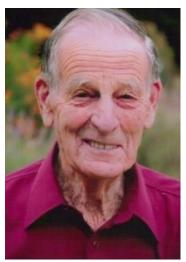
Berringa Community News Spring 2017

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Vale Ray Merkel, a Valued Community Member



It was with sadness our community learned of Ray Merkel's passing on 24th July 2017.

Ray was born on the 24th March 1922 at the Albury Base Hospital and had six siblings. He lived the majority of his life at Talgarno. Initially with his parents and grand-parents close to the

banks of the Murray River and later with his wife Beatrice and raised four children; Jennifer, Kenneth, Lois and Neil.

Ray rode his pony to attend school at Humes Crossing, and the Weir School, later he went to Albury High School. He left school at 15 years of age and his father asked him if he wanted to work on the farm, to which he replied 'Yes, I'll start tomorrow.' With the building of the Hume Weir water levels rose and the family moved to the home Ray and Beatrice went on to live in for many years.

In April 1942 Ray was called-up for Army service. It was

a posting to Mount Isa where he met his future wife Beatrice, who followed him home and continued nursing at Albury. The relationship blossomed and they were married at St. Matthews Church in Albury in 1948. Ray continued to work on the farm with his parents until they moved into town and he leased the farm from his father in 1961.

Ray was a keen sportsman having played competitive tennis for many years and loved football but regretted he didn't play in his younger years. He was a good runner and often told the story of how he didn't realize how fast he could run until a bull chased him and he said ...'my shadow had a hard time keeping up with me.'

Ray has been a committed community member all his life. He was a member of the Mitta Junction Primary School Committee while some of the children attended there. He has been an active and contributing member of the Talgarno Fire Brigade ever since WW II, a member of the Talgarno Hall Committee for many years and a Life Member of the Talgarno Tennis Club. Ray has also been a member of St. Thomas Anglican Church, Talgarno, since childhood, including as an adult, being a member of the Church of England Men's Society for forty

COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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years, Vestry for 17 years, Peoples Warden for 10 years, Secretary for 27 years, Secretary/Treasurer for 15 years and a Member of The Central Council and Lay Assistant from 1989.

Ray was also a long term member of the local Landcare group. Evidence of his commitment to Landcare is to drive along Murray River Road and see the number of trees along the road side that Ray planted. Ray was awarded an Australia Day Community Service award in 2003 by the Towong Shire.

Ray's wife of 52 years, Beatrice, passed away on 20th May 2000. Since Beatrice's passing Ray regularly expressed his sadness in living alone but was grateful for her love and trust and the support his family had given him before and since her passing.

The last 8 years of Ray's life he has spent as a much loved and respected resident of The Lutheran Aged Care facility in Albury.

Ray and Beatrice (dec), children Jennifer, Ken, Lois and Neil, and their partners Neil, Ann, Kingsley (dec), Jenny, 12 grand children and 13 great grand children have many proud and treasured memories.

Julie de Hennin and the Merkel family

Berringa Firies Calendar 2018

After the success of the 2017 calendar, we have decided to go ahead with a calendar for 2018. We will be seeking sponsorship again, so if you know a business that would be interested in participating, please let us know via our email or contact the brigades.

We also need your photos! If you have any good quality photos from fires you've



attended over the past few years, photos of the fire trucks in our local area or local events that the CFA have been involved in (e.g. Gymkhana) please email them through. We'd love to have them.

An invitation is also extended to the Berringa community to attend the October Talgarno Fire Brigade BBQ (13th Oct), where photos will be taken to be included in the calendar. All proceeds of this BBQ will go to the Berringa Community News.

Berringa Firies Committee email: berringafiries@gmail.com

Talgarno Resident New Community Advocate for Albury Cancer Centre

Julie de Hennin, a Talgarno resident has been invited to be a community advocate for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust and is happy to help promote local activities that help raise funds for the advancement of the Cancer Centre.

Communities throughout the Border and North East are urged to shake off the winter blues and get behind the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund's major fundraiser this September.

Julie invited our community to "think of ways, large and small, where funds can be raised to help this facility and the services available, be even better". "How about you organise a local fund raising event? It might be having a morning tea with a group of friends; a garden or local surrounds walk, a themed dinner and so on."

'Sunshine Week' will run from Sunday, September 17 to Saturday, September 23 with already scheduled activities to include a family fun day, charity golf day and wine tour.

Schools, businesses, sporting clubs and community groups are encouraged to get involved by making plans for a fundraising

event of their own.

AWCCTF, Fundraising Manager Jane Evans said in its inaugural year in 2016, 'Sunshine Week' raised more than \$60,000 with the help of 58 community and individual events.

This funding was used to pay for new life saving medical equipment, staff training, cancer research and the operation of the Wellness Centre.

"It can be as simple as organising a barbecue or morning tea, or if you're feeling more adventurous, then perhaps you could coordinate a fashion parade, movie night or lawn bowls tournament," Mrs Evans said.

"Whatever it is, and whatever amount you raise, will help us to make a genuine difference to the lives of cancer patients in our community."

Registrations are open now for anyone wishing to organise their own event. Visit sunshineweek.com.au or call (02) 6064 1538 for further information or locally you can contact Julie de Hennin (02) 60201136 or 0412433499

or email <u>juliedehennin@bigpond.com</u>

So what does someone do with a public phone box?

On Saturday 21 August between midnight and 8am Monday thieves unbolted and removed the public phone box near the gates of the Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge.

Some suggested uses are a glass house, shower stall, superman took it with him because public phone boxes are so rare now it was more convenient to have a change room about his person, the phone box was really Dr Who's Tardis and it is now in the year 2525 or some one wanted a large mobile phone.

Wodonga police are keen to speak to anyone who saw someone near the phone box, or driving nearby with a trailer. Phone Crimestoppers 1800 333 000 or Wodonga police 6049 2600





Riverina Highway Upgrade Stage Two, Lake Hume Village to Bethanga Bridge

July 2017

Work on the second stage of the Riverina Highway upgrade will be reduced during the wet winter period for the safety of motorists and to help protect the environment. The NSW Government is funding this \$11 million project.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering Stage Two of the Riverina Highway Upgrade project, which involves widening the road and road shoulders between Lake Hume Village and Bethanga Bridge, improving rough sections of the road, upgrading signposts, widening drainage, installing guardrails and retaining the 80 kilometre an hour speed limit.

Roads and Maritime completed Stage One of the total \$11 million upgrade between Sandy Creek and Lake Hume Village in March 2016. Work on the second stage of the upgrade started in October 2016 and is expected to be finished in June 2018, weather permitting.

