

Berringa Community News

Autumn 2018

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Tilly's Big Cut

Tilly Pearson of Talgarno is now minus a foot of hair after the 'big cut' on Friday 2 February, overcoming last minute 'notsurephobia'!

Her plaits were cut and sent to 'Hair with Heart - Variety the Children's Charity' along with \$2500 raised through donations from friends, family and the community.

For the last 4-5 years, Tilly has talked about growing her hair as long as possible to donate it to a child in need of a wig.

During the summer holidays she investigated the appropriate charity and the minimum lengths they required for making a wig.

So, the date was set. Tilly set up an Everyday Hero page to collect donations for 'Hair with Heart' and the donations started coming in.

Further to cash donations, home made scrunchies were sold to boost the donations to the charity.

The Big Cut occurred in front of students, teachers, parents and community members on Friday 2 February at Talgarno Primary School after a BBQ lunch.

Tilly's Grandfather, Graham Redman, fancied himself as Tilly's hairdresser and pulled out the garden shears and wool shears, but eventually resorted to standard scissors after Tilly ducked and weaved!

Tish Jasinowicz, the professional hairdresser, cut the remaining plaits and styled Tilly's new and much shorter hairdo.

David Cottee, the official Big Cut photographer did a great job capturing all of the moments on the day – fun, frivolity, laughs and tears!

The hair has now been sent to Variety and specialised wig makers who will make wigs for those who have lost their hair due to a medical condition, with 10-15 pony tails used to make one wig!

Tilly has begun to enjoy her shorter hairdo given the lower maintenance required and encourages anyone who is blessed with long follicles to give it a go.

To see some of the work that Variety does search 'Hannah's Story – Variety', which shows the impact a wig can have on someone's life.



COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saturday 21st April - 10.00am to 12.00noon - Peninsula Community Fundraiser for the 'Albury-Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.'

The Peninsula Community Fundraiser for the 'Albury-Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre' will be held again this year. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share and tea and coffee will be available all morning. The morning will include lots of activities for children; morning tea, beautiful hand knitted and crochet rugs, cake and plant

stalls, auction of several fabulous items, lucky draw prizes, BBQ nibbles and lots more.

You will receive an Invitation closer to the day for this event which will be held at Julie & Jim de Hennin's, 'Jounama' 697 Murray River Road, TALGARNO.

If you are able to help with this event or could donate goods or services to auction or raffle please contact: Kerrie Stephenson -ph 6020 1146 or Di Singline -ph 0452 424 248 or Julie de Hennin on ph 0412 433 499 or 6020 1136 or Mary Scorobura 0403 786 353 or Julie Miller 6020 1107

Berringa Firies Calendar 2018



We were overwhelmed by the support received for the 2018 Berringa Firies Calendar. We had 200 calendars printed in early December, and

majority had been sold by Christmas. All calendars are now sold and we are preparing to write cheques! We have managed to raise almost \$3000 for our local brigades, which will be used to purchase essential equipment and upgrade facilities.

The media were very keen to help us promote the calendars. Mel did an interview with ABC Goulburn Murray radio and The Border Mail took photos and printed a story.

A special thank you to local Graphic Designer, Joe Calvert, who spent many hours sifting through photos and designing the calendar. He did a fantastic job.

We would also like to thank our fabulous sponsors. Without your support, the calendars would not happen.

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We are excited to be able to present the money to the brigades in the near future, and look forward to creating a calendar for 2019! Don't forget to forward any photos from local fires to our Facebook page, or email us at berringafiries@gmail.com.

Cheers

Berringa Firies Committee

Mel Naismith 0428 191 283

Mari Green 0418 693 535

Jill Pearson 0412 042 090

Australia Day 2018

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 free community breakfast, a flag raising ceremony was carried out by the Albury TS naval cadets. John Haffenden, Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotarian, introduced Ms Julie Miller as guest speaker. Julie, born in Tallangatta, worked for BHP and Onesteel before making a tree change with husband Leo, and returned home to NE Victoria. They bought a farm at Talgarno where they produce free range eggs and beef. Julie is also involved in many local community activities. Julie outlined what Australia means to her.

David Wortmann, Mayor of Towong Shire, announced the Peninsula Awards and Julie Miller presented the awards.

Community Event of the Year Berringa Community Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Fundraiser 2017.

On 20 May 2017 a group of Peninsula Women organised and held a special event for a special cause. They organised a morning tea and fundraiser for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust.

Over 200 people attended the event, held at Julie and Jim de Hennin's and helped raised \$4,387.60 for our local Cancer Centre. The morning attracted guests from Granya, Albury, Wodonga, Bellbridge, Talgarno, Bethanga, Yackandandah, Table Top, Kiewa and surrounding areas.

During the morning three raffles were run consisting of prizes that had been handmade and/or donated by local residents and businesses. The plants stall; books stall and produce stalls were also popular with enthusiastic purchasers.

One of the highlights of the morning was the auction, conducted by local auctioneer Craig Schubert, of a painting of the Kiewa Valley donated by Cecily and John McKenzie-McHarg in memory of their son Brendan who died from cancer a few years earlier. The painting was painted by local artist Joan Lehmann and the winning bidder was local resident Nene Green.

Cancer is such an insidious disease and everyone has been touched in some way by it. Research takes time, research takes money and it's thanks to events such as the Berringa Community fundraiser that we may be a step closer to finding a cure.

Community Participant of the Year 2018 Peter Klein

Peter Klein, aka Captain Pete. lives in Bethanga and performed as a bush poet and a musician in the Albury-Wodonga area for over thirty years.

He is an award-winning songwriter/poet and is the author of the Mudpoo children's book series based on his life in Bethanga. Pete was inspired to write 'The (true) Adventures of Mudpoo' after an adventure holiday in Gus the Kombi Van with his (now adult) sons Sam and Todd when they were 5 and 6 years old. Pete published his first book in 2008 and recently published the fourth in the series.

He has transformed his third book 'Mudpoo and the Fungus Mystery' (based in Bethanga) into a musical production that included singing, dancing, acting and African drumming. It was performed at St Francis of Assisi Primary school in September 2017.

Pete travels to local schools and libraries and children's fairs presenting his interactive drama, music, creative writing and teaching workshops.

He is a regular performer at many local events. For the last 12 year's he has provided and set up the sound system and performed at the Bethanga ANZAC Day service. He can be seen organising and inspiring local children's performances at ANZAC day, Christmas carols and local fund-raising events.

We honour Pete for his promotion and involvement in the local community, his creativity and the inspiration he gives our children.

Peter was unable to attend (see p 4) and Julie Miller presented the award to Peter at Bethanga Primary School assembly



Letter to the Editor

Australia day Hug for Our Volunteers

I'd like to share this story with you all. On Australia day, my mum, Eleonore Klein was in an oncology recovery ward at the 'Mercy Hospital for Women' in Melbourne. Earlier that week she had surgery for 'cancer of the vulva' and by 'Australia Day' she was strong enough to go home in an Air Ambulance.

