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# Berringa Community News

## Summer 2015

*News and views from the residents of Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno*  
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## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethanga and District Rural Fire Brigade

On Sunday 27 September 2015, the Bethanga Brigade celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its' affiliation with the Country Fire Authority, and coincidentally, the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Bethanga Bush Fire Brigade. The function was held at the Bethanga Soldiers' Memorial Hall and was attended by a large number of Brigade members and their Families.

The President, Jim Jefferies, opened proceedings at 2pm by welcoming Councillor Aaron Scales, Deputy Mayor of Towong Shire, and District 24 Operations Officer Mark Owens from Wodonga. Other distinguished visitors included Tallangatta Group Officer Max Wood, Deputy Group Officer (Retd) Graeme Redman, and Talgarno Brigade Captain Peter Star.

Ron Evans, in the role of Brigade historian, presented an interesting anecdotal account of the Brigade's formation and its early activities which was enlivened by his reference to many of our predecessors. This talk set the scene for the rest of the afternoon.

Councillor Aaron Scales spoke to the assembly on the importance of volunteerism within the rural communities, and stressed the essential nature of the

CFA Brigades within the Shire.

Operations Officer Mark Owens outlined the changed nature of the new CFA Service Awards which now recognise Active and Efficient Service.

A total of 61 Awards were presented to Brigade members, ranging from 5 year certificates to a medal and 70 year clasp to Leo Packer.

Councillor Aaron Scales presented Certificates of Appreciation to Robin Nielsen and Mary Northey, and a certificate of Brigade Life Membership to ex- Captain Bob Martin. Aaron then commended John Northey for his extensive and valuable Brigade and Community work.

John Northey thanked Councillor Aaron Scales, Mark Owens and the other visitors for attending. Jim Jefferies asked members Leo Packer (70 years), and Sarah Jones (40 days) to cut the birthday cake, and that concluded the formalities.

All the members moved outside for photographs and this was followed by a pleasant sociable afternoon tea.



*Brigade members pose with their Awards.*

# 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](mailto:info@berringacommunitynews.com.au) or post/drop in to 341 Wisers Creek Road, Talgarno.

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70 year life member Leo Packer shares a moment with Mel Naismith at the afternoon tea at the Bethanga CFA Anniversary

## Berringa Community Centre Open for Business

If you have attended the Berringa Community Centre recently you will have noticed the renovations to the Centre – double glass doors installed at the east end, childrens' hand basin and toilets at the south end, child protection fencing and tasteful landscaping outdoors. The renovations have made the Centre a most attractive venue for community events for all age groups.

However, at the most recent Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting and Christmas dinner held at the Berringa Community Centre concern was expressed in regard to the availability of the facility for community functions and/or meetings. The secretary of Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch was asked to write to the CEO of Towong Shire seeking clarification of the usage and availability of the Centre for community functions and/or meetings.

The following information has been the response provided from the Shire office.

*Peninsula community groups are encouraged to make use of the Berringa Community Centre as a local venue for meetings and events.*

*"We wish to assure any who may be concerned that the Berringa Community*

*Centre is certainly available for bookings from community groups," said Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor.*

*"To address a key priority identified for families in the Peninsula area, the recent works at the Centre have focused on kindergarten and childcare requirements," explained Cr Wortmann. "However the Centre is still an attractive venue that is available to the wider community," he said.*

*With just a handful of bookings made over the past four years for the Berringa Community Centre, Council supports increased use of this valuable community asset by all members of the broader Peninsula community, including families with young children, community groups and other community members. Bookings can be made by contacting Council on 02 6071 5100.*

It is pleasing that the use of the Berringa Community Centre has been increased with kindergarten and young children sessions. There are many community groups in the Peninsula area, so when possible we should maximise the use of this valuable facility.

Julie de Hennin



# NBN? Yes but maybe not .....

At the Towong Shire Council meeting on 8 September the NBN tower proposal for Bethanga was considered. There were a total of 12 objections from 16 people. The grounds for objection were summarised as follows:

- Health concerns relating to electromagnetic energy emissions
- Insufficient community consultation
- The disturbance of views and vistas
- The tower will be too high
- The land owner does not live on the property where the tower will be sited
- Adequate internet connection already exists
- The potential impact on property values;
- Aboriginal cultural heritage concerns
- Spoiling the rural atmosphere
- Better uses for the money to be spent
- The proximity of the tower to the School
- The tower will increase insurance premiums
- Miscommunication in the town, some residents think it is a tower for mobile phone coverage
- Future moral regrets and legal litigation on the people considering the application
- The health risk to livestock
- The tower will be a blight on the landscape
- Other solutions are available.

A petition with 14 signatures objecting to the application was also submitted to Council. Council also received a petition and several letters of support in favour of the proposal. A total number of 107 people signed the petition in favour, asking Council to grant a permit.