Winter slow down

Work on the upgrade project has slowed down for the wet winter period since **early July 2017**.

The project site of the Stage Two Upgrade is very narrow with steep slopes on either side of the road. For safety reasons, and to preserve the sensitive environment of the area, the project's schedule of work will be reduced for the winter period to ensure impacts from the cold, wet weather are kept to a minimum.

Most of the earthwork, drainage, kerbing and revegetation were completed before the winter period. The Bethanga Bridge gantry will also be upgraded with a new road surface installed at the bridge approaches.

A temporary sealed road surface and line marking will be in place before the winter slow down. Work crews will monitor the safety of the road surface throughout the winter period to ensure it remains safe for motorists.

Spring work schedule

Work on the second stage of the upgrade will return to the full schedule in **late August 2017** and will include further excavation work and a new road surface. Improved safety measures including new guardrails will be installed along with new line marking.

Noise

The work may be noisy at times. We will make every effort to minimise this by:

Turning off machinery when not in use
Scheduling the noisiest activities for daytime periods
Positioning equipment, such as generators, as far away as
possible from residential areas.

Project benefits

- Widening the road for improved safety
- Provide a smoother journey between Lake Hume Village and Bethanga Bridge
- Improved road drainage
- Installing guardrails for increased safety
- Retain 80 kilometre an hour speed limit.

Work hours

Most of the work will be carried out during general working hours between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm on Saturday, weather permitting. We will notify you in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

Temporary traffic changes

The regular 80 kilometres an hour speed limit will return during the winter slow down period. Speed restrictions of 40 kilometres an hour will only apply when work is taking place during the above hours and will be under traffic control.

Please follow the direction of traffic controllers, follow traffic signs and stick to reduced speed limits.

We will display up to date information, including any date changes and detours on electronic message signs along the road

For more information

For more information about the project please contact the project team on 02 6937 1652.

More information is also available at **rms.nsw.gov.au**. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank the community and motorists for their patience during this work.



Hardwaste and Greenwaste Collections

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

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

Don't forget to present your waste voucher, issued with rates notices, to dispose of your waste free of charge.

Upcoming collection dates

- Granya Saturday 30 September, 2017, 10am - 1pm
- **Bethanga** Sunday 1 October 2017, 10am 1pm

For further information on what is accepted check Council website www.towong.vic.gov.au/facilities-services

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Ten Years Ago

Do you remember? We were still in drought. The Lake was at its lowest. We were also celebrating that after 2 years plus the works on the Bethanga bridge had finished and our lives were no longer ruled by the closure times.



Granya Gazette

Granya a Town Rich in History

In 1903 Granya was described in the Australian handbook: (see below)

GRANYA (36° 15′ S. lat., 147° 20′ E. long.), a post town with money-order and savings' bank office, in the county and electorate of Benambra, police district of Beechworth, 226 miles NE. of Melourne, on the Cotton Tree creek, 3 miles S. of the Murray river, and 36 miles from Wodonga, from which place a coach runs twice a week, fare, Ss. The metropolis is also reached viá Tallangatta, 9 miles by bridle track, or 14 miles by vehicle, thence train. Hotels: Broune's, Central and Club. State school, mechanics' institute with library of 500 volumes, and police station, two quartz crushing mills. and two stores. Mining, grazing, farming, and fruit-growing district. The coach running from here to Tintaldra forms the most direct route to the grand Kosciusko scenery. Formation: metamorphic and old silurian. Population, 260; district, 600.

Hotel Granya

Every Friday between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm people meet up in the bar for happy hour. Hotel Granya is now also providing meals Wednesday through to Saturday evenings, and Sunday Lunch. Follow us on Facebook for Updates @ Hotel Granya!

Granya Tennis

If anyone in the area is keen to play tennis, Granya and Wymah are close to getting enough numbers to run a section 2 tennis team, we will be meeting late August to decide. Sport helps unite and strengthen small communities so if you are interested please call Sharon on 60729566.



Mobile Phone Tower Update

Progress has slowed on the installation of the phone tower in Granya, due to a hold up on a lease agreement with Parks Victoria. Towong Shire have made a request to the relevant minister to speed up the process. So fingers crossed we will soon have our black spot problem resolved.

Street Library in Talgarno

A " Street library" will be available from the 1st of September out side the Talgarno hall.

Street Libraries are a home for books accessible from the street, and are an invitation to share the joys of reading with your community

After watching an ABC programme highlighting the concept of a Street Library, we felt that our community could also greatly benefit from this simple but fantastic idea.

As a result, Alan Stephenson created a fantastic and unique Street Library from an old refrigerator.

It is a novel way to recycle books and also share the pleasure of reading within the community and any visitors.

Books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends.

If anyone has a book or two that they think others would enjoy, they can just pop it into any Street Library they happen to be passing.

A book can be borrowed or you can add a book.

Please do not leave large donations of books. If you

have more than a couple of books to donate, please contact the "Librarian" (in <u>very loose</u> terms) Kerrie Stephenson Phone 6020 1146.



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October 2017
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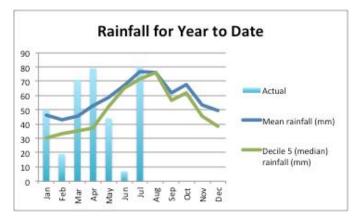
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



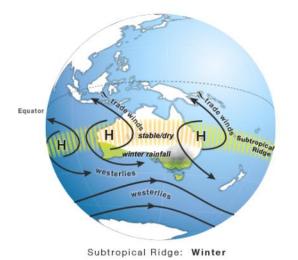
Rainfall Round-up

The winter rainfall (May to end July) was 131 mm, 31% below the median. May was just below average but the 7 mm of rain in June made it the driest June on record and those records extend over 95 years! Thankfully July rainfall was above the median and that has brought the soil moisture back to normal. (www.bom.gov.au/water/landscape/) The rainfall over the first week of August has further improved prospects.



The record dry June was the result of a persistent band of high pressure across southern Australia. This band blocked the winter westerlies - rainbearing fronts that occur during winter. Normally, in winter, the so-called sub-tropical ridge (STR) of high pressure is located well to the north around Tamworth but this year it spent most of June over Albury. Not only was it further south than normal, it was the highest pressure it has been since 1944. The high pressure resulted in clear skies, very cold nights and sunny days in June. The figure below shows the typical position of the STR belt in winter but it hasn't been there this June.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) had suggested it was unlikely that winter rainfall would exceed the median (194 mm) and they were right about that but in fact it was 31% below.



