

Berringa Community News

Spring 2018

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Talgarno Needs Your Vote

Many of you will be aware that the Talgarno Recreation Reserve Committee has put in an application for funding for a shelter and associated development between the Talgarno Hall and the fire shed. The idea is to protect the pizza oven from rain (it won't work if it gets wet), to install a BBQ and fire pit and to provide some tables and seating.

The application is under an initiative of the Victorian Government called Pickmyproject. You can find details about this if you log in to the website www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. It is a competitive bidding process and the idea is that, within any one district, they will award the projects to those with the most votes. Our project is one of 34 in the district defined roughly as within a 50 km radius of Talgarno. (We actually have two projects listed, the other being for a playground at the Hall).

Anybody who has a connection to Talgarno can vote, not just those who live there. So would you please go to the website and register your vote and encourage all your friends and family to do the same. Just go to the website above and then enter a location within the 50 kilometer radius and

follow the prompts from there. (If you don't have access to the internet and want some help, please contact me on 6020 1157 and I'll help you do it). The voting closes at 5pm on Monday 17 September.

We will be up against it to win the project because of our small population but let's see just what we can do to maximise the votes. (And if we don't get this one up we will keep trying to find other sources of support).

Greg Hayes



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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Berringa Firies Calendar 2019

The 2019 Berringa Firies Calendar is underway! After the success of the past two calendars, we've decided to go ahead again in 2019.

Do you have any good quality photos from the fires you've attended over the past year, photos of the trucks in our local area or local events that the CFA have been involved in (eg: Gymkhana)? If so, please email them through. We would love to have a look.

We will be approaching our Gold sponsors again and seeking interest from other potential sponsors. If you know a business that would be interested in participating, please let us know via our email/Facebook or contact the brigades.

An invitation is being extended to all community members to attend our annual 'Photoshoot' at the Talgarno Fire Brigade BBQ on 12 October. We hope to finalise our photo collection, and get the kids involved, so please bring the whole family! Any fire brigade members, please bring along your uniform.

If any community members are interested in getting involved in the production of the calendar, please let us know.

Berringa Firies Committee

Email: berringafiries@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BerringaFiriesCalendar

Talgarno Cemetery

Community members may have noticed that works are underway to extend our niche wall and provide a shelter. The shelter will provide cover for the wall and any service that may be conducted there, as well as a place to sit. A sign, a path and landscaping will complete the project. A grant for this project has been provided by the Victorian State Government. To date the shelter is up but not complete and we need some drainage works undertaken before we can go much further.

A working bee to complete some drainage will be scheduled soon.

Lea Casey, Secretary, Talgarno Cemetery Trust



The future of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch?



After more than 20 years of working to keep our community a safe place to live we need to congratulate ourselves on having done that so very well.....we

report to each other when there are livestock on the roads or untoward activities on our farms , report to the police any untoward activities and so on. However, the time has come to decide on the future of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch!!!!

As an outcome of the recently held AGM there are some vacancies for 'jobs to be done' roles. At this stage we need an Area Coordinator, a Compliance Coordinator and two or three people to prepare the NHW Newsletter for inclusion in the quarterly Berringa Community News publication.

There are some additional responsibilities required by a changed constitution from the Victorian NHW

headquarters which our group need to consider. These include Peninsula NHW group would need to incorporate, preferably at the LGA level, apply for an ABN and register with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC). Annual returns to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) and Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC) would need to be submitted. None of these requirements are insurmountable: however we do need to share the load.

The decision.....whether to continue in the current format or 'keep a watch out for each other' informally is up to this community.

Please come to the 21st November at 7.30pm Community Meeting and Dinner in Bellbridge with your ideas or call the Secretary, Julie de Hennin 0412433499 to discuss your opinion.

More Donations are sought to provide defibrillators for Talgarno and Granya.

Our fund raising for defibrillators for Granya and Talgarno has so far raised \$3833 . We need \$5000. If we raise more, we will also provide a defibrillator for the Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

Thank you to Bethanga CFA, CFA District 24, Supaturf, Bob Johnson and David and Vicki Cottee for their generous donations.

The chances of surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by 10% with every minute that passes after the arrest. But by increasing the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) out in our communities, we have the power to change the outcome.

Our campaign in 2016 purchased 3 defibrillators. On the Peninsula we now have defibrillators at Bethanga and Bellbridge Shops, on the Bethanga and Talgarno CFA trucks and in the CERT car. For Granya and Talgarno these are a long way away when minutes count.

Please make a donation through the CERT account at

the Hume Bank
BSB 640 000
Account number: 111059932
Account Name: Berringa Community Emergency Reference; AED

Cheques made out to Berringa CERT can be sent to Berringa CERT
341 Wises Creek Rd
Talgarno Vic 3691

Donations are tax deductible. If you require a receipt please call me or email juliemiller@skymesh.com.au or SMS 0419 339 679

Donations can also be made at the Bethanga Post Office, Bethanga Shop and Bethanga Courthouse Hotel. Envelopes will also be available at the Talgarno CFA BBQ

For more information call me on 6020 1107

Julie Miller
Team Leader Berringa CERT

Bethanga Hall Election Day Fund Raiser

Bethanga Memorial Hall committee will be holding a FUNDRAISER SAUSAGE SIZZLE at the hall on Election Day, Saturday, 24th November. Starting at 8:00 am, the sausage sizzle will continue throughout the day. We'd appreciate your support, so when you come to vote, buy a sausage or two, have a chat and help raise funds for the ongoing hall maintenance and improvements.

Bethanga Primary School Joins War on Waste!

The War on Waste is a fantastic program that reminds you of what you're throwing out and where we should put it. We found out that we, as senior students, were basically blind to how much we're throwing out. It is disappointing when we saw how much unnecessary rubbish we were throwing out and we decided to make a change.

Firstly, we added a 'soft plastic' bin to the mix. We also looked up where you could drop soft plastics off and some local supermarkets came up eg Thurgoona Woolworths and Coles Lavington. Deciding to change the 'Hot Lunch' plan was also something we are doing now. Instead of packing hot lunches inside cardboard and paper, we are now putting the delicious food on reusable plates. We need to pay for our food by the Wednesday instead of the Friday, so they can buy the exact amount of ingredients and make the exact amount of food needed, reducing the amount of food waste which we usually have.

The senior class has also seen devastating images of how plastic straws and one-use plastic bottles are impacting on our environment. Our class completely agrees with the 'Straw No More' campaign because we have seen how catastrophic these plastics are on our wild life and even when you think that the plastics are gone, they have just broken down into micro-plastic that are still causing our eco-system to fail.

Please go to your bin right now and make a difference. Join us in the War on Waste battle to save our environment and help make Australia a better place!

Written by Jordana Ciccero (Year 6, Bethanga Primary)



Soft plastic recycling

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill.

Do the crunch test



If it's soft plastic and CAN be scrunched into a ball, it can be placed in a REDcycle drop off bin



If it's not plastic, or it's plastic that CAN'T be scrunched into a ball, it cannot be recycled via REDcycle*



YES PLEASE

Some of the most commonly recycled items include:

Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible. For a comprehensive list of what can be REDcycled and more information, check the website.

