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

January 16, 2016 sadly marked the passing of Maurice Star at 97 years of age. Born on June 21, 1918, the second child of Frederick and Beatrice Star of Bungil. He was born along with his five brothers and sister at his maternal grandparents' home at Cudgewa, delivered into the world by his grandmother and local bush midwife Jane Land.

His schooling until the eighth grade was at the old Bungil Primary School and on leaving, helping his father and brothers on the farm. One of the great family traditions was growing of watermelons. Maurice recalled that they got a tip off that the patch was to be raided by some of the locals from Granya. Just on dark after waiting in hiding for hours for the culprits to arrive, an impatient and probably hungry Maurice discharged his shotgun into a distant willow tree and to his surprise the potential melon thieves fell out of the tree, cursing Maurice as they ran back to Granya.

In his early days trips to Albury were rare and to visit

his Star grandparents who had retired to Albury and lived on the corner of David and Swift Streets. One of the few memories of his grandmother Star was of an elegant woman in a long flowing black dress hurriedly heading off to church at St David's with several of her cronies close at her heels.

Of his early days Maurice had many stories of fighting bushfires particularly in 1939 and 1952. One story from 1952 was of having to drive a severely burnt Jack Sutherland over a burning Granya Gap to Tallangatta Hospital. On arrival he was amazed at the speed and skill of the attending nurse. That nurse was later to become Mrs Mary Wood of Talgarno.

Maurice never spoke much about the hardships of the Depression years but said that they always ate well and rarely ate rabbit. The Depression finished with a drought and a war. Agistment for starving cattle was available in the Hunter Valley to which transport was by rail and with precedence given to the soldiers, a seat for visits to check cattle and return home was often difficult and at times on an empty five gallon drum or the toilet seat the only options.

Due to a birth defect that left Maurice with a section of bone missing from his forehead, he could not pursue the football and cricket glory of his brothers. Instead he became very successful as a sprinter at many of the local sports meetings. One of his more humbling moments was being narrowly beaten by a youngster from Walwa. That youngster was Lance Mann who went on to win a Stawell Gift and play 80 games for Essendon.

In 1939 along with his father and brother Arthur, they formed, with the purchase of Bungil Station the partnership known as F J Star and Sons. His brothers Jim, Tom, and Don formally came into the partnership in 1951. The partnership was successful over a long period of years at topping both cattle and wool markets. Their superfine merino wool frequently



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topped the Albury wool sales held at the wool exchange which fronted Dean Street in what is now the Commercial Club. Angus bullocks held pride of place in the enterprise and for many years were sold at the Newmarket saleyards in Melbourne. The majority of times Maurice would travel to the city in the guards van on the train with his beloved livestock. One highlight was that on arriving at Newmarket he found his cattle painted and numbered. After berating his agent for defiling his cattle in such a way he was informed that it was the first live weight sale. Anger turned to joy when he topped the market. The joy continued when two prominent Upper Murray Hereford breeders were heard muttering that these stumpy legged, pod gutted black angus weighed a lot heavier than they looked. Live weight sales along with the promotion of Breed Plan had become the start of the Angus Revolution.

In the early 1950's while watching his brothers play cricket at Bethanga he met a local lass by the name of Josephine Rowley; impressed by this charming gentleman from the wilds of the barbarous Granya region, her parents invited him home for the evening meal. They married on April 30, 1960 and commenced their married life at Helston Park Talgarno; the property bought by the family partnership a few years earlier.

Maurice's opinion of Talgarno during his early days of living there was that it was inhabited by several families that he best described as 'gentleman farmers.' When the electricity was to be turned on at Talgarno there was a shortfall of a thousand pounds that was due through community contributions and guaranteed to be paid back by the State Electrical Commission over a period of time. It was left to Maurice and John Condon (both relative newcomers to Talgarno) to make up the payment and for many years Maurice cursed the so called

'gentleman farmers' as they had mains power going past their front doors while he had a private line that he eventually had to replace, despite making up the shortfall they couldn't afford.

In April 1961 Maurice and Josie were blessed with the arrival of their only child Peter. In the years to follow Maurice involved himself with the many organisations, groups and clubs that his wife and son held an interest in. He was a long serving member of the CFA at both Granya and Talgarno and the handicapper and starter of the footraces at the Bethanga and Wymah Gymkhanas.

Peter married Diane in 1990 and they presented him with two grandchildren, Alex (1993) and Georgia (1998).

Until April last year, Maurice was still living independently at home. Josie had succumbed to severe arthritis and was residing at Lutheran Aged Care in Albury. A bad fall also forced Maurice to live at Lutheran and the recovery from bowel surgery soon after put his overall health into a downward spiral. He passed away peacefully with Josie at his side.

Sadly missed, never to be forgotten.

The family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care provided by the fantastic staff of Lutheran Aged Care. A kind thankyou to Dr David Oliver and the staff of the Albury Central Medical Clinic. Maurice's visits over the years were more entertaining than medicinal. A heartfelt thank you to Anthea Redman for her kind and loving friendship to both Maurice and Josie over the past years. Tallangatta Health Service must be thanked for the great support provided to Maurice and Josie while they were living at home and not to be forgotten is the great service provided by Berringa CERT.

From eulogy by Peter Star

Australia Day Celebrations 2016

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume, in conjunction with Towong Shire Council, conducted the Australia Day ceremonies at the Bellbridge Community Centre.

After the community free breakfast, a flag raising ceremony was carried out by the Albury TS naval cadets, Ian Moffat, Rotarian, introduced Julie de Hennin, guest speaker, who spoke on what Australia Day means and the roles of volunteers in our society. Julie lives and farms at Talgarno with her husband Jim, where they breed beef vealers and prime lambs. Julie has had a range of positions in the education field and is heavily involved in community activities.

David Wortmann, Mayor of Towong Shire, announced and presented the community awards:

Citizen of the year Award

Diana and Peter Schmidt were awarded the Citizen of the Year Award. They have lived in Bethanga for over 30 years and have been very active in a large number of activities such as Bethanga Hall refurbishment, Bethanga Community Action Group, Tallangatta



*Winners of Citizen of the Year
Diana and Peter Schmidt*



David Wortmann and Julie de Hennin present the Community Participation Award to Lawrence Packer

Health activities, Cancer Council fund raising and numerous other community activities.

Community Participation Award

Lawrence Packer has played an active part in the local community across a broad range of fields such as CFA volunteer, Sec/Treasurer of Bethanga Cemetery Trust, JP, Secretary of Bethanga Golf Club, cricket umpire and other activities.

Community Organisation of the Year

The Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group is a western Towong Shire community led project that is encouraging landholders to work collaboratively in the eradication of blackberries from their properties to improve production, access and versatility of the farm. The group has been going for five years and has 107 landholders who have committed to the blackberry eradication program. They have entered into voluntary agreement programs, devising and implementing a tactical plan of action to eradicate blackberries over 26,500 hectares of land.



Jim de Hennin accepts the Community Organisation of Year on behalf of the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Group

Andrew Christy



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Pub News

With autumn around the corner, so is the footy. Already there is much bantering between patrons and staff as to who will be in the eight...which brings up the footy tipping competition, now in its 14th year. For those who would like to join in, please ask at the hotel for details. There is also a junior comp, an end of season BBQ and lots of laughs. Footy starts on Thursday March 24th. We have a few events coming up over the next few months, including a trivia night in April.

We welcome another new staff member to the kitchen, Halley Phillipe and say goodbye to Jay, who has gained an apprenticeship in bricklaying. Rhiannon Eckert has finished VCE and is "darting over to Japan" in April for a well-deserved break. Hopefully she remembers to come back; otherwise I will be looking for another staff member.

Attendance at the last few music club sessions has been disappointing. I am sure this was due to the school holidays and other events being held in the region. Please come and support this great night as there have been some very talented musicians and singers come along to the music club.

HELD on the 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH and PLUS our OWN local talent!!

COMING EVENTS:

The Bethanga Courthouse Hotel is conducting a fund raising trivia night in April in support of the Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation, a registered charity (CCP 653). We believe this is an extremely worthy event as the Peninsula has had two young children diagnosed with Craniosynostosis.

Craniosynostosis is defined by Wikipedia 'as a condition in which one or more of the fibrous sutures (joints) in an infant skull prematurely fuses by turning into bone (ossification), thereby changing the growth pattern of the skull.