@ Commonwealth of Australia 2012

Prospects for spring (August to end October)

BOM is suggesting that spring will be 'slightly drier' than normal. About half of the models agree but the rest are saying rainfall will be average. Since June the STR has moved north and the pressures have been lower allowing rainfall triggers to reach southern Australia. At present the SOI and the Indian Ocean dipole (IOD) are neutral and although the IOD may become positive this is unlikely to have much impact on spring rain. At the time of writing (August 10th) we have already had half the median rainfall for August so it seems likely we will avoid a really dry spring. It will depend on whether the STR stays north and atmospheric pressures remain normal. Compared to other parts of Victoria and NSW we have been lucky so far this year and here's hoping it continues. Looking further ahead, BOM's POAMA model suggests it's most likely that sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific will remain neutral through the coming autumn.

Soon you will be able to get weather information for Talgarno by going to http://weather.tafco.com.au/. The weather station at Jim and Julie de Hennin's has been refurbished with help from NECMA, TAFCO and the Upper Murray Agribusiness Group. It will be interesting to compare the actual rainfall data from this station with the rainfall data from Hume Weir that we have had to use to date.

Greg Hayes

Berringa Kindergarten Fundraising Update



The Berringa Kindergarten Committee would like to say a very big "thank you" to the following people and organisations who helped make our recent "Book Week" Trivia Night such a great success through their donations, sponsorship or otherwise:

Bob Singline, who did an absolutely wonderful job hosting the night,

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Bethanga General Store
Bunnings Wodonga
Elders Albury
Henry's Bakery
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The Haus of Meat
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GMT People
Rachel Hewitt & Brett Kambouris
Jindera Bakery
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Hal Palmer
Peards Wodonga
SCADS Screen Printing
The Body Shop
Thurgoona Bakery
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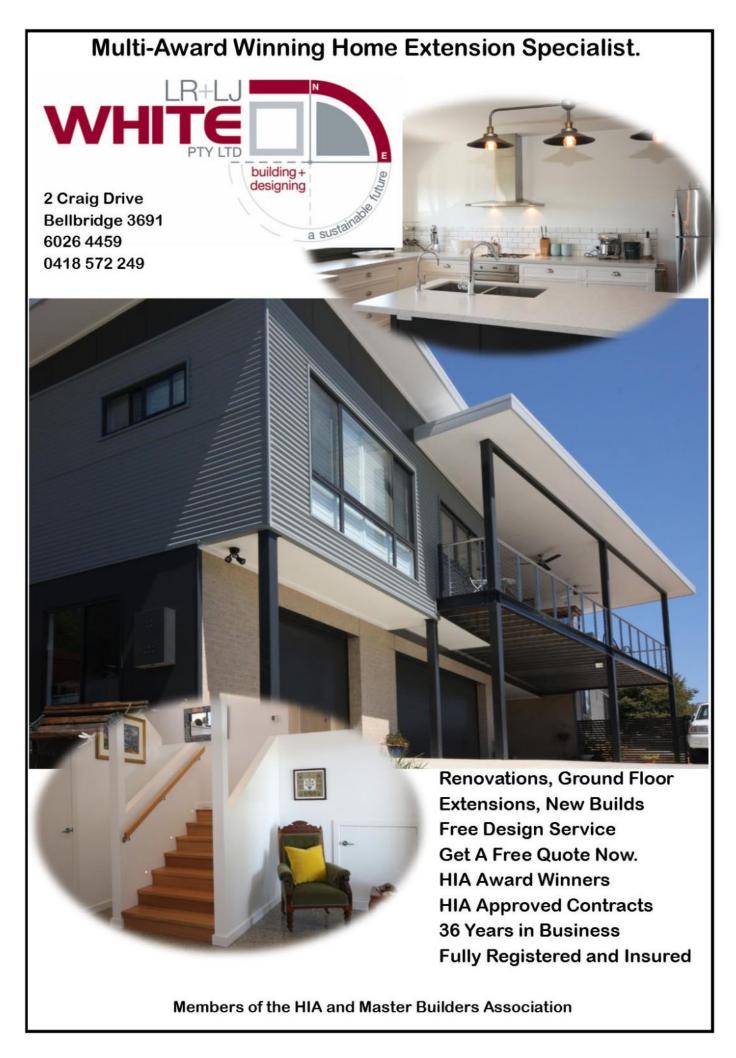
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Bellbridge General Store
Annie Clayton
Healthy Living Chiropractic
Hume Boat Club
Kangaroo Store
Kimberly Mudra
Park Lane Jewellery
Jill Pearson
Tallangatta Veterinary Clinic
The Courthouse Hotel
Victoria Hotel Tallangatta
Wodonga Eyecare

and, finally, everyone who came along on the evening or made donations in lieu of attending!



Our wood raffle was also drawn on the night and Richard Wright was the lucky recipient of a trailer load of quality redgum generously donated by Jonathan and Karen Green.

Thank you once again to all those who continue to support our local kindergarten ... the children are already benefitting greatly from classroom resources purchased with the money we have raised!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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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

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.

Talgarno Hall

Hall hire rates, which include air conditioning costs, are:
Community meetings under 3 hours \$15,
meetings over 3 hours \$25.
Local resident function hire \$150 plus \$150 bond
(includes insurance).
Non-resident function hire \$250 plus \$150 bond
(includes insurance).

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

For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

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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

STANDING GRASS FOR SALE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the "STANDING GRASS" at the Springdale Recreation Reserve (Bethanga Golf Course) for the making of hay. Approximately 15 Ha in Size.

Payment is to be made before commencing harvest.

Tenders close on Sat 7th October 2017.

For further information contact: John Northey 02 6026 4574 0414 931 442

Mail tenders to:
Springdale Recreation Reserve Committee
Unit 5, 15 Wilson St
Wodonga, 3690

Berringa Community News Distribution

The newsletter is distributed by volunteers to mail boxes where they are available. Residents in Bethanga village can pick up a copy at the Bethanga general store. For those in Granya with PO boxes copies are available in the community mailbox at the Granya Hall.

The newsletter is also available in colour on line at www.berringacommunitynews.com.au

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



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In memoríam

Vale Josie Star

Josephine Smart Rowley was born on January 24, 1931, the youngest daughter of Joseph and Avis Rowley. Smart as a middle name being the same as her father, a legacy of his maternal grandfather Joseph Smart. Avis was a member of the Sirl family who along with the Rowley's dated back to the 1870's as pio-



neering farming families of the Bethanga district. Josie had two older sisters June and Di (Beatrice) and older half siblings Claude, Reg and Dorothy from her fathers previous marriage. Sadly the much adored older brother Reg paid the supreme sacrifice early in 1944, a Lancaster pilot killed in action on a mission to Berlin.

