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Bethanga and Talgarno Primary Schools sang both verses of the National Anthem at the Bethanga ANZAC Day Service 2018 News and views from the residents of Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno Circulation: 550 ABN: 96 071 800 843 www.berringacommunitynews.com.au

A committed and caring community support another very successful fundraiser event for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

Thanks to the generosity of the Berringa and surrounding Communities the fundraiser morning tea event for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre raised \$8217.05. This event was held on the 21st April 2018 in Julie and Jim de Hennin's garden at Talgarno. The event which attracted over 200 people was organised by a group of friends from the Talgarno, Bethanga, Granya and Bellbridge communities, whom were thrilled with the outcome of the event.

Tables and chairs were set up throughout the garden where attendees sat enjoying morning tea, each other's company and the beautiful music of Pete Klein and Rowan Brown

Highlights of the event included the delicious morning tea provided by attendees; a raffle of numerous generously donated items which meant that many people left the event delighted with their winnings; a BBQ of chicken kebabs; children's activities; cake, produce, plants and knitted items stalls. An auction of high quality items made and donated by several generous people attracted enthusiastic bidding. The auction was ably conducted by a local auctioneer, Craig Schubert.

A letter of thanks from the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre (AWRCC) said '.... sincerely thank you for your generous donation to our cause following your hugely successful fundraising morning tea......with your support the Trust Fund is able to enhance the wonderful treatment and care provided at the AWRCC. 'The Trust Fund is 100% local charity, meaning that all money raised remains in the local community to help family and friends through their cancer journey.

Appreciation and recognition is extended to the Raffle prize donors who included - Elders Albury; L Casey; J Miller; Blairs Produce; Wilson – Nichol Hairdressing; M Schorobura and the Wodonga Quilting group; TKS Hair & Beauty, Bethanga; Mt Pilot Estate; D. Schmidt Jewellery; Landmark NorMac Baranduda; Kellie Gibbons Eye Care; Georges Reserve; A & E Nichol; Regent Cinema Centre; Bethanga Hotel; N K Nichol & Co; Bellbridge Store; Coon's Dairy; Commercial Club Albury; Flower Macklin Pty Ltd; J & J de Hennin, P & R McFarland, M Williams; S & J Jurisic; Albury Sanctuary Hair & Spa; Bethanga Store; Peards Albury and G & L Berkel.



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AWRCC Fund Raiser

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Much of the financial success of the event was the outcome of the auction with items made possible thanks to the generosity and talent of – Bill Hotson (original painting), Joan, Norm & Diane Lehmann (Joan Lehmann original painting), Michael Schorobura (hand crafted coffee table), Trent Kellor (hand crafted Red gum timber framed mirror), Frank Kelly (limited edition numbered plates), Hugh & Nene Green (prime lamb), Cavanagh's Butchery Tallangatta (processing and packaging of the prime lamb) and Pat Mc Millan (handmade patchwork and quilted quilt).

To all those who attended and generously supported the event, many of whom made significant donations to the AWRCC, particular thanks is extended. Thanks are also extended to the Talgarno Fire Brigade which made a significant donation as the outcome of its April,

monthly social event and Kwik-Kopy Albury who printed the invitations at no charge.

Support for events such as this highlight what a generous and committed community we live in that supports local services such as the AWRCC. The organising team plan to hold a third event next year and invite you to attend and donate to this important event. Further information will be available in the Berringa Community News for next year's event.



Berringa Firies Calendar 2018

The 2018 Calendar was another huge success. On the 13th April, we were very excited to present a 'rather large' cheque to the local Fire Brigades totalling \$2815! This will be distributed between the Talgarno, Bethanga and Granya Brigades. Thanks to everyone that came along to the presentation at the Talgarno Fire Shed, it was great to see so many in attendance. Keep an eye out for our 2019 Firies Calendar Photo Shoot which will be held later in the year.



Mari Green presents cheque to Brendan Pearson, Talgarno CFA and John Northey, Bethanga CFA

In Memory of Rhonda Sinclair

Rhonda Sinclair will long be remembered by the Berringa Community for many special qualities. One of which was that she was a tireless community contributor who went above and beyond to give back to her community. Rhonda passed away on 2nd March 2018.

Rhonda and Hugh's children, Cassie and Lachlan, both spoke passionately at her funeral about what their Mum meant to them and the values she taught them.

Cassie's eulogy reflected on her earliest memory of her Mum..... 'walking in front of their original Talgarno property with Beau Beau the Border Collie in one hand, her Mum's hand in the other, picking up rubbish discarded by drivers

along the road. Keeping our part of the world beautiful was important to her, and was an honour that was recognised when she was awarded a Local Hero commendation one Australia Day'. In memory of the walk Rhonda did to collect rubbish from the roadside a few of the Berringa Community Newsletter team and her friends did the rubbish collection walk a few days after her funeral.

Rhonda also collected for the Salvation

Army Red Shield Appeal, hosted a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea, was Secretary for and planted trees with Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare, assisted in the production and distribution of the Berringa Community Newsletter, assisted with the Lake Hume Classic, sat on the boards of Trinity Anglican College and Scots School Albury and volunteered in political campaigns.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Hugh and children Cassie and Lachlan. Our sincere sympathy and thoughts are extended to her family.

The Berringa Community News Team greatly miss her energy, laughter and contribution to producing this newsletter



Berringa Community News Team at Rhonda's 50th Birthday in 2010. Bert Woods, Eileen OReilly, Lea Casey, Rhonda Sinclair, Kerrie Stephenson, Julie Miller

Donations are sought to provide defibrillators for Talgarno and Granya.

The chances of surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by 10% with every minute that passes after the arrest. But by increasing the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) out in our communities, we have the power to change the outcome.

Our campaign in 2016 purchased 3 defibrillators. On the Peninsula we now have defibrillators at Bethanga and Bellbridge Shops, on the Bethanga and Talgarno CFA trucks and in the CERT car. For Granya and Talgarno these are a long way away when minutes count.

In Talgarno we cannot be certain that the fire truck will be around, and the hall and tennis courts are regularly used. The closest defibs to Granya are Tallangatta or Walwa and we have functions at the Granya Hotel and The Woolpress. Murray River Road is becoming increasingly busy with tourist traffic and campers.

The plan is to install defibs on the outside of the Talgarno and Granya halls. Training to use the AED and CPR will be provided for residents and the CERT team will maintain them.

The cost of a defibrillator is \$2500. We will be applying for available grants, but we will also need community support.

Please make a donation through the CERT account at the Hume Bank BSB 640 000

Account number: 111059932 Account Name: Berringa Community Emergency Reference; AED

Cheques made out to Berringa CERT can be sent to Berringa CERT 341 Wises Creek Rd Talgarno Vic 3691

Donations are tax deductible. If you require a receipt please call me or email juliemiller@skymesh.com.au or SMS 0419 339 679

For more information call me on 6020 1107

Julie Miller Team Leader Berringa CERT

BETHANGA GYMKHANA.

Once again, we awoke to a beautiful autumn day, which attracted over 500 adults and just as many children to our event. Many of the members of the Sporting Horses Association once again made the trek up the highway from the Mt. Macedon area to compete in the horse novelty events. The group from Canberra arrived on the Thursday evening, this being the fifth year running they have attended our little event. All stayed the Saturday night and travelled onto Molyullah on the Sunday to participate in the fun and games on Easter Monday.