Because the skull cannot expand perpendicular to the fused suture, it compensates by growing more in the direction parallel to the closed sutures. Sometimes the resulting growth pattern provides the

necessary space for the growing brain, but results in an abnormal head shape and abnormal facial features.

Craniosynostosis occurs in one in 2000 births. Surgery has helped many young infants to go on and lead a normal life. "

What: Trivia Night - questions will range from local issues and history to intergalactic trivia.

Where: Bethanga Pub (Courthouse Hotel)

When: 7:30pm **Saturday 16 April 2016**

Cost: \$10.00 per head and maximum teams of 8 per table, with all proceeds to Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation

Finger food will be provided free – drinks are to be purchased from the bar.

Bookings are essential and need to be made to the pub by 10 April 2016 on 6026 4214. Please advise numbers attending, contact person and team name.

The night will provide a great opportunity to show your trivia prowess, so form a team from your club, organisation, street or town and support this very worthy cause.

Here is a taster: What town was given the aboriginal name for water rat?

Was it A. Bethanga?
B. Baranduda?
C. Wodonga?

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Don't forget Mother's Day in MAY. Book now as we are already taking bookings.

Don't forget raffles every Friday night and JOKER POKER (currently at \$750)

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TAKEAWAY - Chinese and pizza and the usual fish and chips, etc.

That's all,
Cheers from all the crew.

Bec's Banter

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

Mass/Group Plantings!!!

I've been observing several gardens in and around Albury/Wodonga that have stuck to only a few varieties of plant, but then planted them on mass. I personally like a diverse garden with a few more varieties (or heaps), but in saying that I have been dabbling in some group plantings at home and am loving the look..

Most of us out this way have slightly larger or much larger blocks so we can afford to use more varieties if that's what you're looking for.

Always looking at water and soil issues, I've found a few varieties that I am loving and feel they give you the biggest bang for your buck. I've spoken about some of these plants before, for their colour or hardiness, but now we are on the mass planting band wagon.

Some of my mass planting varieties – only going to get better with time

- Alstroemeria - small flowering plant (brilliant colours, drought and frost hardy, excellent cut flower.)
- Canna Lilies – small to tall flowering plant (great colours, drought and frost hardy-mostly)
- Crepe Myrtle – small to medium tree (fabulous colours, drought and frost hardy)
- Any of the upright *Pyrus* (ornamental pear) varieties including *Pyrus Capital*.
- Buddleia - small to medium tree (fabulous colours, drought and frost hardy, brings in amazing amount of insects)
- Irises look fabulous en-mass

- Sedum varieties also look wonderful mass planted, they are tough, flowers for a very long time.
- For edging garden beds, tough herbs like Oregano or Marjoram are wonderful mass planted. My Oregano had 9 different species of insects on it yesterday; it was a magnet to all sorts of critters.

Vines and climbers

I've also been planting some plants to use as screens or walls in the garden using trellises or old gates to grow them up.

If you have a large space or wall to fill you can't go past the very hardy deciduous Ornamental Grape, they give the lushest Mediterranean look to your garden in the hottest part of summer, and do it very quickly. They do grow like triflids, so careful where you plant them or be aware you will need to give them a bit of a trim in the growing season.

If you are looking for evergreen vines, some of our native *Pandoreas* are just fantastic.

I'm going to be starting some workshops from my place in Bethanga this year topics like....

- Composting
- Worm farming
- Seed Saving
- Keeping Chooks/Poultry
- ANY suggestions for workshops are most welcome....

Cheers

Bec

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Local Enterprise



Local Granya resident, Sharon Star, has burst onto the online tea scene. About 12 months ago, Sharon launched The Green Twig online store, after being a passionate tea drinker for many years. Sharon loved the tradition of steeping your own

'loose-leaf tea' because the process and culture of drinking from a tea pot was much more appealing in taste and aroma and also added to the tea drinking experience, allowing you to unwind and relax.

The Green Twig offers a diverse range of loose-leaf teas, from your traditional black, green and herbal teas to your exotic and Australian teas including Kenyan Milima which is one of Africa's most elegant teas. Sharon's all-time favourite from her range is Wanderlust which is an organic Rooibos tea, rich in antioxidants and also caffeine free, it

has a delicate fruity flavour and is also popular with kids.

Tea ware is another love of Sharon's and she has recently added a range of cast iron tea pots, bamboo tea flasks, double glass tea bottles and loose-leaf infusers and strainers to her collection. These have been very popular.

Sharon is married to Cris and they have 2 young girls with a baby on the way. She is hoping her maternity leave will allow more time to expand the business and one day to be the 'go-to-website' for tea locally, and perhaps compliment her tea range with organic and simplistic beauty products.

The Green Twig has a Facebook and Instagram page, as well as a webpage including the online shop. Local delivery and postage Australia wide is available on all purchases.

There will be Mother's Day packs available for purchase in April and May, including your choice of loose-leaf teas and popular tea ware.



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Entry: \$5.00 Winner: \$100

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New Vets In Tallangatta

After 25 years, the Tallangatta and Kiewa Veterinary Clinics have changed ownership. As of January 1st this year, Joe and Meika Skuse have bought the business and are continuing to service the North-East valleys and townships.

Joe and Meika moved to Tallangatta in early 2015 in pursuit of a job opportunity, which has progressed, into business ownership. The husband and wife team moved here from North-West NSW districts, after several years of work around the areas of Narrabri, Wee Waa and Coonamble, and a brief stint around Finley and Jerilderie in the southern Riverina. Their work background in mixed practices in those districts brings to the area experience in cattle, horses and companion animals. Joe particularly enjoys the on-property work with livestock and horses, and so you will more commonly see him out on the road. Mixed practice is Meika's preference- a bit of everything!

Meika grew up on her family farm, north of Goulburn, NSW, which is still been run by her parents. Hereford cattle, Merinos and prime lambs are the main interests of their farm, and she still loves to get home to do the pregnancy testing or shearing. Joe is from Queensland originally, and though he wasn't raised on a farm; his passion for animals and rural living stemmed from working on his Uncle and Aunt's farm at Glen Innes from a young age. It was after several years of horse and cattle work there that his Uncle encouraged him to apply for a veterinary science degree. Joe and Meika then met when they started university together as part of the inaugural class at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

It has been a busy 2 months to start the year off and Meika and Joe have certainly appreciated the support from the staff during the transition. The familiar faces you all know are still there, and continue as the trustworthy presence at both clinics. Libby, Renee, Jess, Julie and Joyce are still the friendly faces you will find

at both clinics assisting with your enquiries and keeping the clinics functioning. Torquil is also staying on full-time and is a much-valued member of the veterinary staff. Andrew has become an employee (!) too, and is doing a couple of days a week, so you are bound to run into him still. Jane and Andrew's support has been second to none over this busy time, as has the welcome from the community during the changeover.

Some of you will have met either Meika or Joe, (or both) but there will be plenty in the area still needing to put a face to the names. Drop by the clinic and say hi, or enquire about what options there are to assist you and your animals. The team, mentioned above, is willing and able to do most things, and if you have something out of the ordinary... well just ask. They are happy to help and we look forward to servicing the community for many years to come.

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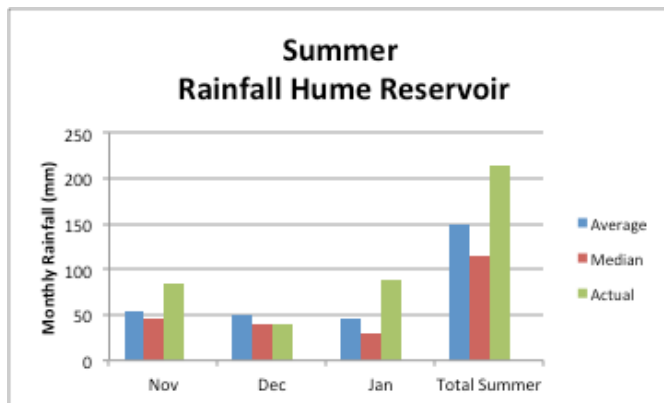
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Rainfall Round-up

The summer rainfall (November to end January) was 213 mm, 43% above the average (149 mm). Both November (94 mm) and January (89 mm) were wetter than average while December was a little drier than average. Much of the heavier rainfall in November and January came from thunderstorms that are largely unpredictable.