NO THANKS

We cannot accept the following:

- X Plastic bottles
- X Plastic containers
- X Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- X Glass
- X Rubber
- X Paper and cardboard
- X Tin cans
- X Food waste

*Contact your local council to check if it can go into your kerbside collection.

www.redcycle.net.au

Berringa CERT Committee AGM

7 pm Monday 1 October 2018
Bethanga Memorial Hall

All Welcome

STANDING GRASS FOR SALE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the "STANDING GRASS" at the Springdale Recreation Reserve (Bethanga Golf Course) for the making of hay. Approximately 13 Ha in Size.

Payment is to be made before commencing harvest.

For further information contact:
Peter Star 0429 436347

Tenders close on Sat 6th October 2018.

Mail tenders to:

Secretary, Springdale Recreation Reserve
Unit 5, 15 Wilson St
Wodonga, 3690

AGISTMENT

Springdale Recreation Reserve

Offers are invited to agist the above area for approximately 3 months from November/December (after making hay) to February 28th 2019.

This area includes the Bethanga Golf Course and would be for sheep only.
"Conditions Apply"

For further information contact:
Peter Star 0429 436347.

Offers close Friday 2nd November 2018.

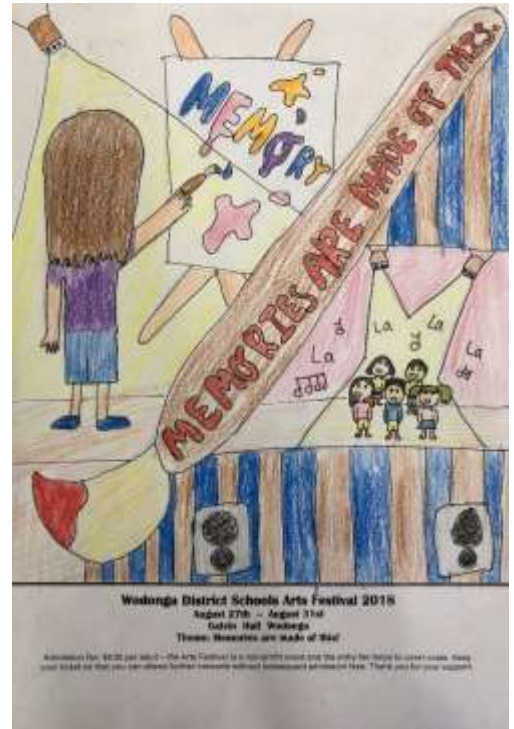
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Wodonga, 3690

Darci Mitchell on the Cover

Students from all Wodonga District Schools are asked each year to put forward a program cover designs based on a theme. The theme this year was 'Memories are made of this'. We had five cover designs that were short-listed and congratulations to Darci Mitchell from Bethanga Primary School whose design was chosen for the front cover of the Art's Festival Program.

The Art's Festival took place at Galvin Hall, Wodonga Senior Secondary College, from 27th to the 31st of August



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Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc.



Frock up for a Film - movie night for charity

Thursday September 20, 6.00 pm

A movie night to raise funds for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund will be held in memory of our dear friend Rhonda Sinclair. Frock up with your friends and come along to the screening of *Ladies in Black*. The night will include lucky door prizes, a "Fashions at the Film" best-dressed competition and raffle ticket sales.

Tickets are \$50 each which includes your movie entry, canapes and a drink on arrival. \$24.20 per ticket sale will be donated to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

Tickets can be purchased from eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au> (search for Frock up for a Film)

Please arrive promptly at 6:00pm for canape and drink service. The movie will start at 7:00pm sharp.

Please call Tara on 0402 536 369 or Sarah on 0409 018 384 for further information.



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A Taste of School in Bali

Visiting Sekolah Dasar Negeri No 11 Sanur in Bali Indonesia felt like a trip back to the 1970s or 80s, as we discovered during our recent holiday.

This was a government school where most children in Bali attend, so was filled mostly with Hindu children. However, there are some Muslim schools and other independent schools scattered around the island.

The classrooms were best described as ‘old fashioned’ with flip top wooden desks, no computers, two students to a desk, old chalkboards and lots of workbooks that they worked from.

The English teacher welcomed us into the school and the children were very excited when they saw us walking in. They gave us a rousing cheer as we entered each classroom from Grade 1 through to Grade 6.

In each class we had conversations with them in Bahasa Indonesian as they tried to speak to us in English. In one classroom we sang ‘Nama Nama Hari’ (Days of the Week) in Bahasa Indonesian with the children and then sang ‘Heads, Shoulders Knees and Toes’ in English.

As we conversed in Bahasa Indonesian with the children, they were amazed that we could speak their language and often asked why and how we learned it, when we could already speak English!

The students weren’t as well behaved as we were expecting. But that may have been because they were so

excited that we were there! They followed us from classroom to classroom huddling around the room entrance and making a racket as we conversed with the students. As we walked between each classroom the children approached us for high fives and treated us like celebrities!



We visited the Kantin (canteen), which stocked very little fresh or traditional Indonesian food and only stocked 'western like' junk food in packets! They also showed us their library, which was the only room with a computer. It was very modest in size given the number of students at the school and was being renovated at the time.

The school environment was not blessed with spacious play areas or equipment. It featured just a central paved space with basketball backboard and ring. There were no grassed areas for playing, just classrooms and garden beds.

Classrooms had no air conditioning and all had very prominent photos of the Indonesian President and Vice President above each chalkboard. Another thing we noticed was that they didn't appear to have a teacher for every classroom. Some covered two or more classes and each class had at least 25 children.

Other interesting facts about education in Indonesia were that they wear the same uniform right across Indonesia. Girls must wear their hair in two plaits on Mondays and Tuesdays and can wear their hair in pony tails the other days.

School starts very early at about 6am and finishes at 12pm to escape the heat of the afternoon. They even

attend school on Saturdays to clean up ready for the week ahead.

Visiting Sekolah Dasar Negeri No 11 Sanur was certainly one of the highlights of our trip and helped us appreciate the opportunities, resources and luxuries we have at Talgarno Primary School!

Written and contributed by Brendan, Jill, Tilly, Belle and Ruby Pearson.



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Art Imitating Life on the Great River Road

In a major coup for the region, Towong Shire Council has announced the appointment of award-winning civic sculptor Benjamin Gilbert's *Agency of Sculpture* for the delivery of the public art works along the Great River Road.

Yackandandah-based Gilbert and the Agency of Sculpture team are renowned for innovative, interactive large scale works, which will add a dynamic element to this major infrastructure project which is set to become a compelling attraction for visitors to North East Victoria and the Upper Murray region.



The concepts created by Gilbert reference the natural fauna that visitors will recognize throughout the area, ensuring the region's wildlife remains a central focus for visitors.

Work for the Great River Road is already well underway, with the project scheduled to be completed by July 2019.

About Benjamin Gilbert and Agency of Sculpture

Benjamin Gilbert studied furniture design before moving to sculpture and turning his hand to ice carving competitions – a medium for which he became highly celebrated. After forming his company *Agency of Sculpture*, Gilbert has become recognised for works that combine architectural

principles with a sense of play.

