

Berringa Community News

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Granya & Talgarno
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Peter Klien leads the Bethanga and Talgarno Primary Schools singing the National Anthem

ANZAC DAY Bethanga 2026



Brendan Pearson waits to play the Last Post and Reveille



Alison Hovar and Kelly Gibbons sang Amazing Grace



The large crowd at the Bethanga ANZAC Day service

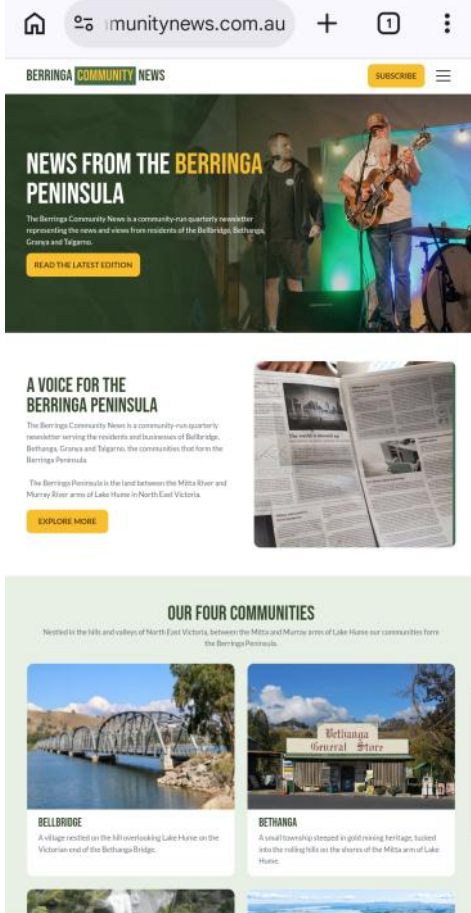


Community Groups laid wreaths

COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

New Look Berringa Community News Website



Berringa Community News has updated our website. The website was set up in 2013, and we managed the upgrades until this year. The last upgrades overwhelmed our technical competence, so we took the opportunity to upgrade the site. The site has a new look and is easier to view on different devices. There is the same capability to view the current and previous editions of the newsletter, check the calendar for details of local events, and source local trades, services and community groups.

The updated service directory can provide a link to an advertisement or more information. There are also forms that can enable an event to be added to the calendar or a local service or business to advertise in the services directory.

We also provide details of our advertising rates and publication dates.

Check it out at www.berringacommunitynews.com.au

The Berringa Community News is a non-profit quarterly newsletter produced by a group of volunteers. The cost of printing and maintaining the website is covered by advertising revenue and donations from the community.

We appreciate the donations made by community groups and individuals, as they help keep advertising costs low for local businesses and free for community groups.

If you would like to help keep the Berringa Community News going donations can be made by deposit to Berringa Community News BSB 640000 Acc 111094848

Keep the Hearts Beating

Berringa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) manages the 8 public-access defibrillators available on the Berringa Peninsula (see location information on page 18). These defibrillators have been bought with funds raised through public appeals and the fundraising activities of the team members.

The CERT team regularly checks that the defibrillators are functioning, the batteries and pads are in date, and the registration with Ambulance Victoria is current. It costs \$500 per defibrillator every 5 years to replace the pads and batteries (equivalent to \$800 per year to maintain all the defibrillators). We are seeking donations, or sponsorship of a defibrillator, to keep them running. You can also contribute by joining the Berringa CERT committee, which is made up of team responders and community members and manages fundraising and expenditure. The Berringa CERT Committee AGM will be held on Monday, 10th August 2026 at 6 pm, Bethanga Hall. Come along and find out more.

Further information is available from

Carol Marshall, President 0428 264 041
Julie Miller, Team Leader 0419 339 679



Bridge & Brew up and running

More than just a coffee – Bridge and Brew is a place to connect, relax and enjoy fresh local foods.

Bridge and Brew is a family-run café proudly owned and operated by locals in the heart of Bellbridge. With great coffee, friendly service and a strong community focus, we're committed and passionate about creating a welcoming space not only for locals but all people who come to visit our beautiful town.

Whether you're stopping in for a morning coffee, catching up with friends or after a quick bite to eat, our team looks forward to making every visit a positive experience

Bridge and Brew is proud to be a part of the Bellbridge community and looks forward to continuing to support and serve the local area.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our community for your overwhelming support.

We will be introducing Thursday night takeaway dinners – keep an eye out on our socials for dates and times

Bringing people together, one coffee at a time.

Tammi, Tyler & Shae-lee



Farm kids' big dreams

In September this year, myself, Will Green, along with my two younger siblings Riley and Maddison, have been given an incredible opportunity. We've been selected as part of a group of 16 players from our tennis academy to travel to the United States to train at the world-renowned John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in Texas.

This is something we've been working towards for a long time, and it means so much to us as a family. The trip will give us the chance to experience elite coaching, advanced training methods, high-level match play, and professional strength and conditioning programs- opportunities we don't usually get at home.

To help make this dream a reality, we're reaching out to our community for support. We're currently seeking sponsorship and donations to help cover the cost of travel and training. We're also grateful for any goods or services that could be donated for fundraising raffles.

As part of our fundraising, we're selling firewood:

Box wood - \$200 per cubic metre
Redgum - \$220 per cubic metre

Any support, big or small, would truly mean the world to us and go a long way in helping my siblings and me take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

If you'd like to support us or purchase firewood, please feel free to contact our dad, Jono Green, 0422 965 024.

Thank you so much for your support!

William Green



Local Sporting Heroes

Cathryn Gordon

In March, Mrs Cathryn Gordon (Humphrey) from Bellbridge was inducted into the Waterski & Wakeboard Australia 2026 Hall of Fame! Cathryn is also a teacher at Talgarno Primary School.

