

# Berringa Community News

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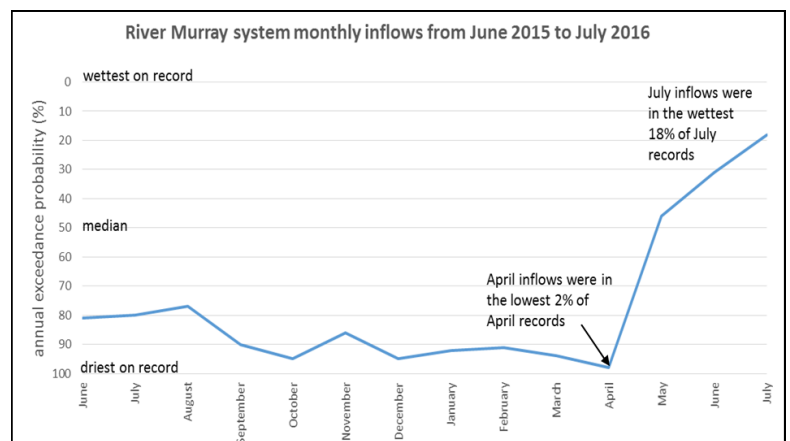
## Water, water everywhere

*The following is an extract from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority River Murray Weekly Report (for the week ending 17 August 2016).*

Stream flows in the upper Murray tributaries have continued to recede given there was little rainfall over the last week. The flow in the Mitta Mitta River at Hinnomunjie has reduced to 1,400 ML/day whilst the upper Murray at Biggara has decreased to 1,700 ML/day. On the Ovens River, the flow at Wangaratta fell from 12,300 ML/day to 7,500 ML/day.

Whilst inflows have receded over the last week the upper catchments are still very wet and further rainfall could see rises in the tributaries. There has been a significant turnaround in River Murray system inflows in the last four months.

Inflows were in the lowest 2% of historical records for the month of April but have since risen to be in the wettest 18% of July records.



### The dramatic turnaround in River Murray system monthly inflows over the last 14 months

At Dartmouth Reservoir, the storage volume increased by 20 GL to 2,150 GL (56% capacity). The release from Dartmouth is currently 1,200 ML/day due to the release of entitlement water for hydroelectricity generation.

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# COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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At Hume Reservoir, the storage volume increased by 129 GL to 2,475 GL (82% capacity). As storage levels rise over the coming weeks, the MDBA may soon commence 'airspace management' releases aimed at providing a measure of flood protection, balanced against ensuring Hume fills prior to demand emerging and maximising water availability.

The MDBA operates Hume Dam in accordance with arrangements agreed by the joint governments of the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. These are outlined within a set of Objectives and Outcomes and state that the order of priority for dam operations is:

- Firstly, protect the security of assets (e.g. Hume Dam);
- Secondly, to maximise the available water at the end of the relevant flooding episode;
- Thirdly, subject to the foregoing items, limit flood damage to downstream communities and increase benefits to the environment and public amenity.

Given recent inflows and rainfall predictions, it is *likely* that Hume Reservoir will fill. However, it is not yet *assured* that the dam will fill and historical records show that conditions can quickly turn dry. The primary role of Hume Dam is water conservation.

Want to know more? If you wish to subscribe to the River Murray weekly report, go to <http://www.mdba.gov.au/river-information/weekly-reports>, which provides updates on operations, river flows, storage inflows, gauge levels, rainfall and salinity data across the entire Murray-Darling Basin.

## Calling for Hay Donations

The Burrumbuttock Hay Runners are planning another trip to deliver hay to drought-stricken communities in January 2017. This time, Yaraka, 220 km south of Longreach in QLD, will receive donations of hay and other provisions to ease the pressure. With all the rain we have had here it is easy to forget that parts of Queensland are still in drought. Some recent rain has meant dams have filled and the growth of some short term feed, but it is still too early to determine the extent to which the drought has been relieved.

Jono Green of Talgarno will again be taking a load of hay North as part of the January 2016 Hay Run. Greenfreight are once again donating the use of a truck and trailer. If you are likely to have a couple of bales of

hay spare this season which you would be willing to donate, please contact Jono Green on 0422 965 024. Donations can also be made to the Rotary Club of Sydney as they handle all monetary donations on the behalf of Burrumbuttock Hay Runners. (To get an idea of the costs involved, each truck uses about \$2,000 worth of fuel).

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Sydney NSW 2001.

# “DO WHAT WE DO BEST”- Berringa Firie’s Calendar.

After much anticipation, our community fire brigade calendar is finally getting underway. The idea behind the 'The Berringa Firie's Calendar' is not to get our clothes off, but to promote and capture the hard work our Fire Brigades do in our community. The aim of the calendar is to reveal all important aspects within a rural fire brigade and show how important community involvement is. The plan is to 'Have Fun' first and foremost, while hopefully raising some money to go towards our local fire brigades.

The calendar's theme is all about 'Doing what we do Best!' The CFA is not just about the people who put on the CFA uniform, but also includes the behind the scenes volunteers who work just as hard and diligently as those who put the fires out. We want everyone who plays a vital role in our local brigades to be acknowledged and involved in our community calendar.

We are hoping to get the “photo shoot” underway and done over a weekend or two in the next few months so we can get the finished product printed by the end of the year. This will hopefully become an ongoing annual stocking filler for all!

In order to make this calendar happen, we will be seeking community support in the forms of sponsorship, contacts, ideas, skills or just time to volunteer and be a part of the calendar.

If you are interested in being a part of this community fundraiser please contact:  
Mel Naismith 0428 191 283  
Jill Pearson 0412 042 090  
Mari Green 0418 693 535

## On the Ball



Did you know there is a National Men’s Netball Championship? Granya resident Jared McKenzie has a goal to one day play in the National Championships!

Jared's is currently playing netball with Walwa D Grade and is a dedicated member of the team, his passion and consistency on the court has recently earned him 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Upper Murray Football Netball League Vote Count.

At the start of this season Jared sought special permission to continue his endeavours playing the sport of his choice. Netball

Victoria was very supportive of

Jared’s application to continue playing netball in the Upper Murray league.

Jared loves the sport and how it challenges him mentally and physically and his favourite position is Goal Defence. Jared would also like to see a more local men's comp and has set his sights on promoting men's netball in one of his school projects.

This weekend Walwa D Grade will be fighting to earn a place in the Grand Final. Good luck to Jared and his future endeavours on the netball court!

*Sharon Star*

## Social Lawn Bowls On the Bethanga Tennis Courts

Looking for a Social day with friends? How about trying lawn bowls on the Bethanga tennis court.

For a bit of fun I am trying to start up social lawn bowls in Spring.

If you are interested, or have a knowledge of lawn bowls and would like to get involved please contact Ray Willich 60264340 .

First roll up to be announced



# **SAVE THE LOCAL LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB**

**WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE PLAYERS AND MORE PARENT  
VOLUNTEERS**

We need more players for the 2017 season to keep the club going as we're losing a few children next year due to age. It'd be a shame to lose such a great community club. We also need some parent volunteers to join the committee, so we'll be hosting a meeting at 11:30am directly after our fun day on September 10<sup>th</sup> anyone interested can come along and volunteer.

