

# Berringa Community News

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## Australia Day 2019 at Bellbridge

### Recipients of the Australia Day Awards

#### Citizenship of the Year—Brendan Pearson

Brendan is a Talgarno resident with a strong commitment to the well-being of his community and parent with his wife Jill of three delightful daughters.

Brendan has been the Secretary of the Talgarno Tennis Club for over 10 years and is now the Grants Officer. He has successfully sourced grants for new fencing around

the courts, expansion of the club rooms, upgrade of the lights and other fundraising events. He has also coordinated coaching of junior tennis players.

Brendan is currently Secretary of the Talgarno Fire Brigade and instigated the Talgarno-Bethanga junior brigade this year.

Brendan has been a member of the Talgarno School Council since 2013 and is currently the President.

In November each year Brendan grows a moustache to participate in the Movember fundraising event.

Many of us will have heard 'The Last Post' trumpeted by Brendan at the Anzac Day ceremony at Bethanga.

Brendan Pearson is a highly skilled, respected and valued community member.



#### Young Citizen of the Year—Tilly Pearson

Tilly Pearson is a resident of Talgarno and a student at Talgarno Primary School where she has excelled in academic, social and sporting activities at the school and within the wider community.



Tilly has performed in the Albury – Wodonga Theatre Company productions of 'Oliver', 'Zanadu' and had a main role in 'Beauty and the Beast' as Chip and was Mudpoo in the combined Talgarno and Bethanga Primary Schools Musical production 'Mudpoo and the Fungus Mystery.'

At the Australia Day awards at Bellbridge in 2018, Tilly sang the National Anthem and sang at the Bellbridge Carols in December 2018 and the Albury Carols in 2017.

In 2018 Tilly raised \$2500 for 'Hair with Heart', a Children's Charity which aims to raise money and collect

# COMMUNITY REPORTS

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hair to make children's wigs due to the loss of their hair from illness. Tilly had her plaits cut off and she donated her hair to this charity. Furthermore she made and sold 'scrunchies' as an

additional fundraiser.

Tilly Pearson is an exemplary young woman with leadership, humility, compassion and dedication to any tasks she undertakes.

### Event of the Year -Talgarno and Bethanga combined schools Musical Production.



'Mudpoo and the Fungus Mystery' was a combined schools musical production which included all students from Talgarno and Bethanga Primary Schools. The production was based on the book 'Mudpoo and the Fungus Mystery' written by Peter Klein and illustrated by Leon de Montignie.

Over 100 of the children's family and friends attended the professional production at the Bethanga Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A cast of 50 children, including foundation students to grade 6 students, from both schools, were included in the cast.

The musical production sees young Mudpoo (Tilly Pearson), his friends and Harry (Belle Pearson) the dog who has been known to talk, stumble upon a mystery at an old goldmine. Pirates Snot (Marnie Ladanay), Grot (Charlotte Ladanay, Pong (Izzy Blackburne) and Bones (Regan Mitchell) have their own evil plan but Mudpoo and his

friends outwit them with the help of Captain Pete (Klancie Star). The treasure in Bethanga's old goldmine does not glitter but everyone wants it. Old Fungus McPhee (Lachlan Medwell) lives at the mine and guards it carefully.

Mudpoo, Harry and their friends discovered a secret and menacing mystery at Bethanga's old gold mine. Meanwhile, Captain Pete, with help from Gus the Kombi van, tries to invent an environmentally friendly solution to stop European rabbits (played by many of the younger students from the schools) from taking over their entire farm!

This is a wonderful local story, written by and the musical production coordinated by Peter Klein and ably performed by the children from the Talgarno and Bethanga Primary Schools; communities where the children come from and outlying communities including Granya and Bellbridge.

# Berringa Furies Calendar 2019

Again, we have been overwhelmed by the support we've received for the 2019 Berringa Furies Calendar. We have sold majority of the calendars, and still have a few available for sale. Thank you to Richard at the Bethanga General Store, Marg at Bethanga Post Office, Helen at the Bellbridge General Store and the Bethanga Pub for assisting with sales.

We were all extremely happy with the quality of the calendar this year. Joe Calvert did a fabulous job sifting through photos, photoshopping and compiling the calendar. We would like to thank our photographers and in particular Zane Filby, who spent many hours constructing the December page.

All money will be collected over the next month or two and we are hoping to present cheques to the brigades at the May Talgarno Fire Shed BBQ.

Once again, we'd like to thank our sponsors, without your support, the calendars would not happen.

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Cheers

Berringa Furies Team



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Berringa Community Fundraising Morning Tea

**You & your family & friends are invited to support this local event on,  
Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00noon at  
'Jounama' 697 Murray River Road, Talgarno.**

Organised by a group of friends from Talgarno, Granya, Bethanga and Bellbridge communities, this 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Morning Tea Fundraiser aims to raise at least \$10k and will include -

- A delicious morning tea and BBQ kebabs
- Auctioneer called Auction and Silent Auction
- Cake, Plants/Produce and Knitting & Crochet Stalls
- Beautiful live music
- An update about the AWRCC.
- An eftpos machine for your convenience

If you can donate money and/or items for the stalls we would be grateful – Please name plants and the ingredients of cakes. We also ask that you bring a plate of morning tea to share

For your convenience there will also have be an eftpos machine available.

All funds raised will be allocated to a nursing scholarship, a new initiative of the Cancer Centre. This scholarship will strengthen the pool of specially trained oncology nurses at the Cancer Centre. Your support to raise funds for this worthy initiative will be appreciated and we can proudly say we sponsored a scholarship. The winner of the scholarship will be attending our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Berringa Community Fundraising Morning Tea. Please support this popular event and meet our sponsored oncology nurse.

For more information please contact Julie de Hennin 0412 433499, Kerrie Stephenson 0429 201146, Di Singline 0452 424248, Mary Schorobura 0403 786353 or Julie Miller 0419 339679

# Bethanga Gymkhana and Family Fun Day.

**Easter Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2019.**

**Bethanga Sports Ground.**

**ADULTS: \$6-00**

**CHILDREN: FREE**

## **FAMILY FUN.**

(Commencing around 10-30am).

STEPPING THE DISTANCE

GUESS HOW MANY LOLLIES IN THE JAR.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BALE OF WOOL.

HAND BALL COMPETITION \*\* ROCKET LAUNCH \*\*

GUESS THE HEIGHT OF THE POLE

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JUMPING CASTLE (\$2-50)

OUTDOOR LASER TAG

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GOLF PUTTING.

