

Berringa Community News

News and views from the residents of Bellbridge,
Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno Circulation: 550 ABN:
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Summer 2019

The Great River Road

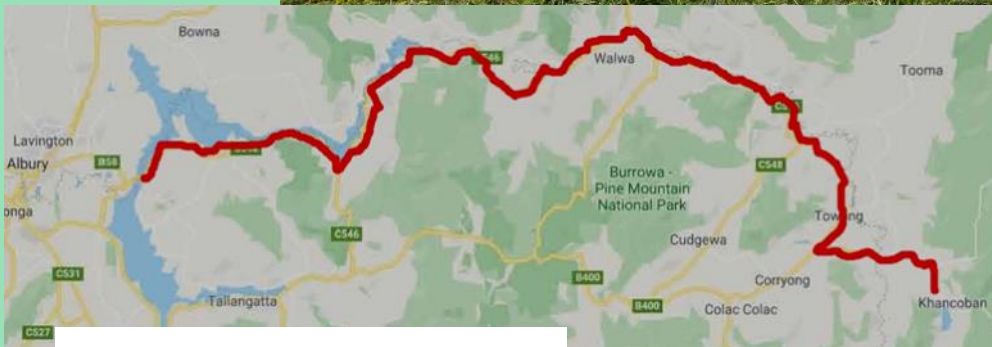
Wedge-tailed Eagle

Mount Alfred Gap



Murray Cray

Bringenbrong



Rainbow Trout

Khancoban

Towong Shire Council together with the Upper Murray 2030 Steering Group, The Man from Snowy River Tourist Association and Upper Murray Business Inc. officially opened the Great River Road on November 6 2019 at Jim Newman Lookout . The new touring route features a series of spectacular large public artworks recently installed at stops along the Great River Road between Albury-Wodonga and Khancoban. The interactive pieces by internationally renowned sculptor Benjamin Gilbert feature native flora and fauna and showcase the beautiful landscapes visitors can view along the way.

Murray Cod

Tintaldra



COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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SAVE THE DATE

**4TH ANNUAL BERRINGA COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING
MORNING TEA**

FOR ALBURY WODONGA CANCER CENTRE

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2020 10.00AM to 12.00PM

At 'Jounama', 697 Murray River Road, TALGARNO

Our community of Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno have hosted this event for the past three years. Last year we supported a new initiative of the AWRCC Trust Inc. by financially sponsoring two oncology nurses to undertake a Masters Degree in Oncology Nursing. The Masters qualification takes the nurses two years to complete and the event on Saturday 2nd May 2020 aims to raise funds to support this initiative for the two nurses in their final year. Our community can be proud of its support to the two inaugural scholarships for oncology nurses who will strengthen the pool of specially trained oncology nurses at the AWRCC.

CAN YOU HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A CONTINUED SUCCESS? If you are able to help it will be most appreciated – We are inviting you to help on the day, donate plants & cakes to sell on the stalls, donate financially, offered a service or donate items that would be suitable for the auctioneer called auction or silent auction.

For further information please call Julie de Hennin Ph. 0412 433499

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Talgarno Cemetery

Our trust chair, Jane Wood, recently presented a Certificate of appreciation from DHHS (Cemetery Sector) and thanked Ian Schubert who has resigned from the trust after 37 years. Julie DeHennin, has recently been appointed, and is a very welcome member bringing a wealth of governance knowledge to the trust

Trust members with assistance from community members and a grant from WCT Landcare group have completed the fencing for the newly planted section which runs across the top border of the cemetery. We are currently looking at mapping the cemetery graves and future plots, we hope to be able to provide GPS coordinates for both existing and future interment sites. An upgrade of the fees schedule is also underway.

Melissa Nichol ph. 6020 1290

Lea Casey, Secretary, lea.casey@gmail.com

Bellbridge Shop Closes

Bellbridge Defibrillator Moved

With the closure of the Bellbridge shop the public access defibrillator has been moved to the Bellbridge Community



centre at 14 –16 Craig Drive, Bellbridge. It is housed in a white box on the outside wall at the entrance .

Do not forget that in an emergency defibrillators are also available 24/7 on the outside walls at the Bethanga Store, Bethanga Recreation Reserve, Talgaro Hall and Granya Hall.

There are also defibrillators on the Talgaro and Bethanga CFA tankers.

The defibrillators are designed to be used by people who have no experience, but CERT will run sessions to improve people's confidence with the defibrillator and CPR early next year in Bellbridge, Bethanga, Talgaro and Granya. Details will be in the Autumn 2020 edition of the Berringa Community News. If you or your organisation is interested in attending please contact Julie Miller 6020 1107.

Thank You Helen

The smiling face, hearty welcome and kindness from Helen Warr will be missed by many. Helen has decided to close the Bellbridge Store.

The Berringa Community wish to thank Helen for her contribution to the well-being of this community and wish her all the best for the future and look forward to keeping in contact with her, Lionel and Callum.

Thanks Helen.



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Gear up for Drummond Real Estate Lake Hume Cycle Challenge

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc.



Entries are now open for the 2020 Drummond Real Estate Lake Hume Cycle Challenge.

On Saturday, February 22, more than 600 cyclists are expected to take part in one of four rides offered as part of the challenge and which range from 5km to 126km.

This includes the popular 126km Granya Grind, known for its grueling trek up to the top of Mt Granya and breath taking views over Lake Hume. Other road rides will be the 32km Weir Wonder and 79km Sandy Creek course, which take in undulating hills, attractive farm lands, river flats and the spectacular Lake Hume.

If you are on the roads that day please keep an eye out, and be courteous to our riders. Rider's entry fees flow on to our local charities. Many are visitors to the area, spending substantial tourist \$\$ at local hospitality businesses, which is good for us all.

These all start and finish at the Wodonga Racecourse, where there will be a "chill zone" with food, drink and entertainment for weary riders, and their families, upon their return.

The family river ride in 2020 will start and finish at Belvoir Park to take advantage of the meandering paved off-road paths in the shade along the Murray River.

The distance will range from 5km to 25km with activities along the path. The popular rider education course and face painting will be at the start and finish line at Belvoir Park.