The hospital arranged close-by accommodation for me at 'Ryder Cheshire House' which is there to support patients and carers from the 'bush' so that we can be near our loved ones at a time of need. Ryder-Cheshire is an amazing service that is run by volunteers and I'm so grateful to them.

That morning at 4.30am I was picked up by a cheery Greek taxi driver (and proud Aussie) and driven to the hospital. Mum was being prepared for her Air Ambulance flight home by the Mercy nursing staff. The nurses were all efficient and thoughtful as they cared for mum with a smile. Many were from all parts of the world, all learning or sharing their skills with the Mercy staff. The caring team of gynaecology-oncology surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses had an empathy for her special case and to put it mildly were professional and simply amazing. Mum is 92 (she wouldn't want me to tell you that, so 'shhh') and earlier in the week on the day of her surgery I was allowed to hold her hand in the operating theatre until Paul the thoughtful (Irish/Aussie) anaesthetist and his team had done their job!



The Air Ambulance crew had had a very busy morning and we didn't get picked up by the transit ambulance crew to go to Essendon airport until about 1.30pm. Mum shared the flight with a beautiful two-week-old, premature baby and in her words 'he was a good baby; he didn't cry once!' The baby was yet to be named, but as the calm and collected Air Ambulance paramedic Peter Hoffman pointed out, 'the air-crewman, the air traffic controller and I, were all Peters. That's four good reasons for the baby to be named Peter!' The Victorian Air Ambulance service is an incredible community service that operates 24/7 and I take my

hat off to them all! To see them in action is both humbling and inspiring.



At Albury airport mum was picked up by our cheery and efficient local transit ambulance crew and taken safely back to her home at Westmont in Baranduda where she's now supported by their caring staff. With their help, mum is recovering. The post-surgery care means 24/7 support for quite some time. Thanks to all the staff at Westmont in Baranduda.

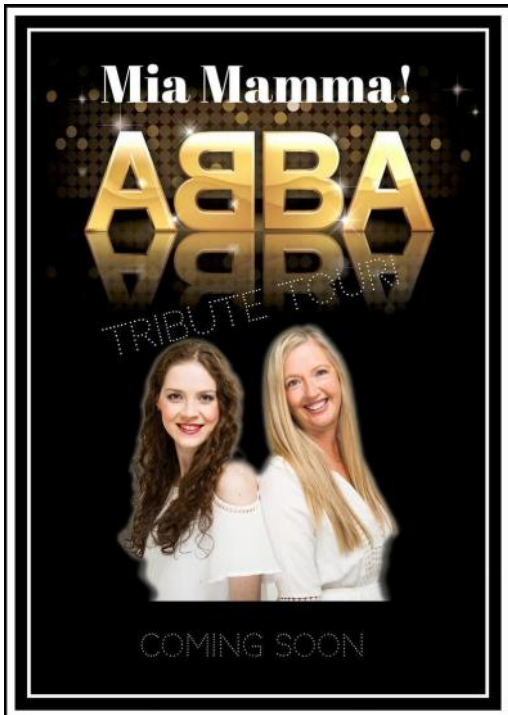
Another important thing I'd like to say is about Cancer of the Vulva. I'd never heard of it before this. It is a slow growing cancer, a very private cancer; the gynaecologists have all said that often when they see this cancer it is well advanced. If you have a mum or grandma (who are in their 80's or 90's) and might need help in a sensitive area; and like mum those gentle older ladies don't complain and can be very tough, then don't delay, arrange for them to see a doctor. Wodonga has a terrific Gynaecology team in Vermont Street and if in doubt make an appointment to utilise that service. If this message can help one-person then it's worth saying!

We are a lucky country where we have access to terrific health services, run by so many dedicated people from everywhere, who all share that wonderful Aussie trait to support their communities efficiently and professionally with a smile and no doubt at the end of the day have that well-deserved beer! I would like to sincerely thank them all and to give them a group hug because they're not just there for my mum but they're there for all of us. Mum and I wish to thank our volunteers, carers, nurses, ambo's, air ambulance crew, age-care staff and our medico's; we should be proud of them, they are diverse Aussies and as medical/health care workers they are amongst the best in the world!

Thank you to Berringa Rotary and Towong Shire for my Australia day Community Participation award. I would've loved to have been there, we have a terrific community and I'm honoured and humbled to receive the award especially given how many of you always do so much for our community. A toast to you all.

Peter Klein

ABBA Fundraiser at Bethanga



The Albury-Wodonga Theatre Company will be presenting an entertaining night of ABBA music and fun at the Bethanga Soldiers' Memorial Hall on Saturday, 24th March, 2018. The show, approx. 2+ hours duration, starts at 8:00 pm.

The evening will be a great opportunity to enjoy some of ABBA's songs, sing along with your friends (if you're so inclined) and help raise funds for the hall maintenance and improvement. Included in the evening will be some Spicks and Specks style music trivia to give your music knowledge a chance to shine.

Over the years we've had several wonderful, popular and well supported evenings of entertainment provided by our local Albury-Wodonga Theatre Company, including The Vicar of Dibley, Black Adder, Page to Stage and Lipstick Dreams. The Wodonga Brass Band was another successful fundraiser.

The usual cabaret format will apply: tables of 6, BYO drinks and nibbles/platters, with tea and coffee provided.

Now's the time to gather some friends, book a table, plan your platters and come along to share in a great night.

Tickets are just \$20 each and are available from:

Graham Maynard 6026 4007; Peter Schmidt 6026 4325; Ron Evans 6026 4301 Vicki Baker 6026 4047; Robin Neilson 6026 4363; Di Singline 6026 4248

ENTRY TO THE GYMKHANA.

For the first time since 2006, our committee have decided to increase the entry fee for adults attending our event by \$1 to \$6. All children 16 years and under still enter free of charge.

We have a policy at the Gymkhana that every adult through the gate, committee members included, pay the specified gate entry. This is a community event and all profits go back into our community. Last year 13 groups each received \$400. With people assisting for varied periods of time, you can appreciate it would be difficult for the committee and those manning the gate to juggle 1/4-day, 1/2 day and all day passes.

The only exception to this policy is those people running or assisting with the running of the horse events. None of these people live in our community. The committees they serve on and the communities they live in do not benefit in any way, shape or form from this event.

We offer a variety of good quality food and drinks, that are very reasonably priced, and children can enter many events free of charge. We believe everyone is getting excellent value for money. We hope this explains why we have this policy in place.

Mary Northey (Secretary)
On behalf of the committee.

ANZAC Day Service

Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee will be conducting an ANZAC Day Service at the Hall gates followed by a cuppa in the hall. A plate of morning tea to share would be appreciated.

Wednesday 25 April 2018, 8.30 am

Bethanga Hall



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Pub News

We hope everyone had a wonderful break over the festive season and continue to enjoy our summer/autumn weather, but a bit more rain would be nice.