Josie attended Bethanga Primary and Wodonga High Schools. Left handed she stubbornly resisted the attempts of her early teachers to convert her to write with her right hand, frequently finding herself suffering the disciplinary wrath of an over zealous teacher. On leaving school Josie remained at home to help her mother care for her ailing father, who passed away in 1957. His passing and the settlement of his estate brought about a bitter division that sadly split the family.

The details of of the romance and courtship of Josie and Maurice Star are very limited but story has it that Maurice was invited back to the Rowley household after meeting at a cricket match at Bethanga against Granya. Josie and Maurice were married at St Matthews Anglican Church in Albury on April 30, 1960, afterwards taking up residence at "Helston Park" Talgarno and 12 months later were blessed with their only child Peter.

There is one word that probably best describes Josie with that word being 'devoted'. She was so devoted to Maurice and

despite all the frustrations that he could produce at times, she was always the loving and loyal wife. Devotion in caring for her ailing father, her mother who moved off the family farm to live in Bethanga Township, along with her mothers two unmarried sisters Alice and Beat who also lived in Bethanga. Josie was many times their only means of transportation for shopping and appointments in Albury and Wodonga. Josie even cared for Maurice's mother in her final years at home at Talgarno, when at times she was to ill to return home to Bungil.

Josie had a great love of her sisters June and Di, their phone calls and visits were always greatly anticipated as one lived in Melbourne and the other Adelaide. Josie took great joy in Diane becoming part of the family and was elated with the arrival of grandchildren Alex and Georgia. It was not until I became a parent myself that I fully appreciated the love, sacrifice and devotion given to me by the most unselfish and unassuming person that you would ever meet. Presented with a son whose persona ranged from shy and withdrawn to loud and boisterous, and who could test the boundaries of most parents, my mother was always there for me and for that I will be eternally grateful. So often the only means of transport for a sports mad teenager, Josie's contributions to the sporting clubs I was involved with is legendary, even long after I became independently mobile. A life member of the Bethanga Football Club, the Thursday night meals after training at the club house provided by Josie, her great friend Mary Wood and other equally passionate women were epic. Wednesdays rabbits became Thursday nights chicken casserole and the joke on Friday was that the footballers would be able to jump that little bit extra on Saturday.

A survivor of breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer, and with the onset of arthritis to a point where her mobility was so severely impaired that it forced her into care at Lutheran Aged Care, Josie never complained as in her own words "nobody really wants to listen to it". A brave and tolerant woman with a big heart, she will be sadly missed.

Peter Star

Babíes



Karina & Nathan Baker of Thurgoona are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first son Elijah Ian on 10th July @ 11.37pm weighing 7lb 14.5oz. Proud Grandparents Trish & Mark Trafford (Bethanga) and Wendy and Dennis Baker (Wodonga) can't wait to spoil their new grandchild!



Ash & Tom Henderson, new residents to Wises Creek Road Talgarno, announce the birth of Mac Thomas Henderson born 31st July.



Eleena Joan O'Neill born Friday 18th August, 10lb 6oz at Wodonga Hospital

Daughter of Kristen (nee Merkel) and Dane O'Neill, sister of Austin and Elliot and Granddaughter of Ann and Ken Merkel



A daughter for Jarrod and Kate, Scarlett Kate Stephenson, born 11 July 2017. A third grand child for Alan and Kerrie Stephenson of Talgarno

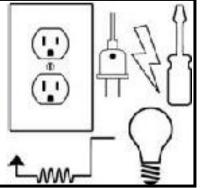
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PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Newsletter

Creating Safer Communities

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AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this edition of the Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Last week the August Community Meeting followed by the AGM was held at the Talgarno Primary School. This meeting was well attended and I thank those who were able to attend and those who extended their apologies for not being able to attend, sincere thanks your ongoing support.

As there has not yet been an appointment to replace LSC Nev Barrow to the Bethanga Police Station we were grateful to have LSC Lisa Lorenz, the Tangambalanga Police Station Officer attend our meeting. Lisa spoke with much enthusiasm of the importance of NHW and its partnership with the local Police Officer. Lisa is an enthusiastic Police Officer whom we look forward to maintaining contact with. Lisa provided an update of the appointment of a Police Officer to the Bethanga Station, saying the position had been advertised and whilst the process of application and appointment is likely to take a few months we could expect the appointment of a Police Officer before Christmas this year. This is great news as it dispels the 'talk' that we were not getting a replacement police officer!!!

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque to the value of \$150 to Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch from the Talgarno CFA Social Club Inc., who decided to donate \$150 to a community group that supports the community. This generous donation is greatly appreciated.

We are all reminded to note anything untoward in our area and <u>immediately</u> report this information to the Tallangatta or Wodonga Police, Crime Stoppers or in the case of an Emergency phone 000.

The next meeting of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch will be held at the Berringa Community Centre at Bellbridge on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. This is our Christmas Dinner where NHW provides delicious chicken and you are asked to bring a salad or a sweet to share and your own drinks. This evening is always lots of fun and an opportunity to meet your neighbours. Even if you have not had the chance to attend a meeting this year please try and make an effort to be at this evening. See you at Bellbridge (Berringa Community Centre) on the 15th Nov.

Best wishes, Bob Martin, Peninsula NHW, Area Co-ordinator.

Meet your PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EXECUTIVE FOR 2018

Area Co-ordinator: Bob Martin

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko

<u>Secretary</u>: Julie de Hennin Assistant Secretary: Lyn Martin

Treasurer: Nene Green

Home Security: John & Carolyn Butko

Road signs: Peter & Di Schmidt

Newsletter: Lyn Martin, Ken Star, Julie de Hennin Social Media: Discussions are being held re a potential Peninsula Resident to undertake this role Police Liaison: Awaiting the appointment of a Police Officer to the Bethanga Police Station

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

Next Community Meeting

November 15th 2017 – Bellbridge (Berringa Centre) 7.30pm – This evening will include a short Community Meeting followed by a long Christmas dinner.

You are invited – Please bring a sweet or salad to share and PNHW will provide delicious chicken. This evening is great fun so please come along!!!

At the recent AGM the following dates and locations for our 2018 Community Meetings, AGM and Christmas Dinner were determined:

February 21st 2018 - Granya

Community Meeting, 7.30pm

May 16th 2018 - Bethanga

Community Meeting, 7.30pm

August 15th 2018 - Talgarno

Community Meeting & AGM, 7.30pm

November 21st 2018 - Bellbridge (Berringa Centre)

Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner, 7.30pm

The community where the meeting is held is encouraged to invite neighbours and new and established residents to attend these meetings

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

Sincere Thanks to the Talgarno Brigade Social Club Inc. for its generous donation of \$150 to PNHW.