**COME AND JOIN US ON OUR LAST DAY OF THIS SEASON FOR A FUN  
DAY OF SOCCER AND PIZZA**

Come down to the reserve and meet the committee, children can join in a game of Soccer and we'll be running our annual kids V parents game. We are firing up the Pizza Oven at the Rec Reserve and you are welcome to come along. We need to know a rough idea of player numbers for the 2017 season which starts in April.

**9.30AM TO 11:30AM BETHANGA RECREATION  
RESERVE ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Any questions please call Jenny McPherson: 0475 945 474**

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## Pub News

We have noted many new faces who have moved to our beautiful part of the world and we welcome them all. I am sure many of us are looking forward to Spring with sunshine and warmer days.

Despite the wet weather over the winter months, the hotel hosted many functions to groups who ventured out during the weekdays. Christmas in July was popular, as were the trivia nights.

The Footy Tipping competition is nearing the end, which is at the end of round 19.

Again it is very close. Peter Scammell and Trent Sirl have 120 points (equal first).

Dawn Hird and Carolyn Packer and John Bayliss sit on 119 (equal second). "Go girls!"

Brodie Sirl and Greg Lambert on 117, are equal third.

The Juniors section is a Scammell affair: Charlie on 115, Archie on 111 and Will on 109.

The Footy Tipping BBQ will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

Non-participants are welcome to join in for the presentation and tucker (\$5.00 a head)

The weekly raffles are well supported and one lucky gentleman who travels out weekly from Albury has had some consistent wins.

There have been no major staff changes. We welcome back Harry Eckert and offer congratulations to Chantel, Jess and Haley, who all turned 16 during the winter months.

November will be extremely busy and we look forward to several functions, including

- \* Southern Cross Rally - hosting breakfast (7 am start)

- \* The SR 500 National Bike Rally
- \* Melbourne Cup Calcutta
- \* Numerous Christmas wind-up parties

The Music Club sessions continue monthly, every second Saturday night and as the weather improves I am sure the deck will be well utilized. Please come along - if you haven't been to one of these nights before, you will be very surprised at the great talent we have.

Due to the popularity of our Chinese Menu, we have extended it, with 8 new dishes now available. The full menu is in this edition of the Berringa News, so cut it out and hang it on the fridge .

Chinese banquets for groups of 10- 12 people are available Monday - Thursday, lunch and dinner,

4 course meal @ \$24.50 per head. Bookings essential. 24 hours notice please.

Freshly made pizza is also available, eat-in or takeaway, 7 days a week .

The menu is also provided in this issue.

We have concrete garden ornaments for sale, including birdbaths, water features, tables and stools, stepping stones, birds, lizards, frogs, gnomes and many more styles. Concrete tree rings are also available in plain or white. They make mowing and whipper-snipping easier. Get Christmas orders for concrete ornaments in early to avoid disappointment.

Cheers,  
Leslie and all the crew

# Court House Hotel Bethanga

PH 60264214

## Chinese Menu

Take-away 7 days

Eat-in Mon- Thurs

Sweet Corn & Chicken Soup \$4.00  
(serves 1)

Curry Chicken (not hot) \$14.50

Satay Chicken \$14.50

Chicken & Black Bean \$14.50

Chicken & Vegetables \$14.50

Mongolian Chicken \$15.50

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Curry Steak (not hot) \$14.50

Satay Steak \$14.50

Steak & Black Bean \$14.50

Steak & Vegetable \$14.50

Steak in Tomato, Garlic  
& Onion Sauce \$14.50

Mongolian Steak \$15.50

Szechuan Steak (chilli) \$15.50

Sweet & Sour Pork \$14.50

Sweet & Sour Fish \$14.50

Sweet & Sour Scallops \$20.00

Sweet & Sour Prawns \$19.00

(all battered)

Large Fried Rice \$9.90

Small Fried Rice \$5.50

Mini Spring Rolls \$0.50

(Minimum 6)

## Pizza Menu

Eat-in or Take-away 7 days

Available 12noon until close

**1. Bethanga Special** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms, capsicum, olives, anchovies

**2. Capricosa** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms, olives

**3. Court House Special** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, mushrooms, capsicum, bacon, pineapple, prawns

**4. Lake Hume Special** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms, hot salami, olives

**5. Bethanga Porker** Sm \$8.00 Lg \$14.90

Tomato, cheese, bacon

**6. Meat Lovers** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, bacon, hot salami, BBQ swirl

**7. Bethanga Vegetarian** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, mushrooms, onions, capsicum, olives

**8. Bethanga Detonator** Sm \$8.00 Lg \$14.90

Tomato, cheese, hot salami

**9. Mushroom** Sm \$8.00 Lg \$14.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms

**10. Tropical** Sm \$8.00 Lg \$14.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, pineapple

**11. Traditional** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, onion, capsicum, hot salami, olives, anchovies

**12. The Boozer** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms, capsicum, onion, extra cheese

**13. Mexican** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, onion, chilli, capsicum

**14. Pub Supreme** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

Tomato, cheese, ham, mushrooms, capsicum, onions, olives, pineapple,

bacon, prawns

**15. Powder Keg (Hot, Hot)** Sm \$8.90 Lg \$15.90

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# 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](mailto:info@berringtoncommunitynews.com.au) or call her on 6026 4033

So, so many things to prepare for spring, such exciting times, with all this moisture in our soils.

Mulching with organic matter, compost and manures in the next month or so will be vital. Just check around the collar/trunk of any newer or newly planted trees, as 'rot' could become an issue with this moisture and warmer weather coming up.

Feeding your fruit trees and entire garden with organic fertilisers and manures before mulching over the next month will also carry your garden through the hot summer as well as boosting some spring growth.

Pruning all your salvias and perennials now will set them up for a fabulous spring/summer display.

There is still time to plant bare rooted trees and or potted trees.

Start thinking about what spring/summer plants you might like to add to your garden. Make a list, then go to your local nursery and put in an order.

Thinking about using any vertical spaces in your garden? I have just planted some different types of deciduous vines – Boston Ivy and Virginia creeper as well as the Ornamental grape. All of these plants are related and come from the 'Vitaceae' family. There are several varieties available. They are all woody, deciduous vines with fabulous autumn colour, as well as growing a lot like a 'triffod' if you give them the conditions they need. So be prepared to do some initial pruning to get them nice and strong, then they are virtually 'unkillable' ....for the best results try to have the foliage in full sun or at

least for as long in the sun as possible.

So bung one of these vines in to cover an old fence, tank or dead tree - they look amazing.

I've also had a whole lot of fun researching, ordering and planting dwarf Apple and Pear trees that I will espalier.

Give your citrus a good feed as it finishes up fruiting. Once the frosts are out of the way, have a good look at your citrus and give them a tidy up, prune and air out the middle of the tree if possible by pruning all the inward growing branches and pruning out any dead or damaged foliage. A good mulch as the soil warms up would be fabulous too.



I'm still totally 'nuts' over Alstroemeria and now have approx. six different types and colours. If you would like some, just pop in and I'll bag some up for you.

I'm SUPER excited to get into the garden!!!! Bec xxx



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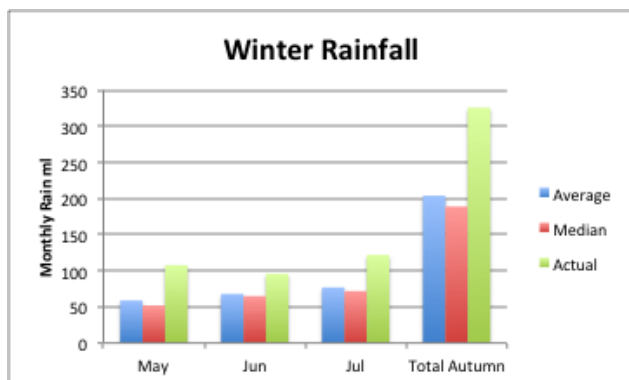
Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.