As we near the commencement of the Footy season, it is a good time to mention last years winners which I forgot to put in the last Newsletter. Congratulations goes to Brodie Sirl 134 Eagle Magic and Trent Sirl 129 and Andrew Hird 128. In the Juniors a clean sweep by the Scammell boys, Will 120, Archie 111 and Charlie 105. Well done to everyone!!

The 2018 Footy season commences on the Thursday night before Easter. Any one who wishes to be part of the Footy tipping please get your name in soon at the Pub. For the many new community members who have moved in last 4-6 months to our beautiful area the competition is open to senior and junior (15 and under). An end of the season a BBQ is held and what we call The Bethanga Brownlow which is countback of the last 4 rounds (so no one knows who has won). This is a very enjoyable and jovial event.

The Music Club continues to be well attended on the second Saturday of the month and a few of the musicians will be holding acoustic sessions on the first and third Sunday from 1-4 pm each month starting in March when the weather cools down a little (I hope)

Easter is early this year – So if you intend on coming for a meal over the Easter break we suggest you ring and book. We will be open normal trading hours except Good Friday and Anzac day we will open at 12noon.

We were delighted to host the Albury Tigers Football Club who held their boot camp training at the Rec Reserve in early February. They had lunch at the Pub then went down to the weir for more training, We (some of us) wish them the best for the upcoming season.

We continue to host many group functions and many have rebooked throughout this year.

We are due to have a trivia night. A date is yet to be set so watch for fliers or listen via the grape vine.

It is still very hot and there is a huge amount of flammable fuel growth around so on days with hot winds the risk of fires is high. Please be vigilant.

Thank you to our local policeman and his wife for mowing around the church earlier this year.

Looking forward to the next three months

Cheers Leslie and all the staff



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Bethanga Gymkhana and Family Fun Day.

**Easter Saturday 31st March, 2018.
Bethanga Sports Ground.**

ADULTS: \$6 CHILDREN: FREE

FAMILY FUN.

(Commencing around 10-30am).

STEPPING THE DISTANCE *** BUSKING EVENT *** NAILDRIVING
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FREE EASTER EGGS. TREASURE HUNT. ANGRY BIRDS.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

(Commencing around 10-30am).

EGG & SPOON RACES. EGG THROWING. SACK RACES.
WHEELBARROW RACES. THREE LEGGED RACES. TUG OF WAR.
CATCH EASTER BUNNY. NOODLE JAVELIN

Pie Eating Contest (12-30pm)	Entry: \$3	Winner: \$50
Iron Woman Contest (3pm)	Entry: \$5	Winner: \$100
Iron Man Contest (3-30pm)	Entry: \$5	Winner: \$100
Men's & Ladies Gift	Entry: \$4	\$60; \$30 & \$15 for each.
Dog Jumps (4pm)	Entry: \$2	Every Dog gets a treat.

LOTTO COMPETITION.

**1st Prize: \$600 Gift Voucher. 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th: \$5 Scratchie.
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Phone: Mary Northey (02 6026 4257) or Facebook: Bethanga Gymkhana.**

Eftpos and ATM facilities not available.

Local Enterprise

Annie's Crystal Energy Healing

Annie Berber, a local Bethanga identity, is excited to be setting up a new business in her home. Annie has enjoyed helping others in a range of situations and giving back to the community in which she has lived. Since moving to Bethanga in 2009, Annie has willingly involved herself in local activities.

Annie suffered with viral meningitis in 2006 and during her recovery, was led on a spiritual journey which, she said, has helped her get well again. In her words, "It has been a life changing experience."

Approximately 18 months ago a dear friend gifted Annie 2 beautiful crystals and these really sparked her interest. She began to research and learn about them, particularly their healing properties. She read how crystals have been used throughout the ages by various cultures, including the Egyptians and Native Americans and how crystals now play a huge role in our daily lives. The techno world would not exist today if it was not for the crystal kingdom, as most of our modern technology is run on crystal energy in some form or another.

Annie decided to enrol in a course, focussing on using crystals for healing. From June to October, during her training and with feedback from her teacher and peers, Annie discovered that she had "a gift for healing". She decided to dedicate a



ANNIE'S CRYSTAL ENERGY HEALING - 0419 407 420

Relax in the peaceful surrounds of my healing room and let the powerful healing energy of the Crystals and myself work in harmony to balance and unblock the energy meridians (Chakras) in your body. Each relates to specific parts of the body and relative emotional functions. All other healings are designed according to client's own personal needs at the time.

I am offering introductory appointments free of charge until the end of March to give you the opportunity of trying this gentle healing method. Call/Text Annie Berber for an appointment!

room in her home for her Crystal Healing sessions and set out eating a suitable calming environment.



Tallangatta Health Service News

Most of our community programs have resumed after a seasonal break and allied health services are in place. Access to physiotherapy and exercise physiology is also available to our community. If you would like to access this service or have enquiries about any of our other programs, please phone us on 6071 5200.

In 2017, the community was consulted to gain feedback on our new Strategic Direction which will commence from 2018–2027. Extensive work and consultation has already been undertaken throughout this process and the plan will soon be released. From this our Service Plan is about to commence, and will help to drive our key priorities. The community will again be asked for feedback to ensure that as we build our service plan we are reflective of community expectations and needs. Consultation will occur over the coming months across the Towong region.

In order to cultivate strong connections within our community, a Community Engagement Advisory Group (CEAG) is being formed. As part of this commitment we are seeking volunteers to become Consumer Advisors. The Advisors will provide

advice from a consumer perspective, and will support the Board in its Vision. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call Denise Gigliotti, Executive Assistant on 6071 5200 .

We look forward to another exciting year at THS and extend a Happy New Year to all of our clients and community members. Through our extensive partnerships, we hope to serve the community by continuing to provide relevant and person centred care.

Tallangatta Medical Centre News

Did you know that you can book your appointments online to see our GP and Sue Reid (Woman's Health Nurse) at Tallangatta Medical Centre?

You can do this by visiting the HealthEngine website or downloading the HealthEngine app on your phone.

<https://practices.healthengine.com.au/>



Granya Gazette

Granya Streetscape Upgrades set to begin

Towong Shire has been successful in obtaining \$46,000 to assist with improved draining in the Granya Township. These works will form part of the Granya improvements and beautification project which is from the 2017-2021 Council Plan, said Cr Aaron Scales.

Towong Shire council has contributed \$182,643 to the project which combined with the Vic Roads Funding, will improve pedestrian access and make a significant difference to the general appearance of the township.

The project includes the installation of a kerb and stormwater infrastructure at the intersection of Carlyle Street with Webb Street and Conness Street, improved Carpark access at the Granya Hall, landscaping and tree planting. These works will begin later this month. Please contact the Shire Council on 60715100 for more information.