Cathryn (Humphrey) Gordon is an accomplished Australian water skier with a decorated career spanning junior, national, and international competitions. She is an 11-time Australian Open Women's Champion across overall, trick, slalom, and jump events, and holds the over-35 Women's Australian Trick Record as well as the Victoria Open Women's Trick Record.



Internationally, she has won Open Women's Trick and Slalom titles at the Moomba Masters, earned recognition as Most Outstanding Australian Water Skier, and represented Australia in five Open World Championships, securing team silver and bronze medals. Cathryn has also claimed multiple Asian-Australasian and Australian Masters titles, and dominated NSW and VIC state competitions.

As a junior, Cathryn set an Australian record in Girls' Tricks at Moomba (1993), was a multiple National Girls Trick Champion (1998–2000), represented Australia in France and Greece, and won the Albury-Wodonga Young Achiever of the Year award (2002). She has also contributed as a coach at state and national ski schools.



Alex Swinnerton

20 year old Alex Swinnerton began his football journey with Lavington Auskick. At an early age, it was rare to see Alex without a football in his hands. Alex grew up in Bethanga and attended Bethanga Primary School. Here, he spent most of his time on the football field. As he grew, Alex transitioned into the Lavington Panthers Football Club. He played all of his juniors here, landing a club best and fairest (B&F), league runners-up B&F, and best in finals for under 12s.

In 2022, Alex won the under-16s club B&F and began refining his passion for football.

In 2023, he began as a bottom-age player in Lavington's under-18s side whilst simultaneously playing for the Murray



Bushrangers in the National Competition and representing NSW. This same year, he won a premiership with Lavington and was awarded best in finals.

In 2024, Alex debuted for the Lavington Seniors side in the O&MFNL whilst continuing to play for the Murray Bushrangers. He was awarded runner-up B&F for the Murray Bushrangers.

In 2025, at the age of 19, Alex began playing and training with GWS VFL side. Here, he played 5 games and kicked 3 goals on debut.

Alex continued to play seniors for Lavington and was awarded their Junior Development Award. He was also selected for the Ovens and Murray representative side.

Now, in 2026, Alex has taken the next exciting step in his football career, relocating to Adelaide to join the Norwood Redlegs in the SANFL competition. His journey so far reflects years of determination, commitment and genuine passion for the game.



Bethanga Cemetery



**Bethanga
CEMETERY**

The Bethanga Cemetery Trust sees its purpose as being the custodians of the history and stories of Bethanga. Its role is to maintain, promote and care for Bethanga Cemetery as a place of positive connection and reflection for the community.

Our vision is to ensure that Bethanga Cemetery is a vibrant, welcoming place for the community and visitors, providing accessible services, celebrating local history and fostering connections.

What are we doing?

- The Trust has done lots of work over the past 4 months. In April we came together and worked on a strategic plan for the Trust, looking forward over the next 3-5 years. The plan was adopted at the May meeting and will be on the website soon. <https://bethangacemetery.rip/>. The next steps are to prioritise actions and develop business plans to meet our goals.
- We have a new sign up at the cemetery which was purchased under a grant from the Berringa Peninsula Community Network and the Victorian Government. It has taken us a while to get it up, but please head on down and have a look.
- More Trust members are undertaking Class B Cemetery governance training this year, provided by the Victorian Department of Health. This ensures we continue to meet our legislative responsibilities under the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* (the Act) and the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulations 2025*.
- An important part of our work this year is to undertake a full review of our policies and related procedures. This is to ensure we continue to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations, both for the proper functioning of the Trust and to improve the safety and amenity of the cemetery. The policy review has commenced and may lead to some changes. Relevant approved policies will be published on our website, along with information about how they will be implemented and monitored.



Policies currently under consideration include:

- ◇ Fee structure and management (changes to fee proposals will require further approval by the Department of Health).
- ◇ Memorialisation Policy – what is and is not permitted on and around grave sites and memorials.
- ◇ Monumental Mason Policy - sets out the standards and requirements to be met by monumental masons, their staff and other contractors engaged by families to install a permanent monument, plaque or similar on a place of interment within the cemetery.
- ◇ Purchasing and Tendering Policy - ensures that procurement for the Trust is consistent with the Victorian Government Purchasing Board guidelines.
- ◇ Instrument of Delegation – describes how the powers of the Trust are delegated and managed under the Act.

I love cemeteries – what can I do?

As our planning progresses, there may be ways people can get involved or help that we have not yet thought of. If you have an idea or think you would like to volunteer in some capacity in the future, you can let us know via the website.

Donations – we all know costs are increasing continually. The Trust will set up easy pathways for anyone to donate to support the maintenance and improvement of the site. We are also planning to actively fundraise to help us meet our goals, as well as apply for grants.

How can I get in touch with the Trust?

Contact – bethangacemetery@gmail.com or through the website.

Volunteering at Tallangatta Health Service

Would you like to...?

- Give back to the community
- Fill in empty days doing something worthwhile
- Expand your curriculum vitae when applying for work
- Gain experience in a health setting before embarking on work
- Share experiences and skills with a friendly audience

Tallangatta Health Service believes volunteers are vital to a diverse, dynamic workforce. Days and hours are flexible to suit anyone and we welcome pairs of volunteers at a time.

Roles are diverse and may include:

- Pet therapy
- Shopping assistant
- Social support to an individual or group
- Meal delivery
- Musical entertainment
- Bus outing assistant

If you are interested in volunteering at Tallangatta Health Service, please contact the Consumer Experience Coordinator on 02 6071 5255.

International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day is celebrated annually on 12 May, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The 2026 theme is "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives".