## Rainfall Round-up

Well it seems like we've had enough rain for some to be complaining but most agree there's money in mud.

The winter rainfall (May to end July) was 326 mm, 72% above the median (189 mm) and 60% above the average (204 mm). Each month was above average. It was like an old-fashioned winter with 55 days of rain or almost two thirds of the days. Although I thought it seemed colder than usual both the daily maximum and minimum were actually above average. This is a continuation of the trend for the whole year with April being close to the hottest on record. Australia-wide, the period May to July was Australia's third wettest on record although that was not the case for our district.



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook suggested that we could expect above average rainfall and this time they were right. May brought strong cold fronts and strong westerly winds with some very high daily rainfall totals. June continued this pattern as well as several east coast lows that contributed high totals although not so much in NE Victoria. More recently, the sub-tropical high pressure ridge has been further north than normal and this has allowed the rain-bearing fronts to keep moving into northern Victoria. This is in contrast with those years where the promising rain slips away to the south.

For the year to date our rainfall (489 mm) is about 24% above average (393 mm) and 51% above the median (324 mm). Even with average rainfall from here on we will be above average for the full year.

## Prospects for Spring (August to end October)

A La Niña event has not developed as yet even though there has been some movement towards one with cooler water in the Pacific. At this stage the ENSO is still in the neutral range although getting closer to a La Niña. BOM is saying that there is still a 50/50 chance of a La Niña this year but they suggest if it does occur it may be weak with little impact on rainfall.

The strongly negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) has continued, however and it is expected that this will remain at least to the end of spring. This pattern has generally resulted in higher winter and spring rainfalls in southern Australia.

The outlook for Spring is for above average rainfall (205mm) and maximum temperature slightly below average. This outlook, coupled with the excellent soil moisture levels, is likely to produce a very good supply of feed this spring with good opportunities for silage and hay making.

Greg Hayes

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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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*For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134*

## **Women's Health Clinics**

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

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

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*Sue Reid 6071 5270*

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Payment is to be made before commencing harvest.

Tenders close on Sat 22<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

For further information contact:  
John Northey 02 60264574 0414 931442.

Mail tenders to:  
Springdale Recreation Reserve Committee  
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Berringa Community Centre

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

## Bonegilla Hall

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**Monthly Dance** held on the 4th Saturday of the month; 8pm start.

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Enquiries: 0439 186 373

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## *In Memoriam*

### Hilmer Elsie Ruby Naismith



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2016 Bethanga lost another longtime resident. Hilmer Elsie Ruby Northey was born on the 25 July 1923 to Lena & George Northey. She was the youngest of four children having three older brothers Edgar, Stan & Ray.

The family lived on a farm at Koorilla and Hilmer went to Koorilla School riding on her pony. Her pony had a mind of its own and refused to go anywhere else other than to school and back. After leaving school she worked at the Koorilla Post Office and Telephone Exchange and helped out on the farm.

Her favourite hobbies were: Playing tennis, the piano and sing-alongs and outings with her friends. One of her claims to fame was playing tennis with Ken Rosewall.

She met Sam Naismith in the early 1950's. Sam had been born and bred in Melbourne and had been a cook in the Air Force. They were married at the St Augustine's Church in Wodonga on the 10 March 1953. They settled on a piece of land surrounding Bethanga Bay affectionately referred to as White Gate, which they set about farming.

Farming was a hard life in those days, milking 50+ cows morning and night, tending to over 500 sheep, pigs and an eclectic collection of poultry including chooks, ducks, turkeys and geese. Everything on the farm had a purpose, usually food for the table or income to sustain the family. When Sam passed away in 1971 Hilmer continued to run the farm and raise their 4 children.

Hilmer always found time to help out at Bethanga Primary, the CWA and the Red Cross. She even found time to take up other social and sporting pursuits. These included golf, fishing, darts and supporting the Bethanga Saints football team. In later life these pursuits were replaced by playing cards, completing Crossword puzzles, reading newspapers and listening to the radio.

Hilmer actively ran the farm on her own into her 80s living at White Gate for 61 years, by herself for the last 32. She never wanted to leave but moved to Westmont for her last months. She is survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and an ever increasing number of great grandchildren.

## *Babies*

Debbie & Tim Nicholls are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Patrick Eric Nicholls, born on the 5th July. He is Graham & Anthea Redman's 5th grand child.



Hamish Noel Gray was born a month early on the 27th of July at a healthy 7 pound 6 ounces.

Congratulations to Matt & Jess and brother Angus .



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## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST?

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

**SES Funding** – Council resolved to reinstate funding to the three SES units within the Shire for a period of three months up to a total combined value of \$8,085 and to continue to lobby the State for an adequate funding model for SES services.

Council's inability to provide ongoing financial support to SES units is due to the financial environment it is operating in and not a reflection of the value Council places on the SES.

Council formally acknowledged the work of the local SES units and expressed their appreciation for the service provided to the communities of Towong Shire and passed on their appreciation to the members of each unit for their valuable assistance in emergency and non-emergency situations.

**Adoption of Council Budget 2016/17** –The Budget establishes the financial framework of Council including income and expenditure, rating strategy, borrowings and asset management programs necessary for Council operations. The 2016/17 budget seeks to deliver a range of key projects for the community, including (but not limited to):

- Seeking external funding to implement the Master Plan for our Upper Murray communities – Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan
- Implementing Destination Tallangatta projects including upgrades to the Tallangatta foreshore, Tallangatta Holiday Park and Towong Street
- Continuing to implement our Town Beautification Program throughout the Shire
- Upgrading of the Corryong airport precinct in partnership with the State Government

Council's 2016/17 Budget can be viewed online at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au) or copies can be obtained from the Council Offices in Corryong or Tallangatta.

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](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au) and Council Offices in Corryong and Tallangatta. Should further information be required please contact Diana Snaith on 02 6071 5100.

The next ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6 September 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.**

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **6 September 2016**  
10am Tallangatta Council Office
- **4 October 2016**  
10am Bethanga Memorial Hall

The agenda for each meeting can be viewed prior to the meeting online at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au) and Council Offices at Corryong and Tallangatta.

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## TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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## PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Creating Safer Communities

Area Co-ordinator: Bob Martin Ph 0418 597982

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 60 264323

Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 60 201144

Newsletter: Lyn Martin Ph 0418 597982



#### AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this edition of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. Who would have thought!!!! I am delighted to say I now have a little spare time and therefore have accepted the nomination of Area Co-ordinator for our TOW 1 Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch. Since being the inaugural Area Co-ordinator I have followed with much interest the many and varied achievements of the Peninsula NHW. As I see it in our community, **Neighbourhood Watch is more than Policing.** For example, just last week, I had a calf that decided being outside the fence was preferable to being inside the fence!!!! A neighbour visited our home to let us know. Like you I have heard many such stories of livestock being on the road and the owners being notified. Let's keep this up and remember if we see something untoward associated with people acting suspiciously, unfamiliar vehicles etc please call our local **Policeman, Nev** on **ph 60264204**. If he is not available the call will be diverted to Wodonga Police who will attend to the matter.

