarding experience. You will see people at their worst, in a time of need, and be gratified by knowing your care and compassion has made a difference to someone.

Volunteering with us offers many personal benefits and opportunities including:

- Gain new knowledge, skills and the Nationally Recognised Qualification HLT21112 Certificate II in Emergency Medical Service First Response
- Enjoy a sense of achievement and fulfilment
- Develop personally and boost personal self esteem
- Connect with and improve the health outcomes of your community
- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Enhance your own career prospects

Ambulance Victoria provides training to become an Ambulance First Responder twice a year. The initial course, including driver training, is delivered using a blended model of on-line learning, face to face learning and practice under supervision during workplace experience, with completion of the qualification within 12 months.

Every CERT member must make themselves available for a minimum of 20 hours per month on flexible roster and 3 hours per month ongoing training.

No qualifications are required but applicants must

- be over 18 years of age
- have a current drivers licence (Probationary is fine)
- have a driving check, Working with Children and Police check

Training date for the next face to face training are

Day 1 & 2 – 12 & 13 Oct 2019
Day 3 & 4 – 26 & 27 Oct 2019
Day 5 & 6 – 9 & 10 Nov 2019

Applications for the next course close **22 July 2019**.

Please contact me for more information

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

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

Anyone interested in joining the group would be most welcome. It's a great way to share and learn from each other, at the same time as being a social outing.

The Men's Shed is open 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.

Phil Craig, President

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 6026 4235

*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

23 February 6.40pm Bush fire, Firebrace Track, Koetong.

Tankers 1 and 2 were requested for support to a fire at Koetong. The situation was managed by local brigades, and both trucks were returned to station before arriving on scene.

5 March 6.22pm Bush fire, Wisers Creek Road, Talgarno.

Bethanga supported Talgarno to extinguish a log on fire.

16 March 8:33pm Camp fire, Lake Road, Old Tallangatta.

Bethanga was requested to assist Old Tallangatta in investigating the camp fire. Bethanga's appliances were returned to the station before arriving on scene.

13 April 4.51pm Column of smoke, Hollow Street, Bethanga.

Bethanga investigated and quickly discovered that it was a burn off, and returned to station.

14 May 12:29am Structure fire, Bellbridge

All 3 units attended a house fire at Bellbridge that



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started in the laundry and spread to other parts of the house. Talgarno, Bonegilla, and Wodonga brigades also responded.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

CFA fire restrictions officially ended on 1 May. We were fortunate to have a relatively quiet fire season this year. While restrictions have ended, please remember that the person who is lighting the fire is responsible for ensuring it doesn't get out of control.

While the CFA Fire restrictions have ended, Towong Shire Council does have some fire restrictions that are in effect all year round. To check on the regulations for your location contact the Towong Shire Fire Prevention officer on 6071 5100 prior to any burning activities.

WINTER IS HERE

Please be sure to clean your chimneys, heater flues & fans, clothes driers (for lint build up) and check electric blankets before use. Don't leave electric space heaters unattended when in use.

Many newer heating appliances have built in safety features, such as electric blankets with automatic turn off and space heaters that turn off when knocked over. See what safety features your heating appliances have and consider upgrading to newer, safer versions.

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.

BETHANGA GYMKHANA

At the annual Bethanga Gymkhana & Family Fun Day held on Easter Saturday Talgarno and Bethanga brigades provided demonstrations and information for the public. The day was a great success and we enjoyed interacting with the community. Well done to the Gymkhana committee for organizing a great local event.

FACEBOOK

We now have a Facebook page, which you can find by searching *Bethanga and District Rural Fire Brigade*. This page will not provide up to date emergency information, but it will let you know what the brigade is up to, including training and events. For emergency information you can visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au



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BERRINGA FIRIES CALENDER

On the 10th of May at Talgarno CFA's monthly BBQ, Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya Brigades where presented with a huge (literally) cheque for \$2,700, which will be shared between the brigades. The Berringa Firies Calendar is a huge undertaking for those involved, and the money raised goes a long way to supporting our local brigades. Thank you again this year to the Berringa Firies Committee, the sponsor's and to the people who bought a calendar.