His works are featured across Australia and the world, with key pieces exhibited in the National Arboretum in Canberra, as a public monument in the You Yangs and as a featured piece of public art the Danish city of Aarhus.



Benjamin Gilbert

Gilbert has received awards locally and internationally. He was most recently celebrated

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

Visit www.towong.vic.gov.au or find us on Facebook for news and information that can help you make the most out of living in Towong Shire.

Questions, concerns, feedback?

Please contact us:

32 Towong Street (PO Box 55)

Tallangatta 3700

T 02 6071 5100

E info@towong.vic.gov.au

Roy Williams Park, Bellbridge Information Session

On Tuesday September 25 at 6 pm, Council will be hosting an information session and site walk at Roy Williams Park, Bellbridge, ahead of the final stage of works due to commence in the coming weeks. We encourage Bellbridge community members to come along to provide feedback on the proposed works.





**Paver
Fundraiser**




Bricks will be placed in the path at the school entrance.

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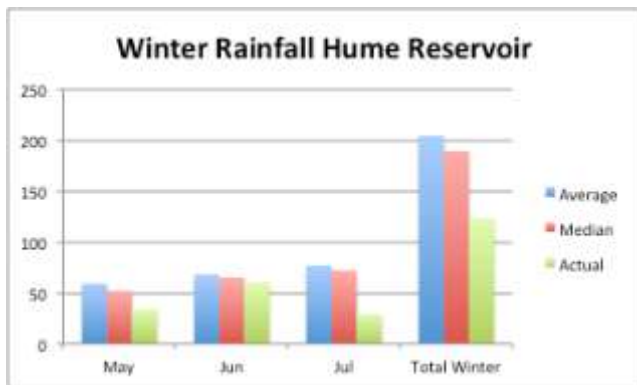
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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

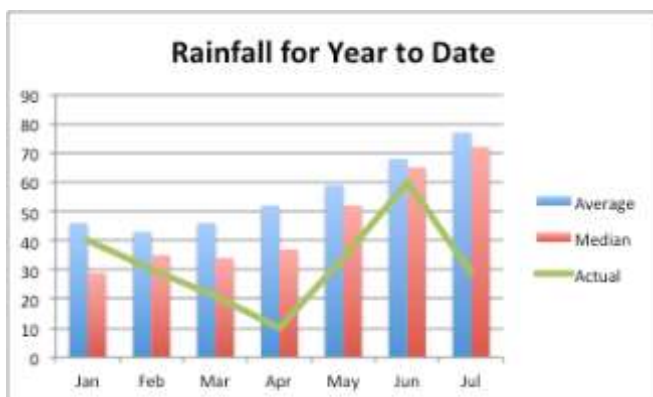


Rainfall Round-up

At the beginning of winter BOM told us that there was no strong signal for drier or wetter than normal rainfall for the next three months (May to July). This led us to expect that we might receive the median total of 189 mm whereas in fact we received just 123 mm or 66% of the median. May was 65%, June 92% but July with just 29 mm was only 40% of the median. Across much of Victoria and NSW, this last July was the driest since 2002. (The rainfall chart below is for Hume Weir rather than the TAFCO weather station because we have had some problems with rainfall measurements with this station. We think we have fixed the problem now so we will have TAFCO data in the next Rainfall Roundup).



As we know from the daily media reports, although it is dry here, we have been much less impacted by dry weather than our neighbours across NSW and parts of the Mallee and East Gippsland.



Following the poor autumn, the below average winter rainfall has meant that our root zone soil moisture level

is very much below average for this time of the year. Our year to date (YTD) rainfall is 224 mm which is 57% of the average and 69% of the median.

So why has it been so dry when there have been no strong signals from the major climate drivers? It seems that the big problem has been that for much of winter (and autumn) there has been higher pressure than normal over NSW blocking all rain for NSW and eliminating any connection between the fronts that have reached northern Victoria and sources of moisture further north in tropical Australia. So we have had a series of fronts but very little rain with them. South west Victoria managed to get rain because the effect of the high pressure was to push the rain-bearing fronts south of us into that region. This problem with the high pressure has been with us for most of the past six months.

Prospects for spring (August to end October)

Unfortunately, the prospect for Spring is that we have a very high chance (about 70%) of below median rainfall. Put it another way, the median rainfall for spring in Talgarno is 205 mm and BOM says we have a 100% chance of getting 100 mm or more but only 46% chance of getting 150 mm or more. Nine out of 12 models are suggesting a drier than normal spring. As we well know, however, these models can be wrong. So far (August 11) this August has brought good rain (35 mm at Hume Reservoir and much more for some) and this is equivalent to about half the median rainfall of 76 mm with more than half the month to come. So fingers crossed. The reason that the models are suggesting drier than normal is the indication that the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) may move into a positive phase which would probably mean lower spring rainfall. And the SOI may move into a negative phase which would probably lead to lower rainfall. There is a lot of uncertainty but it would be prudent to be ready for a poor spring while hoping it's not the case.

Greg Hayes

The Berringa Community News thank Bethanga CFA (\$200) and the Bethanga Gymkhana (\$400) for their generous contribution towards the cost of producing the newsletter.

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Wymah Ferry

Operating hours

7am – 8pm

During daylight saving

6am – 9pm

(NB no meal closure times)

OUTSIDE THESE HOURS

Ring the contractor,
6020 2038

Talgarno Hall

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

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

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

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

For bookings contact Anthea 6020 1134

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For Hall Bookings: Contact Bethanga General Store 6026 4215

Women's Health Clinics

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

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

All ages welcome

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

Sue Reid 6071 5270

Granya Hall

Fees for the hall hire

Non-profit organisations \$60 including tea and coffee.

For other functions it will be \$100, included is \$40 to cover public liability insurance.

Catering \$8 a head

Community Meeting \$15

Bookings and Information contact

Kaye Guilliamese
kjfarm@gmail.com
6072 9598

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Maternal & Child Health

Do you have young children? Have you accessed Council's Maternal and Child Health Service for free health, developmental and learning checks?

Towong Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is available at Bellbridge Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Drop in to see a qualified nurse between 9:30 am and 12:00 noon or arrange an appointment for the afternoon. Home visits can also be arranged for a time that is convenient for your family.

For more information or to make an appointment call Trudi Ellis on 6026 4228 or 0417 535 978

Bonegilla Hall

Hall available for hire.

Craft Group held every Thursday
10am-2pm.

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

Anyone interested in Zumba classes?

Enquiries: 0439 186 373
Email: BonegillaHall@gmail.com

Spring is here, time to sit in the sun with a good book from the Talgarno Street Library

Open all hours for everyone at the Talgarno Hall.