SMASH THE JAFFA.

## **FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHILDREN**

(Commencing around 10-30am).

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**Pie Eating Contest (12-30pm) Entry: \$3-00 Winner: \$ 50-00**

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**Men's & Ladies Gift Entry: \$4-00 \$60-00; \$30-00 & \$15-00**

**Dog Jumps (4pm) Entry: \$2-00 Every Dog gets a treat.**

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Phone: Mary Northey (02 6026 4257) or Facebook: Bethanga Gymkhana.

**Eftpos and ATM facilities not available.**

# Meet the New Publican

This is a brief introduction to Gary Paxton, Bethanga Hotel's New Owner



Gary and his sister, Kate, were born and raised in South Albury. Their parents owned a dairy farm right on the Murray River, where growing and picking watermelons, swimming and exploring the river provided outdoor fun activities for them.

Gary has a varied and long association with and experience in the hospitality industry. He has had 11 liquor licences, the first in 1986. One of his earliest ones was the Murray River Hotel, Wodonga. He worked as a liquor manager at Campbell's Cash and Carry for three years in the early 90's and was the CUB manager for Southern NSW and NE Victoria for 5 years in the mid-late 90's. Other interesting ventures were at the Mt. Hotham General Store, another 5-year stint and at Settler's Tavern, Tawonga South. Gary's most recent licenced venue was the Violet Town Hotel.

Gary's focus for the Bethanga Hotel is 'Food and Family', where group catering will be welcomed. Gary and his hard-working team are very busy renovating the interior and surrounds in readiness for the re-opening of the kitchen. Locals and visitors are welcome to call in for a drink, a chat and to check out the progress.



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# With Your Help, We Did It!

It was the morning after the CEYC Bellbridge community had celebrated a successful end-of-year party at Roy Williams Reserve that someone typed the words ... "Is this true?" At the very time the party was taking place, The Border Mail had published the shock announcement that our much loved, and desperately needed, childcare and kindergarten facility was to be closed down (along with six other local services in the region) just three weeks prior to Christmas. This definitely was not the Christmas present we were all expecting.

In true country community form, we did what we knew best. We banded together to fight! Social media forums were abuzz with constant communication suggesting what we needed to do to keep our centre, and the six others afloat. We promptly created a Facebook page to communicate with everyone affected by the shocking revelation that we no longer had before and after school care, or a kindergarten, for our children. Our first port of call was contacting local MP, Cathy McGowan, to see what could be done at a federal level. A petition was established calling for more regional support for rural childcare services and, within a week, this petition was signed by over 300 people.

Ms McGowan was very proactive in representing our cause. She was inundated with emails, phone calls and face-to-face discussions over the course of the weekend. During Question Time the following Monday, she presented our desperate situation to the House. She put forth our plight, seeking answers to the shock announcement. Consequently, she managed to convene a roundtable discussion with relevant stakeholders. Two weeks later, at The Cube in Wodonga we held a very productive meeting with federal, state and local politicians who, to their credit, listened openly and responded swiftly to our needs. Department of Education representative, the Hon Craig Laundry MP, and his team were very sympathetic to the predicament we were in and understood the need for haste. We were a week out from Christmas and still unsure if we had childcare facilities for the coming year, let alone a kindergarten service. For many of us, that

meant uncertainty surrounding our work situations going into 2019, with few employers appreciating small children biting at the heels. However, the meeting raised our hopes as shire councillors, local childcare providers and community members all had the opportunity to share their concerns regarding the closures, seek alternative arrangements and hear those magical words that the government was offering to provide additional funding to ensure services remained open.

Meanwhile, the media was keen to follow the conversations. We engaged the support of local radio programs, regional news stations and any social media forum we could hijack. Our own 'Save Rural Education' Facebook page served as a valuable platform for discussion and call to action. The message was clear - these facilities are essential to rural areas. A theme that was prominent throughout all discussions was the flow-on effect the imminent closures would have on our community. The principals from Bethanga Primary School and Talgarno Primary School were both very concerned about enrolment numbers. No before and after school care facilities would mean the withdrawal of many students with working parents. No kindergarten would mean families being forced to move their children into town to seek such services and a greater likelihood of them remaining in town for future schooling. No childcare would mean young families no longer seeing the area as an attractive and viable option. This, in turn, would see low growth in our community affecting local business, future infrastructure and the rare spirit of 'community' that seems so lost in our modern world.

Then, at the last minute, a Christmas miracle happened! Days before the centre was scheduled to close its doors forever, Towong Shire Council agreed to take over the service. The relief and jubilation that emanated from all involved was palpable. Still unsure what it all meant, we were just so relieved and grateful that, come 2019, our children had a place to learn, grow, socialise and play.

Now, two months on, the newly-named Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre has once again become the hub



*Joshua, Ollie and Frankie fighting to keep their centre alive.*

for young families within our community. It really is a terrific outcome for our region and highlights the collaborative efforts between community members and local, state and federal government.

We would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to everyone in the community and beyond, for their help in ensuring we have a childcare and kindergarten facility in the area. Whether you signed the petition, wrote, emailed or lobbied our local councillors, state or federal representatives, we are most appreciative of your support and assistance. Retaining one of the key local services in the area will ensure that new families are attracted to our beautiful region.

## Spread the Word

If anyone is interested in using the Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre, it is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday for Long Day Care. A funded kindergarten program runs for four year olds on Wednesdays and Fridays (9.00-4.30) and for three year olds on Friday mornings (9.00am-12.30pm) during Victorian school terms.

For further information, please contact Nadya Blake, the Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre Director, on 02 6026 4373.

Rowena Calvert and Gennifer Hamam  
on behalf of the Bellbridge Early Years Committee  
(Facebook: *Bellbridge Early Years Centre Parent Page*)

## New Bethanga resident teaches piano

Elizabeth Houston grew up in Malmsbury, which at the time was a small rural town. She lived there until marrying her husband, Davin and moving over the hills to Gisborne. Their move to Bethanga was a lifestyle change, with the quieter rural environment, lovely views and weather being a strong attraction.

When Davin's first job application in Albury was accepted, the decision was made. Bethanga would be their new home – her memories of Malmsbury, back when she was growing up, coming to the fore.

Elizabeth has worked in music schools in Melbourne, teaching piano and has also taught keyboard in local classrooms around Gisborne and Kyneton. From 2012 on, Elizabeth ran a successful home studio in Gisborne and was very proud of her students' high achievement and results. End of year concerts gave students of all levels a platform to show their skills and progress and to develop their confidence.

