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NBN COMING TO BETHANGA?

The Towong Shire has received a Planning Application to install a 30 metre high monopole NBN tower located off Flagstaff Rd, Bethanga. The following information is summarised by the editors of *Berringa Community News* from the Planning Report for Proposed Fixed Wireless Facility prepared on behalf of NBN Co Limited by Visionstream.

NBN Co and the National Broadband Network

The NBN is an upgrade to Australia's existing telecommunications network. It is designed to provide Australian's with access to fast, affordable and reliable internet and land line phone services. NBN Co plans to upgrade the existing telecommunications network in the most cost-efficient way using best-fit technology and taking into consideration existing infrastructure.

The NBN's fixed wireless network will use cellular technology to transmit signals to and from a small antenna fixed on the outside of a home or business, which is pointed directly towards the fixed wireless facility.

NBN Co's fixed wireless network is designed to offer service providers with wholesale access speeds of up to 25M bps for downloads and 5M bps for uploads. *(NBN Co is designing the NBN to provide these speeds to our wholesale customers, telephone and internet service providers. End user experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network).*

What is Fixed Wireless and how is it different to Mobile Broadband?

The NBN's fixed wireless network is engineered to deliver services to a fixed number of premises within each coverage area. This means that the bandwidth per household is designed to be more consistent than mobile wireless, even in peak times of use. Unlike a mobile wireless service, where speeds can be affected by the number of people moving into and out of the area, the speed available in a fixed wireless network is designed to remain relatively steady.

Site Selection of the Tower

NBN Co considers that the proposed facility (comprising a 30 metre high monopole structure with attached antennas

and equipment shelter) has been sited in the most appropriate location whilst ensuring adequate coverage is achieved.

One of the many factors that are considered by NBN Co in determining their preferred sites for NBN wireless facilities, is the amenity of the surrounding area. The proposed tower has been setback from the edge of the spur that extends towards Bethanga to provide some screening. It is also sited adjacent to the location of an unbuilt telecommunications facility that had previously been approved, but for which planning permission has now expired.

Furthermore, it has to be appreciated that facilities of this nature are necessarily visible as they need to be tall enough (and consequently visible) to serve their purpose of providing coverage into the local area.

- The site provides sufficient spatial separation from sensitive land uses with the nearest dwellings located almost 700 metres from the proposed site.
- The facility has been sited outside of the area affected by the Towong Shire Planning Scheme Significant Landscape Overlay.
- The facility has been sited to utilise to the maximum extent achievable, screening from the topography.
- The facility is designed so as not to compromise any significant views or places of significance or local landmarks; and
- The height and design of the proposed tower is considered to be the minimum required to achieve reasonable Radio Frequency (RF) objectives.

Radiofrequency Emissions

In relation to public safety and specifically Electromagnetic Emissions (EME) and public health, NBN Co operates within the operational standards set by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) and Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA). ARPANSA is a Federal Government agency incorporated under the Health and Ageing portfolio and is charged with the responsibility for protecting the health and safety of both people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation (ionising and non-ionising). All NBN Co installations are designed and certified by qualified professionals in accordance with all relevant Australian Standards. This helps to ensure that the NBN Co facility does not result in any increase in the level of risk to the public.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

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The following letter was received by the Berringa Community News on 21 August 2015:

We should be the envy of other regional communities...

Dear fellow residents of Bethanga,

We all want to have better broadband in our community - however the NBN's proposal to use fixed wireless technology, rather than roll-out the fibre-optic connection which is right at our fingertips in the village, is very surprising indeed.

The Better Broadband for Bethanga group (www.bethanga.com.au) has been created with the aim of achieving the best long-term solution for everyone involved. We view broadband as being a big asset to our homes and local businesses, and getting this right now, will result in long-term benefits.

At the public meeting on the 10th August, it was confirmed by the Telstra representative, that Bethanga's fibre-optic was of the right 'sort' to serve the whole community! We therefore have a great tool at our disposal to use - and we could be the envy of other regional communities if we simply make a case for what is best for Bethanga - rather than what is easiest or most expedient for NBN's contractors.

Our reasoning for opposing the fixed wireless tower (FW)¹, in favour of optic fibre technology known as fibre to the node (FTTN)², comes from the following research:

1. The tower will not serve everyone in our hilly area due to its 'line of sight' technology. Some will benefit from their proposed service, some however, will not.
2. The tower is affected by weather and so will not be consistently reliable.
3. The tower will result in a slower solution, in terms of uploading and downloading data.
4. The tower itself is right next to a conservation area.
5. The tower is an unsightly blight on a picturesque, unblemished hillside.

We think that this is a baffling proposal by the NBN, and is potentially missing a real opportunity for everyone in Bethanga. Why not use the resources we have, and attract businesses and future residents without building 'second-rate' structures? This could be a real draw card for Bethanga and give it the future capacity it needs, as well as providing improvements right now.

Many people all across Australia also believe that the FW towers are 'false economy' and are spoiling the countryside. Many communities have successfully overturned proposals that didn't suit their environment.

By contrast, fibre-optic technology only appears to have positives:

It is faster, more reliable, not an eyesore and will not affect conservation areas.

It could be a 'win-win' situation for the whole community.

For those who naysay and talk about the costs being prohibitive - apparently our situation is not dissimilar to those in more urban areas. In fact, the vast majority of the country will have fibre-to-the node, so we are not asking for anything unusual or special. The hard part, (getting the fibre here), has already been done, and with VDSL equipment into the exchange, in place of the current ADSL, we can have a 'true' broadband service.

We would like to ensure that the right technology is used for the right environment and we hope you will support us in asking the NBN for a better proposal than what is currently on offer. Let's not be 'cheap' with Bethanga's infrastructure - it is after all, our future.

And finally, there has been much confusion over this broadband NBN tower and the subject of mobile phone reception. Telstra are committed to building a smaller mobile phone tower for Bethanga whether or not this NBN tower goes ahead. Rejecting the NBN tower is not rejecting better mobile coverage.

If anyone would like further information please contact us via the Better Broadband for Bethanga Group website: www.bethanga.com.au

¹ Fixed Wireless is abbreviated to FW
² Fibre-To-The-Node is abbreviated to FTTN

In response to this letter, *Berringa Community News* contacted Michael Moore from NBN on 24 August 2015, about some of the issues raised.

BCN What are the costs of Fibre-To-The-Node versus Fixed Wireless for Bethanga?

NBN Even with an existing fibre optic connection to Bethanga, the cost of installing FTTN to all residences in a sparsely spread community such as Bethanga would be prohibitive and take a long time. The cost and time factors mean that FTTN will mainly be installed in the capital cities and large rural cities. Most rural communities will be FW or satellite.

BCN Will the weather conditions affect the service?

NBN No, the bandwidth of the signal means that only in exceptional weather, for example, a cyclone, is the signal affected. It is not like the internet services provided through current mobile phone services or digital TV services that are impacted by heavy rain.

BCN Will everyone in Bethanga be able to get FW service?

NBN No, the service does rely on 'line of sight' technology. Some residences are located in a signal shadow but we have located the proposed tower and set the height to maximise coverage. Those that cannot access FW, can access NBN Satellite.

BCN Is uploading and downloading data on FW slower than FTTN?