Participants will also be encouraged to come dressed as their favourite super hero and be in the running for some great prizes.

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge is organised by the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume, with all money raised donated to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre and Border Trust.

More than \$150,000 raised through the cycle challenge has gone towards the Wellness Centre, which provides wellness and supportive care programs to patients and their families at the Cancer Centre.

The event also assists the local Peninsula community, paying local schools and Landcare members to run the on route rider refreshment stations.

Thanks to major sponsors Drummond Real Estate, Jayco Albury-Wodonga, Commercial Club of Albury, Wodonga Race Club and Roadsafes North East, as well as businesses who kindly donate equipment and prizes.

Registrations and further information is available at lakehumecyclechallenge.com.au

Take advantage of early bird entry fees until December 24.



Talgarno Tennis Club and Talgarno Fire Brigade
Social Club presents

Talgarno Community Bushdance

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@ Talgarno Tennis Club**

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



Thank You

Berringa Community News thanks Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group for their generous donation to support the cost of producing this newsletter



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2020 Peninsula Australia Day Community Awards Now Open

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

Nomination forms be downloaded from Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au/visitors/whats-on/ or collected from Bethanga Store or Bethanga Post Office

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Safety improved at troublesome intersection

Improvements to traffic safety along Lake Road between Bethanga and Bellbridge have commenced with a major upgrade to the Lake Road Kurrajong Gap Road intersection.

The Bethanga Black Spot project is a significant infrastructure undertaking to improve road safety along a 5.7km section Road between Lake Road and the Murray River Road.

Council was awarded \$179,000 from the Federal Government Black Spot Program toward the \$200,000. Ratepayer funds of \$21,000 round out the project budget.

Mayor David Wortmann said Council has been working hard for a long time to be in a position to respond to community calls for upgrades to this section of road and the intersection in particular.

“Securing the additional funds to include making the intersection safer has been a great outcome for residents, ratepayers and visitors alike.”

Work on the intersection upgrade will be completed before Christmas and the entire project finalised by June 2020.

Anyone requiring further information on the Bethanga Black Spot project can contact Council on (02) 6071 5100, 1300 365 222 or info@towong.vic.gov.au

New playground installed at Talgarno

Motorists travelling the Great River Road between Bellbridge and Walwa will have noticed an exciting new playground installed beside the Talgarno Hall.

Council has worked closely with the Talgarno community to plan a modern and accessible play space to replace the playground behind the Talgarno Tennis Courts.

Mayor David Wortmann said that Talgarno is a very active community.

“It’s a pleasure to work so closely with residents who roll up their sleeves and work alongside Council to make sure their small community remains active and connected.”

The new playground will compliment activities at the hall, CFA shed, and tennis courts. The space will be landscaped by local community groups and provide a great rest stop for travelers as well as locals.



For further information about the new playground, please contact Council on (02) 6071 5100, 1300 365 222 or info@towong.vic.gov.au

Fire Danger Period has commenced

As of 28 October 2019, the summer Fire Danger Period has officially commenced with North East Victoria facing another season of high fire danger.

This means any outdoor fires now require a Council permit, including burning of green waste or general burning off.

Fires being used for outside cooking (such as a BBQ or Pizza Oven) and for heating (such as a chiminea or brazier) do not require a permit.

To reduce the risk of fires, firewood collection is not permitted on Council roads during this period.

Mayor David Wortmann encouraged residents to consider the fire safety of their property and revise their fire plan.

"We shouldn't underestimate the importance of the activities the CFA encourage us to do at this time of the year. Cleaning our gutters and ensuring our properties are free of debris and fallen trees helps to reduce our risks. Fire safety is extremely important in our Shire and it is the responsibility of all of us."

David Wortmann Re-elected as Mayor

Council has re-elected Cr David Wortmann as Mayor for a 12-month term at its meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2019.

Cr Wortmann was first elected to Council in October 2008. Cr Andrew Whitehead was again appointed Council's Deputy Mayor.

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

Visit www.towong.vic.gov.au or find us on Facebook for news and information that can help you make the most out of living in Towong Shire.

Questions, concerns, feedback?

Please contact us:

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Tallangatta 3700

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Tallangatta's Christmas Party & Carols in the Park

Friday 13 December 2019

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7.30pm Carols in the Park

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Prospects for the Season Ahead

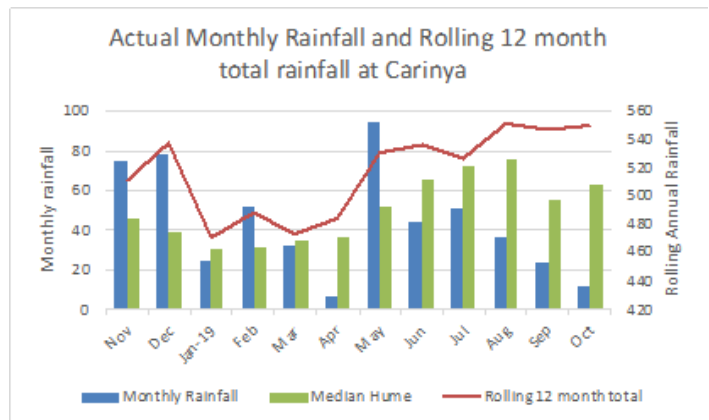
Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.



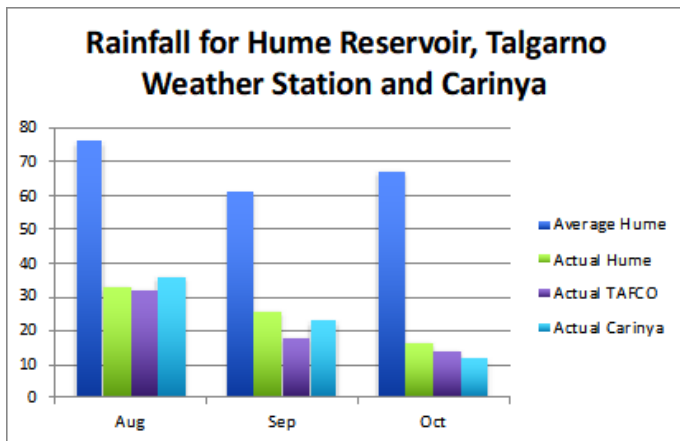
Rainfall Round-up

The spring rainfall (August to end October) was 64 mm at TAFCO station (De Hennin's), 75 mm at Hume Reservoir and 71 mm at my place. The Hume reading was 61% below the median and 63% below average (204 mm). August and September rainfall was down 57% while October with its measly 16 mm was 76% below median.