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook suggested that we had only one chance in 3 for better than average rain and in turned out we got that outcome! The major driver of the better than average rainfall seems to have been the warmth in the Indian Ocean that created the moisture that allowed the storm rains in southern Australia triggered by passing cold fronts.

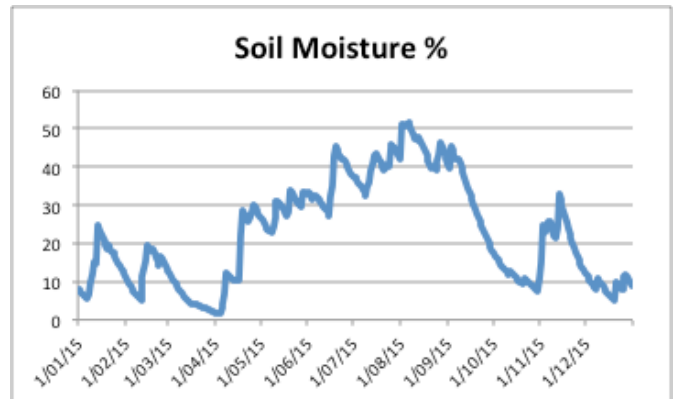
For the year as a whole our rainfall was close to average with January, April, August and November wetter than normal and March, September and October drier.

Prospects for Autumn (February to end April)

The El Niño is now weakening but there is no agreement about when it will finish nor whether it will be followed by a La Niña or a neutral SOI. At this time of the year the SOI gives very little guidance about the season ahead so the modellers rely on other indicators. The good news is that 9 out of 11 models suggest that we will get average rainfall and the remaining 2 suggest slightly wetter than normal. Looking even further forward to winter the news is even better with 6 out of 8 models suggesting wetter than normal and the remaining 2 suggesting average rainfall.

The graph below shows the soil moisture level (in the root zone) for our district over 2015 expressed

as a percentage of maximum soil moisture. (The effects of the dry September and October are very evident. (www.bom.gov.au/water/landscape/))



At present our soil moisture is about 10%, slightly above average for this time of year. This good soil moisture level and encouraging seasonal outlooks suggest the chances are we **MAY** have a better than average year.

Anybody interested in watching an entertaining and helpful presentation on climate forecasting and how it can be used might want to try a Youtube clip entitled What are the 'odds' of a boom or bust spring – Graeme Anderson. Also, because climate outlooks can change quickly, I recommend that you keep up to date with Dale Grey's Fast Break newsletter. (<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farm-management/newsletters-and-updates/the-break.-the-fast-break-and-the-very-fast-break-newsletters>)

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Granya Social Connections Project

Social Connections meets Talgarno Primary School!

The Granya Social Club in partnership with Talgarno Primary School and Tallangatta Health Service held a very successful intergenerational social activity in December. The students listened to stories on the history of Granya and had a nutritional lunch with the members of the newly formed Granya Social Club.

This followed with a performance from the students. The performance was a play about the rules of fishing for Murray Cod and then some songs from the play Oliver! The students and the audience all had smiles on their face, it was a enjoyed by all.

The exchange of stories between generations and bringing food to the table engaged all who attended on the day. It was enlightening to see giggles and smiles on everyone's faces and as it was such a success for all involved the School and the Granya Social Club are hoping to make it an annual event.



It has been so long since we watched children sing and perform in Granya, it was like the old school was alive again!



Social Connections: Refer to quality relationships with family, friends, social networks and the wider community. There are many ways to maintain and strengthen these relationships to protect against isolation in later life.

GRANYA HOTEL NEWS

The Christmas period at the Hotel was a busy time with tourists and campers dropping by, for meals and cold drinks.

Happy Hour is still on every Friday night from 6.30pm, with a meat raffle. Don't hesitate to join our Social Club, which is getting bigger with new members joining up. Australia Day was a success, with live music from Jarred Buckley who played throughout the afternoon. We now have 3 Cooks 'on board' whom cook on various days and nights, and the feedback has been good. Well done Guys! A forthcoming event will be Easter Sunday from 11am, and the Bistro will open at 12.00noon followed by an Easter hunt for the kids. An Easter hamper will be available with tickets sold throughout the afternoon. Proceeds will go towards the Social Club. Live music will be played throughout the day. Check out our latest promo video which you will find on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/granyastore or on You Tube. We will now provide music on a regular basis; just follow us on the Facebook page for upcoming events.

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Mick Fabik



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Berringa Community Centre - Bellbridge

For bookings of the Berringa Community Centre in Bellbridge, please ring the Towong Shire Council's Customer Service Centre on 6071 5100. Any of the staff there will be able to make a booking or alternatively confirm if the Centre is already booked.

They will ask for details such as:

- * time of meeting
- * duration of meeting
- * date of meeting
- * contact name
- * contact phone number

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Talgarno Hall

Hall hire rates, which include air conditioning costs, are:

Community meetings under 3 hours \$15,
meetings over 3 hours \$25.

Local resident function hire \$150 plus \$150 bond
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Non-resident function hire \$250 plus \$150 bond
(includes insurance).

Use of pizza oven free - but booking essential
The old chairs and the tables are available for hire by
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For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

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4007, Peter Schmidt 6026 4325

For Hall Bookings: Contact: Bethanga General Store
6026 4215

Women's Health Clinics

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

Clinics are also held at Tallangatta on the first and third Monday of each month.

All ages welcome

This is a free service. Appointments necessary.
For bookings or further information phone the
Tallangatta Health Service

Sue Reid 6071 5270

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Berringa Community Centre

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

Towong Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is available in Bellbridge on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Drop in to see a qualified nurse between 9.30 am and 12 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

Granya Hall

Fees for the hall hire

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

For other functions it will be \$100, included is \$40 to cover public liability insurance.

Catering \$8 a head

Community Meeting \$15

Bookings and Information contact

Kaye Guiliamese
Kjfarm@gmail.com
6072 9598



10.00 am Wednesday, 4 May 2016
Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge.

Stalls, raffles, prizes and good company. Join the fun and support a good cause and bring your friends. Please bring a plate of food to share and any goodies for the stalls eg. plants, preserves, and unwanted treasures.

Look forward to seeing you, so save the date.



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Enquiries: 0439 186 373

Email: BonegillaHall@gmail.com

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Monday, 25 April 2016

Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall

8.30 am

Followed by morning tea in the hall (A plate to share would be appreciated)

All welcome

In Memoriam

BOWRAN (Chapple) Jocelyn Dawn 15.10.1939 - 14.01.2016 Of Baranduda. Passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Albury Base Hospital, aged 76 years. Dearly loved wife of Ken. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Bill and Louise, Tricia, Liz and Robin Neilson from Bethanga. Daughter of Harold and Joan Chapple (both dec) formally of Bethanga . Adored Grandma of Rebecca and Luke, Josh, Jack, Thomas, Mitchell and Gabby. Great-grandmother of Chayce. Our Condolences to Robin and her family on the passing of her mother.

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Expressions of Interest National Garage Sale Trail 22 October 2016

As part of a Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management initiative we thought we might put Bethanga on the map and participate in the National Garage Sale Trail day.

At this stage we are looking for Expressions of Interest to see if it is worthwhile participating in this event.

- *Do you have things to sell?*
- *Do you need some extra cash?*
- *Do you need to clean out cupboards and garages?*
- *Sale can be at your own home or book a site at the Bethanga Rec Reserve*
- *Fee to participate \$10.00 goes to BRR*

Please contact:-

Carol Marshall
Coordinator:
6026 4041 or carolandhair@bigpond.com



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Anyone interested in playing footy or netball in Juniors and Seniors we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Virginia McKenzie on 60729575.

All ages welcome, very family friendly club!

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SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2016

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No formal competition, it's all about ball skills, fun and exercise! We cater for all skill levels, and our main aim is to enjoy the game.

If you're interested or want more information please contact:
• Kelby: **0439 702 334** • Jenny: **0475 945 474**

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PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Autumn of 2016

Creating Safer Communities

Area Co-ordinator: Ross Mitchell Ph 0418 215 076
Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 60 264323
Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 60 201144



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch newsletter for 2016.