Elizabeth's classical training has provided a solid base and strong grounding for expansion beyond classical music. She enjoys and teaches a range of musical styles, accommodating the interests of her students.

Beyond her love of music, Elizabeth enjoys various handcrafts, particularly crochet, which won her places in the Royal Melbourne Show. She also likes doing tapestry, cross stitch and computer designing bonbonniere boxes and party

savers. Ten pin bowling, camping with her husband, gardening and spoiling their two cats feature as well.

Di Singline

## *Elizabeth Houston* *Piano Teacher*



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## **Towong Healthy Communities Plan 2018-2021 Adopted**

The *Towong Healthy Communities Plan 2018-2021* was formally adopted at the February Council meeting in Tallangatta this week.

Developed in consultation and collaboration with health services and providers across the region, feedback for the Plan was overwhelmingly positive.

The adopted Plan outlines priorities and activities to be delivered across the Shire over the next three years and includes a series of initiatives across five priority areas:

- Healthier Eating
- Active Living
- Reducing Harmful Alcohol and Drug Use
- Improving Mental Health
- Family Violence

Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the plan is critical to the delivery of Council services and provides a clear framework for the delivery of initiatives to improve the health of Towong Shire community members.

"It's great to hear from the community that we're focusing on the right things, and that they support the approach we're taking when it comes to the health of our community," he said.

The plan can be viewed on the Towong Shire Council website, or by visiting Council offices in Corryong and Tallangatta.

## **Help shape the future of Maternal and Child Health Services in Towong Shire**

Towong Shire Council is seeking community input into a review of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services across the Shire. The review aims to ensure that the service continues to meet community needs while operating efficiently and effectively.

The Maternal and Child Health Service works with families to care for babies and young children. The service helps families to monitor their child's growth and development in a series of one-on-one consultations at specific times in a child's early years. The service is

currently offered at Bellbridge, Corryong, Mitta Mitta, Tallangatta and Walwa.

Feedback about family circumstances and expectations for the service will be gathered via an online survey. The online survey closes on 28 February and can be found on Council's website.

Parents can also provide more detailed feedback in person via the following informal Coffee and Chat sessions:

- Bellbridge - 6 March 3.00pm to 4.00pm at the MCH rooms at Berringa Community Centre
- Tallangatta - 5 March 3.00pm to 4.00 pm at the Tallangatta Early Learning Centre

Towong Shire Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the aim of the review is to look at how well the service currently operates and identify potential opportunities to deliver the service differently both now and into the future.

"As a parent myself I understand the importance of support for children and their parents," Councillor Wortmann said. "Gathering feedback as part of this review really helps us to understand how we might best provide value for our community members."

## **Council seeks input from community members on budget decisions**

Council is seeking community insights to inform how they collaborate with residents and community members on financial decision making.

Council will hold discussion forums across the Shire in March. These sessions will explore how Council and community members can work together to make decisions that best serve the needs of the Towong Shire community.

Mayor David Wortmann says Council wants to be clear and open about Council finances and budget processes and to work with community members to make good decisions.

"Council is always looking for smarter ways to spend our funding to ensure the needs of the community are being met as best as possible. We know our community members hold a great deal of first-hand experience when it comes to the needs of the Shire as a whole," he said.



“We want to understand how people prefer to be consulted when it comes to financial decision making. It is part of a long term shift to having our community members more involved in these big decisions.”

Cr Wortmann says it makes sense to sit down with community members to find out. “They’re the experts after all.”

Forum details:

- o Wednesday 13 March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, Tallangatta Community Centre
- o Tuesday 19 March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, Lake Hume Boat Club

Council is also calling on residents to respond to an online survey to provide their feedback. It is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/budget-2019>.

To find out more or to register visit the Council website or call 02 6071 5100.

## Fixing Country Roads program at Bethanga

The Towong Shire held an information session on proposed road upgrades for Bethanga on 5 December. A summary of the consultation outcomes are below. Note that works are scheduled to commence late summer/early autumn, depending on the availability of contractors and weather permitting.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call Council on (02) 6071 5100 or enquire through [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au)

Feedback	Council Response
The program was positively received by the community	The program will go ahead
Some minor revisions will be made to the project plans in response to information provided by the community	VicRoads authorisation to proceed is still pending with VicRoads not supporting the plan for through parking to the arterial road at the hall. A revised plan has been submitted.
Concerns regarding storm water and drainage issues	Minor changes have been included in the revised plan awaiting VicRoads authorisation
Traffic speed – a number of conflicting requests were made	Primary School service road speed limit to be set at 40km. Council to continue raising the issue of speeding traffic in Bethanga at Road Safety Committee meetings.
Timing of works	Works will begin late summer/early autumn depending on the availability of contractors and weather permitting

**TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL**

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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.

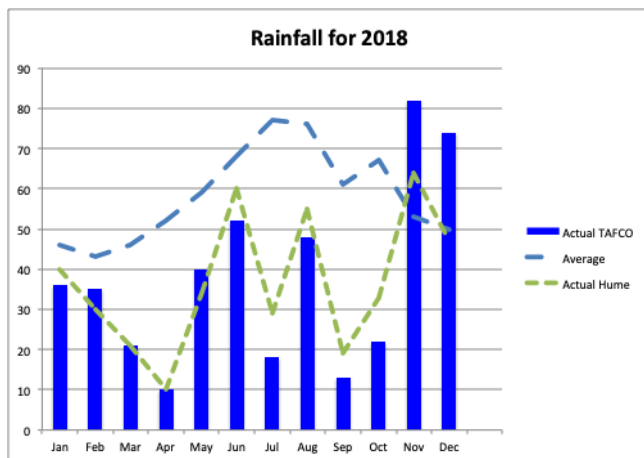


## Rainfall Round-up

The summer rainfall (November to end January 2019) was 171 mm at TAFCO station (de Hennin's) but only 128 mm at Hume Reservoir! So we can take our pick about how it compares with the past. The reading of 128 mm for Hume Reservoir was 7% below the median or 16% below average (149 mm). November and December were both very close to the median but January's 17 mm was 43% below the median. We fared better than most of Victoria where the January rainfall was 90% below median for many places.

The big difference between the readings at Hume and TAFCO shows how flukey summer rainfall can be and we have certainly seen this over recent months. (If enough people want to send me their monthly rainfall figures I could put together a district rainfall map each edition).