We acknowledge and appreciate the care and dedication which our nursing staff provide to our patients and residents at Tallangatta Health Service

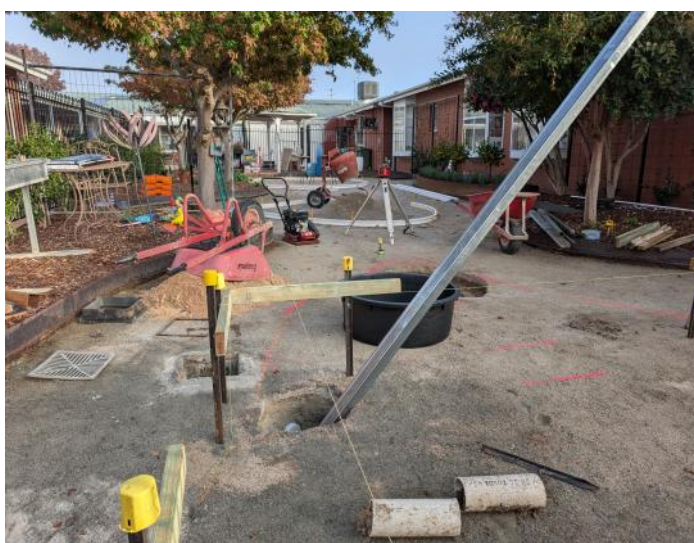


Lakeview Sensory Garden – making progress!

Following a big fundraising effort over the last two years, and the injection of some additional funding for improvements, we have been able to commence work on the sensory garden in the Lakeview Courtyard.

Pavers have been removed to make way for a level surface, and sensory garden features are being added. Our landscapers have been busy creating a beautiful and usable space for our residents to enjoy.

Thank you to the community for supporting us to be able to achieve this. It is hoped that the garden will be finished and planted over the next few weeks.



Lakeview Courtyard Sensory Garden works

Health Facts: Why Gender (and Diversity) Matters

At all stages of life, females are at greater risk of ill health than males. On average, females live longer than males (85 years versus 81 years), experience chronic health conditions at higher rates and experience poor mental health at higher rates. Females also have specific sexual and reproductive health needs that can impact or exacerbate other health conditions.

Free Exercise groups are currently being held in Bellbridge, and are open to everyone. For further information, please phone the Allied Health Team on 02 6071 5210.

Osteoarthritis Exercise Group

Location: Bellbridge Boat Club
Cost: Free
When: Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
Who: All ages welcome – no referral required
Enquiries: Allied Health on 02 6071 5210

Bellbridge Walking Group

Meeting Point: Bellbridge Boat Club
Cost: Free
When: Tuesdays at 8:30 am
Who: All ages welcome – no referral required
Enquiries: Allied Health on 02 6071 5210

The longer people live, the more likely they are to experience some form of disability. Women aged 75–84 and over are more likely to have severe or profound disability than men. The prevalence of chronic conditions for women increases with age. Females reported higher rates of anxiety disorders and affective disorders than males, whereas males reported more than twice the rate of substance use disorders.

Where you live and your financial situation matters as well as your gender – there are health workforce shortages in rural and regional areas, with long wait times and limited access to specialists. Women also tend to have poor access to bulk-billed primary healthcare; this is exacerbated if you live in a rural or regional area.

Early detection works – for females, the 23% decrease in mortality from colorectal cancer is likely due to the introduction of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program in 2006 which aims to detect and treat abnormalities early. 40% of men invited in 2022–2023 completed a bowel test, compared with 44% of women. The five-year survival rate for breast cancer has improved, from 79% in 1991–1995 to 92% in 2016–2020.

Access to screening matters - Participation rates for BreastScreen Australia and the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program is highest for women living in Inner regional and Outer regional areas, and lower among First Nations women, women who speak a language other than English at home and for women in

remote areas and more disadvantaged areas.

Males in Australia are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer than females. Between 1991–1995 and 2016–2020, the 5-year survival rate for men rose from 51% to 70%, while for women it rose from 59% to 73%. Men experience higher overall cancer mortality rates.

* Our Health Facts are based on data, reports and survey from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australian Department of Health & Ageing and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

** The terms 'men, male, women, female' in much of the data may refer to either sex or gender. While the terms are often used interchangeably, as is the case in the data and these health snippets, they have distinct meanings.

Influenza Vaccination – “Flu-Vax”

Influenza (also called flu) is a very contagious infection of the airways. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and your family from serious disease caused by influenza.

Flu vaccinations are now available by appointment at the Tallangatta Medical Centre, and are free for those aged over 65. Please book your appointment by phoning 6071 5200.



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News from Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (CoM)

It's been a productive and positive few months at the Talgarno Recreation Reserve, with a strong focus on community connection, future planning, and making the most of our shared space.

One of the key priorities this quarter has been reviewing the recent community survey. The committee is carefully working through your feedback and using it to shape a practical "business plan" for the reserve moving forward. It's been fantastic to see ideas already coming to life, with activities like yoga and art beginning to take shape. A big thank you to our committee being lead by Jess Grey for helping turn these ideas into reality.

We would love to see even more community-led initiatives at the hall. If you have an idea for an activity, event, or regular gathering—or if you'd like to run or organise something—please reach out. The reserve is here for everyone, and we're always looking for ways to bring people together.

A huge thank you also goes to the wonderful group of community and committee members who attended the working bee on Friday 1st May. With many hands making light work, the outside of the reserve received a much-needed clean-up and refresh. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated and make a real difference.

In April, the hall's kitchen successfully underwent its renewal to remain a verified commercial kitchen. This is a valuable asset for our community, and we encourage

everyone to make use of it—whether for events, catering, or small business needs. Hall hire is available and is a great way to utilise this fantastic facility.