Our recent community meeting at Granya was a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to the Granya community for their organisation and preparation of the Pioneer Museum, where the meeting was held. Many of the attendees appreciated the opportunity to view the extensive displays of memorabilia from the Granya community as well as enjoy the meeting, the guest speaker's presentation and delicious supper and chat with neighbours. Sincere thanks to the Granya community. We look forward to returning to Granya in February next year for our first Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch community meeting for 2017 and hope to see you at the other 3 meetings across the Peninsula area throughout the year.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation from CERT member Julie Miller who demonstrated how to operate a defibrillator and what to do in the event of a snake bite. If you have ever wondered what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest or snake bite, having a CERT member attend your group event and explaining what to do would be very worthwhile. Our sincere thanks to Julie for her demonstration and explanation of what and how to operate a defibrillator and what to do in the event of a snake bite. If you need a defibrillator there are several machines in our community – They are the white box on the wall outside the Bethanga and Bellbridge shops and one each in the Bethanga and Talgarno Fire Trucks. Please familiarise yourself with where they are.

At the Granya meeting it was agreed the community needed more large metal roadside signs which will be provided. Gate signs will also be made available for you to attach to gates and/or fences to remind untoward visitors we are a Neighbourhood Watch community that looks out for each other and reports to police untoward activities.

Ross W Mitchell,

Area Co-ordinator – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch.

Mobile - 0418 215 076.

....FOR YOUR DIARY.... **Community Meeting Dates for 2016**

May 18th 2016-Bethanga Hall – 7.30pm
Community Meeting and draw of the Annual Wood Raffle

August 17th 2016 - Talgarno Primary School
– 7.30pm Community Meeting and AGM

November 16th 2016 -Berringa Community Centre, Bellbridge – 7.30pm Community Meeting and Christmas dinner

Hope to see you at one or all of these community meetings and please invite your neighbour or friends to come too.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Annual Fund Raiser

You may not know but your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch does not receive any financial assistance to provide the range of 'Creating Safer Communities' Services it offers; therefore an Annual Fund Raiser is conducted which is our **Annual Wood Raffle.**

The tickets will be on sale within the next few weeks and drawn at the Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall on Wednesday May 18th.....just in time for winter!!!!.

Keep your eye out for these tickets and if you are able to help sell some tickets please contact any of the named people at the top of this page.

Thank you in anticipation of your support



Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Crime Report for November, December, 2015 & January, 2016

Report Date 06/11/15

Property Damage, Talgarno Primary School, Talgarno.

Between 7.30pm 06/11/15 & 7.40pm 06/11/15.

Damage to items of property within school grounds. Value \$300.00.

2 male youths Cautioned for offences.

Report Date 12/12/15

Discharge A Missile, Murray Place, Bellbridge.

Between 7.30pm 11/12/15 & 07.45am 12/12/15.

Window of store Egged by Unknown persons. Nil Value.

Nil identifiable suspects.

Report Date 22/12/15

Fire Report, Murray River Rd, Granya.

At 4.30pm 22/12/15 a passer-by observes 2 small road side grass fires in 2 separate locations. Granya CFA attended and fires extinguished.

Nil damage. Nil suspects.

If you are concerned about an untoward incident in your area please don't try and address it yourself, call me and tell me the time and day of the week the incident(s) occurred or you may send the information, a.s.a.p. to my email address which is neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au The quicker I am told of incidents the more promptly I or other Police Force members can attend.

Regards,

Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable

25254 | Bethanga Police Station |

Address: 1 Bethanga Bay Road, Bethanga, VIC 3690 | DX: 219763

Email: neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au

Phone: (02) 60 264204 |

Fax: (02) 60 264600 |

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Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program



John Butko's leg is immobilised by instructor Julie Miller who demonstrates what to do in the event of a snake bite.

The Message is Simple – Don't Leave Kids in Cars

Courtesy: <http://www.kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/hot-cars>



It is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle, in all states and territories of Australia

Between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, Ambulance Victoria paramedics rescued 1,165 children who had been left unattended in a car. Figures from Ambulance Victoria reveal that:

- Two thirds of call outs for children locked in cars were to car parks, streets or public places
- The summer months (December 2013 - March 2014) were the busiest period with an average of four call outs to a child left unattended in a car per day
- 42% of incidents occurred between 11am and 3pm

Children are particularly at risk because they can lose fluid quickly, become dehydrated and suffer from heatstroke that is life threatening.

In Victoria, it is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle under the Children, Youth and Families Act (2005). The penalties for leaving a child unattended in a car in Victoria include:

- A fine (currently \$3,690), or
- A maximum of six months jail

Do not leave your child or pet in a vehicle alone

Energy efficient LED street lighting on the way for Towong Shire

Towong Shire Council will upgrade more than 300 street lights across the Shire from 9 February 2016 to energy efficient LED street lighting as part of the Watts Working Better project.

Council is pleased to join the Watts Working Better project as a collaborative partner with other Victorian Councils. Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann said 'the project is expected to produce significant savings for Council through reduced electricity and maintenance costs'. He said street lighting represents the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and a large portion of utility costs for most Councils.

The new lights will consume up to 77% less power than those currently in place reducing greenhouse gas emission by more than 106,700 tonnes over the next 20 years.

Cr David Wortmann said 'There is unlikely to be any inconvenience to residents or businesses throughout the upgrade process.' No disruption to electricity supplies will occur as a result of the installation.

For more information on the Watts Working Better project go to www.wattsworkingbetter.com.au or follow it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WattsWorkingBetter

Time to have your say

Towong Shire Council is participating in the 2016 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey. The survey is a statewide telephone survey used to collect direct feedback from community members about Victoria councils and will cover the following areas:

- Council's overall performance
- Community consultation and engagement
- Advocacy - lobbying on behalf of the community
- Making community decisions
- Sealed local roads
- Customer service
- Overall council direction

The survey, co-ordinated by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on behalf of participating councils was conducted throughout February 2016 with residents selected at random to participate.

Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann said 'this is a fantastic opportunity to see how our Council compares against other small councils across the State. I encourage everyone who is called to answer honestly and take the opportunity to have their say.'

Cr Wortmann also said the results of the survey also fulfil a number of mandatory reporting requirements under the Victorian Government's Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

Mandatory performance reporting became a requirement for local government from the 2014/2015 financial year. Results are available on the Know Your Council Website www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au

Domestic Animal Management Plan

Under the Domestic Animal Act 1994 all Victorian councils are required to prepare a Domestic Animal Management Plan. Council resolved to adopt the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan it has had on public exhibition.

The primary focus of the Plan is the management of companion animals, namely dogs and cats. Council acknowledges the role it plays in promoting responsible pet ownership and enforcing the legislation but everyone needs to be aware of their responsibilities.

If you love your pets, you need to do the right thing and not let your dogs roam unaccompanied outside your property and cats should be inside between the hours of 9.30pm and 6.00am, seven days a week. Council has introduced a cat curfew and cat owners are reminded that it is an offence if cats are

left wandering between the hours of 9.30 pm and 6.00 am.

Council takes this opportunity to remind all domestic animal owners that cats and dogs must be registered with Council.

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:

32 Towong Street (PO Box 55)

Tallangatta 3700

T 02 6071 5100

E info@towong.vic.gov.au

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY?

A summary of issues considered at the Council meeting held on 2 February 2016 in Corryong is provided below:

Netball Courts Funding Application – Two clubs have expressed an interest in having their projects submitted in the 2016/17 Country Football Netball Program. The program is provided by Sport and Recreation Victoria who facilitate the Country Football Netball Program to provide funding for football and netball facilities throughout Victoria.

With the 2016/17 funding round closing on 11 February 2016 Council resolved to submit the application made by Rowen Park Committee of Management (for the Tallangatta Netball Club). If successful a grant of \$38,900 would be made to the club to install one new netball court at the Sports Complex.

Council then resolved to list the Mitta United application (for two netball courts at Eskdale) as its next priority when funding becomes available again.

Tallangatta Integrated Community Centre (TICC) - In March 2016 Council will open the Tallangatta Early Years Learning Centre in the newly constructed Tallangatta Integrated Community Centre. The service will offer Long Day Care, After School Care and a funded Kindergarten program.

Previously Council was considering having this service delivered by an external organisation, but has now resolved to provide the service 'in-house'. A further budget allocation is now required to furnish the early years centre and Council resolved to allocate \$35,000. This will enable the establishment of a quality learning environment for young children using the services in the TICC. These services will strengthen our community and contribute to making Towong Shire the ideal place to live.

