

# Berringa Community News

News and views from the residents of  
Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno  
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## It has started and we are delighted!!!!

### Riverina Highway upgrade between Lake Hume Resort and Bethanga Bridge

Peninsula residents are delighted to see the progress of the Riverina Highway upgrade between Lake Hume Resort and Bethanga Bridge. This road, which many of us call The Pines Road, has been the subject of much discontent for many years, so the \$6.5 million Stage Two upgrade to improve road safety and provide consistent travelling conditions from Lake Hume Resort to Bethanga Bridge is welcomed. It is expected the Lake Hume Resort to the Bethanga Bridge road will be finished late June 2018, weather permitting. Stage One of the project along the Riverina Highway between Sandy Creek and Lake Hume Resort was finished in March last year.

Roads and Maritime Services are carrying out the work; including improving the road surface, widening the road and road drainage, installing safety barriers and upgrading signposts. Minor traffic delays and

reduced speed limits will be in place at times for the safety of workers, motorists and other road users. Roads and Maritime personnel ask road users to observe warning signs and follow traffic control directions.

When completed, there is no doubt the Riverina Highway between Lake Hume Resort and Bethanga Bridge Road will be one of the most scenic and safest roads in the area. Member for Albury Mr Greg Aplin is to be acknowledged for his support in responding to community pressure to upgrade this road. Roads and Maritime Services are also to be acknowledged for their workmanship and the manner in which they are managing the flow of traffic along the road causing minimal delays and consideration for the safety of road users.

*Julie de Hennin*

# COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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## The end of "FARMS" after 20+ years

Locals driving past the Talgarno Hall on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning would have been used to the sight of a 4WD and trailer backed up to the Hall entrance and staff busily unpacking and setting up activities for the day ahead. In December 2016, "FARMS", later known as Community Early-Years Childcare (CEYC), held its last day of childcare after being an institution at the Hall for over 20 years.

Sadly, government funding changes mean that it is no longer viable for Albury-Wodonga Community College (who sponsor CEYC) to continue this service. "We've reached the point where decisions have to be made from a business perspective," Manager Anne Bowler said. "This is 'reality bites' and it's very upsetting for families and communities and for us as well, it's not something we want to do."

FARMS has been a vital service to numerous families in the area for many years. With the closest child-

care services being some distance away in Albury or Wodonga, FARMS gave Berringa families the opportunity to return to work after having children, as well as respite and important socialisation opportunities for toddlers and preschoolers. The service was also important in terms of promoting the area as an appealing place to live for young families which in turn benefited numbers at local schools.

FOR the Star family, CEYC has been an essential service since over the years, allowing Sharon Star to return to work part-time. "A lot of people used it so they could go to work, for respite, or for socialisation, which is really important for kids who don't yet go to kinder," Sharon said. "There is nothing else at this end of the shire."

Towong Shire Council are currently tendering for childcare services to be offered at Bellbridge Community Centre. It is hoped these services will be offered to the community in the not-too-distant future.

## Planned Activity group

The Bethanga/Bellbridge Gentle exercise group conducted by the Tallangatta Health Service at the Bethanga Hall on Tuesdays has ceased due to lack of numbers. Tallangatta Health Service is offering an alternative on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The focus of the group is social interaction and participants will determine what they will do. The group will meet at

11am – 2pm, the first Wednesday at the Boat Club Bellbridge and the third Wednesday at the Bethanga Hall.

Go along to the first meeting on 1 March at the Boat Club and help shape this new group.





# ANZAC Day Service

Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee invite all community members to our ANZAC Day service and wreath laying ceremony

**Tuesday 25 April 2017, 8.30 am**  
**Bethanga Hall,**  
followed by morning tea in the hall.

## Three Generations at Talgarno Primary School

The Pearson and the Green Families celebrate the 3rd generation of both families attending Talgarno Primary school and the changes throughout the years.

Hugh Green, together with eldest son Jonathan, and eldest grandson William, all attended Talgarno. Hugh attended in 1954-1960 where the school consisted of one room with a big fireplace and only one teacher. Hugh would ride to school and enjoyed playing with the Wood and Merkel families. Jonathan attended in 1990-1997 where the main building with the fire place was still there and an additional portable attached to the main building. William has started his first year of school this year.

Anthea Redman (nee Wood), her daughter Jill Pearson, and her three girls Tilly, Belle and Ruby have also attended Talgarno Primary. Anthea attended between 1961 -1967, and remembers when the teachers would live with the school families. Jill's school years were between 1984- 1990. Jill recalls having one computer for the whole school and 1 VCR which rotated through families during the school holidays. Tilly is in grade 4, Belle in grade 2, and Ruby in grade 1.

Now with the current generation the school has grown to have a Principal, two teachers and a business manager. It boasts 3 classrooms a library/music room, a kitchen

and an office, and a computer for every student.

All four students love going to Talgarno Primary school, where their parents and grandparents have such fond memories and are excited to be able to share these experiences and familiar memories with their families.



*Jill Pearson, Anthea Redman, Hugh, Jonathon and Will Green, Tilly, Belle & Ruby Pearson*

## Berringa Firies Calendar Update

The 2017 Berringa Firies calendar has been a huge success! To date, we have raised \$3146, which will be split between the Berringa fire brigades, Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno. Thank you to everyone who supported us, either through sponsorship, by purchasing a calendar or assisting in sales.

In preparation for our next calendar, we encourage anyone who has taken photos at local call outs to email them through to [berringatiries@gmail.com](mailto:berringatiries@gmail.com).

There are still a few calendars for sale at the re-

duced price of \$10, so please see your local calendar contact.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to finalising our figures and writing out some cheques!

*Mel Naismith (Bethanga) 0428 191 283*

*Mari Green (Talgarno) 0418 693 535*

*Jill Pearson (Talgarno) 0412 042 090*

*Sharon Star (Granya) 60729566*

# Australia Day 2017



The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume, in conjunction with Towong Shire Council, conducted the Australia Day ceremonies at the Bellbridge Community Centre.

After the community free breakfast, a flag raising ceremony was carried out by the Albury TS naval cadets. Kevin Snaidero, Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotarian, introduced Mr Peter Smith OAM, Australia Day Ambassador. Mr Smith has an impressive background in media, television and radio. He outlined his enjoyment at visiting country regions, meeting the people and volunteers.

David Wortmann, Mayor of Towong Shire, announced the Peninsula Awards and Mr. Peter Smith presented the Awards.

## **Community Event of the Year Talgarno CFA.**

At the height of the 2006/7 drought the Towong Shire Council offered Drought Social Recovery Grants which invited groups and organisations to apply for grants to assist with the cost of running community events that offered social support to local communities through the adverse conditions caused by the severe drought. The Talgarno CFA, led by the late Eric Wood, applied for a grant to hold four free community BBQs at the Talgarno fire Shed which were well attended by the local people

Since then the locals have decided to keep the BBQs going and these are held on the second Friday evening of each month. Over the years, rain hail or shine it has grown as a community event for all to enjoy and socialise. It also raises funds for the CFA and is an integral part of the Talgarno and district community.

## **Citizen of the Year**

**John Northey**, a third generation, born and bred, Springdale farmer, has had a very strong sense of community involvement of over 20 years in the area. He has been Captain of the Bethanga CFA since 2008. He has been heavily involved in getting local residents trained in our area in fire safety and replacing old equipment with modern day equipment for Bellbridge and surrounds He has worked very hard in organising signs, maps, training, communications equipment and working closely with adjoining CFA brigades. As well he has been on the gymkhana committee for over 15 years and also the Cemetery and Springdale Recreation Reserve committees and many other local groups. In all of the groups he has been involved in, he has been a very valuable contributor and brings enthusiasm and commitment.

*Andrew Christy*



*Graeme Redman, accepted award on behalf of Talgarno CFA, Peter Smith OAM Australia Day Ambassador and John Northey, Citizen of the Year*



# Assistance at the Gymkhana & Family Fun Day.

Easter Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017.

We could always do with a few more helpers on the day. If you don't normally receive a direct request from us, but feel you could help out in some way, please make contact with one of us. We will try and slot you in where you feel most comfortable.

To assist with the running of the Family Fun or Children's events, please call John Northey on 0260 264257 or 0414 931 442.