In forwarding the cheque the Brigade Secretary wrote 'we greatly appreciate the support that PNHW provides to the community as a whole.'

Emergency numbers for Police, Ambulance, Fire
Call 000 or from Mobiles Call 112 These calls are free!

Hey Mate! Have you got your NHW sign on your fence or gate?



SAFE PLATE DAY....SECURITY SCREWS

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch would like to offer a 'Safe Plate Day' this year. 'Safe Plate Day' is when our NHW and community members offer to replace number plate screws with Security Screws. If you are having a community event and would be happy to invite vehicle owners to have their vehicle number plate screws replaced with security screws please call one of the PNHW named persons on this newsletter.

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 look out for each other......it is disappointing to see that many properties have still not displayed their NHW signs!!! We wonder why!!!









NEW ROAD RULE - EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 2017

Courtesy: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/police-and-emergency-vehicles

If a Police or another emergency vehicle has its red or blue lights flashing or its siren on, you must:

- get out of its way
- give way and stop if necessary, even if you have a green traffic light
- You must also stop if twin red lights are flashing on a

road (e.g. outside a fire or ambulance station). You can start driving again once the lights have stopped flashing and the road is clear of emergency or other vehicles.

From 1 July 2017 a new road rule was introduced to improve safety for our emergency and enforcement workers. Motorists must slow down to a speed that would enable them to stop safely if necessary when approaching and passing enforcement, emergency or escort vehicles that are stationary or moving slowly (less than 10km/h)*, and have either:

- red and blue flashing lights
- magenta (purple) flashing lights (eg. Transport Safety Services vehicles)
- an alarm sounding

You must not exceed 40km/h when passing the vehicle and not increase your speed until a safe distance from the scene.

* A fire truck extinguishing roadside spot fires is an example of a slow-moving emergency vehicle.

Incidents on our roads place first responders and others involved at a high risk of being struck by passing vehicles or debris. The new rule means improved safety for emergency and enforcement workers who are performing work on the road or roadside, as well as others who are present at the scene.

Does the new rule apply on all road types? **Yes**, it applies to all roads, including freeways. It doesn't apply to vehicles on the other side of a divided carriageway from an emergency or enforcement vehicle scene.

What type of emergency or enforcement vehicles are covered by the new rule?

- Police & Ambulance vehicles
- MFB & CFA vehicles
- Forest Fire Management Victoria vehicles
- State Emergency Service vehicles
- Vic Roads Transport Safety Service vehicles (magenta, purple flashing lights)

Limiting the rule to vehicles with blue and red, or magenta flashing lights makes it easier for motorists to understand and comply with the new rule's requirements. The rule is consistent with existing road rules 78 and 79 that require drivers to move out of the way of an emergency or enforcement vehicle with flashing lights or sounding an alarm.

The rule doesn't apply to vehicles with yellow flashing lights as these lights are present on a wide range of vehicles performing diverse tasks.

Can I be fined for not obeying the new road rule? **Yes**, you can be fined. The infringement penalty for breaching the new road rule is \$272.05, with the maximum court penalty of \$777.30. No demerit points will apply. The new 40km/h limit is the maximum speed at which pedestrians are likely to survive vehicle impact.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

CLUBS AND GROUPS

BERRINGA CERT



The Berringa CERT AGM that was held in August provides an opportunity to review the team's activity in the previous year.

In 2017, we have 3 new members which takes our team to 14. However, we were unable to respond to 6 callouts because we were unable to provide 24/7 coverage.

We had 30 callouts which is about 25% less than previous years. This may be due to a new Ambulance Victoria referral service that provides telephone advice that may not result in an ambulance being called or, happily, the community has been safe and well.

Our average response rate, which is the time from us receiving the page and arriving at the location was 19 minutes. The quickest response was 8 minutes and the longest 34 minutes (we were unable to locate the property due to inadequate property numbering). Talgarno topped the callout locations with 10, Bellbridge 8, Bethanga 7and Granya 2.

New residents maybe wondering what Berringa CERT is. The Community Emergency Response Team are Ambulance Victoria volunteers who are first responders to ambulance 000 callouts in the area bounded by the Bethanga bridge, Bethanga and Granya. Our role is to provide advanced first aid until the ambulance arrives.

Each member attends two training nights a month as well as being on call to provide 24 hour cover seven days a week. Each member contributes what time they can. Some members give a few hours between their family, social and work commitments, others cover overnight after finishing a day at work, some with more flexible work arrangements or are retired are on call for whole days. Being on call re-



quires being prepared to drop what you're doing when the pager goes off, calling your partner to arrange a rendezvous point, changing into a uniform, then getting safely to the location within the speed limit. Most of you will see the CERT car around. Most times this will be the members swapping the car over on the roster or refuelling.

If you are interested in joining please call me

Keep well, Julie Miller

Team Leader Berringa CERT

juliemiller@skymesh.com.au

6020 1107

LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

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 from 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.

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.

For more information please contact Jenny on 0475 945 474.

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 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 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

25th June 2.53pm

Support Bonegilla at a Motor vehicle accident Trout Farm Rd Lake Hume Village.

6 members responded but were called off before leaving the station.

1st August 11.47pm

Slip-on required for access to a car fire under the Hume freeway, Gateway Island Wodonga.

5 members responded with 1 member taking the slip-on but were called off enroute.

NEW BELLBRIDGE ULTRALIGHT TANKER

The new Ultralight Tanker Nissan Patrol will be delivered to us in this September. We were not successful with a grant application to build a new shed at Bellbridge to house it in so we will be doing some minor alterations to the existing shed so it fits in. The Brigade has been fundraising for many years to enable us to purchase this unit to better protect our community. The unit is designed to be able to connect into the Bellbridge Hydrants for

structure fires, plus be able to quickly respond to incidents in the immediate area. The Brigade wishes to thank you, the community for your support and donations to help us achieve this great result.

Total unit cost \$116,000 Brigade contribution \$18,000

BELLBRIDGE HYDRANTS

The Brigade will be conducting our bi annual serviceability check on the Bellbridge hydrants in September. We will be inspecting and cleaning the hydrants and replacing any missing blue reflectors. If you see us come and have a chat.

Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday 29th July the brigade ran a very successful BBQ at Bunnings Wodonga.

We made a profit of \$911.00 from sausages and drinks sales plus \$60.00 in our donations tin.

Thank you to Bunnings for allowing us, and many other volunteer organizations to fundraise at their stores. Thank you also to Bakers Delight Wodonga Plaza, and Beazley's Meats Wodonga for the discount bread and tasty sausages.