Hall Hire Rates:

Local community members: \$150 hire fee + \$150 bond

Out of town hirers: \$250 hire fee + \$150 bond

Meetings: \$15 per hour

Kids' parties: \$50 hire fee + \$50 bond

Bonds are fully refundable provided the hall is cleaned and left undamaged, in line with our insurance requirements. For bookings, terms and conditions, or more information, please contact Anthea Redman or email talgarnorecreationreserve@gmail.com

Looking ahead, we're excited to be hosting a Bunnings Wodonga BBQ on Sunday 26th July. Come along and support the reserve—or, if you're able to lend a hand on the day, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to the Talgarno Recreation Reserve. It's your involvement that keeps our community thriving.

Mari Jones

On behalf of the Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee

parkrun Momentum Builds in Bellbridge

parkrun is a free, weekly 5km walk, jog or run held every Saturday in communities around the world, welcoming people of all ages and abilities. In Bellbridge, a dedicated group of local community members are working with parkrun HQ to bring this much loved global event to life along the foreshore. With support from a parkrun Australia ambassador, the team is progressing the steps to establish a safe and accessible course for the community.

There is already strong local interest, with volunteers stepping forward to help make Bellbridge parkrun a reality. Once everything is in place, the event will offer a regular opportunity for people to connect, stay active and enjoy the beautiful location together in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

parkrun events are entirely community led and volunteer driven, and that is where locals can play a vital role.

parkrun needs people to make it happen. Do you enjoy meeting new people, helping others and getting your weekly dose of exercise? We would love more people to get involved. All it takes is being on the roster every month or two for an hour on a Saturday morning. If we can all share the load, it gives everyone a chance to participate as well.

If you would like to put your hand up to help out occasionally or often, please contact the Event Directors:
Liz Welch 0409 304302
Karen Barnes 0427 526289



The Pub to Pelican Marathon

The Towong Shire Council in collaboration with Mathieu Dore Coaching produced this event, including a run between the Koetong Pub and Pelican Park on the foreshore of Lake Hume, Tallangatta. The damage to parts of the rail trail in summer 2026 bushfires required the route to be changed. It will now start at the Bethanga Hotel 7.30am Sunday 7 June 2026.

Please note the road closures associated with the event

Pub To Pelican Marathon

Traffic Management

Traffic management will be in place for the upcoming Pub to Pelican Marathon Sunday 7 June 2026.

Due to impacts from the January bushfires on the High Country Rail Trail, an alternate route will be used in 2026.

Roads closed to traffic as per previous events:
Tallangatta
(10.30 am to 3.00 pm)

- Nooroona Street
- Karrika Street
- Wagara Street
- Wondah Street

Changed traffic conditions or delays:

- Towong Street (Tallangatta)
- Lake Road, Pearce Street and Wattle Street (Old Tallangatta)

Roads closed to traffic 2026 alternate route:

- Bethanga Bay Road – Bethanga Hotel to Lake Road (7.30am to 9.00am)
- Lake Road – Bethanga Road to Springdale Road (8.00am to 10.00am)
- Lake Road – Springdale Road to Gilbert Street, Old Tallangatta (8.30 am to 1.00pm)
- Bulloch Road (9.00am to 10.00am).



Visit our website for full details of impacts and a map of the planned route.



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Bethanga Primary School

**11th & 12th September 2026
at Bethanga Memorial Hall**

We have commenced planning and preparing for the Bethanga Primary School Art Show in term 3 (11-12th Sep). This event will be our 4th Art Show bringing our vision to life - an event inclusive of the wider community where both student and local artists works are displayed and available for purchase. Artists are welcome to have up to 10 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 20% of their sales back to the school.

Please contact Rachel Saunders (Principal) on 60 264 263
bethanga.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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:

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E info@towong.vic.gov.au



Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Thanks to a few good rainfall events Autumn was well above average and, with warm soils, pasture (and weed) growth was exceptional, but this has reduced soil moisture levels.

The BOM outlook for Winter is for below average rainfall. If an El Niño develops there will be pressure on pastures, fodder reserves and stock water.

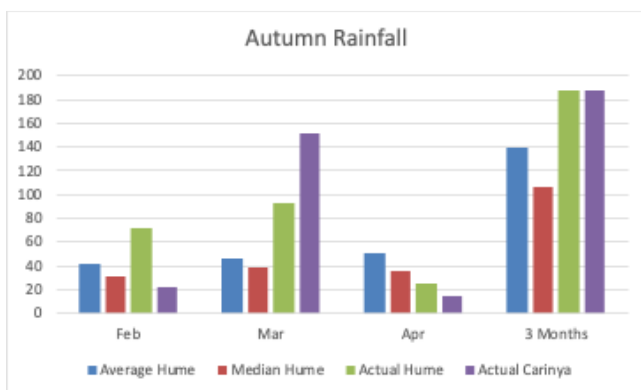
The rolling 12- month rainfall here has seemingly turned a corner, having risen to 430 mm over autumn, but still way below average (700 mm).

Prospects for Winter (June through August)

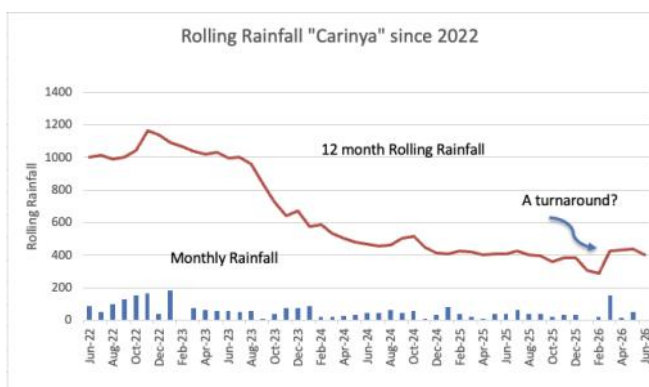
BOM's model gives a more than 60% chance that rainfall through to the end of August will be below average, and they are pessimistic about the spring since it seems likely (but not certain) that an El Niño will develop.