Anywhere else on the day, please call Mary Northey on 0260 264257.

Mary Northey (Secretary)



Jim and Julie de Hennin invite you the Biggest Morning Tea at their house on

**Saturday, 20 May 2017**

**10:00 am - Noon**

at

**Jounama**

**697 Murray River Road**

**Talgarno**

*Bring your friends- there will be produce, cake and plants stalls and raffles. Join the fun and help fight cancer.*

Please bring a plate of food to share.

If you items for the stalls or raffle contact

Julie de Hennin  
Co-ordinator  
6020 1136  
or 0412 433 499



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## “Reuben’s Run”– Talgarno property sold after being held in the family for six generations.

The ‘Reuben’s Run’ property at Talgarno was recently sold after being held by the family for six generations. The property was originally settled and farmed by Reuben Edwin Williams and his wife Susannah, followed by their son Samuel Arthur Williams and his wife Jessie, then their daughter Alice Irene – Rene Trewella and her husband Norman then their daughter Cecily Joy McKenzie–McHarg and her husband John.

A clearing sale was held on 3 February 2017, where several hundred local and from afar people, bid enthusiastically for the items that had been on the property since settlement.

Reuben Edwin Williams was the original owner of the property. Reuben was born in Poolgooth, Cornwall in 1834 and married Susannah Maria Watts born in 1850. They came to Australia and originally took up mining at Ballarat and then Bethanga before selecting land on Johnston Creek, Talgarno. Reuben was awarded a licence in 1880 for an annual rental of 13/6 (13 shillings and 6 pence). The land was originally used as the Station Creek Yards where cattle from the Upper Murray were walked to and held overnight on their way to the Wodonga Saleyards. At that time the Sale Yards were located where the Wodonga Hotel is currently situated. Reuben turned some of the land into a vegetable garden where he was renowned for growing magnificent vegetables.

Sometime around 1886 Reuben, Susannah and their family built a pise (rammed earth) house, which they named ‘Thistle Camp’, because there were an abundance of thistles in the area. ‘Thistle Camp’ is the name it is still known as today. The mud to build the house was sourced from Johnston Creek, which runs through the property.



*‘Thistle Camp’ house today.*

Reuben was eventually awarded the land in 1890, however he died on the 25th December, 1891. Susannah was killed coming home from Albury when the track was obscured by smoke from bush fires during late February 1914. One of their sons, Samuel, lost control of the jig when the horse bolted. She died soon after from her injuries, within sight of ‘Thistle Camp’.

Following the death of Reuben and Susannah the land was then farmed by their son, Samuel Arthur Williams and his wife Jessie. Samuel and Jessie had three daughters Vera Francis (Hore), Olive Caroline (Macaulay) and Alice Irene – Rene (Trewella).

Rene was born in 1919 and in 1942 married Norman (Norm) Trewella from Bethanga. For a few years Rene and Norm lived at Helston Park (where Maurice and Josie Star lived until recent times) with Norm’s sister Else and her husband Jim Mitchell. In about 1950 Norm and Rene took over running the property where they built and moved to the weatherboard house in Cemetery Road with their young children Ron and Cecily. Norm and Rene worked and lived on this property and in this house until they moved to Lutheran Aged Care. As farmers they milked cows, grazed sheep on Flagstaff Hill, raised beef cattle, as well as playing for many dances, balls, 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays in the area. They were also renowned for their entertainment for over 27 years at the SS&A club, Albury.



*The original home of Rene and Norm Trewella where they raised their children Ron and Cecily*

Reuben and Susannah Williams, and Rene and Norm Trewella are all buried in Talgarno Cemetery.

*Cecily McKenzie McHarg and Julie de Hennin*



# Bethanga Family Fun Day & Gymkhana

**Easter Saturday 15 April, 2017**

**Bethanga Sports Ground**

**ADULTS: \$5.00 CHILDREN: FREE**

## **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.**

(Commencing around 10:30 am)

STEPPING THE DISTANCE

GUESS HOW MANY LOLLIES IN THE JAR

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BALE OF WOOL

HAND BALL COMPETITION

GUESS THE HEIGHT OF THE POLE

FREE EASTER EGGS

NAILDRIVING

JUMPING CASTLE (\$2.50)

OUTDOOR LASER TAG

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GOLF PUTTING

ANGRY BIRDS

## **FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHILDREN**

(Commencing around 10:30am).

EGG AND SPOON RACES

WHEELBARROW RACES

CATCH EASTER BUNNY

EGG THROWING

THREE LEGGED RACES

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SACK RACES.

TUG OF WAR.

TREASURE HUNT

**Pie Eating Contest (12:30pm)**

**Entry: \$3.00 Winner: \$50**

**Iron Woman Contest (3pm)**

**Entry: \$5.00 Winner: \$100**

**Iron Man Contest (3:30pm)**

**Entry: \$5.00 Winner: \$100**

**Men's & Ladies Gift**

**Entry: \$4.00 \$60; \$30 & \$15 for each**

**Dog Jumps (4pm)**

**Entry: \$2.00 Every Dog gets a treat**

## **LOTTO COMPETITION.**

1st Prize: \$600 Gift Voucher 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$5 Scratchie

Tickets: \$3 each Maximum of 400 Tickets

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## **HORSE EVENTS**

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

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### Pub News

We hope every one had wonderful break over the festive season and continue to enjoy our Summer/Autumn weather although I think it may be a very hot Autumn.

X-mas season the Hotel noted an increase in tourists visiting our area and many comments made of what a beautiful part of Australia we live in. I am sure a full lake contributed to this and the local community's hospitality.

We welcome 2 new staff members, Ella Mitchell and Grace Burrows . We wish Rhiannon Eckert the best in her future studies at Deacon Uni at Burwood in Criminology for the next three years, Michaela Hird at Deacon in Geelong, for 3 years study in Bio Medical Sciences and to Holly Eckert who is completing her final year in exercise/physio sports Science at Deacon Geelong campus and a Happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

We have only one staff member this year who is doing VCE, which is Harry Eckert, so the pressure will not be as bad (on Me....Leslie).

Footy season is already in full swing with the AFL women. This has generated a lot of discussion at the bar and anyone who wishes to join the footy tipping competition for the men's season which will be in its 15<sup>th</sup> year starting in March/April, please call in at the Pub . The competition is open to juniors and seniors. An end of season BBQ and presentation day occurs later in the year .

Bethanga Anglers club members are, at time of publication, off to the East coast for a week of fishing. It will be interesting to see how much fishing is done.

The monthly music club sessions on the second Satur-

day we have some new musicians from our local area pop in and we look forward to seeing them in the coming months .

Coming EVENTS

MUSIC CLUB -SAT 11<sup>th</sup> March , 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May

Labour Day -Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Easter 14,15,16 and 17 APRIL- Open Good Friday at 12 noon  
Normal trading hours for other days

Anzac Day Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Open from 12 noon.

Cheers Leslie, Paul and Tubby



## Bethanga Music Club

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TALGARNO PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Mother's Day High Tea

SUNDAY 14 MAY

11:00 AM  
THE WOOL PRESS GRANYA  
3235 MURRAY RIVER ROAD

\$30 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES LUNCH, DESSERT & TEA

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Students from Bethanga Primary School and Melrose Primary School will be travelling to Melbourne in September to participate in



Although students are required to make a substantial financial contribution to make this happen, both schools will be working to raise funds to support this amazing experience.

**Bethanga Primary will be hosting a movie night fundraiser on**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6:30pm**

(what a great way to celebrate the end of term 1!)

**Tickets are \$20 each however the school receives \$7.50 for every ticket sold!**



25 years after the release of the animated Disney movie, the live-action remake hits our screens!

The fantastic journey of Belle, a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within.

**Our goal is to raise \$1,000! To do this we need to sell 135 tickets...**

Get a group of friends together and help us achieve our goal!

Tickets will be available from the front office of both Bethanga and Melrose Primary  
(Once money has been received, tickets will be distributed)

Further enquiries please contact

Rachel Saunders at Bethanga Primary on 60264263 or  
Kelsie McWilliams at Melrose Primary on 60591955



# Serving the Community

Tallangatta Health Service (THS) is here for our community. Predominantly recognised by its hospital, THS also has a Medical Centre, Residential Aged Care (respite and permanent beds), Allied Health, and an extensive Health Promotion and Home and Community Care (HACC) program which includes District Nursing, and the Commonwealth Home Support program (CHSP).