The rainfall for the calendar year to date (358 mm at Hume) has been down about 40% on the average but because of the patchy nature of the falls, some places are down 50%. Given the tough year, it is amazing that so many people managed to keep their stock in good order and to cut some silage or hay. The good rain in May followed by not bad mid winter rain and mild winter temperatures made this possible for many.



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) spring outlook correctly advised that spring rainfall was likely to be below average. They noted that the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) had moved into the positive state which generally means lower winter and spring rainfall.



Looking at the bigger picture, our rainfall over the past 12 months is now around 550 mm boosted by the above average rain we had last November and December. This is still well down on what used to be our average of around 700 mm.

If you had a look at the synoptic charts over the spring it wasn't hard to work out why it was so dry. We had higher than normal pressures over southern Australia which pushed any fronts to the south and we had no moisture sources in the north west of Australia. The positive Indian Ocean Dipole (+ IOD) persisted throughout spring and is still with us and this generally results in a dry spring. If you are interested in looking at the impact of all climate drivers, including the IOD, then have a look at the [Local Climate Tool](#) - a new site developed by GRDC and Agriculture Victoria. You need to select Wodonga as the nearest town.

Prospects for summer (November to end January).

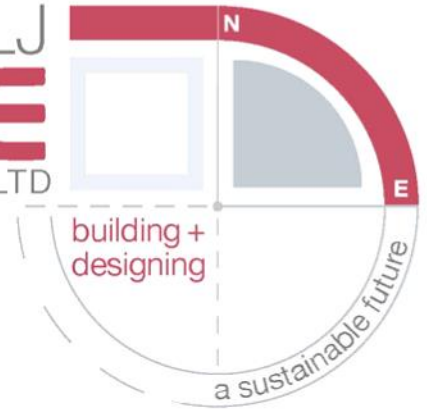
BOM's summer outlook says it is likely to be drier and warmer than normal this summer. The strongly positive IOD is now expected to persist until at least December which is unusual. This is likely to delay the onset of the wet season in northern Australia which in turn removes a likely source of moisture for rainfall in southern Australia. In addition, the Southern Annular Mode (SAM) is in a negative phase and likely contribute to below average rainfall. The long term trend towards higher ocean and air temperatures across the world are being acknowledged as a further contributor to our drier climate.

About the only good news that I can find is that 8 out of 9 climate models are suggesting we are likely to have average rainfall for autumn - we just need to wait.

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Health Service

Sue Reid 6071 5270

Granya Hall

Fees for the hall hire

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

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Maternal & Child Health

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

Towong Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is available at Bellbridge Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Drop in to see a qualified nurse between 9:30 am and 12:00 noon or arrange an appointment for the afternoon. Home visits can also be arranged for a time that is convenient for your family.

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

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Springdale Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.

Notice is given of a public meeting and AGM to be held at Bethanga Golf Club on Sunday 15 December 2019 commencing at 10 am.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three nor more than nine persons as a committee of management for the Springdale Recreation Reserve for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on 28 February 2020.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the day. Nominations from women are encouraged.

For Further information phone Peter Star 0429 436 347

In Memorium

LINDSEY WILLIAM BURNSIDE 10-04-1937 – 17-09-2019

Lindsey was born in Sunshine Victoria and did his apprenticeship at Massey Ferguson as a fitter and turner until he returned to study to become a trade teacher. His involvement in agricultural machinery started his love of country farming and his want to one day have one hundred acres of his own.

In 1986 he was teaching at Essendon Technical College and was promoted to Head of Department at Bonegilla Army Camp. Although at this time he knew very little of the local area, he and his wife Joan was fortunate to buy a property in Bethanga on the weir. "Lochnagar" was a beautiful property and the home was large enough for all the family, birthday parties, almost every weekend the family had visitors from Melbourne who also fell in love with the area.

Lindsey became very involved with the local community and even after a short time, most of the locals knew him

as a friend to rely upon and someone with whom to have a chat.

When Lindsey and Joan returned to Melbourne in 2004 after 17 years in Bethanga, a truly beautiful area, they needed to be closer to their children, grandchildren and later their great grandchildren. Lindsey then became very involved volunteering for the St. Vincent De Paul Society and other charities.

Lindsey's family always looked forward to receiving news of Bethanga from Mary Northey and other friends who kept all their memories up to date.

After 2 years of struggling with the side effects of a massive stroke and prostate cancer, Lindsey passed away. It was wonderful to see his friends from Bethanga, Yackandandah, Wodonga, Albury and surrounding areas attend his funeral.

Lindsey is survived by his wife Joan and children Anthony, Ross, Carolyn, Cheryl-Anne and Annie.

Engagement

Michael and Elizabeth Wood are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Madeleine to Tolga Gurses of Melbourne

MCHC – My Community and Home Care

The MCHC department at Tallangatta Health Service provides support to community residents throughout the Western region of the Towong Shire. The area that is serviced includes the localities of Tallangatta, Bellbridge, Bethanga, Talgarno, and Granya. Services that can be provided include District Nursing, Home Care, Personal Care, Respite Care, Meals on Wheels, Property Maintenance and Social Support (individual and in groups). To access services, please call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422. If you require assistance you may call the MCHC department on 02 6071 5238.

Family Violence

Our Tallangatta and Surrounds Family Violence committee meets on a monthly basis and continues to spread the message within the community that 'Family Violence is Never Okay'. Some good initiatives are being implemented with participation from schools and local sporting clubs. A sticker campaign spreading the message on packaging has involved local businesses and sporting events. Schools provide education around healthy relationships, respect, and inclusiveness. Students also participate in programs such as RUOK day, spreading the message that "everyone needs help sometimes, and it's okay to ask".