An excellent number of horses attended. The Border Districts Showjumping Club run our jumping arena, as they do for all the shows in the area. Apart from Tallangatta Show, which is geared towards Showjumping, we had more horses competing than any other show they attended in the past 12 months. We are so grateful the showjumping competitors continue to support our event. The 70cm open, which attracted 27 entries, was won by Miranda ridden by I. Randall; 2nd went to E.P. Willow ridden by G. Michael and 3rd went to Bundy ridden by K. Tschuner. The 85cm open, which attracted 35 entries, was won by Mingara Lucy ridden by C. Lockwood, 2nd went to CS Park Private Buddy ridden by C. Bertram and 3rd went to Bundy ridden by K. Tschuner. Brian Curnow and Des Gleeson, who are regular attendees, also had a successful day. We were fortunate to secure a little bit more sponsorship this year. This enabled us to purchase items so that all children participating in the "Apple in the Straw" events on the program received a prize of some description.

provided a venue where many children could perform and entertain. They treated an enthusiastic rotating audience to a large variety of acts that included piano, violin, dancing, guitar, African drumming, singing and even a rap song. Rowan Brown, a very talented musician from Eldorado, kindly supported Captain Pete by playing saxophone, trombone and squeeze box to help create a 'fair ground' atmosphere. Congratulations to all the children who performed, you were amazing. Even a few teenagers and adults got in on the act! It was not a busker's competition but a chance for our present and future stars to shine. Amazingly around 30 performers kept the music stage going for nearly 4 hours. Spot cash prizes went to Tilly, Ruby and Belle from Talgarno (singing); Zane from Talgarno (guitar); Eden from Bethanga (piano); Jennoah from Talgarno (singing); Will from Bethanga (piano); Arnie and Brielle from Foster (singing); Klancie and Elsie from Talgarno (singing and dancing). We thank Ian and Brenda from All Music in Dean Street, Albury for supplying 3 x \$25-00 gift vouchers. These were awarded to 'Tilly, Ruby and Belle' from Talgarno, Zane from Talgarno and Eden from Bethanga. Everyone who participated received Easter eggs and lolly prizes and recognition from an enthusiastic audience for a job well done. Thank you to everyone involved who assisted with and participated in this event. Hopefully Captain Pete will be back next year.

This year we welcomed a new group to the fold. The Wodonga Saints Football and Netball Club provided many members to assist us, especially with the running of the games. This eased the pressure on those who had been manning these venues for some years. More people meant less time each had to volunteer, which in turn meant more time for all to enjoy the activities. This association came about through Madelaine Northey. A member of the club, who works with Madelaine, indicated they were interested in doing some community work. We sincerely thank the members of the Wodonga Saints Football and Netball Club for their assistance. Naturally, they will now come into the list of groups to benefit financially from the Gymkhana and we hope this association will continue into the future.

As usual, the contestants in the Iron Man, Iron Woman and Pie Eating competitions entertained us all. In the Men's Gift, Paul Morgan was just a bit too fast for Daneil Kirk and Daniel Mitchell. Casey and Charlotte Mitchell performed extremely well to come 2nd and 3rd to Jackie Green in the Ladies Gift. Perhaps one better next year girls. Congratulations to all contestants for having a red hot go in all of these events.

'Rocket Launch' was introduced this year to the games area. Various sized boxes were placed on a section of the tennis court and contestants had to launch their rocket and endeavour to land it in one of the boxes. Which box your rocket landed in determined which set of prizes you got to choose from. The smaller the box and the further it was away from the launching pad, the harder it was to land the rocket in the box. This game proved extremely popular but frustratingly difficult. Just as well it wasn't a windy day!!!

The dog jump is always a favourite for many. Both divisions were hotly contested with Sandy, owned by Cameron Sirl, was successful over Summer, owned by Max, in the Small Dog Section. Perhaps Sandy had been practising, as she was the runner up last year. Mac, owned by Karen Green, won the Big Dog Section for the second year running. It wasn't until the 14th round that Mac got the better of Doc, owned by Jessica. Both divisions put on a marvellous display as the winner of the small dog section wasn't decided until the 12th round.

Our meeting to finalise our event this year will be after this is forwarded for

'Captain Pete's busking marque'





publication and prior to you getting it to read. We need to retain a small portion of our profits this year to undertake some improvements to our speaker system and to do a couple of minor maintenance jobs. We estimate that each of the twelve participating groups will receive around \$400-00 each.

Below is a listing of those firms and individuals that assisted us with our day. Some gave a financial donation and others gave gifts or vouchers. Of course, those not listed, are the people that rock up year after year after year to assist us. We sincerely thank one and all and we request you support those who have supported us where you can.

We believe all those entitled to receive a prize have received it. If you name appears above and you have not received your respective reward, please contact the secretary. I must say, I did find some of the writing a little difficult to read. I do apologise if I have misspelt your name.

Well she is all done and dusted and packed away for another year. If you did something, made something or gave something in the lead up to or on the day, we sincerely thank you. If you came along with a horse in tow or the kids in tow, we thank you for supporting our event. We hope you all enjoyed the day.

Lucky Gate Prize

\$50 Bunnings Gift Voucher - Tennille McIntosh, Yack
\$50 Coles/Myer Gift Voucher - Mackly Noakes
\$50 Beazleys Meat Voucher - Celia Hillman, Lavington
Hair Care Pack - Hayden Shipard.
Lotto raffle

\$600 - Andrea Williams, Table Top
\$5 Scratchie - Richard Wright, Bethanga
\$5 Scratchie - Marg Sirl, Bethanga
\$5 Scratchie - Brian Hunter, Bethanga
\$5Scratchie - Jack Bayliss, Bethanga

Events

Bale of Wool Weight - Actual 142.4kgs Guess 142.5kgs Tracy, Bethanga, 2nd Terry Weston

Lollies in the Jar - Actual 162 Guess-162 Maddy Skates. Step the Distance - Actual 5794mm Guess 5600mm Sara Stevenson & Jess Wagner

Pole Height - *Actual* 5920mm *Guess* 6160mm Melody Parker 2nd Robyn Parker

Nail Driving - Men's - 1st Mitch Trafford 2nd Adam Hawkins Nail Driving – Ladies - 1st Eliza Gowan 2nd Teyha Livg-Liva Nail Driving – Kids - 1st Jack Neilson 2nd David Prichard Handball – Open - 1st Doug Mitchell 2nd Martin Reid Handball – Kids – 1st Alex Swinnerton & Jake Beattie 2nd Hudson Prichard.