The THS Medical Centre has provides General Practice consultation five days per week. It also provides a location for Dorevitch Pathology which is open each morning (Monday – Friday) from 8.30am to 11.30am for pathology collection (no appointment necessary).

Eligible community clients in the areas extending from Bellbridge, Talgarno, Bethanga, Granya, Shelley, Tallangatta Valley, Mitta Mitta, Dartmouth, Eskdale, and all areas in-between are serviced by District Nursing which runs from Monday to Friday. The HACC program is also funded to provide services to this catchment area, and can provide home care, personal care, respite care, and meals on wheels upon assessment.

Planned Activity Groups (PAG) and Health Promotion sessions run extensively throughout the catchment area, providing outings, clinics, and education in outreach locations.

So whilst you may have an acute episode in Albury Wodonga, if you have care needs once at home, Tallangatta Health Service would be pleased to serve you. I am more than happy to discuss our services in general, or if you prefer specific information, contact the services on the numbers below.

Warm regards

Denise Parry  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Phone 02 6071 5200

<b>SERVICES AVAILABLE AT TALLANGATTA HEALTH SERVICE</b>	
<b>Hospital</b> <b>02 6071 5200</b>	Acute, Transition Care Program, Palliative Care, Slow Stream rehabilitation
<b>Medical Centre</b> <b>02 6071 2570</b>	General Practitioner, Practice Nurse, Counsellor, Diabetes Educator, Nurse Practitioner – Women’s Health
<b>Residential Aged Care</b> <b>02 6071 5200</b>	Bolga Court and Lakeview – Permanent and Respite Care
<b>Community Services</b> <b>02 6071 5200</b>	Dietitian, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Social Worker, Volunteer Coordinator, Tax Help (July - October), Community Services Intake Officer
<b>Health Promotion</b> <b>02 6071 5200</b>	Men’s Shed, Strength and Gentle Exercise Groups, Health Education Sessions
<b>Home and Community Care (HACC)</b> <b>02 6071 5238</b>	District Nursing, Personal Care, Home Care, Respite Care, Meals on Wheels, Property Maintenance, Planned Activity Groups
<b>Dorevitch Pathology</b> <b>02 6071 5290</b>	Pathology Collection - located at Tallangatta Medical Centre



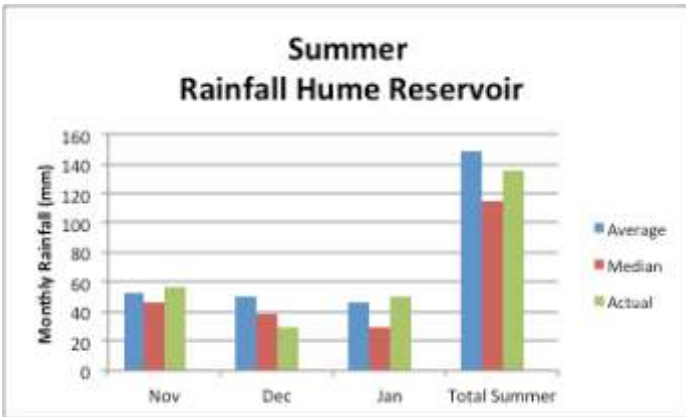
# Prospects for the Season Ahead

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

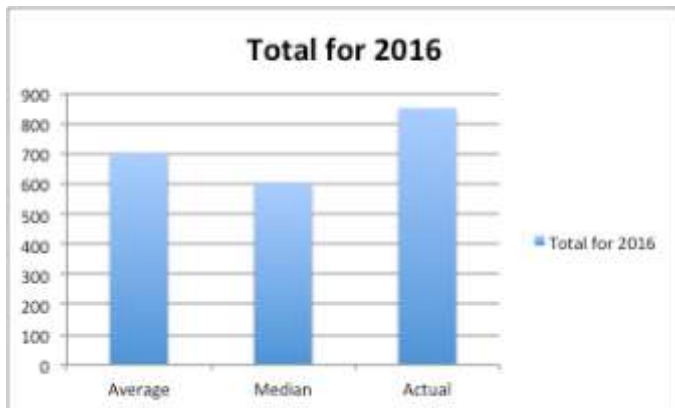


## Rainfall Round-up

The summer rainfall (November to end January) was 135 mm, 17% above the median (115 mm) and 9% below the average (149 mm). Both November and January were just above average but December was drier than average. This summer was a little warmer than usual, particularly December and January.



For the 2016 calendar year, our rainfall (851 mm) was 41% above the median (602 mm) and 21% above average (701 mm).



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook suggested that we could expect average rainfall and above average temperature. They were right about the temperature but a bit optimistic on rainfall. (To be fair, however, their outlooks always refer to medians and not averages and we did have above median rainfall!)

During the summer the pressure over Victoria was lower than normal and this helped channel moist air towards Victoria from the northwest. Unfortunately for us, most of that moisture ended up south of us or north of us. Maybe its true that Talgarno means 'dry country'!

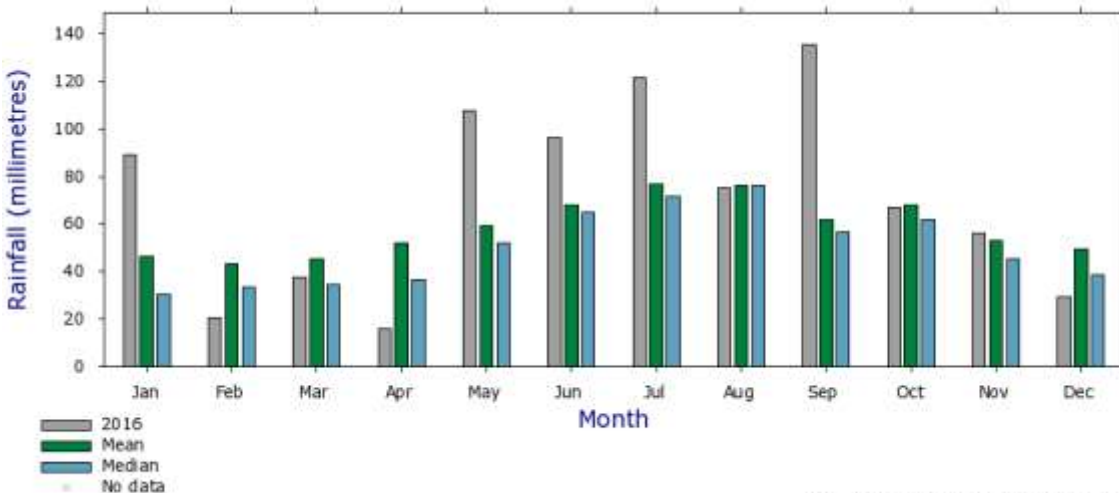
## Prospects for autumn (February to end April)

This is a difficult time of the year to predict future rainfall and the accuracy of forecasts is lower than at other times. It's even worse here on the border than elsewhere in Australia. The latest BOM outlook (January 25) suggests that there is only a 35 – 45% chance of better than median rainfall which according to their website is 139 mm.

The SOI remains neutral as does the IOD but the Bureau are suggesting that a persistent sub-tropical ridge (higher than average pressure across the continent) means fewer low pressure systems and passing cold fronts may not reach us. They also say that Australian climate patterns are also being influenced by the long-term increasing global trend in air and ocean temperatures.

While BOM are suggesting slightly drier than normal, all but one of the other 7 climate models are suggesting average rainfall so take your pick!!

Hume Reservoir (072023) 2016 Rainfall (millimetres)



Greg Hayes

Note: Data may not have completed quality control

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## Disposing of Green Waste in Towong Shire

Towong Shire residents are reminded that they should dispose of their green waste through Council's Green Waste Collections or at the Waste Transfer Stations.

"Towong Shire Council offers a range of services to dispose of green waste. The Waste Transfer Stations in Corryong and Tallangatta are able to take green waste, which is then mulched and composted," explained Towong Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Wortmann.

