

Berringa Community News

Spring 2025

*News and views from the residents of Bellbridge,
Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno*

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Repaired Bethanga Bay Bridge

Bridges Repaired

'Hooray' say the locals!

The Springdale bridge, opened in 1959, suffered severe storm damage in January/February 2022. A large tree had blocked the creek, forced water over the bridge, dislodging the west guard rail, kerb and edge beam and washing them all downstream. In April the bridge was made into a single lane, controlled by traffic lights. Then sustained wet weather between September and November '22 severely eroded the embankment and road edge on the southern approach. The bridge was subsequently closed; tenders were called for and work began on the construction of a new bridge. The ensuing months with the bridge closed and a detour in place meant added travel times and some inconvenience for Springdale, Sirls Rd and Bethanga township locals going to work, into town or a day at golf. Once the wet set in, and with the bridge closed, one local had to choose between the difficulties of crossing the creek to get to the main part of his farm or driving 16km each way.

Considerable work was also done on the Bethanga Bay bridge, which had also suffered storm damage.

The recent re-opening of the new bridges has been appreciated and welcomed by all. It is hoped they will survive future storms and flooding and will serve the community for at least another seventy years.

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(Technical details sourced from Towong Shire Council)



Rebuilt Springdale Road bridge

COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

Police Report

Hello from the Bethanga Police Station.

We are coming to the end of Winter, and I am pleased to say that crime has been very minimal over the past few months.

Road policing will be a focus as the weather warms up and we see an influx of visitors to our area. Highway patrol will be tasked to help with the hoon drivers over the warmer months, and reckless motorcycle riders on our roads.

Unfortunately, the good weather also brings out the opportunistic thieves so once again please lock up your cars and don't leave valuables in your car. It happens every year, so this is your prompt to be mindful.

I will be out patrolling the Murray River Road to make sure people are doing the right thing and to also minimise road accidents.

I urge residents to be vigilant and keep an eye on what is going on in their area. If something doesn't look right, it generally isn't.

Water Police have contacted me and will have a strong presence on our lake this year. They will be targeting boats and jet skis that are doing the wrong thing. If you are using the lake, make sure you have all the safety gear, and it is in good working condition and not expired. I hope everyone has got through the colder months ok and looking forward to a great summer ahead. Take care.

Leading Senior Constable Luke Fogarty Bethanga Police Station

Complimentary Luncheon @ Bethanga Hotel

for senior residents of the Peninsula

To celebrate Seniors Week 2025, The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume is putting on:

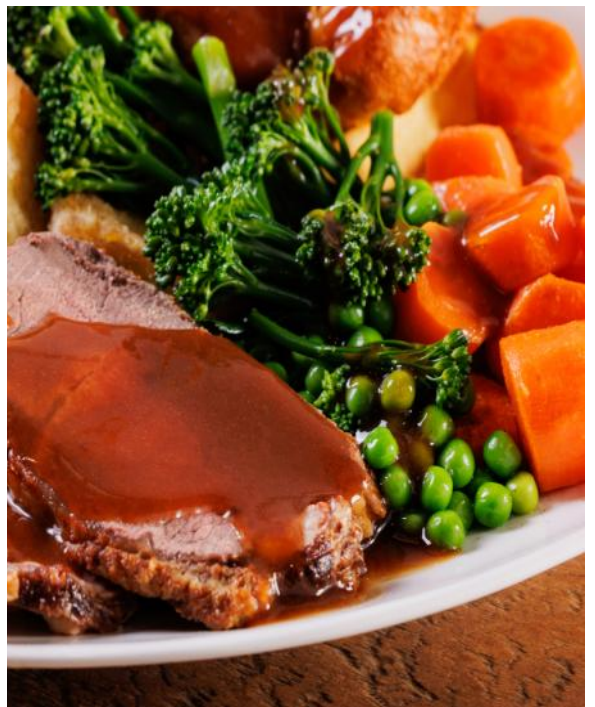
SOUP ROAST & CHEESECAKE

for **lunch on Wednesday 1st of October 2025 1:00pm**

Drinks will be at bar price. Lunch is free
BUT

to attend, a booking is essential on 0419 950 529
and bookings are limited to seats available

BOOKINGS CLOSE Mon 22 September 2025



Australia Day Committee

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume runs the Australia Day event for the Berringa Peninsula. This includes selecting the Australia Day award recipients. The Club is looking to form a group of community members to promote the awards and select the award recipients.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact John Parry on 0419 950 529 or Andrew Christy on 0480 500 329.

Rachel's Pop-Up Spring Nursery 2025

This year's annual spring plant sale in Bethanga is going to look a little different.

We are extending our fabulous spring sale weekend into a 'pop up nursery' for the months of October and November (or until sold out).

Our little temporary nursery will be located next to Bowerbird House in Bethanga township.

Our grand opening weekend will be held on Saturday the 18th from 8am to 4pm and Sunday 19th of October from 9am to 2pm.

We highly recommend attending this weekend if you want first pick of your organic vegetable starts and plants.

However, if you can't make it, come along and see us

Monday 9am to 4pm

Friday 9am to 12pm

Saturday 9am to 1pm

Sunday 9am to 12pm

Closed the 14th, 15th and 16th of November.

If you would like our seedling and plant catalogue sent to you in advance, pop me an email at tanybrynfarmau@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all this spring!

Rach



Help Needed

The Peninsula Seasonal Markets have been running for around five years and have been a fabulous way to showcase and promote our local produce and crafts.

In more recent years, we've found ourselves needing to invite stallholders from further afield. To ensure stallholders continue to enjoy strong sales, we've scaled the market back to once a year, usually at Christmas time.

Our small committee of four, myself and three busy working parents, are now looking for some extra hands. We'd love to welcome new committee members who are interested in helping keep this wonderful community market going.

If you'd like to get involved, please reach out—we are keen to hear from you!

