

Berringa Community News

Winter 2021

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

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View from the planned gateway roadside stop

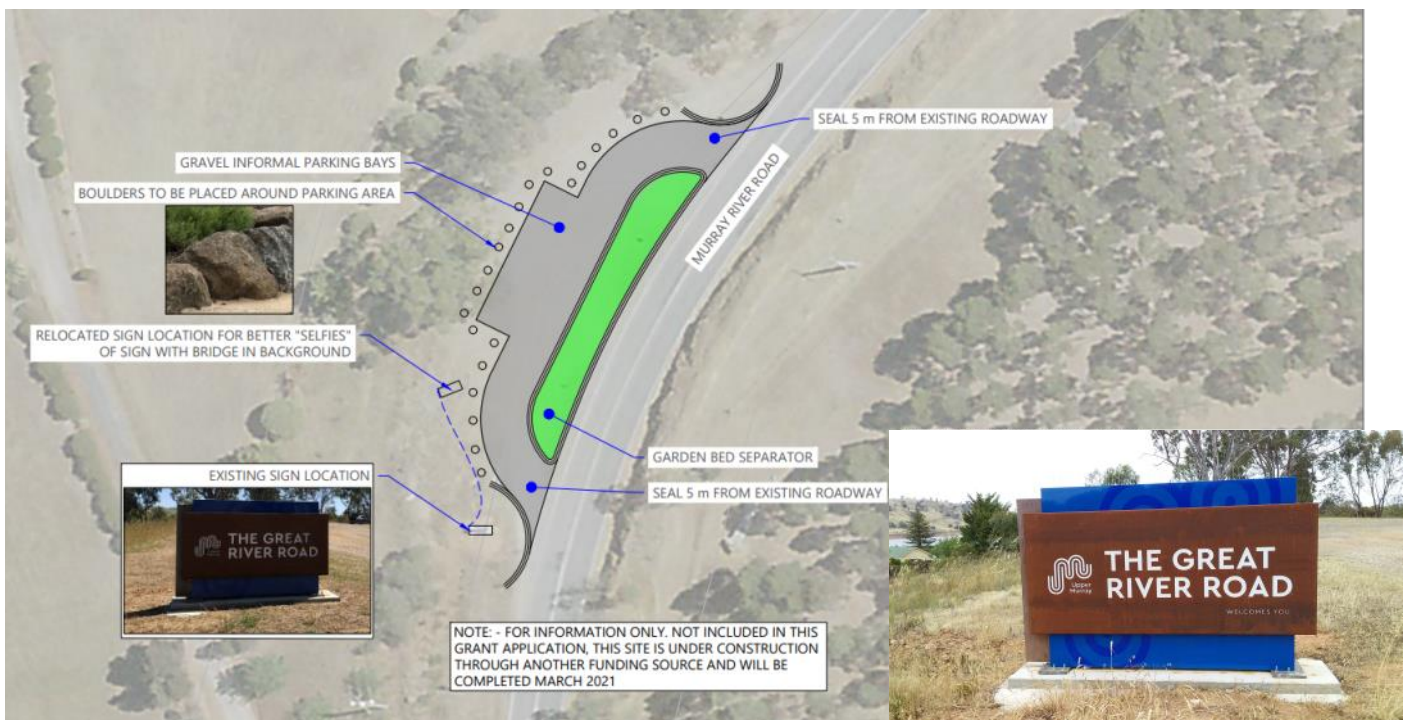
Great River Road Gateway Plans

Stage 2 of *The Great River Road* project will receive \$5 million in funding from the Victorian Government's *Bushfire Recovery Regional Economic Stimulus and Resilience Fund*.

The project aims to build on the existing 153km Great River Road from Bellbridge to Khancoban, to make it a premier destination for drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, bushwalkers and campers.

Stage 2 involves the delivery of eight key projects, including town trails, wayside stops and a marketing campaign.

Two of the wayside stops are at the Berringa Peninsula end of the Great River Road. The first is at the current location of the Great River Road sign near Trewalla Road and the second on the old road entered from the entrance of 641 Murray River Road, Talgarno.



COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

Earth works will commence at these sites in the next 3 weeks.

The Towong Shire has approached the Berringa Peninsula Community Network (BPCN) to provide input on the planting, signage/ storyboards and artwork/ sculpture for the sites.

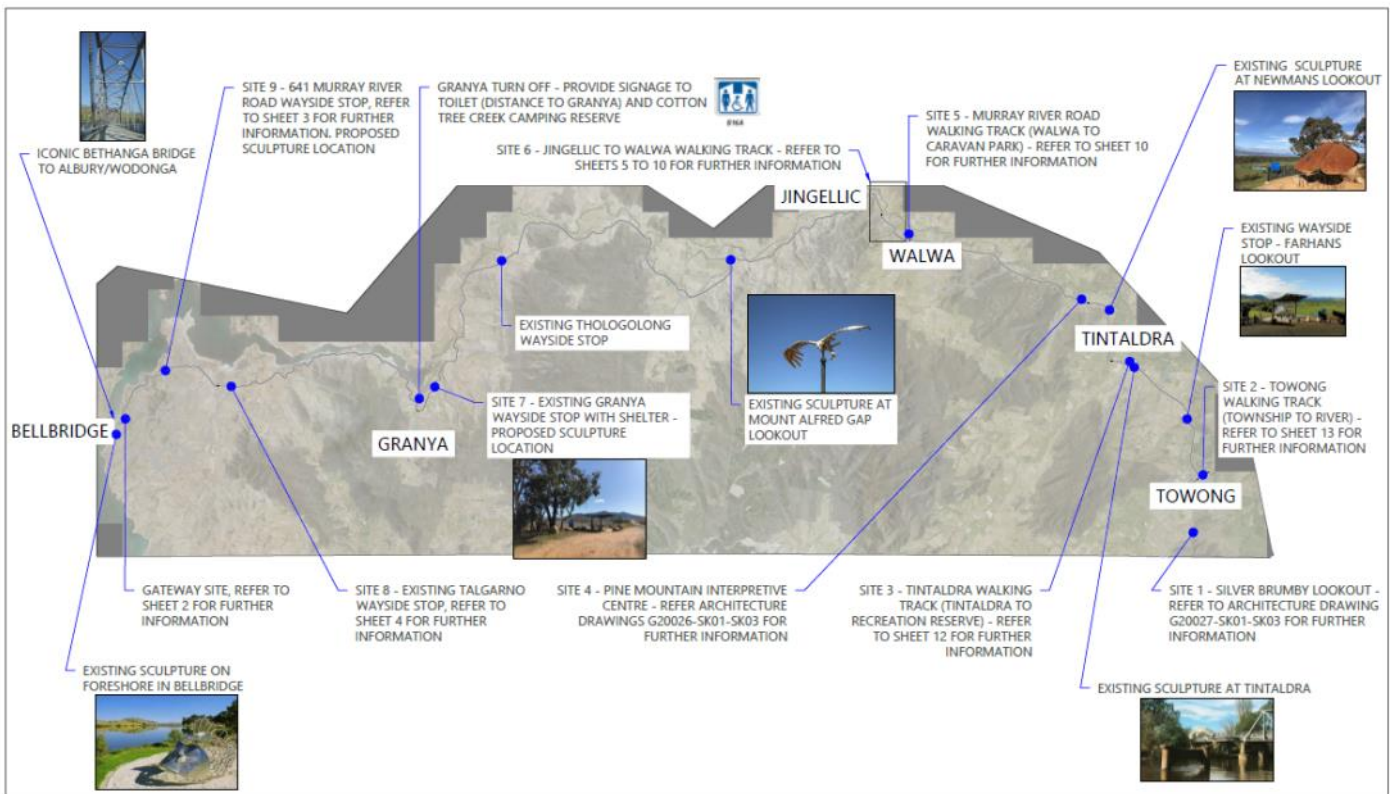


The gateway wayside stop will have garden beds separating the site from the roadway and storyboards/signage that we as a community need to decide the content.