BRIGADE MONTHLY TRAINING

Bethanga brigade members train on a monthly basis to refine our skills.

The next trainings are scheduled for the following dates.

- Thursday 20 June
- Wednesday 21 August
- Thursday 19 September

More information and reminders will be sent to members closer to each date.

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

RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Running Championship events are designed to simulate how the CFA volunteers would set up the fire truck on a real job to fight a fire, with junior and senior teams competing to do it the fastest.

On the 3rd of March, the Juniors participated in the District 24 Running Championships held at Gapsted. We had two teams an 11-13yo team, and a 11-15yo team, who achieved the following awards:

- * The 11-15yo team came 3rd in the Hydrant Event.
- * The 11-13yo team won the District 24 Aggregate over the 5 events.
- * The Juniors Brigade won the Ron Leary Conduct and Discipline award.

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The Juniors enjoyed the day so much, that we also decided to attend the District 23 Running Championships held at Greta on the 17th of March. On this day, our Juniors achieved the following award:

- * The 11-13yo team came 2nd in the Wet Hose and Ladder event.

Overall this was a FANTASTIC effect for our Juniors and the Junior Leaders, who trained hard for many weeks for these championships, and to their families, who supported the Juniors and travelled with them to their events.



BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

In Term 1 the Bethanga Primary School held a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser, and donated \$93 to the Bethanga-Talgarno Juniors, which supported the purchase of our orange Running Championship shirts.

On the 8th of March, the Junior Brigade and two of our leaders attended Bethanga Primary School to accept the donation, say a huge THANKYOU and to demonstrate what the Juniors do at a Running Championship.



“Bringing home the Bacon” and Tomato

More photos and videos of the Juniors Competing can be found of the *Bethanga and District Rural Fire Brigade* and the *Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade’s* Facebook pages.

WINTER SESSIONS

During the winter terms, the Junior Brigade holds sessions every second Sunday, from 10am until 12 noon, starting with Week 2 of the Victorian school term. Sessions generally alternate between Bethanga and Talgarno stations, with some sessions held off site at special locations.

JOINING THE JUNIOR BRIGADE

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

John Northey 0414 931 442

Brendan Pearson 0439 881 440

bethangatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com

TALGARNO CFA

Welcome to the winter update from Talgarno Fire Brigade. I'm sure everyone is appreciating the little bit of rain we've had and the green grass sprouting, even if only superficial! It has been a quiet few months in the tail end of the fire season with only a few incidents; several where we didn't even leave the station. Just a reminder as many of us are burning debris around paddocks that if you are conducting a burn please make authorities aware as it saves us being called out.

You can notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) 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

As we near winter please take care with heaters and fires and flammable materials near these, ovens and stovetops, electric blankets and appliances like dryers. Consider these tips to stay safe over the cooler months:

- Make sure heaters are off before going to bed or going out.
- Keep clothing, curtains or toys one metre away from heaters.
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free from grease and residue.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year.
- Test and vacuum smoke alarms monthly.
- Ensure you have a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Clean chimneys and flues every year.
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Keep candles, incense, and oil burners away from anything flammable.
- Don't leave electric blankets on for more than 30 minutes.
- Never put weight (people, animals or objects) on your bed while the electric blanket is on.
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Let the clothes dryer complete its cool down cycle before stopping.

Brief updates

Berringa Firies Calendar. Thanks to the community for supporting the Berringa Firies Calendar yet again and to the organising committee who presented our brigade with a sizable cheque.

Bethanga Gymkhana. The brigade had approximately 15 members that helped out on the bbq at the Gymkhana on a very warm and sunny Easter Saturday. A special thanks to Graham and Anthea for organising the crew, supplies and transporting the bbq over.

Junior Brigade. We were thrilled to see the juniors competing in the District 23 and 24 championships back in March. Congratulations to all involved.

2020 festivities. We can confirm we have booked our Celebration for Sunday 3 May. All members will be invited, and we would love to see some of our members who we have not seen for a while participate in our celebration.

New members. We welcome Hayden Miller who has returned to the area after a while away. Hayden plans to undertake minimum skills training again and participate in the brigade as an operational member.