Bellbridge Kindergarten LDC and OSHC



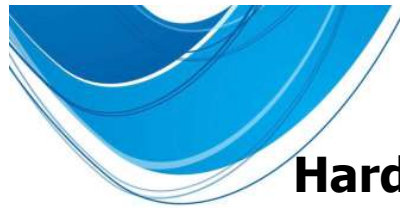
In 2018 CEYC is operating;

- **Long Day Care** 6 weeks to 6 years
Schedule: Monday – Friday | 7:30 – 6:00
Fees: \$110 per day, CCB/CCR available
- **4 year old Victorian Funded Kindergarten**
Schedule: Wednesday & Friday | 9:00 – 4:30
Fees: \$360 per term
- **3 year old Kindergarten**
Schedule: Tuesday | 9:00 – 12:00
Fees: as per LDC fees, \$110 per day, CCB/CCR available
- **Outside School Hours Care**
Schedule: Monday – Friday | 7:30 – 8:45am, 3:40 – 6:00pm
Fees: \$20 am, \$25pm, CCB/CCR available

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(02) 6056 4399 or email at: admin@ceyc.com.au



Hard Waste Collection

At Council's periodic hardwaste and greenwaste collections residents can dispose of bulky waste such as couches, stoves and old fencing wire as well as non-commercial quantities of greenwaste.

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

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

Upcoming collection dates

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

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

Weddings

Shannon Tucker, daughter of Mechelle of Barnawartha and Sean of Perth married Mitchell Trafford, son of Trish and Mark Trafford of Bethanga on the 14th April 2018 at Orange Grove Gardens in Holbrook. The couple honeymooned on the Gold Coast and live in Killara with their 2 doggies.



Babies

Paul Singline, his wife Judith and 3 year old Poppy welcome with much love, Ellie June, born in Melbourne on June 1st. Bob and Di Singline are delighted with their fourth little grand-daughter and cousins Annie and Sylvie Nelson of Bethanga are planning lots of future 'play dates'!



Tallangatta Health Service Happenings

News from the Board

The Tallangatta Health Service Board for this financial year is Rob Lees (Chair), Andrew Brown, Robert Currie, Anne Eagle, Jacqueline Sutherland, Kelly Lees and Peter Colliccoat. The Board meet each month.

We have also established a Consumer Engagement Advisory Group which has local community people to ensure that we empower people for health and listen to the voice of our community. Our members are Wendy Green, Kelly Lord, Maria Berry and Harvey Hilary-Taylor.

We are still looking for a couple of community members. So if you would like more information please ring Bob Currie, Board Director on 02 60715200.

As you have read we have launched our new Strategic Direction and currently completing our Service Plan. Our Service plan will define the services that Tallangatta Health Service will deliver over the next 3-5 years.

New Staff

Tallangatta Health Service recently recruited a new Lifestyle Coordinator to work with our residents and our community programs. We welcome Sarah Carter to our team, and she has kindly offered us a little bit of her story:

My name is Sarah Carter and I have recently been welcomed to Tallangatta Health Service as the Lifestyle Coordinator. I recently moved from Albury to Tallangatta Valley. My hobbies and interests include bike riding, sewing, four wheel driving, camping and netball, playing for Bullioh Football and Netball Club. My work background is in Occupational Therapy and mental health, working for the past 10 years as services manager, managing community based and residential based services across regional Victoria, designing and delivering services and programs in a range of settings. I look forward to working as part of the team at Tallangatta Health Service, getting to know our residents and meeting members of the community. If you have ideas, feedback or events regarding leisure and lifestyle activities within the community and for our residents, please don't hesitate to contact me by phoning 02 6071 5200 or by emailing me at: sarah.carter@ths.vic.gov.au

Allied Health Team

We are building our allied health team to improve access for our community to occupational therapy, exercise physiology and physiotherapy. Keeping our community as mobile and independent as possible is a key focus of improving people's health. Give us a ring on 02 60715238.

Follow Berringa Community News on Facebook

Berringa Community News now has a facebook page. We will post deadline dates and advise when the latest edition is available on our website and as hard copy. Locals can also post events and advertisements.



Granya Gazette

Talgarno Primary Nature Day @ Granya was held in June. Talgarno Primary School visited Mt Granya state park and scout hut for a nature walk and sausage sizzle with a damper lunch. The visit was attended by the local park ranger and many parents and even grand parents of local students and students to be. It was a cold start to the day, with information provided about the local flora, fauna and wildlife of the area. It was fun and educational for everyone who attended. Some adventurous students went for a further hike with the ranger to explore the recent bush fire and saw regeneration of the local habitat.

The visit was finished off with a visit to the Granya pioneer museum and the students listened to Pam Eades' very interactive conversation on the history of education and families in Granya.



Mobile Tower Opening

The tower was opened by Cathy McGowan, Aaron Scales and a Telstra Rep on August 10. The tower has brought Granya Town into the 21st century and provided another means of communication to the local community. There was a large crowd in attendance including locals, students and the media. An excellent spread of food was put on by the hall committee and local resident, Roger Burns, made a great speech about the changes in technology in his lifetime.



Granya Tennis Club is looking forward to an exciting season ahead. We're always looking for community members to be involved in either playing or other areas to progress our club forward into the future. Please contact Sharon Star on 60729566.

Other Granya News—

Granya CFA

Elections for CFA : Ken Star remains as Captain, we welcome 4 new members. Ken Star and Bob Cowan will arrange a minimum skills for the new members.

Granya Monthly Lunch is now held on the last Thursday of the month at the Pioneer Museum.



PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER – Winter Edition 2018

Let's watch out for each other

Area Coordinator: Vacant
Assistant Area Co-ordinator: John Parry
Treasurer: Val Guthrie
Newsletter Team: Vacant

Secretary: Julie de Hennin - Ph 0412 433 499
Assistant Secretary: Leslie Lashbrook
Compliance coordinator: Vacant



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

This space is empty because we don't have a Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Area- Coordinator!!!

At the recent Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch AGM we were not able to attract a nomination for this position.....would you be able to support the ongoing service of our community based Neighbourhood Watch by being the Area Coordinator? If you would like to discuss this opportunity to support your community please call Julie de Hennin, ph.0412433499.

'Let's watch out for each other' and keep making our Peninsula Community a safe place to live.'

....FOR YOUR DIARY....

November 21, 7.30pm - Bellbridge – Berringa Community Centre - Community Meeting & Christmas Dinner

when the future of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch will be decided, followed by a delicious meal.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share, your drinks and PNHW will provide chicken.

PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to those in the community who were able to attend the recent Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community followed by the Annual General Meeting held at Talgarno Primary School.

Guest speaker John Parry provided an amusing and interesting talk about his career and personal interest and involvement in acting. Thanks John.

The future of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch is impacted by many of our volunteers no longer able to give of their time; be it due to family or personal health issues, desire to travel etc. At the November Community Meeting it will be decided whether we continue as a NHW group or not. NHW is changing its constitution which will require more responsibility on NHW groups like ours. Due to some of the changes it has been decided to appoint a compliance co-ordinator.

In summary, for PNHW to continue we need an Area Coordinator, a Compliance Coordinator and a Newsletter team of 2 or 3. If you are able to help and would like to know more information please call Julie de Hennin ph. 0412433499.

Area Co-ordinators Annual Report presented at the AGM

At our August meeting we welcomed LSC Lisa Lorenz, stationed at Tangambalanga. Lisa gave us an update on NHW partnerships and the appointment of a Police Officer to Bethanga station prior to Christmas.