NBN Yes, but we consider downloads of up to 25M bps and 5M bps for uploads will enable users to do most of what they want to do including watching TV and movies on line.

BCN The satellite service is very slow at times.

NBN NBN shares satellites at the moment and the service can be inconsistent. NBN is launching its own satellite next month and this should improve the service.

Julie Miller

The Planning Application will be considered at the Towong Shire Council meeting on Tuesday 8 September, 10 am at Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall. Go along to have your say.

CATHY MCGOWAN VISITS TALGARNO

On Saturday 25 July, on her way to the Mitta Valley in her orange caravan, Cathy McGowan, Federal Member for Indi, began the day with a community meeting at Talgarno Hall. Fifteen Talgarno residents attended to talk about telecommunications, schooling, transport and the special social issues of being a spill over from Albury-Wodonga.

Cathy encouraged the residents to write or email her with their concerns as she then brings them to the attention of appropriate ministers or government department. In any correspondence, it is important to state what actions you want taken as protocol requires government departments and ministers to respond to your request.

Cathy urged residents who experience mobile phone blackspots to nominate them with the Government's Mobile Phone Coverage Programme. It's important that Government has extensive data on the blackspot problem to guide decision-making on allocating the \$100 million that has been committed to improve phone coverage in parts of the country. Blackspots can be nominated by email at mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au or by phoning 1800 113 486.

Cathy is also invited people to contact her office to provide their blackspot information so it can be passed on to the Mobile Coverage Programme.

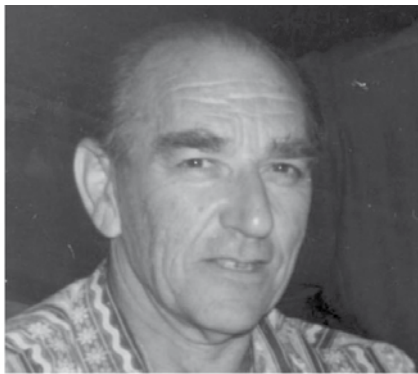
People wanting to raise an issue can phone Ms McGowan's office on 03 5721 7077 or email cathy.mcgowan.mp@aph.gov.au.

Julie Miller



Cathy McGowan at the football at Mitta with Talgarno resident Jim de Hennin, president of Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group and Chair of Mitta to Murray Landcare Network

Vale Murrie Sinclair



Murrie Sinclair was born and grew up in and around the suburb of Preston, Melbourne in 1937 into a close-knit family. His sister lives to this day in the same house Murrie grew up in, with a grand-child and great grand-children living downstairs. Grand-parents living upstairs have always been the way in that household, from the time I can remember.

As a young man, on finishing high school, Murrie soon started to pull the threads of his life together. He volunteered for National Service as an eighteen year old and was accepted a couple of years later into the Army. He trained as a school teacher and, on obtaining his teaching certificate, he started teaching in country towns around Victoria, including some one-teacher schools. He met his wife to be, Dolly and they married in 1962 in Melbourne, moving to Dolly's parents' strawberry farm in Toowoomba. His two sons Mark and I (Matthew) were born there and Murrie joined the Army as an Officer, with his teaching skills on offer.

In these early years Murrie was also an enthusiastic and skilled mechanic and he had already restored several old Jags for resale. His skills and knowledge of cars and things mechanical would continue to develop over the years.

Vietnam also beckoned in the early days of his Army career - a topic he shared with his soldier mates but never talked about too much at home.

Murrie took on many of the Sinclair family values - the generosity and compassion for others shown by his father and the importance of gaining skills and getting a steady job - his father was in the railways for 50 years. These were the wartime values of his family.

Through his life his father supported him financially when he could, and also as a father. This support was to be passed on by Murrie to various family and friends throughout his life. Murrie was generous with his time and skills - something he continued to give and enjoy into his retirement years and was an important part of his life in the Bethanga community. He enjoyed many a project and argument with his great mate Peter, Dolly's brother. Peter and his family were to provide great support to Murrie in his later years, especially after Dolly passed away in the early nineties.

His teaching career in the Army progressed and he had responsibilities in leadership roles in Education Training Centres around the country, including Bandiana, Brisbane, Point Cook and in Papua New Guinea.

My first memories with him were of growing up in Wodonga. His way of sharing time with his kids was always around activities - kicking a footy (not much of a kick - he was more a baseballer in his day), games of chess and draughts, cards, monopoly... anything. He provided a secure and carefree life for his kids.

Like many of the era, he loved a long driving holiday, sometimes with a caravan in tow and the family travelled when the opportunity arose, through the islands around New Guinea and throughout Queensland.

Murrie always had a fascination for not only how things worked, how to fix them and their history - the cars, trains, planes and machinery - but also the places he lived. While he had an encyclopaedic knowledge of things mechanical, there was also an abiding interest in politics,

both federal and local. Many in Bethanga would attest to some of his involvements and opinions on local politics.

In all, Murrie was a man who valued and loved his family life and in turn was loved by us. The passing away of Mark and Dolly by the early nineties meant Murrie wasn't going off to Queensland for his grey nomad days, although he and Dolly did manage one trip to Queensland in the old bus. He had brought the family back to Wodonga and settled in Bethanga in the early eighties, initially in Armstrong Street. Setting himself up in a small country town in Victoria was a return to the surrounds of his early teaching days. He embraced the life and the community of Bethanga.

Murrie set himself up for retirement in Bethanga. He eventually bought the mud-brick house on Springdale Road - really he bought the shed and the house came with it - he was a bit unclear on how many bedrooms it had. His later years in Bethanga were spent helping out others and doing what he loved most - arguing the toss with his mates and working in the shed.

He voted with his feet by choosing to remain in Bethanga where he felt most comfortable. I hope and feel the community here embraced him in turn and appreciated him as he did them - this will have been a great comfort to him over the last period of his life.

I thank the community on behalf of Murrie and myself - in addition to his loyal family and his great mates - not only those who have stayed in his life but also those who have passed through it. Murrie died suddenly and painlessly aged 78 - a life to be celebrated.

Matthew Sinclair

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The Talgarno CFA holds a monthly BBQ on the second Friday of each month of the year. They have kindly offered the proceeds from their 'October' BBQ to the Berringa News as community assistance towards the cost of printing.

The BBQ will be held on Friday 9 October at the Talgarno fire shed from 6 pm - 8pm

A raffle will also be held and drawn on the night with prizes kindly donated by Peards Albury and Tracey Woodhouse.

Please come along and join us. It is always a great evening and an opportunity to catch up with the locals.

You will also be supporting Berringa News.

Residents of surrounding communities are particularly welcome to attend. We are hopeful of maximising the donation towards the production costs of your local Berringa News.

If you are attending and don't usually, please RSVP to Kerrie. on 6020 1146

Berringa News thanks the Talgarno CFA for their generosity.



Ross Hogan, teacher at Bethanga Primary School was on the Million Dollar Minute on the 4 August. He just missed out on winning the night but managed to win some money. Well done Ross.