The second wayside stop will have an artwork/ sculpture as well as storyboards.

The BPCN welcomes your ideas for story boards or subject for artwork.

Please email berringapcn@gmail.com, leave your ideas on the Berringa Peninsula Community Network facebook page, call or SMS Julie Miller on 0419 339 679 or talk to another member of the Network. Visit the BPCN stall at the Peninsula Seasonal Markets at the Hume Boat Club at Bellbridge, Sunday June 6, 10am-1pm.



Berringa Firies Calendar

Thanks to everyone that attended the May Talgarno Fire Shed BBQ, where we were excited to present a cheque for \$1143 to the Talgarno, Bethanga and Granya Fire Brigades.

We'd like to acknowledge the Towong Shire and the Community Recovery Grant Program. Without this funding, we feel the 2021 calendar would not have gone ahead. In past years, we have relied solely on generous local businesses and after a year of bushfires and Corona virus, we were reluctant to approach already suffering businesses.

Thanks to our local businesses for being our collection points and helping with the sales of the calendar, Bethanga and Granya Pubs, Bethanga Post Office, and the Tallangatta Bakery.

And finally, thanks to everyone who bought a calendar. We are very grateful for your continued support in this project and it was great to present another 'large' cheque to our brigades.

Keep an eye out for our photoshoot in October!

Mel, Mari & Jill



Berringa Firies



Scoot, skate or ride: Tallangatta locals compete for regional crown

On Sunday 6th June local skaters, BMXers and scooter-riders will have the opportunity to compete for a regional place as part of the Australian Skate Park League series held at Tallangatta Skate Park as a part of the North East Skate Park Series.

Held in partnership with YMCA Action Sports, Skate Australia, Victorian Skateboarding League, BMX Victoria, 45° Youth and Towong Shire Council, locals and out of towners are expected to take part in the event. The scooter, BMX and skateboard competitions are a part of a structured and interconnected Australian Skate Park League series held across the country.

YMCA Action Sports Specialist Lily Smith said the competition at Tallangatta was a chance for young locals to showcase their talent.

“There are some amazing up and coming skaters, scooter-riders and BMXers. These competitions give them the spotlight they deserve.”

She also said that this program, as well as skateboarding being added to the Tokyo Olympic Games, was changing the face of traditional skateboarding.

“The series presents a great opportunity for young skateboarders to harness their skill and progress through a structured national pathway,” she said.

There are more than 100 Skate Park League events a year, making up the Australian Skate Park League, which is the biggest and most established grass roots skateboard, scoot and BMX series in Australia.

The VIC competitions makes up one part of YMCA's national pathway program which are held in skate parks across QLD, SA, TAS, NT, WA and NSW. As well as showcasing talent the league also creates opportunities for young people to gain experiential practical training in skate park event management.

The Tallangatta round has been brought to life through a partnership between Towong Shire Council, 45° Youth, YMCA Victoria, Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA), BMX Victoria (BMXV) and Skate Australia.

Other major sponsors of the VIC League include Element, Goliath, Skater Maps, Scooter Hut, Root Industries and Rampfest.

Details of Competition:

Date: Sunday 6th June

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Tallangatta Skate Park, Akuna Ave, Tallangatta

Peninsula Seasonal Markets Winter Market Day

Bellbridge, Sunday 6 June 10am - 1pm

The Peninsula Seasonal Markets are back, with the Winter Market at the Hume Boat Club at Bellbridge, Sunday 6 June 10am-1pm.

The Peninsula Seasonal Markets are expecting 30 local stalls at the upcoming Winter Market. Many are returning stall holders, though several enterprises will be participating for the first time. The variety of products and services is growing, including jewellery, clothing, floral arrangements, photography, pottery, natural dyed fabrics, timber wares, candles, soaps, fruit and vegetables, jams and baked goods, plants and seedlings, a community BBQ, a pop-up coffee shop and a local band.

One returning stall holder, Julie de Henin, will be extra busy these markets with her own stall selling bees wax wraps, post cards, potted plants and Alpaca wool, as well as co-ordinating a local fundraiser for the Cancer Centre.

The 'Berringa Community Fundraiser for the Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre' was not able to hold their morning tea inspired event last year and chose to do it a little differently this year due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions. This year, they will be running a silent auction at the Winter Market, hoping to build on the success of their last fundraiser in 2019, where they raised \$25,000.00 which went towards Masters Nurse Oncology Education, which was gratefully received by the AWRCC Trust.

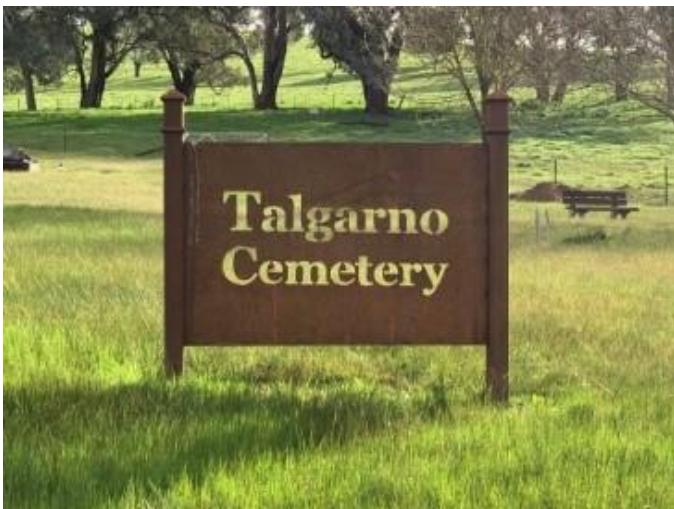
Market goers are encouraged to bring cash, as EFTPOS



is limited to only a few stall holders. The Peninsula community is looking forward to a Covid-safe, family-fun market, keen to show off their new creations.

Additional information and details of stall holders can be found on the group's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Berringapeninsula/> and Instagram page

Greetings from the Talgarno Cemetery Trust



We thought you would be interested in an update of the recent activities at the Talgarno Cemetery. Firstly, at our request and thanks to Towong Shire the Acacia suckers that had grown into trees along the North West shoulder of Cemetery Road, opposite the cemetery, have been removed.

Secondly, the Trust has been successful in obtaining a grant from Towong Shire to number each niche in the memorial wall. This will ensure the trust and relevant parties can be located on a plan of the utilised niches, those that have been pre-purchased and those that are not allocated to a person or family.

Thirdly, the Trust is researching methods and costing to identify unmarked burials in the Talgarno Cemetery. The Trust aims to map available burial lots within the cemetery.

In closing we remind you that the Talgarno Cemetery is a community facility you are welcome to visit and walk around. If you are interested in contributing to the future of this community facility you may be interested in becoming a member of the trust or being a volunteer to help maintain the area.