At the November 22nd meeting and Christmas Dinner at the Community Centre in Bellbridge we welcomed our new Policeman LSC Anthony Jasinowicz and his wife Tamisha. Anthony gave us an overview of his time in the Police Force and encouraged residents of the Peninsula area to contact him if they saw anything out of the ordinary.

At the February meeting held at the Pioneer Museum in Granya our Guest speaker was Raquel Vogel, Crime Prevention Officer at Wodonga Police station. Raquel has many roles, one of which is to educate the younger members of our community and any issues that impact on the younger generation.

At the Bethanga meeting in May Deputy Mayor David Wortmann updated us on the progress of the NBN. The annual wood raffle was drawn on 2nd of June and the winner of the load of wood was John Jones from Bellbridge.

We are still planning a 'safe plate day' on the day of the Victorian State election, at the Bethanga Hall.

Thanks to all those people who have put themselves forward to advance Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch. Road sign guru Peter is leaving the district: both he and Di will be missed by all.

I would like to acknowledge Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotary Club for its generous donation of \$500.00.

I believe that Neighbourhood Watch continues to play an important role in our local community and it requires commitment from our entire community.

Bob Martin,

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- Lock your car when paying for fuel.
- **Never leave valuable items in view; remove GPS cradle, phones, iPods, laptops, CD's, money, sunglasses, bags, clothes, sporting equipment to name a few.**
- Don't leave registration papers, driver's licence or other papers or cards in unattended cars.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

POLICE REPORT

Hello everyone, I hope all is well out there. From my point of view and aside from the cold weather, the Peninsula community has experienced a good couple months, with no major crime incidents to report! I have attended a handful of vehicle collisions over the past couple months, but thankfully everyone involved has not been seriously injured. On a couple of these occasions wildlife running onto the roadway and wet weather seems to be the cause. Please be aware of the wildlife in our area and look ahead when driving. Remember in some circumstances swerving to miss an animal can be a lot more dangerous than actually hitting it.

I encourage the community to continue reporting suspicious vehicles in our area; if they don't look like they belong they probably don't. Keep your gates locked, don't leave valuable items in the open and secure your sheds. Don't make it easy for the bad people out there.

We continue to catch illegal spot lighters which is disappointing. As I stressed in the last newsletter, penalties do apply for illegal hunting activities. If you're unsure on what you can and can't do, contact Game Management Authority on Ph.136186 or log onto their website <http://www.gma.vic.gov.au>

I would also like to remind everyone that we are serious about the new law that relates to passing emergency vehicles. There is a \$282.00 fine for travelling in excess of 40 k/ph past an emergency vehicle that has flashing lights or sirens. Please abide by this and keep your emergency workers safe when they are out helping your community.

A new online [Absence from Residence registration](https://www.service.vic.gov.au/find-services/housing-and-property) form will now be available on the Service Victoria website, <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/find-services/housing-and-property> or on the Victoria Police website. Log on and have a look. It will save you from faxing or delivering the old form to the Police Station. If you don't have the internet, I will still continue to accept the old form.

Contact numbers: If I'm not around at Bethanga Station on (02) 60264204 you should contact Wodonga Police on (02) 60492600, Tallangatta Police on (02) 60712204 or '000'. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Stay safe and stay warm.

Cheers,

Anthony JASINOWICZ

S/ Constable 36509 | OIC Bethanga Police Station

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BERRINGA CERT



New Community Support

Ambulance Victoria has appointed Jo Brookes as Paramedic Community Support Coordinator for the Upper Hume Region.

Paramedic Community Support Coordinators are professional paramedics whose work goes beyond the traditional role of responding to emergency cases. The key focus of their role is working with other local health services in the provision of primary care and training and supporting local ambulance to meet the community's health needs.

Ambulance Victoria Executive Director Emergency Operations, Mick Stephenson said delivering ambulance services in remote or low-workload rural areas required a flexible and community-centred approach. To be effective in rural and remote communities, health and emergency services must collaborate with community partners to prevent health problems from becoming life-threatening emergencies.

Jo started her ambulance career as a first responder in Mitta and appreciates the issues of communities that have no dedicated health services. She will provide training and support to our CERT team, work with us to deliver community education programs and build partnerships with other health care and emergency providers. She will work with the local community to tailor plans and arrangements to build community resilience and preparedness for medical emergencies.

New CERT Car

In the next few weeks we will take delivery of our new car. It has a smart new look that will provide higher visibility and safety for our team members as they work in the community.



AGM

The Berringa CERT Committee will hold its AGM on 1st

October 2018 at 7pm at the Bethanga Hall. The guest speaker will be Jo Brookes, Paramedic Community Support Coordinator, Upper Hume Region. Everyone is welcome, and it is an opportunity to provide Jo with some feedback on what support our community needs.

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

BETHANGA ANGLER'S CLUB

Just a reminder that members can weigh their fish in at the Bethanga Hotel at any time.

Anyone interested in joining the Club or any member who has any suggestions for future outings, please contact Brian Hunter at Bethanga Hotel on 6026 4214.

*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon
Brian 6026 4214*

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

A committed group of local men have been busy over the autumn and winter months restoring, building and sharing time in each other's company. Facilities at the shed have continued to improve. A recent purchase has been a dust extractor system for the workshop, which will be ducted to the exterior, providing a much safer work environment for woodworking activities.



The men have recently completed the restoration of an early Australian cedar chest of drawers, from 1850-1875, donated to the group for restoration and sale as a fundraiser.

At present they are working on a mechanical 24-hour clock, driven by weights. Built in Indonesia, prior to 1930 and constructed using rivets as a joining method, it was donated in 1930 to Riverview Observatory, Sydney, where seismographs record earthquakes. The clock is a treasured historical piece which belongs to Bob Price and when finished, will be attached to a telescope in his observatory to track the stars in the night sky. Another work in progress is a Street Library, built from a

recycled fridge, which will be placed near the Berringa Kindergarten at Bellbridge. Several smaller projects are also 'on the go'.

Anyone interested in joining the group would be most welcome. It's a great way to share and learn from each other, at the same time as being a social outing.

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

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

Phil Craig, President

BETHANGA CFA

Fire calls 000

Burn Notifications VICFIRE 1800 668 511

Victorian Bush Fire Information 1800 240 667

All Peninsula Fire Units - UHF 24

INCIDENTS

8th June 5.49pm. The brigade responded both trucks to a chimney fire in Old Tallangatta. Old Tallangatta Brigade quickly had the situation under control and we were turned around en route.

8th July 8.51pm. Fifteen members responded to a bathroom fire in Bellbridge, caused by a heat light. The residents of the house were able

to extinguish the fire themselves using a small dry chemical extinguisher. The brigade checked for possible fire spread, assisted in cleaning up and returned to the station after a short time.

BUNNINGS BBQ

On Saturday 30th June the brigade ran a very successful BBQ at Bunnings Wodonga.

We made a profit of \$805.25, with \$72.05 in our donations tin. Thank you to Bunnings for allowing us and many other volunteer organizations to fundraise at their stores. Thank you also to Bakers Delight Wodonga Plaza, and Beazley's Meats Wodonga for the discount bread and tasty sausages.