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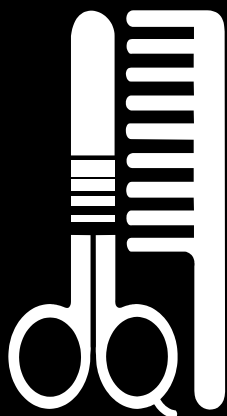
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Pub News

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At last! Joker Poker finally went off with only 6 cards left. The winner collected \$2,300. Congratulations! We will continue to support this weekly Friday night social event.

With only 4 weeks to go, at time of writing, the footy tipping this year is wide open. Our reigning 'queen of tipping', Carolyn Packer, leads on 115, Greg Lambert is on 114, Brad 'Bristle' Taylor is on 113 and John Bayliss is on 112. In the juniors section, Will Scammell is on 110 (6 more than myself! and still ahead of his father). Equal second are Jack and Eli, on 94.

The footy tipping BBQ and presentations will be held on Saturday, 26th September at 12 noon. All welcome. Non-members \$5 each. (Kids free)

Despite the cold weather the Music Club sessions continue to build momentum, with many new faces from Albury/Wodonga enjoying these great nights. We have so much talent in our local area.

We were saddened to learn of the loss of two local identities recently – Murrie Sinclair and Roy Baird. Our condolences go to their families.

Tallangatta Health Service Board of Management is holding its board meeting on Tuesday, 1st September at the Bethanga hotel at 2:00 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served. I encourage community members to come and take the opportunity to have input for future health services in our area.

For the diary:

Fathers' Day - Sunday, 6th September

Music Club - Saturday, 12th September

Saturday, 10th October

Saturday, 14th November

Footy tipping BBQ – Saturday, 26th September

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Gosh the days are warming up, how exciting...!!

I've noticed that my quince is ready to burst into life and all the deciduous trees are ready to do their thing...

Time to

- mulch your garden beds for spring/summer to keep all that moisture in the soil.
- feed your citrus with a good nitrogen feed when finished fruiting.
- prune citrus after all frosts.
- create a mini hothouse over a garden bed with some stakes and plastic, to get things started earlier.
- make a gorgeous new compost ... and keep making it up to feed your hungry summer crops.
- do some housekeeping for your worms - clean out and freshen up on a nice day.
- prepare any planting holes for future trees with compost, fertiliser and some good organic matter and mulch, so your tree can have the best start. It really does make all the difference.
- think about fertilising all your plants over the next couple of months...
- spot spray weeds with a solution of equal parts of water and brown vinegar.
- prune back salvias and perennials for a spring flush
- finish pruning roses
- Start your FRUIT FLY regime...
Fruit Fly often overwinter in citrus and other plants, so as soon as it starts to warm up they are out and about. I am starting with the CERA Trap (traps males and females) that you can get from nurseries and I will look at netting my

tomatoes etc.....

DON'T get complacent, they are waiting!!!

Time to plant

- seeds of tomatoes, capsicum, eggplant, etc. Keep them in a warm spot until the weather warms up a bit more.
- the last of any deciduous trees.

Note : Hold off planting any seedlings for summer crops at the moment, as it really is too cold and plants just don't do well.

Time to eat

- broccoli
- cauli
- all salad greens
- citrus
- rhubarb
- asparagus (just starting)

I have decided that crepe myrtle trees are my favourite at the moment.

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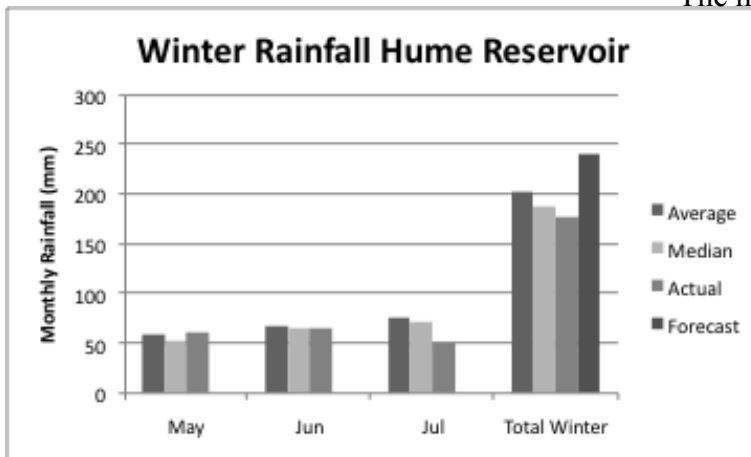
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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 178 mm, a bit below average (203 mm). The rainfall for both May and June was about average while July was well below average.



The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecast for winter was a bit optimistic for our district. The BOM suggested rainfall would be above the median 189 mm and we received 178 mm. I had suggested the most likely total was around 240 mm but that was much too hopeful.

The timing of the rain was again really favourable for us as we seemed to get a bit each time it was needed. The winter rainfall has been followed by good falls in early August, so our soil moisture level is good with excellent runoff into farm dams. Compared with most other parts of Victoria and southern NSW, we are in good shape.

Prospects for spring (August through October)

The El Niño that started this winter is now fully established and is expected to remain beyond autumn next year, whereas normally an event would end by then. The temperature of the central and western Pacific Ocean is well above the El Niño threshold making this event a moderate to strong El Niño. However, as mentioned in the last newsletter, the warmer than normal waters of the Indian Ocean have so far balanced the effect of the El Niño, so our rainfall in winter was close to average.

Largely because of the continuing effect of the warm Indian Ocean offsetting the El Niño, BOM and most other forecasters expect the rainfall over the next three months will be average or only slightly below the median for our part of the world.

The median rainfall for spring is 195 mm so the forecast rainfall is around 190 mm. The average rainfall is 206 mm for this period.

It is expected that maximum temperatures over the forecast period will be about average and minimum temperatures a bit above average, which should help pasture growth.

Given the good soil moisture right now and an average rainfall forecast, it seems likely that we might still end up with an average spring. There is, however, some concern that the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) will move from neutral to positive which could mean a drier spring.

Consequently, it might be worthwhile planning for a possible early finish to spring and that might mean cutting silage earlier (when the quality is better but volume less), not relying as much on hay and taking advantage of the wonderful cattle prices.

Greg Hayes

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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

Dru Yoga at Talgarno

Dru Yoga has recently started up in Talgarno. Classes are Monday nights at 6pm at Talgarno Primary School.

Bring your Yoga Mat, Water and small pillow and blanket for relaxation at end.

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Granya Social Connections and Healthy Ageing Project

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services is trialing a draft plan called Social Connections for Healthy Aging in the Hume Region best practice guideline for the Hume Region.

There are a number of Healthy Ageing Projects commencing across the state this year. In the Hume Region Tallangatta Health Service in collaboration with the Towong Alliance has received funding to work on a project specific to above draft plan. A number of valleys across the state have been identified as small rural communities who would benefit in using a best practice approach to strengthen and engage social connections for older people. We are happy to announce that Granya is one of the small rural communities selected in the Hume region which has been selected for the trial.

The community of Granya is very excited to work together on this project and consultation is under way! The motto for our project is "Social and Community involvement bring meaning to people's lives".

The Granya community has identified many areas of interest to encourage active and social engagement. The suggestions from individuals have been:

Education and Training - including Mental Health First Aid Training, First Aid and Gizmo Training (how to use and iPad or iPhone).