TOWONG SHIRE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS. BE PRE-PARED

The Council Fire Prevention Officer will be conducting inspections of township properties at the start of the Fire Season. It is in everyone's interest to ensure that you comply promptly with any direction that Council make particularly regarding the long grass within the town limits. If you have any issues with long grass adjoining your property notify the Council.





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BRIGADE PREPAREDNESS

In August The Brigade will be doing fuel reduction work in the form of roadside spraying to areas around Bellbridge and Bethanga including Lake Road and Kurrajong Gap Road.

SPRING CLEANING

Some Spring jobs that will reduce the fire danger for your property this Sumer.

- Clean out the gutters, and keep them clean.
- Keep the grass short around the house and buildings.
- Remove any flammable rubbish lying around.
- Check your firefighting equipment for serviceability.
- Look around and assess your individual fire risks and discuss with your family and neighbours about what you are going to do if there is a fire. (This is a basic fire plan).
- Check your Gas Barbeque equipment for leaks.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The Brigade is in the process of delivering minimum skills training to 6 new members in Bethanga/Bellbridge and 2 from Talgarno. These members will be ready for the upcoming fire season. Welcome and well done to all who completed the course and thank you for your desire to give back to our community.

CFA POLITICAL HOT SEAT

There has been, and still is a lot of media attention directed towards CFA over the past months. We are not sure how this is going to end up but our Chief is very supportive of us volunteers. It is his vision that we have an opportunity to emerge from these times a more autonomous CFA, less influenced by external organizations.

Rest assured, for volunteer brigades like ours the key focus is to do what is best for our community. This has not and will not change, and our service delivery remains the same as always.

So far, we have had a safe winter; there are still a couple of weeks to go before we welcome the warmer weather. Let's always remain vigilant.

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 CFA

Hello and we hope this edition of the *Berringa News* sees you looking forward to the warmer spring weather ahead. The Brigade has been relatively quiet over the last few months, but activity it starting to pick up as we head into spring and another fire season.

Fortunately, the 2016/17 financial year was a quiet one for our Brigade we had 12 callouts and would love to see it stay that way (touchwood!)

Grants, donations and fundraising

The brigade was very lucky to be successful for a grant to purchase a heavy duty 3m x 3m mobile shade structure fully equipped with an awning, wall panels and leg weight. We intend to use this at community events, training days and operationally near quick fills or at control points when participating in long call outs to protect members from the hot sun. This will be available for this fire season.

We are also very grateful to the Talgarno Brigade Social Club for their donation to Talgarno Rural Fire Brigade for the purchase of second quick fill trailer. The Social Club raises money predominantly from our monthly BBQs, which receive terrific support from the wider community.

Lastly, on the grant front, we submitted an application to fund the replacement of our Slip On through VESEP grants on offer. We are awaiting to hear the outcome of this application.

In regards to donations, we would like to thank the wider community for their generosity in the 2016/17 financial year as we raised almost \$2350 directly from donations. Adding to this we have done very well with fundraising this year bringing in \$1000 from the Berringa Firies Calendar sales and \$400 from the Bethanga Gymkhana for BBQ duties.

Equipment, training, new members and planning

The brigade decided to purchase a GoPro camera for this coming fire season and use during training and callouts. The intention is to use the video footage and photos as a training opportunity for members that cannot attend certain training sessions or callouts. The footage and photos will also be used for calendars and potentially shared with the community on our Facebook page to show the great work we do in the community.

A reminder that we still have one listening set available for any community member at the subsidised price of \$160. Earlier this year we received a new allocation of wet weather jackets for use in inclement conditions during call outs.

We are very happy to welcome two new members, Tony Wright and Chris Vine to our Brigade in the last couple of months. Both Tony and Chris are new to the area and have enjoyed the hospitality at the monthly BBQs so much they couldn't say no when asked about joining the brigade! Tony and our other 'newish' member, Treasurer Grant Lewis, are undertaking Minimum Skills training at present so we look forward to their involvement in the brigade. Chris will be undertaking training later in the year. On the topic of training, we would like to thank the Bethanga Brigade (notably John Northey and Ben Mitchell) for inviting members from our brigade to participate – it is much appreciated!

We also have several members participating in a chainsaw course at present and will be holding pre-season burn over training, drafting training, tanker familiarisation and collar tank training. Please keep a look out for these dates and we strongly encourage all members to attend.

Lastly, we are planning to do a tour of the area for any new water points, which will be added to maps to assist us in the event of a fire. We have procured water point signs to identify these in the community.

Communication and social activities

We now have over 400 people that 'like' our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/talgarnoruralfirebrigade and we would welcome any other community members to jump on board if you have not yet.

We encourage you to keep an eye out for the announcement of the Fire Danger Period, make plans to do any burning off prior to this announcement and if in doubt about activities during the Fire Danger Period please consult the 'Can I or Can't I' site: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/.

Please stay in touch with fire bans and fire danger ratings via this site: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-and-ratings/ and finally dust off your Bushfire Survival Plan and get ready for the season ahead. If you don't have a plan, start now as it is never too late to start planning!

We look forward to seeing you down at the shed for our monthly BBQs on the second Friday of each month.

Peter Star, Captain, 0429 436 347 Brendan Pearson, Secretary, 0439881440



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TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Welcome to Spring – the time to start playing tennis again! The Talgarno Tennis Club is organising teams to participate in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association this coming season, commencing mid-October.

For those unfamiliar with the Association, there are four sections. Sections 1 and 2 are our higher grades and play from 1:00pm on Saturdays or from 6.30pm on Friday nights, consisting of Men's/Women's doubles and mixed doubles. Section 3 is for proficient juniors, consisting of doubles and singles. Section 4 is a doubles competition for juniors starting out in tennis. Both sections 3 and 4 play on Saturday mornings from 9am.

Talgarno Tennis Club is holding its AGM on Sunday 10th September at the Talgarno Hall to elect office bearers for the season and organise various fundraising activities. We would love to hear from any new or existing players that would be keen to participate this year. If you are unable to attend the AGM, please let Jarrod Stephenson or Jill Pearson know prior to the meeting so we can organise numbers and teams. We welcome any new players, regardless of your experience or ability. Last season we fielded 4 teams, so we hope to do similar this year.

We are also looking at junior tennis coaching in term 4. Last year we had 25 very keen, young tennis players participating in coaching, and we have the opportunity to do this again. At this stage, we are looking at Monday afternoons from 4pm. It will run for approx. 10 weeks and the cost will depend on numbers (usually around \$10-12/child/session). For more information or to book a spot, please contact Jill Pearson.