Soccer Goal Shoot – Open – 1st Doug Mitchell 2nd Adam Carty Soccer Goal Shoot – Kids - 1st Rhys Carty 2nd Hudson Prichard Golf Putting – Men's - 1st Bruce Mitchell 2nd Mitch Trafford Golf Putting – Ladies - 1st Jo Ollington 2nd Shandawg Tucker Golf Putting – Kids - 1st Jack Neilson 2nd Kalan Mitchell Gift – Gents - 1st Paul Morgan 2nd Daneil Kirk 3rd Daniel Mitchell

Gift – Ladies - 1st Jackie Green 2nd Casey Mitchell 3rd Charlotte Mitchell

Iron Man - 1st Brodie Sirl 2nd Daniel Mitchell 3rd Gavid Cadman Iron Woman – 1st Coralie Schell 2nd Jess Sirl 3rd Kim Mudra Pie Eating - 1st Mathew Seeder 2nd Nash Clark 3rd Mick Read

Artworks

Foundation, Year One & Year Two - 1st Denver Brown (T) 2nd Daniel Richardson (B) & Annie Nelson (B) 3rd Ruby Pearson (T) & Callum Vodden (B)

Year Three & Year Four - 1st Charlotte Ladanay (B) 2nd Isobel Blackburne (B) 3rd Brooke Ramadge (T)

Year Five & Year Six - 1st Tilly Pearson (T) 2nd Jordana Ciccarello (B) & Will Samuels (B) 3rd Olivia Swinnerton (B)

Mary Northey (Secretary) On behalf of the Committee. Phone: 6026 4257

Border & District Show jumping Club Urban Graze Tallangatta Vet Clinic Landmark NorMac – Baranduda Parkside Produce Pty. Ltd. Saddleworld – Albury Beazley's Meats –Wodonga The Mitchell Family – Arcot, Bethanga Schubert Boers Pty. Ltd. Bethanga Courthouse Hotel Free Rein Equestrian Supplies

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of every month

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Talgarno Community Forum Sunday June 17 at 11 AM

Call for ideas for the use and improvement of the Talgarno Recreation Reserve

The Victoria government has announced a community grants initiative that will provide \$30 million across the state to fund local projects. The objective of the project must be to make the community 'an even better place to live in.' They will consider any project costing between \$20,000 and \$200,000. Local organisations can submit projects as can individuals provided they partner with an 'eligible organisation.'

The Talgarno Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee has decided to submit an application and wants to build the application around the community's ideas for the use and improvement of the Recreation Reserve. All are invited to this forum to give guidance to the committee.

Details of the government initiative are available on www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

For more information contact Greg Hayes 6020 1157

Mother's Day High Tea @ The Wool Press Granya

Talgarno Primary School hosted their second Mother's Day High Tea Fundraiser at the Wool Press in Granya. 140 people attended the High Tea event, including many locals and friends and family from afar. It was a relaxing day set in the valleys of Granya at Jayden and Katie Kotzur's Wool Press Function Centre.

The event was catered for by Tea By Three, who cooked up a storm serving a variety of cute sandwiches and delicate savouries followed by traditional High Tea desserts and beverages (of course including Tea!). They decorated the woolshed beautifully with their elegant Royal Albert crockery and rose-coloured crystal wine glasses.

There were stalls, raffles, lucky door prizes and a silent auction on the day, and everyone loved going home with a photo memento of their day.

There were many people in the community who volunteered their time and donated goods and services to this event. Talgarno Primary would like to shout out a massive thank you to all those involved. They raised just



over \$2700 for the day, which is a fantastic result for a small school fundraiser.

The Bethanga Mobile Phone Tower Launch



The Bethanga mobile phone tower was officially launched on 16 March 2018 by Independent Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan and Telstra's Area General Manager East & South West Victoria, Loretta Willaton.

During the launch at the Bethanga Hall, right on queue, someone's mobile rang. We will now need to remember to turn off our phones at events at Bethanga Hall.

The tower was funded under the Commonwealth Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme.

Local Enterprise

New Hairdressing Salon Opens in Bethanga

Tish Jasinowicz, wife of Anthony, our new policeman, has recently opened a hairdressing salon in Bethanga. Tish grew up in Shepparton and completed her primary and secondary schooling there, before doing some work experience in a highly regarded Shepparton salon, during her Year 10. This confirmed Tish's desire to make hairdressing her career and accept an apprenticeship in Shepparton. During her apprenticeship Tish attended trade school at Victoria University, Melbourne, where she studied various aspects of hairdressing, including styling and colouring. Tish's good salon work and connection with clients were rewarded by being nominated for the Victorian Apprentice of the Year Award.

Tish worked in several Shepparton salons before deciding, 7 years ago, to open a salon of her own. During this time she completed Certificate 3 in Beauty Therapy which expanded her knowledge and skills and allowed her to offer a wider range of services. Tish met Anthony in Shepparton and after marrying and starting their family, she decided to work from home, allowing her to fit clients in around Jack and Harry's daily routines.

Tish sold all her equipment before moving to Bethanga, intending to be a 'stay at home mum' but when she saw an opening for a local hair and beauty salon in Bethanga, she decided to change her plans. After checking options, she chose to locate her salon in 'the old butcher's shop' in Jobling St. Minor renovations were needed so Anthony capably set to work, helping her make the interior into a relaxing, inviting and modern space. Outside on the verandah, colourful hanging baskets and a patio setting add to the friendly, welcoming feel.

Tish's interests include gardening, caring for their chooks, ducks and goat, bush walking and camping. She enjoys spending time with her family, exploring around the local hills, picnicking, mushrooming and also boating and fishing on local waterways.

Tish offers the following services and is very well setup for men's and ladies' haircuts and styles, blowwaves, colours, foils and perms, bridal and debutante hairstyles and makeup. Tish is available to travel for wedding parties around the Peninsula area.

On the beauty side, Tish also does waxing, eyebrow and eyelash tinting and spray tans.

Open on Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Flexible arrangements can be made.

Pensioner discounts available. Phone : 0400 657 457



Fresh Bread Baked in Bethanga

Adam Streltschenko, a Bethanga resident for two years, is using the kitchen of the Bethanga Hotel to bake bread to sell to the local community. Adam has been a baker for 16 years and has worked in various local bakeries, including Bakers Delight and the Thurgoona Bakery since 2005.

Adam saw an opportunity to sell fresh bread locally and Lesley offered the kitchen at the hotel. As the kitchen only has basic bakery equipment he will initially be selling white, grain and whole meal loaves on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. On Sundays he will also sell croissants, and a variety of mini savoury scrolls.

The future range and outlets will depend on demand.

For now, orders must be made the day before and can be picked up at the Bethanga Hotel.

FRESH BREAD

Now taking orders for locally baked fresh bread in Bethanga

Fresh loaves Available Wednesday and Friday from 4pm

White \$3.50 Grain \$3.50 Wholemeal \$3.50

Sunday mornings from 8am

White, grain and wholemeal loaves Freshly baked croissants \$2.80 each or 4 for \$10.00 Cheese and bacon rolls \$2.80 each or 4 for \$10.00 6 mini savoury scrolls \$5.00

*Gluten free white bread also available by special order.

For all orders and enquiries please call Adam on 0415 243 149

Orders to be placed no later than 3pm the day before Pick-up from Bethanga Courthouse Hotel

ANZAC Day Service Bethanga 2018



Talgarno Cemetery Works to Start

The Talgarno Cemetery trust has managed to obtain a grant from DHS for upgrades to the cemetery. Application for council approvals are currently underway and construction is expected to commence very soon. These works will provide a much needed upgrade to our niche wall, as well as some extra spaces in a new niche wall. A shelter will cover the niche walls and some seating providing a comfortable spot for mourners in our lovely cemetery. Landscaping, a path and signage will complete the project. We will be requesting the assistance of the community for a working bee to complete some of the landscaping and clean up at a later date.