The total rainfall for 2018 was 442 mm at Hume Reservoir and 452 mm at TAFCO compared with an average of 698 mm. So we received about two thirds of our average rainfall. Both our autumn and spring were well below average and it was only in early summer that we had more than average rainfall.



The temperatures this summer were above average and across the state records were set in both November and January. (The mean temperature for Hunters Hill in January was almost 5 degrees above average).

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested that summer rainfall would be about average so they were about right --it turned out better than average at TAFCO and slightly worse at Hume.

We all know that there tends to be cycles in our weather and I looked at the annual rainfall (Hume Reservoir) since 1922 and compared each year with the long term average and found the following pattern.

1922-'33	Very Dry	10 out of 12 years
1934-'36	Wet	3 out of 3 years
1937-'45	Very dry	7 out of 8 years
1946-'56	Wet	8 out of 11 years
1957-'68	Average	7 dry and 5 wet
1969-'75	Very wet	6 out of 7 years
1976-'82	Dry	5 out of 7 years
1983-'96	Very wet	12 out of 14 years
1997-'09	Dry	10 out of 13 years
2010-'18	Average	4 dry and 5 wet

This is just a reminder that the weather goes in cycles – and I'm just hoping that we may be due for a Very wet cycle soon!

## Prospects for autumn (February to end April)

BOM is saying that there is no strong signal for rainfall above or below average for southern Australia this autumn. (So we can hope for around 125 mm which is the median). The ENSO is still neutral but there is a 50% chance that an El Niño may develop in late autumn/winter so we need to watch this. (Only 3 out of 8 models are forecasting an El Niño so that is encouraging). The IOD is neutral and has little impact on weather over this period but again some models suggest a positive IOD (meaning less rain) after July. According to the Fast Break, the prospects for the next six months are average to slightly drier and as a glass half full person I'm going with that.

Greg Hayes

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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 Guilliamese  
[kjfarm@gmail.com](mailto:kjfarm@gmail.com)  
6072 9598

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## Defibrillator Familiarisation

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- \* Granya Hall
- \* Talgarno Hall
- \* Bethanga and Talgarno CFA  
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CERT will conduct familiarisation  
sessions ,with the opportunity to learn CPR at

**Talgarno CFA BBQ Friday 9 March – from  
6 pm**

**Granya Lunch Granya Museum Thursday  
28 March – 12 noon**

**Bethanga Gymkhana Saturday 21 April**

If any group would like us  
to run a familiarisation  
session, please contact

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



## Maternal & Child Health

Do you have young children? Have you accessed Council's  
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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



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Council is undertaking a review of Maternal and Child  
Health (MCH) services and we want to hear from you.

Come along to a casual coffee chat at our MCH  
service centres.

Bellbridge Community Centre MCH Rooms

6 March 2019, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Tallangatta Early Years Learning Centre Meeting  
Room

5 March 2019, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

For more information contact Manager Community  
Services Penny Sell on (02) 6071 5100.

## Berringa Community News Distribution

The newsletter is distributed by volunteers to mail box-  
es where they are available. Residents in Bethanga  
village can pick up a copy at the Bethanga General  
Store. For those in Granya with PO boxes copies are  
available in the community mailbox at the Granya Hall.

The newsletter is also available in colour on line at  
[www.berringacommunitynews.com.au](http://www.berringacommunitynews.com.au)

# Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall

## ANZAC Day 2019

The committee will be conducting our Anzac Day Service on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the hall gates commencing at 8.30 am and we invite everyone to this service followed by morning tea in the hall. A plate of morning tea to share would be appreciated.

Any community members who would like to lay a wreath in memory of loved are welcome, please contact co-ordinator ph 6026 4007.



## Fundraisers

We will be conducting a **sausage sizzle** on Federal Election Day in (May?) at the hall, sausage in bread with sauce and onions \$2.00

Tickets for our **wood raffle**, 6x4 trailer load of cut and split wood, \$1.00 ticket will be sold starting last week in April at front of the shop or from committee members.

Your support of our fund raisers helps with the cost of maintenance, insurance etc for the hall  
Thank you for your support.

Due to the shorter opening hours at Bethanga store if you wish to make a booking to use the hall or need hall access contact the members below.

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## GRANYA PIONEER MUSEUM

### CAR BOOT SALE

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Pam Eade 02 60729540

BBQ and cold drinks available

Museum open all day.

Entry by gold coin donation.

## Babies

Ashley, Tom and Mac Henderson of Wisecreek introduce **Lex Henderson**, born on January 5th.



Scott, Bec and big brother Isaac welcomed baby girl

**Ellie Louise**

**Redman** on the 20th December. Ellie is the 7th grandchild for Graham and Anthea Redman of Talgarno and the 4th for Greg and Robyne Smith of Lockhart.



# Obituary



**Patricia Anne McFarland**, or as everyone new her as, Trish, was born on the 5 June 1954 at the old Tallangatta hospital.

Mum was the daughter of Fred and Nancee Kohne and sister to Monica (deceased), John, Veronica and William.

She was brought up on a farm out at Eskdale, then

shortly after moved to the homestead of Cascade out at Tallangatta Valley.

Mum attended school at St. Michaels, then went to Tallangatta High School until Form 3.

Following this she received a job at Blacklock's Ford, then Cummins Diesel where she stayed for 20 plus years.

In the midst of her working career, at a family gathering the two McFarland and Tobin families had organised, a cunning plan was hatched to get Mum and Dad together by sitting them next to one another at a party. Dad asked Mum to dance and their loved blossomed. In 1992 they were married and shortly after had 2 children - myself and James.

After getting married, they moved from Wodonga out to

Bethanga into their newly built house on the farm.

Mum was the boss of the household and everyone knew it. If there was a problem Mum would be able to handle it. That was why her gurn boots and blue stick were always close by the back door, incase any unfriendly creatures presented themselves. Mum enjoyed farm life and the adventures that happened.

Some of her talents included sewing, calligraphy, gardening, clerical and secretary work and running Dad's earth-moving business.

Some of my fondest memories with my mum are going to see The Dressmaker movie and our trips, shopping in Canberra.

Her passion for sewing was one of the highlights in her life.

But suddenly everything changed. Mum was diagnosed with brain and lung cancer.