FUNDRAISING FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

Bethanga RFB was asked by Bunnings Wodonga to attend their charity BBQ on Friday 10 August. The "Buy A

Bale" fundraiser was for Victorian farmers who have been affected by drought and fires. Bethanga Tanker 2 attended and was a big hit with all the customers. Three members worked alongside Bunnings staff and enjoyed a very successful day. Thank you to Beazley's for donating the sausages.

TOWONG SHIRE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS - BE PREPARED

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

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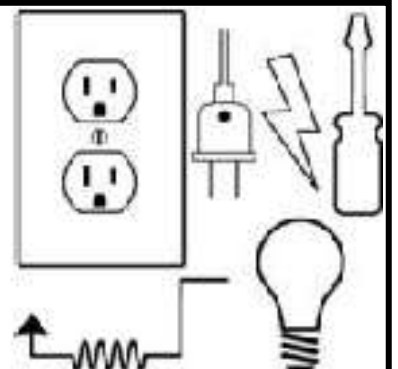
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SPRING CLEANING

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

- Clean out the gutters and keep them clean.
- Keep the grass short around the house and buildings.
- Remove any flammable rubbish lying around.
- Check your fire fighting equipment for serviceability.
- Look around and assess your individual fire risks and discuss with your family and neighbours about what you are going to do if there is a fire.
- Check your gas barbeque equipment for leaks.

BRIGADE PREPAREDNESS

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

GOLF COURSE FUEL REDUCTION BURN

Bethanga and Talgarno brigades undertook a planned burn at the Bethanga Golf Course on Sunday 15 July. The day was a great success and a good opportunity for the brigades to work together and for everyone to brush up on their skills ahead of the upcoming fire season. We are also in the initial stages of organizing a spring fuel reduction burn along the Eastern arm of the Bethanga Creek from Bridge St to up past the old CFA sheds.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The Brigade is in the process of delivering minimum skills training to 3 new members in Bethanga/Bellbridge and 6 from Talgarno. These members will be ready for the upcoming fire season. Welcome and well done to all who completed the course and thank you for your desire to give back to our community.

We normally run minimum skills training each year so if anyone is interested in joining the brigade and becoming a volunteer fire fighter please email bethangacfatraining@gmail.com or contact any of the members at the bottom of this article.

MONTHLY TRAINING

Brigade trainers Matt and John are organizing a 12 monthly training calendar.

The next 3 months trainings are:

- September 20th – Incident control, 6pm – 8pm
- October 21st – Operation Berringa 9am – 3pm
- November 22nd – Pre-season 6pm – 8pm

OPERATION BERRINGA

Bethanga brigade is planning a major training exercise on the 21st October 9am -3pm. The day will see Talgarno, Granya and Bethanga brigades participate in incident-based scenarios in and around Bethanga and Bellbridge. The day will simulate an extreme fire danger day, with

several fires in the area, giving us an opportunity for skills maintenance at all levels.

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.

Ben Mitchell, Captain 0411 080 277
bethangacfacaptain@gmail.com
 Tracey Woodhouse, Secretary 0413 708 302
bethangacfasecretary@gmail.com
 Ron Evans, Community Safety Liaison 02 6026 4301

BETHANGA TALGARNO JUNIOR BRIGADE

Our new junior brigade is officially up and running with 6 junior members after our information evening and series of come and try days in term 2. In term 3 we have held two sessions.



Session one focused on learning about items on the tanker through a treasure hunt activity and undertaking a practice burn over drill. Session 2 was a focus on home fires lead by the very entertaining and informative April

Padbury. April brought out a \$7 500 stove/oven/kitchen fire simulator machine to demonstrate several safety messages. The simulator and discussions got everyone thinking about their own home situations and it was fair to say everyone in attendance learned a thing or two about home fire safety.



Our remaining sessions this term will focus on map reading, pager messages, exposure to and experience with hand tools, radios and communications, bowling hoses, shooting water, introducing different nozzles and a final geocaching activity.

If any 11-15-year old children (or those about to turn 11) are interested in joining the junior brigade please contact us on details below:

Brendan Pearson on 0439881440 or John Northey 0414931442

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TALGARNO CFA

Welcome to spring and the update from Talgarno Fire Brigade. The paddocks may be green for the time being, but the 'green drought' will likely see some dry fuel earlier than usual and the fire season starting earlier. Please take care with lighting fires around your house or in paddocks, a bit of wind could easily spread a fire. Please ensure you patrol fires and have adequate firefighting equipment on hand, just in case. A reminder that you should notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) when burning off to avoid our brigades turning up. You can do this in the following ways:

1. Phone 1800 668 511 and provide the required information.
2. Complete the Burn off Notification Form from CFA website. Email the form to burnoffs@esta.vic.gov.au

or by fax: 1300 674 428.

3. Use the National Relay Service by ringing 1300 555 727 and ask for Information to be relayed to ESTA via 1800 668 511

As we head into spring it's a good opportunity with the lovely weather to get outside and tidy up around the house and yards for the fire season. Some good ideas include:

- Cut your grass around your house to less than 10cm in length. Keep it as green as possible
- Remove flammable items from decks and verandas such as boxes, furniture and door mats.
- Keep your gutters clear of leaf litter
- Trim trees and shrubs near the house to reduce fuel loads and water well
- Get rid of dry grass, piles of leaves, twigs and branches
- Store any flammable liquids away from the house
- Make sure seals around windows, doors and roofing materials are in good order to avoid embers entering

Incidents

Since the last edition of Berringa News, Talgarno was called to two incidents:

8/7/2018 Building fire in Bellbridge
23/6/2018 Chimney/flue fire Granya

In both incidents our brigade was turned back within a few minutes as the incidents were not large enough.

Training

We've had great interest in the minimum skills training held at Bethanga recently. In due course our newest recruits, Ang Nevin-Lewis, Scott Craig, Roger Barrows, Chris Vine and Greg Arnold will be able to attend incidents, which will be a great boost to our capacity this coming fire season. A note of thanks to the training coordinators, Matt Gill and John Northey from Bethanga, for doing a great job organising the training and to our members Rob Medwell, Graham Redman and Michael Elliot for assisting on the practical days.

Private units this fire season

This season we encourage all members who have private units to attend our preseason briefings. These will ensure you have essential equipment on board, such as UHF radios to communicate with the Incident Controller. We will also make you aware of fire ground practices, particularly the need to notify the Incident Controller when you enter the fire ground to ensure your safety and to direct you where needed.

New Members

We have had a good recruitment period since the last newsletter, recruiting two new members. We welcome Scott Craig and Roger Barrows, both of whom have



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signed up for minimum skills training and are in the process of completing this. If you are interested in joining our brigade in any capacity, whether that is as an operational firefighter or helping with fundraising, catering, communications, equipment maintenance or other administrative duties, please contact us by, phone, email or our Facebook page.

Local Command Facility in Tallangatta

Our partners in the Tallangatta CFA Group of District 24, are looking for any interested community members to join the Local Command Facility. You do not have to be a brigade member – all are welcome. This facility swings into action if there is a significant fire and assists firefighting through communicating messages effectively between firefighting units, help with maps, taking messages and making phone calls etc to organise resources whether that is food, drinks, ice, water for firefighting etc. The commitment is minimal: a small amount of training is available and you will be working with professionals who are well drilled in Local Command Facility work. If you are interested in this role, please let us know by phone, email or our Facebook page.