An important campaign '16 Days of Activism' against gender based violence will be run during November and December.

If you would like to become involved in the Tallangatta and Surrounds Family Violence committee, or would like some further information, please phone Cathy Wallace at Tallangatta Health Service on 02 6071 5200.

Global Green Healthy Hospitals

Tallangatta Health Service is a member of the Global Green Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) which is an international network dedicated to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting public and environmental health. Of the ten GGHH goals, Tallangatta Health Service is working towards the following two:

Leadership

Prioritise environmental health as a strategic priority

Energy

Implement energy efficiency and clean renewable energy generation

Our Green Turtle Program reminds us to look after the environment and use resources wisely. We have implemented a number of environmental sustainability initiatives such as recycling batteries and toner cartridges, and being active in mixed recycling.

Thunderstorm Asthma

What is thunderstorm asthma?

Thunderstorm asthma can happen suddenly to people in spring or summer when there is a lot of pollen in the air and the weather is hot, dry, windy and stormy.

Spring thunderstorm weather can cause pollen grains to burst into tiny pieces and the wind then blows them around us. When people breathe in these tiny pieces of pollen they can get deep inside the lungs and trigger an asthma attack.

Spring weather can also lead to breathing problems for people who get seasonal hay fever. People who wheeze and sneeze with hay fever from pollens during spring are more likely to get thunderstorm asthma even if they haven't had asthma before.

People with asthma and/or hay fever need extra protection to avoid thunderstorm asthma between September and January in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. **This means using preventer medicine every day and always having a reliever inhaler (blue puffer) ready.** See your doctor to get the best asthma and/or hay fever medication plan.

November 2016: Victorian Thunderstorm Asthma Event

On Monday 21 November 2016, severe thunderstorm activity in Victoria led to thousands of people suddenly having asthma attacks and finding it hard to breathe. Because so many people needed urgent asthma treatment at one time, it was hard for ambulance and hospital emergency rooms to help everyone.

From that terrible event we learned that thunderstorm asthma can affect people living in city or country areas, **even if they've never had asthma.** We also learned that some groups of people are much more likely to get thunderstorm asthma.

People who are more likely to get thunderstorm asthma:

- Those who get asthma and seasonal hay fever
- Those with hay fever who have never had asthma
- Those with past asthma or unrecognised asthma

Common symptoms of asthma

- Wheezing - a whistling sound coming from the chest while you are breathing
- Breathlessness
- A feeling of tightness in the chest
- A persistent cough

Asthma symptoms can be different for different people.

A person's asthma symptoms can also change - sometimes there are no symptoms, like when our asthma is well controlled by preventer medication or when allergy triggers aren't around.

Common symptoms of seasonal hay fever

- Runny nose
- Itchy nose
- Sneezing
- Itchy, watery eyes

People with springtime hay fever be aware

If you already have springtime hay fever, you could suddenly get an asthma attack if you are outside in gusty wind during a thunderstorm in a place where there is ryegrass pollen in the air (most of south-eastern Australia). This can happen even if you don't have asthma. The risk is highest between October and the end of December.

Thunderstorm asthma

By the last weekend of September, you should be taking your hay fever nasal spray, asthma preventer, or both – and you shouldn't stop until New Year's Day (most adults with asthma do need to take a preventer all year, not just in springtime).

People with asthma be aware

If you have asthma and pollen allergy, you could have a severe asthma attack if you are outside in gusty wind during a springtime thunderstorm in a place where there is ryegrass pollen in the air (most of south-eastern Australia).

How do I know if I'm allergic to ryegrass pollen without having allergy tests?

If you get asthma or hay fever symptoms more often in spring, then pollen is probably causing your symptoms. If you're not sure, follow the safety steps anyway.

What you can do to keep safe

- During spring and early summer, use a doctor prescribed nasal spray medicine. Start at the beginning of September and keep using it until the end of December.
- Stay up to date with pollen counts and weather forecasts during spring and early summer so you know if a storm is coming.
- Just before and during storms with wind gusts, get inside a building or car with the windows shut and the air conditioner switched to recirculate/ recycled.

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GRANYA GAZETTE

TRICK OR TREAT -

A big thank you to Pam and Brian Eade who got the Granya community involved in Halloween! The kids had a great time and we are expecting this to be a new tradition for the kids in the area. Pam and Brian will also be getting ready to set up for Christmas, they have a fabulous array of lights that bring joy to the kids, Santa will definatly see the lights in Granya this year, and even post a letter to santa!



GRANYA CFA

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

GRANYA TENNIS CLUB

Our club has been successful in securing funding in the Active Clubs grant through Vic Health! This is fantastic news for Granya, we will be implementing Cardio Tennis Program commencing in January for further updates on this and details please like our Facebook Page!

Cardio Tennis is for all players and abilities and is about getting fit, getting a good work out, and even involves some tunes!



*The Berringa
Community News
team wish everyone
a happy and safe
Christmas and New
Year*

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Do you love reading?

Do you love reading but don't seem to find the time and or motivation... Two Bethanga locals have decided they are starting a "Book Club"!

Shout out to ANYONE and EVERYONE, in the area that would like to be apart of the social group who will meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Bethanga Hotel to catch up, have a wine and chat about the nominated book. (Commencing in Feb 2020)

If you would like to know more or would like to be apart of the group, please join us at the pub THURSDAY 5th DEC @ 6.30pm to meet fellow book lovers and collectively make a plan for the group in the new year!

Berringa Community News is on line at
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Summer Safety

My annual advice on what to do for summer dangers

Snake Bite

- ◆ **Call 000**
- ◆ **Treatment is pressure bandaging and immobilisation.** Venom of Australian snakes moves through the lymph system which in turn relies on muscle activity in the limb for effective flow. Forcing an uphill flow in an immobile limb with a constrictive bandage applied impedes snake venom flow through the lymph system. Apply a firm bandage over the site and up the limb - from fingers or toes up as far as you can go. The bandage must be tight without stopping circulation to the limb.
- ◆ **Remove any jewellery** on the effected limb.
- ◆ **Mark the bandaged limb** approximately where the bite location is to assist with later swabbing and venom identification. A cut can be made in that part of the bandage and the bite swabbed without any other part of the bandage being disturbed.
- ◆ **Keep the person very still,** splint the limb if possible. If practical, position the patient in a legs-down position, semi-recumbent or (where an upper limb is affected) with the arm slung downward to the side of the body. Attempt to keep the bite in a position below the heart at all times, thus using gravity to assist with slowing the spread of venom to the central circulation.
- ◆ **Stay with the person** and check circulation to fingers and toes. Take note of the time the bandage was applied. It may be easier to apply the bandage over clothes rather than trying to remove them.