If there are any community members that 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

*Club Secretary
Adam Richardson 0412 560 833*

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 on the first Sunday in July, 7th July, As usual it will be held at the Bellbridge Community Childcare 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 who may be in need of transport, please contact Rotarian on 6026 4305 or any other Rotarian.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

The Rotary Club conducted its annual collection in the Peninsula area for this worthy cause on Sunday May 26th by manning collection points at the Bellbridge, Bethanga and Kangaroo Point stores.

Thank you for your generous support which is very well appreciated by the Salvos and is used for local charitable work.

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge.

Although numbers were slightly less than last year, the day's events raised over \$22,500 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Wellness Centre. The Wodonga Racecourse, was considered by all involved as an excellent venue for starting and finishing the event. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all the sponsors, racecourse personnel, competitors and volunteers who made the day a great success.

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.

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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.

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB



Springdale Road Bethanga

Come and play at the picturesque nine hole course. Players welcome 7 days a week in golf season. \$10 green fee in the honesty box or become a member for \$100 per year which includes golflinks membership and affiliation to Golf Victoria. Hire the club house for your next celebration or fundraiser.

Contact either

Peter Star 0429 436 347

Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048



TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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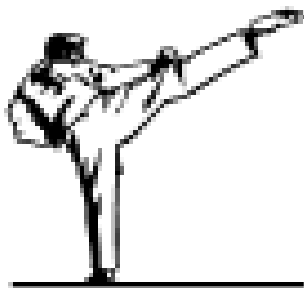
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Bethanga Landcare Group

Please take a moment, in your mind, connect with the land and environment around you... Do you feel that sense of seasonal reprieve shaped by a few rain events followed by still sunny

days? It is hard to miss. This is the essence of Landcare, care of our lands and environments based on empathetic connection and understanding. Come along and join us.

On March 31st eight Bethanga Landcare members attended a Mapping Workshop at CSU Thurgoona Campus run by Rachel Whitsed. Over coming years, it is our intention to map our local area and environment using Google Maps making this information available to all. Specifically, we will map past and future areas planted by Bethanga Landcare with trees, private tree plantings arising from our annual Tree Giveaway program, along with existing native bushland areas. Google Maps also allows the posting of photos to the maps so we can include sightings of wildlife of note, such as Sugar Gliders, etc. The longer-term objective is to identify and establish wildlife corridors throughout our local environment.

The Scots School annual cut and paste day on the North Common on the 10th April was a great success again this year. Forty-five students accompanied by Scots' Stage Coordinator, David Edward and staff Daisie Thomas and Jane Holland came along to remove woody weeds from the Common. Amazing energy was apparent as they climbed the common, cut down woody weeds, walked to the Rec Reserve for lunch, only to walk back, climb the common again, to continue working. Rebecca Chettleburra did a great job on the barbeque working hard to keep up with demand. Oh, to be young with boundless energy!

On Tuesday 7th May, students from Bethanga Primary School took part in a Woodland Exploration at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. Kathie Le Busque from Petaurus Education Group talked to the students about the importance of habitat for native animals, and how the tree planting activities the students are taking part in at the Reserve will allow more animals to call the Reserve their home. Students then took part in a 'bush treasure hunt' finding leaves, feathers, flowers and other items, and generally enjoying exploring the area. The excursion ended with a walk to last year's tree planting site at the back of the Reserve, where everyone marvelled at the success rate (almost 100%!) and how much everything had grown despite the dry conditions. The activity was funded by Landcare Victoria's Junior

Landcare Grant program. Students will also undertake a plant propagation activity and indigenous art class as part of the grant.

Who thought cow dung could be exciting! Well... the Dung Beetle Workshop on the 5th May, conducted by Belinda Pearce, was a great success. It was attended by thirteen Bethanga and Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare members. Belinda commenced the workshop sharing her incredible wealth of knowledge teaching those present how to understand and identify the different species of dung beetle now present in Australia. It was then time for field work. Fortunately, Hugh Hanna had moved some cattle to the home paddock a couple of days earlier so that we had fresh dung to explore. Lo and behold, the first pat we turn over exposed several male and female dung beetles with burrows already well established. We plan to make a range of dung beetle resources available via the Bethanga Landcare Facebook page.