Any enquiries or offers of assistance please contact Lea Casey, Secretary. (lea.casey@gmail.com)

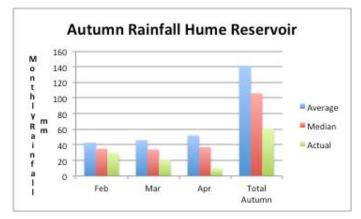
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Rainfall Round-up

What can I say? The forecast for autumn was for 'average' rainfall! The reality was very average indeed, in fact the driest since 2004 when the total for autumn was 23mm. The autumn rainfall (February to end April) was 61 mm at Hume Reservoir, 43% below average. (It was 66mm at the TAFCO weather station). Autumn started off reasonably with February 81% of average, but then got progressively worse with March 46% and April just 19% of average. April was a shocker with just 10mm which is at the 10th percentile (90% of all Aprils on record have been wetter). As I write this, despite the 27mm so far in May, we still need follow up to say we have had a real autumn break.



Our total rainfall for 2018 to date is 129mm at the TAFCO station.

It has been unseasonally warm over the autumn in part because the lack of rain has kept soils dry and warm but also because a persistent high pressure pushed hot air from the Pilbara and the centre into our region. April was the second hottest on record for Victoria and the maximum temperatures were 3 – 4 degrees above the long term norm. Wagga had 10 consecutive days above 30 degrees in April far exceeding the previous record of 4 days. There is clear evidence of an overlying trend towards warmer temperatures across Australia.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested that autumn would be about average but I can sympathise with the weather forecasters for getting it wrong this autumn. All the classic weather signals were neutral (SOI, IOD) and there was plenty of potential moisture in the warmer than normal seas to the north of Australia. The Sub Tropical Ridge of high pressure moved into the right place for winter (at the top of the Great Australian Bight) and the pressure over southern Australia was low enough to allow rain. The lack of rain in April was apparently the result of higher than normal pressures in the upper atmosphere which has prevented moisture transport into the region from the tropical oceans. And earlier in the autumn we had persistent high pressure off the WA coast that had the effect of blocking movement of rain-bearing fronts.

Prospects for winter (May to end July)

I know this is likely to bring on a yawn for those of you who are still reading this Rainfall Roundup but, guess what, BOM is suggesting that there is an equal chance that the winter rainfall will be above or below average for the NE. A wetter than average season is forecast for far eastern Victoria and a drier than average season for western Victoria so we're in the middle. There is still no strong signal with any of the climate drivers, neutral SOI, neutral IOD, Sub tropical ridge of high pressure is in the right position, etc. The temperature of the water in Tasman Sea and the seas north of Australia are higher than normal and that potentially provides sources of moisture but everything needs to fall into line for that to lead to better than average rainfall. The BOM seems very confident that the temperatures this winter will be above average.

The BOM has a very good blog dealing with neutral outlook forecasts (<u>http://media.bom.gov.au/social/blog/1699/what-to-expect-from-the-climate-when-the-outlooks-are-neutral</u>). This shows that a neutral outlook doesn't mean that the most likely rainfall will be spot on the average. It includes an interesting graph showing the wide range of actual rainfall that has been recorded in years where the outlooks are neutral. This is in contrast to the situation where there is a strong signal either of El Niño or La Niña in which case the actual rainfalls have been more concentrated into below or above average respectively.

Greg Hayes



COMMUNITY NOTICES

This section is for community members to give notice about local happenings, births, deaths and marriages etc. Email to info@berringacommunitynews.com.au

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Ferry closed for maintenance 2 –22 March 2018

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Women's Health Clinics

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

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

All ages welcome

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

Sue Reid 6071 5270

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).

Use of pizza oven free - but booking essential The old chairs and the tables are available for hire by donation.

For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

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For Hall Bookings: Contact Bethanga General Store 6026 4215

Granya Hall

Fees for the hall hire

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

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

Catering \$8 a head

Community Meeting \$15

Bookings and Information contact

Kaye Guilliamese kjfarm@gmail.com 6072 9598



Maternal & Child Health

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

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

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

Bonegilla Hall

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Monthly Dance held on the 4th

Saturday of the month; 8pm start.

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Winter is here, time to curl up by the fire with a good book from the <u>Talgarno Street Library</u>

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Hard Waste Collection

At Council's periodic hardwaste and greenwaste collections residents can dispose of bulky waste such as couches, stoves and old fencing wire as well as noncommercial quantities of greenwaste.

You will need to call Council on 02 6071 5100 to make a booking; this helps us to keep the site safe and manage traffic effectively.

Don't forget to tell Customer Service about your waste voucher, issued with rates notices, this will ensure we can register your voucher so you can dispose of waste free of charge.

Upcoming collection dates

- Bethanga Saturday 6 October 2018, 10am 1pm
- Granya Sunday 7 October 2018, 10am 1pm

Council does not accept batteries, tyres, chemicals or oils, during these collections - but residents can safely dispose of these at the Corryong Landfill or the Tallangatta or Wodonga Transfer Stations.

Granya Gazette

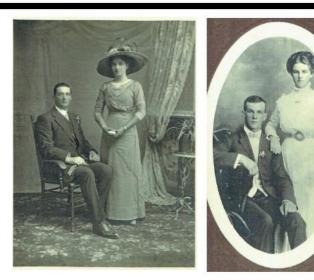






Granya Streetscape Upgrades

As you can see the Granya Streetscape is well under way! The Granya improvement and beautification project is currently underway; below are some pictures of the progress.



Do you know this couple?

Granya Pioneer Museum has many photos that the individuals are unknown. If you would like to help solve the mystery of these photos and many more please contact

Jenny McKinley on 0421 340 288.

Other Granya News—

Talgarno Primary School—Environment and History Education Day, visited the Cotton Tree Creek and Pioneer Museum Thursday 24th May.

Obítuary



Graham Lockhart

A well know Wises Creek-Talgarno identity Graham Lockhart passed away on the 12th April 2018.

In 1976 Graham and Joan Lockhart moved from Tocumwal to Wises Creek where they lived until they moved to Wooragee sixteen years ago.

Graham and Joan were significant contributors to the development of Wises Creek when they sub-divided much of their property into small acreage land parcels. They were also progressive farmers. They ran cattle and also bred angora goats and later alpacas. At their immaculately maintained property in Wooragee they became well known for the number and quality of alpacas they breed.

Graham and Joan were committed land carers ensuring their pastures were healthy, natural and weed free. Such was their commitment that Graham became (with much encouragement from neighbours) the inaugural President in 1993 of the Talgarno Conservation Group which later became Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare.

Graham is survived by his wife Joan and daughters Wendy and Suzanne, sons in law Ron and Graham and grand children.

Rahies

Laura Morris and Josh Brown announce the birth of **Henry** on 22nd Feb, weighing 7lb 10oz. Baby brother of Denver and Everly.



Debbie, Tim & Paddy Nicholls of Table Top, welcomed **Lucy** Joan to their family on 1st March, weighing 7lb 12oz. Grandchild number 6 for Anthea & Graham Redman



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PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – Winter Edition 2018

Let's watch out for each other

Area Co-ordinator: Bob Martin - Ph 0418 597 982 Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko - Ph 60 264323 Newsletter Team: Lyn Martin - Ph 0407 933 480, Ken Star – Ph 6072 9565, Julie de Hennin – Ph 0412 433 499



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Winter edition of the PNHW Newsletter.

Having your home broken into can be a distressing experience. Many people feel violated with the thought of a stranger going through their personal belongings.