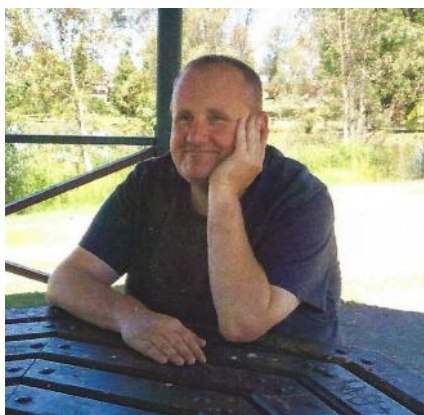
Mum fought a good fight but unfortunately, here we are today to say goodbye. Mum will always be remembered as a caring, kind and beautiful person. Any time was a good time for a coffee and a chat and to solve the problems of the world. She will be forever loved, dearly missed and never forgotten.

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart.*

*For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

*Catherine McFarland*

**Kam Lee** - 20 Dec 1975 to 14 Jan 2018.



Kam was the son of Elvie and Gary Lee of Bellbridge and brother of Tamatha. Kam was born in Melbourne and moved to Albury Wodonga with his parents in 1976.

Before his first birthday he was diagnosed with mental health issues which needed the support of his family and friends. His health deteriorated at aged 25 and he spent three dark years in the system in Melbourne before returning home to the safety and love of his family.

Kam made the most of his limited opportunities. He loved cricket and travelled to every state to watch matches, and travelled to the MCG to watch his team, the Bombers. He also loved the swimming pool and his pet dogs.

He leaves a big gap in the life and hearts of Elvie and Gary. Gary and Elvie thank all the local people for their support and help following Kam's sudden passing.

*Taken from the obituary provided by the family. Julie Miller*

# Engagement

**Jonathon Wood and Chrissie O'Bryan** are pleased to announce their engagement. Jonathon is the eldest son of Michael and Bert Wood, Talgarno and Chrissie is the daughter of Kevin and Roz of Swan Hill

# GRANYA GAZETTE



## GRANYA CFA –

On 24<sup>th</sup> Jan a fire caused by lightning strike at Stock Yard Creek Track, Bungil was attended by approx. 15 tankers and a couple of Aircraft. The fire was brought under control late into the evening. The heat wave made for very hot and dry conditions and we are very **thankful** to all CFA Volunteers involved in the process of getting this fire contained and under control. A debrief meeting attended by Region 24 and local members, was held early Feb to discuss the fire event. Thank you to those who attended.

The Tallangatta Group CFA members used a new infra-red thermometer camera after the fire was contained to measure the temperature of the heat in the ground. Temps of over 150 degrees Celsius demonstrate how easy it can be for the fire to flare up. The Granya CFA is keen to recruit new members and wish to undertake minimum skills training very soon. If you wish to join our CFA please phone Ken Star on 0419 141 444.

## GRANYA MUSEUM –

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

Unveiling of the Star Wagon – What a fantastic day! Well done to Jenny for continuing to share the passion for the pioneering history of Granya. It was a fantastic day and great to see such a successful event!

## CAR BOOT SALE –

Car boot sale will be at the Museum on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 4pm. Contact Pam 6072 9540 for further information.



## Granya Tennis Club –

Well done to section 1 and 2 Granya Teams! Its great to see both teams playing fantastic tennis! We have one more game this season and its looking like our section 1 team will be playing finals, what a fantastic achievement. We are also looking to recruit players of all levels and ages. Please phone Jayden Kotzur 0468 695 073 if you're interested in having a hit.



# CLUBS AND GROUPS

## BERRINGA CERT



### Making the Invisible Visible

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the Australia but women often mistake the symptoms for less life-threatening conditions like acid reflux, the flu or normal aging. There are still many women who are shocked that they could be having a heart attack.

We've all seen the movie scenes where a man gasps, clutches his chest and falls to the ground, but a heart attack victim could easily be a woman, and the scene may not be that dramatic.

Although men and women can experience chest pressure that feels like an elephant sitting across the chest, women can experience a heart attack without chest pressure.

Many women think the signs of a heart attack are unmistakable but in fact they can be subtler and sometimes confusing.

1. Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the centre of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.

2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

3. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort. Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

If you feel any of the above symptoms, we recommend following these steps:

#### Stop

Rest immediately.

#### Talk

Tell someone how you feel.

If you take angina medicine:

1. Take a dose of your medicine

2. Wait 5 minutes.

3. Still have symptoms? Take another dose of your medicine.

Wait 5 minutes.

#### Call 000

Call 000 if your symptoms are severe, getting worse or

have lasted for 10 minutes.

- Ask for an ambulance
- Don't hang up

Wait for the operator's instructions.

While on the phone, chew 300mg aspirin, unless you have an allergy to aspirin or if your doctor has told you not to take it.

**For more information call the Heart Foundation Helpline on 13 11 12 or visit [invisiblevisible.org.au](http://invisiblevisible.org.au)**

*Keep well,*

*Julie Miller, Team Leader Berringa CERT*

*[juliemiller@skymesh.com.au](mailto:juliemiller@skymesh.com.au)*

*6020 1107*

## 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

**8<sup>th</sup> January 12:52pm** Pump on fire, Martins Road Bethanga.

Bethanga Brigade attended a Water pump smoking, which did not spread any fire to the surrounding grass, meaning the incident was quickly under control.

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 3:28pm** Smoke sighting, Wisers Creak Road Talgarno.

Bethanga appliances attended a grass and scrub fire and assisted Talgarno brigade in bringing the incident under control.

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 4:29pm** Smoke sighting, Kurrajong Gap Road Bethanga.

Bethanga Tanker 2 left the scene at Wisers Creek to attend the smoke sighting. Crews investigated and reported that this job was a false alarm.

**24<sup>th</sup> January 1:37pm** Grass and scrub fire, Murray River Road Bungil.

Bethanga Tanker 1 responded to assist Granya, who was also supported by 9 other brigades. A second crew travelled to Granya at 8pm and relieved the crew on Bethanga Tanker 1, before staying overnight to assist with extinguishing the fire and making the scene safe.

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2:58pm** Car accident, Murray River Road near Granya.

Bethanga Tanker 2 was called to manage this incident as all closer appliances were already occupied with the fire at Bungil. Bethanga Tanker 2 assisted emergency crews in making the area safe for traffic before proceeding to the Bungil fire to assist.

**4<sup>th</sup> February 8.12am** Tree on fire, Retallicks Lane Talgarno.

Bethanga Tanker 1 attended a tree on fire, started by lightning from the day beforehand. Luckily the fire had not spread to the surrounding grass and was easily managed by the crew.

**5th February 2:51am** Grass and scrub fire, Tallangatta South.

Members turned out in Bethanga Tankers 1 and 2 to support Old Tallangatta. The situation was managed by personnel on scene, and both trucks were returned to station before arriving on scene.