At the **Community Meeting and AGM** last week I enjoyed hearing of the PNHW activities for the past year and congratulate Ross and the team on a their successful achievements. I look forward to leading this continued success.

New **Roadside signs** are being erected across the Peninsula Watch area and new **Gate signs** will be available in the next week or two. Please attach the Gate signs to your gates or fences to remind criminals and ourselves we are a Neighbourhood Watch Community who look out for each other.

Please note in your diary the next **Community Meeting and Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, at the Berringa Community Centre, Bellbridge.** This event is always a fun time and a great opportunity to catch up with your neighbours – Hope to see you on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes

**Bob Martin**

#### *....FOR YOUR DIARY....*

##### Next Community Meeting

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 -Berringa Community Centre, Bellbridge at 7.30pm**

**Community Meeting and Christmas dinner.**

**All members of our community are invited to this evening – Please bring a sweet or salad to share and Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch will provide delicious chicken.**

At our recent AGM the following dates and locations for our 2017 Community Meetings, including the Christmas Dinner and Annual General meeting were determined:

**February 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Granya- Community Meeting**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Bethanga -Community Meeting**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Talgarno- Community Meeting & Annual General Meeting**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Bellbridge- Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner**

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

**Meet Your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Committee, appointed at the AGM, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

Area Co-ordinator: **Bob Martin**

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: **Carolyn Butko**

Secretary: **Julie de Hennin**

Treasurer: **Nene Green**

Home Security: **John & Carolyn Butko**

Road signs: **Peter & Di Schmidt**

Newsletter: **Lyn Martin, Julie de Hennin**

Social media: **Annie Berber**

Police Liaison: **LSC Nev Barrow, Bethanga Police Station.**



## POLICE CRIME REPORT

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### Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report for May, June & July, 2016

#### Report Date 02/05/16

Theft, Beardmore St, Bethanga.

Between 12.20pm 23/04/16 & 12.25pm 02/05/16  
Unknown offender cut steel linked chain & padlock  
from paddock gate. Both items stolen.  
Value \$10.00.  
Nil suspects.

#### Report Date 09/05/16

Criminal Damage, Lake Rd, Bellbridge.  
Between 1.00pm 08/05/16 & 7.00am 09/05/16.  
Telstra phone box windows smashed.  
Value \$450.00.  
Nil identifiable suspects.

#### Report Date 19/05/16

Theft, Rural Farm, Murray River Rd, Bungil. Between  
6.00am 12/05/16 & 6.00am 19/05/16. Access  
gained to farm paddock. Lucas Mill stolen. Value  
\$10,000.  
Wodonga CIU investigating.

#### Report Date 25/06/16

Theft, Kurrajong Gap Rd, Bethanga.  
Between 8.20am 24/06/16 & 9.30am 25/06/16, 6 X  
8mt lengths of 100x100mm RHS steel removed from  
within front gate to rural property. Light truck used in  
commission of offence.  
Value \$720.00.  
Nil suspects.

Regards,  
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- **We want your help** to refresh our presence by replacing your old NHW gate sign with new ones. We want to remind visitors (good and bad) and ourselves we are a Neighbourhood Watch Community and we are committed to having a community that is a safe place to live and we are watching out for each other.
- **We have new gate signs.** The signs and cable ties are provided by your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch but if you would like to make a donation to the cost of these we would be grateful. We ask you to attach these to your gate or fence please.
- **Gate signs** will be available at the Community Meeting and Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, from local businesses or PNHW committee members



Thursday 8th September 2016 is R U OK? Day. It is a national day of action, dedicated to inspiring all people of all backgrounds to regularly ask each other 'Are you OK?' It aims to prevent suicide by encouraging Australians to connect with someone they care about and help stop little problems turning into big ones. On that day we want everyone across the country, from all backgrounds and walks of life, to ask family, friends and colleagues: "Are you OK?" Staying connected with others is crucial to our general health and wellbeing. Feeling isolated or hopeless can contribute to depression and other mental illnesses, which can ultimately result in suicide. Regular, meaningful conversations can protect those we know and love..... R U OK?

# CLUBS AND GROUPS

## BERRINGA CERT



**In an Emergency call 000**

At the CERT AGM I give a breakdown of CERT callout statistics for the year. While I was preparing the data, I came across a summary that Jacki Eckert, the previous Team Leader gave at the 2013 AGM. It still pretty much covers a year of CERT. I have updated it to reflect the last three years.

To date Berringa CERT has responded to 352 triple zero calls for help within our community; the closest being next door to the rostered driver in Bellbridge, the farthest being Bullioh and Thologolong and we have been to all points in between.

We have helped you, the community members of our peninsula, in falls, cuts, fractures, cardiac arrests, car crashes, motor bike crashes, pushbike crashes, fights, mental health crises, cut fingers, cut arteries, burns, anxiety attacks, asthma attacks, croup, fits, sprains, strains, breaks, imminent birth, imminent death, angina, stroke, blood noses, gastro, overdose, respiratory distress, snakebite, drowning and pain management.

We have climbed into cars, down banks, up hills, through scrub, trees and fences, into sheep yards, hay sheds and paddocks. We have been in your lounge rooms, bedrooms, kitchens, back yards, bathrooms, hallways and sheds. We have driven into multiple driveways and paddocks and done many km on bush tracks and lonely roads. We have dodged your dogs, horses, sheep, cows, spouses, family members, neighbours and kids.

We have turned out in all hours of the day and night and on all days of the week. We have worked with paramedics, MICA paramedics, Ambulance Community Officers, NSW paramedics, Vic and NSW Police, SES, CFA and members of the community.

We have applied cervical collars, splints, bandages, band aids and dressings, given you aspirin, penthrane, ventolin, anginine, adrenaline, oxygen and glucose. We have rubbed your backs, held your hands, elevated your limbs, cut off bits of clothing, sat you up and laid you down. We have checked your pulse, your breathing, your blood pressure, blood sugar levels, temperature, oxygen saturation and your conscious state. We have picked you up off the ground, extricated you from cars, fences, bed sheets, cattle yards and garden beds.

We have laughed with you, cried with you, made you cups of tea, found your pills, packed bags for hospital, locked up chooks and dogs, opened gates, closed gates, locked houses, left messages, completed your footy tips and turned off the lights.

We have completed a basic training program and attend 21 hours of ongoing training every year. We have discussed and dissected each job to learn from it. We have laughed till it hurt and been brought to silence by tragedy. We share a desire to help our community, a willingness to be involved and a great team spirit.

And that pretty much covers it...

We are pleased that we have four new members who have completed their training and once they have their uniforms, will join the 11 current members on the road.

*Keep well, Julie Miller  
Team Leader Berringa CERT  
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PS If anyone would be prepared to join the committee as Secretary please contact President Carol Marshall on 6026 4041.

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

### FOR SALE:

The fully restored 1920 Furphy water cart is for sale at \$5,200.00 ONO. If you are interested in buying the water cart or would like further information, please contact the Men's Shed on 6026 4418.



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.

*Phil Craig  
President*

## BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Those using the Reserve in last year or so will have noticed the ongoing changes to the facilities that have benefitted of all users. The improvements have resulted in more hires.

This week a new cooling and heating system will be installed which will make a huge difference to comfort levels for those hiring the facility. The extension to the veranda undercover area will also start this week.