Denise Anderson Chair
0418612470

**Talgarno Landcare
Welcomes Families to Attend A
Raptor and Owl Night**

When: Friday
19 September 2025

Where: Talgarno Hall

Time: Start 5:30 – 8:30pm

**Dinner from 6pm
Presentation from 7pm**

Included: Dinner Provided
(BBQ & Salads)

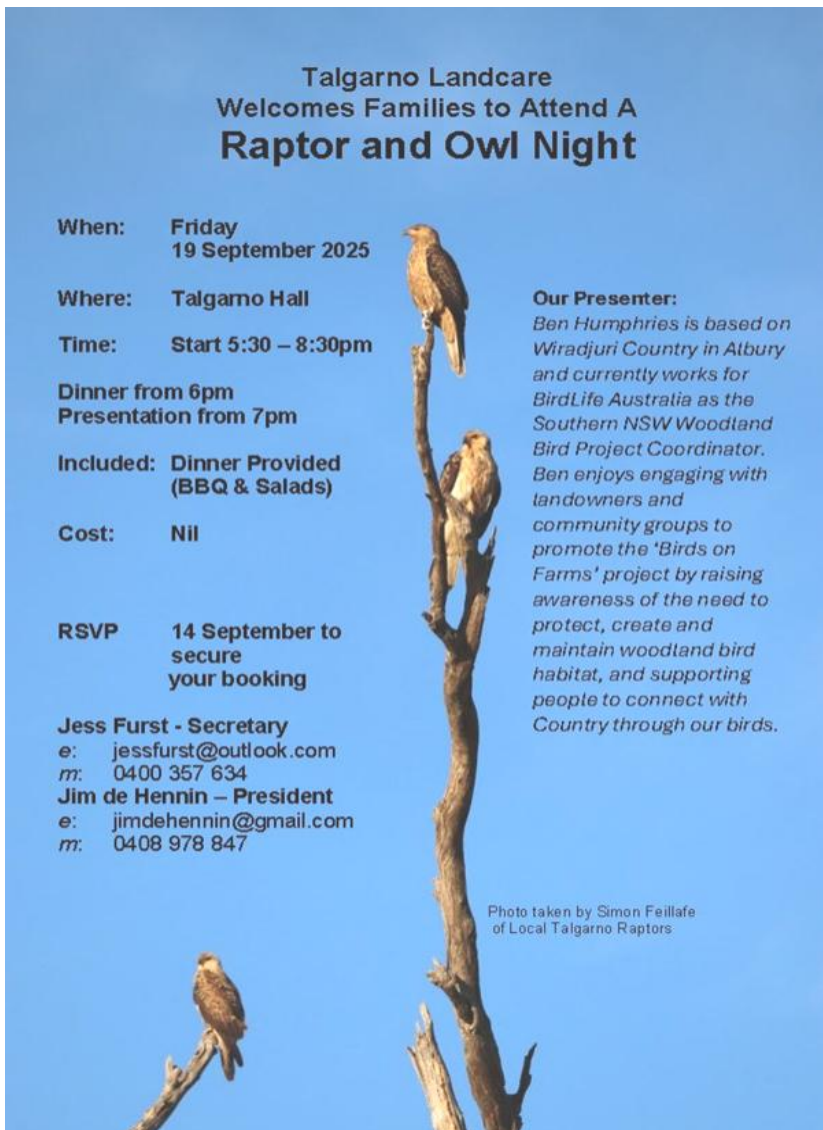
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Our Presenter:
Ben Humphries is based on Wiradjuri Country in Albury and currently works for BirdLife Australia as the Southern NSW Woodland Bird Project Coordinator. Ben enjoys engaging with landowners and community groups to promote the 'Birds on Farms' project by raising awareness of the need to protect, create and maintain woodland bird habitat, and supporting people to connect with Country through our birds.

Photo taken by Simon Feillafe
of Local Talgarno Raptors



Berringa Peninsula Community Network (BPCN)



The Berringa Peninsula Community Network was initiated by the Towong Shire Council in August 2020 as a community recovery committee following the December 2019/20 bushfires. The Black Summer Bushfire Recovery funding concluded on 30 June 2024.

At our Annual General Meeting in August 2025, the committee resolved that its original purpose had been fulfilled. As no new role could be identified, it was decided to cease operations. The committee is extremely proud of its many accomplishments in supporting the Peninsula community over the past five years.

Here is what we have done in 5 years

We allocated \$35,000 in Grant funding for local events

- * Talgarno Tennis Club - Come and Try Day and 8-week adult coaching program
- * Bethanga Tennis Club - Smash, Bash & Sizzle - Come and try day
- * Bethanga & District Golf Club High Tea, Hats and Hits Twilight Golf 2023
- * Granya CFA Community BBQs Bethanga Primary School Art Show 2023
- * Talgarno Recreation Reserve Mothers' Day sip & paint High Tea
- * Talgarno Recreation Reserve Community trivia night
- * Talgarno Primary School Disco night (kids under 12)
- * Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume - Carols by Candlelight 2023
- * The Three Cemeteries – Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno
- * Bethanga Gymkhana & Family Fun Day 2024
- * Talgarno Primary School - Mothers Day High Tea
- * Talgarno Recreation Reserve - Net Set Go
- * Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre - Little Kids Big Art Show

Represented the Berringa Peninsula communities on

- * Great River Road Project Artwork selection and roadside planting
- * Activating Lake Hume
- * Branding Lake Hume
- * Bellbridge and Bethanga Masterplans
- * Bellbridge Boat House Project
- * Bethanga Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Facilitated and participated in project management of the \$564,851 Three Halls Project

Facilitated Community events & Courses

- * Local business Meet & Greet
- * Community Group Fund pitch night
- * **Facilitated Red cross Australia Programmes:**
 - 2 X Farm First Aid courses
 - Psychological First Aid
 - 2 X working dog courses Emergency Smart Phone Apps

Paid out \$10,000 to local halls and caterers for meetings and events

- * Held 58 Meetings
- * 24 local residents have been members

5 from Bellbridge
10 from Bethanga
6 from Talgarno
3 from Granya
* 3 chairs

Facilitated funding for

- * Talgarno Bush Dance 2023
- * Peninsula Seasonal markets
- * Bellbridge walking Track
- * Community Christmas trees
- * Community Lawn Mower

Julie Miller , Chair

THEN AND NOW

A Parishioner's Funeral

The youngest child of William and Judith Saunders, Adelaide, tragically died aged 18 years in the Albury Hospital in 1887.

Adelaide was pretty and a popular girl in the community and older family members said died from a fever three months after the death of her father.

Family history records that Talgarno had endured excessive rain and river flooding during 1887 and these conditions may have contributed to her early death.

A horse- drawn hearse brought her coffin to the Murray River crossing near Gold Creek but as the river was still in flood and couldn't be forded, it was carried across in a boat.

Washed out roads prevented the use of horse and carriage, so many Talgarno men rallied to the plight of Adelaide's family and shared the burden of carrying her from the river crossing to Talgarno cemetery, a distance of about 12 kilometers, where she was reverently laid to rest beside her Father.

Note. This is taken from a HISTORY of ST. FRANCIS Bethanga, written by Pat Packer in 1992



We at the Wodonga and District Historical Society, at Hut 97 Bonegilla, are very short on volunteers, even if you want to only give us a short stay, we would be ever so grateful. I am out there every Wednesday from 10—3, and I love showing our visitors around and for every story I tell, I learn from them another story.
Marie Elliot.