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

On hot days

- ◆ Drink water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Take a bottle with you always.
- ◆ Hot cars kill. Never leave kids, older people or pets in cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.
- ◆ Keep cool. Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.
- ◆ Plan ahead. Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you

must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.

- ◆ Check in on others. Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, the elderly, the young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.

Please drive safely over the holiday period. On long drives take a break every two hours

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

BELLBRIDGE COMMUNITY GROUP

Hello everyone.

The Bellbridge children had so much fun dressing in Halloween costumes and tricker-treating! It seems to grow each year and certainly puts a smile on faces.

On not such a happy note, our shop has closed. Sadly the corner shop has been disappearing from country towns for some years. There have been many who have persevered for some time to provide a service to our community. We thank you and wish you all the best with your endeavours.

Perhaps we have a budding entrepreneur, who would like to start a coffee van. We have the perfect location near the water. This suggestion came about at the last meeting regarding the Towong Shire 2019/2020 budget. For further correspondence I can email the information I have been provided.

Christmas is just around the corner. Let's all put up our lights. Bellbridge residents do a pretty good job! Go for a walk around our town and say hello!

The forecast for summer does not look promising. With the water level low and a long dry hot summer, look out for each other.

Take care,

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020

Denise Anderson 0418 612 470

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*

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 CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800 240 667

All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

27th July 10.15am Motor Vehicle Accident Lake Road

Bethanga Brigade responded to the accident to make the scene safe and assist with traffic control. The incident was attended by other emergency services.

30th August 6.09pm Grass and Scrub Fire, Talgarno Gap Road

Bethanga Brigade responded but was called off enroute. The fire was a logged control burn by a property owner.

31st August 10.26pm Grass and Scrub Fire, Lake Road, Bethanga

Bethanga brigade responded to an undefined fire after a loud bang was reported. The noise and fire was the result of an excessive amount of accelerant used to light a bon fire at a party.

25th October 1.49pm Grass and Scrub Fire, Georges Creek

Bethanga brigade was called to a small fire but was returned to the station while enroute. The fire was managed by the property owner.

28th October 11.16am Motor Vehicle Accident Murray River Road

Bethanga brigade responded but was returned to the station while enroute. The Talgarno Brigade managed the incident with the assistance of other emergency services.

ROADSIDE FUEL REDUCTION

The Brigade has sprayed the roadsides in an effort to minimize the fuel load along various roads in the Bethanga and Bellbridge areas.

CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS 28th OCTOBER

CFA Fire restrictions for the Towong Shire came into force on of the 28th October.

When fire restrictions are in force, you must adhere to the restrictions listed in the CFA "Can I Can't I" brochure (which can be found at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>). Noncompliance with the rules is viewed very seriously by Police.



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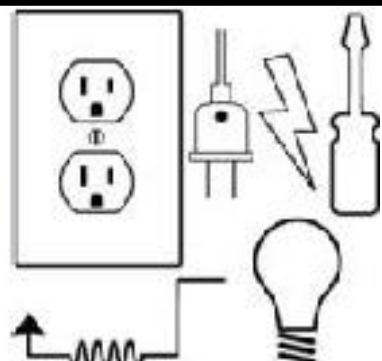
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HUB TRAINING

On the 1st of December Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya brigades will come other together for a group training day. The day will give an opportunity for our crews to practice various skills including radio work and incident control ahead of the upcoming fire season.

Thanks to the Tallangatta Group and volunteers who have worked hard to bring this day together, we anticipate it will be a very successful training.

THIS FIRE SEASON AHEAD

This winter and spring has seen very little rain, leaving our bush and paddocks very dry. The fires seen in NSW and QLD are unprecedented for this time of year. We can expect an extended high fire danger period and fires being difficult to control.

YOUR PROPERTY = YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

In light of the very dry conditions it is very important this year to be well prepared by doing the following:
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- Check your firefighting equipment for serviceability.
- Look around and assess your individual fire risks and discuss with your family and neighbours about what you are going to do if there is a fire.
- Clean out the gutters and keep them clean.
- Check your gas barbecue equipment for leaks.
- Think fire safety when using farm machinery, welders and grinders.

If a fire starts on your property through negligence you may be responsible for any damage costs to neighbouring properties.

If you have any questions regarding preparation around your property or any other matters please give one of us a call, we are happy to help. Be careful and have a safe summer.

CONTACTS

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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 TRAINING

In running competitions junior (and senior) brigades in the district compete against one another to demonstrate their skills with using firefighting equipment. At the 2019 Championships the Bethanga-Talgarno Junior Brigade was very successful. The juniors have eagerly started training for the 2020 Championships but are hoping to be able to have some new members join them.



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- Learn how to use firefighting equipment.
- Develop leadership and communication skills.
- Develop hands on practical skills. Excursions.
- Have end of term break-ups, including activities such as Laser Tag.
- Participate in community events, such as visits to local primary schools and the Bethanga Gymkhana.
- Fundraising activities.
- Laugh (sometimes we accidentally get wet)

WHO WE WANT

11 to 15 year old girls and boys who want to try something new and have some hands on fun.

COST

CFA fund junior brigades with the aim of nil cost to families.

If you are interested in joining the junior brigade, please contact John Northey (0414 931 442) or Brendan Pearson (0439 881 440) or email bethangatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com

TALGARNO CFA

On 15 November we welcomed a new family member to our brigade; a brand-new Ultralight tanker. We took delivery of the new Ultralight and have said goodbye to our 14-year-old Slip on. Our members will all get acquainted with the new ultralight over the coming weeks and no doubt it will get plenty of use over this fire season. A tender process will soon commence to sell the Slip On and we'll inform the community when it is on the market.