Cheers

Jarrod Stephenson – 0417 228 445

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.

The "Christmas in July" function was held on 2 July. About 35 elderly residents from the peninsula region attended this function held at the Bellbridge Community Centre, organised by the Rotary Club. They were treated to a two course lunch with beverages, sing-a-long and friendship.

The "Lake Hume Fishing Classic" will be held on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October 2017 at the Lale Hume Tourist Park. Registrations can be made at www.lakehumeclassic.com.au or register on-site on Friday13 October from 4.00pm ontil 8.30pm and Saturday 14 October from 5.00am until 11.00am.

Fishing commences at 6.30am on Saturday morning and concludes at 10.30am Sunday morning. Jill Pearson - 0412 042 090 Meals will be provided on the Saturday night and

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"Christmas Carols" will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge on Sunday 3 December, commencing at 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance as well as the choir singing Christmas Carols. Drinks and sausages will be available.

":Australia Day" celebrations will be held at the Bellbridge Community Centre on 26 January 2018. Please start thinking about worthy citizen nominations for the various awards.

Regards, Andrew Christy

HUME BOAT CLUB



MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

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Membership forms available on website

Membership forms and keys available from Bellbridge Lake Hume Store ph 6026 4001

Contact

Russell Huon 02 6026 4531 Jan Bennie 02 6026 4512 PO Box 401 Albury NSW 2640

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

Our season will commence early October
The Bethanga Cricket Club will be competing in the
CAW District competition in both A & B grade seniors.
Last year the club's B grade consisted of both players
from Bethanga and Tallangatta,, which everyone enjoyed.

Parcel Courier Service

As your local Postal Licensee, I am also able to pick up parcels from Snow White in Albury and any parcel from Australia Air Express in Wodonga and deliver them as part of my normal run.

I service the following areas:

Bandiana-Killara-Ebden-Bonegilla-Hume Weir-Bellbridge-Bethanga-Springdale and Talgarno

Parcels can also be collected from the Bethanga Post Office. Prices start from \$3.50 per parcel depending on size

Contact Laurie Scott on

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There will be a new team in the competition which is Corowa however it is yet to be determined if there will be a bye or not.

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.

Training will commence mid September at the Bethanga Rec Reserve. If you are interested in playing this season please contact:

Brian Collins - 6026 4504 or Andrew Hird - 0421 361 235

New committee members are. president: Brian Collins, vice president: Cameron Sirl treasurer: Jo Ollington secretary: Andrew Hird

junior coordinator: Brodie Sirl,

grounds persons: Brad Taylor & Andrew Hird, and

events coordinator: Marget Sirl.

See you there. Regards Andrew Hird

> Brian Collins- President 6026 4504 Andrew Hird- Secretary 0421 36235

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

Springdale Road Bethanga



Come and play at the picturesque 9 hole course. Players welcome 7 days a week in golf season.

\$10 green fee in the honesty box or become a member for \$100 per year which includes golflinks membership and affiliation to Golf Victoria.

Hire the club house for your next celebration or fundraiser.

Contact either

Peter Star 0429 436 347
Jamie Swinnerton 0419 419 048



EXERCISE CLASSES

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

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).

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

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Please ring for orders and enquiries 6026 4215.

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

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

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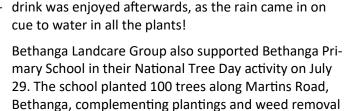
Landcare Australia

Bethanga Landcare Group

The last couple of months have been busy for Bethanga Landcare Group, with our annual Tree Giveaway taking place in July, and the Tree Planting Day in August.

As in the past, the 'Tree Giveaway' coincided with National Tree Day

in late July and provided BLG members the opportunity to enhance their local surroundings. 40 trees/shrubs were provided to members, with 10 new members signing up to take advantage of the offer.



activities which have taken place along this stretch of

road in recent years. The weather was perfect and spe-

cial guest Enzo the dog provided much entertainment.

proximately 30 community members to plant 500 trees and shrubs along the creek line. A BBQ lunch and hot





National Tree Day planting was held on a chilly Sunday morning in August at Bethanga Creek on Susanne Watkins' property. The rain held off long enough for the ap-

In other news:

- During Mid August the group reconvened to meet Dr Kristy Howard from "Inspiring Excellence" to review how the group had tracked over the past 12 months since reviewing the strategic plan. This is an important process to make sure that the group is tracking in a sustainable direction and achieving the goals that they proposed last year.
- Plans are underway to hold a community information session on vegetation and land management with a local expert later in the year. Stay tuned for more details!

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

- email bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com,
- visit our website http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/bethanga
- or phone Susanne on 0423 536 105

Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Currently, the Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group Inc. (WCTLG) have \$140,000 of direct on-ground works that landholders have expressed interest in, across 16 properties for erosion, remnant vegetation protection and revegetation type works, the majority of which are on waterways and are in Box Gum Grassy Woodland environments (listed as a threatened ecological community under the Australian Government's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*). From recent works commissioned through the Australian National University to study species present and from local knowledge, we understand that our environment is in a fairly unique position in that it contains high numbers of threatened species like the Diamond Firetail, Hooded Robin, Speckled Warbler and is likely to contain species like the Swift Parrot.

When considering this from a community perspective and to help us understand and value our ecosystems, we have also received funding for a pole camera and 20 nest boxes for rare species such as the Swift Parrot, Tuan and Squirrel Gliders to be used as part of an education process. This will be coupled with presentations showing requirements of species and how this links with plants, animals and the micro-species that enable the ecosystem to function.

Further to support our holistic aims, we will also support programs with dung beetles (two new species), deer management and the Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action program, in which we have been active participants.

Exciting news thanks to the North East CMA, our weather station has had adjustments made and is now reassembled and waiting to be calibrated into the Myrtleford (TAFCO) weather station. Once operational, real-time weather data from Talgarno, Beechworth, Whorouly, Porepunkah, Coral Bank, King Valley, Myrtleford, Dinner Plain and hopefully Towong will be accessible.

Our Landcare wayfarers site now has a large flat faced rock in place and ready to have plaques attached to recognise major contributors to our Landcare group. Thanks to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services for their donation and delivery of the rock, which has come from the earth works being undertaken on the Pines Road.

Bobcat
Posthole Borer
Trencher
Tip Truck
Soil-Road Base Supplied

NECMA held their 30 years in Landcare awards presentation recently. Congratulations to WCTLC members who received their 2017 North East Regional Natural Resource Management Awards for either 5, 10, 15 or 20 years service to our Landcare group. Congratulations also to Julie de Hennin for winning the photographic award which included comparative photos of trees planted in 2009 and the trees today. Jim de Hennin won the Landcare Leadership award for his voluntary work with Landcare and Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2MBAG) and M2MBAG won the community group award.