Talgarno Cemetery Trust Members Wanted

The Talgarno Cemetery Trust is inviting community members and/or interested family members of those resting in the cemetery, to join the 'Talgarno Cemetery Trust.' The cemetery is considered a place where we "Honour lives, celebrate memories and acknowledge the history of our community."

The Talgarno Cemetery has a small number of burials and interments of ashes each year. However this does not reduce the importance of this community asset and there are still governance requirements even with our small cemetery.

Would you please consider joining the Talgarno Cemetery Trust? We have only four Trust Meetings a year.

Members of the Trust are encouraged to participate in activities of their interest such as recording the history of the cemetery, promoting the cemetery to the immediate and beyond communities, the financial management of the cemetery, maintenance and presentation of the cemetery and so on.

Please consider being a 'Talgarno Cemetery Trust Member.' Alternatively you may be happy to assist us with occasional working bees.

If you are interested and require more information please contact me on 0412433499 or Bert Wood on 0427 722 301 or Lea Casey on 0418 967 953.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Julie de Hennin OAM
Chair, Talgarno Cemetery Trust



Deferral of new Aged Care Act

The implementation of the new Aged Care Act has been deferred until 1 November to give providers and consumers more time to understand the changes.

The reforms are in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and seek to create a safer and more respectful aged care system.

Changes already in place include:

1. Transition to a Single Assessment System for aged care assessment and referral.
2. Introduction of mandatory care minutes within aged care facilities including care from a registered nurse.
3. Publishing of Star Ratings to help older people and their families compare the quality of aged care homes.

If you access the Home Care Packages or Short-Term Restorative Care programs, you will continue to get services under these programs until Support at Home starts on 1 November.

More information is available at: <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/news-and-updates/new-aged-care-act-start-1-november>

Engaging our Residents

At Tallangatta Health Service we continually look for ways to interact with our residents, including new ways to engage them through technology. Recently, some of our residents expressed that they would like to have fun with a remote-control car, a suggestion which was embraced by our Leisure and Lifestyle, and Allied Health teams.

A remote-control car is not only great for hand eye coordination, but is a lovely way to walk down memory lane for those who have had one in the past. And is also fun for anyone who has been a rev-head! It is actually a lot harder than it looks.

Text to accompany photo: Allied Health team at Tallangatta Health Service testing out the new remote-control car before implementing it into our Leisure and Lifestyle program.

COVID-19 and respiratory infections

Across Victoria, COVID-19 activity remains high, with influenza and RSV also continuing to increase. This is typical of this time of the year and we continue to encourage uptake of vaccination as a strategy to reduce transmission.

Our visiting hours are 10am to 6pm each day.

It remains important to practice good hand hygiene and stay home if unwell. We ask that anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19 within the last 7 days should not enter the facility. Equally, if you are experiencing cold and flu like symptoms please avoid visiting your loved ones.

Rebranding

Re-development of the Tallangatta Health Service website has recently been undertaken, and throughout the process, a new logo and branding has been prepared. Signage is also being updated to ensure they show correct directions, and are placed in the best position to inform visitors to our site.

The changes will be part of a soft launch, being gradually updated over time to our new and fresh look.

Urgent Care Centre

A reminder to community that anyone needing urgent medical assistance can present to our Urgent Care Centre 24/7.

If you are experiencing a non-life-threatening condition, you can present at our Urgent Care Centre and a Nurse will provide triage (preliminary assessment to determine urgency and nature of treatment required). We do not have doctors on site outside of normal business hours (Monday to Friday) but we can access the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (known as VVED). This service provides medical direction by a doctor in Melbourne using video conferencing.

Our limited service cannot manage serious conditions and, in these cases, your best course of action is to call an Ambulance. If you present to Urgent Care and we are unable to assist, we will direct you to either an ambulance or to Albury-Wodonga Health Emergency Department.

Examples of conditions we can assist you with include:

- cuts and abrasions which we can clean and dress however we are not able to suture (stitches)
- breathing difficulties such as thunderstorm asthma
- anaphylaxis which we can stabilise before ambulance transfer
- headache and migraine for initial diagnosis
- chest pain for which we can conduct an ECG or provide oxygen

We do not have X-RAY facilities and our ability to provide medications is limited. Whilst the VVED can prescribe medications such as antibiotics, please be aware that outside of pharmacy hours you will be unable to fill the script locally.

Tallangatta Health Service and the Community Paramedics hit the road!

Tallangatta Health Service offers a wide range of flexible care services to support health, wellbeing, and independence for all ages - in your home and onsite. This includes personal care, domestic assistance, nursing, allied health, social support, respite, and more.

Tallangatta Health Service can work with you to tailor services that meet your individual needs and goals.

Come along to our session with the Community Paramedic who will provide Advanced Care Planning information. We hope to see you there for some morning tea and a chat at the following locations:

Tallangatta Valley Hall 8th Sep 11:30 am
Tallangatta Memorial Hall 11th Sep 11 am
Hume Boat Club 15th September 10 am

The Tallangatta Health Service team will also be available to answer any questions about our care services.



Local Health Service Network

Tallangatta Health Service is now part of the Hume Local Health Service Network, along with the following health services:

Victoria's newly-established Local Health Service Networks (Networks) group health services within a

Albury Wodonga Health	Kyabram District Health Service
Alpine Health	Mansfield District Hospital
Beechworth Health Service	NCN Health
Benalla Health	Northeast Health Wangaratta
Corryong Health	Tallangatta Health Service
Goulburn Valley Health	Yarrawonga Health

geographical region and are responsible for supporting collaborative care for their community, as close to home as possible. This change came into effect on 1 July.

By working together across the Network, our health services will be able to better coordinate your care, including escalating your care to a larger or specialist hospital if required and bringing your care closer to home for any ongoing care and recovery.

You will still be able to access all the health services you value most – while knowing that the Networks are working together to deliver better care for you.

Women's Health Week

There will be a Women's wellbeing afternoon on Wednesday 3 September at the Neighbourhood House in Tallangatta. Enjoy a herbal tea and healthy treat on

arrival followed by women's health information and Q&A with Dr Rasmita Mishra (General Practitioner at Tallangatta Health Service).

From 3pm, indulge in a guided meditation and sound healing with Nycol Dorval from Kaleid-O-Scope Knowing Our Spirit.

Book on Eventbrite, visit the Neighbourhood House or call 0408 573 474 (Mon-Thur 9.30am to 2.30pm).

Community Garden – can host events

Invitation to all Tallangatta & Surrounds Community Groups to consider hosting your next event at the Lakeside Garden. This is a beautiful venue for community gatherings.

We have a serene outdoor venue nestled below the Tallangatta Hospital and overlooking the tranquil foreshore where you could hold:

- Community Picnics & Barbecues
- Art & Craft Fairs - Local Food Producers
- Live Music & Cultural Performances
- Gardening & Nature Workshops
- Health & Wellness Sessions
- Children's Playdates & Educational Activities
- Seasonal Festivals & Market Days

Entrepreneurial Youth Events

Experience a vibrant, inclusive community atmosphere - celebrating local culture, nature, and shared interests.