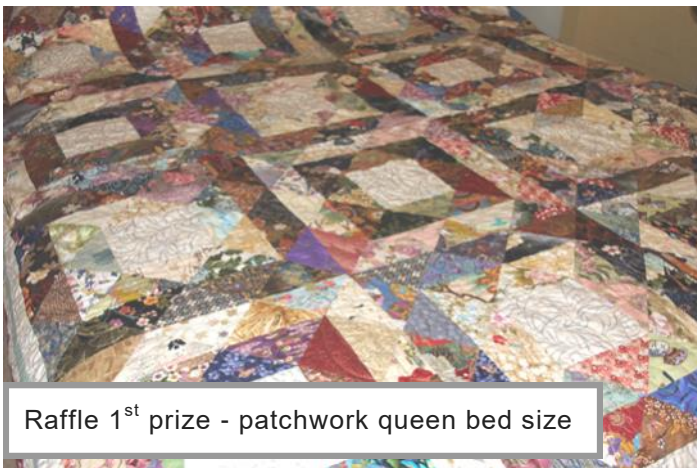
Regards
Julie de Hennin
Chair, Talgarno Cemetery Trust

Berringa Community Fundraiser Morning Tea for our regional Cancer Centre

Early this year we postponed the Berringa Community Fundraiser Morning Tea for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre (AWRCC) due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19.

On behalf of the Berringa Community we are still keen to organize an event to continue to make a financial contribution to education activities of the AWRCC this year.

To do this we have decided to hold a silent auction at the next Peninsula Community Market on Sunday 6 June 2021 at Bellbridge. The numerous items, which we currently have eg electrical items, handcrafted items, jewelry, handcrafted wood work etc. which many of you have donated, will therefore be available to bid on. We will have a stall set up for you to bid on items by writing down your bid and adding to your bid if you are out bidden! This site will be open from 10.00am to 12.45am and the winning bidder notified soon after the closing time. Please support this community initiative by attending the Peninsula Community Market on Sunday 6 June 2021 and bidding generously for the auction items.



Raffle 1st prize - patchwork queen bed size

Not only are we organizing the silent auction but will also be running a raffle with three fabulous prizes – 1st a magnificent patchwork queen bed size quilt, 2nd a generous load of fire wood and 3rd an elegant necklace and earring set. Your support in purchasing a raffle ticket for \$5.00 will be appreciated. These will be available on the day

Looking forward to seeing you at the Peninsula Community Market on Sunday 6 June 2021 at Bellbridge.



Raffle 3rd prize - necklace and earring set.

If you would like more information please contact Julie de Hennin Ph. 0412433499 for the Berringa Community Morning Tea Fundraiser Team

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

offered for bidding at the Winter Peninsula Seasonal Market at Bellbridge 6 June

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

- * Breville – The Power Toastie
- * Nutribullet
- * Sunbeam – Compact Cafe Grill
- * Breville – Convection Oven with Rotisserie
- * Russell Hobbs – Convection Oven & Grill
- * Television – JVC 32" with DVD
- * Kambrook - Skillet Frypan

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS

- * Full length free standing Dress Mirror
- * 2 x recycled wood picture frames
- * 2 x free standing porcelain dolls
- * 2 x free standing porcelain doll busts
- * Stained glass window
- * Recycled timber plant box
- * Double bed patchwork quilt
- * Sterling silver and red ceramic beads necklace and earring set
- * Hand sewn Teddy Bear
- * Red gum table coaster
- * Set of pine wood coasters
- * Coat hanger with 2 hooks
- * 2 x pine wood table coasters
- * Wooden & metal moulding wall hanger
- * Garden Wishing well

SUNDRY ITEMS

- * Copperplate etching of Ningaloo Reef
- * 'Plum', novel written by local author Andrea Palmer
- * Cummins Diesel pack – drink bottle, caps, beanie, mug, lunch bag
- * Junior cricket set
- * Single bed Alpaca quilt
- * Apex Tool - Tool kit



ART SHOW

**Bethanga
Primary
School**

The last weekend in August at Bethanga Memorial Hall

We have commenced planning and preparing for a Bethanga Primary School Art Show in term 3 (27-29 Aug). Our vision is that this will be an event inclusive of the wider community. We hope to have both student and local artists works displayed over the weekend to be purchased. Artists are welcome to have up to 5 pieces included. Please notify the School using contact details below of your intended involvement before 31st July. This event will be a School Fundraiser so we will ask that artists donate 10% of their sales back to the school.

Please contact Felicity at the Post Office or Rachel Saunders (Principal) on 0403983939



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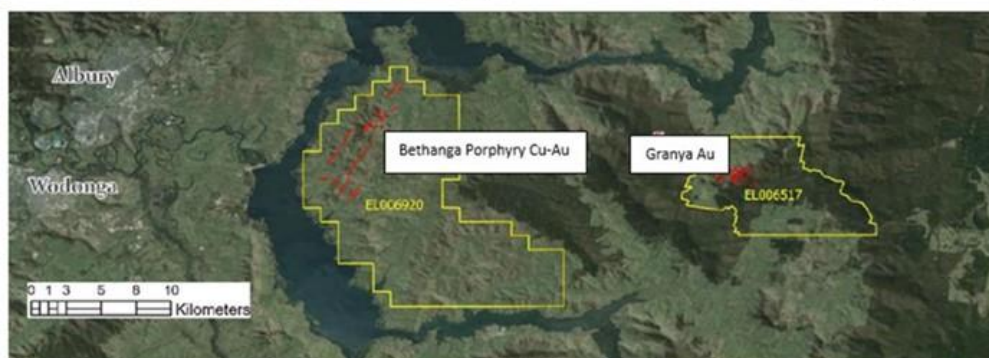
Nexus Minerals Limited

Nexus Minerals Limited (ASX:NXM) is a gold and base metals exploration targeting large scale gold and copper deposits in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia and the North East of Victoria.

Nexus recently signed an Option to Purchase the Bethanga copper – gold exploration licences EL006920 & EL006517 from Jamieson Minerals Pty Ltd which are located within the Towong shire region of North East Victoria. The two licences cover a combined area of 194km² and include historic mining areas which were mined in the early 1900's.

Nexus plans to conduct low-impact exploration activities within the Bethanga licence area (EL006920) in coming months and would be interested to speak with private landowners in this region who would consider permitting access to their land.

Please refer to our website for further details (www.nexus-minerals.com) or contact our Stakeholder Engagement Consultant Adam Place on 0419 518 980 or adam.place@tesburycs.com if you would like to discuss any of our projects.



Berringa Peninsula Community Network (BPCN)



The Network aims to support and encourage advancement of the Berringa Peninsula and ensure that in the event of another disaster like the summer of 2019-20, the Berringa community will be in a more prepared and a resilient place with the best chance of safety and positive outcomes for all.

Hall and Recreation Reserve Facilities

Consultants AKPS are preparing costings for the priorities developed by each of the committees of Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno Halls. This will be used to apply for a large joint grant that opens in July. If this grant application is not successful, the individual halls can apply for other smaller grants.

The Bushfires Recovery Victoria will work with the Bethanga Recreation Reserve to apply for a separate facilities grant

Great River Road

The committee is working with the Council to provide community input into the two wayside stops in our area. See page 1.

Bushfire Preparedness Survey

We received a small number of responses to our Bushfire Preparedness survey. This means we can't be sure that the responses are representative of the concerns and thoughts of the wider Peninsula community. However, they did hint at some of the concerns the community had. A selection of ten recurring ideas for bushfire preparedness resources were taken from this information and were taken back to the community for ranking in order of importance. This was conducted at the Peninsula Seasonal Market held in Talgarno in March 2021 and was also included as a survey on our Facebook page.

The ten themes were

- Bushfire preparedness workshops
- Installation and use of water pump workshops
- Assistance with preparing an escape plan
- Regular community meetings during a fire event
- Frequently updated website with fire related information specific to the Peninsula region
- Physical place with fire related information specific to the Peninsula region
- Better communication infrastructure (mobile

network)

- A clearly identifiable evacuation site for each township
- Increased community water storage
- Alternative power sources for local halls/ community centres

We are currently collating the results and the results will be provided to the appropriate organisations to action.