### STRIKE TEAMS

Bethanga appliances have been sent on a number of strike teams over the last few months to support brigades in the wider area. When we are sent on Strike Teams, only one of our 3 appliances responds. We have assisted at the following fires:

Possum Point Fire near Corryong.

Berringama fire near Corryong twice.

### UHF CHANNEL 24

Talgarno, Bethanga and Granya stations and appliances use UHF Channel 24 for communications. Members with private appliances also switch to UHF 24 for the duration of an incident. We encourage the general public to use this channel to communicate with the brigade to assist them with incident information. Exact location and best access is important information for us.



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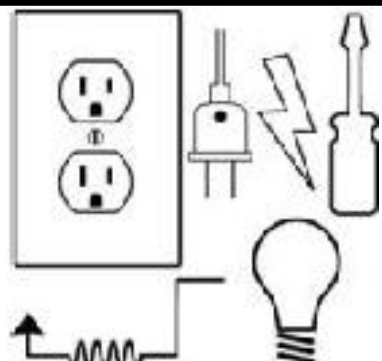
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#### LOCAL DONATION FUNDS A NEW CFA RADIO

After the fire behind Bellbridge in January last year the brigade determined that an additional CFA portable radio was necessary to manage larger incidents effectively. As this was considered an additional allocation to standard, the brigade had to fund the purchase cost entirely. Local Bellbridge residents and fire affected land owners, the Lees family, were particularly impressed with the efforts of CFA the morning of the fire and expressed their wish to donate \$2000 to our brigade. Thanks to their donation, in Mid-January one year after the Bellbridge fire, we received our new CFA portable radio at a cost of \$1650. It was quickly admired before getting a good work out with our quite busy summer. Thank you to the Lees family, and all of the community, for your donations and support given to our volunteer brigade over many years. These donations have allowed us to purchase major and minor equipment plus deliver projects that better protect our community.



*Rob Lees and Captain, Ben Mitchell*

#### CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS

In Towong Shire, the Fire restrictions are set to end on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. This may change depending on conditions, so make sure you check on the CFA website before lighting a fire.

We often attend fires out of control after the fire restrictions have ended.

A reminder that the person lighting the fire is still responsible to ensure it does not get out of control, so please assess the conditions and have adequate fire fighting equipment and capable personnel to ensure it stays in control.

Fires that do not comply with the rules or accidentally escape are viewed very seriously by Police.

## COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR OPEN FIRES

In addition to the CFA restrictions, Towong Shire Council has restrictions on lighting fires depending on the zone you live in. Some of the restrictions are all year round, so it is important to know which zone you live in and what the restrictions are for that zone.

For further information contact Towong Shire Fire Prevention officer Ken Whitehead on 02 6071 5100.

## FACEBOOK

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

**BERRINGA FIRIES CALENDAR** A BIG well done to the hard-working organisers that saw the 2019 Berringa Furies Calendar published, after the great success of the previous calendars. Thank you again this year to the sponsors and the people who bought a calendar - Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya Brigades will receive a good sum of money.

## MINIMUM SKILLS

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

## BRIGADE MONTHLY TRAINING

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

The last three trainings have been well attended and covered.

- Preparing our kits and ourselves for the fire season and Burnover drill.
- Drafting water from all appliances and quick fill and Burnover drill.
- Understanding how Weather, Topography & Fuel influence fire behaviour.

The next trainings are scheduled for the following dates.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of May

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of June

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

Ben Mitchell, Captain 0411 080 277

[bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com](mailto:bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com)

Tracey Woodhouse, Secretary 0413 708 302

[bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com)

Ron Evans, Community Safety Liaison 02 6026 4301

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## BETHANGA TALGARNO JUNIOR BRIGADE

Late last year we had a taste of 'Running Events'. For many of us, this was quite a foreign term and one we didn't associate with fire brigades! The running events involve teams of four running from a start line and then performing a series of skills in a timed drill. There was lots of interest in these events so the group decided to give it a shot in 2019. To celebrate the end of year, we visited Laser Tag, followed by pizza and a very competitive down-ball tournament at Oddies Creek Park!



We started back this year in late January and have been meeting twice per week learning the running events that will be held at the District 24 Championships at Gapsted on Sunday 3 March. We have 8 juniors that have decided to commit to the practice sessions. John Northey and Madelaine Northey, supported by Ang Nevin Lewis, Scott Craig, Jono Green and Brendan Pearson have been putting the teams through their paces and the children's skills and speed in performing these skills is improving out of sight. Some have said they may even show some of our senior members a thing or two!

*John Northey 0414 931 442*

*Brendan Pearson 0439 881 440*

*[bethanqatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bethanqatalgarnojuniors@gmail.com)*

## TALGARNO CFA

Happy Autumn everyone. Let's hope we enjoy some cooler temperatures and some nice rain over the coming months.

Now is a good time to start getting ready for fire prevention for winter. This could include cleaning chimneys, fireplaces, laundry dryers and preparing greenwaste for burning after the fire season if necessary. A reminder that the Fire Season for our region is open through until 1 May 2019 unless revoked earlier.

Our brigade has been quite busy since the last edition of Berringa News, particularly since mid-January. The response to turnouts from our members this financial year has been terrific with 26 different members turning out to fires in either our tanker, slip on or private units.

We've had several fires this season started due to lightning strikes, most of which have been contained within a day or less. We have been very lucky not to have had strong winds in the periods of intense heat to fan the fires.