Granya Get Together and Familiarisation day

Finally, we encourage all community members and brigade members to attend the Granya Get Together and Familiarisation Day on 9 September at 10.30 at the Granya Fire shed. Members from the Granya, Bethanga and Talgarno brigades will be in attendance as will various tankers, vehicles and pumps. Please come along, meet the brigade members, have a look around at the tankers and enjoy lunch, courtesy of the Tallangatta CFA Group.

*Peter Star, Captain, 0429 436 347
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Contact

Scott Coates 0457 464 647

Email: Administrator@humeboatclub.com

The Hume Boat Club Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hume Boat Club On Tuesday 18th of September 2018 at 7pm

All new and old members welcome.

We are seeking active committee members

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Welcome to spring and the tennis season! The Talgarno Tennis Club is organising teams to participate in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association this coming season, commencing mid-October.

For those unfamiliar with the association, there are four sections. Sections 1 and 2 are our higher grades and play

from 1pm on Saturdays or from 6:30pm on Friday nights, consisting of Men's/Woman's doubles and mixed doubles. Section 3 and 4 are for the juniors, and are played 9am Saturday mornings.

Talgarno Tennis Club is holding its AGM on Sunday 16 September 5pm at the Talgarno Hall to elect office bearers for the season and organise various fundraising activities. We would love to hear from any new or existing players that would be keen to participate this year. If you are keen to play but unable to attend the AGM, please let Jarrod or Jill know prior to the meeting so we can organise numbers and teams. We welcome any new players, regardless of your experience or ability.

We are also looking at junior coaching for the second half of term 3 and term 4. At this stage it will be on Monday afternoons from 4pm, commencing 27 August. The cost will depend on numbers (usually around \$10-12/child/session). For more information or to book a spot, please contact Jill.

Cheers

*Jarrod Stephenson Ph. 0417228445
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Jill Pearson Ph. 0412042090
email: jillymaree@hotmail.com*

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To contact us email
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BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

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

Although you would expect that horse ownership is a basic requisite to be a Pony Club member, the club is fortunate enough to have extra horses brought along by existing members and committee members to give those members without a horse, an opportunity to participate. Horse activities to date have included a trail ride, ground skill lessons, riding at the walk, trot and canter, sporting (such as barrel racing) and obstacle courses. One rainy day, members even did some indoor class work and getting to understand their horses and how they move.

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

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

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

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

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

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

The "Christmas in July" function was held on 1 July at Bellbridge Community Centre. About 40 elderly residents from the peninsula region attended the function organised by the Rotary Club. They were treated to a two-course lunch with beverages, sing-a-long and friendship. John Parry provided the entertainment.

The Lake Hume Fishing Classic

The Lake Hume Fishing Classic will be held on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 October 2019 at the Lake Hume Tourist Park. Registrations can be made at

www.lakehumeclassic.com.au or register on-site on Friday 12 October from 4.00 pm until 8.30pm and Saturday 13 October from 5.00am until 11.00am.

Fishing commences at 6.30am on Saturday morning and concludes at 10.30am on Sunday morning. Meals will be provided on Saturday night and Sunday lunchtime. Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks will also be available. Random/spot prize draws

will be conducted at 8.00pm on Saturday evening. Further details are available at the website or contact a Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotarian.

Christmas Carols will again be held at the Lake Hume Boat Club, Bellbridge, on Sunday 2 December, commencing at 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance as well as the choir singing Christmas carols. Drinks and sausages will also be available.

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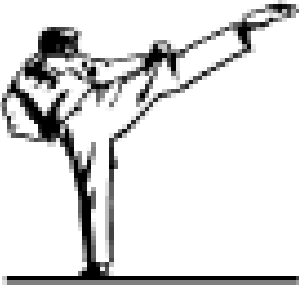
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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Great news a start has been made on the Talgarno Wayside Stop upgrade with tree lopping and a general cleanup, under the funding for the "Great River Road Project." The wayside stop will also have a new picnic table which is

being built. The end result will be a much tidier and open friendly site for passersby and locals to enjoy.

Our Landcare group has purchased new laser cut steel Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare signs to replace all the old wooden Landcare signs on all the major roads coming into the area. They will be erected as soon as time permits.

Most of the trees died (due to seasonal conditions) that were planted during 2017 at the de Hennin's Talgarno property by the Talgarno Primary School students. These have now been replaced, hopefully with better success.

At the last round of funding Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare received some funding for tree planting and fencing projects. If any member has future project plans, and would like to be considered for financial assistance please let Simon Feillafe, Greg Hayes, Hugh Dunchue or Jim de Hennin know.

The funding program through Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare for wild dog baits that was sponsored by Australian Wool Innovations (AWI) has now finished.

Thanks to Rhonda Sinclair, Hugh Dunchue and Peter Star for managing this. This has been a very successful program and for any further information please call Peter Star.

The Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group (M2MBAG) has continued to be very active. The group now has 144 members and has mapped 177 properties covering an area of 36,000 hectares. If you would like to be part of this voluntary program please call Jim de Hennin (0408978847) or the Project Officer Paula Sheehan (0407873396)

M2MBAG has also received funding (\$4,000) from North East CMA to make a video about biological control in blackberries. The filming has been done and now the edit process is in progress. It is hoped this video will attract funding for further research and make all levels of government aware of the problems associated with blackberries.

Save the date The next Landcare meeting is scheduled for October 24th to discuss biological controls, plant identification and to look at photos of the creatures using our nesting boxes. More detail closer to the time

Jim de Hennin

President

Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Bethanga Landcare Group

An active few months for the Bethanga Landcare Group (BLG) have delivered several further enhancements to our local community and environment. Here are some of the highlights.

This year's tree giveaway on Saturday 26th May was a great success with 1,300 trees and shrubs finding new homes across our district. Our Secretary, Susanne Watkins, used online mapping to capture the nominated planting areas for future reference and planning. This year the tree giveaway was also a promotional drive for new members and we are pleased to report that thirteen new couples joined BLG as a result. This brings our total current membership to 67. Importantly a significant majority of these new members also bring new young families to our area. It is marvellous to see younger members joining BLG.

Thanks to everyone for another successful National Tree Day at the Bethanga South Common on Sunday 29th July. BLG and community members braved the cold, wet, windy conditions to plant 500 trees adjacent to the lookout and in a previous tree planting site above the

lookout. Roger Barrows supervised an energetic group of Scots school students who again made the trip out to Bethanga to help with the planting. Driving over the Kurrajong Gap into Bethanga over coming years you will observe the many small white tree guards morph into trees and shrubs.

On Friday 3rd August BLG supported Bethanga Primary



School in participating in another School Tree Day, Planet Ark's "School Tree Day", this time at Bethanga Recreation Reserve. After a de-brief from Matt Gill, 25 students took to the task with enthusiasm, planting 100 trees and shrubs in the area above the old stand, extending a previous tree planting area and replacing weeds and non-native plants. A fantastic day was had by all, and the children will see their trees grow over the coming years, providing habitat for woodland birds and other wildlife. BLG has also provided the Kindergarten/ Childcare at Bellbridge with 20 shrubs for kids to take home and plant.