We will be undertaking more creek stabilization works, fencing and a walking track extension. We have been given lots of positive comments on the areas already planted out. We appreciate feedback both positive and negative as it helps prioritise the improvement program.

We have new tennis court nets and they will be installed in next few weeks.

Great to see Soccer going well and they will use the pizza oven for their breakup again this year.

SR500 is on again this November for the 15<sup>th</sup> Year this year and is a major fundraiser for us. We really appreciate having them all here as a great bunch of people.

### 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 or email your ideas or suggestions.

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

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## LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

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Our season kicked off in April with registration day and a free sausage sizzle for anyone who came 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 practicing new skills, improving on existing ones, playing a game and having a good run around. Parents are encouraged



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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 three or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football.

We need more players for the 2017 season to keep the club going as we're losing a few children next year due to age. It'd be a shame to lose such a great community club. We also need some parent volunteers to join the committee, so we'll be hosting a meeting at 11:30am directly after our fun day on Saturday 10 September and would welcome anyone interested to come along and volunteer.

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

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

*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon*  
*Brian 6026 4214*

## TALGARNO CFA

Fortunately, it has been a quiet winter with only one callout since the last *Berringa News*. The incident was in Bellbridge in mid-June, where three members responded in the tanker and one member responded in a private unit.

Since last *Berringa News*, we have held two Brigade Management Team meetings to discuss a range of issues to prepare for the upcoming season, some of which is covered below:

#### New Members

We are pleased to welcome our newest member to the brigade, Grant Lewis, who joined in April. Grant joined just prior to our AGM in a well-orchestrated deal by Greg Hayes and Brendan Pearson and has taken on the role of Treasurer. We look forward to Grant's contributions and welcome any other community members wishing to sign up, whether for fire-fighting or other brigade activities. Please contact Brendan Pearson if interested in joining the brigade ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)).

#### Listening Sets

For those interested, the brigade has two sets remaining for \$160 per unit. These allow the user to listen to radio traffic on our channel, which can be useful in the event of local incidents. Please contact Brendan Pearson if interested ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)).

#### Brigade Health and Safety

The brigade's Health and Safety coordinator, Jim de Hennin, has completed a range of activities for the brigade, including compilation of an equipment register, a hazard register, identified storage issues and ensured first aid kits are current.

#### Slip-on upgrade

The brigade is waiting to make a decision on the upgrade of the slip-on after we review other brigade's units to check suitability for our needs. If the current unit available is not right for our needs, we will hold on to our current slip-on for a little longer and upgrade to a different style of vehicle when it is available.

#### Training and Roadside burns

Unfortunately, our planned training activity at the 'old hut' near Vincents Reserve did not go ahead in June due to some insurance issues. However, we had 10 members sign up to complete the Class A Foam training on 21 August at Talgarno. In addition, the Tallangatta Group of brigades is participating in Red October on 16 October, which will involve many bri-

gades doing a variety of drills to upskill and prepare for the forthcoming season.

We encourage any existing members who would like to do their minimum skills to contact Michael Elliot, Brigade Training Officer ([michealelliott@bigpond.com](mailto:michealelliott@bigpond.com)).

We also plan to undertake some roadside burning at various locations when the timing is right, which serves as a great training opportunity. If you are interested in roadside burns in areas adjoining your boundaries please let Brendan Pearson ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)) know by 14 September.

### Community Safety

Planning for a community meeting is underway to help inform all Talgarno residents of fire danger in relation to their location. A focus of the meeting will be discussing issues in relation to the Wisers Creek Road area, due to the high fire danger that exists in that location, but all residents will be welcome to attend and will benefit from the discussion. For more information about the meeting, please contact Jonathon Green, Community Safety Coordinator ([jonkargreen59@hotmail.com](mailto:jonkargreen59@hotmail.com)).

Also a reminder that smoke alarms only have a 10-year lifespan. If in doubt, throw it out and replace with a new one. The Tallangatta Group of brigades noted that CFA provide smoke alarms and fire blankets to community members that are unable to purchase these themselves. If you are in this position, please contact Brendan Pearson ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)) to arrange this.

### Communication

The Talgarno Fire Brigade has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and created a Facebook page to help communicate with the wider Berringa community. If you have not already done so, please like our page: [www.facebook.com/talgarnofirebrigade/](http://www.facebook.com/talgarnofirebrigade/) so we can keep you informed of local fire brigade activities, upcoming training, events and information and how you can become involved in our brigade.

Also, for those brigade members not already on the Brigade

email list, please provide your details to Brendan Pearson ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)), so we can keep you informed through the upcoming season.

### Private Firefighting Units

Since the Barnawartha fire review, there has been a call to ensure all private units make themselves known to the Incident Controller when entering the fire ground. This is critical for communication, safety of everyone on the fire ground and to ensure resources are used best to protect lives, property and fight the fire. Therefore, the brigade is keen to update the list of local private firefighting units for the upcoming fire season. If you have a private unit, we are keen to know your personal details so we can keep you informed prior to fires and safe and informed during an incident. If this applies to you, please contact Brendan Pearson ([brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)).

### Treasurer's Report

At the conclusion of the 2015/16 financial year, the Talgarno Fire Brigade received income of \$6,520.25, plus \$692.54 from term investments. Expenses for the year were \$5,244.51, resulting in a net profit of \$1,968.28. Our account balances at 25 July total \$33,653.60.

### Future Meetings

15 September 2016 Brigade Management Team meeting (to discuss roadside burns)  
6 October 2016 General Brigade meeting  
30 March 2017 End of season meeting  
27 July 2017 Brigade Management Team Meeting (to pass financial statements etc.)  
Others as necessary

### Awards Ceremony

The Brigade is keen to hold a ceremony sometime in the next 12 months to recognise many members who have significant service records. Keep a look out on our Facebook page and emails for more details.

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### Fundraising/Donations

We will be continuing our annual community donation drive again in October. We encourage all community members to dig deep and donate what you can afford to keep our brigade ticking over. In addition, we would like to thank the Bethanga Fire Brigade for the invitation to develop a tasteful fundraising calendar! We hope a range of sponsors will fund the production costs and people, local and abroad, will purchase our calendar raising valuable funds for our brigades.

Finally a reminder to please call VicFire 1800 668 511 for burn notifications, so we do not attend unnecessary fires.

*Brendan Pearson, Secretary  
[brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com)  
or 0439 881 440*

### BETHANGA CFA

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### INCIDENTS

16 June, 9:48am - Chimney fire Bellbridge, seven members responded with the slip-on and Tanker 1. The fire self-extinguished. The brigade inspected the roof space and returned after a short time.

26 June, 3:19am - Search and Rescue on Sirls Road. Four members responded in Tanker 1 and private units to help search for a missing hunter. Wodonga CFA responded with three members as well as a thermal imaging camera. Members

assisted Tallangatta SES and Police to search, locate and stretcher out on foot the injured hunter to the waiting Ambulance. Members returned home at 7:20am.

### NEW ULTRA-LIGHT TANKER FOR BELLBRIDGE

The brigade was successful in its application for an Ultra-Light Tanker under the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP). This government funded program is designed to help emergency organisations purchase equipment that is normally beyond their financial means. The brigade had unsuccessfully applied for the grant in previous years so its persistence has paid off. The new Ultra-Light Tanker will replace the aging second hand unit stationed at Bellbridge. The new unit will be purpose built and will be delivered within the next 12 months. The total cost of the unit is \$116,000 of which the brigade had to contribute \$17,333. The brigade has these funds available derived from many years of public donations and brigade fundraisers. We thank all the people that have donated to the brigade over these years to help achieve this great outcome for the brigade and community.

### BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR BRIGADE

Over the past months there has been an upheaval between CFA, the United Firefighters Union and the Victorian Government. We do not know how this will affect CFA in the future but we wish to reassure residents that nothing has changed in the way we provide assis-

tance to the community. Our brigade and its members are focused on keeping our community safe as has been the case for over 75 years.

### SMOKE ALARM LIFE SPAN

Both hard-wired (mains powered, 240 volt) and battery operated smoke alarms are manufactured to a standard (AS 3786) which specifies an effective life of 10 years. After that time smoke alarms may malfunction and their efficiency may be compromised. As they are an important safety item, we strongly recommend they be replaced every 10 years. You can now purchase smoke alarms with an inbuilt lithium battery that lasts for 10 years without replacement. These are available at hardware stores (e.g. Bunnings) from \$39. These units still require regular testing and cleaning.

If you are not able to afford the cost of the smoke alarms please contact our community safety officer as the brigade can access, for a short time, a small number of units for needy residents. Smoke alarm information will be placed at Bethanga and Bellbridge stores.

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- Keep the grass short around your house and buildings.
- Remove any flammable rubbish lying around.
- Check your fire fighting equipment for serviceability.
- Look around and assess your individual fire risks and discuss with your family and neighbours about what you are going to do if there is a fire. (This is a basic fire plan).
- Check your gas barbeque equipment for leaks.
- A local Gumtree advertisement has sheep for sale, which make great lawnmowers (and taste good too).

## SOCIAL EVENTS

On Sunday 22 May, the brigade held a familiarisation family picnic drive to Pooleys Hill starting at Lake Road and ending at Sirs Road. An enjoyable day was had by young and old with some fantastic views. The brigade is looking to do more of these days within our brigade assignment area.

Saturday 23 July, the brigade held a movie night at the Bandiana Army Cinema. Members, family and friends enjoyed a double feature movie. One member caught a few z z z z.

Emergency services members, family and friends are allowed entry to the cinema upon showing their ID card.

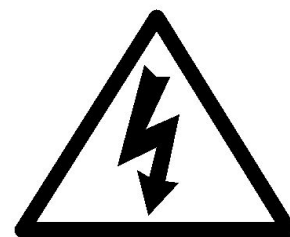
## MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

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*John Northey Captain Tel 6026 4574 | 0414 931 442* make it known to Jarrod Stephenson (0417 228 445 or [jstevo84@hotmail.com](mailto:jstevo84@hotmail.com)) by Monday 5 September. We welcome new players to the club, regardless of your experience or ability.

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

*Ron Evans Community Safety Officer Tel 6026 4301*

## TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Welcome to Spring - the time to start playing tennis again! The Talgarno Tennis Club is organising teams to participate in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association this coming season, commencing in October.

For those unfamiliar with the Association, there are four sections. Sections One and Two are our higher grades and play from 1:00pm on Saturdays or from 6:30pm on Friday nights, consisting of men's/women's doubles and mixed doubles. Section 3 is for proficient juniors, consisting of doubles and a singles set. Section 4 is a doubles competition for juniors starting out in tennis. Both Section 3 and 4 play on Saturday mornings from 9:00am.

Talgarno Tennis Club is holding its AGM on Monday 5 September at 7:00pm at the Talgarno Hall to elect office bearers for the season (President, Secretary and Treasurer) and organise various activities (fundraising, teams and captains, maintenance rosters etc.) for the season ahead.

We would appreciate all players who would like to participate in a team this season to attend the AGM, or at least

Last season we fielded four teams, so we hope to do similar this season. If you have not already done so, like us on Facebook to keep up to date on all things to do with our club: [www.facebook.com/talgarnotc](http://www.facebook.com/talgarnotc).

Many thanks.

*Brendan Pearson, 0439 881 440*  
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 members to give those members without a horse, an opportunity to participate.

Horse activities to date have included a

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

The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee has included two new events in its program for BPC members.

The Bethanga Pony Club is a member of Pony Club Victoria.

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

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

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

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

## BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

Hi Everyone, it's that time of the year again- CRICKET SEASON. We, the Bethanga Cricket Club, are struggling for players so this is a call for help. Last season we only fielded one senior side

which was disappointing, so this letter hopefully attracts some new and old please.

We have gained a volunteer coach (Steve Karakai) which is going to be a great help. We would like two senior sides plus a juniors. The seniors have already started training on Sundays at the Bethanga Rec Reserve at 11:00am, so come along and have a train plus a free barbie. So if you're interested, come and have a barbie, bowl and meet players. Junior training will commence for boys and girls, under 16's, 14's and 12's, on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Rec Reserve, so come along.

New Committee consists of-  
Marg Sirl- President 6026 4504  
Brodie Sirl- Vice President 0457 269 309  
Andrew Hird-  
Sec/Treasurer 0421 361 235

As a club, we would like to congratulate Brodie Sirl and Jessica Campbell on their long awaited engagement on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Cheers  
Marg Sirl

## ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

The "Christmas in July" function was held on 31 July. About 40 elderly residents from the peninsula region attended this function held at the Bellbridge Community Centre, organised by the Rotary Club. They were treated to a two course lunch with beverages, sing-a-long and friendship.

The "Lake Hume Fishing Classic" will be held on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October 2016 at the Lake Hume Tourist Park.

Registrations can be made at [www.lakehumeclassic.com.au](http://www.lakehumeclassic.com.au) or register on-site on Friday 21 October from 4.00pm until 8.30pm and Saturday 22 October from 5.00am until 11.00am.

Fishing commences at 6.30am on Saturday morning and concludes at 10.30am Sunday morning. Meals will be provided on the Saturday night and Sunday lunchtime. Alcoholic and soft drinks will also be available. No BYO alcohol. Random/spot prize draws will be conducted at 8.00pm on Saturday evening. Further details are available at the website or contact a Rotarian associated with the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume.

"Christmas Carols" will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge on Sunday 4 December, commencing at 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance as well as the choir singing Christmas carols. Drinks and sausages will be available.

"Australia Day" celebrations will be held at the Bellbridge Community Centre on 26 January 2017. Please start thinking about worthy citizen nominations for the various awards.

Regards,  
Andrew Christy

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Most sessions are aerobic circuits.

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

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

## TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

Held on the last Friday of the month. Come and share ideas and enjoy each other's company. For further information contact:

*Joan Elliot 6020 1177*

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*Contact Pam on 0401 545 583*

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When: Tuesday

Time: 2.00pm

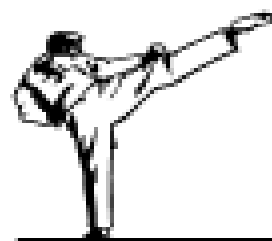
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*Di Schmidt 6026 4325*

*Joan Elliot 6020 1177*

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Baptisms/Christenings - by appointment.

*Annie Berber 0419 407 420*

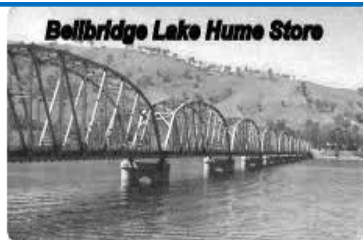
Catholic - St Francis

Assistant Priest is now Fr. Bernie Agustines

Mass times: Mass is the 2nd Sunday of every month at 12 noon, with the option of lunch at the Bethanga Pub afterwards.