There are however, simple and effective measures you can implement to significantly reduce the incidence of burglary at your home.

To determine how secure your home is, think like a burglar. From the outside of your home, consider how difficult it would be to a would-be thief. Are there any tools lying around your yard that could assist in prying open a window, are there any ladders lying beside the shed, or are trees and shrubs concealing windows providing cover for a burglar while they break in?

Homes without a security system are 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with one installed. If you can't afford one place a generic sticker in full sight that says "this home is protected by home security".

There is good information on home and vehicle security on the website: <u>www.nhw.com.au</u>

Safe Plate Day will be held at Bethanga Hall on the Victorian State election day later this year (date yet to be announced) between the hours of 8:00am – 2:00pm. Where members will replace the screws on your numberplate with safety screws that have a bevel which prevents them from being removed with a regular screw driver.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of **Bellbridge Lake Hume** for their generous donation of \$500 to support the work of our Neighbourhood Watch program.

There are still plenty of gate and fence signs left, so please make use of them.

Bob Martin

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch, Area Co-ordinator

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

The following dates and locations are for our Community Meetings to be held in 2018.

<u>August 15th</u>, 7.30pm 2018 – <u>Talgarno</u> - Community Meeting & AGM at Talgarno Primary School followed by supper

<u>November 21st</u>, 7.30pm 2018 - Bellbridge – Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Berringa Community Centre

The community where the meeting is held is encouraged to invite neighbours to these meetings

Wood Raffle



Annual Wood Raffle

Congratulations to John Jones from Bellbridge who won the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Annual Wood Raffle. The highlight of this win was that our committed Neighbourhood Watch member Pat Kavanagh sold John the ticket. Enjoy the winter with you load of wood John.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

POLICE CRIME REPORT

Hello All Welcome to winter!

We have had a couple of really good months on the Peninsula with nothing major to report. If everyone keeps showing each other the respect that I have seen we should continue to have a safe community. Well done. Please keep in mind our friends in the community that don't have much support around them and might need a visit over the really cold days (or some fire wood). And if you're escaping the cold tell your neighbours or fill out an Absent from Residence Form.

I have a couple of reminders; please be aware that the roads will become slippery due to the rain and I have seen a couple small incidents of people losing concentration and incidents happening. We need to drive to the conditions. Please try to keep your cattle secured, with the Lake levels dropping I spend most of my day putting cattle back in paddocks; fines do apply for having unsecured cattle.

Also with your vehicles make sure you pay the registration, the fine for driving an unregistered vehicle is \$793.00 which is more than actually paying the rego. If in doubt log onto

<u>https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration</u> and check it's up to date, because you won't be insured if you crash.

Unfortunately we have had a couple incidents of illegal shooting / trespassing across the Towong Shire. If you plan on shooting wild animals like Kangaroos or Deer make sure you have the appropriate permits in place and permission from land owners. I have seized a number of firearms from poachers, and they may also lose their vehicles and get a summons to court. It's not hard to do the right thing. If you need permits contact Game Management Authority on 136 186 or log onto

http://www.gma.vic.gov.au/licensing/apply-for-a-gamelicence.

Remember if you see something say something. Keep an eye out for your neighbours and they will do the same for you. If I'm not around at Bethanga Station on (02) 60264204 you should contact Wodonga Police on (02) 60492600, Tallangatta Police on (02) 60712204 or '**000**'. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Stay safe!

Senior Constable Anthony JASINOWICZ – Bethanga Police

Emergency Numbers for Police, Ambulance or Fire <u>Call 000 or from</u> <u>Mobiles Call 112</u> These calls are free!

Protect your Livestock and Report Farm Crime

It has been reported recently that at least \$1.5 million in livestock has been reported stolen in Victoria since the start of last year, however that figure is likely to be much higher as under-reporting of farm crime is recognised as an issue by Victoria Police.

The **agricultural liaison officer program** is Victoria Police's frontline response to crime affecting primary producers.

It relies on officers volunteering to take on the roles in addition to regular duties.

Many farmers fail to report livestock theft because they do not think police can do much about a relatively small scale report, however, one report might provide the final piece of information needed for an investigating officer to solve and complete a livestock investigation and charge a thief.

Things to consider to help farmers to protect themselves from stock loss:

- Tagging their livestock at an early age and not leaving this until the day before a major sale. The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is Australia's system for livestock identification (ear tags, microchips etc). It enables livestock to be tracked from their property of birth to slaughter.
- Secure loading ramps and stockyards to prevent unauthorised use.
- Photographing and videoing your livestock regularly to assist with identification.
- Keep receipts / records of any purchase as proof of ownership.
- Keep track of any agisted stock and their markings.
- Check stock numbers regularly, especially those out of view from the homestead.
- Remember no matter how small your loss, always report livestock theft.
- Victoria Police urge anyone who may have information related to any farming or livestock theft incident to contact Crime Stoppers or their local Police Station.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

CLUBS AND GROUPS

BERRINGA CERT



Do you know how much it costs to call an ambulance?

If you live in a rural area, you will be charged \$1776 for an emergency and \$549 for a non-emergency transport. There is no extra charge per kilometres travelled. If you require air transport it would be around \$3000 and helicopter transport could be between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

There are no Ambulance charges for Pensioner and Health Care Card holders, Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card holders. In the case of road accidents, the ambulance costs are generally paid by the Transport Accident Commission and workplace accidents are generally paid by the Victorian WorkCover Authority.

Ambulance cover through Ambulance Victoria costs \$92.05 a year for a family or \$46 for a single person. If you purchase a Family Membership, you, your partner and dependent children under the age of 17 and living under the same roof or over 17 and under 25, **studying full time** will be covered.

Ambulance Victoria Membership includes:

- All emergency road ambulance transport;
- All MICA (Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance) attendance and treatment;
- All emergency air ambulance and clinically necessary non-emergency air ambulance;
- All ambulance treatment when transport is not required;
- All clinically necessary non-emergency patient transport;
- Emergency ambulance treatment and transport services provided while interstate.

Please also be aware that when you have ambulance cover with a private health insurance company they do not purchase Ambulance Victoria membership. Private health insurers set their own terms and conditions of what they will and will not cover.

Ambulance Victoria recommends you contact your fund and use the Ambulance Cover Checklist as a guide to determine if you have sufficient ambulance cover.

- Does my policy cover me for all ambulance services such as treatment, road and air?
- Does my policy cover all emergency transport?

- What is the funds definition of an emergency?
- What if I am not admitted to hospital after ambulance care and transport?
- If someone calls an ambulance for me but I do not require ambulance care, will I be covered for the cost of an ambulance call out?
- Am I covered for non-emergency transport?
- If I require ambulance services while interstate will I be covered?
- If I require transport by ambulance from an interstate hospital will I be covered?
- Do exclusions exist under my policy? If yes, what are they?

For more information about ambulance membership www.ambulance.vic.gov.au or call 1800 648 484

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



CERT provided first aid to for the Easter bunny after he was chased & attacked by children at the Bethanga Gymkhana

BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

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

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

> Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon Brian 6026 4214

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed is open every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get involved in Men's Shed projects or create your own, or even get the men at the shed to do a project or repair job for you, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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

Phil Craig, President

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000 Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511 Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800 240 667 All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

1st April 10:21pm 12 members responded Tanker 1, Ultralight and 2 private slip-ons to assist Talgarno with a grass fire on the roadside at Merkel's reserve along Murray River rd. The fire was the result of a burnt-out car and was extinguished quickly.