"Council also operates a number of green and hard waste collections throughout the year for residents who can't get to our transfer stations during opening hours," said Cr Wortmann.

Collections are currently scheduled for the following locations in April 2017:

- **Bellbridge** Sunday 9 April 2017, 10am - 1pm
- **Granya** Saturday 30 September 2017, 10am - 1pm

Collections will also be conducted in Bethanga and Granya, after winter. The full list of green and hardwaste collection dates is available on Council's website:

[www.towong.vic.gov.au/wastecollections](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/wastecollections)

The collection will accept household furniture, barbecues, toys, pushbikes, plant pots, scrap metal, crockery, gas

bottles (must be empty), electrical appliances, televisions/computers/monitors, lawn mowers, tools, mattresses/bed bases, mirrors/windows/glass, timber, empty paint tins (must have lids off), carpet, greenwaste and prunings.

Unfortunately Council cannot accept asbestos sheeting (or similar), car bodies, plaster board or cement sheeting, tyres, oil, batteries, liquid waste, chemicals or dangerous goods, fridges, freezers or paint. Please contact Council for advice on how to dispose of these items appropriately.

Residents are also reminded that burning garden waste or other items requires a valid permit or licence. All open fires within the Towong Shire require a permit. The construction and/or use of incinerators for any purpose is also prohibited throughout the shire, without a valid permit or licence.

Fires being used for cooking (such as a BBQ or Pizza Oven) and for heating (such as a chiminea or brazier) do not require a permit.

For more information on green waste disposal, or permits associated with open fires in Towong Shire, please call 02 6071 5100 or visit Council's website at [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au)

## Upgrades underway on Georges Creek Road

Towong Shire Council has started extensive upgrade works on Georges Creek Road, including road sealing, pavement reconstruction, hazardous tree removal and widening.

Work is underway on the southern hill section, 14km from Jarvis Creek Road. Completed works will provide an important safety and accessibility upgrade for residents of the area.

The upgrades will continue until the end of April 2017 and motorists are being asked to comply with any traffic controls that may be in place while the works are delivered.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the project would be a welcome improvement for surrounding residents and farmers.

"Sealing this section of road will create a quicker and safer route through to the Murray River Road, improving access for residents and agricultural businesses in the area," he said.

"These improvements will also reduce the need for ongoing gravel road maintenance. As most residents know, this section of road tends to deteriorate during winter. These upgrades provide a permanent solution that improves safety while reducing ongoing maintenance costs."

The project is part funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program (\$200,000) to the project and Towong Shire Council has contributed an additional \$70,000 of ratepayer funds to the upgrade.



# NBN Tower Update

In September 2015 Towong Shire Council resolved to grant a Planning Permit (with conditions) for an NBN tower in Bethanga.

An appeal was lodged with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) by Bethanga residents who objected to the issue of the permit. NBN also lodged an appeal with VCAT in relation to the

conditions included by Council in the permit.

The matter was heard by VCAT on 13 February 2017, with representatives for the objectors, NBN and Council present.

It is anticipated that VCAT will advise of its decision in approximately eight weeks (around mid April).

# Tallangatta Long Day Care Service Now Open

Families from Tallangatta and neighbouring localities now have access to Long Day Care services.

The new service operates from the new Tallangatta Early Years Centre, Towong Street, Tallangatta and is Council-run, operating from 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. The service is registered with the Federal Government, providing access to Child Care Benefit funding, which assists to keep fees affordable for families. The rate for a full day is \$85. For eligible families this is then reduced to less than \$43 per day via the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate funding.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said Long Day Care offered additional versatility for parents.

"Many parents return to the workforce after starting their families and they need a reliable local service that allows them to balance family and professional life," he said. "This form of care is recognized as a great way for children to interact and learn in their formative years, giving children the best start to life."

"The Long Day Care service is being operated from our new facility with some fantastic new resources and a passionate and dedicated team. It also offers flexibility and convenience to the community by bringing together Council's Kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health Service and Library under the one roof."

For more information and to make a booking contact Towong Shire Council on 6071 5100 or visit [www.towong.vic.gov.au/longdaycare](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au/longdaycare)

## TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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# 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](mailto:info@berringacommunitynews.com.au)*

## Wymah Ferry

### Operating hours

7am – 8pm

### During daylight saving

6am – 9pm

(NB no meal closure times)

### OUTSIDE THESE HOURS

Ring the contractor,  
6020 2038

## Berringa Community Centre - Bellbridge

For bookings of the Berringa Community Centre in Bellbridge, please ring the Towong Shire Council's Customer Service Centre on 6071 5100. Any of the staff there will be able to make a booking or alternatively confirm if the Centre is already booked.

They will ask for details such as:

- \* time of meeting
- \* duration of meeting
- \* date of meeting
- \* contact name
- \* contact phone number

At the time of making the booking, you will be advised of the charge and where to collect the keys to the Centre. Keys should always be returned to the same collection point after the meeting.

## CORRYONG BUS & FREIGHT

Passenger and freight service between Albury/Wodonga and Corryong along Murray River Road

Daily Monday to Friday

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## Talgarno Hall

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

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

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

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*

## 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*

## Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall

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For Hall Bookings: Contact Bethanga General Store 6026 4215



## Bonegilla Hall

Hall available for hire.

**Craft Group** held every Thursday 10am-2pm.

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

Anyone interested in Zumba classes?

Enquiries: 0439 186 373

Email: BonegillaHall@gmail.com

## 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

## LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB FUN DAY



**SATURDAY 29TH APRIL  
2017**

**9.30am to 11.30am at Bethanga  
Recreation Reserve**

**We are starting of the season with a  
fun day with Free Sausage Sizzle**

- **Bring your kids down so they can test out the fun game of football**
  - **Kids aged 3-15 welcome**
- **We play in Bethanga so no weekly travel**
- **No formal competition, all about skills, fun and exercise**

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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

**Berringa Community Centre**

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



## Engagements



**Bonnie Gormly and Corbin Smith** got engaged at Craig's Hut on the 4th January 2017.



**Andrew Paton and Jacqui Gormly** were engaged on the 27th September at Indented Heads while holidaying. Andrew got down on his knee while playing at the park with their son, Dustin

## Babies



**Sarah Wallace and Graham Ramadge** of Talgarno welcomed baby Charlie to their family on 29th December 2016, weighing in at 7lb 9oz. Brother to Jennoah, Brooke, Alex and Billy.



**Elizabeth and Dan Mitchell** of Talgarno would like to announce the arrival of their precious Evie Grace on 20th Feb. She weighed in at 9lb 4oz and is 55cm long. Big sister Hanna and big brother Will are very proud.

**Neil and Jenny Merkel** give thanks to God for the birth of their grandson Nico Ferris Merkel, third child to Tristan and Clare, brother to Fisher and Iseult.



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# Granya Gazette



## Granya Tennis Courts

A big thank you to the dedicated community members and the Recreation Reserve Committee who pulled together to resurface and paint the Granya Tennis Courts. Thank you to Jack Guilliamse and Lee O' Shea.



Granya is keen to submit a team into the Kiewa and District Tennis Association. If you are interested please contact Virginia McKenzie on 6072 9575 or Sharon Star 6072 9566.

## Mobile Tower

Towong Shire has received an update from Steve Tinker, Area General Manager Western and Northern Victoria, Telstra last week regarding the Granya Mobile Phone Tower. The land that the tower will be built on at Mt Granya is controlled by Parks Vic (Crown Land) and there have been a number of extra approvals required, but these have nearly all been achieved and he is confident a planning permit application will be at the Towong Shire later this month or early March.

## Granya Church

The Granya Church sold by Auction in February for \$75,000 the purchaser from the North Coast is planning to use the church and land as a weekender retreat, and eventually to settle at some point; "peace and quiet was the key attraction for the purchaser."

## Industrial Waste

It was sad to see that someone had dumped tyres at Granya at a local fishing spot on the weir, many community members were quick to alert police and investigations are still ongoing.



## Other Community News



**The Granya Heritage Museum** held a working bee in February and now has the Grounds and Building looking fantastic. Thank you to all those who attended. The museum will be holding monthly **Devonshire Teas** on the last Sunday of the month from 2—4pm. If you are keen to get involved or attend please phone Val for further information on 6072 9554.