Rainfall Round-up

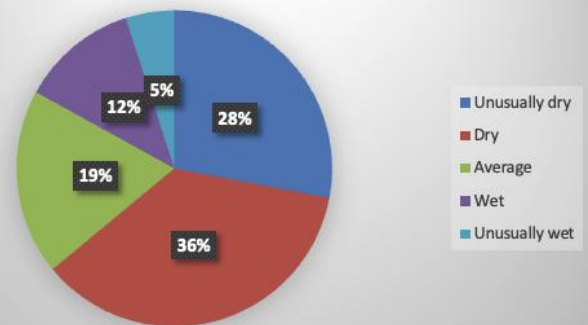
The Hume Reservoir recorded 188 mm for Autumn (February - April) which was 35% above average. Both February and March were more than double the average, while April was 30% below average. But the rainfall was very patchy, with some lucky and others missing out. Carinya had only 22mm in February but 151 mm in March.



The autumn forecast from BOM in February was totally inaccurate – it was unusually wet instead of unusually dry. To be fair, this was the result of 3 storms that dumped 110 mm, and I don't think BOM or any other forecasters can predict these events anymore. Most of the rain came when a cold front met an inland trough bringing moisture down from the north.



BOM's Forecast for June to August



Dale Grey also expects June to September to be drier than average, but he stresses that other outcomes are possible.

Our rainfall is strongly influenced by climate patterns such as El Niño and La Niña in the Pacific, the Indian Ocean Dipole, and the Madden–Julian Oscillation, which can influence how much tropical moisture reaches southern Australia and how active rain-bearing fronts become. As ocean temperatures have warmed over recent decades, the atmosphere is behaving differently from past seasons in the historical record. BOM and other forecasters still use past patterns as a guide, but they now rely much more heavily on computer models that simulate the atmosphere and oceans to forecast weather and rainfall. BOM's seasonal forecasts are updated weekly based on how current ocean conditions are evolving. I will be watching those updates to see if an El Niño develops and reacting accordingly.

Greg Hayes



Stay Informed

Latest Council Updates

At Council we use a variety of ways - both in print and online - to reach our community and let you know about opportunities for consultation, project updates, events and services.

One of the easiest ways for you to get all the important information direct is our fortnightly e-newsletter.

Simply scan the QR code below and submit your email and you'll be able to keep up to speed with council information by having it sent directly to your inbox:



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- Local newspapers
- Community newsletters and email trees
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Behind the Bar at Bethanga Hotel

As the weather cools down, things are heating up at Bethanga Hotel, with warm meals, roaring fires and plenty happening.

Jam Night continues on the second Wednesday, while Trivia Night falls on the third Wednesday of each month and has quickly become one of the pub's busiest nights. With tables consistently filling, there may even be a little surprise in the works there soon.

Wednesday nights are also home to our \$25 Parmi Night, with a rotating variety of toppings served alongside chips and salad. Thursdays now feature Pool Comp Night and our \$25 Porterhouse special. Sundays continue to revolve around our roast lunches, bringing everyone together for a relaxed afternoon at the pub.

In March, we were proud to host local CFA volunteers, partners and those working behind the scenes throughout the fire season as a small thank you for everything they do for our community. A special thank you also goes to Mel and Anthea for helping make the afternoon possible.



On June 7th, Bethanga Hotel will host the start of the Pub to Pelican Marathon. The Bethanga Golf Club will be cooking bacon and egg rolls on the BBQ at the pub, while the coffee machine will be running bright and early for runners and supporters heading off down the hill. Come by for a brekkie and coffee and help send the runners off.

You may have also noticed a few small changes happening around the pub lately. The back deck has had a refresh and the interior is slowly getting an upgrade. The old residence out the back is also currently being demolished, with something new quietly in the works there too.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Bethanga Hotel

wouldn't be what it is without everyone who pops in for a meal, a drink or a chat by the fire, along with our wonderful team behind the scenes who help make it all happen each week.

Cheers

Jac & Dan





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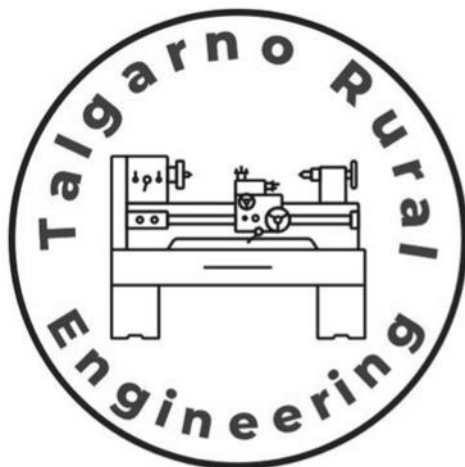
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6am – 9pm

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Clinics are held at Tallangatta on the
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All ages welcome.

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information phone the Tallangatta
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Sue Reid 6071 5270

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

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Northey, Suzanne Helen

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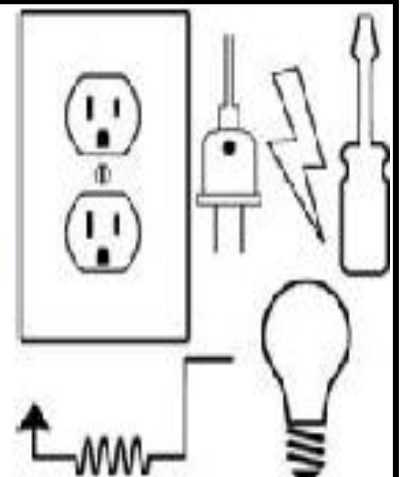
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- ◆ Wises Creek Road, Talgarno bus stop

*Julie Miller,
Team Leader Berringa CERT
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TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Talgarno Tennis Club has been keeping busy through the off season, with plenty of activity, friendly rivalry and strong club spirit lighting up the courts.