12th April 1:42pm 4 members responded in Tanker 2 to form part of a strike team to Howlong to assist NSW RFS. Truck and crew returned late that night.

17th May 4:43pm 13 members responded both tankers and ultra-light to a grass fire on Lake Road. The small fire was a result of fire place ashes being disposed of near some leaf litter. Members extinguished the fire quickly and returned home.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

CFA fire restrictions officially ended on the 30th of April. We were fortunate to have a relatively quiet

fire season this year. While restrictions have ended, please remember that the person who is lighting the fire is responsible for ensuring it doesn't get out of control.

WINTER IS UPON US

Please be sure to clean your chimneys, heater flues & fans, clothes driers (for lint build up) and check electric blankets before use. Consider upgrading to a modern electric blanket that has safety features such as: automatic turn off countdown timer and over temperature turn off. A metre from the heater is the recommendation when drying clothes in front of the heater.

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

As we head into the colder months, please also keep in mind that the Towong Shire Council does have some fire restrictions that are in effect all year round, and these rules can differ depending on where you live. To check on the regulations at your location it is a good idea to contact the Towong Shire Fire Prevention officer on 6071 5100 prior to any burning activities.

MINIMUM SKILLS

Coming into the winter we plan to conduct a minimum skills training. This is the initial training for new members that allows them to respond to fires and incidents. Anyone interested in joining the brigade and become a volunteer fire fighter please contact any of the members listed at the



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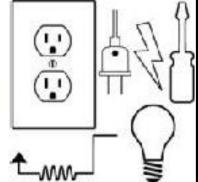
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ELECTIONS

On the 9th of May Bethanga CFA held their bi-annual elections. Our long-standing Captain, John Northey, stepped down from the role after 10 years. While we are sad to see him step down, he will still be involved through other roles, and we are looking forward to the leadership of our new captain, Ben Mitchell.

The election results are as follows. We would like to congratulate them all. Captain - Ben Mitchell 1st Lieutenant - Mark Trafford 2nd Lieutenant - Matt Gill 3rd Lieutenant - Madelaine Northey 4th Lieutenant - Phil Harrison 5th Lieutenant - Brett Martin **Communications Officer - John Northey** Chairperson - Ross Mitchell Secretary - Tracey Woodhouse Treasurer - Liz Fagence Brigade VFBV Delegates - John Northey & Kevin Ellison Asset Maintenance/Equipment Officers - Bethanga Mark Trafford & Daniel Stahl (assist) - Bellbridge Chris Davis Brigade Health and Safety Coordinator - Dan Mitchell Community Safety Coordinator - Ron Evans Group Delegates - Ben Mitchell & Dan Mitchell

Brigade Training officer - Matt Gill & John Northey (assist)

JUNIORS

Bethanga and Talgarno brigades have joined forced to get the junior brigade up and running for our community. The junior brigade is for youth between the ages of 11 and 15. We held an information night on the 18th of April, and there was a lot of interest from the community. We intend to hold a few come and try days in the coming months, so watch this space.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining the junior brigade please contact John Northey 0414 931 442 or Brendan Pearson on 0439 881 440.

PADLOCKS

A number of property owners in our area have padlocks on their gates. In the event of an emergency on their property, the brigade will cut the chain, lock, or fence beside the gate to gain access to the property. As an alternative, the CFA has available for purchase red CFA locks. These locks are all able to be opened by a single key, which will be in located in each of the brigade's appliances. This system is also being used by our neighboring brigades, meaning that they will have the same key in their appliances. This will allow our brigades to work together to fight fires and protect property.

Locks cost approximately \$23 each, and you can contact John Northey 0414 931 442 for further information.

BETHANGA GYMKHANA

Easter Saturday saw the annual Bethanga Gymkhana & Family Fun Day, with Talgarno and Bethanga brigades participating

with demonstrations, information for the public, and with running the barbeque. The day was a great success and we enjoyed interacting with the community. Well done to the Gymkhana committee for organizing a great local event.

Ben Mitchell Captain PH: 0411 080 277 Bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com Tracey Woodhouse Secretary PH: 0413 708 302 bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com Ron Evans Community Safety Liaison PH: 6026 4301 or 0427 465 286

TALGARNO CFA

Welcome to the winter update from Talgarno Fire Brigade. Although the fire season is over please take care with lighting fires around your house or in paddocks as it is still very dry. A bit of wind could easily spread a fire. Please ensure you patrol fires and have adequate firefighting equipment on hand, just in case.

If you are conducting a significant planned burn please make us aware. Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA). You can do this in the following ways: Phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information. Complete the Burn off Notification Form from CFA website.

Email the form to <u>burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au</u> or by fax: 1300 674 428.

Use the National Relay Service by ringing 1300 555 727 and ask for Information to be relayed to ESTA via 1800 668 511

Winter brings with it different fire risks. Particularly in the home as we attempt to stay warm using heaters and fires, cook indoors more and use appliances like dryers. Consider these tips to stay safe over the cooler months:

• Make sure heaters are off before going to bed or going out.



- Keep clothing, curtains or toys one metre away from heaters.
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free from grease and residue.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year.
- Test and vacuum smoke alarms monthly.
- Ensure you have a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Clean chimneys and flues every year.
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Keep candles, incense, and oil burners away from anything flammable.
- Don't leave electric blankets on for more than 30 minutes.
- Never put weight (people, animals or objects) on your bed while the electric blanket is on.
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Let the clothes dryer complete its cool down cycle before stopping.

Incidents

Since the last edition of Berringa News, we've been involved in 2 incidents:

01/04/2018 MURRAY RIVER ROAD, TALGARNO torched passenger vehicle. Talgarno Brigade and Bethanga Brigade's Tanker and Slip On responded. The fire was controlled fire within 30 minutes and crews continues to black out the fire for an hour or so.

17/05/2018 LAKE ROAD, BELLBRIDGE grass fire threatening house. Talgarno tanker turned out, but was turned back as other crews controlled the fire.

Junior Brigade

Following our call out to the community for Junior Brigade leaders, we had a great response. Between Bethanga and Talgarno, we have 6 leaders; John and Madelaine Northey from Bethanga, Jonathan Green, Ang Nevin-Lewis, Brendan



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We had a terrific turn out for our information evening in April at the Talgarno Fire Brigade station with 11 juniors expressing interest to participate. We were ably assisted by members from Baranduda and Chiltern Junior Brigade and Elissa Rossiter from the District 24 office.

Our Junior leaders have now completed induction with the District 24 office and we are holding three 'come and try' sessions:

Saturday 2 June at 9am at Bethanga Brigade.

Saturday 16 June at 9am at Talgarno Brigade. Saturday 30 June at 9am at Bethanga Brigade.

Each session will last approximately 2 hours and we'll be doing some fun 'ice breaker' activities, basic water pumping activities, fire theory activities and learning about personal protective equipment.

In term 3 we'll run activities in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and the last session in each term will be a social/fun activity.