**The Granya Hall** has completed the second stage of beautification with re-stumping and other works are now being finalised.





## PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

*Creating Safer Communities*

Area Co-ordinator: Bob Martin Ph 0418 597 982

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 6026 4323

Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 6020 1144

Newsletter: Lyn Martin Ph 0407 933 480



### AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this first edition for 2017 of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. Thanks to the Granya community for hosting the February Community meeting which was well attended.

As Summer draws to a close how lucky we have been to not have had a major fire in our area...so far so good!!!! Thanks must go to our local brigades for their quick action in attending the fires in Murray River Road before they could take hold. Well done Granya Brigade. It was pleasing to see Talgarno Brigade receive the 'Event of the Year' award at the Australia Day Breakfast held at the Bellbridge Community Centre, just showing how important a role they play in our Community. John Northey received the local 'Citizen of the Year' award. John is Captain of the Bethanga Brigade where he has put in many voluntary hours of work for the Bethanga Brigade and Bethanga Gymkhana. Well done John! We still need to be careful for the rest of the Summer period. Please note anything untoward in your area and immediately report this information to our policeman Nev. Such information may be useful in further investigations.

**The next meeting of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch will be held at the Bethanga Hall on May 17 at 7:30pm. We would love to see you there and show your support for Neighbourhood Watch and the Peninsula Community.**

As a Neighbourhood Watch Community we need to keep our eyes open to see if we can catch people who seem hell bent on dumping rubbish in our local area. There is a cost in time and money to clean up after them.

If you see it, know it, say so. Phone Nev on 6026 4204 and report it, this will make Nev's job a lot easier.

If you require extra gate signs they are available from the Bethanga and Bellbridge Shops.

Our annual fund raiser, a generous load of wood, will be held prior to Winter, so please support it by purchasing tickets. The winner will be drawn at the Bethanga NHW meeting on Wednesday 17 May, 2017

Best wishes

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 2017.

**May 17, 7.30pm 2017 – Bethanga - Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall followed by supper**

**August 16, 7.30pm 2017 – Talgarno - Community Meeting & AGM at Talgarno Primary School followed by supper**

**November 15, 7.30pm 2017 - Bellbridge – Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Berringa Community Centre**

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

### **Riverina Highway upgrade between Lake Hume Resort and Bethanga Bridge**

Initiated by Neighbourhood Watch, with community and political pressure, Peninsula residents are delighted to see the progress of the Riverina Highway upgrade between Lake Hume Resort and Bethanga Bridge. This road, which many of us call The Pines Road, has been the subject of much discontent for many years, so the \$6.5 million Stage Two upgrade to improve road safety and provide consistent travelling conditions from Lake Hume Resort to Bethanga Bridge is welcomed. It is expected the Lake Hume Resort to the Bethanga Bridge road will be finished late June 2018, weather permitting.



Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program



## **POLICE CRIME REPORT**

### **TOW 1, Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report for Nov, Dec 2016 & January, 2017**

#### **Report Date 04/12/16**

Criminal Damage by Fire, Murray River Road, Talgarno. Between 11.00pm & 11.45pm 04/12/16 an unknown offender/s has set fire to a NSW stolen vehicle resulting in total destruction.

Approximate Values \$25000.00. Nil suspects. Investigation ongoing with Wodonga CIU.

#### **Report Date 06/12/16**

Reckless Conduct (Road Rage), Beardmore St, Bethanga. Between 4.45pm & 5.20pm 06/12/16. Road Rage incident from Beardmore Street to Lake Hume Resort. Female assaulted. Suspect interviewed. Complaint withdrawn by victim.

#### **Report Date 11/12/16**

Criminal Damage, Beardmore St, Bethanga. At 11.50am 11/12/16 the victims vehicle was damaged by a known person. Value \$100.00. Complaint was withdrawn by victim.

#### **Report Date 15/12/16**

Burglary & Theft, Springdale Road, Bethanga. Between 8.00am & 12.00 Midday 15/12/16. Known offender/s have entered a rural farm house and stole personal items from within. Value \$80.00. Suspect identified. Interview pending.

#### **Report Date 20/12/16**

Theft, Firebrace Track, Granya. Between 9.00am 01/12/16 & 9.00am 16/12/16. Unknown offender has entered open shed on remote rural property and stolen tools from within. Value \$158.00. Nil suspects. Investigation ongoing.

#### **Report Date 06/1/17**

Theft, Sirs Rd, Jarvis Creek. Between 8.00am 20/12/16 & 8.00am 30/12/16. Unknown offender has removed fencing gate from rural property. Value \$150.00. Nil Suspects.

#### **Report Date 10/01/17**

Theft, Elizabeth Cres, Bellbridge. Between 7.00pm 07/01/17 & 12.00 Midday 08/01/17. Unknown offender has removed fishing equipment from an unsecured boat parked in driveway. Partially covered with tarp. Value \$1300.00. Nil Suspects.

#### **Report Date 17/01/17**

Fire, Murray River Rd, Granya. At 11.15am 17/01/17. Suspicious fire lit on roadside. Evidence of possible deliberate act. Paddock pasture burned. Fire not set to cause wildfire. Nil value of damage. Nil suspects. Suspect vehicle seen in area. Investigation ongoing.

#### **Report Date 17/01/17**

Fire, Murray River Rd, Bungil. At 9.00pm 17/01/17. Suspicious fire started roadside. Nil cause known but deemed suspicious due to similar circumstances of Granya fire. Nil damage. Road side scrub burned. Nil suspects. Investigation ongoing.

#### **Regards,**

**Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254**

**Bethanga Police Station, 1 Bethanga Bay Road, Bethanga, VIC 3690** email: [neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au) phone: (02) 60 264204 | fax: (02) 60 264600 | Mobile: 0417722952



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Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

## **Annual Wood Raffle**

Tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks and drawn at the Bethanga NHW Meeting, Wednesday 17 May 2017.



### **Eliminate deliberately and recklessly lit bushfires in our community and help save lives**

A bushfire or grass fire can result in enormous cost to the community and loss of life, no matter whether it's deliberately or recklessly lit. Both recklessly and deliberately lit fires are considered arson. Victoria Police will pursue anyone who starts a fire that gets out of control, whether reckless or deliberate.

**Reckless behaviour** can include not properly extinguishing a campfire, lighting a fire on a total fire ban day or using any equipment that may emit sparks and start a fire. Check with your local authorities to find the best way of avoiding bushfire risk.

**Reporting bushfire arson helps** eliminate recklessly and deliberately lit bushfires in our community by reporting suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers. Reporting bushfire arson to Crime Stoppers gives the police the vital clues they need to help stop arsonists in their tracks. Every report adds a piece to the puzzle and there is no piece of information too small or insignificant

If you believe a person, or vehicle, is behaving in a suspicious manner write down the details. If you record the details straight away the more accurate they are likely to be, and the more helpful the information will be to police.

**If you see something or know something, say something.**



**NHW Gate and Fence signs have been distributed across the Peninsula area. Please attach these to your gates and fences to remind potential criminals we are a community that looks out for each other.**



# CLUBS AND GROUPS

## BERRINGA CERT



**In an Emergency call 000**

Thank you to all those that contributed to our Trivia fund raising night on 25 February. We raised \$1520 through the generosity of the 46 people who participated in the medically themed trivia, raffles, games and silent auction and those who paid not to attend.

The quiz was won by the "Springdale Swingers", helped no doubt by its multigenerational representation, and the Graduates came last. I hope all those who attended, winners or losers, had some fun anyway.



Winners "Springdale Swingers"

The night would not have been a success without the exceptional work of the quiz master Leon Helmrich who prepared the questions, provided the technology and was the master of crowd control.

We are grateful to the Bethanga Hotel for providing the venue and supper free of charge.

Twenty six local businesses generously provided prizes for the trivia, raffles and silent auction. We wish to acknowledge them for their support: Regent Cinema, Big W, Peards Albury, Great Outdoors, Bunnings, Jappo Donks, Wunderbar, Arnolds, Wodonga Jewellers, Reconnect, Lockworx, Curio Shop, Exact Computers and Home Entertainment, Henri's Bakery, Emma Wilson Hairdressers, Talgarno Gold Cheese, Manzone, Kangaroo Store Ebden, Superior Seeds, Dave Elder, Marisa Mitchell, Melanie Naismith, Elders, Mark's Spray Barn, Beazley's Butchery, Mastercuts, Joe Calvert.