The BPCN will have a stall at the Peninsula Seasonal Markets at the Hume Boat Club at Bellbridge, Sunday 6 June, 10am-1pm. Come and have a chat with our committee members or leave us a note. We want your ideas!

Contact Us

We have set up a Facebook page. Follow us to get the updates on activities and share your ideas.

We can also be contacted on berringapcn@gmail.com or leave us a note at Bethanga Post Office

Julie Miller

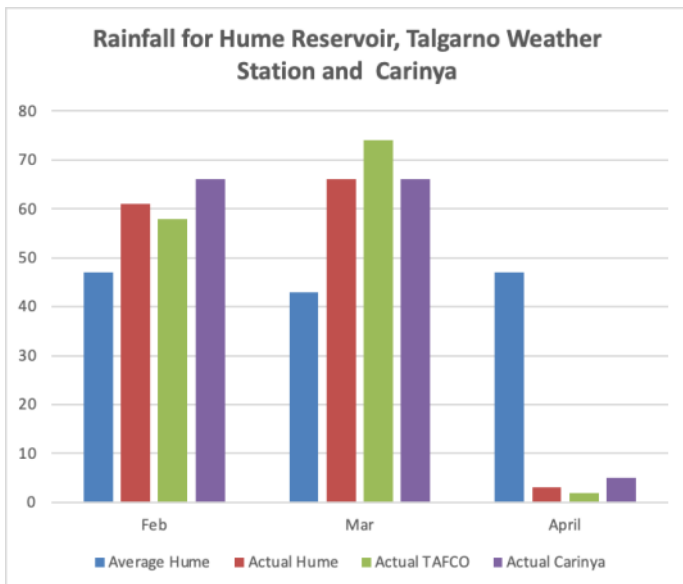
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Rainfall Round-up

Well this autumn had two parts – a good bit and a bad bit. February and March were better than average and April was awful. The driest April since 1967, 95% of all Aprils since records began have been wetter. In an average year the autumn rainfall (February to end April) would be 142 mm. This year it was 134 mm at TAFCO station (de Hennin's), 130 mm at Hume Reservoir and 137 mm at my place. The Hume reading was 92% of average (142 mm) but 121% of the median (109 mm) meaning that 50% of all autumns have had less than 109 mm and 50% more.



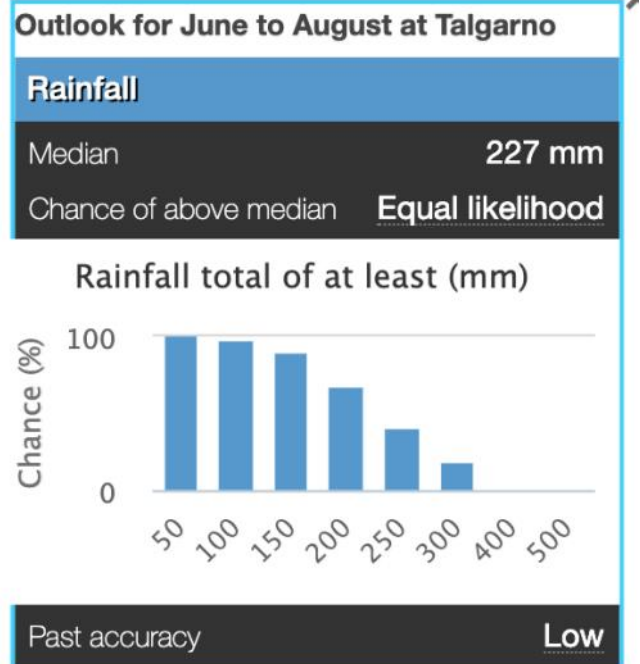
The rain in February and March came from what were fairly normal conditions – The Sub-tropical ridge of high pressure was over Adelaide and there were some good moisture sources about. By the end of March the BOM declared the La Niña event over with the SOI returning to neutral. Then moving into April, persistent high pressures over southern Australia and a positive Southern Annular Mode (SAM) kept rain-bearing fronts south of us over the rest of April, leading to the exceptionally dry period.

BOM said it was likely we would get more than the median (120 mm) for autumn and we did but only just. They always reference the median rainfall and not the average and often these are quite different.

It seems that the May rainfall is likely to be close to average with 40 mm already recorded mid May.

Prospects for Winter (June to end August)

Since May will be over by the time this report is published, I have skipped May! Conditions for the main drivers of climate have all returned to neutral or their influence isn't important at this time of year. BOM seems to be a bit uncertain about the June to August outlook. On May 18, they said it was likely that we would get more than the median. Now, May 2021, they say it is equally likely that the rainfall will be above or below the median, that is the median winter rainfall of 227 mm is the most likely. (By the way it is interesting to note that BOM says the median is 227 mm for Talgarno, 301 mm for Bethanga and 220 mm for Lake Hume Village).



There is a bit of a hint that the Indian Ocean Dipole might become negative which would make a wetter winter more likely but it is too early to tell. Ten out of 12 models analysed by Agriculture Victoria expect average winter rainfall and warmer temperatures. Sorry I can't be more definite, best to be prepared for anything ... as usual!

Greg Hayes



Pruning, pruning and then a bit more pruning is on the gardening job menu for the next few months.

Any of your perennials in the garden need to have been pruned by now. If you haven't managed to get out to do that, don't worry just give them a bit of a clean-up now rather than a harder prune, or wait till later spring if they're not looking too bad.

With native trees and shrubs, they like a bit of a tip prune and clean up in autumn. Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be pruned over the next few months.

When pruning, look for 'inward' facing branches or branches that are crossing over or entangled in each other. This can help 'open' up the plant for a bit more air circulation and movement that can help a bit with pests and diseases.

Also look for any damaged or diseased looking branches and wood.

'Crown lifting' is another pruning method that can open up some more garden space for you or perhaps make mowing a bit more of a pleasure. Pruning (crown lifting) the branches of your tree from the bottom is a great way to open up some more garden space, make room for a lovely garden seat or just create a sense of more space in your garden.

one to a warmer site for winter.

Also, a great time to check your chooks and ducks are set up for winter with nice fresh, thick bedding and that their bedrooms are nice and warm and not drafty.

In the vegie patch we can still be planting out broccoli, spring onions and strawberry plants.

Don't forget to plant your onions after the winter solstice. They love the cold days to form nice big bulbs.

Plant your bare rooted plants before the shortest day. When the weather starts warming up the sap starts to run through the plant, waking it up for spring.

Don't forget to pop into the Bethanga Post Office to see some of Bethanga Blooms specialty pots and some of Felicity's gorgeous wares.

Watch this space, there are exciting things happening for Bethanga Blooms, coming soon.

I'm off to collect some more autumn leaves

Happy Gardening.

If you ever have any gardening questions, don't hesitate to send me a message on 0410 594 282

Cheers Bec x



Prune your roses in August.

Don't forget to mulch or compost all these gorgeous autumn leaves.

I'm on a mission around town with my rake and feed bags collecting wherever I see some leaves - hahahah!

If you have a worm farm, make sure you cover it with some nice thick hessian or carpet blanket to give them a bit of warmth for the coming months. Check if you need to move it if you have a portable

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering for Berringa Community News can be online, with the group, or out and about! We are looking for assistance with the production of this volunteer-run newsletter, and if you can read, write, walk, or take photos, you might be able to help. Or you may be an aspiring media student or just want to let people know about your business. Talk to us!

We would love some help with a variety of jobs such as proof reading, delivery, articles of interest to the local community, photos of local events or places.