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If any 11-15-year old childen (or those about to turn 11) are interested, please attend one of our come and try sessions or call or email Brendan Pearson on 0439881440 or <u>brendanofoz@gmail.com.</u>

Elections at our biennial general meeting

Congratulations and thank you to the members elected into positions for the 2018-2020 period. We have many members re-elected in the same of different positions and Wade Baard who was elected into our Health and Safety Role. Thanks also to Graham Redman and Hugh Dunchue who have given many years of service in brigade roles. Although they are not involved in the brigade management team roles, we look forward to their ongoing service as firefighters and brigade members. These were the outcomes for each brigade role: Captain Peter Star

1st Lieutenant - Michael Elliot

- 2nd Lieutenant Jonathan Green
- 3rd Lieutenant Ken Merkel
- 4th Lieutenant Terrence Green

Community Safety Coordinator -

Jonathan Green 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 Group Delegate - Primary - Peter Star Group Delegates - Alternate Jonathan Green

VFBV Delegates - Alternate Jonathan Greer VFBV Delegate - Ken Merkel VFBV Deputy Delegate - Brendan Pearson

Donations, grants and fundraising

Our annual donation letters will be out soon to Talgarno residents and we encourage you to consider donating to our brigade. We are raising money this year for items such as

- dashcams and reversing cameras for our vehicles,
- replacement fridge for drinks used at incidents,
- lights and generator for our Quick Fill trailers,
- more handheld UHF radios and headphone UHF radios.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. We are again applying to the VESEP grant program to replace our Slip On which is now 13 years old.

New Members

We are very happy to see a few new members in our brigade in recent weeks. Welcome Travis Wilson, who undertook minimum skills training through a school program. Welcome Jill Pearson, who has helped with the fundraising calendar projects in recent years. Finally, welcome Greg Arnold, a Thurgoona resident interested in supporting a rural brigade when possible and having his children join the junior brigade when they are old enough.

If other community members are interested in joining our brigade please give us a call or speak with a member at one of our monthly barbeques.

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

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Executive

President - Brett Martin Secretary - Andrew Hird Treasurer - Karen Pyle **General committee** Matt Gill Jo Ollington Terry Macartney David Elder

To contact us email <u>bethangareserve@gmail.com</u> or SMS 0468350930

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

For information contact

Jill Pearson – 0412 042 090

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.

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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.

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BETHANGA GOLF CLUB



Springdale Road Bethanga

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Hire the club house for your next celebration or fundraiser.

Contact either

Peter Star 0429 436 347 Mastercuts Meats, Supa To Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048 Thank you all, once again.



ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Seniors Christmas in July

The Rotary Club will host its annual Christmas in July function for Peninsula seniors on the first Sunday in July, July 1st. As usual it will be held at the Bellbridge Community Centre[Childcare Centre} commencing at mid-day. A two course meal and drinks will be provided free of charge. A bit of foot taping live music is always enjoyed by those attending. If you know someone locally who would like to be there for fellowship. If you know someone who also may be in need of transport please contact any Rotarian or Bob on 60264305

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume will be conducting its annual collection in the peninsular area for this worthy appeal. Please give your generous support which is very well appreciated by the Salvos.

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge

Although numbers were slightly down on last year the day's events raised over \$25,000 for the Albury Regional Cancer Wellness Centre. The new venue, Wodonga Racecourse, was considered by all as an excellent venue for staging such an event. Congratulations and thanks to all the sponsors, competitors and volunteers who made the day a great success

> Regards, B Andrew Christy 6026 4338



BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

Hello everyone.

With the 2017/2018 season done and dusted for another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. As a small club, we cannot survive without our supportive sponsors – Elgins Wodonga, Mastercuts Meats, Supa Turf and Ross Mitchell and Associates. Thank you all, once again.

The A Grade was captained by Trent Sirl, with help from Paul Close. Lee Eckert and Mitchell Trafford helped with training and game days. The A Grade may not have won a game all year, but at least they didn't give in. They did their best.

The B Grade team was led by the 'good old boys', Wayne Kirkwood and Craig Stephens who helped our young players enjoy their game. B Grade waited till the second last game to have a win against Dederang. Well done, boys.

The club welcomed some new faces this year – Haydyn Roberts (returned), Nick Jesser, Josh Banks, Matt Whitehead, Ryan Taylor, Kristen Jahne and Luke Kirkwood. I hope they enjoyed their year with us and will return next season.

We had our Presentation Night on April 6 at Elgins Wodonga. 48 people attended which was a good turnout. The awards were:

A Grade:

A Grade Batting Aggregate	218 runs Brad Taylor		
A Grade Batting Average	22.8 runs Brad Taylor		
A Grade Bowling Aggregate	15 wickets Brodie Sirl		
A Grade Bowling Average	at 18.6 runs per wicket		
Kristen Jahne			
A Grade Fielding Award	Tom Henderson		
B Grade:			
B Grade Batting Aggregate	210 runs Wayne		
Kirkwood			
B Grade Batting Average	at 19.25 runs Josh Banks		
B Grade Bowling Aggregate	11 wickets Wayne		
Kirkwood			
B Grade Bowling Average	at 28.36 per wicket Wayne		
Kirkwood			
B Grade Fielding Award	Harry Eckert		
B Grade Captain's Award	Zac Stephens		
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Hat Trick Trophy: Andrew Hird A grade vs Lavington Kristen Jahne A Grade vs Dederang (Tom Henderson caught all 3) 5 Wicket Hauls: Kristen Jahne 6/39 vs Dederang Haydyn Roberts 5/54 vs Mt. Beauty Duck Trophy: Seb Stephens 5 Best and Fairest: Haydyn Roberts and Brodie Sirl Cricketer of the Year: Haydyn Roberts Clubman Award: **Brian Collins**

Our AGM will be on Sunday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. All welcome. I would like to thank the executive committee (Jo Ollington, Cameron Sirl and Andrew Hird) and players, parents, wives, girlfriends and anyone else who helped out during the season.

> Yours in sport, Brian Collins President, Bethanga Cricket Club POLE WALKERS

EXERCISE CLASSES

Want to lose weight or improve your level of fitness? Then why not try our fitness classes. These continue to run at the Talgarno Hall on most evenings and have proven to be very popular. All sessions run approximately 1 hour, and cost is a minimal \$2.00. Times vary.

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(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 and times, contact David or Vicki on 0419 635 554 (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

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

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BONEGILLA HALL CRAFT GROUP

Come along to our craft group session every THURSDAY (excluding school holidays). Bring all those UFO's along and enjoy a bit of laughter.

10:00am to 2:00pm; Cost \$4.00, includes tea or coffee. Bring along your lunch.

Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group



Very sadly in the past few months we have lost two stalwarts of our Landcare Group.

Graham Lockhart was the inaugural President back when the group was first formed in 1993 then known as the "Talgarno Conservation Group", this was

later changed to "Wises Creek Talgarno Land care Group "as the two communities came together and the name Landcare had more "zing" so Eileen O'Reilly reported. Our community extend to Joan and her family our sincere sympathy and wish them all the very best. Graham passed away on 12th April 2018

Rhonda Sinclair was our very active and progressive Secretary for a few years and had great visions for our Landcare community. This included new signage for our local Landcare Group and the recognition of our major contributors to Local Landcare in plaques bearing their names to be placed on a rock at our wayfarers' grove in Talgarno. Our community extend to Hugh, Cassie and Lachlan our sincere sympathy and wish them all the very best. Rhonda passed away on 2nd March 2018.

Both Graham and Rhonda will be sadly missed.