The CERT team and Committee wish to thank everyone who was involved in any way in supporting the ongoing operation of our team.

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

## LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

SATURDAY 29th APRIL FOR SOCCER SEASON START AT BETHANGA

If you and your kids are dreaming of A-League Super Stardom, or maybe just looking for a bit of local sporting fun on a Saturday morning, then Lake Hume Soccer Club could be just what you're looking for. We get together on Saturdays at 9.30am to 11.30am at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. We enjoy a healthy 2 hours of fun, fitness and a friendly game of soccer.

Our 2017 season kicks off on the 29 April with a fun and registration day, with a free sausage sizzle for anyone who comes down. We cater for girls and boys aged 4-14 (we'll take younger or older if they are keen) and we divide into skill/age appropriate groups. Our enthusiastic coaches will put the players through their paces practising new skills, improving on existing ones, playing a game and having a good run around. Parents are encouraged to get involved either on the field, on the sidelines or helping in the canteen, or you may get yourself a coffee from the canteen and take in the spectacle that is Saturday morning junior football.

LHSC is a small club and we don't field any teams in the Albury Wodonga Football Association competition – so all our games are home games! The club is affiliated with the Football Federation of Victoria, and all Lake Hume Soccer Club players are required to be registered.

The cost is \$50 per player for the season, with a discount for families with 3 or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football, and if this appeals to you come to our first session and try it out. Kids get two 'come and try' sessions before needing to register. We will have a free sausage sizzle and fun day on the first Saturday, 29th April.

SATURDAY 29th APRIL AT 9.30am  
LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB  
BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT 12PM

For more information please contact Jenny on 0475 945 474.

## BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

We have been busy implementing and completing grants

### Lighting Upgrade

We have used a Safer Community Lighting Grant from the Department of Justice to put power and lighting to the ticket box, in addition, a light post donated by Charles Sturt University to enable lighting out from net ball court area. This will have a movement sensor.

### Friends of Bethanga Creek win 2016 Fire Awareness Award

The winners of the prestigious awards were celebrated for their innovation and ingenuity in front of an audience of over 200 people representing community members and emergency services from across Victoria. Run by Victoria's fire agencies – MFB, CFA and DELWP – the winners and finalists were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts.

"The quality of the winners demonstrates the clear understanding that Victorian communities have around fire awareness and safety," DELWP's Chief Fire Officer Stephanie Rotarangi said. "These Awards recognise the fantastic grass-roots, community-led projects that go such a long way to help protect their local communities from the threat of fire."

Friends of Bethanga Creek won the Community-led Prevention Award

Friends of Bethanga Creek – led by Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management with Country Fire Authority-Bethanga Brigade, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning -Upper Murray District and North East Catchment Management Authority. The aim of the group is to undertake works to increase the biodiversity values and safety of Bethanga Creek. This includes the removal of woody weeds and exotic grasses, fuel reduction and erosion control to protect the township and its residents.



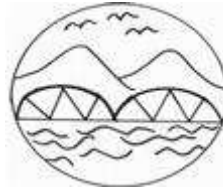
. Craig Lapsley Emergency services, John Northey, Matt Gill, and David Elder receiving award at RACV Club Melbourne.

See the details of the awards at <https://fireawarenessawards.com.au/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgTyofj7--M>

Heartfelt thanks to all involved in any way to do this safely, and in the ongoing works. Shows what communities can achieve when pulling together.

Regards David Elder  
[bethangareserve@gmail.com](mailto:bethangareserve@gmail.com)  
President: David Elder 0408 281 006  
[davidcaelder@bigpond.com](mailto:davidcaelder@bigpond.com)

## PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed members meet every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are

welcome to come along and get involved in 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 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*



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## **TALGARNO CFA**

We hope this *Berringa News* update finds you safe, well and cool after the summer season. We have had eight callouts since mid-November and fortunately no major fires in our immediate area this Summer (touch wood!) Our brigade, along with many others, attended two larger fires in Indigo Valley and Tangambalanga and our remaining callouts were motor vehicle related, small grass or vegetation fires. Thanks to all members that do respond to the callouts, even if you end up going home after reporting to the fire shed. Overall, this season we have had good numbers responding to callouts, which is a very healthy sign.

### **Donations**

Apologies to community members for not getting this information out earlier in the season. We have now printed our flyers and will soon be doing a letterbox drop to all Talgarno community members for our annual donation drive. We strongly encourage all those who are in the position to donate to dig deep so we can continue to purchase essential equipment for the brigade. If you do not receive a flyer, feel free to use one of these methods to donate:

Donate directly into the CFA & Brigades Donations Trust Fund:  
BSB: 063225  
A/C No: 1022 0603

In the reference section: Please note Brigade no: 24457. This will ensure that funds are credited to the Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade.

If you want a receipt, notify Grant Lewis on [grant.lewis@jmme.com.au](mailto:grant.lewis@jmme.com.au).

Post your donation (to Grant Lewis, 129 Wisers Creek Rd, Talgarno, 3691). Please make cheques payable to Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade.

Make a payment in person at the next general meeting, training day or monthly BBQ.

### **Fundraising**

By now, you have no doubt seen the marvellous Berringa Fires calendar. We were very happy with the result! We would like to thank the generous sponsors in the local community for covering all production and printing costs and encourage the community to support these sponsors. The Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade would like to publicly thank Mel Naismith, Sarah Jones (Bethanga reps), Mari Green, Jill Pearson (Talgarno reps) and Sharon Star (Granya rep) for coordinating the calendar photography, graphic design and printing. We are also thrilled with the extra fundraising money, which we will put to good use.

### **Grants**

The brigade is currently applying for several grants to purchase new or upgrade old equipment. We are applying for a mobile shade structure to use at longer incidents, training days or fundraising events. Secondly, we are seeking a grant to upgrade our Quick Fill Trailer and communications equip-



ment and lastly, we plan to apply for the VESEP grant to replace our Slip On. We will keep you posted on the success of these grants.

#### **Australia Day Awards**

Nominations for the 'Community Event of the Year' in this year's Australian Day awards for the Berringa Peninsula included the Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade Monthly BBQ. The BBQs, run on the second Friday of each month, have been running for over 10 years and see anywhere from 20-50 attend each week. The award judges saw the BBQs as something, which has contributed to making Talgarno a more connected and inclusive community. Graham Redman received the award on behalf of the brigade and social club and paid tribute to Eric Wood, noting it was a shame he was not still with us to receive the award in recognition of his work establishing the BBQs. We would also like to congratulate John Northey, captain of Bethanga Brigade, for his award for Citizen of the Year – well deserved John!

#### **Polo shirts**

The Brigade has recently ordered impressive personalised embroidered polo shirts for members. Many have commented on how professional they look and how comfortable they are to wear. If you are a member of the brigade and missed out in the first order, please contact Brendan to order one.

#### **Communication**

If you have not already done so, 'like' our Facebook Page as 230 others have done so. Go to [www.facebook.com/talgarnoruralfirebrigade/](http://www.facebook.com/talgarnoruralfirebrigade/) so we can keep you informed of local fire brigade activities, upcoming training, events and information and how you can become involved in our brigade. Members who do not have a pager are welcome to use the BART App on their smart phone. If this is of interest to you, there is an annual fee of \$30. BART provides pager messages for callouts with map details, Fire Danger and Weather information and has a scanner function to listen to Vic Fire radio traffic.

#### **New members**

Are you interested in becoming a member? Our Brigade is 100% volunteer run and thus can always do with more help. We understand that all our members have other commitments, be that work, family, leisure or volunteering for other causes or groups! Therefore, we do not expect any member to be involved in every aspect of the brigade or turn out to every fire. The more members we have on board, the better capacity we have to serve and protect the community when needed. We need volunteers to help with administrative functions, catering, communications, community engagement, Education and Training, Occupational Health and Safety as well as operational firefighters. If you would like to sign up for membership and further training opportunities, please contact Brendan Pearson on 0439 881 440 or [brendanofoz@gmail.com](mailto:brendanofoz@gmail.com).