Facilities feature power, a pizza oven, nearby toilets, accessible pathways for prams and wheelchairs, and a large amphitheatre. Enjoy an inclusive community space that can highlight local culture, nature, and shared interests.

For further information, book your event, or join our committee, please email: Lakesidegarden3700@gmail.com

Golf Day Fundraiser

We are preparing for this year's Golf Day, to be held at the Tallangatta Golf Club on **Saturday 11 October**.

Last year we had a glorious day and raised a whopping \$17K to support the development of a sensory garden for our Lakeview Nursing Home. A sensory garden is a green space which is designed to appeal to as many of the senses as possible in a healthcare setting. Sensory planting is often utilised for people with dementia, as colour, touch and scent can calm and ground, and also inspires the recollection of distant memories and sensations.

We are still well short of the \$100K needed for this special project and need your help to raise more money!

Bookings will be open from 25 August. Lunch will be supplied by Webster's Estate Winery, with music by Cat Magic.

New Bethanga General Store Owners

The new owners of the Bethanga General Store are Wale, Julie and Marls Adebowale from Talgarno

We are so excited about being the new owners of the Bethanga General Store!

We will be open 9am till 3pm Friday through till Wednesday, closed on Thursday.

We will have great coffee, toasties and jaffles, egg & bacon rolls, cakes and pastries, pies and sausage rolls. We will have daily newspapers available. Whilst we will have limited groceries - milk, bread, eggs and butter available, there will be limited grocery specials each week.



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Local Champion

Bella Klein

It was Bella's 100th AFLW game on Sunday 24 August when the Murray Bushrangers lined up against the Geelong Falcons in Shepparton. Her 100 games include four V/line cup games, 35 Bushies games and games with her home club the mighty Thurgoona Bulldogs!

When we had our first kick in the paddock (almost every day) in 2020 during Covid lockdown I couldn't have imagined what a journey she'd take us on. Her first team was in 2021 'United U/14's' (a mix of Whorouly/ Yarrowonga and Thurgoona) and she won the club B&F in her first year. She was spotted by Mario (a legendary Bushies talent spotter) and got an invite. We've done the tens of 1000's of km getting her to training and games ever since. There's been heaps of special moments but the win against the Falcons will see the Bushies U/18's Girls in the finals for the first time ever. It was a special game for all the Bushies. We're so proud of her!

Proud Dad Peter Klein



Bella's not really big enough to ruck but her leap makes her a coaches dream. She can be swung into the ruck and nullify the oppositions ruck and win the ball for her team.



It's always about family. When Bella plays in Melbourne often the family get together to cheer her and her team on!



Playing for Thurgoona v Nth Albury U/17's 2024

Know a local champion? Celebrate their success by emailing the story to info@berringacommunitynews.com.au or call Julie 0419 339 679



News from Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (CoM)

It's been a bustling and exciting few months down at the Talgarno Recreation Reserve, with plenty happening behind the scenes and out in the community!

In July, we held formal nominations for a new term of the Committee of Management, and we're thrilled to welcome some fresh faces to the team. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Brendan Pearson, Laura Brain, Allan Gibson, and Jess Gray.

The new Committee of Management now consists of:
Brendan Pearson – President
Mari Jones – Secretary
Anthea Redman – Treasurer
Graham Redman
Laura Brain
Jess Gray
Allan Gibson

All members will be serving a three-year term, and we're excited about the energy and ideas they'll bring to the table. A huge thank you to Greg Hayes, Julie Miller, Kerrie Stephenson, Jim de Hennin and Jarrod Stephenson, who have stepped down after their valued service – your contributions have made a lasting impact on our community.

Meanwhile, our hall toilet upgrades are nearly complete! With fresh cladding, new toilet suites, and a splash of paint, the improved facilities are set to give our beloved hall a much-needed refresh. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project so far.

A big shoutout also goes to everyone who helped out and came along to our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser – what a day! We raised over \$1,400, which is going straight

toward the hall toilet upgrades. The smell of sausages, the buzz of the crowd, and the generosity of our community made it a day to remember.

The tennis court project has also been in full swing (pun intended!). The Tennis Club, working in close partnership with the Committee of Management, is currently finalising plans for a brand-new clubhouse – a fantastic addition that will benefit players and spectators for years to come.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Social Club for their generous donation of \$500. Your support is greatly appreciated and this donation will go a long way in helping us continue our work in the community.

Over at the fire pit, we've seen a heartwarming trend: the installation of personalised plaques on the seating area. These plaques look fantastic and add a real sense of community pride and legacy. If you're interested in purchasing a plaque, please get in touch with Anthea – they've been very popular, so don't miss out!

And finally, with spring just around the corner and warmer days ahead, why not consider hosting your next gathering at the Talgarno Hall or BBQ shelter? It's the perfect local spot for birthdays, reunions, or community events. For bookings or more information, contact Anthea Redman.

Mari Jones

On behalf of the Talgarno Rec Reserve



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Progress on The Bellbridge Walking track

I walked the length of the Bellbridge Walking Track with my dog. The upgrade by the Towong Shire to the original track built by the Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotary Club and the community, has not only added to the length but has created a smooth walking surface and improved drainage.




It was a beautiful sunny morning with the smell of spring in the air. The hardenbergia and grasses looked magnificent amongst the rocks that are chained down to prevent their escape. The Lake sparkled. Perfect!

Even more perfect when the coffee pod being constructed at the Boat Club end is open.

Julie Miller



Site for Coffee Pod under construction



THE HAIR NOOK
BY BEC BROWN

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Thank You

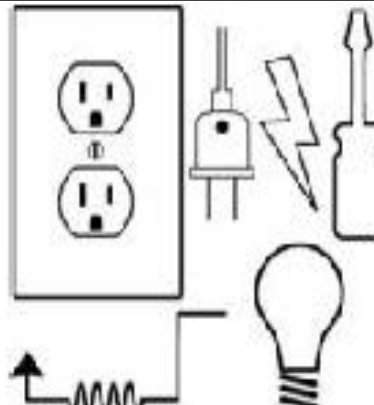
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Prospects for the Season Ahead

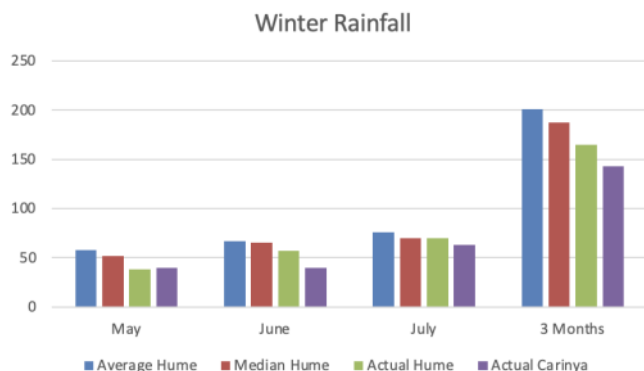
Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.