26/10/2018	KURRAJONG GAP ROAD, BETHANGA	Scrub or bush and grass mixture fire (more than one hectare)
14/10/2018	MURRAY RIVER ROAD, TALGARNO 3691	Private burn
07/10/2018	MURRAY RIVER ROAD, TALGARNO 3691	Vehicle accident-no injuries
06/09/2018	BELLBRIDGE 3691	Vehicle fire
05/02/2019	FRENCH WRIGHTS ROAD, TALLANGATTA SOUTH 3701	Lightning strike. Forest or woods fire (more than one hectare). Turned back before arriving on scene
30/01/2019	MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY, BERRINGAMA 3691	Grass and scrub fire, deliberately lit. Several support crews assisted with blacking out.
24/01/2019	3023 MURRAY RIVER ROAD, GRANYA 3701	Vehicle accident-with injuries
24/01/2019	3712 MURRAY RIVER ROAD, BUNGIL 3691	Lightning strike. Supported other brigades at grass and scrub fire. Several crews and shifts required.
22/01/2019	MURRAY RIVER ROAD, BUNGIL 3691	Lightning strike. Vegetation or other outside fire (One hectare or less) not classified.
22/01/2019	500 WISES CREEK ROAD, TALGARNO 3691	Lightning strike. Attend scrub or bush and grass mixture fire (one hectare or less), contained and extinguished within 3-4 hrs.
22/01/2019	4912 MURRAY RIVER ROAD, THOLOGOLONG 3691	Attend grass and scrub fire
21/01/2019	77 HANSON STREET, CORRYONG 3707	Support NSW crews at Possum Point bush fire
10/01/2019	MARTINS ROAD, BETHANGA 3691	False alarm

### Brief updates:

**Quick Fill Trailer.** We're progressing the fitting out of our second Quick Fill trailer. This will come in handy should we have a larger incident in our region to establish two water points. Thanks to those that have donated to our brigade as these have been purchased with your

donations.

**Dashcams and Reversing Camera.** The installation of dashcams on Tanker and Slip On and reversing camera on tanker has now been completed. Thanks Chris Vine for installing these and to our donors, allowing us to purchase this equipment. These are a great safety feature for our vehicles and could provide essential footage in certain circumstances.

**Honour Board.** We are making a start on our Brigade Honour Board where we hope to display all Captains and Secretaries that have served over the years.

**2020 festivities.** We are planning our 80-year anniversary event for 2020 at the Talgarno Hall. We hope to invite all past and present members, community members and other guests to celebrate our Brigade's achievements over the years and to recognise many of our members on the night.

**Thermal Imaging unit.** At the recent Bungil fire and seeing the benefits of a Thermal Imaging unit our brigade has resolved to purchase a unit to ensure our blacking out at fires is completed more effectively. Future training activities. We are planning a training session to focus on the Talgarno Hall and School to practice accessing water points and fire fighting plans at these community assets.

**Slip On Sale.** As our brigade has been successful in a grant to replace our Slip On we are getting ready for the sale of our Slip On in late 2019. We are obtaining a valuation pending that a decision will be made on how we sell the unit, the sale price and timing of sale.

**New members.** We welcome Chris Zauner to our brigade. Chris is undertaking minimum skills training at Corryong and we have three other members' applications in progress.

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

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

## TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

With the Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association finals looming, Talgarno Tennis Club will once again be challenging for a place in the Grand Finals held on the first Saturday in March. This year Talgarno has fielded teams in all sections 1-4 and all teams have played some fantastic tennis.

Our Section 1 team look a certainty to feature in the finals. Newly crowned life member Anthea Redman has

been the rock, as usual. Brendan Pearson has shown some handy form, and Craig Schubert has barely dropped a set all season – think Novak Djokovic and his flawless run to Australian Open glory!

Michael Elliot's Section 2 team is pressing for a berth in the finals despite sitting out of the top 4 with 2 matches remaining. The mixture of improving juniors (Harry, Archie and Lewis Schubert and Max Elliot) and the addition of experienced ladies Raylene Schubert and Mandy Elliot has proved a great combination, along with the consistently high standard of tennis from Paul Haman.

Our Section 3 team, at times known as Team Swinnerton, has found some great form since the Christmas break, winning both of their matches. In particular the boys Joe and Alex have been strong and can hopefully finish the season on a high.

Although not challenging for a final's berth this season, our team in the most junior section have achieved great success. This is very much a development section – the K&TDTA boasts an impressive 14 teams in Section 4 – with a focus on learning the ropes in competition tennis, improving skills, and competing with a sporting attitude. Our young players have succeeded in all these areas and have been well led by the senior girls Klancie Star, Tilly Pearson, Olivia Swinnerton and Chloe Lewis.

On Saturday evening February 2, the tennis club hosted the Talgarno Cup for the first time in several years. Thanks to the many members of the wider Talgarno community that made it along to this highly entertaining family event and major fundraiser for the club. The night was attended by the Vinbar (wine, beer, cocktails etc) and Monumental Ice Creamery vans which created a festive atmosphere. President Jarrod Stephenson



presented the field cleverly compiled by Brendan Pearson. Craig Schubert auctioned each horse, and syndicates raced them with varying degrees of success – Kerrie Stephenson ultimately won the Cup with her 'horse' Young King Cole. We had a very successful night, raising over \$1200. Plans are already in place to create an even bigger event next year.

*One of the not-so-successful horses- horse and jockey taking a siesta on the home straight.*

One major feature of the night was the Life Membership awarded to Anthea Redman for over 50 years of dedication to the club – and she aint finished yet! When

she was a young girl, Anthea only ever wanted to play for Talgarno and now she wants to keep going so her grandchildren can join her on the court. Congratulations Anthea, and thank you for your contributions on and off the court.

Club Secretary  
Adam Richardson

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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 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.

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David Wortmann, Mayor of Towong Shire, announced the Peninsula Awards and Mr Abell presented the awards.

Regards,

Andrew Christy 6026 4338

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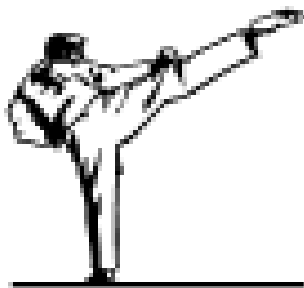
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## Bethanga Landcare Group

An extraordinarily hot and dry summer! Indeed, the hottest many of us have experienced!

Unfortunately, the hot and dry weather has taken a heavy toll on our 2018 tree planting on the

South Commons. On a brighter note though, the Bethanga Primary School students tree day plantings at

the Bethanga Recreational Reserve are doing really well despite the heat and lack of rain. The seeds planted by Scots School students have also germinated.

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

Bethanga Landcare is a community organisation primarily funded through Landcare grants, the greater our community involvement and membership, the better placed we are in our funding applications – your participation supports grant funding for local school and community projects. We look forward to seeing you at some of this year's events.

*Neville Bell, President*



<u>Bethanga Landcare Event</u>	<u>Planned Date</u>	<u>Planned Activities</u>
Dung Beetle Workshop	Sunday, May 5	Field excursion Guest speaker Barbeque
Annual General Meeting	Tuesday, May 21	Bethanga Landcare update Guest speaker Barbeque
Tree Giveaway	Saturday, June 1	Tree giveaway Barbeque
Schools Tree Day	Friday, July 26	Hole pre-drilling School children tree planting Barbeque
National Tree Day	Sunday, July 28	Hole pre-drilling Community tree planting Barbeque
Weeds Field Day	Sunday, October 27	Field excursion Guest speaker Barbeque
Year in Review Celebration	Wednesday, December 4	Photo presentation Barbeque + Finger food

# Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

How have you coped with this summer? All I can say is 'I hope the hot weather we had in January has finished.' It was very hard on everything particularly us!