Town Maintenance Contracts – Council recently sought tenders for the Town Maintenance contracts. Council will discuss this item at the 1 March 2016 Ordinary meeting.

The above information is a summary only of the Council Meeting business. Copies of Council Minutes are available from Council's website www.towong.vic.gov.au, Council Offices and all townships within the Shire (either the Post Office or local store). Should further information be required please contact Diana Snaith on 02 6071 5100.

The next ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 March 2016 at the Tallangatta Council Office commencing at 10.00 am with Open Forum.

Council Meetings are public meetings and all are welcome to attend.



Tallangatta Health Service – Open Board Meeting

Thursday 5th May – 2pm
Granya Hall , afternoon tea provided
All community members welcome

Tallangatta Health Service – Serving the Penninsula community

Tallangatta Health Service is the HACC (Home and Community Care) and District Nursing provider to eligible clients in the areas of Bellbridge, Bethanga, Talgarno, and Granya. We also offer other outreach services.

In Tallangatta, our services include:

- Sub-acute hospital
- Residential Aged Care
- Allied Health
- District Nursing
- Medical Centre
- Aged Care Respite
- HACC Services
- Pathology

An Open Board meeting will be held at the Granya Hall on Thursday 5th May at 2pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Please phone 02 6071 5200 for further details.

Lisa Allen
Acting Chief Executive Officer

CLUBS AND GROUPS

BERRINGA CERT

In an Emergency call 000



Shocked

We were recently called to a case where a 6 year old was electrocuted when she touched the pole of an ornamental light in the garden. The 240 volts threw her to the ground but her foot was still in contact with the pole. Her teenage cousin received a shock when she attempted to move the victim by her arms. The cousin then cleverly grabbed the victim by her clothes and moved her to safety. Both girls were lucky not to suffer serious injury.

The human body conducts electricity. If any part of the body receives an electric shock, the electricity will flow through the tissues with little obstruction. Depending on the length and severity of the shock, Injuries can include burns to the skin, burns to internal tissues, electrical interference or damage (or both) to the heart, which could cause the heart to stop or beat erratically.

How to help a victim of electric shock

The first thing you must do is disconnect the power supply. Don't even touch the victim until you are sure that the power supply is turned off. Be especially careful in wet areas, such as bathrooms, as water conducts electricity. It may be safer to turn off the electricity supply to the building, if possible, to be absolutely sure.

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First aid for electrical shock includes:

- Check for a person's response and breathing. It may be necessary to commence CPR.
- **Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.** If you are unsure of resuscitation techniques, the ambulance call-taker will give you easy-to-follow instructions over the telephone, so you can increase the person's chances of survival until the ambulance arrives.
- If their breathing is steady and they are responsive, attend to their injuries. Cool the burns with cool running water for 20 minutes and cover with dressings, if available, that won't stick. Simple cling wrap found in most kitchens is very suitable to cover burns as long as it is not applied tightly. Never put ointments or oils onto burns. If the person has fallen from a height, try not to move them unnecessarily in case they have spinal injuries. Only move them if there is a chance of further danger from the environment (such as falling objects).
- Talk calmly and reassuringly to the person.
- Sometimes victims of electric shock may appear to be unhurt, but they should still be treated as a victim of electric shock. Some injuries and further complications may not yet be obvious. An examination in hospital is important after any electric shock.

Safety tips around the home

In our case our victim was staying in an older home that was not fitted with safety switches. A safety switch, or residual current device, is designed to save lives by monitoring power flow and making sure the flow is even. This is different to a circuit breaker, which is designed to protect household wiring from power surges.

A safety switch is intended to trip out an electricity supply in the event of a current flow to earth. It can provide protection from harmful electric shocks in situations where a person comes into contact with a live electrical circuit and provides a path to earth. Typical examples of this occurring are with the use of faulty electrical leads and faulty appliances. These switches operate in one thirty-thousandth of a second. You can reduce the risk of electric shock in your home by taking a few precautions, including:

- Always hire a licensed electrician for all wiring jobs.
- Don't use extension leads or appliances if the cords are damaged or frayed.

- Don't remove a plug from a power point by pulling on the cord – pull the plug instead.
- Keep electrical appliances away from wet areas.
- Have safety switches installed by an electrician.
- Buy portable power boards with built-in safety switches.
- Insert safety plugs into power points not in use to stop children from inserting objects into them.

Downed powerlines

Sometimes, powerlines are downed in car accidents. The powerlines may drape over the vehicles. The tyres act as insulation, so urge anyone inside the car to stay there where they will be safe from electric shock. Do not approach the scene until it has been declared safe by the proper authorities. Stand well back and try to encourage any bystanders to keep a distance of at least six metres.

Even if the lines or wires are not moving, they may still be live. All wires should be treated as if they are live. If a person is forced to get out of the vehicle because of a hazard such as fire, instruct them to keep their feet close together and to jump away, not walk. This can reduce the chance of an electric shock if wires are on the ground. Only advise this action if the person is definitely unable to remain in the vehicle.

This information was sourced from www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

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

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed meets every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get involved in Shed projects or create your own, 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.

The old Furphy water cart has finally been restored and it looks fantastic.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Men's Shed, or just wish to come along for a chat once in a while, please feel free to come in and check us out.

*Bob Price
President
02 6026 4418*

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Donation

The BRRCoM would like to send a heartfelt "thank you" to George Fendyk and David Legge from Hume Country Estate Retirement Resort. They have kindly donated an amazing amount of stainless steel kitchen benches, industrial dishwasher, fridges, cool room and sinks to the Rec Reserve. We will be able to utilise these in our new camp kitchen and main pavilion. Thanks also to Craig Schmidt and Peter and Di Schmidt for nominating us for the donation. It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to remove the equipment over several days so big thanks also to those who assisted.

SR500

Updated profit for the SR500 weekend has come in with the final count being \$4717.90 raised - our best effort yet. Congratulations to all involved on a job well done.

Local Landscape Enhancement Grant

We would like to thank all the people and organisations who have contributed to the completion of the Local Landscape Enchantment Grant (LLEG). It was a major undertaking for a volunteer committee to deliver a project of this scale. We have completed the project on time and on budget and have made significant improvements to the reserve. We know these works will build on previous developments at the reserve and continue towards other projects in the future. We would especially like to acknowledge the Department of the Environment Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for the funding, Bethanga Landcare and Towong Shire (Technical Services) for their assistance with the Bio-Swale and the many contractors who have assisted us



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Lastly to the Bethanga community, thanks for getting involved and helping achieve the goals of the project. We really appreciate the feedback and are enthusiastic about the next development at Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

Friends of Bethanga Creek

It has been a good start to the year for Friends of Bethanga Creek. We held another working bee on the 30th of January and very big thanks to all who helped out on the day. The blackberry spraying was completed in a few short hours as we had a really effective kill from the 2015 spraying and just mopping up small areas of re-growth was needed. Following the 2015 DELWP burn, many of the native species are showing signs of recovery, with plenty of new growth and many new plants emerging with the good summer rains. We are in the process of arranging a follow up working bee to target the broad leaf weeds and we aim to complete this in March. So what is planned for 2016? This year we are going to target the Talgarno Gap Rd branch of the creek. The works are planned to control the Elm suckers which are smothering the ground behind the old CFA shed and also to improve two of the erosion gullies which lead into the creek. We are currently in negotiations with the North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) and the Towong Shire about funding for these works. Our meetings have been very productive and we will keep everyone informed through the Berringa News and the Bethanga Recreation Reserve Facebook page.

Agistment

A new paddock has been fenced off and will soon be ready for agistment. Please contact Sandra Maloney on 60264461 if interested.

Community Forum

We run a community forum before each meeting. If you would like to give your opinion or be involved in the future development of the reserve, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Acting Secretary Sandra Maloney 6026 4461

bethangareserve@gmail.com

President: David Elder 0408 281006
davidcaelder@bigpond.com

LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC) SATURDAY 23rd APRIL FOR SOCCER SEASON START AT BETHANGA

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

Our 2016 season kicks off on the 23rd April with a

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

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

The cost is \$50 per player for the season, with a discount for families with 3 or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football. If this appeals to you, come to our first session and try it out. Kids get two 'come and try' sessions before needing to register. We will have a free sausage sizzle and fun day on the first Saturday, 23rd April.