Social Activities – including building on the fortnightly lunch gatherings, day trips for shopping and entertainment and bird watching.

Intergenerational Activities – doing reading and/or working with local school students with cooking or gardening.


Exercise Groups – Walking, Yoga, Thi Chi or other Gentle Exercise.


Our project coordinator is Sharon Star Volunteer Coordinator from Tallangatta Health Service. If you are interested in joining us and discussing any ideas about the project please contact Sharon on 0402 683 606 or 6072 9566.

You are welcome to attend our fortnightly lunches at the Granya Museum every 2nd Wednesday for information please call Kaye on 6072 9598 or Enid 6072 9534.




Healthy Ageing Project






The Towong Shire in partnership with Tallangatta Health Service is working on the Healthy Ageing Project and is looking to chat with Granya residents to improve social connections in our Valley.

What would you like to see in Granya?
Training, Education, Exercise Programs, Health and Wellbeing Events?
Lets discuss!



Studies show that exercise, eating healthy food and maintaining relationships with family, friends and the community go hand in hand with Healthy Aging.
Lets work on ideas to connect and engage our community!

Contact Person: Sharon Star
Sharon.star@ths.vic.gov.au
Ph 60729566
M 0402683606



In Memoriam

Roy Baird, who passed away recently, lived in the Bethanga area for 52 years.

He was a very community-minded person who was involved in a wide range of organisations, including NHW, Murray Darling Association, Landcare, Bethanga Fire Brigade and Berringa News. Roy was also the founding president of the Bellbridge/Lake Hume Rotary Club.

After his retirement, Roy became a financial counsellor, helping many with their monetary affairs. Roy's contribution to both our local and also the wider community is very much appreciated and his warm, friendly nature will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences are extended to Shelly, Lachlan, Dugald and their families.

Babies Benjamin Nelson and Kate Singline welcome another precious daughter, **Sylvie June**, born on 1 July. Needless to say, big sister Annie is very excited to be able to dote on her new little sister.

Less than a month before welcoming Sylvie into the family, Bob and Di Singline were blessed with another granddaughter to love and cherish when their son Paul and his wife Judith's first child, **Poppy Isabella**, was born in Melbourne.

Parents and grandparents alike are looking forward to seeing the three cousins share lots of fun times together in the years to come.

Johnathan, Karen, William and Riley Green are pleased to announce the safe arrival of **Maddison Rae**, born July 28, 2015 weighing 7 lb 6 oz at 7.34 pm



Engagements

Vin and Karen O'Neill of "The Poplars", Sandy Creek and Alan and Kerrie Stephenson of "Goonibil", Talgarno are thrilled to announce the engagement of **Kate O'Neill and Jarrod Stephenson** on the 1st of August 2015.

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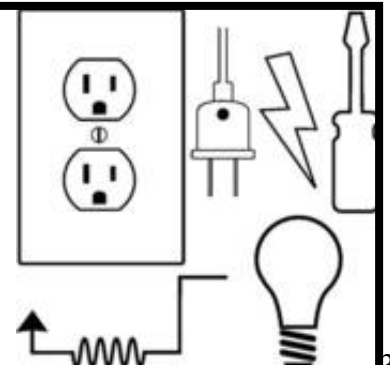
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August 2015

Creating Safer Communities

Area Co-ordinator: Ross Mitchell Ph 0418 215 076
Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko
Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 6020 1144



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Community Meeting and AGM at Talgarno on Wednesday 19th August was well attended. Thanks are extended to the Talgarno community members who organised this evening.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by local Granya resident, Sharon Star, who replaced David Cottee at the last minute. The 'Ice Age' is certainly a major challenge for our communities.

As Area Co-ordinator of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch it gave me much pleasure to provide an overview of the achievements for the year; including a meeting held at 3 of the major community centres in our area with a guest speaker; having a sausage sizzle prior to each meeting; another successful Wood Raffle which is PNHW annual fund raiser; the continuation of the 'Senior Student Community Award'; the ongoing profiling of PNHW with gate and road signs and our association with LSC Nev Barrow, whose professionalism and dedication to the safety of our community is exemplary. My sincere thanks are also extended to the numerous community members who generously give of their time and work together to create our community as a safe place for everyone to live.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program which aims to create safe communities for us all to live in, so if you see something untoward, please report the incident to the police immediately, including details of What? Where? People? Vehicles? (make, colour, model etc)

I look forward to another successful year and warmly invite you and any new comers to the area to join with us at our final meeting for the year at the Bellbridge Community Centre on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm.

I hope to see you at our next Community Meeting and Christmas Dinner.

Kind regards
Ross W Mitchell,
Area Co-ordinator – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch.
Mobile - 0418 215 076.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Final Community Meeting for 2015
November 18th at Bellbridge Community Centre
7.30pm Community Meeting
and guest speaker, Sue Reid, from Tallangatta Health,
followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner

Hope to see you there and please ask/suggest warmly that a neighbour or friend join you at the next meeting when PNHW provides Chicken (for a gold coin donation) and you bring a salad or sweet to share.

Meet your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Team for 2015 - 2016

Area co-ordinator: Ross Mitchell
Assistant Area co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko
Secretary: Julie de Hennin
Assistant Secretary: Annie Berber
Treasurer: Nene Green
Home Security: John Butko
Road Safety: Peter Schmidt
Newsletter: Annie Berber
Julie de Hennin

At our recent AGM the following dates and locations for our Community Meeting were determined:

February 17th Granya Hall - Community Meeting.
May 18th Bethanga Hall - Community Meeting.
August 17th Talgarno Primary School - AGM and Community Meeting.
November 16th Berringa Community Centre, Bellbridge - Community Meeting and Christmas Dinner.

Peninsula Police Report

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Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch

Crime Report for 1st May to 31st July, 2015

Report Date 01/06/15

Theft: Georges Creek Rd, Georges Creek. Between 8.00am 01/06/15 & 3.00pm 03/06/15 Theft of chain & padlock from gateway to rural property.
Value \$50.00 Nil suspects.

Report Date 13/06/15

Theft: Lake Rd, Bellbridge. Between 12.01am 28/05/15 & 11.45am 11/06/15 Theft of 45kg Supagas LPG gas bottle from Lake Hume Boat Club outdoor BBQ area.
Value \$373.00 Nil suspects.

Regards,

Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254 | Bethanga Police Station |
address: 1 Bethanga Bay Road, Bethanga, VIC 3690 |
DX: 219763 email: neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au
phone: (02) 6026 4204 | fax: (02) 6026 4600 | Mobile: 0417 722 952

PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL FUND RAISER - WOOD RAFFLE

Congratulations to Rhonda Sinclair from Talgarno who was the lucky winner of the Annual Fund Raiser Wood Raffle. Funds raised from this event will secure the ongoing activities of PNHW, including the production of a newsletter, road signs, volunteer insurance, etc. Sincere thanks to those who bought tickets and those who sold so many tickets in a short time.

If you missed the opportunity to buy a ticket this year don't despairwe will have a wood raffle next year!!



Everyone wants to be a winner!!!!

Emergency Numbers – Call 000 or from Mobiles, Call 112. These calls are free!