Our recent pickleball competitions brought 16 community members together for some great after hours action, and this time, we even ran a kids' competition night. It's been fantastic to see everyone's skills improving, and the banter and celebrations have definitely been a highlight!



Construction planning is also well underway for the club's next big milestone. Work on the new shelter will begin in June, marking the start of an exciting period of upgrades. As part of the project, the existing clubrooms will be

demolished, with the aim of moving into the new rooms in time for the summer pennant season.



Looking ahead, our AGM will be held in August. This is a key opportunity for members to come together, prepare for the upcoming season, and help shape events, competitions, and club activities. New and returning players are always welcome; your ideas and involvement make a real difference.

The club is always on the lookout for new members. Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned player, there's a place for you. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome across pennant tennis, Fast Four, and pickleball. We're excited to be entering both adult and kids' teams in next season's pennant competition.

With more events on the way, keep an eye on our social pages for upcoming Fast Four and pickleball competitions in the spring.

We're also beginning to look ahead to our 2026/2027 season sponsors. Sponsorship plays a huge role in supporting community sport, so keep an eye out for more information soon, and please get in touch if you or your business would like to be involved.

If you're interested in sponsoring, playing, or joining in, reaching out is easy. Email the club and come along to be part of the action.

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Winter is a quiet period in our social calendar, with a major emphasis on conducting pruning and getting our Christmas trees ready for harvesting in late spring or early summer for Christmas. We are working on our social event for seniors' week in October this year, as well as Christmas Carols on the first Sunday in December at the Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge.

Rotarian Andrew Christy

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



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Anyone interested in joining the group would be most welcome. It's a great way to share and learn from each other, and it is also a social outing.

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

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BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB



2025-2026 Season

The Bethanga Cricket Club season has come to an end for another year. A and B grades both had the opportunity to play in the preliminary finals, but had no success getting into the grand final. C grade had a fantastic year, making it to their first grand final but just fell short to Mt Beauty. We look to come back fighting stronger for the 2026-2027 season!

Congratulations to all the winners from our presentation night held at the end of March:

1st Grade Batting Award ~ Luke Rafferty
2nd Grade Batting Award ~ Tom Henderson
3rd Grade Batting Award ~ Peter Scammell
Club Batting Average Award ~ Wayne Kirkwood
Cameron Sirl 1st grade Bowling Award ~ Peter Jeffries
2nd Grade Bowling Award ~ Cameron Sirl
3rd Grade Bowling Award ~ Peter Scammell
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Donut Award (Most Ducks made) ~ Paul Richards
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Coach's Award ~ James McFarland
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3rd Grade Player of the Finals Award ~ Peter Scammell
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Lawrence Packer Memorial Best on Ground Award ~ Jack Robinson
2nd Grade Player's Player Award ~ Tom Henderson
3rd Grade Player's Player Award ~ Peter Scammell
Doug Lowcock and Mick Mason Best Club Person Award ~ Brodie Sirl

Century Batting Awards ~ Brad Taylor (103*), Wayne Kirkwood (101*), Luke Rafferty (159*), Jack Robinson (124*), Luke Rafferty (105*), Peter Scammell (114), Wayne Kirkwood (110*)

Bowling Awards ~ Jack Robinson (5/18), Trevor Domaille (5/31), Peter Jeffries (5/31), Cameron Sirl (5/12)

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SUMMER RECAP

As suspected, we had a busier than usual summer season, particularly with the fire that started at Mt Lawson and burned for a few weeks, consuming over 100,000 hectares. Our brigade, along with all other Tallangatta Group brigades and many other units from across the state, had one of our tankers and/or Ultralight deployed to the fire most days and nights for two weeks. Many thanks to over 20 of our volunteers who completed at least one day or night shift during this time, as well as attended local incidents that occurred over the same period.

As Captain, I am extremely proud of our brigade and the commitment our members have shown to ensure the safety of our community. I am also very appreciative of all those who assisted in the background, organising crews and replenishing supplies at the station. Speaking of supplies, we had so much product donated to the brigade that it brought tears of gratitude to my eyes. I really can't believe the amount of giving in these times. Thank you so very much to all who gave their time, money and supplies during this time.

CFA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The brigade once again competed at District 23 Championships at Eldorado. We now have 11 juniors competing and are doing very well indeed. Keep up the great work, team.

ANNUAL AGM AND ELECTIONS

The brigade recently held its AGM and bi-annual elections, with a few changes being made to the Management Team. The team for the next two years is as follows:

Captain – Shane Bracegirdle
1st Lieutenant – Daniel Stahl
2nd Lieutenant – Mel Naismith
3rd Lieutenant – Daniel O'Connell
4th Lieutenant – Mark Trafford
5th Lieutenant – Stuart Smythe
Secretary – Molly Peterson
Treasurer – Liz Fagence
Chairperson – Peter Arkins
Community Safety Liaison – Mel Naismith
Training Officer – Daniel O'Connell

Thank you all for standing up and committing to make the

brigade better for all.

Thanks also to the outgoing members of the Management Team; your services for the last term were greatly appreciated.

We are looking to build on our experience within the brigade and have training more regularly, so we can be ready for whatever is required to assist the community. If you would like to join the brigade, please contact any of the members of the BMT for information, it really is a rewarding activity that can get you involved in the community.