Stay tuned for the upcoming BLG Field Day planned for September. This event will be focussed on weed identification and how to battle your summer weeds. The day will feature a mystery expert guest speaker with refreshments plus barbeque on offer. Check out the BLG Facebook page over coming weeks for more details on this event.

This year's BLG "Yellow Wheelbarrow Raffle" will be drawn Saturday 29th September at the Bethanga Pub. The prize is a yellow wheelbarrow filled with a range of goodies and handy items. Please buy some tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5, thereby supporting BLG's local initiatives. Tickets are available from the Pub, the local shop, or by emailing bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com.

As the saying goes, if you want something done, ask the busiest person, and it will be done in a flash. Over the past four years this has been our immediate past president, Roger Barrows. Roger has been the invigorating engine of the BLG, leading it through energetic participation, culminating in great achievements. Our sincere thanks go to Roger for his considerable contribution and excellent stewardship at the helm.

This year's BLG Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 29th May. Office of Environment and Heritage Matt Cameron's presentation "Local Area Management Plan", using the Burrumbuttock Squirrel Gliders as an example, was excellent, informative and an eye opener. By considering the requirements of their selected focus species, the squirrel glider, they were better able to plan and implement environmental requirements e.g. tree spacing and local region corridor requirements. Matt's presentation has inspired the BLG to consider this style of approach for our local area management planning.

We look forward to seeing you at a future BLG event soon.

Neville Bell, President

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Bethanga Primary School

School Values



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We finished off winter on a high with lots of in school and extra curricula activities. At the end of term the students cooked in their Indonesian lessons. "Today in Indonesian, we cooked lunch. We made spring rolls and rice noodles. There were veggies and chicken in the spring rolls – they were delicious! Thank you Ibu Tuti, Daniel's Dad (Adam Richardson) and Annie's Mum (Kate Singline) for helping us." (Shared writing by F-2 students.)



Students in 3-6 had a terrific (slightly frost-bitten!) day participating in the Wodonga District Winter School Sports Carnival. We combined with Talgarno and Barry to field four teams across three sports – netball, tee-ball and footy. There were wins, losses, draws and a lot of fun had by all. The students had an opportunity to complete 4 sessions at Flyaway Gymnastics. Although many students were apprehensive at the start – gymnastics was a hit! Students participated in a variety of activities challenging their balance, co-ordination and core strength.



Our 3/4 students went on camp to 15 Mile Creek. This camp is such an amazing experience for all students – the facilities are second to none with a strong focus on the environment and sustainability

Our students were certainly challenged! They rode mountain bikes up and down steep bush tracks, conquered rock climbing walls, flying foxes, canoeing and much, much more!



On Friday, the whole school walked down to the Rec Reserve to join with Bethanga Landcare to plant out an area as part of a rejuvenation project for National Tree Planting Day. Matt from Landcare was very informative educating us about the wildlife in the area and the impact these new trees would have on the environment. Thank you to Susanne Watkins who coordinated the day



Our 'Kids Café' was a great success! Thank you to Robin and Kate for preparing lunches. It was so lovely to have the whole school sit together in mixed ages and enjoy lunch! Students stepped out of their comfort zone and tried new things including drinks and yoghurts from Albury/Wodonga Foodshare. Kids Café will occur every Friday.



Book Week Monday 20th – Friday 24th August- We held lots of activities for book week starting with Books and Breakfast, Book scavenger hunt, Buddies and Books, Books before bedtime and culminating in a dress up day (as their favourite book character).



Up-coming events-

5th September- Dental Van at School

12th September- TPS Cultural Performance

18th September- CURRICULUM DAY- No school for students

23rd September- Bunnings BBQ Wodonga





What a busy start to term 3! In July we attended the Winter Sports Day Carnival, where we teamed up with Bethanga and Barnawartha Primary Schools to participate in AFL, netball and T-Ball. The day definitely lived up to its name (Winter sports carnival) as the weather was absolutely freezing! The students did a great job participating in the icy cold conditions without a care in the world. We look forward to participating again next year, and with a bit of luck we may be able to field our very own TPS netball team!

We have recently had two great excursions to Granya. Earlier in the term, we spent a day exploring the local area at Cotton Tree Creek. We made damper with Leigh and listened to Kelton the Park Ranger, share his expertise about local flora and fauna. We ended up at the old Granya School looking at the museum. Then in August we attended the Granya Phone Tower Opening. The students were greeted off the bus by our own MP Cathy McGowan. She was delighted to see all the smiling children calling her name! The Telstra Tower Blackspot program has been in place over the last few years. Granya was one of the first areas to be named for a tower to go up, however it was one of the last to be rolled out. There was a wonderful turn out at the official opening with the students enjoying many home cooked treats!

Important Dates:

Father's Day Stall - 31 Aug
 TPS visit to Kinder - 5 Sep
 Kinder visit to TPS - 12 Sep
 Paver fundraiser ends - 21 Sep
 Trivia night— 19 Oct
 Foundation Transition Days commence - 20 Nov
 Mudpoo performance - 13 Dec
 Coffee morn— every 2nd Thurs
 Cooking- Fridays
 Indonesian- Thursdays

Welcome Etta

Lives in : Granya
 Year: One
 Favourite Food: Watermelon
 Favourite drink: Lemonade
 Favourite Subject: Music
 Best thing about TPS: Everything
 When I grow up I want to: be in the circus and travel the world.



Welcome Sophie

Lives in : Talgarno
 Year: Three
 Favourite Food: Oranges
 Favourite drink: Orange juice
 Favourite Subject: Everything
 Best thing about TPS: Everything



When I grow up I want to: be a scientist and make my own oranges

Fundraising News



We've had a fantastic time of late spending up all the wonderful fundraising money we have collected during the year. With the money raised from the Melons (thanks to the Star family \$1100), Zane Filby winning the North East Water project (\$1000), the Mother's Day High Tea (\$2700) we were able to purchase 7 new laptops, one new desk top and 3 new iPads. We wouldn't have been able to purchase all this without the support of our wonderful community.

This term we are having a Paver Fundraiser. Community members, past and present students/families and businesses can purchase up to 4 pavers, which will be proudly displayed at our school entrance. Please contact the school if you're interesting in purchasing a paver. We will be having an official unveiling of the pavers in term 4.

Our trivia night is back by popular demand! It will be held at the School on Fri 19 Oct. More details to follow. Please contact the school if you'd like to book a table.

Funds raised from both the Pavers and Trivia night, will go towards creating an undercover BBQ area.

Year 3/4 Camp—15 Mile Creek

On Tuesday 24th July, the 3/4's went to 15 Mile Creek. At camp, Brooke and Sophie were in group 1. I was in group 2. On the night walk, group 2 saw a Tawny Frog Mouth. It was camouflaged and hard to spot. Pete asked if we knew what it was? I said "No". We also saw a lot of kangaroos. In the Gull room there was a statue of a Tawny Frog Mouth. Every night we read a book called 'The Children were afraid of the Dark'.

By Alex

Term 3 'Sporting School Funding'

Sport is: Gymnastics



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