There was quite a good turn up to the AGM meeting and we even had a special visitor, Barry, from Wodonga Neighbourhood Watch, which was lovely. Everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle and salads provided and of course the super sweets which are always a hit. Many thanks indeed to those who helped and also those who brought & prepared food.

Unfortunately our speaker for the night was unable to attend, due to being called away for work, but we still had a visual presentation on the drug "ICE" with input from Sharon Star, a worker at Tallangatta Health and our own Leading Senior Constable Neville Barrow. It was most informative and somewhat scary with the statistics of the growing use and availability of this insidious drug and what it actually does to users.

There were lots of questions asked and a lot of discussion and as it is an ongoing and serious problem, growing in city and rural areas, we will hopefully be looking at organising a forum in the future. We will keep you updated. We all need to know the signs and risks as it affects all socio economic groups and ages. I suggest parents perhaps doing some "Google" homework in the meantime!

You may have noticed the speed signs are missing from the bridge. They have blown into the water and relevant authorities have been advised.

For any newcomers to the area, the speed limit on the bridge is **80kph**. Please all remember that the solid white line on the bridge means **NO** overtaking!! Being frustrated behind a tourist may waste 5 minutes but will save you a hefty fine. Also remember to heed speed limits at all roadworks when the signs are out!

I would personally like to sincerely thank all the services, people and friends who attended my accident scene in June, for the support given there, at the hospital, with my family and all the assistance I was offered when I came back home and had no car. I am so grateful that I live in such a wonderful community and have such beautiful friends. You kept my spirits high.

Annie Berber

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

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Home Alone

I was home alone one weekend recently and as I climbed the ladder to clean out a tank filter I reflected on how risky my actions were. If I had fallen and injured myself I could have been there for a couple of days before I could get help. I was some distance from the house and I did not have my mobile phone (not that it would have helped as there is no reception). Even if someone dropped in they may not have realised I was there unless they observed that my car was there and so were my dogs. I cannot guarantee that my Jack Russells would be like Lassie or Skippy and lead the visitor to me or just bark furiously as usual.

My thoughts on the risks of living alone were heightened by the recent sad death of a local resident who passed away alone at home and who wasn't found for some time.

As neighbors and friends of people living alone or people who are home alone for extended periods, being observant could save a life. Changes in normal patterns, for example uncollected mail, lights not coming on or going off, fires not being lit, pets behaving differently - continuous barking or wandering, the person not being seen where they would expect to be seen, unanswered phone calls may be worth investigating. An "are you OK?" visit, a call to family or

a call to Nev at the local police station could help save a life or avoid pain and suffering.

In this area we also have many people who work alone, particularly farmers working with machinery and animals. CERT has been called to farm accidents where a mobile phone or someone investigating why the farmer has not returned at the expected time has saved lives or reduced pain and suffering.

For those alone consider the safety risks involved in activities - call a neighbour, friends or family to help, carry a mobile phone, ensure neighbours and family know you are home alone, give neighbours and friends family members phone numbers, consider a medical alert alarm if you have health issues. For friends or family of those living alone ensure neighbours have your contact details. If you working alone, particularly with machinery or animals make sure someone knows where you going and what time you will return.

Rather than thinking that's odd and passing by, check it out.

CERT AGM

The CERT AGM was held in Bethanga on 24 August.

Following a restructure of the CERT model by Ambulance Victoria the meeting voted to accept that the Committee of Management be incorporated as Berringa and District Community Emergency Response Team Incorporated with the purpose of raising additional funds and manage the expenditure and assets that support all aspects of the Berringa Community Response Team.



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The new committee is Carol Marshall -President, Ellen Rankin - Secretary, David Elder - Treasurer, with committee Brett Martin, Danny Hirt, Leslie Smith, Marisa Mitchell, Tony Cleary.

The CERT team has had two resignations in the last year leaving a team of 11 active members to cover 24 hours a day, seven days per week. We responded to 36 callouts but missed 9 callouts because we are unable provide coverage. We had 18 callouts to Bethanga, 14 to Bellbridge, 3 to Talgarno and 1 to Granya with an average response time of 15 minutes.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact me.

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

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

A new cricket season commences in October and the Bethanga Cricket Club team is looking for new recruits, sponsors and a coach for the 2015-16 season.

Last year, the club fielded an A and B grade side in the Cricket Albury Wodonga District competition. The B grade finished 6th, which was the team's first visit to the finals in four years. Well done B Grade! The club wants to increase their overall competitiveness by getting both teams into the finals this coming season. Due to the excellent condition of the field, the Bethanga Cricket ground hosted two A grade finals last season because of the outstanding work performed by Brad Taylor.

Training commenced on Sunday 30 August at 10:30am. All new players are welcome to participate.

New equipment has been purchased during the off season so that the ground and pitch will be better prepared.

A new committee was voted on during the club's AGM in April. The new committee is as follows:

President	Andrew Hird
V President	Marg Sirl
Treasurer	Jo Ollington
Ass Treasurer	Dawn Hird
Secretary	Nik Palmer
Ass Secretary	Jessica Campbell
Curator	Brad Taylor
Event Coordinator	Brodie Sirl
Junior Coach	Bob Singline
Committee Members	Trent Sirl and Al Stephenson.

If you would like to support or join the club to strive for excellence during next season, come join in. All are welcome. We are extremely grateful for last year's sponsors who make it all possible. Thank you to Steeline, Ross Mitchell & Associates, Wunderbar, Supaturf and Dovedale Bread.

If you would like to contact the club please email bethangacricket@gmail.com or come along to one of our training sessions.

Marg Sirl, 6026 4504

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



Peninsula Men's Shed –
Bethanga
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The Men's Shed meets every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get involved in Shed projects or create your own or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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

The men are presently doing up an old Furphy which will eventually be placed on display at the Shed.

The Men's Shed was recently asked to repair a grave site at the Bethanga Cemetery. This has now been completed and the family are very pleased with the outcome.

We are also repairing the doors at the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall, which we hope to finish by the end of August.

Our next job will be repairing the shelves in the Library at Bethanga Primary School.

We are also working towards holding an Open Day at the Shed in early summer.

Plans are also being developed to access the viability of a community garden at the shed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Men's Shed or just wish to come along for a chat once in a while, please feel free to come in and check us out.

Bob Price, President, 6026 4418

BETHANGA ACTION GROUP

It has been a quiet winter for the Action Group. I think we are all looking forward to spring and a little warmer weather.

We welcome any newcomers to Bethanga to pop into any of our meetings to see what goes. Our meetings are held every two months at the Supper Room, Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 6 October commencing at 7:30pm, please feel free to come along and support your local group. Our last meeting for the year is on Tuesday 8 December (Christmas meeting), commencing at 7:00pm followed by a meal, all welcome.

*Di Schmidt, 6026 4325
Judi Maynard, 6026 4007
Dave Elder, 6026 4363*

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Back to Bethanga League Carnival

It's been a busy winter at Bethanga Recreation Reserve with another successful 'Back to Bethanga' football and netball match. The event was held in the final week of May. It was fantastic to see so many locals and visitors enjoying this growing annual event. Congratulations to Tallangatta for coming out on top at the final whistle. The Recreation Reserve Committee is very grateful to our sponsors for their donations to the raffle. We look forward to 2016 when we hope that this event will bring more families to the Reserve.