*Shane Bracegirdle,
Captain, Bethanga CFA*

CONTACTS

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John Northey, Junior Brigade Liaison 0414 931 442

TALGARNO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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It's great to see community members enjoying walks around the oval in the lovely autumn weather. Thank you to everyone who keeps an eye on things at the reserve and reports issues to our committee for follow-up — we truly value your input.

Construction of the New Sports Pavilion

As the weather cools down, construction of the new Sports Pavilion is ramping up. It is a very busy area with contractors on site. The foundations are now complete, and the concrete slab is due to be poured soon.

A reminder to the public: for any questions regarding the construction works, please refer to the signage located on the exclusion fence.

Camping & Amenities

- Camping facilities are currently reduced to one shower only during the construction period. Please inform fellow campers who may be visiting the reserve. Refer to the flyer on the front noticeboard.
- The current female and male toilet blocks will remain operational throughout the construction period. Once construction is completed, the existing building will be refurbished.



Please stay tuned for regular updates via the [bethanga recreation reserve | Facebook](#) page.

Upcoming Event

General Public Meeting

6:00 pm sharp, Thursday 11th June 2026

At the Rec Reserve Pavilion

This meeting will include:

- Financial running costs
- Operational updates
- Questions from the Community

We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this exciting period of improvement for Bethanga and the Recreation Reserve.

Jo Sirl

Chair/President

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Talgarno Landcare Group

The soils program, led by soil scientist David Hardwick, has proven both interesting and very informative for attendees.

The first session started with the interpretation of everyone's soil test at the Talgarno Hall. The second session gave attendees a refresher on soil composition and health prior to two farm visits, one at Hugh and Nene Green's and the second at Jim and Julie de Hennin's.

At Green's, we looked firstly at a freshly sown rye grass pasture to determine plant density, plant and soil health and weed control

The second paddock was similar but was sown a little later. A soil probe was inserted at both sites to determine soil compaction, and a pH test was taken. Much was learned about the impacts of compaction on the soil.

A great history of both paddocks was provided, showing all treatment details over time, and facilitated great discussion that took place.

At de Hennin's property, we looked at a nine-year-old Sardi 7 Lucerne paddock that is starting to show its age. The plant numbers had decreased, the spaces between plants had been taken up by weeds, and the Lucerne plants were not as healthy as they should be.

As with the other paddocks, a soil core was inserted to assess compaction, and a pH test was conducted. Remediation suggestions were made to over sow with oats and rye grass after spraying with spray seed to reduce weed growth.



Watch out for confirmation in **July** when Landcare membership renewals will take place along with a **plant give-away**.

Mitta to Murray Landcare Network held a presentation night at Fernvale Hall about Dogs and Foxes Management, complete with a Demo on night vision and thermal imaging, plus trapping methods under the Partnership against Pests program, which was attended by some of our members.

Feel free to contact any of our committee members if you have any Landcare enquiries.

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Photo courtesy of Tim Schulz



Upcoming Events

CARBON FARMING

Ever wondered what is actually involved with **Carbon Farming**? We have two local professionals in this industry, who will be joining our **Bethanga Landcare Meeting** on the **9th June** to fill you in with a presentation.



TREE GIVEAWAY

July will feature our annual **Tree, Shrub and Flower Giveaway** and also the **Community Tree Planting** events. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but we will ensure that these are well publicised to provide you with the opportunity to participate.

RABBIT CONTROL

The 9th June meeting will also cover information about **Rabbit Control**, by the groups' secretary, who is back from a dedicated 'boot camp' to share his findings. Members of the BLG have also been filmed recently in regard to the rabbit problems in the area. We will keep you informed when this program goes to air.

Be part of something that matters Join us at one of our bi-monthly meetings at the Bethanga Hall and be part of the difference. Meetings start at 6.30pm.

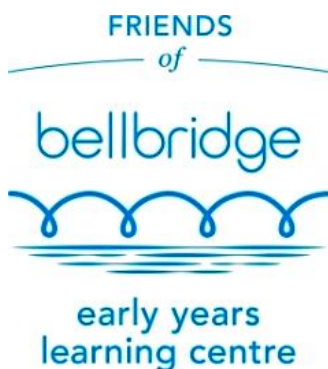


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Upcoming meeting dates for your diary!





The start of the year at Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre (BEYLC) has seen a warm welcome to many new families, with total enrolments at the centre now sitting at 44.

With May comes Mother's Day and the children (and educators!) have been working hard on their Mother's

Day gifts, including handmade mobiles and keychains, complete with hand painted wrapping paper.

This year, children from Bellbridge Early Years Learning



Centre had the honour of participating in the Anzac Day ceremony in Bethanga — and what a truly beautiful and moving service it was.

Our little ones brought along a handmade wreath, lovingly crafted at the centre, which was laid at the ceremony with the help of Centre Manager Rebecca West. It was a proud and touching moment for everyone present, as our youngest community members took part in remembering and honouring those who served.

We are so proud of all the children and thank Rebecca for making this meaningful experience possible. Moments like these remind us why connecting our children to community traditions matters so much.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our annual bulb fundraiser and our firewood raffle. Your generosity means so much to the centre and directly benefits the children. This year, fundraising efforts are helping us purchase new outdoor equipment, sensory toys, and teddies for the centre.