There are several ways you can contact us
email: berringacommunitynews@gmail.com
talk: to one of our team -see list on back page
phone: Julie 0419 339 679
message us on our Facebook page



Hard and Green Waste collection - 2021

Bethanga - Stockpile site, Talgarno Gap Rd, east of CFA Shed Saturday 9 October - 10am to 1pm
Granya - Stockpile site, south of Murray River Rd., Sunday 10 October - 10am to 1pm

Towong Shire will run a hard and green waste collection service at the following locations and times, on the dates shown below. Dumping of waste at the nominated sites outside the specified collection times is illegal and offenders will be prosecuted.

- We accept standard trailer or Ute loads of non commercial hard waste (couches, stoves, old fencing wire, timber, steel, glass, paper, plastic, non-decomposable, non-hazardous solid wastes) as well as non-commercial green waste (lawn clippings, branches up to 25 cm or 10 inch diameter).
- We do not accept mattresses, bed bases, batteries, tyres, LPG cylinders chemicals, oils, asbestos, paint tins or hazardous waste during these collections (non-

commercial quantities of these items can be dropped off at the Wodonga Resource Recovery Centre).

E-waste, fridges and air conditioners need to be kept separate from hard waste materials. Waste Vouchers issued with Rates Notices can be redeemed, or charges will apply as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges. You can also use your Waste Vouchers at the Corryong, Tallangatta or Wodonga Resource Recovery Centres.

Please call Council to book an appointment on 1300 365 222.

Kitchen is Open!



HOTEL GRANYA



Kitchen Hours FRI 6PM - 8PM / SAT 12PM - 7PM / SUN 12PM - 4PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PLEASE CALL PUB DIRECT ON 02 6072 9563

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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

Questions, concerns, feedback?

Please contact us:

32 Towong Street (PO Box 55)

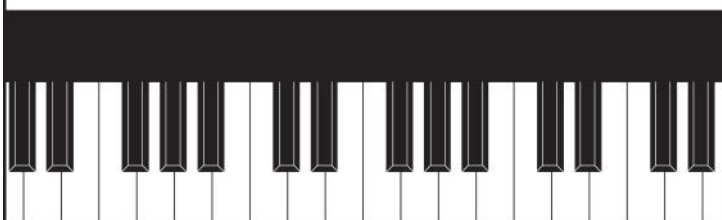
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PLAYGROUP

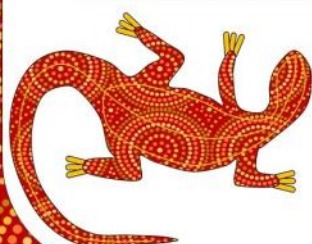
Berringa Playgroup is up and running again!

Please come and join us at Bethanga Primary School every second Monday during Victorian school terms.

Dates: 10 May, 24 May, 7 June, 21 June,
19 July, 2 August, 16 August, 30 August,
13 September, 11 October, 25 October,
8 November, 22 November, 6 December

Time: 9.15am to 11.00am

Contact: Kate Singline on 0422 725 147



Come and
join in the
FUN!

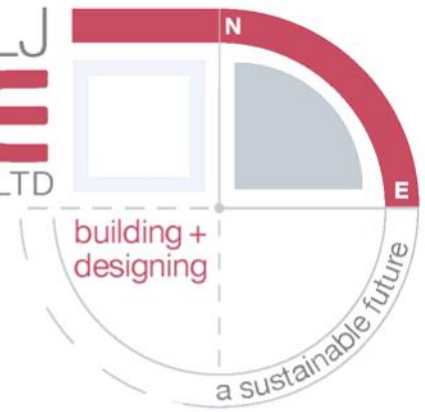
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6am – 9pm

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Women's Health Clinics

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All ages welcome

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Sue Reid 6071 5270

Granya Museum

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Talgarno Hall

Hall hire rates, which include air conditioning costs, are:
Community meetings under 3 hours \$15,
meetings over 3 hours \$25.

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

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

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Granya Hall

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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

Kim Stewart
kstewart557@gmail.com
0412 672 629

Winter is here, time to sit in front of the fire with a good book from the Talgarno Street Library

Open all hours for everyone at the Talgarno Hall.

In Memorium



GLADIS IRENE MERKEL
5 July 1920 – 14 April 2021

Gladis Merkel passed away on the 14 April this year at the age of 100. Gladis had lived in Talgarno for 73 years and had been a valuable member of the Talgarno community.

Gladis saw the transition of Australian society from an era where transportation transcended from horse drawn vehicles to motorcars, paddle Steamers on the Murray and its tributaries to a railway network in Victoria, the introduction of radios and telephones for everyday use.

Gladis, attended the Emily McPherson College, Melbourne, where she learnt to be a dressmaker. She commenced work as an apprentice dressmaker with Cann's Department Store in Swanston Street, Melbourne. Later she worked at Myer Emporium in Melbourne as a tailoress. During World War II, in about 1942, she was directed by the War Service Department to work in a clothing factory in the suburb of Mentone making Army uniforms. After this duty was completed she worked again at Myer Emporium up until her marriage. She met Stuart Merkel from Talgarno through a work mate in Melbourne and they married in 1946.

Gladis and Stuart moved into what was known as the Orchard House in lower Talgarno. Stuart travelled daily from the Orchard House to the land at Talgarno (where they eventually built and lived) to milk cows and farm the land. The new house was built of brick, had two bedrooms and was quite modern for those days, having an indoor toilet and septic tank.

During her many years living at Talgarno, Gladis took great pride in making dresses and gowns for girls and ladies in the district. There are many girls, now ladies, indebted to her for their ball gowns, debut and wedding dresses. She did all of this on her trusty pedal operated Singer sewing machine. Later in life she began to use an electrical sewing machine, but never believed that it was as good as her old Singer.

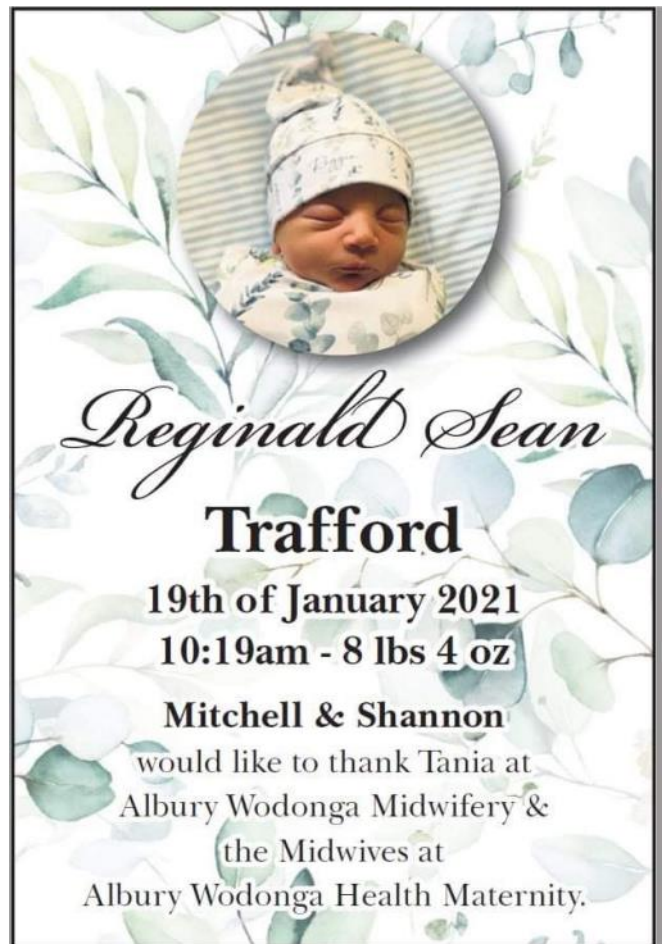
In about 1970, they built another home on the next-door farm they had purchased years before. In 1997, after 51 years marriage husband Stuart passed away. Gladis continued for more than 20 years to live alone in the family home.