Local Landscape Enhancement Grant

Visitors to the Reserve will see some of the new developments that are a part of our 'Pizzas, Ponds & Paths' project. In April we began earth-works to improve the drainage of the Reserve, including removing the cattle grid at the entrance road and installing a new culvert. Works also included construction of a small bio-swale on the far side of the oval. This bio-swale will become a small wetland in winter and spring providing habitat for frogs, birds and aquatic animals. We were very lucky to have the support of Bethanga Landcare Group on National Tree Day who assisted with the planting of native wetland plants, trees and shrubs along the bio-swale.



July was also very busy with the construction of a new horse paddock on the southern side of the Reserve. The paddock aims to provide the Bethanga community with extra horse agistment options and help us to manage the southern end of the Reserve. The first construction phase of our outdoor catering area also started. Over 100 m² of concrete was laid under the pavilion verandah, next to the pizza oven. The tree stump adjacent to the tennis courts was also removed to make way for a new picnic shelter, which will eventually have new seating, bench space, additional lighting and an outdoor sink. One of the last jobs funded by the grant will be to install a walking path from the oval ring road up to the bridge over the creek. Path installation will begin in spring. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for



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funding these works and for their ongoing support of the project. We are working very hard to complete all works in time for the SR500 Motor Cycle Club National Rally in late November.

Hazard reduction burn in Bethanga Creek and formation of a Friends Group

In April, the Recreation Reserve Committee hosted a DELWP community consultation meeting about the planned hazard reduction burn for the section of Bethanga Creek adjacent to the Reserve. The meeting provided information to local residents about plans



to burn a section of the creek as part of DELWP's Fire Operations Plan. The burn was planned for autumn, but was delayed as environmental conditions weren't right. We will make every effort to advise the Bethanga community when we receive confirmation from DELWP of the revised timing of the burn. In the meantime, the Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee will support the establishment of a 'Friends of Bethanga Creek' group. This group will aim to undertake works to increase the biodiversity values of Bethanga Creek. The first stage of this project kicked off in January when we sprayed the blackberry. With the assistance of the Bethanga CFA we will conduct a fuel reduction burn in a section of the creek, upstream of the entrance road.

Keeping in touch with the Bethanga Recreation Reserve

Finally, the Bethanga Recreation Reserve has made the transition to social media. We have started a Facebook page. We've been really pleased with the interest and support from the local community for the activities and developments at the Reserve. Please visit our Facebook page for regular updates on events and photos. Alternatively, feel free to come down and join our community forum at the committee meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. For bookings of the Reserve facilities or further information please email bethangareserve@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

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It has been a quiet time for the brigade with just two callouts since the last newsletter and six for the calendar year. It's good to see that community members are notifying VicFire prior to carrying out burns on their property and we're hoping everybody keeps doing this to save false alarm callouts.

Spring is just around the corner so those landholders who want their roadside burnt, should contact the brigade now (Peter Star 6020 1171) to make arrangements. Remember that the brigade will only be able to carry out burns where adequate firebreaks have been established by the landholder.

The monthly BBQ continues to be well supported and remember that the profit from the October BBQ will be donated to *Berringa Community News* in return for their support to the brigade. The application for the Liquor Licence is still underway but it is a slow process. The BBQ is held on the second Friday of each month and all members of the community are invited.

There will be a brigade training day on Sunday 18 October, so put it down in your diary.

Greg Hayes

BETHANGA CFA

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INCIDENTS

10th June 11:44am

Motor vehicle accident, Lake Road. 10 Members attended in Tanker 1 and slip on. We assisted rescue, ambulance and police in extracting the trapped person and conducted traffic control.

28th July 3:38pm

Chimney fire, Bellbridge.

8 members attended in both tankers and slip on. The chimney was blocked from a buildup of soot causing smoke to fill the lounge and kitchen area. Members removed the cowl and vented the house.

70th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year is the 70th year that our Brigade has been affiliated with the CFA. The Brigade was first formed seven years prior to the CFA and was known as the Bethanga Bush Fire Brigade.

Brigade members volunteer a considerable amount of time and effort to help the community in times of need.

Come and join us from 2pm on Sunday 27 September at the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall. This day will be an opportunity for the community to have a get together and support our volunteers, not to mention a gastronomic afternoon tea.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The start date for fire danger period for the coming summer is yet to be gazetted, however, the Bureau of Meteorology people are forecasting a significant El Nino event in the Pacific which is expected to produce very dry and hot conditions for our area. It would be prudent to ensure that your properties are clear of flammable material earlier than usual.

Please remember to contact VICFIRE Tel **1800 668 511** before you commence any burning. It is so easy to be complacent and a little thought before commencing a job can avoid losing control of the situation. However, if a fire gets out of your control during **any time of the year** causing damage to someone else's property, you are liable and the Police will investigate.

BELLBRIDGE HYDRANTS

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

TOWONG SHIRE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

The Council Fire Prevention Officer will be conducting inspections of township properties before the start of the Fire Season. It is in your own interest to ensure that you comply promptly with any direction that Council make, particularly regarding the long grass within the

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BRIGADE PREPAREDNESS

The Brigade will be carrying out roadside fuel reduction burns as needed on the roads mainly west of the Bethanga township nearer to the commencement of the Fire Season. This reduces the likelihood of random fires and provides excellent training for Brigade members.

SPRING CLEANING

Some spring jobs that will reduce the fire danger for your property this summer include:

- o Clean out the gutters and keep them clean.
- o Keep the grass short around the house and buildings.
- o Remove any flammable rubbish lying around.
- o Check your firefighting equipment for serviceability.
- o 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).
- o Check your gas BBQ equipment for leaks.

BETHANGA CREEK

Despite all the planning and promises, DEWLP have been unable to provide the resources to carry out the proposed autumn cold controlled burning. It is still on their planned list and they expect to complete the burn during spring.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

Minimum Skills Training for five new members of the Bethanga Brigade has been held at the Fire Station. We would like to welcome our new fire fighters: David Hartwig, Stephen and Mel Naismith, Joe Calvert and Sarah Jones - thank you for volunteering some of your time to help the community.

The training they have completed is the absolute minimum that must be undertaken by anyone before they can attend a CFA incident. The Brigade will periodically hold these courses for new volunteers or other members of the community who may wish to learn about basic firefighting. These courses are run by our local volunteers at considerable cost to themselves in time and effort.

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,
6026 4574 or 0414 931 442*

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6026 4823*

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6026 4166*

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

The "Christmas in July" function was held on 27 July. About 50 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 24 and Sunday 25 October 2015 at the Lake Hume Tourist Park. Registrations can be made at www.lakehumeclassic.com.au or register on-site on Friday 23 October (from 4:00pm until 8:30pm) and Saturday 24 October (from 5:00am until 11:00am).

Fishing commences at 6:30am on Saturday morning and concludes at 10:30am Sunday morning. Meals will be provided on the Saturday night and Sunday lunchtime. Alcoholic and soft drinks will also be available. No BYO alcohol. Random/Spot Prize Draws will be conducted at 8:00pm on Saturday evening.

Further details are available at the website or contact a Rotarian associated with the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume.