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL AT 9.30am
LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB
BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT 12PM

For more information please contact our president Kelby on 0439 702 334 or our Secretary Jenny on 0475 945 474.

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Contact
Russell Huon 02 6026 4531
Jan Bennie 02 6026 4512
PO Box 401 Albury NSW 2640

BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

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

Anyone interested in joining the Club or any member who has any suggestions for future outings, please contact Brian Hunter at Bethanga Hotel on 02 6026 4214

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TALGARNO CFA

Apart from the Barnawartha fires it has been a relatively quiet fire season for your brigade. Since July 2015, 24 members of the brigade responded to 10 callouts, mainly in support of other brigades. Although we did all the planning and applied for all the permits, we were unable to burn roadsides this year. It seems that there was a high degree of anxiety in the authority after the Lancefield incident and the brigade was told at the last minute that we could not proceed. This has prompted the brigade to pay more attention to fuel reduction outside of the fire season and there will be more information about that at the next General Meeting.

There has been good support for the monthly BBQ and about 40% of the community have made donations to the brigade. We have several new members this year and a number of the recently trained members have already made much appreciated contributions to the brigade operations. We are always keen to recruit new members so please let your Captain Peter Star know if you are interested in joining.

The Brigade Management Team held a meeting on February 4, 2016 and some of the matters discussed are noted below:

- Agreed to purchase replacement chest freezer

- Agreed that we recommend to the GM that the next 5 scanners would be sold at \$150 each
- Agreed that brigade would pay for BART services for up to 10 brigade members (\$150 per year) with priority given to those who have responded to callouts. (BART has indicated that it will no longer be a free service)
- Advised that the Victorian Commission for gambling and liquor regulation had returned our application for a licence because the brigade was not an incorporated body
- Agreed that brigade would investigate applying under next round of VESEP for replacement of Slip-on based on advice provided by Region 24
- Agreed that brigade would continue to use the roster system over the peak fire season
- Noted that an orange portable radio is still missing
- Noted that the brigade has current assets of \$33,166.63

There will be a general meeting on Tuesday 26 April to elect officers of the brigade and to conduct general business. A notice will be sent around to advise further details and all community members are encouraged to attend and let us know your needs and suggestions. Also, we are looking for a secretary, so if you are interested or would like to nominate anybody, please do so.

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INCIDENTS

20 December 4:24pm

4 members responded in tanker 2 to assist at the large grass and scrub fire at Indigo Valley.

Our truck and 12 members assisted for 3 days at this fire.

22 December 4:04pm

Grass and scrub fire Murray Valley Hwy Granya. 4 members responded in tanker 2 to assist Granya and Talgarno. The fire was small on the side of the road and we were called off en route.

25 December 5:40pm

Grass and Scrub fire Flagstaff Rd Bethanga. 18 members responded in both trucks, slip-on and private units; Bonegilla, Talgarno and air attack also responded. The 1ha fire started from a vehicle driven in the paddock and it spread rapidly across the road to a neighbouring property. The fire was brought under control quickly.

1 January 6:39pm

Grass and scrub fire Maher Hill Bonegilla. 4 members responded in tanker 1 to assist Bonegilla. The fire was started by lightning.

23 January 11:27am

Assist police and ambulance with an electrical hazard in Bellbridge. 8 members responded in tanker 2 and the slip-on. The hazard was brought under control by police and an electrician and we returned after a short time.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The fire danger period restrictions will cease sometime in the next couple of months. The exact date varies depending on conditions and is decided by discussions between CFA, DELWP and Councils. Before you light a fire it is your responsibility to check for any CFA and Council restrictions.

Apart from the Indigo Fire early in the summer, our brigade, and indeed the whole of CFA District 24, has been fortunate that there has been very little requirement for our services so far this year. Long may this state continue! Please remember to remain vigilant for the remainder of the Fire Danger Period. It is so easy to be complacent. A little thought and planning before commencing a job can avoid a fire. The law is now very strict that if a fire gets out of your control during **any time of the year** causing damage to someone else's property, police will investigate and may issue charges.

BEFORE WINTER

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

Every home should have fire alarms. Fire alarms should be checked regularly and CFA recommends fire alarm batteries should be replaced annually at Easter, regardless of the residual battery life. For your best protection each home should also have a fire blanket and dry chemical fire extinguisher.

A dry chemical fire extinguisher is suitable for electrical, oil and wood/paper fires and could easily save your home from burning down. Remember that all brigade members are volunteers. It takes time for a crew to reach the fire station and turn out to a fire, and then travel to the incident. Having an extinguisher and fire blanket, and knowing how to use them, is your best chance at saving your property from severe damage.

If you need any help with the use of fire equipment, please contact the brigade.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

On Australia Day Bethanga and Baranduda Brigades were on display at Bunnings, Wodonga to celebrate the day. Members handed out information and showed the public over the trucks which included hands-on practical demonstrations. The public showed gratitude to members and the CFA for their volunteer work. A Bunnings fundraising BBQ organized by our brigade is scheduled during the coming winter period.

On the weekend of April 29th to May 1st, the Bethanga Brigade, together with the Talgarno Brigade, Bethanga CERT and the Bethanga Cricket Club will raise funds by running the car parking at the 4WD Camping Show. If you can assist at this event or the forthcoming BBQ, please contact Jon O'Neil.

BRIGADE TRAINING

We have had good numbers of members attending the monthly brigade training. We do some basic training followed by a BBQ and catch up with the local gossip. Last month one member also completed a CFA 4WD Off Road Training Course.

BELLBRIDGE MEMBERS REQUIRED

In the last few years the brigade has recruited members who live in the Bellbridge Community, and we have been able to station our light tanker in the shed there permanently. To ensure its viability, we would like to recruit a few more members in Bellbridge. If you are interested, please contact the brigade.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The brigade will look to run a Minimum Skills Training Course at Bethanga over the winter months if enough people from the Bethanga and Bellbridge communities show an interest. Please contact John Northey or Jon O'Neil.

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TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Genesis 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light"...and on 4 February 2016 there was! The big news around the club is that our new lights have been installed! Peter Baker from Eco Power and Lighting won the contract to supply and install the lights, which was completed over two days. We thank Peter and his crew for the donated labour and discounted lights provided, as without that support the project was unlikely to go ahead.

We are very appreciative of the financial support from the Department of Sport and Recreation and Towong Shire. The tennis club also contributed significant funds to the project which was made possible through all the fundraising over many years. We would also like to thank Michael Elliot for his handy work with manufacturing and installing the brackets on the poles for the lights.



The new lights are an LED product which emit about three times the lux of our old lights and use about half the power. The light emitted is a very white, clean crisp light, so not only will we have better quality light to play under, our electricity use will also be reduced.

The atmosphere at our junior tournament was electric back on 17 January, with 18 juniors playing matches and displaying excellent sportsmanship. It was fair to say everyone enjoyed the tournament! Two grades competed on the day, 11 years and under and 12 years and over, in a round robin format followed by Grand Finals for the top ranked teams.

In the 11 years and under grade, Alex Swinnerton and Darci Mitchell won against Tilly Pearson and Lewis Schubert. The Grand Final was won 6-5 in the closest of margins, which kept all the spectators on the edges of their seats!



In the 12 years and over grade, Charlotte and Will Mitchell won against the Schubert brothers, Harry and Archie. It was a one-sided

set in the Grand Final, but Harry and Archie showed they were capable of better tennis, beating the Mitchell siblings earlier in the round robin format.



Thank you to all the parents who umpired throughout the day and ran the raffle and to Bruce Mitchell for cooking the BBQ....perhaps Craig Schubert will have to be on BBQ duties next year (wink, wink!) Thank you to Tracey Woodhouse, Wirruna wines, for the wine that was raffled on the day.

The tennis club held a fundraiser movie night in late January to help towards our lighting project. We would like to thank everyone for supporting this, as we made another \$452. We're aiming to have another fundraiser in the tennis club off season, so please keep an eye out in the Berringa News and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/talgarnotc) for details.