An absolute highlight last year, was to receive her letter from the Queen. Although it was during Covid (but between lockdowns), she managed to have a small celebration with family and friends on her 100th birthday.

Gladis had long, rich and rewarding life. In her words "I've had a wonderful life". Gladis is survived by her 3 children Graham, Max and Anne.

Babies

On 22 February 2021, Kyle and Jess Lieschke welcomed the birth of their second daughter **Darcy Grace Lieschke**. A beautiful sister for Sadie.



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People passing through Granya may have seen this green van. This is a mobile food business run by Granya resident Lisa, her daughter Lauren and partner Kev.



Lisa ran a pizza shop in Corryong for 11 years and currently works full time as a chef at Latchford Barracks . She bought the van in January 2021 and has set up at the SSA food market, the Peninsula Seasonal market but while she establishes her business she sets up on the weekends at Granya Hall. Purely delish sells pizzas on Friday night from 5 pm and gourmet spuds and nachos on Saturdays from noon

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

News from Hotel Granya and Hotel Granya Farmstay



We have had a busy few months here at Hotel Granya and Hotel Granya Farmstay. At the end of March we hosted the last leg of the Black Dog Ride Albury / Wodonga! Cheers to Mark and Bernie for giving us the honour to be apart of the day. A fantastic event that had over 120 riders in support of raising awareness around mental health, depression, and suicide prevention. We put on a BBQ for the riders and were lucky to have

Borella Road Butchers jump on board and not only donate snags, but also designed a Black Dog Sausage! It was an interesting one – black squid ink, parmesan, and beef! It defiantly was a conversation starter.

On Sunday 2 May, we hosted our second community and creative workshop here on the grounds. Talgarno local Artist Jessica Gray ran a Slab Construction Clay workshop. A huge success with 13 participants enjoying a day under the stretch tent, learning new skills, being creative, boozing, eating and networking! We are so looking forward to hosting more workshops in the spring.

The Farmstay is in full swing with bookings are now available through Airbnb and Riparide. This has assisted with reaching a different market and we are now seeing more interstate guests staying with us and visiting surrounding areas on the Great River Road and Upper Murray.



Jessica Gray, Slab Construction Clay Workshop.

Farmstay Guest Louis, treating Gerry and Mervyn



Our animals are all doing great! We welcomed our latest addition, kitten Otis to the family and he is hilarious, he has already won the hearts of our patrons. We have seven new chickens that are growing so quickly, JayJay our new Alpaca is settling in nicely. Coco the

lamb has just turned one! Hazel and Tilly are still obsessed with their Weetbix. Eddie the Alpaca has just made his modelling career, appearing in a full page spread in the Herald Sun! alongside our gorgeous neighbour Mia Kotzur for the Farmstay!!

We are excited to say that we have finally opened our kitchen and are ready to welcome you all to feast with us by the fire this winter! After some time away from the stove, Chef Dave Barrows, previously of Violet Town Hotel and more recently the Bethanga Hotel is back in the kitchen and has launched the opening of our first Winter Menu – a simple yet delicious selection of traditional pub meals such as Chicken Parma or Schnitz, Scotch Steak or try a Vege stack with whipped feta goodness or even the Granya Reuben!

Each week we will showcase a selection of specials to keep you all satisfied so be sure to keep your eyes out for Dave's much loved Beef and Guinness Pie! Or Granya Fried Chicken!

Bookings are essential due to the limited seating we have available so be sure to contact the hotel directly on 02 6072 9563. Please do not email or DM as we may not see them in time and would not like to disappoint.

Kitchen Opening Hours

Friday 6pm - 8pm
Saturdays 12pm -7pm
Sundays 12pm - 4pm

Bar Opening Hours

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Saturday and Sunday 12pm

We look forward to having you all visit soon.
Bridge and Gaz. x

CLUBS AND GROUPS

Berringa Community News does not have the current status under Covid 19 regulations of all the Clubs and Groups in this section. We suggest you contact them or their social media pages for further information.

BERRINGA CERT



May 17 – 23 was volunteer week. I contemplated our small team of volunteers and pondered the future of the CERT team. We have 14 members with an average of 12 years of service. Most weeks we provide 24 hours coverage each day. Three team members, each closer in age to 70 than 60, cover most of the daytime shifts and are on call up to 100 hours per week, including the weekends. The other team members give what time they can. Most of our callouts are between 7 am and 6 pm

Our rural communities have always relied on one another for support in our time of need. In times of community emergencies or crisis, for example bushfire, the community rallies together but for ongoing support for individuals in need, volunteer support is harder to provide.

Our volunteer emergency services model is based on farmers or those working in local business being available 24 hours a day to attend emergency events. In these “busy times” (does that mean previous generations had nothing to do) more people have jobs outside their community and are not available to respond on weekdays.

In addition, over recent years the emergency services agencies have demanded more and more training and checks before anyone can join as a volunteer. In Ambulance Victoria before joining CERT, you need to have completed an interview, reference checks, police check, driver’s licence check, obtained a working with children check, completed online learning, plus two weekends face to face training, 1 day driver trainer and 1 weekend manual handling. There is a 12-month probationary period. All up it can be close to two years between “I would like to join CERT” and having an authority to practice.

The future for a local CERT team able to provide daytime coverage is uncertain unless we have more people available during the day. Will no CERT team make a difference to our community? In most cases no, locals may have to wait an extra 15 minutes until an ambulance arrives, but it could also be the

difference between life and death.

Defibrillators

Reminder that Defibrillators are available 24/7 in a white box on the front walls of



**Bethanga Shop
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ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Senior Citizens Christmas in July Function

The Rotary Club will host its annual Christmas in July function for Peninsula seniors on the first Sunday in July - 4 July. As usual it will be held at the Bellbridge Childcare Centre commencing at mid-day. A two-course meal and drinks will be provided free of charge. A bit of foot tapping live music is always enjoyed by those attending. If you know someone locally who would like to attend or may be in need of transport, please contact any rotarian or Bob Lees on 6026 4305.

Salvation Army Red Shied Appeal

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume will be conducting its annual collection for the Salvation Army at the Kangaroo store and other locations in the region. Please give your generous support as it is well appreciated by the Salvos.

Other events in the planning stages are the Lake Hume fishing competition to be held on October 23-25 and the Christmas Carols at the Lake Hume Boat Club on Sunday 5 December. Please be aware that events may be subject to changes because of pandemic circumstances.

For more info visit the clubs facebook page Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotary Club

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

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Despite some wonderful performances in the Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association finals, we were unable to add to our flag collection. Jarrod's Section 1 team were once again defeated in the semi-finals by our nemesis, Granya, in a customarily tight



struggle – decided in the last set of the day. In Section 4, our big hope, the Talgarno Tigers, fought hard but were overpowered by wily Yackandandah in the grand final. Well done, Chloe, Tilly, Elsie, Belle, Ruby and Ella for putting together a great season of tennis.

Fast Four night tennis has been extremely popular this autumn and we are about to launch into our third month-long competition in a row which should carry through to winter. Looks like the only thing that can stop this Thursday night fun gathering would be a major upheaval such as court demolition and re-construction (wink, wink Towong Shire).



We've had to cap numbers at 16 each week as we only have lights for 2 courts and this has meant, unfortunately, that not everyone who wants to participate can. Fast Four is proving to be a great opportunity for juniors to gain experience playing with and against older players and we've been able to get more of the community involved in our club. A big thankyou to Brendan Pearson (FF Director) for organising the playing schedule each week.