"Christmas Carols" will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge on Sunday 6 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 Tuesday 26 January 2016. Please start thinking about worthy citizen nominations for the various awards.

Regards, Andrew Christy

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

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I would like to thank our members and volunteers for their tremendous effort in covering the area including Bethanga, Bellbridge and Talgarno to Wises Creek.

The results were excellent with **\$1,823.85** being raised for this worthy cause.

Of course this result would not be possible without the generous support of the residents in the area and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for each and every donation.

Thank you
Rob Lees, Treasurer

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 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 have included two new events in its program for BCP members.

The Bethanga Pony Club is a member club 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.

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TALGARNO AND DISTRICT BRANCH CWA

The Talgarno and District Branch of CWA is in recess for 12 months with the view to closing. Contact members below for further information.

President: Mrs Elizabeth Schmidt 6059 4253
Secretary: Mrs Janet Coker-Godson 6026 4269
Treasurer: Mrs Deidre Bawden 0409 673 534

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 at 10am to 12pm 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, 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 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 our president Kelby on 0439 702 334 or our secretary Jenny on 0431 926 984

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

The Talgarno Tennis Club are excited about the up-coming season.

Section one were runner's up last season, while Section two took home the winner's trophy for the first time. Section four put in an amazing effort to get to the finals in their first year.

We have our AGM coming up on Sunday 6 September, commencing at 6:00 pm at the club and will continue to focus our efforts on getting new lights for the courts this year. If anyone is interested in playing competitively, or in a social membership (enables use of the courts anytime for annual fee of \$20 per family), let us know via our Facebook page or phone me.

Alicia Phillips, Secretary, 02 6072 9512

BETHANGA GOLF CLUB

A cordial invitation is extended to all golfers and those contemplating taking up the sport which offers a healthy walk in the fresh air on our pristine 9 hole course in Bethanga.

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Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment now includes a running machine, exercise bike and recumbent bike (both with heart monitors), cross trainer and an array of hand weights, fit balls, medicine balls, a kick bag and other ancillary equipment. Come and enjoy the fun. New members are always welcome. You work at your own pace in a friendly group atmosphere.

For more information, contact David or Vicki on 6020 1147 (just leave a message on the answering machine if they can't get to the phone).

BONEGILLA HALL CRAFT GROUP

Come along to our craft group session every THURSDAY (excluding school holidays)

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*Di Schmidt 6026 4325
Shirley Eddington 6026 4330*

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Joan Elliot 6020 1177

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Anglican - Holy Trinity

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Jeanine Pearce 6026 4243

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Bethanga Landcare Group

passion, raptors, and in particular the birds of prey around Lake Hume. A good looking rooster himself, Victor kept us enthralled for around 90 minutes with a presentation liberally sprinkled with sharp wit, amazing facts about the many birds of prey that can be seen in our area, like the majestic sea eagles, peregrine falcons, nankeen kestrels and hawks and an amazing photo of a nesting Falcon. For those of you not there on the night it was a photo of a Ford Falcon stuck high in the branches of a tree!



Saturday 21st August 2015, Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge, a perfect late winter's evening. Clear skies and twinkling stars provided ideal conditions for a sausage sizzle, which ended up being a massive, good old Peninsula BBQ, followed by an awesome presentation on RAPTORS by Dr Victor Hurley, President of the Australasian Raptor Association. Victor had travelled all the way from the Mallee district to speak to us and his visit was orchestrated by our very own Alex Knight, through her extensive green network.

Lake Hume is home to a wide variety of birds of prey and as Wikipedia explains - The term "raptor" is derived from the Latin word rapere (meaning to seize or take by force). These birds of prey are characterized by keen vision that allows them to detect prey during flight and powerful talons and beaks.

On the evening, our guests, numbering over 100, were met by Matthew and his partner Helen. They were then ushered to the BBQ area where Roger and Dave, our chefs, were busily cooking up a storm of goodies, continually being resupplied by Di and Alyson, who were slaving away in the kitchen.

The BBQ concluded at 7pm and we were then ushered into the Boat Club by our President, Roger Barrows. Roger introduced Victor and explained that we were to hear him speak of his

undertake to achieve this?

- Are there any particular interests that you have, which we could pursue?

We were amazed at your response to the raptor presentation evening and we now seek your assistance in identifying other topics that may interest you. We are keen to help you better understand our environment, so should you have any suggestions or would like to provide a response to our three questions, please send us an email at bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com and let us know your thoughts.

In closing we would like to thank the Hume Boat Club for providing an outstanding venue, Alex Knight for arranging Victor to speak to us, the committee, Dr Victor Hurley and last but not least, you, the community which made the night such a success. Thank you all.

*Leon Helmrich – Acting Secretary,
Bethanga and District Landcare Group*

We learned that in order for these beautiful predators to survive, they need to feed on smaller birds and these smaller birds require a rich and diverse environment of native woodlands and scrub to breed. This is definitely where we all can help out, even if it is only once a year to get out and plant a tree or a shrub.

Many thanks to those helpers who planted at the Bethanga Recreational Reserve for the 2015 National Tree Day and we hope to see everyone on Sunday 31st of July 2016 for our next National Tree Day event <http://treeday.planetark.org/about/>.

The Bethanga and District Landcare Group are currently preparing our strategic plan and we are looking at how the group can assist the community. We have formulated some questions for you to consider, as your responses will help inform the future direction of the group:

- How would you like to see our hills and lakeside around the peninsula looking in the future?
- What kind of activities could our local Landcare group

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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

2015 AGM

The 2015 AGM was held on Wednesday 3 June at the Talgarno Primary School on a crisp evening. We were delighted to welcome visitors from the Kiewa Catchment and Bethanga Landcare Groups. The Executive for 2015/16 were elected and contact details are provided at the end of this article.

Many thanks to Julie Miller for her secretarial duties over the past few years.

Seeking Community Input And Feedback To Proposed "Landcarers Grove"

The Executive have met since the AGM and will be suggesting to members at a future meeting, that the Johnstone Creek roadside stop at Talgarno have a plaque erected to acknowledge the many pioneer/foundation local members who established our Landcare Group.

The plaque, maybe titled **Landcarers Grove**, would include the following names (not finalised):

Jenny Hayes, Alan Lehmann, Graeme Lockhart, Ray Merkel, Phil O'Reilly, Eileen O'Reilly, Eric Wood and Ann Wortmann

We acknowledge that the names above are only our initial thoughts and we are now seeking community input for other nominations. Please send email to wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com with suggested names prior to the end October 2015.

Subscriptions

Members are advised that subscription are now due.

Notices will be distributed during September, covering the three years of 2015/16 to 2017/18. Three-year membership rates remain \$33.00 (incl. GST).

Granya Invasive Animal Exclusion Fence Grant Application

A 2015-16 Victorian Landcare Grant application *Granya Invasive Animal Exclusion Fence Upgrade Project* was submitted to NECMA for consideration on 24 August.

This application involves the upgrade of the Granya Invasive Animal Exclusion Fence for the mutual benefit of the region's agriculture and native flora and fauna. When upgraded and working to its full potential, the fence will efficiently exclude feral pigs, foxes and wild dogs from farmland,

protect livestock from death and/or injury, and importantly preserve our native fauna, particularly marsupials in the Mt Granya State Park and the Jarvis Creek Plateau Regional Park. A key component of the project will be the application of mobile phone technology to monitor the electrical charge in the fence.