Rainfall Round-up

Here's a summary to save you some time. Winter has been tough but not too bad, rainfall down about 20%. Our year to date rainfall of 293 mm is very low but better than this time last year. BOM are forecasting a much wetter than normal spring extending into December.

The Hume Reservoir recorded 165 mm for Winter (May-July). The forecast was for average rainfall but it turned out 18% below average or 12% below the median. (BOM always give their forecasts based on the median value not the average because the median is less influenced by the extremely dry or extremely wet months). The forecast from BOM was a bit optimistic but not far out. May was dry but we were much better off than most in Victoria with many places reporting their lowest rainfall since 2005.



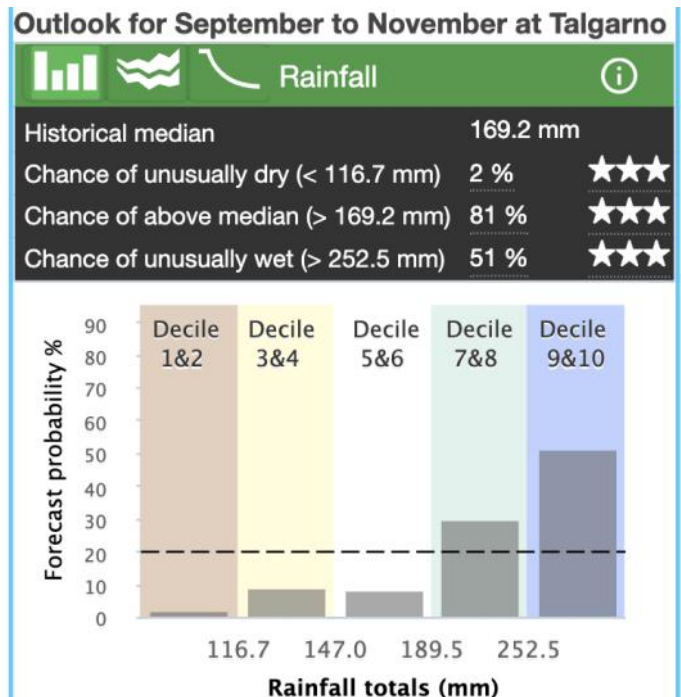
August should be our wettest month averaging 75 mm but so far (August 19) it has been very dry with just 7 mm at Hume Reservoir and 4 mm here. The total rainfall at Hume Reservoir for the year is only 293 mm compared to an average of 395 mm. It was only 258 mm this time last year but we managed to recover from that and hopefully we will do so again this year.

The rolling 12- month rainfall to August 19 at Carinya was 566 mm which is 20% below average (700 mm).



Prospects for Spring (September through November)

As hoped for in my last report, the rain gods are expected to look after us for the rest of the year. BOM are saying there is an 81% chance of above median rainfall over spring and a 51% chance that it will be unusually wet – more than 253 mm over that period. And the good news continues through to December with a 56% chance that the unusually wet conditions will persist.



The better rainfall prospects are due to the very warm waters around Australia and a developing negative Indian Ocean Dipole generating plenty of moisture sources. There are also signs that a La Niña may develop in late spring.

Dale Grey seems to support the prospects of a wetter spring but not quite as enthusiastically, although his report came out earlier in August.

Greg Hayes

Stay Informed

Latest Council Updates

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

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

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



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Other places you can find updates are:

- Local newspapers
- Community newsletters and email trees
- Council's Facebook
- Council's Website

Hard and Green Waste Collection

Hardwaste collection continues in the following areas this October.

Bethanga

Stockpile Site, Talgarno Gap Rd east of CFA Shed

Saturday, 4 October 2025

Granya

Stockpile Site South of Murray River Rd to Granya Rd

Sunday, 5 October 2025

Time for all locations: 8.00am – 1.00pm

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling us on 02 6071 5100.

Please visit our website for full details: towong.vic.gov.au/hard-waste

Lake Road Upgrades – Delays Expected



Stage 1 upgrade works are underway on Lake Road, over the next three months commencing in the Jarvis Creek area opposite Tallangatta.

Traffic control is in place, and motorists may experience short delays both during and outside of work hours.

Thank you for your patience while these important upgrades are completed.

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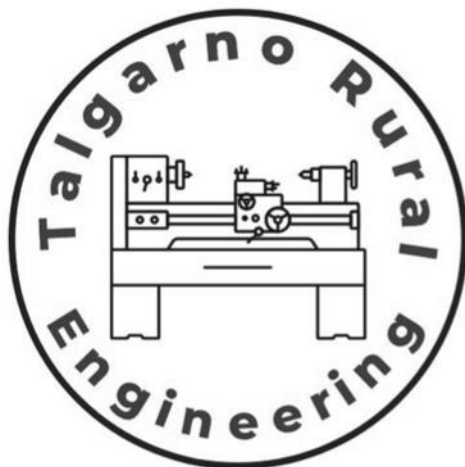
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We welcome new volunteers. Please call Julie Miller on 0419 339 679 for more information.

CERT Committee AGM

The CERT committee raises and allocates funds to support community well-being. Since 2015 the committee has bought and maintained 13 defibs for the extended local community. We are seeking people to join the committee. Our AGM will be held at the **Bethanga Hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 2 September.** All are welcome

The Victorian Virtual Emergency Department

It is a public health service run out of Northern Health in Melbourne for non-life-threatening emergencies.

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Defibrillators

Please contact me if you hear the defib beeping or if there is a cross in the window.

There are eight public access defibrillators available 24/7 on the Berringa Peninsula. They are all registered with 000 through Ambulance Victoria. In the event of a cardiac arrest, 000 operators will advise the caller of the location of the nearest available defibrillator.

Cardiac arrest happens when a person's heart suddenly stops beating and stops pumping blood effectively around the body. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere. Bystanders starting chest compressions or CPR and using an AED can save lives.

Anyone can save a life in three simple steps. Call, Push, Shock: Call Triple Zero (000), Push hard and fast on the middle of the chest, and Shock using an AED.