Wedding season is in full swing with a number of weddings taking place over spring and summer. The Wool Press is fast becoming a popular venue for those who are looking for a rustic venue with plenty of country charm! The Wool Press also offers flexibility of supplying your own caterer and beverages or you can take advantage of the planning

services available. The Wool Press will also be hosting the annual Talgarno Primary Mothers Day High Tea Fundraiser on May 13th. For more information phone Katie and Jay on 60 729596

OTHER GRANYA NEWS

GRANYA CFA— Looking to recruit new members please contact Ken Star Captain on 60729565.

GRANYA TENNIS CLUB— Granya finished 2nd on the ladder for section 2 and will be playing finals! Well done to everyone, this year our goal was to fill a tennis team every week and we did with out fail! Thanks to all the players, volunteers and committee for making this happen! Happy Hitting!

Prospects for the Season Ahead

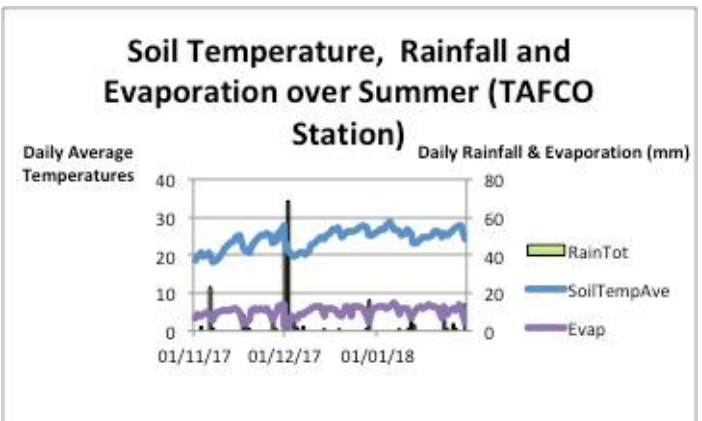
Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.



The summer rainfall (November to end January) was 220 mm at Hume Reservoir, 48% above average. (It was 239 mm at the TAFCO weather station). November and January were close to average but December with 123 mm (153 mm TAFCO) was the wettest December since 1993 and almost at the 95th percentile (95% of all Decembers on record have been drier). Many places in Victoria had record daily rainfall on December 2nd including Burrowye Station (61 mm) and Hunters Hill (84 mm). Hume Reservoir recorded 63 mm on December 2nd well short of the record 80 mm recorded on December 5th, 1933. This rainfall event was much anticipated (and over-hyped) with dire warnings of possible rainfall of 300 mm in NE Victoria. I guess it was a case of plan for the worst while hoping for the best but it did little to boost BOM's reputation.

Our total rainfall for 2017 was 722 mm compared with an average of 696 mm so it was just 5% higher than average. We had a good autumn break, a very dry June and September and an average late spring. The rain in December did little other than boost the summer weeds.

The graph below shows the daily rainfall, average soil temperature and the evaporation over the three months of summer as measured at the TAFCO station. Clearly we are losing much more to evaporation than we are receiving in rainfall and hence the soil keeps getting drier, particularly where there is little ground cover. Currently, our upper level soil moisture is below average for this time of the year.



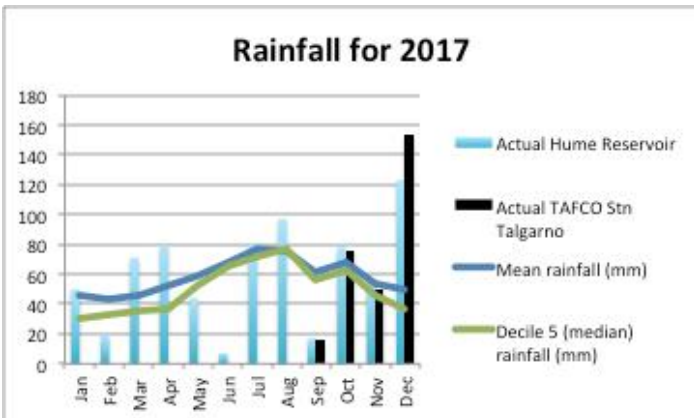
The very high rainfall in December was the result of the La Niña that resulted in lower pressures over much of Australia allowing more of the tropical monsoonal moisture down south.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested that summer would be about average and if you left out December 2nd they would have been right!

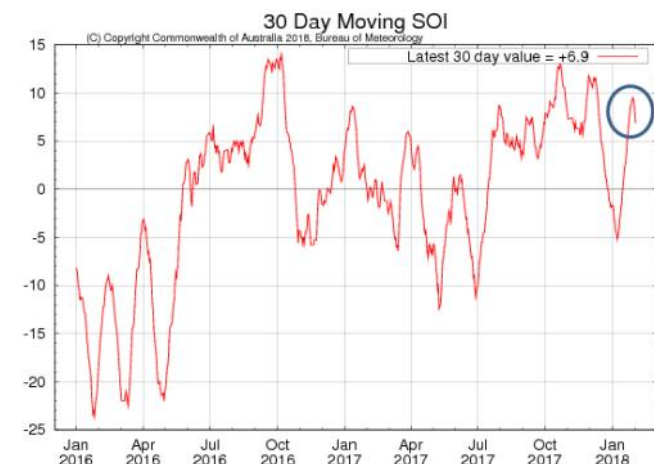
Prospects for early autumn (February to end April)

BOM is suggesting that rainfall will be about average or slightly wetter for Gippsland and the NE. The weak La Niña that developed last November is expected to end within the next two months and it is unlikely to have any major effect on the weather for us. Similarly, the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is neutral and is unlikely to influence our weather. The longer range POAMA model suggests that the SOI is likely to remain in the neutral phase right through to spring so everything is pointing to average rainfall over the next six months. Let's hope that we get a goldilocks autumn break - not too early and not too late!

Greg Hayes



2017 was a year of extremes and if you look at the SOI it shows that we had both an El Niño and a La Niña in operation.



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During daylight saving

6am – 9pm

(NB no meal closure times)

OUTSIDE THESE HOURS

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Ferry closed for maintenance

2 –22 March 2018

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

Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall

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For Hall Bookings: Contact Bethanga General Store 6026 4215

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Daily Monday to Friday

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Women's Health Clinics

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

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

All ages welcome

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

Sue Reid 6071 5270

Granya Hall

Fees for the hall hire

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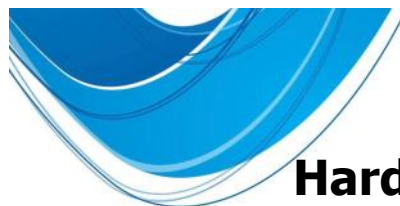
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Don't forget to tell Customer Service about your waste voucher, issued with rates notices, this will ensure we can register your voucher so you can dispose of waste free of charge.