Coordinated by Peter Star, the project partners are:

- Australian Wool Innovation Limited
- Towong Shire
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning - Invasive Animals
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources - Invasive Animals
- Parks Victoria
- Bullioh Best Wool Best Lamb Group
- Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group Inc.

*President: Jim de Hennin, 6020 1136
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Secretary: Rhonda Sinclair, 6026 4715
Email: wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com*

Children's Groups

Community Early-years Childcare



Community Early-years Childcare (FARMS) for children, continues to operate at the Talgarno Hall every Tuesday and Thursday. Hours of

operation are 9.00am to 5 00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to interact and socialise with others in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information call 6056 4399 or go to www.awcc.edu.au/CommunityEarly-yearsChildcare

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).*

Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday from 10am until about lunch time in line with Victorian school terms.

Everyone is welcome, we have a range of ages from 18 months to 5 years. We enjoy the use of a fantastic range of toys and creative materials, and the mums enjoy a nice hot cuppa as well.

Playgroup is free!!

You can purchase a \$25 membership to Playgroup Victoria ,optional (this includes insurance).

We meet at alternating venues, so just give Simone a call to find out where we will be meeting next.

See you there!

*Contact: Simone Eddington
Mobile: 0404 223 051
Phone: 6026 4763*



Berringa Kindergarten

Berringa Kindergarten children have been busy with many indoor activities- due to the cold wet days we have had this term!

Recently, we had a visit from the Koori Education support Officers who taught us about weaving and how to cook Johnny cakes! We really had an enjoyable visit that morning.

Earlier on in the year, we were very fortunate to have one of our parents, Hisae stay for the morning and teach the children some Origami skills. These activities develop an awareness in the children of how they can be connected to different people in their community.

The children have been very interested in building bridges, having fun with number recognition games , and doing different science activities! This week, we are joining with Talgarno Primary School to do some fun science activities for Science Week.



Enquiries are welcome. Phone 02 6026 4373. The Kinder sessions are Wednesday and Friday 9-4.30pm .

Christine Cameron
Director.



Bethanga Primary School News

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 happening. With the warmer weather on the horizon, we have lots of things to look forward to.

At Bethanga Primary we continue to teach and live "The golden rule." The golden rule is; "Treat others the way you want to be treated". This gives us a maxim upon which to reflect our every action and word. It is a modern way of expressing the old proverb – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

We have been weaving this rule into our school culture for a while now. We hope our children will be good people with kind hearts, who treat others the way they want to be treated but also take

it further by giving of themselves to others. This does not mean "giving," in terms of material objects but giving by using a kind word or demonstrating a kind act and certainly not because there is a reward attached to it.

As part of our focus on emotional intelligence, we welcomed Bethanga Bear to our school. Our children have provided Bethanga with some tools for his backpack. These tools symbolise what it means to be a Bethanga student. Bethanga has a down ball (to bounce back when the going gets tough), a stone (to be strong and make strong choices), a catastrophe scale (to put things into perspective,) a whistle (to self umpire and be honest,) a band-aid (to heal/help others with our words and actions,) a heart (to have a good, kind heart,) a Bethanga PS badge (to be proud of who we are ,) and of course a golden ruler (remember the golden rule always!)

Each class now has a huge poster of a life raft with Wilson

McCaskill's concepts inside. We have introduced all the concepts and will continue to use them everyday in conversations. They fit perfectly with Bethanga Bear and also the language of Blueearth.

Highlights

- Winter Sports day. Mr Hogan took to Wodonga, an eager bunch of footballers and Miss Guymer some enthusiastic team of netballers. All had a great day.
- Our cross-country runners did themselves proud with admirable results at the Regional Cross Country. Congratulations to Wil (21st) and Tom (27th) in the boys 9/10 years and to Casey (35th) in the girls 11 years.
- On Friday June 19th we took eighteen beautiful F-2's to the Melbourne Zoo. The day was nothing short of sensational! The train trip was a new experience for a number of children and

even the “stair” escalators at the station an unusual phenomenon for others. After a session at the zoo which involved touching a lizard and non-poisonous snake, we explored the zoo and the animals. A special thanks to Bert’s son Richard for spending the afternoon at the zoo and being an extra person at Hungry Jacks and to my sister Sandra for meeting us at the station to make sure we got onto the correct train. A perfect day with perfect children!

- We planted trees at the Apex Park (old Pines area at the weir) in conjunction with Albury City Council and 120 trees along Martins Road in Bethanga in conjunction with the Towong Shire.



- Shania, Beau and Ben had a fantastic time at Somers camp.
- Eisteddfod: We took our fantastic choir to the Albury performing arts centre where they competed in the section for schools with 150 students or less. We came second to Trinity Wodonga with only one point between first and second. Well done to all our singers and Miriam.
- Bluearth for 2016/2017: We are so appreciative of the kindness from MIL-SPEC Manufacturing who have part funded our Bluearth program over the past two years. Whilst the program comes to an end this year—Wendy and David Cooper of MILSPEC have generously signed up again for the next two years. Our children love this program and benefit immensely from both the skills and language developed from the sessions. The whole concept of “self-umpiring,” is a Bluearth term we now use throughout each day! We created a book of student reflections/ gratitude for Wendy and David and dropped this off to them at their factory.



Coming events-

- Book week culminating in a dress up day
- Arts Festival – The school will be performing
- Years 3-6 are off to the Spirit of ANZAC Centenary experience
- Years 5-6 have been invited to take part in a three day program (in terms three and four) developed by Charles Sturt University (more news next Berringa.)
- 3/4 camp to 15 Mile Creek
- 5/6 camp to Canberra

Congratulations to Charlotte Mitchell. Her design was chosen for the front cover of the Art’s Festival Program.



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It's Action Packed Education at Talgarno

Talgarno Students Discover What Really Lives In The Weir?

What an adventure the students have had trying to discover the answer to this question. The students watched a great video about a Murray cod that grew too big for its fish tank. They were then very excited to find out more.

We had a visit to Wonga Wetlands to collect and identify fresh water creatures.

We hired a mini bus and set off to the Narrandera Native Fishery. It was a great, real life learning experience, the students now know all about the native fish found in our area.

we walked to the shore at Talgarno to make observations and tested the turbidity of the water.

What else have our students been doing?

Cooking and eating healthy food*Planting trees* Doing Tai Chi*Making parachutes*Attending Science days* Completing family Maths puzzles.



We Had A Great Trivia Night and Social Event for the Local Community



Our trivia night was enjoyed by many locals. It was a fun night, with some entertaining activities! We had great prizes thanks to many of the local businesses donating prizes. The students did a great job of putting together some of the questions and even read them out. We made around \$800 which is going towards the purchase of a new colour photo copier.

Start putting a team together for June 2016!

Community Event

Our end of year celebration will be on Wednesday 16th December, please come along and bring your friends and neighbours. It really is a local social gathering and getting bigger each year!

Coffee Mornings/Afternoons –most Thursdays

Please come along all welcome contact the school for dates.

Have you enrolled your child at Talgarno for 2016?

We already have 4 new students for 2016.

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