We are now well into another fire season, which started 28 October and will go through until 1 May unless revoked earlier. It's time to take a lot more care with activities that have the potential to start fires. The 'Can I or Can't I' website is a terrific reference point. There are

restrictions in place for the following activities:

- BBQ/campfires
 - Burning off
 - Driving vehicles in dry vegetation
 - Chainsaw and lawn mowers in dry vegetation
 - Hot work such as grinding, welding, soldering
 - Incinerating
- Farm and road machinery near vegetation

See www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can for more information.

The fires in Northern NSW and QLD have been active for almost 8 weeks at the time of writing this, with the prediction they will last for many more weeks to come. Requests have come to support these incidents and there may be some of our members that join crews from our district and travel up to these fires. We wish everyone a safe journey, stay safe on the job and return home safely.

Incidents

Since the last edition of Berringa News, our brigade was called to five incidents. The truck accident incident unfortunately resulted in a fatality and our condolences go to the family and friends of the deceased driver.

This calendar year we have had 29 members attend 1 or more incidents, which is a great result given the size of our community and brigade. We realise not everyone is available for all incidents, but the more active members we have the better our ability to respond quickly on any given day.

04/11/2019	MURRAY RIVER ROAD, GRANYA 3691	House/van fire
28/10/2019	1560 MURRAY RIVER ROAD, TALGARNO 3691	Truck accident
25/10/2019	8 JURGIES TRACK, GEORGES CREEK 3700	Controlled burning
31/08/2019	889 LAKE ROAD, BETHANGA 3691	Controlled burning
30/08/2019	276 TALGARNO GAP ROAD, BETHANGA 3691	Controlled burning

Quick Updates

Training: The Tallangatta Group and Berringa Brigades are planning a training session involving Talgarno, Bethanga and Granya Brigades on 1 December from 830 -1300. Our brigade is also planning to hold some shorter training sessions on a regular basis over the coming months to keep everyone's skills up to date and sharp for incidents we may encounter.



Fresh Vegies

Our farm- gate stall at 'Jounama', 697 Murray River Rd, TALGARNO will open soon with in-season vegetables we have grown on our farm at Talgarno.

As the season progresses we will have tomatoes, squash, zucchini, cantaloupe, pumpkins, cucumbers & capsicums for you.

Call by and check out the produce for sale when the sign is up

For more information please call Julie or Jim de Hennin
Ph 0412 433 499
or 02 6020 1136

Private units: This season we encourage all members that have private units to attend our preseason briefing at the *Fire Brigade BBQ on 13 December*. These will ensure you have essential equipment on board such as UHF radios to communicate with the Incident Controller. We will also make you aware of fire ground practices, particularly the need to notify the Incident Controller when you enter the fire ground to ensure your safety and to direct you where needed.

80th year anniversary: Please lock in Sunday 3 May midday for our 80th Year anniversary celebrations. This will be an opportunity to celebrate 80 years as a CFA brigade and award members with medals and certificates to recognise contributions.

Community infrastructure: the brigade is looking into the options of establishing a standpipe around the Wisers Creek area to help with firefighting efforts should the need arise. If you have other ideas the brigade could consider making the community safer in the event of an incident, please let us know.

BBQ Shelter: The brigade has written a letter of support for a funding application seeking funding for the BBQ shelter between the shed and hall. We believe this will be a great addition to the area and be an asset our brigade members will utilise regularly.

Quick fill trailer: The 2nd quick fill trailer for our brigade is now complete and will be a great asset to the community should there be a significant fire incident in our district. 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. We encourage any members of our community; female, male, old, and young to join in a range of roles from:

- Asset or equipment maintenance
- Brigade recruitment
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Community education
- Junior leaders
- Catering

And operational firefighting.

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

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

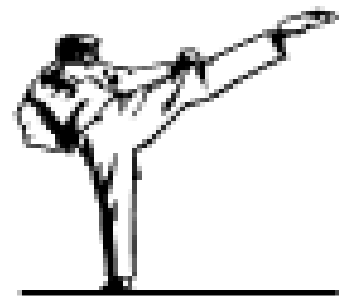
The Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association pennant season has been in full swing since early October and all four competing Talgarno teams are acquitting themselves very well.

In Section 1, led by Jarrod The Pres, the men have been a little up and down but the Redman women (Anthea, Jill and Deb) have been strong as usual ensuring the team wins more days than it loses. Under the guidance of Paul and Glenn Haman, our Section 2 team is gathering momentum as the season progresses.

In Section 4 this year Talgarno is fielding two teams, Blue and Gold, as we have heaps of kids making great progress following on from the Monday coaching sessions that have run since late winter. Only last season, our kids used to battle at this level but now they are holding their own and winning plenty of matches. The more experienced players such

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as Klancie Star, Chloe and Ella Lewis, and Tilly and Bella Pearson have been strong; Daniel Richardson, Elsie Star and Ruby Pearson are showing heaps of improvement; and Will Lewis, Will Green and Shune Cole have all made their Section 4 debut this season and are getting better every game.

Monday afternoon coaching sessions are due to finish about the end of November – no doubt there'll be ice cream to celebrate! Numbers have grown to about 20 each week and everyone has improved substantially, and much credit should go to coach Paul Sykes.

In other news, the Talgarno Tennis Club in conjunction with the Talgarno Fire Brigade Social Club is planning a big Bushdance in mid-March 2020 as a joint fundraiser and an excuse for a big local party. Keep your ear/eye out for more details as they come to hand as this is bound to be a memorable occasion.

In the meantime, happy hitting!

*Club Secretary
Adam Richardson 0412 560 833*

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Christmas Carols

will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge, on Sunday 1 December commencing at 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance as well as the choir singing Christmas carols. Drinks and sausages will be available for a gold coin donation.

Australia Day celebration.