Our teams in the Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association this year are doing very well. At this stage, our Section 1 team is sitting pretty in first spot on the ladder and will play in yet another finals series. Our Section 4 Talgarno Gold team is also on top of the ladder and will play finals in late February. Our section 2 team is in sixth spot and out of the finals race, but have won about half of their games and had a good season despite an unsettled line up each week. The positive side of this is that we've had several new or returning faces to Talgarno such as Brad and Mandy Crispin, Mel Naismith and Harrison Drummond

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in the team each week. This has been great for the club and we hope to see more of them next season. Our section four Talgarno Blue team has had a tough first year, but are improving every week and experienced their first win a few weeks ago which they were ecstatic about! Good luck to our teams in the finals and we look forward to fielding several teams again in the 16-17 season.

We are hoping to continue some tennis coaching this year, so please contact us if you are interested in this. We are open to other ideas as to how the tennis club can be used throughout the year.... Autumn/Winter/Spring night tennis competitions, etc. Please let us know your thoughts!

We are always keen to hear from new players who are interested in playing or being involved in the club, so please feel free to contact Brendan Pearson 0439881440.

*Brendan Pearson
Grants Officer, Talgarno Tennis Club*

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 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 BCP members.

The Bethanga Pony Club is a member club 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.

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

See article on Australia Day celebrations on p3

*Regards,
Andrew Christy*

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If you would like to contact the club please email bethangacricket@gmail.com or come along to one of our training sessions.

Marg Sirl, 6026 4504

EXERCISE CLASSES

Want to lose weight or improve your level of fitness? Why not try our fitness classes? These continue to run at the Talgarno Hall on most evenings and have proven to be very popular. Classes begin at 7:00pm on Sundays and Tuesdays and 7.45pm on Thursday nights. All sessions run approximately 1 hour and cost is a minimal \$2. There are additional sessions on most other evenings from 7:00pm by arrangement.

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

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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Bring along your lunch.

Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

POLE WALKERS

On Wednesdays at 10:00am during winter (9:00am in summer), a group of locals meet to walk with poles around the scenic spots of our peninsula. Pole walking uses up approx. 20% more calories than just ordinary walking and you use approx. 80% more of your body muscles. You feel terrific at the end of an hour, not only from the exercise but the friendly company. If you wish to become a pole walker, give us a call.

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Shirley Eddington 6026 4330

DRU YOGA

Dru Yoga has recently started up in Talgarno. Classes are Monday nights at 6pm at Talgarno Primary School.

Bring your yoga mat, water and small pillow and blanket for relaxation at end.

For further information please contact Toni Hodgkin 6072 0339.

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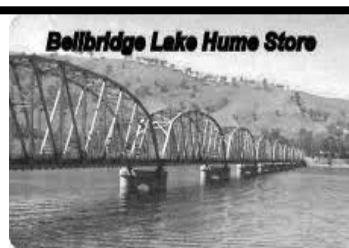
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Jeanine Pearce 6026 4243
Annie Berber 0419 407 420

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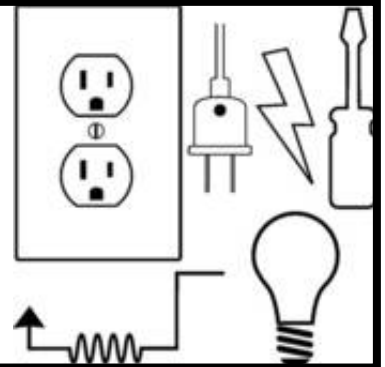
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Bethanga Landcare Group

In January the Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group conducted an excellent briefing on the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Virus at Tallangatta and we would like to thank them for inviting us. The briefing was well attended and covered many aspects of the virus including: how it will be released, the procedure for requesting vials of the virus and the possible effects on the rabbit population. It is possible when the virus is released that it could kill up to 40 or 50% of the rabbits in a particular area. If the virus is successful and we follow up by destroying the warrens we will have a much reduced population of rabbits for at least 17 years. Our President, Roger Barrows will speak further on the subject at our annual general meeting.

With autumn upon us, now is the time to start planting trees and shrubs on your property in order to give them the best chance of survival over the summer months. Our group will be continuing with its successful Tree Giveaway and National Tree Day plantings. The tree giveaway is open to all paid-up members of the group, so for \$15 a year, you will receive a minimum of 40 trees and/or shrubs. Certainly one of the best deals in the area. We are looking for locations to conduct our National Tree Day plantings, so if you have any ideas please contact us and let us know your thoughts.

We hope to soon be engaging a facilitator to assist us in updating our 2002 Local Area Plan so that it is once again relevant for the many changes that have occurred within the area.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be conducted on Sunday, 3 April

2016 at the Bethanga recreational reserve commencing at 11 AM. At the AGM all committee positions will be declared vacant and new committee members are to be elected. Voting is restricted to current members of the group. If you're not a member you can join on the day by paying your \$15, this also entitles you to take part in the Tree Giveaway. This is your opportunity to come and help us provide a better service to you, the community and the environment. After the AGM, lunch will be provided. So come along to hear what we have to say, help us select a new committee and get a free feed.

The Bethanga Landcare Group website contains a wealth of information gathered over many years and we hope that you will use it as a resource to assist you in your efforts to improve your quality of life and that of the environment. If you have any ideas to improve the web site or provide more information and resources in a more accessible manner, please let us know. So having said all that, I suppose you now want to know how to get in contact with us? Contact details are below:

To access the website, type into your search engine 'Bethanga Landcare Group' or go to <http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/bethanga>

We are contactable by email on bethangalandcaregroup@Gmail.com

Roger Barrows, President - 0400 264 079
David Cooper, Treasurer
Leon Helmrich, Acting Secretary - 0419 233 265

Bethanga Landcare Group hopes that everyone is well rested after the Christmas and New Year break and managed to get all your weed spraying completed. It's interesting to note that the Tourism Internet website contains a list of all of our local towns and the Aboriginal meaning of their name. In this list Bethanga is translated to mean 'a weed' somewhat appropriate for all of you folks who have been out there spraying over the summer period.

The Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group or M2M BAG have been very active around the peninsula and has managed to get many new members who are seeking advice and moral support in attacking their blackberry problem. In my street alone three people have signed up over the last couple of weeks. Paula Sheehan as the face of the group is always willing to help a landowner by providing a plan showing how best to attack the issue. Her guidance and advice is incredible and she doesn't put any pressure on you as she understands we are all in different situations. M2M BAG now has 29 Bethanga properties totalling 1100Ha under active management plans! Please let us know if you would like Paula to contact you about your blackberry issues?

Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Welcome to our new members: Danelle and James Filby, Darren and Jenni Star, Brendan and Jill Pearson, Mary Ann Marcure and Adam Richardson.

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Our first meeting for 2016 was held at the Hotel Granya on Friday 19 February with nine members attending and Draft minutes have been circulated.

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Our 2016 AGM will be held on **Wednesday 20 April 2016** at the Talgarno Primary School, commencing at 7:30 pm. We're delighted to have guest speakers **Tim Enshaw** (Community Wild Dog Control Coordinator | Hume, Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning) and **Peter Star** (Victorian landholder and VFF representative on the National Wild Dog Action Plan Stakeholder Consultative Group) give a joint

presentation on *Wild Dog Management*. Join us for supper at the conclusion of the AGM.

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On Monday 18 January, the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2MBAG) and North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) co-hosted the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) Boost Road Show at the Tallangatta Bowling Club.

The roadshow was attended by over 50 local landowners, with presentations from Dr Tarnya Cox project leader and research officer (NSW DPI, Orange) and John Matthews, Biosecurity Manager (Vic DEDJTR). It covered the Invasive Animals CRC Boost project - RHDV (pathogenic calicivirus), integrated rabbit management, landholder participation in the RHDV Boost project and Where to next — the future release of a new strain of RHDV1 K5.

The national release will be coordinated by the Invasive Plants and Animals Committee in consultation with Australian Wool Innovation and Meat and Livestock Australia.

The project release team were looking for groups of landholders to act as release sites or broad-scale sites. Any site can be a release site; however, there are some minimum requirements for broad-scale sites. Each site will involve *pre-release and post-release sampling*.

Our landcare group sought an indication from members as to their willingness to participate in this monitoring

program and five landholders responded and an Expression of Interest on behalf of the WCTLG for the Rabbit Monitoring Program (RHD K5) was submitted in early January.

M2MBAG and NECMA are currently reviewing how best to assist in the national release likely to take place in **spring 2016 or autumn 2017** (pending approvals).

The State Government of Victoria is (currently) making no allocation of funds to its release, however 600 vials will be provided free to the community at the registered release sites. Each vial will treat 150 ha (10 kg of carrot) and will be available for purchase at approximately \$140 per vial, post the monitored release.