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.

Neville Bell, President

<u>Bethanga Landcare Event</u>	<u>Planned Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tree Giveaway	Saturday, June 1 (Be early)	Tree giveaway Bethanga Hall Barbeque
National Tree Day	Sunday, June 16	Hole pre-drilling Community tree planting Barbeque
Schools Tree Day	Friday, July 26	Hole pre-drilling School children tree planting Barbeque
Committee Meeting	Tuesday, August 20	7:00pm, Bethanga Hall Light refreshments
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



At our last Landcare meeting Simon Feillafe gave a presentation showcasing the fantastic work that our community has done over the past couple of decades changing the landscape in our district. Using drone footage Simon was able to give a bird’s eye view of the extensive tree and shrub planting that has taken place over the years. As is so often the case, we didn’t have the ‘before’ photos to compare it with but many of us can remember how it was 20 years ago. Trees and shrubs planted along creek lines, ridges, gullies and around remnant paddock trees have created a wonderful habitat for the foodweb of insects, birds, reptiles and (to a fault perhaps) mammals. It was interesting to see that only a few sites had good balance between shrubs and trees and that we have probably been planting trees too close together. If you are thinking of doing any planting please get in touch with Simon (04 3819 0999) to get some tips about how to get the best results.

We have also put in an order for trees and shrubs for this coming planting season and we are now in the process of putting in an application for further activities under

the Victorian Landcare Grants scheme – if you have any ideas for Landcare activities you’d like to have supported please get in touch before June 3rd.

We held a working bee to put in some bollards around the spruced up Johnstone Creek wayside stop and to put in a sign there and at the Wises Creek Road plantation – thanks to those who were able to help.



Several of our members went to the Dung Beetle Workshop put on by the Bethanga Landcare Group where Belinda Pearce explained what we need to do to harness these mighty dung munchers.

Our next activity will be a tree planting day for Talgarno School children (and parents) at the Talgarno Cemetery on Friday July 26th. It will start at 10 am and we will have a free BBQ from 12 noon onwards so please come along.

Greg Hayes – Secretary (04 1960 9042 or ggbhayes@gmail.com)

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What a busy couple of months it has been for the Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre... Politicians, logo changes, growing attendances and lots of fun!

The parents committee (supported by the wonderful staff at the centre who gave up their own time on the weekend) set about beautifying the gardens in a 2 day working bee. New chipbark was delivered enabling the kinder kids to play on the equipment outside, weeds were removed, shrubs and plants cut back and the sandpits were given a make-over. Since then, new turf has also been laid and further

work on the garden beds is to take place in the coming weeks. This all creates an engaging environment which has seen the kids thrive outside.



The parents committee have been actively lobbying politicians to ensure the centre remains open and enjoyed a visit by Dan Tehan, Education Minister and Steve Martin, prospective Indi candidate to the centre in March. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the centre and talk positively about the ongoing enrolments since the facility reopened in late January under Towong Shire. A commitment was made by the Minister that the centre would be given ongoing funding should they be re-elected.

The timing of the election however, has not been in our favour as the government effectively went into caretaker mode with the announcement of the election. Therefore, the committee decided to invite the prospective Indi

candidates to a rural education forum at the centre.

Image: Courtesy of Steve Martin Facebook page



Helen Haines for Indi
3 May at 18:12

Today I met children, parents and staff at Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre and committed to help this vibrant small community on the Victorian bank of Lake Hume to secure financial support to keep this service operating. Thanks to Joe Calvert for inviting me and to the Bellbridge kids for the welcome. The briefing with parents was very valuable. It showed clearly that not every community can meet the requirements demanded of government funding models, particularly in small but important places like Bellbridge.

#earlyyears #education #keepindiindependent #helenhaines4indi

*** Unfortunately, the day before the event 2 of the 3 candidates sent their apologies (but provided their ongoing support for the centre) leaving Dr. Helen Haines with the floor. She spoke passionately about the needs of rural communities having access to childcare services and pledged her support if elected to do everything to maintain the centre remained open.