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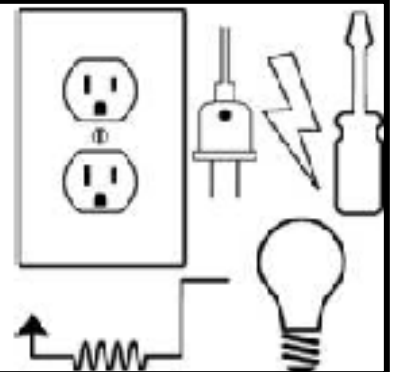
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## Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

The North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) has changed the process for applications for Landcare Grants for 2016/17, from previous years. NECMA called for Expressions of

Interest (EOI) from landcare groups in the North East Region to capture ideas to address the Regional Catchment Strategy priorities.

The EOI is the first step in identifying landcare group needs and project ideas. NECMA will then identify those projects which align with funding programs when these are known. Where the ideas match Australian or Victorian Government or other priorities, NECMA will liaise with the groups to develop these EOI into projects for funding or integrating into CMA support programs. The WCTLG Executive collated responses for a combined WCTLG EOI and submitted the EOI on 31 August 2016. More details in the summer edition of *Berringa Community News*.

The Executive have submitted nominations to NECMA for Active Service Awards. Nominations were submitted for 20, 15, 10 and 5 years service.

Many thanks to all who have paid their membership fees over the past few months.

Jim de Hennin will be attending the 2016 National Landcare Conference and Awards, to be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 21 to 23 September 2016.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

More details for these three events to be emailed (or posted to members without email access), closer to the dates.

**Sunday 18 September** – Working Bee at Johnstone Creek roadside stop (Murray River Road, Talgarno); commencing at 10:00am. BYO secateurs and gloves. Join us for a cuppa at the end of the working bee.

**Friday 30 September** – Wood-fired Pizza and Woodland Birds evening (Talgarno Hall)

5:30 pm - Meet at Talgarno Hall to have pizza and socialise, followed by a presentation by Damian Michael on *"Birds of woodland environments"* commencing at 7:00 pm. The evening will finish with coffee and cake. Closer to the date we shall be seeking RSVPs for this event.

**Sunday 6 November** – Trip to Mt Lawson (Christmas breakup).

*Rhonda Sinclair, Secretary*  
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# Bethanga Landcare Group

Bethanga Landcare Group is pleased to report a successful quarter with a number of significant events having taken place or in the pipeline.

First, we have completed and submitted our Strategic Plan, designed to properly define our values and rules of operation and to give direction to our future planning and endeavours. Dr. Kristy Howard, who addressed us at our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, was instrumental in helping with the formation of the Strategic Plan and we thank her very much for her input and expert advice.

Bethanga Landcare Group was happy to participate with Beringa Kindergarten and Bethanga Primary School in their recent planting programs. It was great to see such enthusiasm and involvement from all concerned.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bethanga Landcare Group conducted its annual Tree Giveaway which was, as always, a great success. Members and others interested in joining, were able to request between 20 and 40 free trees and shrubs, which when planted in the chosen locations, will help enhance our local environment. Many thanks in terms of time and effort, to those who helped with the collection, sorting and distribution of the plants, both prior to, and on the day.

Our most recent event was National Tree Day (NTD) on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July and an impressive number of people turned out to help plant 500 trees in upper Flagstaff Gully. For a change it didn't rain and the sun actually shone for a while, although planting conditions were rather soggy. It was an enjoyable and successful morning, culminating in a delightful barbeque. Again there are many thanks to all the organisers and participants who made NTD a great

local event. Well done, all round!

At the time of going to print, Expressions of Interest (EOI) for funding applications for help with erosion control, fencing, tree planting, environmental enhancement, etc. have closed for this year's consideration. However, should you have any projects with which we can help, please keep them in mind for next year and submit an E.O.I.

A suggestion adopted by the group, was that a number of good quality signs identifying local vegetation be purchased and placed in significant positions around our area, thus assisting our knowledge of trees.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the Bethanga Hall supper room at 7:30 pm and we'd love to have your company. In the meantime, please visit our website at [www.northeast.landcarevic.net./aubethanga](http://www.northeast.landcarevic.net./aubethanga)

*Cate Packer (Assistant Secretary)*



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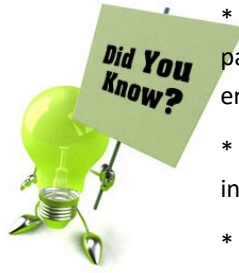
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# Berringa Kids Corner

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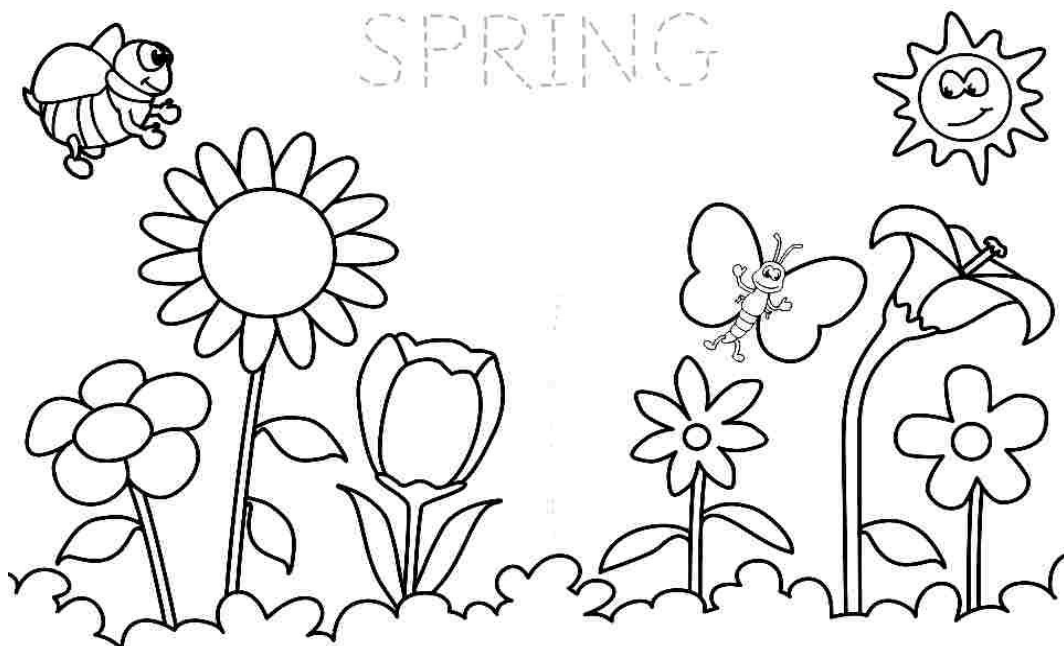
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# Children's Groups



Community Early-years Childcare (FARMS) continues to operate at the Talgarno Hall every Tuesday from 8.30am-4.30pm. Cost is \$5/hour/child. It is a wonderful opportunity for young children to interact and socialise with other local children in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. There are currently 8 local children attending ranging from 1-4 years. FARMS provide a diverse range of educational and learning opportunities through their indoor and outdoor play areas.

For more information, please call 6056 4399 or go to Community Early-years Childcare website: [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).