Biocontrol is not a silver bullet and other control methods such as baiting, fumigation, warren ripping, exclusion fencing, shooting and trapping – done humanely – are also needed in line with biocontrol to maintain rabbit numbers at low levels.

Community assistance with the spread of RHDV K5 will help ensure that the virus reaches as many rabbit populations as possible. The community can then take advantage of this knockdown by following up with conventional control tools to achieve sustainable long-term control.

*Rhonda Sinclair*  
Secretary

*wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com*

# Children's Groups



## Community Early-years Childcare

Community Early-years Childcare (FARMS) for

children, continues to operate at the Talgarno Hall every Tuesday and Thursday. Hours of operation are 9.00am to 5.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to interact and socialise with others in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information call 6056 4399 or go to [www.awcc.edu.au/CommunityEarly-yearsChildcare](http://www.awcc.edu.au/CommunityEarly-yearsChildcare)

## Maternal & Child Health

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

For enquiries and appointments, please phone

*Trudi Ellis 0417 535 978 or 6026 4228 (on Bellbridge days).*

## Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday from 10am until about lunch time in line with Victorian school terms.

Everyone is welcome, we have a range of ages from 18 months to 5 years. We enjoy the use of a fantastic range of toys and creative materials, and the mums enjoy a nice hot cuppa as well.

Playgroup is free!!

You can purchase a \$25 membership to Playgroup Victoria, optional (this includes insurance).

We meet at alternating venues, so just give Simone a call to find out where we will be meeting next.

See you there!

*Contact: Simone Eddington  
Mobile: 0404 223 051  
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# Berringa Kindergarten



We would like to welcome all families and children back to kinder.

The children have attended five sessions this term, so they are still busy learning the rules and routines of kinder while having fun doing the many activities inside and outside. They have been interested in family play, art activities, different constructions and exploring the Chinese food culture.

The four year old children have started borrowing from the kinder library.

Plans are being made to book David The Music Man and the Flying Bookworm shows to visit later next term.

We are looking forward to another great year together.

For all enquiries, please contact Christine Cameron, Director on 02 60264373 Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Email: Christine.cameron@towong.vic.gov.au



## Berringa Kid's Corner

### Word Find

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BELLBRIDGE  
BETHANGA  
DAM  
FERRY  
FLAGSTAFF  
GRANYA  
KURRAJONG  
LAKE  
MURRAY  
SPRINGDALE  
SUGARLOAF  
TALGARNO  
WEIR

### Sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 5 |   | 1 | 6 | 3 |  |
|   | 4 |   | 5 |   |  |
| 1 |   |   | 2 | 4 |  |
|   | 6 |   | 3 |   |  |
|   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 3 |   | 6 | 4 |   |  |

Fill the grid with the numbers 1 to 6 in such that each number appears only once in each row, column and region (3 by 2 block). Never guess the place of a number and only fill it in when you are sure

### Brain Teaser



Can you copy the image above without ever lifting your pen off the paper?

(It is possible!)

Calling all budding artists!

We would love to see some artwork from Berringa kids in the next edition of Berringa Community News. Send in your artwork with the theme WINTER, and the best drawing will be published in the next edition!

Email a scan of your drawing to: [info@berringacommunitynews.com.au](mailto:info@berringacommunitynews.com.au) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.





# Bethanga Primary School News

WOW, what a start we have had at Bethanga Primary school. The students have come back from holidays keen to learn and full of enthusiasm for the new year. We just thought we might introduce you to a few of our staff members and some of the exciting programs we have at Bethanga Primary School.

Firstly, this is Deb Bowman, our Principal, with two of our Foundation students. Deb teaches the Foundation and Year 1 class.



Once a fortnight we have Catherine from the program Blueearth visit the school. Blueearth Foundation works with the WHO Health Promoting Schools framework to encourage and support physical activity in schools. Schools have the mandate and responsibility for the learning and development of children across the curriculum and we know that physical activity supports that learning and development through:

1. Enhancing cognitive performance
2. Improving health and fitness
3. Enhancing psychological and social well being and counter-acting risk behaviour.

*Training Reform Act 2006*, and as a condition of their registration with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority to provide instruction in the eight learning areas, including Languages.



Then we have Bert Wood and

Kristen Guymer sharing the teaching of the Year 2's and 3's. Here is Miss Guymer at Book Week.



The MARC van (Mobile Area Resource Centre) comes to our school once a fortnight. Nick Wright brings his van full of wonderful books for the students to choose from and then provides them with wonderful literature lessons.



Ross Hogan has the pleasure of teaching our senior students. Here he is with a few of the year 6 students on their netbooks.



Our students thoroughly enjoy these sessions and the language used and the ideals behind the games reinforce our school's values.

Then every Thursday we have Ebu Tuti (our Indonesian Teacher) come and teach our students another language. The importance of learning another language is that Languages education opens up career opportunities, and provides a range of benefits including, stimulating brain development; enhancing English literacy skills; and encouraging respect and understanding of other cultures.

All Victorian schools are required by legislation, *Education and*

We have a very busy and informative timetable. These are just the things we do every week. We have included a couple of photos of some extra curricula activities we have been involved in this week. Pancake Morning and Responsible Pet Day

On Mondays we have music with Miriam Briggs. Apart from the wonderful music sessions experimenting with different instruments, the school choir is really improving.



# Talgarno Primary School

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Ph. 0260201143



Welcome to our 3 new foundation students and their families. Alice, Ruby & Lawson have settled very quickly into our school. This takes our enrolments up to 11 students. We welcome back Glenda Boyer as our Acting Principal and Belinda Toohey on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This term our topic is the Alphabet where the students will be doing lots of research on an allocated letter of the alphabet.

Thank you to everyone who attended our end of year Christmas Celebration. The students put on a wonderful musical concert 'Oliver!' We had a visit from Santa and lots of water activities. Thank you to the parents and the community helpers on the night. What a feast of food!

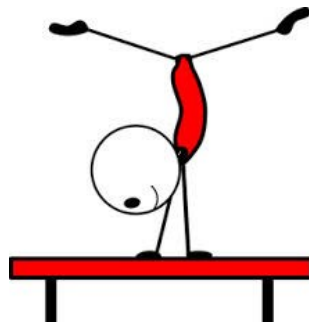
## What's On @ TPS

### **Coffee Morning**

Our Coffee mornings are on again this year and have been very popular! We run them every second Thursday morning 9.30-11am. Please contact the school for more information.

### **Flyaway Gymnastics**

We were recently successful in joining up for the Sporting School Program and have funding to complete 6 sessions of gymnastics at Flyaway Gymnastics in Albury. This will be completed throughout term 1.



### **We have new Toilets!**

We have new toilets! During the school holidays, a team of very dedicated community members managed to upgrade our run-down toilet block and install 2 new rain water tanks. Thank you to John & Travis Wilson and Graham Redman for volunteering their time. Thanks also to Brendan Kernaghan for his plumbing expertise, to Shane the painter, and to Dan Mitchell for his many hours of hard work and generosity!

## Volunteers are Welcome

Do you have a special talent? We would love to hear from any community members who would be willing to donate some time for activities such as: gardening, art & craft, cooking, sport, reading. Our students love having visitors to our school and we love involving the community in our learning experiences.

## Thank You

We have finally sold the last of our calves in our Cattle fundraiser! This was a hugely successful fundraiser for us and we'd like to thank the following farmers for their generous support:

- Stuart & Jane Wood
- Alan & Kerrie Stephenson
- Hugh & Nene Green
- Greg Hayes
- Max & June Merkel
- Cris & Sharon Star
- Ian & Pam Schubert
- Craig & Rae Schubert
- Eric Green
- Graham & Anthea Redman
- Alistair & Shireen Dishon
- Rod Lloyd/Gary Zauner
- Peter & Dianne Star
- David & Anne Wortmann



**A big thank you to the Naismith family for generously donating 4 Bantams. We are looking forward to using their eggs for our Friday cooking days!**



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| Bethanga Music Club                         | 6026 4214    |
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| Lake Hume Soccer Club                       | 0475 945 474 |
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| 6            | Bethanga Recreation Reserve meeting              | 22      |
| 8            | Talgarno CFA BBQ                                 | 23      |
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| 16           | Trivia Night Bethanga Pub                        | 5       |
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