We recently held a Spot-Light walk at Granya looking at 'The Critters of the Night.' Thanks to the organising by Simon Feillfe and technical expertise of John Silins and the BBQ presentation skills of Greg Hayes and Alan Stephenson, the night, although very cold, was most enjoyable.

Our Landcare group also held its AGM at the Talgarno Hall on May 30th 2018.

Committee Members Michael Schorobura Alan Stephenson Chris Vine Neville Bell Karen Green Julie Miller

Attendees at the AGM enjoyed a chicken and salad meal followed by presentations of Long Services Awards and guest speaker Neville Bartlett talking about Australian birds. Neville has been interested in birds for most of his life and is a member of the Friends of Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park and Birdlife Australia. Photographing birds requires persistence to locate them and then stealth to get close enough to get good quality photographs. Gaining the trust of birds is an art and one never stops learning about them; their behaviour, and their habitat requirements.

The President' Report for 2017 – 2018 included an update of the Landcarers' Grove at Johnstone Creek Roadside Stop; erection of plaques in recognition of major contributors to local Landcare activities; new roadside signs; membership update and the involvement of Talgarno Primary School in a tree planting day at Talgarno.

A reminder that if you are interested in knowing more about local weather please logon to <u>www.tafco.com.au</u> Interested in being a member of Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare? We would welcome your involvement so please call Jim de Hennin ph 0408 978847 for more information (and encouragement to be involved!)

Next meeting of WCTLG will be held on 24 October

Jim de Hennin President, Ph 0408978847

The new committee is President - Jim de Hennin Secretary - Greg hayes Treasurer - Hugh Dunchue

Bethanga Landcare Group

TAKE IT OR 'LEAF' IT

It's on again! Bethanga Landcare's popular Tree Planting Morning will take place this year on Sunday 29th July (9-11.00a.m). BLG invites everyone to be part of this fun community event and make their way on the day to Bethanga's South Common (access via Kurajong Gap or Mitchell's Track, or check our Facebook page for access details). Be part of a group of like-minded landcarers and help plant a few trees to create a wildlife green corridor in our hills! Enjoy a community BBQ at the end of the planting and make new friends!

Last month, Bethanga Landcare distributed over a thousand trees free of charge to our local community as part of its annual Tree Give Away. The trees and shrubs were offered to all members (including those who joined on the day for just \$20!) as well as new local residents. The purpose was of course to make everyone's place more beautiful, stop erosion, encourage native wildlife and create more shade! If you missed out, there is always next year... Bethanga Landcare has just held its AGM to reflect on a year of increased membership involvement and plan for new activities. Members were able to listen to an inspiring presentation by guest speaker Matt Cameron from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage, who gave us an overview of the Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) project.

Earlier this year, a group of Scots School Albury students (see pictures) were involved in a BLG weed eradication activity in the North Common area of the Bethanga Hills. The activity involved sawing off and poisoning Hawthorn bushes that are spreading across our hills.

Weed identification and management will be the topic of the next BLG event. It will be a Field Day and is scheduled for early September. The day will feature a guest speaker to explore various weed management strategies. See you there!

Check out the BLG Facebook page <u>https://</u> <u>www.facebook.com/BerringaLandcare</u> or email <u>bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com</u> for more information.

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School Values

RAPPORT – Respect Acceptance Persistence Pride Optimism Resilience Truth



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 four our children to reach their full academic and social potential.





We have had a fabulous start to term 2... We have certainly packed a lot in to the last 7 weeks!

On the sporting front, our students have participated in athletics and cross country. All students gave 100%, many achieving personal bests along the way. We have seven students who have qualified for the next level of athletics (taking place in term 3) and Cooper qualified for the Hume region Cross Country Championships taking place at Winton towards the end of the month.

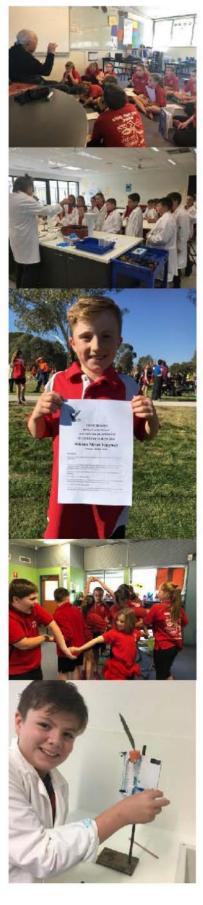
Science has been a big focus this term. We had the senior students attend a science day at TSC which, was a terrific opportunity to experience the 'secondary school life' while participating in an assortment of experiments. The junior students explored the environment and biological science with a trip to Wonga Wetlands which was enjoyed by all. The 3-6 class joined with other cluster schools for a 'Space Adventure Sleepover' to consolidate and expand their learning whilst having a great time and forming friendships.

Our EQ focus has been on our school values, students have been learning about these values through explicit lessons, games, songs and activities.

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

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





Talgarno Primary School

Important Dates

* <u>Wonga Wetlands F-2</u> 21st May * <u>Granya excursion with</u> <u>Park ranger</u> 24th May * <u>Science Challenge</u> 25th May (runs for 6 wks) * <u>Xanadu</u> Fri 8th June * <u>Coffee morning</u> every 2nd Thurs, 9.30am * <u>Cooking</u>—Fridays * <u>Marc Van</u>—every 2nd We are well and truly into Term 2! The grade 5/6 students and Mr Kotzur finished last term with a trip to Sovereign Hill. They had a wonderful time, and all came back a little richer after panning for gold in the stream!

In April, we attended the School Cross Country at Willow Park which was a very successful day, with Jennoah and Klancie qualifying for the next round. The following week we participated in the athletics carnival at Alexandra Park. All the students showed great enthusiasm and Klancie had a great run in the 100m Hurdles and came 2nd in her age group.

We've been super busy in May too! We had an exciting day at Tallangatta at the SEED environmental day, where the students learnt about different environmental issues, and what to do in an emergency. They also got to experience Aborignal art.

The Life Education Van came to teach our students about safety around the home and Bethanga Primary School also joined us for the day.

Mother's Day High Tea



Welcome Paddy! Congraluations to Mr Kotzur, Katie, Mia and Billy on the safe arrival of Paddy! What a wonderful day we all had at the Mother's Day High Tea in Granya! Over 140 people attended our School fundraiser at Jayden & Katie's Wool Press Function Cen-



tre; we raised a massive \$2500! It was a glorious sunny day, and the Ladies at Tea by Three did a fabulous job decorating and catering for the event.

Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day, and to everyone that donated to our raffles, stall and lucky door prizes. We were overwhelmed by the community's generosity.

Sovereign Hill Excursion

My favourite part was the gold panning, because I could 6 chips of gold! We also went tenpin bowling, but you had to use two hands because that's what they did in the olden days because it was safer. When we were walking around, we ran into a police officer and he told us this interesting fact. That in the olden days, the sword represented the symbol of their uniforms.

Jennoah Wallace. Year 6

Melon Fundraiser

The melon fundraiser has drawn to a close and has been a massive success! The School has raised over \$1100 and received plenty of compliments about how amazing the melons have been. Thanks to the Chris Star & Family for donating their delicious melons!



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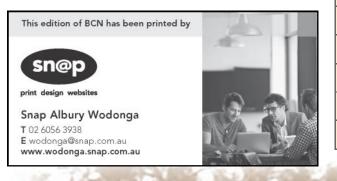
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