Finally, a reminder that the Fire Season is not over yet, so

please remain vigilant and if you see burning off or smoke report it immediately to 000. For future reference (once the fire season has been declared closed) burn notifications should be called in to VicFire 1800 668 511.

*Peter Star, Captain, 0429 436 347*

*Brendan Pearson, Secretary, 0439 881 440*

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All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

### INCIDENTS

27/11/16 8:48pm Lake Rd

18 members turned out both tankers, slip on and private units after a resident saw flames nearby.

Upon investigation it was a neighbour conducting a fuel reduction burn.

No action was required.

30/11/16 10:48pm Talgarno Gap Rd

8 members turned out in Tanker 1 and private units to assist Talgarno Brigade. A bearing failure in a round baler ignited several round bales as they were being made. A skid steer was used to unroll the bales to allow them to be extinguished.

4/12/16 11:34pm Murray River Rd

11 members turned out in both tankers and slip on to assist Talgarno Brigade. A stolen car had been abandoned and set alight in one of the reserves beside the road.

12/12/16 4:07pm Long Gully Rd Indigo Valley

2 Members responded Bethanga Slip on to assist Indigo Valley

at a medium size grass fire. The fire was under control and after blacking out for 3hrs.

1/1/17 12:55pm Gentle Rd Tangambalanga.

5 Members responded with tanker 1 to assist Tangambalanga at a large grass fire. The fire took several hours to bring under control.

### UHF CHANNEL 24

Talgarno and Bethanga fire units have changed to UHF Channel 24.

It is proposed that UHF Channel 24 will become the common channel used within CFA District 24. General public are able to communicate with the truck drivers assisting them with information on this channel.

### CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS

In Victoria, because of season variability there is no set date for fire restrictions to start or end. When the authorities decide, the end date will be advertised in local papers and other media as well as the fire restriction signs in Bellbridge near the end of Bethanga Bridge will stop being displayed.

We often attend fires out of control after the fire restrictions have ended. A reminder that the person lighting the fire is still responsible to ensure it does not get out of control, so please assess the conditions, have adequate firefighting equipment and capable personnel to ensure it stays in control. Fires that do not comply with the rules or accidentally escape are viewed very seriously by Police.

### COUNCIL FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR OPEN FIRES

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

**RESIDENTIAL ZONES-** Towong Shire Council encourages residents not to light open fires any time of the year within council defined residential zones and to use waste transfer stations and hard waste collections instead. No permits to burn will be issued for these zones.

**TOWNSHIP ZONES:** Permits to Burn in a Township Zone will be considered on a case by case basis.

**RURAL LIVING ZONES-** (Farmlots/Hobby farms) Residents will require a council permit to burn anytime (during and outside the fire danger period).

**RURAL ACTIVITY ZONES & RURAL FARM ZONES-** (Agriculture) Residents do not require a permit to burn outside the fire danger period but do require a permit to burn in the fire danger period.

It is a council requirement that you have Public Liability Insurance when applying for a permit to burn.

For further information contact Towong Shire Fire Prevention officer Ken Whitehead.

### BERRINGA FIRIES CALLENDAR



A BIG well done to the hard-working organisers that saw the 2017 Berringa Fires Calendar published. It accurately shows us extinguishing fires, lighting fires, working together, relaxing together and plenty of community interaction. Many people within our community and beyond commit their time to help achieve our goal to make our community a safer place. Thank you to the sponsors and the people who bought a calendar that will see Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya Brigades profit around \$1,000.00 each.

#### **NEW BELLBRIDGE STATION**

The new replacement Ultralight Tanker for Bellbridge should be arriving before the next fire season. The new unit is slightly larger than the existing one and will not fit into the existing shed. The brigade has applied for an Emergency Management Victoria grant to build a new shed. If successful we propose to build a shed that can station a truck to allow for the future. If unsuccessful the brigade must decide on a shed that they can afford.

#### **BERRINGA KINDER VISIT**



*Will Green demonstrates his hose skills.*

The Brigade visited the Staff and children at Berringa Kinder on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. We discussed good fires and bad fires and practiced ringing 000 on an unused phone. We also talked about smoke alarms and fire extinguishers and practiced testing a smoke alarm. The children enjoyed "getting down low and go go go" and demonstrating their skills using the fire hose from the truck.

#### **MINIMUM SKILLS**

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

*John Northey Captain Tel 6026 4574 | 0414 931 442*

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

*Ron Evans Community Safety Liason Tel 6026 4301 | 0427 465 286*

## **TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB**

The teams at Talgarno are having a terrific time and it's great to see so many children and young people involved at the club.

Our Section 4 team has been gradually improving over the season. Although they are still looking for their first win there are signs of improvement each week, with the coaching and school tennis certain-

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**AH: 6026 4251**

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ly helping to hone their skills.

Our Section 3 teams have found the higher grade a bit tougher this season, but it's been a great challenge and terrific for their tennis. The teams are sitting in 8th and 9th spot on the ladder, with Talgarno Blue currently with the bragging rights over Talgarno Gold. They've been very competitive in all matches, winning sets in most matches and are gradually improving their skills, particularly when it comes to singles tennis.

The Section 1 team is sitting in 1st spot and should retain that position and play finals. The team has benefited from a larger than usual pool of male players and has managed to rotate players around quite a bit to give many a game. It yet again looks like the finals will include Georges Creek, Yack Flatties and Tallan-gatta and could be anyone's win depending on the team that turns up on the day!

For those of you interested, the courts are available for hire at \$5 per hour and an additional \$10 per hour to use the lights. A key is available if you contact Brendan Pearson 0439 8814 40 and we rely on your honesty to pay court fees to help us maintain the facilities in the best shape. Members can use the courts at any time they wish.

We look forward to seeing you down at the courts and if anyone has any ideas on how the club can better serve the community please let us know.

*Brendan Pearson  
Grants Officer  
Talgarno Tennis Club  
M: 0439 881 440*

## **BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP**

Rally days are held on the third Sunday of each month and riders receive instruction in horse riding and horse handling, with safety as the primary goal.

Although you would expect that horse ownership is a basic requisite to be a Pony Club member, the club is fortunate enough to have extra horses brought along by existing members and committee members to give those members without a horse, an opportunity to participate.

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

The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee has included two new events in its program for BPC members. The Bethanga Pony Club is a member of Pony Club Victoria.

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

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

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

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

## **ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.**

See Australia day article page 4

*Regards,  
Andrew Christy*

## **BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB**

Marg Sirl- President 6026 4504

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Contact either

*Peter Star 0429 436 347*

*Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048*



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Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment now includes a running machine, exercise bike and recumbent bike (both with heart monitors), cross trainer and an array of hand weights, fit balls, medicine balls, a kick bag and other ancillary equipment. Come and enjoy the fun. New members are always welcome. You work at your own pace in a friendly group atmosphere. For more information, contact David or Vicki on 6020 1147 (just leave a message on the answering machine if they can't get to the phone).



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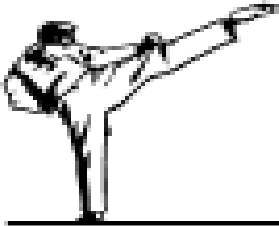
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## BETHANGA/ BELLBRIDGE EXERCISE GROUP

The Tuesday exercise group will no longer be held. See the alternative program on page 2

*Di Schmidt 6026 4325*

## POLE WALKERS

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.

*Di Schmidt 6026 4325*

*Joan Elliot 6020 1177*

## 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*

## 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*

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Anglican - Holy Trinity  
Services held 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month - 9:30am, followed by morning tea.

All visitors welcome.

Baptisms/Christenings - by appointment.