The club was hoping to provide a progress report on the new courts – as it is winter, this is when we require construction without considerable interruption to the pennant season and junior coaching. Unfortunately, there is no progress to report at time of writing. Whilst Towong Shire was quick off the mark when it came to media releases last year (when grant for recreation reserve upgrade was obtained), they have been a little less explosive with action on the ground. We are all very excited by the prospect of much-needed new courts and lighting for four courts.

In the meantime, until works commence, we encourage the local community to utilise our courts.

There is always a net set-up for anyone wanting to hit some balls – our only request is that you leave the courts and surrounds as you found them.

Thanks once again to the sponsors whose contributions to the club are invaluable – Leischke Plumbing, Albury Sportspower, Johnsons MME, Cadmac, the Bethanga Hotel and Monumental Ice Creamery.

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Jarrod Stephenson (President)
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INCIDENTS

No incidents occurred in the last quarter

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

CFA fire restrictions ceased at on 29 March this year in the Towong Shire.

A reminder that while CFA fire restrictions have ceased, the person lighting the fire is still responsible to ensure it does not get out of control. Most open fires within the Towong Shire require a permit. More detail and permit applications can be found by searching "Fire Permits and Restrictions" on the Towong Shire website.

ELECTIONS

The brigade elections were held on 22 March 2021. The results were as follows:

- Captain: Ben Mitchell
- 1st Lieutenant: Zac Hirt
- 2nd Lieutenant: Daniel Stahl
- 3rd Lieutenant: Madelaine Northey
- 4th Lieutenant: Shane Bracegirdle
- 5th Lieutenant: Sean Farrar

Congratulations to all who hold a position in the Brigade Management Team.



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HUB TRAINING

On the 16th of May Bethanga brigade held a hub training with Talgarno and Granya Brigades. The Bethanga -Talgarno Juniors also joined the training. Members were split into teams of 4 and a friendly competition was held. The Juniors lead the teams through running competition drills to review basic firefighting skills including using the pump, drafting water and setting up a hydrant. Teams also completed a trivia challenge to review theory skills. Congratulations to "The A Team" that took out the 2021 Hub Championships title.



CHIMNEY FIRES

Your chimney or flue is designed to carry dangerous gases from your fireplace, wood stove or heater safely out of your home. Our brigade has attended many chimney fires over the years so don't think it won't happen to you. Chimney fires can burn fiercely, loudly and dramatically enough to be detected by neighbours or people passing by. Chimney fires can also be slow-burning and can often go undetected until they spread to nearby combustible parts of the house.

Preventing chimney fires:

- Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Clean and inspect your solid fuel chimney annually before winter and repair any faults.
- Burn dry seasoned wood.
- Allow adequate air supply so wood burns, not smoulders.
- Be aware, and investigate, changes to your wood fires performance or odours.

If you have a chimney fire, or any fire, call the fire brigade on **000** immediately

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Ron Evans, Community Safety Liaison

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| Health and Safety Coordinator | Wade Baard |
| Training Coordinator | Rob Medwell |
| Secretary | Brendan Pearson |
| Brigade Chairperson/President | Jim de Hennin |
| Treasurer | Grant Lewis |
| Comms Officer | Anthea Redman |
| Apparatus Officer/Asset Maintenance | Rob Medwell |
| Primary Group Delegate | Michael Elliot |
| Alternate Group Delegate | Jono Green |
| VFBV Delegate | Ken Merkel |
| VFBV Deputy Delegate | Leo Klausen |

Training

Several of our junior and senior members joined with Bethanga Fire Brigade in a training session on 16 May. We are very thankful to the Bethanga Brigade for coordinating the session and the invite to participate.

In the coming months we plan to do some training on how to use the SAS app to assist us with incident turnouts and a 4WD track familiarisation and training session.

80 Year anniversary and awards event

Our 80th Year anniversary and awards event is now going ahead on Sunday 20 June 2021. We are extremely grateful to the Towong Shire for granting us one of the Bushfire Community Recovery Grants to help us celebrate.

Our 80th year as a CFA brigade occurred in 2020, but due to COVID we had to put off our festivities until this year. We are very much looking forward to this opportunity to celebrate what our brigade has achieved and to thank and award members of our brigade for the many years of service they have given to the brigade and community.

The average years of service per member in our brigade sits at about 25 years and we have five members that have amassed more than 60 years

TALGARNO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hope you are all staying warm as we head into the cold of winter. As you would be aware, the 20/21 fire season ceased on 29 March 2021. The shortened season was thanks to the cooler and wetter summer season. Our activity in the brigade has again been quiet since the last Berringa News with just a few callouts.

Brigade Elections

We held our Brigade elections and general meeting on 31 March 2021. Guests, Trevor Ebbels from District 24, and Max Wood from the Tallangatta Group joined us. The night saw the standing down of our Brigade Captain of 13 years, Peter Star. Peter paid tribute to all members who have helped him in his role and complimented all on undertaking their roles professionally and safely. We thank Peter for his leadership over this period and look forward to his ongoing support of the brigade.

The elections saw the following positions filled:

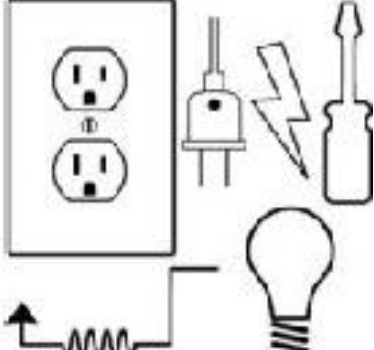
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and another five that have racked up over 50 years of service.

We have sent invitations to all current members and request that members collect their free tickets no later than Sunday 13 June. For any questions about the event please contact Brendan Pearson on 0439 881 440.

Planning for the long-term future

Our brigade has been discussing in recent meetings our long-term plans for future equipment, firefighting units and buildings as our community continues to change and grow. These plans will direct our fundraising efforts and financial planning.

We will be interested to hear from all our members on these plans to ensure we meet the needs of our community. If other members of the community wish to make any suggestions, we would welcome these ideas also.

BBQs

Our Fire Brigade Social Club BBQs have been going strong again this year. At our May BBQ we welcomed the Berringa Firies Calendar Committee and members from our neighbouring brigades for the calendar cheque presentation.

We thank the committee for pulling together the calendar yet again and look forward to future years. It is a great way to get our brigades together and raise some money towards our brigades' operational needs. It is also an excellent showcase of information about the brigades on the Peninsula

and a reminder to the community to think about fire safety.

New members

If there are any community members that would like to join our brigade, please contact Michael Elliot or Brendan Pearson. We encourage any members of our community; female, male, older and, younger to join in a range of roles from:

- Asset or equipment maintenance
- Brigade recruitment
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Community education re fire preparedness
- Bushfire survival planning
- Junior leaders
- Catering
- And operational firefighting.

*Michael Elliot, 0407 201 169
Brendan Pearson, Secretary, 0439 881 440*

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB



Springdale Road Bethanga

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the golf course is closed. Although some of the restrictions on golf courses are to be lifted, the Bethanga Golf course committee has made the regrettable decision that it will not re-open the course this season, due to the work required to make it useable for what would be a very short period.

The course will be re-opened next year. Hire the club house for your next celebration or fundraiser.

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Kristian Jahne - Treasurer*

TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

BETHANGA ANGLERS 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*

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Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

POLE WALKERS

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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Anglican - Holy Trinity Bethanga Services held on the 4th Sunday of the month – 9:30am, followed by morning tea. All visitors welcome. Baptisms/Christenings - by appointment. *Enquiries to Rev Sandra Temple 6026 4361 or 0467 259 722*

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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

The Annual General Meeting of Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group was held at the Talgarno Hall on 7 April. It was well attended by 20 plus people who were well entertained by a great guest speaker who gave us a wonderful

presentation on dung beetles. The guest speaker was Russell Barrow, Senior Research Fellow at the Graham Centre and he was accompanied by Graeme Heath a Technical Officer .