The Rotary Club will be conducting its annual Australia celebrations on Sunday 26 January 2010 at the Bellbridge pre-school and community centre commencing with a free breakfast at 8.00 am

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

- * Citizen of the year
- * Young Citizen of the Year
- * Community Event of the Year
- * Community Participation Award

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Nomination forms are available from the Bethanga Store or Post office or can be downloaded from Towong Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au/visitors/whats-on/

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge

will be held on Saturday 22 February 2020. This quality event provides great cycling, country hospitality and raises funds to provide local supportive care for people living with cancer. The LHCC allows bike riders of varying levels of fitness, ages and ability to safely experience the wonderful scenery of Lake Hume and Albury-Wodonga area then mix socially at the 'Chillzone' at Wodonga Racecourse. There is a generous time limit to complete the rides. It's a charity fun ride so no times are recorded. For more information and to register visit www.lakehumechallenge.com.au

The Lake Hume Fishing Classic annual event was conducted on 26 and 27 October 2019 by the Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotary Club and the Commercial Club Fishing group in a partnership. The event was a great success despite numbers being down and the inclement weather. Fish numbers caught were also down on previous years.

*Regards,
Andrew Christy 6026 4338*

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Terry Macartney
David Elder

To contact us email bethangareserve@gmail.com or
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BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For more information and times, contact David or Vicki on 0419 635 554

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.

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Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

The 2019/20 Season is underway. The committee is Trent Sirl - President
Kristen (Krusty) Jahne - Treasurer
Jo Ollington & Lynette Tomic - Secretary

We are always keen to hear from new players. Please phone Trent on 0439 090 333 or follow us on Facebook Bethanga CC

Jo Ollington, Secretary.
Trent Sirl, President 0439 090 333

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

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Anglican - Holy Trinity Bethanga Services held 4th Sunday of the month – 9:30am, followed by morning tea.

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Bethanga Landcare Group

Late spring rain, this past week, has been most welcome. Nonetheless, a long hot dry summer is forecast. Let us hope that there will be further significant rain events before pastures die

back for summer. For those with the opportunity to mulch young trees, shrubs and gardens, now is the time, before precious soil moisture is again lost...

2019 has been a busy year for your Bethanga Landcare group. Recapping some of the highlights:

March – Mapping workshop held at Charles Sturt University with Rachel Whitsed to develop our mapping skills to assist in mapping existing native bushland, past and future plantings, sightings of wildlife, and other point of environmental significance;

April – Scots School annual cut and paste day on the Bethanga North Commons to remove woody weeds with 45 Scots students exhibiting boundless energy on the steep slopes, ensuring some jealousy for those of us with more advanced years;

May – Scratching around in some fresh cow dung on Hugh Hanna's property, Belinda Pearce revealed the complexity of local dung beetle life and explained how to identify different dung beetle species at our well attended dung beetle field day, it certainly stimulated our appetite for the follow-up barbeque;



May – At the Bethanga Recreational Reserve, Bethanga Primary School took part in a Woodland Exploration with Kathie Le Busque from Petaurus Education Group explaining the importance of habitat for native animals, students then embarked on a bush treasure hunt;

May – Bethanga Primary School Students planted Varnish Wattle, Mallee Wattle, Burgan and Golden Wattle (our Australian floral emblem) seeds in trays to be looked after in the school's greenhouse, the latest report is that many seeds have already sprouted and will be planted out in 2020;



June – We gave away 480 native trees and shrubs at our annual tree giveaway for local private planting, and welcomed 7 new members, planting details from members assists with the development of our local area map;

June – 26 members and friends of Bethanga Landcare braved a chilly, foggy, wet Sunday morning to plant 500 trees on the Bethanga South Commons, fortunately the weather held just until we were finishing following which we enjoyed a barbeque under cover;

July – The whole Bethanga Primary School turned out to plant 100 native trees at the Bethanga Recreational Reserve, check them out next time you are driving past the Reserve along Hollow Street;

August – Our local area plan project commenced with the assistance of Danielle Cleland, it is anticipated we will present the progress to friends and members in 2020, this should prove to be a very interesting

October – Local expert, Simon Feillafe, provided extensive advice and a local perspective on weeds, weed management through native plant selection, and a range of related land management subjects to 25 attendees at our weed field day and barbeque hosted by Anna Barwick and Hayden Miller:

December – Come along to our annual year in review celebration on the evening of December 4th, food and light refreshments will be provided, venue to be confirmed, check our Facebook page or contact us on the email below.

Bethanga Landcare also 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 and, 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 next year's events.

Neville Bell, President
bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com

Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group



Since the last newsletter we have been awarded with two grants for funding. Firstly for a 'regenerative farming' project and secondly for 'on-ground works.' Regenerative Agriculture or Farming is a system of farming principles and practices that aims to increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watersheds and enhance ecosystems.

The 'on-ground works' project aims to help protect remnant vegetation corridors and shelters along Forest Creek. There will be an opportunity for a community get-together to learn more about these projects in the near future.

Have you noticed how attractive the 'Landcare Wayside stop' on Murray River Road is looking? Thanks to Towong Shire for their shrub planting and the erection of a table and stools, Michael Schorobura for erecting the signage and Greg Hayes and Graham Redman for mowing and weeding the

area. The bollards have been installed and the chain linking them soon to be completed.

It is pleasing to see how often the 'wayside stop' is used by travelers. The large rock situated at the site will soon have a plaque with an inscription honoring all Landcarers' rather than originally considered, individual names.

Our Landcare group is pleased to have been able to partner with the Talgarno Cemetery Trust in accessing a grant to purchase trees and tree guards that have been planted around the perimeter of the cemetery and will add to the ambience of this attractive area.

Jim de Hennin
President



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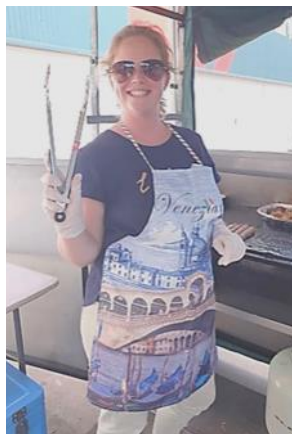
Sadly after 11 months, Nadya Blake the centre's director resigned and returned to Queensland. Nadya was instrumental in helping us secure ongoing funding and for creating a

positive, engaging and thriving childcare centre. We wish you well Nadya and thank you for all your hard work!