*Annie Berber 0419 407 420*

Catholic - St Francis

Assistant Priest is now Fr. Bernie Agustines

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## Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

In early December, the Executive met to compile the Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group Inc. Project Plan for submission to NECMA. This Project Plan has now been approved with funding limited to \$10,000 whereas

our expression of interest based on responses from the community had totalled \$14,000. The focus of the plan is on activities and events that will support the whole community. These will include:

- Two community information nights (Autumn and Spring) with topics to be decided but perhaps dealing with local bird life and the food web that connects birds, insects, lizards, spiders and vegetation. Please let us know if there is any topic you want to hear about.
- The launch of a Landcarers' Grove at the Johnstone Creek wayside stop. With the cleaning up of the site and the installation of a large boulder, to which we plan to attach plaques acknowledging the original local Landcare founders and other significant Landcare contributors.
- Installation of nesting boxes on farms in Talgarno and Granya with the intention of attracting rare or endangered species such as Squirrel gliders, Turquoise parrots and Brush tailed phascogales (or tuans). The nesting boxes are needed because of the shortage of trees with natural hollows.
- Purchase of a viewing pole and camera to allow monitoring of the creatures using the nesting boxes.

- Installation of new roadside signs (similar to the design shown from the Greta Valley Landcare)



There has also been progress on reactivating the weather station which is located at Jim and Julie de Hennin's farm and also the one at Towong. At this stage the one at Mitta will not be included. NECMA has agreed to provide some funding together with a contribution from UMAG. We will pay an annual maintenance fee. The stations need to be pulled down and sent away for calibration and then re-started. Our plan is to link these two stations to the TAFCO Weather stations that currently have seven sites so that we will have real time weather information.

The next event for our Landcare group will be the autumn information night. A notice about that event will be distributed in advance.

*Rhonda Sinclair, Secretary  
wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com*

## Bethanga Landcare Group

Planning is well under way for this year's projects. Bethanga Landcare continues its successful program of supporting National Tree Day and Tree Giveaway. As for the last couple of years, we have sought expressions of interest for private landholders to fence off sections of their land for revegetation and or habitat protection. This year, Susanne Watkins property on Flagstaff Rd has been selected as the site. We will be planting 500 trees for National Tree Day later in the year. National Tree Day will be a week after the National Tree day date this year to enable us to get as many people on site as possible. More information to follow in a couple of months. Bethanga Landcare group will also be continuing it's successful "Tree Giveaway" at the annual membership renewal. Members receive 40 mixed trees and shrubs for \$15 when they renew their membership.

A few members of the group put applications into NECMA last year for funding for revegetation projects. Unfortunately, because we were not close enough to high priority waterways, we were not successful in our applications. We will be explor-

ing other options for funding revegetation projects.

Bethanga Landcare group was asked to attend the Farm Trees and Landcare Association (FTLA) special general meeting. This was to discuss the merger of the FTLA and VLC into Landcare Victoria Inc (LVI). Due to the timing of the meeting we were unable to attend, but could give our Proxy to David Clark (FTLA Chair) via Lexton Landcare Group (where he is also President). The resolution was passed.

For the second year running the Year 10 students from The Scots School Albury will be spending a day in early April on the Bethanga North Common with David Elder. They will be cutting and painting woody weeds as part of a community service day. They undertook the same project last year and made a big difference to the area.

Next Meeting 23rd May 2017

Roger Barrows -(President)



# Children's Groups



## Playgroup

Playgroup is on every second Wednesday morning from 9.30 am to 11.00 am during weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of the Victorian school term. Everyone is welcome, we have a range of ages from newborns to 5 years, and it's a great opportunity for parents to catch up for a cuppa and chat.

For more information about playgroup, including where playgroup is being held, contact Karen Green (details below).

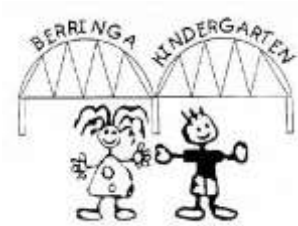
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Contact: Karen Green

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## Berringa Kindergarten

What a great start to the year we have had at Berringa kindergarten! We have welcomed old and new families back to

kinder for 2017.

We are looking forward to a year filled with fun and learning in our beautiful natural environment that is supportive to the needs and interests of all the children who attend.

We have vacancies in the four year old group and the three year old group. The sessions are Wednesdays and Fridays 9-4.30pm for the four year old group, and 9-12 on Fridays for the three year old group.

Thank you to the Berringa families who supported the kinder in so many ways in 2016. We look forward to your continued support and involvement in 2017.

*Christine Cameron: Director. Ph 02 60264373.*



## Maternal & Child Health

The service is under the care of the Towong Shire. The service at the Bellbridge Community Centre is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is an open consultation from 9 am until 12 noon, followed by afternoon home visits. Friday afternoon consultations are also available by appointment.

For enquiries and appointments, please phone Trudi Ellis 0417 535 978 or 6026 4228 (on Bellbridge days).

*Jill Pearson snapped this sunset from Wisers Creek Road Talgarno. See the amazing colours on the Berringa Community news website [www.berringacommunitynews.com.au](http://www.berringacommunitynews.com.au)*

# Bethanga Primary School News

What a start to 2017



From our youngest to oldest students!

Welcome to our foundation students Taylor, Archer, Tully and Carnaigh.

Congratulations to our 2017 student leaders (Year 6 students) Cameron, Will, Alex, Tom and Ella.



This term we welcome Mr Peter Klein to our school community. Our students are having a fabulous time! As I snuck in up the back I observed smiling, happy students who were engaged and extremely willing to try new things! Our music program will expand this term to incorporate 'African Drumming' after watching the kids work on rhythm and beat, I am sure the program will be a great success!!!

SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to Darci, Ella, Jordana (absent from photo), Lauchlan and Regan who will be participating as part of the mass dance group at the Victorian State School Spectacular this year! This will involve learning 6+ dances involving advanced choreography and then dancing alongside over 1,200 students at the Hisense Arena in September.



This term, the junior class have implemented play based learning centres. Play is such an important part of child development by incorporating play into learning, we not only see engaged, eager students, we also see increased problem solving skills, interaction with peers and team work. These learning centres give our students opportunities to self-direct their learning, explore, create and be challenged. Learning centres will be adapted and changed throughout the term to accommodate students interests and broaden their experiences.







# Talgarno Primary School

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Website: www.talgarnops.vic.edu.au

Welcome to the new school year. We are very excited to welcome the four new Foundation students who started their schooling life at TPS in January. Will, Denver, Elsie and Shune have settled in beautifully. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the new and existing families. We have 16 students enrolled at TPS this year, and they are all very excited and eager to learn!

This term, we have started doing dance and drama. The students are thoroughly enjoying learning about drama and expressing their creative personalities. We have also purchased 4 new canoes. We plan to utilise the beautiful Lake Hume in our backyard, with weekly visits to try out our canoeing skills. Our fortnightly coffee mornings are continuing this year. Please feel free to come along for a frothy coffee and morning tea, every second Thursday at 9.30am.



## Clearing Sale Fundraiser

On Friday 3rd February, we had the fantastic opportunity to cater for the clearing sale at Reuben's Run, Cemetery Rd, Talgarno.

Our senior students participated in the day, by serving customers and taking the money. We'd really like to thank the community for being so patient with our students helpers!



We had many community helpers in the lead up, and on the day. We'd like to thank everyone involved and particularly the Trewella/McKenzie-McHarg families for allowing us this opportunity. The students thoroughly enjoyed their day and learnt many valuable life skills.

We raised approx. \$1300 from the day, which will be used to assist our cooking and maths programs.

## Now taking Enrolments!

Please come and see us if you are interested in enrolling your child at TPS this year. If you would like a tour of our school, please feel free to contact Jayden to arrange a suitable time, or alternatively drop by on one of our coffee mornings to meet some of our parents and helpers.

## What's on @ TPS

Coffee Morning - every second Thursday 9.30am (weeks 2,4,6,8,10 of term)

Swimming Carnival - Mon 27th Feb

Clay Day - Fri 10th March

Bunnings BBQ - 25th March

5/6 camp to Canberra - 26th-30th March

Cooking Program - every Friday (Volunteers welcome)

Marc Van - every second Thursday

## Mother's Day Lunch @

### The Wool Press, Granya

### Sun 14th May, 11am

**Please contact the School to book your ticket**



## Volunteers always welcome

Do you have a special talent? Do you have some spare time? We are always on the lookout for volunteers to come and help us out with things like gardening, cooking, craft, sport, or reading. Our students love having visitors to our school and we love involving the community in our learning experiences. Please contact the School for more details.



# SERVICES DIRECTORY

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