Upcoming collection dates

- **Bellbridge** Sunday 8 April 2018, 10am - 1pm
- **Bethanga** Saturday 6 October 2018, 10am - 1pm
- **Granya** Sunday 7 October 2018, 10am - 1pm

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



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Hayley Roebuck, Wes and Darcy Lord on the foreshore of Lake Hume

Hayley Roebuck married **Wes Lord** at Butko Bay on the Hume Weir on Friday 9th February . The reception was held at the brides parents home Kim and Bernie Roebuck , Bellbridge.

Babies

Jackson Green

Born to Daniel Green and Ruby Melia, 16th December 2017. Congratulations to new grandparents Lea Casey and Frank Green



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PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – Autumn Edition 2018

*Let's watch out for
each other*

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Treasurer: Nene Green Ph - 60 201144

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AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this edition of the PNHW Newsletter.

On Wednesday 21st our well attended February meeting was held at Granya Pioneer Museum with guest speaker **Raquel Vogel**, Crime Prevention Officer, at Wodonga Police Station. Along with many other duties, Raquel visits schools in our local area to educate young people regarding responsible driving, cyber safety, youth crime and any other issues that impact our younger generation.

Raquel also reminded us of the importance of taking preventative steps to keep our properties safe. We have listed some points in this newsletter, however there are **"Residential and Personal Security Information Kits"** available which contain a great deal of security/safety information. If anyone would like a copy please contact me. Raquel would encourage community members to contact her at Wodonga Police Station, if they have any issues they would like to discuss.

We are still looking for an opportunity to conduct a "Safe Plate Day" where members will replace the screws on your number plates with safety screws that have a bevel which prevents them from being removed with a regular screw driver. Any suggestions for a venue or an event would be appreciated.

Our annual fundraiser, which is a generous load of fire wood, will be held prior to winter. Please support it by purchasing tickets. The winner will be drawn at the NHW Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall on 16th May.

There are still plenty of PNHW gate signs available and I would encourage landholders to attach them to fences, particularly along roadways. Signs can be found at Bellbridge and Bethanga Stores or from any Committee Member.

Please remember, if it looks suspicious, it probably is, so take down details and report them to police.

Best wishes, Bob Martin, Area Co-ordinator

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

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

May 16th, 7.30pm 2018 – Bethanga - Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall followed by supper

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

November 21st, 7.30pm 2018 - Bellbridge - Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner at Berringa Community Centre

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

Wood Raffle



Annual Wood Raffle

Tickets will be on sale during the next few weeks and drawn at the NHW Community Meeting at Bethanga on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm, 2018

POLICE REPORT

TOW 1

We have not had any serious crimes reported that should concern the community. The majority of Lake 'goers' abided by the rules and it was good to see people also abiding by the road rules. I encourage people to keep up their efforts in respecting each other and looking out for one another.

The CFA have been doing an excellent job. They responded to a fire in Bellbridge which came extremely close to homes and also other fires caused by lightning strikes across the farms and bushland in the area. Keep up the good work.

Keep an eye on your farm gates. There have been some reports of gates being left open around the Springdale road area by unknown people. I suspect coming into this time of the year we may see illegal deer poachers being in places they shouldn't be, so I will be turning my efforts to this in coming weeks / months.

Also be mindful of the school zones. The children have gone back to school and the 40kph's will be enforced. Just take it easy near schools.

Keep your sheds locked up and report any suspicious activity to me or crime stoppers. Stay safe and thanks to everyone for helping me settle in.

Regards.

Anthony JASINOWICZ
Senior Constable 36509 | Officer in Charge
Bethanga Police Station

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You can help prevent rural crime and reduce your chances of becoming a victim by following some simple steps to protect your property, machinery and livestock:

- Improve farm and household security
- **Report suspicious activity.**
- Clearly mark all equipment and machinery.
- **Never leave keys to vehicles of machinery in the ignition or close by.**
- Keep sheds and garages locked at all times.
- **Keep all tools locked in sheds and garages so that they can't be used to break into your house, car or shed.**
- Mark all your tools with V and then your driver's licence number – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch have UV pens for you to borrow to mark your tools.
- **Write down the serial and model numbers of all your tools and any identifying features in case you need to prove it is yours at a later date.**
- Keep photographs of your tools and any identifying features in case you need to prove ownership at a later date.
- **Do not advertise the fact that you have a new purchase by leaving the box out in the car port or on the nature strip for collection. Break the box up and place it in the recycle bin.**
- Use quality locks, padlocks and/or chains to secure your items.
- **Secure loading ramps and stockyards at remote locations, to prevent unauthorised use.**

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There will no longer be soccer in Bethanga due to lack of numbers.

BERRINGA CERT



Stretcher Access

Have you ever looked around your house to consider how easy it would be to get someone out on a stretcher? Is there furniture restricting doorways or passages? Are there stairs or steps or as in a case we had, only a spiral staircase? Outside are there bushes overhanging pathways or drives? Is the drive or path rough or have a gravel surface? Which door provides the best access – front, back or side?

I don't expect you to redesign your home in case you have a medical emergency but it worth considering if you are doing renovations or home maintenance.

Lifesaving App Set for 2018 Rollout

A lifesaving smartphone app that alerts trusted responders to patients in cardiac arrest will be rolled out throughout Victoria this year.

Ambulance Victoria has partnered with the UK supplier GoodSAM to provide a smartphone app that dispatches 'trusted responders' to patients in cardiac arrest.

How the system works is that following a Triple Zero (000) call, the App alerts nearby trusted responders to cardiac arrest incidents. These trusted responders would be given the location of the patient and sent to provide immediate CPR. The closest available ambulance would be simultaneously sent to these patients

GoodSAM is not a replacement for an ambulance response to cardiac arrest but is in addition to the response. When someone is in cardiac arrest every second counts. Early effective CPR greatly improves a cardiac arrest patient's chance of survival. Quick intervention is the key to survival.

'Trusted responders' could include off-duty paramedics, medical professionals, other emergency responders, as well as members of the public with appropriate first aid training.

This type of technology can pinpoint the location of 'trusted responders' who have downloaded the App on to their phone and identify when they are near a patient.

In some cases, they may also send a responder to fetch an automated external defibrillator and take it directly to the patient.

More details on GoodSAM can be found at <https://www.goodsamapp.org/>

Defibrillator Reminder

Defibrillators are available on the outside wall at the Bethanga and Bellbridge Shops and in the Talgarno CFA fire truck.

Keep well, Julie Miller

*Team Leader Berringa CERT
juliemiller@skymesh.com.au
6020 1107*

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed is open every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get

involved in Men's Shed projects or create your own, or even get the men at the shed to do a project or repair job for you, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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

Phil Craig, President

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

There is lots happening at the Recreation Reserve that will benefit the community in coming years.

Our ongoing grants and hard work are starting to show some results. You may have noticed the clean-up of woody weed/trees on the other side of the oval. We have installed a walking and bicycle track which will be a future landscaping project. We created a flat area above the old pavilion and have been in discussion with groups about building a roof shelter seating area. It provides great views over oval and grounds.