Landcare Victoria Inc. Member Group Forms (originally administered through the Farm Tree & Landcare Association) have been completed for all current financial members. We currently have 41 family members (70 individuals) on our database.

It was Tree Week on the 28 July 2017 and an enjoyable and productive tree planting few hours was undertaken by students from Talgarno Primary School. Jim and Julie de Hennin provided the area to plant the trees and talked about the importance of trees on their farm for heat and cold shelter for their animals and a place for birds and insects to live. Thanks to Michael Schorobura and Graeme Redman for their help showing students how to plant and guard the trees. At the end of the tree planting everyone enjoyed sausages in bread and cup cakes!!!!

wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com



Children's Groups

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).



Berringa Kindergarten

Berringa Kindergarten children have been learning some of the culture and language of Indonesia through interactive apps

which have been provided by the Australian Government. These are interactive games that teach colours, numeracy puzzle solving and Indonesian words for different foods.

The Bethanga Men's Shed made a very sturdy Perspex painting easel for the kindergarten children. The children enjoy looking at each others' paintings and have great fun washing the paint off when they are finished.

The Parent Committee has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank to the value of \$1100.00. A representative

visited to present the cheque to the kindergarten. The money will be spent on purchasing Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander educational items and to pay for the installation of Story Poles in the kinder yard. This will be a joint project with the local Koorie Educational Support Officer Jenny Murray.

Recently, a very successful Trivia Night was organised and held by the parents as a fundraiser for the kindergarten. A great time was had by all.

For National Tree Planting Day, each child received two plants to take home for their gardens, donated to us by the Bethanga Landcare Group. Di Singline visited and talked to the children about planting and the importance of trees.

Enrolments for 2018 are now open! The forms and information booklet are on the Towong shire website, or parents are welcome to collect the forms from the kindergarten. We are open Mondays

Wednesday and Fridays.

We have a Four year old Group and a Three Year Old Group. Children need to turn 3 (for the three year old group) or 4 (for the four year old group) by the 30th April to be eligible to enrol.

We look forward to seeing interested families at our kindergarten.

Christine Cameron, Director/Lead Educator, Berringa Kindergarten.ph 02 60264373.



Bethanga Primary School

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Even though it has been cold and wet outside, Bethanga Primary School has still managed to keep very busy with plenty of activities and special events.

Mr Hogan is taking a very well deserved break for the remainder of this year (Mr Hogan will be on long service leave for terms 3 and 4). Mrs Belinda Toohey will be stepping in to replace him for this time. Mrs Toohey is familiar to our students, as she has been teaching within the cluster. Mrs Toohey will be teaching 3-6 Tuesday-Friday. Mrs Kim Roebuck will be teaching the senior class on Mondays. We also welcome Katie Keegan to the Bethanga Primary community. Katie will be working in the junior room on a daily basis providing additional support

Berringa Pre School Visits- We had the students and parents from Berringa Pre-school come and spend the morning with us to get a feel for what it is like at 'big school'. The morning started with a trip on the school bus, which was a highlight for many who had not been on a bus before! Once at school, the pre-schoolers joined our junior class for investigation stations, storytime in the library and then we finished with an EQ game. This was a terrific opportunity for our kindy friends to experience school activities, supporting a smoother transition from Pre-school to School. This event kicked off our transition program, which will include kindy visits and a storytime and craft session at Bethanga Primary in term 3.

Sports- We have had the Athletics Sports day with 7 age champions. Congratulations to Cooper Slade (9 yo), Lachlan Medwell and Luke Gale (10 yo), Jordana (10 yo), Darci Mitchell (11 yo) and Alex Swinnerton (11 yo). Cross Country- Congratulations to the following students who qualified to run again at the Hume Division Cross Country – Jordana, Regan, Livy, Charlotte, Cooper, Lachlan, Lauchy, Darci, Alex, Ella, Will and Tom. Winter Sports Carnival. Our Additional sports program for term 2 was Netball and for term 3 Rugby. Excursions- YEAR 6 Transition Day to Kiewa Primary School, Year 3-6 Science Days at Tallangatta Secondary College. Years 3-6 Cluster Integrated Studies Excursion to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre (Our Living World). F-2 Cluster Integrated Studies Excursion to Eskdale Primary School (Weather in my World).

Tree planting on Martin's Road as Part of National Tree Planting Day NAIDOC Week took place and in recognition of this, as a cluster, we held a NAIDOC day at Tallangatta Primary School.

And National Principal's Day.

Boy, what a term and there is still more to come!











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We have had a very busy start to term 3 at TPS. Early in the term we enjoyed a wonderful day at Willow park, Wodonga, participating in the Winter Sports Day Carnival. Our students joined with students from Bethanga PS to play Tee-Ball. They played extremely well, competing mostly against older students.

TPS joined other local schools at Tallangatta PS for NAIDOC activities in July. The students were split into various groups where they rotated between many fabulous activities including: dot paintings, dreamtime stories, aboriginal games and much more.

On the last day of term 2, the whole school went in to Albury to watch the wonderful performance of Tilly & Belle in the musical Beauty and the Beast. We were on the edge of our seats the entire time wondering if the character Belle would marry Gaston? Would she ever escape from the Beast? Who will love happily ever after? The performance ran for just over an hour with all the 60 characters being school aged chil-

dren. It was such a thrill to watch the girls perform after they have put months of work into their preparation. We are very proud of you, girls! A big thank you to Amy for coming to school and showing the students how to make Artbots, mini robots that are used to create artwork. The students loved assembling them and learnt about motors and how batteries work.

National Tree Planting Day

On the 28th of July, the students participated in National Tree Planting Day for schools. They planted around 40 trees at Jim & Julie De Hennin's farm, where they had a hand in planting, staking and hammering. The day was finished off with a delicious BBQ and cupcakes. Thanks very much to Jim & Julie for your hospitality.



What's on at TPS

Kinder visit - 6th Sep School Trivia Night - 28th Oct Foundation transition days-14th, 21st, 28th Nov & 4th Dec Cooking program—Fridays Marc Van— every 2nd Thursday Coffee morning— every 2nd Thursday

Enrolments Welcome

World Signpost

On the 4th of August, the students helped design a unique signpost from around the world. Their task was to pick a city/town of interest and find out how many kilometres it was from us, at TPS. We had some very interesting choices, ranging from cities in Europe and Asia, USA and Cananda as well as a few closer to home. The signpost is taking centre piece in the playground, so feel free to drop by and see how far away you are from different places in the world! Thanks to Graham for donating the post.

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