An election was held for office bearers.

President Jim de Hennin, Treasurer Hugh Dunchue and a new Secretary, Julie Birch A special vote of thanks to Greg Hayes, the retiring secretary, for all his great work.

We would love you to put forward any ideas for speakers or on ground works. Please contact any committee



member or Simon Feillafe 0438 190 999 . There are also opportunities to be part of the dung beetle program we currently have going

Memberships are due now, \$55 for 3 years ending 31 March 2024. To be part of your local Landcare group get in touch with Hugh Dunchue at hdunchue@live.com.au

Some dates were set for future meetings

15 September 2021
17 November 2021
16 March 2022
AGM 19 May 2022

Simon Feillafe has been busy as usual talking to a lot of our members, assessing their needs and looking for avenues for funding for more programs.

Simon has also been doing some work for Mitta 2 Murray Landcare Inc. working with landowners in creating five year management plans. These plans not only look at blackberry control but take into account all other weeds, feral animals and general state of pastures. To date we have 180 members and have mapped 40,000 hectares.

The season is looking Ok but more rain is always welcome, this is an ideal time to be planting your trees

*Jim de Hennin
President*

Bethanga Landcare Group

Bethanga Landcare Activities in 2021

A brief roundup from Bethanga Landcare Group

Our AGM was held May 19. Activities and plans for the remainder of 2021:

- * A "Birds and Bees" friendly shrub giveaway planned for Sun 25 July at the Bethanga Hall.
- * A tree & shrub planting and BBQ planned for Sat 24 July at the Recreation Reserve.
- * A tree & shrub planting Friday 30 July for Bethanga Primary School, date TBC.
- * Guest speaker and supper in September, date TBC.
- * We are meeting with Nexus Minerals regarding proposed Copper/Gold mining in Bethanga.

If you are interested in any of these activities go to our website: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/northeast/bethanga/>

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The childcare centre has had a very busy few months, with more children and families joining the service, in addition to our new educator Janet, who moved all the way from Darwin to become a part of the team.

The educators have organised explorations outside of the centre with 'mini' excursions to Roy Williams Park and the Bellbridge tennis courts. The tennis courts have been a very handy space to utilise the Bluearth program which is great for building children's self-awareness, resilience and mindfulness. The kids just love it!



The children have also been very focused on learning their alphabet and putting this knowledge into practice by writing their names and the names of people who are important to them. They love playing outdoors and have spent a lot of time engaging in nature play. The children are in awe each time they discover different bugs, insects and slugs in the playgrounds. They then learn about what they have found through books, online resources and self-observation. The children record their findings in a variety of ways from drawings, to playdough and craft representations.



Highlights over the last couple of months:

Easter Egg Hunt (with a twist) had children decorating rocks and finding them hidden in the playground.

Mother's Day afternoon tea – A huge success with the children enjoying having their mother's and grandmother's at the centre to participate in special activities.

Outdoor improvements - some softfall around the Long Day Care sandpit and new fencing and a gate around the front veranda have made it safer for the children to play and arrive and depart our centre.

Bunnings BBQ – The parents committee manned the Bunnings BBQ in April. Thank you to all those who helped out, especially our lovely educators, who gave up their time on a Sunday. It was a great fundraising effort and money raised will go towards purchasing resources for the children at the centre.



Sunday 30th May – Working bee at the centre to plant some shrubs and flowers followed by a pizza lunch – Everyone in the community are very welcome to join us! 10am to noon.

Thursday 10th June – The Flying Bookworm Theatre company are visiting the centre to inspire and delight the children.

Wednesday 21st July – 7pm our next committee meeting, Granya Pub. All welcome to attend.



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



Despite the traditional Bethanga Community Anzac Day Service being cancelled this year, we held a beautiful service run by our 3-6 students. Students did a wonderful job informing us of the importance of Anzac Day, the significance of the last post and honouring our service men and women, past and present, with a minute silence. It was lovely to have families and community members join us for this service.



Students are in the design phase of a mural that will be created in our Sensory Play Space. This will be created with the expert guidance and support of Albury artist Georgia Jacobs. We can't wait to see this beautiful blossoming artwork come to life!



Works are continuing at the school, the last of three major projects are set to be completed in coming weeks with covered walkways being installed.



Cross Country took place last week. A wonderful event involving students in F-6 participating with students from 9 other schools as part of NERSSA – a testament to the strength of small schools with the most participants.



After postponing after only two sessions in 2020 due to COVID, it was lovely to see the Berringa Playgroup start up again last week, It will occur fortnightly.



The focus for this term is Food and Fibre. This will be explored in many ways. Within the school we are harvesting many tomatoes from our veggie garden, daily eggs from our chickens and Millawa students (3-6) made a delicious pumpkin soup with a pumpkin grown by one of our families. In coming weeks, we will explore this topic further with a community excursion to local producers and distributors.

Rachel Saunders



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday 25th May

Cluster Prin day—Jay at Bethanga

Wednesday 26th May

National sorry day
Bluearth

Thursday 27th May

MARC Van

Basketball—Sporting Schools

Friday 28th May

Divisional Cross Country

Bethanga Sport

Monday 31st May

Reconciliation day

Tuesday 1st June

Music

Thursday 3rd May

Basketball—Sporting Schools

Friday 4th June

Hockey at school

EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 18 May, we explored food and fibre production by going on an excursion, with Bethanga Primary School, to Tanybryn Farm, Wolki Farm and Harris Farmers Market. Firstly, we went to the Tanybryn farm to learn about how the farmers there work. Rachel (one of the farmers) gave each of us a task to plant something such as garlic cloves, tulips and potatoes.

Then we drove to Wolki Farm in Thurgoona. Firstly, we looked at the market garden and owner Jacob explained what cafes he owns. Secondly, we looked at the fat pigs in the orchard and Jacob explained all about how the pigs protect the orchards as well as getting ready for the market. Thirdly, we saw the chicks in the cage sitting under the heat lamps and he said 400 chicks come in every 2 months and he sends them to be made into chicken nuggets. He said he had over a hundred pigs living on the farms. Then, we saw how Jacob transfers the chooks cages so that they get fresh grass to eat all day. After that, we made our way to Oddies Creek Park for lunch and play. When Mrs Saunders blew the whistle, we came back onto the bus and made our way to Harris Farm markets. Once the tour guides (Clive and Hamish) came, we all split into groups and they told us the story of how the three Harris brothers made a company and spread it across the whole of Australia. Here are some comments from the seniors and juniors who went on the tour:

“We learnt that you could pour milk out of a tap instead of getting it in a jug, and we saw someone making the donuts in the shop and we saw the flour getting made into bread” Harleigh Winter.

“I learnt a lot about the local produce and where things came from, getting to try some of the foods I haven’t tried before. We got \$5 to spend on what we wanted” Elsie Star.

BASKETBALL

We were finally able to get access to some seriously talented basketballers through our sporting schools program. Yesterday Shereece (Import from USA) and Mitch (import from NZ) who both play for the Albury Border Bandits came to put the students through their paces. They were so much fun and shared heaps of great tips to help the students understand how to play the basics in basketball. Mitch actually just played for the tall blacks against the Australian Boomers last month. Pretty amazing to have an international athlete come and play around with the kids here at school!



BETHANGA SPORT DAYS

The students had so much fun last Friday combing sports with the senior Bethanga students. We split into two groups where Mrs Saunders took half of the kids for netball and Mr K took the other half for football. Next week the students will swap groups to get a taste for both sports before choosing what they would like to do for the winter sports carnival coming up early next term.

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