Defibrillators are available 24/7 in a white box on the front walls of:

- ◆ Bethanga General Store
- ◆ Bethanga Recreation Reserve pavilion
- ◆ Bellbridge Community Centre
- ◆ Bellbridge Foreshore Bus stop (near fish)
- ◆ Granya Hall
- ◆ Talgarno Hall
- ◆ Bethanga Golf Club
- ◆ Wises Creek Road Talgarno bus stop

*Julie Miller,
Team Leader Berringa CERT
juliemiller3691@gmail.com
0419 339 679*

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Seniors Week Event-Pub Luncheon

A seniors' luncheon will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2025 at the Bethanga Hotel. It consists of soup, a roast and dessert and entertainment. The event is limited to 40 persons. People wishing to attend please contact Rotarian John Parry on 0419 950 529 for more details and registration

Lake Hume Fishing Classic

Lake Hume Fishing Classic will be held on 18 and 19 October 2025 at the Lake Hume Resort. Registrations can be made at www.lakehumeclassic.com.au or register on site Friday 17 October from 4 pm to 8 pm and Saturday 18 October from 6.00 am to 10 am

Fishing commences at 6.30 am on the Saturday morning and concludes at 11.00 am on the Sunday Morning. Meals will be available on Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime at the entrant's own expense. Alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks will also be available. NO BYO ALCOHOL ON SITE. Random spot prizes will be awarded on the Saturday night about 8pm.

Further details about entry costs etc are available at www.lakehumeclassic.com.au.

Christmas Carols

The Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday 7 December 2025 commencing at 6.00 pm at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge. Food and drinks will be available. Donations would be greatly appreciated. More details will be available in the Summer edition of Berranga News

Australia Day Nominations

The Rotary Club will be conducting its annual Australia Day celebrations on Monday 26 January 2026 at the Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge commencing with a free breakfast at 8.00 am followed by awards etc at 900 am.

The Club is seeking nominations from the community for the following categories:

Citizen of the year

Young Citizen of the year

Community Event of the year

Nominations close Wednesday 24 December 2025

Nomination forms will be available soon from Towong's Council's website at www.towong.vic.gov.au

Rotarian Andrew Christy

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

From early spring things will be firing up at the Talgaro Tennis Club.

Kids coaching will commence shortly and will run through to Christmas. If you would like to be involved, get in touch with Jill Pearson (0412 042 090).

A call out to anyone interested in playing Saturday pennant tennis this summer. We will, no doubt, be fielding several teams this season ranging from Saturday morning kids in Section 4 through to Section 1. Please contact me (number below) or Jill or Brendan Pearson (0408 610 277) if you would like to take part.

We are organising new sponsorship for the upcoming season which includes signage at the new and improved tennis courts and logos on club uniforms. As new fencing has been completed around all the courts, we are keen for local businesses to advertise in this prominent location.

For more information regarding this great opportunity, and the range of packages available, contact Jess Lieschke (0435 793 633).

See you on court!
Club Secretary
Adam Richardson
0412 560 833

BETHANGA TENNIS CLUB

Lesley Smith 0467 191 426

Diane Star 0419 436 347

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB



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CRICKET CLUB

2025-2026 Season

The Bethanga Cricket Club is back for another season, and looking to go one better this year! Our AGM was held in June, with the following people taking up positions for the new season:

~ President: Jack Robinson

~ Vice President: Brodie Sirl

~ Treasurer: Sarah Robinson

~ Secretary: Emma Sirl

~ Grounds Manager: Brad Taylor

~ Junior Coordinator: Jake Bridgman

Our upcoming Preseason training will be held on the following dates. New and existing players are welcome!

PRE SEASON SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Sunday 10 th August	10am	Bethanga
Friday 15 th August	5pm	Hub
Sunday 24 th August	10am	Bethanga
Friday 29 th August	5pm	Hub
Tuesday September 9 th	5pm	Kelly Park
Friday 12 th September	5pm	Hub
Thursday 18 th September	7pm	Hub
Saturday 20 th September	TBC	Practice Match
Tuesday 23 rd September	5pm	Kelly Park
Thursday 25 th September	5pm	Hub

Please follow us on Facebook for more information about our upcoming fixture for 2025-2026 Season, looking to start mid-October.

You can also email us at
bethangacc@hotmail.com
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PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

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

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

Member meetings are held at the shed on the first Wednesday of every month at 10.30 am.

Phil Craig, President
0427 632 575

BETHANGA CFA



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1800 240 667
All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

Follow the Bethanga and District Rural Fire Brigade on Facebook for localised information

We have had a few vehicle accidents to attend in this colder season. Please drive safely and remember we live in a rural area which means there are often things other than vehicles to be aware of on our roads. Deer, wombats and livestock amongst other things can cause massive damage to vehicles and people. The road conditions aren't amazing so please drive according to the environment you are in and not just the speed limit advised, as quite often it's not safe to do so. Different times of the day and weather require different driving habits.

Living in such a beautiful and scenic area comes with great privilege and responsibility to respect it, look after it and look after and out for each other.

29 May 2025
Georges Creek Road, Georges Creek 2 vehicle accident with animal involved.



6 June 2025
Kurrajong Gap Road, Bethanga
Provide traffic control and assist at Vehicle Accident.

25 June 2025
Lake Road, Jarvis Creek
provide extra people power for assistance and extraction at vehicle accident

29 June 2025
Trewella Road, Talgarno
Supported Talgarno Brigade with Grass fire from uncontrolled burn.

SPRING PREPARATION

The wet weather on the back of no grass holding the ground together has impacted terrain on farms and around the community. As things warm up it's a good idea to check your access points and roads on your properties and make sure they are still accessible. If not, please let the brigade know as in the event of an emergency this knowledge may be the vital time difference between response times to your place.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER.....

- * **Make a Fire Escape Plan:** Decide your evacuation route and boundaries for staying or leaving if there is a fire.
- * **Remove Excess Fire Fuel:** Clear leaves, timber, rubbish, recycling, and grass around your property. Prune low branches, mow grass, and clean gutters of autumn leaves.
- * **Check Equipment and Water Supply:** Replace broken hoses and fittings, test your water pump, and make sure all necessary equipment is ready. Seek help if unsure.
- * **Be Ready:** Prepare what you will take if you evacuate and what you'll need if you stay. Keep information and supplies accessible.
- * **Stay Fire Aware:** Monitor local announcements and weather alerts. Living close to Albury Wodonga can give a false sense of security—remember, resources may be limited in an emergency. Stay informed, be prepared, and support your neighbours.



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NEW UNIFORMS

If you are yet to get the new light weight uniform (imagine swapping the weight of a Driza-Bone for a flanny) or have anything that needs to be replaced such as helmets please head into District 24 Headquarters, 55 Moorefield Park Drive, West Wodonga.

Currently our Brigade doesn't outlay the cost of these but that may change so if you could sort your gear out sooner rather than later that would be great.

This is also a good opportunity to make sure you have all your turn out gear ready to go as the season is starting to warm up.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We will be trying to hold a familiarisation drive, BBQ and training exercises in preparation for summer. If there are any markets or events coming up that you would like the brigade to attend, please let us know.