We have continued to tidy up the walking path way and beautification along the creek. We have added walking paths and planting to help attract bird life for the people who love using this area for their exercise.

We are building a shelter and have installed 2 troughs in top paddock and have created two new paddocks to help with ground and livestock management.

We have a steady trickle of campers at the reserve. They have given positive feedback on the setting, pub meals and range of goods available at the Bethanga shop.

At the 2017 AGM last year a new committee was elected.

Executive

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Secretary - Andrew Hird
Treasurer - Karen Pyle

General committee

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The Gymkhana will be on again on
Easter Saturday- great fun for all the
family.

The committee wishes to thank
everyone who has helped at events
and given their time to help improve
the facilities. There are always lots of
things to be done at the Recreation
reserve and any help any one can
give is appreciated.

If you any suggestions or feedback,
please email the committee as this
saves a lot of time.

Dave Elder

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*

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800
240 667

All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

9th December 6:28pm
10 members responded with both
trucks, ultralight and a private unit to
assist Talgarno with a grass fire on Lake
Hume foreshore just north of Bellbridge.

Matt Gill
Jo Ollington
Terry Macartney
David Elder
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0468350930

on Saturday 10 February. After they
did the javelin, running, shot-putting,
discus, high jump and long jump they
had lunch and team building at the
Bethanga Hotel. They complimented
us on the Recreation Reserve
facilities and the lunch at the pub.

Events

The SR500 Club held its 15th
National Rally again in November
2017. An excellent bunch of people
attending as always. The income
from this event covers our yearly
costs and keeps this facility going
for you all.

The Bethanga Cricket club have
secured the grounds for the
competition regional Grand Final.

Albury Tigers Football club held a
training and team building day at
the Reserve for around 50 players



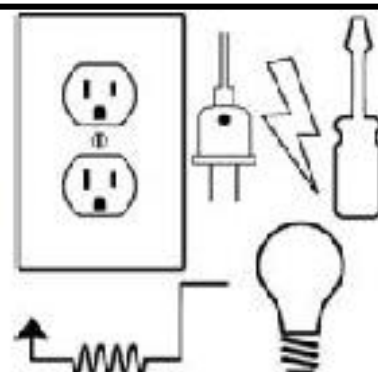
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The fire was quickly brought under control.

The fire was suspicious and is being investigated by Police and CFA.

16 December 4:06pm

10 members responded with both trucks, Ultralight and a private unit to assist Talgarno with a grass fire on Hores Rd Talgarno. The fire was started by a car driving in a paddock. Police investigated the incident.

20 January 7:16pm

8 members responded with both trucks and ultralight to a reported car fire in Bellbridge. The call was a hoax and police are investigating.

24 January 3:49am

28 members responded with both trucks, ultralight and several private slip-ons to a grass fire resulting from a lightning strike behind Bellbridge. Brigades stayed on scene till 8pm extinguishing and making safe.

24 January 6:15am

Members and trucks from Bethanga and Bonegilla responded from the Bellbridge fire to a tree fire resulting from a lightning strike on Springdale Rd. The tree was cut down and extinguished. Around midday Bethanga tanker 2 and an excavator returned to the job to remove the stump and roots.

BELLBRIDGE LIGHTNING STRIKE FIRE

As many of you would be aware, we had a fire at Bellbridge in the early hours of Wednesday 24 January. Started by a lightning strike on the hill above the township, it was quickly called in to 000 by three different people.

Bellbridge members responded in less than 6 minutes, utilizing the brand new ultralight vehicle stationed in Bellbridge. Crews and trucks from Bethanga, Talgarno, Bonegilla and Thurgoona, as well as many private vehicles from throughout the district also responded.

Under the cover of darkness with quite challenging terrain and difficult access to the fire ground, the fire was brought under



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control quickly and with very little damage, bar a few trees, some grass and cut fences.

The fire was on four different properties and burnt 10Ha. Congratulations and thanks to all the Brigades and members who attended.

The following week Bethanga Brigade had a debrief in which we received a lot of useful feedback.

We also held a community meeting at Bellbridge to discuss the fire with the residents. This meeting was well received and the people attending found it informative.

UHF CHANNEL 24

Talgarno and Bethanga fire units use UHF Channel 24.

It is proposed that UHF Channel 24 will become the common channel used within CFA District 24.

Using this channel, the general public are able to talk to the fire trucks assisting them with information.

CFA FIRE RESTRICTIONS

In Victoria there is no set date for fire restrictions to end.

When the authorities decide, the end date will be advertised in local papers and other media. Also 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 and 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

In addition to the CFA restrictions, 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.

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

BERRINGA FIRIES CALENDER

A BIG well done to the hard working organizers whosaw the 2018 Berringa Firies Calendar being published, after the great success of the 2017 calendar. Thank you again this year to the sponsors and the people who bought a calendar which will see Bethanga, Talgarno and Granya Brigades receive a good sum of money

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 becoming a volunteer

fire fighter please contact any of the members listed at the below

John Northey Captain Tel 6026 4574 | 0414 931 442

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

Ron Evans Community Safety Liaison Tel 6026 4301 | 0427 465 286

TALGARNO CFA

Welcome to autumn. At the time of writing this, autumn seems miles away as we've just sweltered through another 39 -degree day! So hopefully autumn brings some cooler weather – beautiful days and comfortable and cool nights. A reminder as we head into autumn that the fire season officially ends on 1 May, unless revoked earlier, so please continue to adhere to fire season restrictions. To jog your memory on restrictions, please search 'Can I or Can't I?' for more information.

Incidents

Since the last edition of Berringa News, we've been involved in 6 incidents

8/12/17 Murray River Road Bellbridge. A small scrub/bush grass fire on Lake Hume started approximately 6:30pm on Friday evening.

16/12/17 Hores Rd Talgarno. An approximate 1-hectare grass fire started at 4pm on Saturday afternoon. We had several appliances assist from neighbouring brigades. Conditions proved difficult due to boggy access points (after the significant rain only weeks earlier) and resulted in several vehicles being bogged. We were extremely appreciative that the water bombing aircraft was available to help out.

20/1/17 Dwyer Crescent Bellbridge. Car fire. Talgarno Brigade received a stop message as this fire was quickly brought under control.



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social activities and some leadership and personal growth activities. At this stage the frequency of activities is open and will be discussed as a group shortly. District 24 has offered plenty of support and there are other brigades who have plenty of ideas on how to successfully operate a junior brigade.

If you or someone you know would like to take on this role as junior leader or helper we would love to hear from you. We would welcome new members in the community to take on this type of role. Please call or email Brendan Pearson on 0439881440 or brendanofoz@gmail.com.

Donations and fundraising

The Talgarno Brigade would like to thank Thurgoona Mastercuts Butcher for their donations to our brigade over the last few years. Mastercuts has one of our old firefighter's helmets next to their till, where customers donate loose change and sometimes large notes to our brigade. They also provide our brigade with excellent deals on meat purchases for our Social Club BBQs, so please support them if possible.