This change has however resulted in Loren Dolphin, becoming the Director – welcome aboard Loren! Originally from Barwon Heads, Loren has been

an educator for over 12 years and is very community orientated (as seen helping out at our recent BBQ fundraiser). She has a 'play based' philosophy and believes children learn best when engaging in play-based activities. She has been in Bellbridge for 2 years and is mum to Ollie and Ivy. She admits she is also an avid 'thrifter' and a huge 80's fan! Very approachable and friendly, Loren will be at the centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



The centre has also welcomed **Roger** - a baby rabbit to the centre. Thank you to Megan, Millie and Colin Rootsey for donating him to the centre. The kids love him as well as learning how to care for a pet!

We have also been most fortunate to have been presented with 2 x Mud Kitchens courtesy of the wonderful Peninsula Men's Shed this term. The children are most appreciative of their delightful new props and have been devising weird and wonderful menus of pretend food – chocolate broccoli pasta anyone?

The committee have continued their fundraising focus this term with a successful Bunnings BBQ, chicken meat tray raffles and have secured 2 x junior Landcare grants which will see the installation of a dry creek bed and garden wicking beds later next year. Both grants are designed to connect the children to nature by providing a fun and engaging outdoor educational resource. Given the size and scope of the dry creek bed project additional funds from our fundraising efforts this year will go towards the project. So thank you for your ongoing support from buying raffle tickets, sausages or if you attended our movie fundraiser!



Our big **Funding Celebration Party** to thank the community for your ongoing support was held at the centre on Friday 22nd November

The committee would like to thank the following people and organisations for their time and generosity over the last 2 months:

Peninsula Men's Shed – 2 x Mud Kitchens

Bunnings BBQ – Haus of Meat, Coles (Wodonga), Bakers Delight, the following families; Nelson, Bryant, Bayliss, Parker, Dolphin, Kotzur, Green, Vine, Hall, Hamam, Rootsey & Sharni Hynes.

Photography – Kim Mundra, Sharon Star & Bridgette Lee

Chicken Meat trays – Albury Wholesale Chicken

Farmyard Schleich animals – Amy's OT business

Thank you video – Bridgette Lee

Funding Party graphics – Calvert & Co

Dates for the diary:

Monday 2nd December – 2020
Orientation Day for 3 and 4 year olds – 9am to 11.30am.

Friday 20th December – Christmas Party at the centre

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



We have had a fabulous start to term 4... We have certainly packed a lot in to the last 7 weeks!



Our F-2 Students had a great time exploring the City on their annual Melbourne Trip. The kids loved travelling by train and discovering sky scrapers... only topped by visiting the Aquarium and Polly Woodside... who would have thought 'Scrubbing the decks' could be so much fun!



Also this term, we enjoyed our walkathon at the Bethanga Rec Reserve, as well as getting active and capping off 'Walk to School' month with sunshine and smiles... students also raised \$800 to purchase resources for their classrooms.



We enjoyed a cluster day at Mitta celebrating 'Children's Day' students participated in a variety of activities and loved catching up with their cluster friends.



In health and PE, students have learned how to do CPR and what to do in an emergency. In addition our 5/6 students have enjoyed a 6 week program exploring preparing them for the next stage of life – making healthy choices for exercise, food and medications as well as preparation for puberty.



In STEM students have explored coding and construction using a variety of resources. Students in 3-6 designed, constructed and tested ball launchers which tested their perseverance, ability to test and modify and work as a team.



Of course, on top of all of this we have been developing our literacy and numeracy skills – setting personal goals and working hard to reach them through individual, small group and whole class activities.

We can't wait to see what we can pack in to the last 5 weeks of term!

Rachel Saunders (Principal)





We always begin term 4 with Walk to School, (we do walk at school) which runs for all of October. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. Even though our students would comfortably reach that! It also encourages primary schools, local councils and communities to link up and build connections. We have been lucky enough to win the \$400 prize from Towong Shire over the last two years. Needless to say the students didn't lack motivation when there was a prize up for grab!

We were so lucky to have Kira and Ellie visit us all the way from Costa Rica in November. Their mum Pippa used to attend Talgarno PS and popped in for a visit. The girls taught us all about Costa Rica and enjoyed spending the day in our classroom. They made and tried sushi for the first time and tried their hand at cricket and tennis.

During the term, the students enjoyed a visit from Bec and her dog Nova. They taught the students about how to care for their pets and ensure they are safe when playing with their pets; what to do if they come across an angry dog and how to approach a dog for a pat. Our students were amazing and asked some fabulous questions and come away with some fantastic knowledge and even more questions for parents. The students were asked to talk with parents about what plans they had for their pets if there was a bushfire and does their bushfire plan include their pets?



Brooke, Malakai & Klancie loved Somers camp!

Some thinking to do.



The Pearson girls, teamed up with some friends to create an advertising skit around safety, and entered it into the WAW Ann Brimblecombe Memorial competition, on behalf of our school. They made a very clever video about car safety. It was so clever that they actually won the competition! We now have \$2000 to go towards our school and there will be an official presentation on 28th November at 10am. The students will get to help spend the money!

Our end of year celebration will be on Wednesday 11th Dec. We will be celebrating a great year, with awards and a bbq dinner. Santa will also be making an appearance. All welcome.

We are welcoming 3 Foundation students to TPS next year. This will take us to 25 students for 2020!



Term 4 sports:

Cricket, Kayaking & Fishing



Congratulations to Belle (discus), Malakai (long and high jump), Klancie (100m sprint and Hurdles) and Holly (discus and shot put) on making the district athletics carnival. It is the most amount of students we have had reach this stage in a long time! Klancie then made the Regional athletics carnival for hurdles, where she came 4th. Well done everyone!

What's on

- WAW presentation - 28th Nov
- Kanga Cricket - 29th Nov
- Swimming program - 2nd-6th Dec
- Year 6 transition days - 10th&11th Dec
- Year 6 Graduation - 18th Dec
- End of term celebration—11th Dec
- End of term 4 - 20th Dec
- 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

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