GET INVOLVED

There are many roles other than fighting fires that are often overlooked when people think of the CFA. Catering, support, administration, education, community events and kids programs are amongst the many different things that you can pop your hand up for and we welcome the extra hands. As a community we need more people trained and willing to put their hand up for general fire fighting to share the load and be prepared in the event of a big fire season. If you ever wanted to be a fire fighter when you grew up now is your chance. The fires we had in Bellbridge are a reminder that we are not immune to dire situations. There is a little bit of time investment early to get ticked off but after that it comes down to what you have capacity to do.

It is very rewarding to be able to give back to the community you live in, you really do get heart happy feelings from helping others. Another little unknown fact is as a member of the CFA you are also able to access Emergency Memberlink and receive special offers and discounts on numerous items.

CFA OLYMPICS – NEW DATE SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

You may recall that the CFA Olympics that were to be held in Gapsted in February this year were cancelled due to the extreme weather and the need for resources to stay closer to their brigade area during that time. This was disappointing as the teams had put quite a lot of training in to get ready. After some discussions it has been decided that Gapsted will get an opportunity to run this in October.

What does this mean?

Another opportunity to be a CFA OLYMPIAN. Our teams have already done some competing at



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Springhurst and Mooroopna this year with the Juniors having quite a bit of success. If you would like to get involved this time, please reach out to us. Personally, I've seen friendships forged around me and met people I wouldn't have otherwise crossed paths with by participating in this. It's a great way to network and this is an opportunity to practise some skills needed around the fire truck but in a fun and non-emergency environment.

JUNIOR CFA OLYMPIANS

The most impressive thing I've seen is the growth and confidence of our junior members and participants who may start off quite shy and unsure of themselves and then by the end are helping the adults and integrating with a new sense of confidence and self-assurance. If you have or know of any children that would benefit from this opportunity, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who help make these things happen.

BRIGADE SIREN

Our monthly testing indicated that there was an issue with the siren last month. In that time we needed to rely on the BART, SAS and pager systems in place and members were made aware. When this was fixed by an external source the siren was tested mid week during the day to check it was working after installation. The test time was longer than the community is used to and we apologise if this alarmed anyone that there might have been an incident having had occurred.

WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL TESTING MONTHLY

A reminder that the Brigade is continuing monthly testing of the Brigade's siren. This is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 am.

The Brigade's siren is used for alerting members of a call out and is used in conjunction with individual pagers and other alerting devices. The siren serves a secondary purpose in notifying the community when the Brigade has responded to a call out. **Please rely on the Vic Emergency app and/or website for updated information. Having a battery-operated radio tuned to ABC is also a good option.**

When testing, the siren will sound for no more than 10 seconds. For incidents, the siren will sound for 90 seconds.

Thank you to our community for supporting us, if you need assistance or advice around fire preparedness let us know so we can help facilitate it to you. **For all Brigade members, thank you.** We work closely with the Berringa Brigades including Granya and Talgarno it's a Team Effort. Volunteering for your community is an incredibly rewarding yet sometimes thankless job.

To all members we want you to know your experience and knowledge are valued and very necessary to our community. The BMT (Brigade Management Team) thank you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

If there are things you would like to know or have information days tailored to please email through to our secretary.

CONTACTS

Shane Bracegirdle, Captain 0459 362 395
bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com

Molly Peterson, Secretary 0412 997 157
bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com

Mel Naismith, Community Safety Liaison
0428 191 283

*Stay Less Crispy Berringa
Cheers Mel*

TALGARNO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



1. Operations

The Brigade has attended two motor vehicle accidents in recent weeks.
A grass fire at Bellbridge was also responded to promptly and brought under control.

2. Training

Members will be undertaking seasonal training in preparation for the upcoming summer period. This training will ensure readiness for heightened fire risk conditions.

New members are warmly encouraged to join. All members of our community are welcome, regardless of age or skill set. These skills may include community safety, communications, financial and executive skills. **Full training and equipment are provided.**

3. Communications and Equipment

New radios are currently being installed across our appliances.
These modern communication systems will provide improved clarity, reliability, and safety during operations.

4. Fundraising

Recent fundraising activities have been a great success, including:

A firewood raffle won by Corbin Smith

Firewood sales to local residents

Firewood continues to be available for purchase, and the community is encouraged to support the Brigade through these initiatives.

5. New Fire service levy.

Starting July 1st, 2025, the Victorian State Government replaced the old Fire Services Levy with the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund. This new fund supports a wider range of emergency services, like the Victorian State Emergency Service, CFA, FRV, Forest Fire Management and Triple Zero. The levy is now collected through council rate notices, with rural landholders may be seeing an increase of 150% on their previous levy. CFA members can apply for a reduction in this levy, but only on the rate notice of their primary residence. If you have any questions about this levy, please contact your local member of Parliament to seek further clarification.

6. Acknowledgements & Thanks

The Brigade would like to thank all volunteer members for their ongoing commitment and dedication.

We also extend our gratitude to the local community for their continued support, particularly through fundraising efforts.

Together, we are ensuring our region remains safe and well-prepared for the fire season.

*Michael Elliot
Talgarno CFA Captain*

BETHANGA-TALGARNO JUNIOR CFA BRIGADE

JOINING THE JUNIOR BRIGADE

If you are 11 to 15 years old (or are turning 11 soon) and are interested in joining the junior brigade, please get in contact using the details provided below.

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BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Successful Grant Recipients

We are excited to announce that in conjunction with the Towong Shire Council, the Bethanga Recreation Reserve are successful recipients for the major Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Grant Funding.

This means that over the next few years a new sports pavilion will be built at the Recreation Reserve. Plans are in place to retain the existing building to use as storage etc.

Prior to the Grant submission, a Bethanga community advisory group was formed to work with the Architect FOUR18, and Council to agree on the new design. Thank you to all participants who represented your user group.

The next step will be for the council to advertise for tenders and a project manager.



Horse Agistment at Bethanga Recreation Reserve

Agistment available at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. One horse per paddock. Approx paddock size is 0.77 hectares, with another paddock spare for rotation.

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Please email bethangareserve@gmail.com with your details.

A community information session will be arranged once these steps are finalised. Keep an eye on Facebook for an advertisement. Flyers will also be distributed around town.

We are also very grateful for the substantial funding received from Towong Shire Council to assist with a completely new solar system to be installed at the Rec Reserve.

Public General Meeting

The Committee of Management will hold a public general meeting on the 16 October 2025 at 7pm. We will provide an overall financial and general Rec Reserve update to the community. Please RSVP by 9th October 2025.