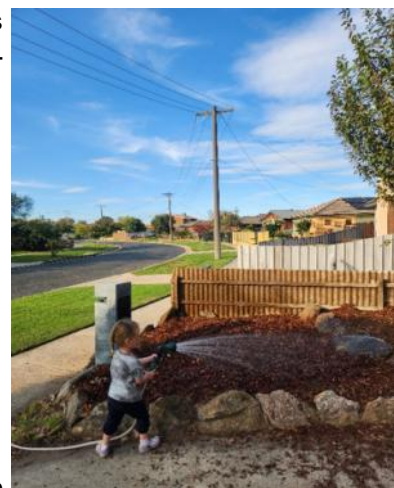
A special thank you to Madelaine Northey and family for kindly donating a trailer load of firewood for this year's raffle winners. Our committee — or rather, the committee husbands — also enjoyed a wonderful morning splitting wood on the Northey farm in preparation for the raffle.

Whether you purchased bulbs, entered the raffle, spread the word, or helped in any way, it all makes a difference. We are grateful to be part of such a wonderful and supportive community.

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We want to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. The care and commitment you bring to our children's early learning journey does not go unnoticed — and we are so grateful our little ones are in such wonderful hands.



If current and future families of the centre would like to order uniforms (absolutely optional) they can be ordered here, with a percentage of sales going back to the centre: <https://eduthreads.com.au/collections/bellbridge-early-years-learning-centre>

The Friends of Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre is a parent and community group working alongside the staff at Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre to support the children, families, and wider centre community. Through fundraising, grant applications, working bees, social events, and advocacy, we help create a nurturing and enriching environment for the children at the centre.

Membership is open to anyone who supports these aims, including parents, grandparents, caregivers, and friends of the centre. The more members we have, the stronger our ability to secure funding and support for BEYLC. We meet approximately every two months and welcome involvement big or small throughout the year.

Upcoming centre closures

8th June: Kings Birthday

6th August: professional development day

Upcoming important dates

26th June: final day of kinder for term 2

13th July: beginning of kinder for term 3

18th September: final day of kinder for term 3



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TALGARNO PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Our school continues to be a vibrant place of learning, growth and opportunity. Over recent weeks, students have been deeply engaged in rich learning experiences across all areas of the curriculum, demonstrating enthusiasm, persistence and pride in their achievements. We are especially excited to welcome our six new Foundation students, who have been glowing in their first term and a half of school — Lilly, Jade, Sienna, Winnie, Remi and Kayden. They have embraced school life with confidence and joy, already forming friendships and participating enthusiastically in classroom routines.



We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to three additional students beginning their journey at Talgarno: Jack (Year 5), Allira (Year 4) and Wade (Year 1). Each of them has settled in seamlessly, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they have become valued members of our school community.

In classrooms, students have been strengthening their literacy and numeracy skills through targeted teaching and hands-on learning. Teachers continue to use student data to tailor lessons to individual needs, ensuring every child is supported and challenged to reach their full potential. The fantastic learning we are seeing is a testament to the dedication of our students and staff.

Sport continues to play an important role in our school culture, encouraging resilience, teamwork and healthy, active lifestyles. Last term, students participated in the swimming carnival where they represented our school superbly, showing great determination in having a go at their events and cheering each other on with pure enjoyment. We could not be prouder of the way they represented our school community. A huge congratulations to Moby Gordon, Billy Kotzur and Mia Kotzur on progressing to the Divisional Swimming Carnival last term. A special mention to Mia, who was crowned 11-Year-Old Champion. Moby and Billy also went on to regionals where their relay team came third. Huge achievement from the boys.



At the NERSSA Cross Country, held just in the past week, the Talgarno students again made their mark on the course. The 9/10 boys got the clean sweep with Billy Kotzur, Mac Henderson and Ollie Mudra taking the 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions, with Xavier Cottee also making it through in 10th position. Franky Star finished 2nd in the 9/10 girls division, Mia Kotzur took out the 11 yrs girls and Ruby Taprell came in at 6th. Jack Byron also impressed finishing 8th and making the Upper Hume Division Cross Country at Willow Park.



Bethanga Primary School

School Values

RAPPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance **P**ersistence
Pride **O**ptimism **R**esilience **T**ruth



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.

Over the past three months, Bethanga Primary School has been buzzing with activity, celebrating learning, community connection and student growth both inside and beyond the classroom.

Students embraced a wide range of enriching experiences throughout March, April and May. Highlights included the Grade 5/6 camp to Sovereign Hill, where students stepped back in time to explore Australia's gold rush history through hands-on activities including gold panning, visiting the Eureka Museum and attending the spectacular Aura light show. The experience tied beautifully into classroom learning and gave students lasting memories of adventure and friendship.

April also saw the Grade 3/4 students head off to 15 Mile Creek Camp for a four-day outdoor education experience focused on resilience, independence and teamwork. Students challenged themselves through activities such as hut building, hiking, ziplining, rafting and bike riding, all while building confidence and strengthening friendships.

Back at school, students continued to engage in exciting classroom learning. From launching into a new integrated studies topic on space by following the Artemis II launch, to participating in literacy, numeracy, arts, sport and respectful relationships programs, Bethanga students have continued to demonstrate curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

Community spirit has also been a major focus this term. The school proudly commemorated ANZAC Day, with students representing the school at the Bethanga service and laying a student-made wreath at the Cenotaph. The respectful conduct and thoughtful participation of students reflected the strong values underpinning the school community.

Fundraising and community events have brought families together, including a successful Bunnings BBQ and Movie Night fundraiser supporting the school's participation in the Victorian State School Spectacular. Student leadership was also on display during special lunch days and school events, with students taking active roles in helping to organise and support activities.

Sporting opportunities have continued to thrive, with students participating in cross country events, cluster sports days and a range of physical activities that encourage teamwork, participation and school pride.

At the heart of it all is Bethanga Primary School's strong sense of community, care and personalised learning. With a continued focus on academic growth, wellbeing and positive relationships, students are being supported to become confident, capable and compassionate young people.

Rachel Saunders
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