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July was Nation Tree Planting Day, and the Ber-

ringa Kindergarten children together with parents and grandparents worked together to plant 60 native plants behind the kindergarten fence. The local Land care group kindly donated the plants.

We were very appreciative of the two very experienced volunteers from their group to assist. The rain has been very timely as the soil was moist, and the plants won't need watering for a few weeks. This community activity provided many learning outcomes for the kinder children. They experienced a sense of community as they had a lot of assistance; they will be able to learn responsibility in the care of the

plants, and to learn about their impact on the environment.

Recently, the children have explored the many activities provided by North East Water Education Officer. We have talked about the water cycle, how it works, the many uses for water, and ways to use it wisely.



## Berringa Kindergarten

Another highlight was the show from The Flying Bookworm company who with the children's help, told the stories of Mulga Bill's Bicycle, Tiddalick The Frog, and The Gingerbread Man. We were joined by the lower grades of Bethanga and Talgarno Primary Schools. The children have had many pre literacy learning activities from this show.

Preparations are being made for the Transition to School programs that will begin this month.

Enrolments for 2017 will open in September. Enrolment forms will be available to collect from the kindergarten on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays.

Enquiries are welcome.

Christine Cameron : Director/Teacher  
Berringa Kindergarten, Craig Drive  
Bellbridge. Ph 02 60264373

## 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!

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# Bethanga Primary School News

The rain has certainly not dampened the students, staff and parent's dedication and enthusiasm for learning and involvement in all school activities. Our new Principal, Rachel Saunders, has hit the ground running and continues to astound us with her enthusiasm, energy and ideas.

## Farewell to Mrs Pearce!

A cherished local resident, Mrs Pearce left Bethanga over the long weekend to take up residence at a smaller home in Baranduda. Students were sad to hear of her leaving as she has been such an integral part of Bethanga Primary School for so long. Students reflected on all the ways Mrs Pearce has contributed to our school and helped us out! Mrs Pearce was presented with a book written and illustrated by the kids sharing their thoughts and thank-yous.

of the mood meter (red, yellow, blue and green) or perhaps all four!! As well as this, students had organised some fun activities such as Lucky dips, pin the tail on the mood meter which raised some money for the school to buy some mood meter posters..

At Bethanga Primary, we acknowledge that the first hundred days of learning is an important milestone in the education of your child. In this time, students have been working hard on successfully transitioning into the school and classroom routines, engaging in new experiences, and becoming active learners. On Monday 18th July, we celebrated our 100th day of school. In the junior classes (F-3) we completed all sorts of fun maths activities on the day! We looked at fun facts about the number 100, for instance, did you know... An ant can lift 100 times its weight.



"Sleeps Tonight". The students sung beautifully despite many of them being sick with sore throats. It was also wonderful to hear choirs from other schools, particularly the senior choirs. Afterwards, while waiting for our bus, the students began to spontaneously perform "Flash-mob" style on Dean Street without any assistance. They filled the street with music and had several on-lookers enjoying the performance. A mother brought her young son over. The boy loved the music and couldn't wipe the grin off his face. Then the students let this boy play the glockenspiel.



The 3/4 students attended their camp. The setting for the camp at 15 Mile Creek was beautiful and the staff was amazing with all students engaged and eager to 'challenge and grow' which was the theme of the camp. The students were lucky enough to have a play in the snow.

We joined with the small schools cluster for Indonesian Day at Tallangatta.

The School took up the challenge of a community project being undertaken by the Tallangatta Cluster Schools involving knitting 10cm x 10cm squares. These squares will be sewn to form blankets to be donated to those less fortunate than us. A phenomenal effort from those in the Bethanga Primary community! We really did have an overwhelming response to the request for knitted squares with not only over 320 squares knitted but also two beautiful blankets created for donation as well.

We were fortunate to have three sessions in the Life Education Van. Students were entranced by Harold and his educator friend Rebecca. They did a fabulous job sharing messages of good health, good choices and a good life! It was lovely to see students bounce out of the van telling us how amazing it was and how funny Harold was (including senior students!) In celebration of a fabulous second term, the junior school council organised a casual clothes day. The theme of the casual clothes day was 'mood meter'. Students were encouraged to dress in clothes that match a quadrant



This fabulous day allowed students to ride a Becak (traditional mode of public transport in Indonesia), learn traditional Indonesian dance, dress in traditional costumes, play Gamelan (traditional instruments), hear traditional stories, make masks and puppets as well as enjoy a traditional Indonesian Shadow Puppet Show - such an enriching experience enjoyed by all! Another great element of this day was seeing all of the happy 'reunions' of friendships forged at 3/4 camp, conversation and laughter was flowing!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Choir for their brilliant performance at the Eisteddfod in Albury this year. The Choir sang "Hello" by Adele, and "The Lion



To celebrate National Tree Day, the student all donned their tee shirts, hats and gardening gloves, and planted out the other front garden bed. As a whole school we spent the afternoon in the garden. Thank you again to Bethanga Landcare Group, Jacob Toyota and Bunnings Wodonga - without you this afternoon of planting would not have been possible!

Thank you to everyone who supported our movie night - great to finish the week with a good belly laugh and in doing so raised \$800 for our school! A big thank you to Sara Bayliss for organising this event.

Books, blokes and brekkie

Thank you to those who joined us for breakfast! A great way to kick off book week! Other events that occurred this week include the Virtual Author Session through polycom, a cross-age session as well as a book parade and dress up day.

# Talgarno Primary School

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Wow! What a busy term we are having at TPS! Firstly, we would like to thank and farewell Noela McGuffie, who has finished up her Principal role, after 15 years. She has accomplished many wonderful things during her time here, and we wish her well in her lead teacher role and all other future endeavours. We welcome Belinda Toohey into the Acting-Principal role for term 3.

This term we have implemented our Emotional Intelligence program and have begun sessions on resilience with Emily our Student Support Services Officer. This is such an important topic which focuses on the social and emotional wellbeing of students, including self regulation, self awareness, empathy, motivation and social skills. Emily visits every Friday and the students have thoroughly enjoyed working with her.

## ★ Now taking Enrolments!

Please come and see us if you are interested in enrolling your child at TPS next year. Our numbers are looking fantastic for 2017 with many new families showing interest in our school. If you would like a tour of our school, please feel free to contact Belinda to arrange a suitable time, or alternatively drop by on one of our coffee afternoons to meet some of our parents and helpers.

The 3/4 students and Mrs Toohey had the most incredible time on camp at 15 Mile Ck. The students developed many new friendships with students from other schools and learnt about challenging themselves. It even snowed!



## What's on @ TPS

**School Disco - Friday 2nd Sep 6pm**

**Visit to Kinder - 7th Sep**

**Coffee Afternoon - every second Thursday** afternoon at 2pm for Term 3 (back to Thursday mornings 9.30am Term 4). All welcome

**Cooking Program - every Friday**

**Marc Van - every second Thursday**

**Berringa Kinder coming to visit - 19th Oct**

**Foundation Transition days - Tue 22nd Nov, Tue 29th Nov, Tue 6th Dec & Tue 13th Dec**

**Christmas Celebration - Wed 14th Dec**



## Tennis

The students are very excited to be doing tennis coaching this term as part of our Small School Sporting Grant. Mick comes out from Wodonga every Tuesday and takes the students in small groups.

## Volunteers always welcome!

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

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