Unfortunately many of our trees and gardens have suffered so there are some real lessons on planting too close and in very poor locations. It was great to see the utilisation of many of the shade trees planted by our Landcare group for stock shelter.

Our Wayside-Stop has been completed to date but we need to add a few things like signage and maybe a chain fence in front. This will be discussed by our LCG and the Towong Shire.

In the last Berringa News we talked about our newly erected 'Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare' roadside signs being a little small so we have replaced two of them with larger ones. Thanks to those members for making a comment.



Our Landcare group is still strongly linked to the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2M BAG). The great news is that M2MBAG has received funding of \$48,000 under the Smart Farms Small Grants. We will keep you informed of the progress with this grant.

We 'manned' a Rider-Reviver' stop over at Granya Hall on the 23rd February for the Bellbridge Lake Hume cycle challenge. This ride is the Granya Grind and covers 127 km of great country. Thanks to the Landcare members Kerrie, Val, David, and Lesley for taking on this task. Julie and I drove the escort vehicles for the 72km Sandy Creek Loop.

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Simon Feillafe has provided mites to landholders looking for biological control agents for St Johns Wort and he has responded to those people asking for guidance on future plantings.

The next general meeting will be at the Talgarno Hall on April 11th at 7.30 pm. If you have plans for planting this coming winter this will be your opportunity to put in an order for plants. Simon will give us some guidelines about what to plant where and will talk about what has worked well and not so well in past plantings. We are also putting together some details of all the plantings that our group has carried out over the past couple of decades so it will be very interesting to see what an impact this has had on our district.

There hasn't been any new sources of funding coming through recently but we are still actively looking so if you have project ideas, please come to the meeting and let us know so that we can be prepared to submit applications as soon as they are announced.

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their subscriptions and please send your payments to Hugh Dunchue if you haven't already done so.

Regards

*Jim de Hennin*  
*President*

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## We have had a very busy start to 2019



Welcome to 2019! We would like to welcome Ms Jan Johnson to the Bethanga Primary School team. Jan joins us from Queensland and brings with her a wealth of knowledge, expertise and passion for education through technology and student agency. Ms Johnson will be teaching 3-6 in a full-time capacity. We would like to also welcome Mrs Heather Earles to Bethanga Primary this year. Mrs Earles is a visual arts teacher who will run a fortnightly art program.

Cricket Blast- Terrific to have 13 registrations for Woolworths Cricket Blast – this program runs until the end of term 3:30-4:30pm on Tuesday afternoons on the school oval with Coach Maddi Baird.



Class of 2019- Our grade 6 students were thrilled to get their graduating class t-shirts this week! We look forward to seeing the leadership skills of these students grow as they guide and model the values of our school to all students, families and visitors.

A big congratulations to all of our students in grade 4-6 who swam at the NERSSA swim – a special mention to Marnie Ladanay and Regan Mitchell who were awarded 'Age Champions'. They also competed in the Division Swimming Carnival where Regan made it through to the next level which will be held in Shepparton. Good Luck Regan!

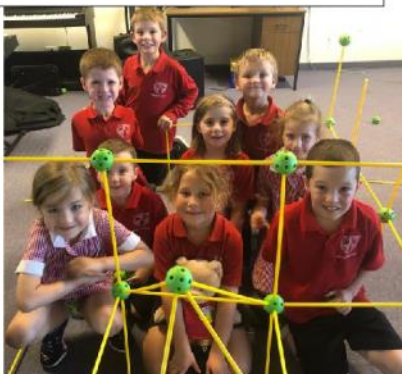


Our two Foundation students, Melody and Chase.



Sporting Schools this term is Basketball. Emilee Harman from the Lady Bandits is the coach. The students have loved learning about and practising their basketball skills. They also love Emilee's accent.

Pictured Below is the raft Livy and Regan constructed as part of their homework. They managed to stay afloat for 1 hour.



Our challenge in STEM was to make a house for Bethanga Bear! Although it wasn't completely finished, the class ended up making a house that fitted everyone in!



The Junior Class



The senior room sure looks wonderful and bright.





## Important Dates

- Swimming Carnival at Waves— 18th Feb
- Labour day public holiday - 11th March
- MACC Van (art) - every 2nd Mon
- National Day of Action Against Bullying Cluster day - 15th March
- Coffee morning: every 2nd Thurs
- Cooking: Fridays
- Indonesian: Thursdays
- MARC Van: every 2nd Thurs
- Mother's Day Lunch - 12th May
- 5/6 Canberra Camp - 22-25th May

Welcome to the new school year. We are very excited to welcome the four new Foundation students who have started their school life at TPS as well as Holly who will continue her education here in year 4 after moving from Holbrook. Harleigh, Charli, Billy, Riley and Holly have settled in beautifully. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new and existing families.

There has been some huge changes in our classroom structure over the holidays and the biggest tick of approval is the new reading space (which was the old teachers' office). The students had a chance to name the new room, then the names went to a vote. The eventual winner was The Reading Rally Room. We are also having some class room structure changes which the students are enjoying.

Last year we farewelled Mrs Noela McGuffie after 18 years of service at TPS. We thank Noela for her dedication and contribution to our school. We are excited to announce a couple of staff changes for 2019. Mrs Belinda Toohey is now teaching 4 days a week (Monday to Thursday), Mrs Heather Eales is our new MACC Van (art) teacher, Mrs Tuti Jones is the Indonesian teacher, Captain Pete is the Music/Drama teacher and Cherie Wright-Pearce will continue to be the Business Manager Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Our School Assembly and community coffee morning will be happening every second Thursday. All community members are invited to attend.



Welcome Harleigh, Charli, Billy & Riley



Term 1 Sport - Athletics



Our new Reading Rally Room



## Fundraising News

We had the unveiling of our school pavers at the End of Year Celebration last year. Most families that purchased pavers were in attendance as well as many community members. It was a hugely successful night with our Mayor David Wortmann, cutting the ribbon!

Our Mother's Day luncheon will be on at the Wool Press Granya again this year. Get in early to secure your seats!



Welcome Holly



Klancie & Tilly, Grade 6

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