The centre continues to provide a stimulating and changing programme for both the long day care children and 3 and 4 year kindergarten sessions. Sessions often reflect children's ideas and interests observed by the motivated staff. From the children's point of view, the following have been highlights the last couple of months:



Harmony Day – Celebrating different cultural recipes which included making pizzas, tacos, mini pancakes and scones.



Making poppies to celebrate ANZAC Day



Crazy Hair Week – Having their hair dyed as part of 'The greatest shave for a cure' fundraiser and learning how they were helping others who are sick and need support.



Group sessions – reading, playing and interacting!

For more about the centre, please contact Nadya Blake, Centre Supervisor on 02 6026 4373 who will happily show you around the centre which runs a long day care facility, a 3 year old and 4 year old kindergarten programme and a before and after school programme.

Future fundraising events to watch out for:

Wood raffle – Win a trailer load of wood to see you through winter!

Toy Story 4 movie event – June 22nd

Chocolate drive – Who can't resist chocolate?



Welcome to term 2 and Winter! The students have had a fantastic start to term 2 and have been extremely engaged with their learning. Our topic this term is “where do I live?”, where students will be developing their knowledge of our local history and our surrounding environment.

In April, our students represented our school, alongside Bethanga PS, at the ANZAC day service in Bethanga. They laid a handmade wreath on behalf of our school and sang the national anthem.

Important Dates

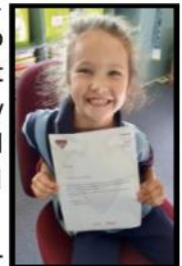
- 5/6 Canberra Camp - 22-25th May
- NERSSA Athletics—28th May
- World Environmental Day—5th June
- Queen’s birthday holiday—10th June
- End of term 2—28th June
- MACC Van (art) - every 2nd Mon
- Assembly/coffee morn: every 2nd Thurs
- Cooking: Fridays
- Indonesian: Thursdays
- MARC Van: every 2nd Thurs
- Music—every 2nd Wed

The Bonegilla Migrant Centre was a highlight for the students last term. They enjoyed roaming around the migrant camp and learning about life here.

Cross country was held in May at Willow Park, Wodonga. After floods in Wodonga the day before, we had an absolutely stunning day, with all the students participating in either the ‘bead-lap’ run or the 2km/3km course. We have the following students going through to the next round: Holly 7th, Sophie 9th, Brooke 10th, Malakai 6th, Klancie 9th & Tilly 10th. Well done to all students.



During term one, the students were learning about persuasive writing, and their task was to write to someone and persuade them to visit our School. Last week we received letters back from Flyaway Gymnastics, the Holbrook Netball club, Steve Backshall and a package from the Essendon Football Club with lots of posters and autographs.



We are so excited in our classroom about our new flexible seating options. The new seating is designed to make the most of our flexible learning spaces and allows the students the opportunity to take their learning to anywhere in the room. It also promotes movement while learning which increases concentration and helps students focus on learning tasks.



NAPLAN online came to our school this year for the first time. Students in years 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN testing last week on the iPads, with all students able to comfortably sit through and complete all 4 tests.



Mother’s Day Lunch

The Wool Press Granya was abuzz on Mother’s Day where we held our annual fundraiser. Ninety people attended the lunch, where we were treated to an amazing two course meal, catered by Pincho’s.

There were raffles, silent auctions and lucky door prizes on the day. Thank you to everyone that came along, we look forward to seeing everyone next year.



Fundraising News

We have been very busy in term 1 and early term 2 with our fundraising. A massive thank you to all parents and helpers with our Bunnings BBQ, Four-wheel drive fundraiser, Rotary club bike ride event, water melon fundraiser and the Mother’s Day lunch. So far this year, we have raised almost \$4000 for our undercover BBQ area. We are hoping to start building it very soon!



Our School Council AGM was held in March with the following positions filled:

- President—Brendan Pearson**
- Vice President—Jonathan Green**
- Secretary—Amy Lusher**
- Fundraising coordinators—Belinda Toohey & Jill Pearson**

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