Trees at the oval

Please be aware that there are several aged Elm trees at the reserve that have and may continue to drop limb/s at any time. Signs have been erected for public safety. The CoM have received quotes for regular pruning, and we are also looking at planting new trees.

Upcoming events:

The annual SR500 Motorcycle rally will be held at the Reserve on the weekend of 21-23 November 2025. We will be once again seeking donations of delicious casseroles for the Friday night meal and desserts.

Cleaner

If you are interested in a weekly cleaning contract with the Bethanga Rec Reserve, please get in contact with us via the below email. Cleaner must have a valid ABN.

A huge THANK-YOU to the volunteers that keep the Rec Reserve tidy for everyone to enjoy.

You can follow us on Facebook or email us at bethangareserve@gmail.com

*Jo Sirl – President
Ph: 0417 198 421*

Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of
Management
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BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

What's Been Happening

It's been a busy and exciting few months at Bethanga Golf Club!

August Men's Championship

What a fantastic day at Bethanga! Over 30 players joined us for the Men's Championship, with groups travelling from Welaregang, Jindera and Yackandandah to take part. The weather turned it on for us and to top it off, the course record was broken by Travis Merritt – well done, Travis! Was it the fine form, the sunshine, or perhaps our new (much friendlier) cups that made the difference?



New course record holder - Travis Merritt (left), with committee member Peter Star holding the old record card

Ladies' Inaugural Bowl – June

A historic day for Bethanga Golf Club, with the ladies hosting their very first Bowl. Despite questionable weather — and even a surprise visit from a wandering bull — the event was a huge success thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. With eleven clubs represented, competition was fierce. Congratulations to the winning Albury team: Penny Graeber, Chris Mildren, and Raquel Vogul. A big round of applause to all grade winners, runners-up, nearest-to-pin, and longest drive champions. Your support, friendship and encouragement mean the world to us, and we can't thank NEDGA and all participating clubs enough.

NEDGA Men's District Championship – June

On Sunday, 1st June, our course came alive for the Men's Annual Tournament, proudly sponsored by Jay & Sam from JM Steel Erections. We welcomed 45 players from across the region, including Rutherglen, Tarrawingee, Bethanga, Yackandandah, Howlong,

Beechworth and Corowa. Congratulations to our winners:

A Grade Stroke – Dylan Pool (Beechworth) – 65

B Grade Stroke – Barry Mann (Rutherglen) – 76

C Grade Stroke – Leo McCoy (Tarrawingee) – 81

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success!

What's Coming Up

We've got plenty in the pipeline:

Hosting tournaments for visiting groups

Final rounds of our men's and women's monthly championships

The return of the *Chook Run*

Special kids' clinics

...and much more!

Stay up to date via the **Bethanga Golf Club Facebook page** for the latest news and event details.

A Huge Thank You

Our club wouldn't be the same without our incredible volunteers — from our catering team who keep everyone well-fed, to our tireless course maintenance crew, clubhouse managers and committee members, and of course, a heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors. Your support is helping us grow and ensuring more people can enjoy this wonderful asset right here in our own backyard.

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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 0498 208 308

PALMS

PENINSULA ACTIVITY, LAUGHTER, MOVEMENT & SOCIABLE

Run by Tallangatta Health Service, this group provides a range of activities with a chance to meet new people and make new friends, a great avenue for companionship and keeping active in the community.

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Where: Bethanga Hall

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Spring is fast approaching and it is uplifting to see the district's pastures so beautifully green.

However, a significant amount of rainfall is still needed to ensure a successful year for everyone.

Many of the natural springs are not

functioning optimally but there is hope, as current forecasts suggest rain is on the horizon.

Despite the green appearance of the paddocks, the lingering cold has slowed pasture growth considerably. As a result, many landowners continue to supplement with as much hay and silage as possible.

The time for planting new trees, shrubs etc is now so take advantage of the very pleasant days to perform these tasks

Bring on the rain!

Our Raptor night that we had to cancel last year, is now on **Friday 19 September** at the Talgarno Hall. See the advertisement on page 3 for details.

Regrettably, there has been an incident of tyre dumping at the scenic

roadside rest area on Murray River Road, as discovered by one of our members. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity so that it can be addressed with local authorities as soon as possible.

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

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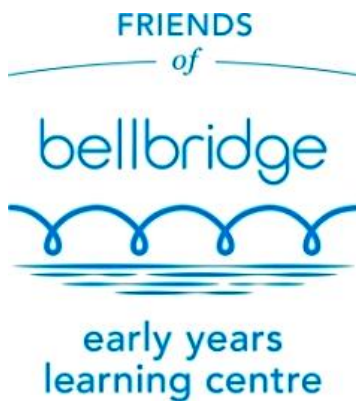
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Winter's glorious muddy puddles have almost dried up as the children at Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre (BEYLC) look forward to warmer days, bright blooms and all the joy of spring in country Victoria.

Despite some very cool days, Winter has seen a lot of activity at BEYLC. Arguably, the most exciting event was the mid-year social - Christmas in July. Complete with hand-made decorations from the children, mulled wine and a hearty barbecue,

Christmas in July was enjoyed by over 45 festive attendees. Friends of BEYLC would like to thank the Hume Boat Club for generously donating their wonderful venue.



Captain Pete sailed in on 3 July, delighting the children with his usual winning repertoire of singing, dancing and playing different musical instruments. Always a crowd pleaser, Captain Pete's warm flavour of showmanship has every child involved, be they banging the bongos, hippity-hopping in a circle or crawling like a green tree snake.

Friends of BEYLC would like to thank the community for their huge support with the annual winter wood raffle, which raised \$900 to go towards improving our children's experience at BEYLC. Thanks also to the Bethanga Hotel for donating a \$50 voucher to the person who sold the most tickets - the amazing Hazel Mitchell. Finally, Friends of BEYLC would like to shout-out the Webb family who made it all possible by providing the wood - again! A heartfelt thanks to you.

In other news, Friends of BEYLC have been able to buy beanies to keep 20 little noggins warm whilst playing outside. Science Week saw the Bilbies celebrate World Lizard Day by using the winning combination of art and sensory experience, and Book Week was a roaring success with a visit from the Flying Book Worm.

Finally, we have a new face joining BEYLC staff - please welcome Manjit, who will be joining the Kinder team alongside Cathy, Mel and Renee.

Coming up:

- 3rd Sept: Educators' Day
- 16th and 17th Sept: PJ's Dress Up Day
- 8-12th Sept: Space Week
- 14th/ 15th October: Spring Day celebration
- 23rd Oct: Captain Pete back by popular demand
- 11 Nov: Remembrance Day



Please always feel free to reach out to our committee through the Facebook page: Friends of Bellbridge Early Years Learning Centre with any questions, feedback or (especially) if you would like to join the committee.

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