We'd also like to thank the broad community for purchasing the 2018 Berranga Fires Calendar, the business sponsors, all of the salespeople of calendars and the calendar committee for pulling it all together once again. We are very much looking forward to the cash boost to our brigade and will be using funds towards several projects including our pizza oven shelter.

New Members

We are hoping to sign up a few new members shortly but could do with many more. Are you interested in becoming a member? Our Brigade is

24/1/17 Hillcrest Ave Bellbridge. Grass fire, assumed started by lightning. Talgarno Brigade provided support via the tanker, slip on and Green's community tanker, with several members in attendance. Several neighbouring brigades and private firefighting units were involved. The fire burned approximately 10 hectares and was well and truly brought under control by dawn.

Following the Bellbridge fire, some members from Talgarno Brigade attended a short debrief at Bethanga station to discuss what worked well in the fire response and what areas could be improved. Well done to Bethanga Brigade for coordinating this debrief and the following meeting with the Bellbridge community.

24/1/17 Drummond Rd Talgarno. Tree fire, assumed started by lightning. Talgarno Brigade, Deputy Group Officers and Brian McFarland and his excavator attended to control this small fire.

24/1/17 Mt Granya State Park. To cap off the day of local incidents, Talgarno Brigade attended to support DELWP in fighting an approximate 100m x 40m fire, also started by lightning. The fire was in extremely steep and heavily forested terrain. The fire was extinguished by about 5:30pm and was monitored for a period afterwards by DELWP.

Thanks to all members who assisted in call outs in this period and to our

neighbouring brigades in Berringa and further abroad for helping keep our community safe!

Junior Brigade

We are continuing our plans to start a Junior Brigade. At this stage we have one junior leader, Brendan Pearson and require one more from Talgarno to make this possible. We have several members who have offered support with activities as needed on an ad-hoc basis. Operational (firefighters) or non-operational members can be junior leaders. From time to time we'll need operational members to help with activities. All involved in junior brigade activities will require a Working With Children check.

The role of junior leader will involve working with children to generate ideas and activities, some of which will be fire brigade specific, some recreational and

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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 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.

Finally, a reminder to please take care and remain vigilant over the remainder of the fire season and if you see burning off or smoke report it immediately to 000.

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

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

We had a fantastic summer of tennis. Our section 1 team and one of our Section 3 teams have made it to finals, which will be contested over the next few weeks. Good luck to both teams, and hopefully we can add another flag to our collection!

Our junior teams have improved immensely over the year and always play with fantastic sportsmanship. Thanks to all the parents who have carted the kids across the countryside to play their matches. Talks are currently underway at the Association, as to whether section 4 will be divided into 2 sections, which will cater more for the young beginners. So, if there are any youngsters who would be interested in being part of a team next season, please let us know.

Jill Pearson – 0412 042 090

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BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

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

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

Horse activities to date have included a trail ride, ground

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

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

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

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

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

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

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

Springdale Road Bethanga



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Peter Star 0429 436 347
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ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Australia Day

(See page 3 article)

The change of operations to the Bellbridge Community Centre means there will be impacts on functions organised by the Rotary Club for the local community. Initial indications are that it will not be available for such community events as Australia Day, Christmas in July. We will keep you informed of what is happening.

Lake Hume Bicycle Challenge

644 checked in for the Lake Hume Cycle Challenge on 24 February. We had entries from not only VIC & NSW but also from ACT, QLD & the UK!



The day is expected to raise around \$25,000 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer centre.

Big thank you to all the sponsors & those helping today. Also a huge thank you to the Wodonga Racing club for the use of their wonderful facilities.

Regards,

Andrew Christy 6026 4338

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

The Bethanga Cricket Club competes in the CAW District competition in both A & B Grade Seniors. Players of all abilities are welcome or just come and watch at the best country ground in Albury Wodonga. Fees \$150 per season plus ball fees.

Brian Collins- President 6026 4504

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

Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment 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 and times, contact David or Vicki on 6020 1147 (just leave a message on the answering machine if they can't get to the phone).

YOGA AT TALGARNO

Talgarno Primary School
6 pm Wednesdays.

We do an hour of yoga from DVD or YouTube lessons. If we get sufficient regular numbers we will find a yoga teacher.

If there is a local yoga teacher who is interested in running a Wednesday evening class please contact us.

Bring your own yoga mat or towel
Cost \$2 per class

For further information contact Jill 0412 042 090 or Julie 6020 1107

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

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*

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

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Services held 4th Sunday of the month – 9:30am, followed by morning tea.

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Annie Berber 0419 407 420

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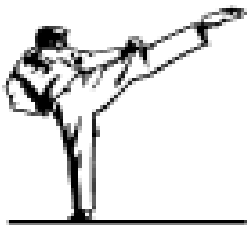
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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Within the next few months Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group will have an AGM with a guest speaker who will be out talking about local birdlife. On the same night we will be handing out long service awards to the members who

have not received theirs already.

When the weather gets cooler we will also have a spotlight walk at Granya to look at all the night critters, starting with a BBQ.

Both these events will be advertised at a later date.

Funding is available for remnant vegetation protection and tree planting but if you have any other projects you would like to discuss, please get in touch.

Don't forget the Talgarno Weather Station is functioning well with real time weather information. The data can be obtained by logging on to weather.tafco.com.au

This link will give you information from six other sites and for each site include the time, date, atmospheric temperature, humidity, rain in the last 24 hours and Delta-T

On 19th April at the Tallangatta Expo, the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2MBAG), combining with Mitta Mitta Valley-Landcare-Group will be displaying the many features of Landcare. All Landcare groups are invited to participate, so please call us if you need more information.

Regards

Jim de Hennin
President,
Ph 0408978847

Bethanga Landcare Group

The end of 2017 saw Bethanga Landcare Group receive a Community Grant from North East Catchment Management Authority for \$7,200. The funding will allow the Group to undertake revegetation activities, community engagement, skills and training activities, weed and pest control and strategic planning.

A committee meeting was held in January, to discuss and plan the years activities. We have a number of exciting events planned for 2018, including:

- Saturday 5 May 2018: Tree Giveaway 2018.
Location: Bethanga Hall
This is our annual membership drive. Expressions of interest for trees and shrubs will be sent out prior to the day. *Please note that we are holding the tree giveaway earlier this year than in previous years to allow trees to be planted in more favourable conditions, increasing the success rate.*
- Sunday 29 July 2018: National Tree Day.
Location: TBC

Join us for a fun morning of tree planting followed by a BBQ. *We recently assessed a possible site for National Tree Day, taking GPS coordinates and other relevant information. The site would allow for the continuation of existing plantations, adding to a vegetation corridor which was started many years ago.*

- Sunday 9 September 2018: Weed workshop/ field day.
Location: TBC.
An opportunity to learn about local weeds and how to deal with them.

Mapping workshop (date TBC): An exercise to learn about how the group can use mapping to assist with future planning, particularly strategic planning with the view to improving landscape connectivity. Stay tuned for more details.

Make sure you put them in your calendar to avoid missing out! Of course, if you have your own ideas of what you think Bethanga Landcare should be doing, let us know.

If you are interested in joining Bethanga Landcare Group or finding out more information about our upcoming events and activities;

- email bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com,
- 'Like' the Bethanga & Wises Creek-Talgarno Landcare Group Facebook page for all the latest news and updates
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The newsletter is also available in colour on line at
www.berringacommunitynews.com.au

Children's Groups

CHILD CARE AT BELLBRIDGE HAS ARRIVED

On January 29th Community Early-Years Childcare commenced operating Long Day Care in Bellbridge. Currently there are vacancies in all programs and CEYC would like to invite families to meet with our professional team. For further information, enrolment packages and bookings, please contact the office on 6056 4399 or drop in to the Bellbridge service.

2018 has been off to a busy start with the Educators working closely with families and children. Staff are establishing respectful, nurturing and responsive interactions with children and families so they can develop a sense of belonging, trust and confidence, which in turn underpins their ability to learn and develop. The Educators hold a strong belief that play holds a crucial role in children's development. During play, children are granted the opportunity to experiment, predict, explore and achieve.



Staff Profiles

Jacinta McLean - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Jacinta completed a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) in 2013. Jacinta is highly experienced and has been part of the team at CEYC since 2014. Jacinta is the Nominated Supervisor and Team Leader of our Bellbridge service and is also an Educational Leader within our organisation.



Suzanne Barnes - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Sue completed a Diploma of Community Services (Children's Services – Centre Based) in 2001. Sue is highly experienced and has been part of the team at CEYC since 2007.



Nutrition

Meals and Snacks are provided for the Children in Long Day Care and Before and Afterschool Care. This includes morning and afternoon tea and also a wholesome lunch. All the meals and menu plans meet the Australian Dietary Guidelines for Long Day Care.

Some of the lunches so far have been lasagne, spaghetti bolognese, tuna mornay, fruit platters and many more!

Please phone 6056 4399 for any enquires in regards to the Child Care/Kinder Program at Bellbridge.



Bethanga Primary School

"Educating students today for the world tomorrow"

A big welcome to our new

foundation students and families for 2018. They have all settled in beautifully and have quickly adapted to school and class routines. The older students have been a great help showing them the 'ropes'.



We welcome our new aide, Kristy Morris in the F-2 class. Kristy has previously worked at Dederang primary and we are very excited to have her joining our staff. As well we welcome back Mr Hogan from long service leave.

Over the next few terms we will be involved in a program called KEAPS (Kids Early Action Program in Schools). This is a social and emotional program for children in Foundation to Year 3 and will be delivered by professionals, such as social workers and occupational therapists who specialise in working with young children.

The program will complement the work we do in EQ at school and will help our students to understand their emotions and learn what to do when they experience strong emotions.

This term for our Sporting Schools funding we have organised athletics training for our students. This training will be delivered by an athletics coach and aims to increase the student's skills and knowledge around the different athletics events. This training prepares the students well for the athletics carnival in term 2.

Events so far

-Introduction to hockey workshop.



-Pancake Day. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who came along for some yummy pancakes on Pancake Tuesday and to the parents who cooked them for us.

Indonesian lessons continue this year and the students were very excited to have Ibu Tuti back from Indonesia. She was dressed in traditional Indonesian clothes and shared with the students about her time in Indonesia.



Music lessons have continued with Captain Pete this year and watch this space for some wonderful news about school performances. A huge congratulations to Captain Pete for receiving an Australia Day award for all of his tremendous work he does in the community

We had quite a few families come to 'Meet and Greet' night. Many thanks to Jono Toohey for cooking for us.

The Swimming Carnival was held on the 21st February. Congratulation to Regan Mitchell and Charlotte Ladanay for winning their age group championship.

We have certainly started the year running and we look forward to some fantastic learning opportunities organised for this term.



Talgarno Primary School

Important Dates

- * Craig Dent Book Day
6th March
- * Cinderella, Scots School
8th March
- * 5/6 Camp Sovereign Hill
26-29th March
- * Mother's Day High Tea
13th May
- * Coffee morning
every 2nd Thurs,
9.30am
- * Cooking—Fridays
- * Marc Van—every 2nd
Thurs

Welcome to the new school year. We are excited to be back. The students have grown inches over the break, making the teachers look shorter than usual!

There have been some fantastic school improvements over the holidays. Our foyer has been revamped and is looking superb. Thanks to Scott Redman who kindly donated his time to put together all of the cupboards and benchtops.

The new undercover area has also been erected. This was completed by Yackandandah Engineering. They have done a marvellous job and the students are already benefiting from the new shaded area during these hot summer days. The School was able to complete this project with the funds from the 'Cattle Fundraiser' a couple of years ago. To everyone who had cattle on their property or assisted in any way, we really appreciate your effort. This is a great community space we hope everyone can enjoy!

AFL Clinic

In February, we went to an AFL Clinic to see the Western Bulldogs players. First we got driven by Sharon, Jill, Karen and Mr. Kotzur. When we got to the AFL Clinic we had to wait for the players to get there. After about 5mins they were there. We got into groups and did activities like hand ball passing, kicking, marking, poison ball and kicking goals. Then we had to answer some questions that the players asked us. Jennoah and Alice got answers right and won a prize. Last but not least, we got the AFL Western Bulldogs autographs. We got all 6 players. It was the best day ever.



The Queen's Baton Relay

We went to Wodonga to see the Queen's Baton Relay. Kaylene took us to the park where we had our reserved area to watch the baton go past. We waited until the Commonwealth Games vans went by and we walked out onto the road. Bruce went past us and he high fived our hands. The baton was very big and tall.

After that we went to the Wodonga Cube to watch the 'Flying Fruit Fly Circus' perform. They were amazing. Then when we were about to go home, Mr Kotzur stepped in chewing gum! Ewww! He wasn't very happy about that!

By Tilly, Brooke and Alex.

High Tea

Our Mother's Day High Tea is back by popular demand! If you're looking to treat your Mum to a lovely day out, come along to our Mother's Day High Tea at The Wool Press, Granya. The lovely ladies at Tea by Three will be catering again, and we will have stalls, raffles, bar and photos available on the day.

Please contact the School by 4th May to secure your tickets.



Tilly's Big Cut

On the 2nd of Feb, we were very privileged to have community members come and watch Tilly Pearson cut off all her hair. Tilly had been growing her hair for many years and donated it to Variety's 'Hair with Heart' to make wigs. Tilly raised over \$2500 which is nothing short of amazing!



Melons For Sale!

Keep an eye out for the sign at our school entrance. We have delicious Star family melons for sale. All proceeds going toward our School gardening projects



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