Other correspondence received included 17 letters of support from 22 people. The grounds for support were as follows:

- The effect on the landscape will be minimal
- Access to high speed internet is a requirement in the 21st Century
- The beneficial effect to quality of life
- Current access to the internet is inadequate
- The landscape won't lose its rural charm
- Property prices will appreciate with the new access to high speed internet
- People will be enabled to work remotely or from home, thus increasing the economic capability of the area
- The electromagnetic energy that will be emitted is well below the allowed limits
- A tower is the most cost effective means by which to provide access to high speed internet
- Children are unable to do homework with current speeds being too slow for internet based programs
- Opponents to the tower are far outnumbered by the silent majority who want the NBN
- Tech savvy people will move into the Shire.

Council considered all the matters required under section 60 of the Planning and Environment act 1987 and granted a permit under the relevant provisions

of the Towong Planning Scheme with the following conditions:

- The power route must be carried out in accordance with the approved endorsed plans.
- The external finishes of the tower and associated buildings and structures, including fences, must be in nonreflective neutral "earthy" tones and colours
- A planted landscape screen must be established around the perimeter of the approved compound area. The landscaping must be maintained for the life of the approved use and development.
- The monitoring of electromagnetic emissions by the applicant with the results provided to council on a twice yearly basis for the first three years of the operation of the facility.

*The above was summarised from Minutes of Towong Shire Council meeting on 8 September*

After the meeting the Better Broadband for Bethanga group appealed the decision to VCAT (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal)

Nik Palmer representing the Better Broadband for Bethanga issued the following Statement to Berringa Community News

*As many are aware there was a decision to grant the planning application for an NBN tower in Bethanga. As a group of original objectors, we have decided to appeal this decision to VCAT. The initial hearing is set for April 2016.*

*The ALP have committed to reinstating their original plan of Fibre to the Premises should they be elected at the next Federal Election, which is a better solution for Bethanga. So even if the tower is granted a permit, the government might change the NBN plans again.*

*It's my opinion that the community have been deliberately misinformed about the potential benefits of this tower and its impact on the town and this will form part of our appeal at VCAT.*

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*Julie Miller*



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Congratulations to Rhiannon and Jay on completing their VCE.

Thanks to the musicians for their ongoing support.

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# Nadja's Natter

This is my first foray into writing something for this newsletter, so I hope you'll enjoy my musings. Let me start by introducing myself, I'm Nadja, I live locally in Bethanga and I am very passionate about dressmaking.

Some of you may already know of me as a regular advertiser in this newsletter. Some of you have come to know me by becoming a valued customer. For those that don't know me, I specialise in making vintage clothing, particularly the 1950's era, but can make almost anything from historical costumes to bridal and evening wear.

My daughter, who is a bit of a drama queen, always has a themed birthday party every year. Her birthday falls just at Halloween, you can imagine some of the themes I've had to make costumes for! We've had Witches and Wizards, Legends of Rock, Fantasies and Fairytales, Zombies and Survivors, Stars of the Silver Screen and the Hens' Party to end all hen parties where the costumes were Moulin Rouge girls. I loved making them all. As these were for my daughter, who is now almost 29 (and I still can't say NO to her), I had to attend all of them in costume with my husband who complained bitterly, that he didn't want to go. Thankfully, she's now relocating to Perth for a job promotion, so no more parties, yay!

Vintage fashion, as you know, has made a huge comeback. Personally I think every woman should wear what they want for whatever occasion. This could be anything from that little black dress you've had for years and buried at the back of your wardrobe, but still feels like a million dollars when you wear it. Or that new designer dress you have miraculously found in an Op shop and spent \$10 on. It doesn't matter, if the clothes make you feel good, they will look good on you. It's all about confidence in yourself.

Most of us, sadly, are unhappy with the way we look. Magazines, TV and movies portray women to be glamorous, make-up perfect and stick insect thin. In the real world, thankfully, we aren't made that way. Those of us with curves should be proud to showcase our figures wearing something that flatters our shape and personality, but not necessarily highly expensive. Like me, probably many of you have spent a good many years making many fashion mistakes. Coming home at the end of a day footsore and frustrated with something you've bought on impulse, which you've known in your heart of hearts is either too short, too tight, the wrong



colour or totally inappropriate for the occasion. I could go on, but we've all been there, haven't we?

That's why I particularly love the 1950's styles. If you're thin, they make you look curvy (where there are little or no curves), or they hide a pear shape beneath a flounced skirt, creating the illusion of evenness of shape. That's what I love about what I do. Like any artist, I see a piece of material and in my mind's eye can create a dress, where others may just see a bolt of cloth.

I am originally from South East England, but for the last 10 years have made my home here in Australia. When I first arrived in Albury in 2005, there was very little choice for someone like me who had been used to strolling into Marks & Spencers, Debenhams, House of Fraser and my absolute favourite, Wallis. I was devastated when I got here to find Millers and Myers and nothing in between. I could buy jeans and T shirts of course, but anything with a bit more style and panache, forget it. Sheer desperation drove me to make some of my own clothes. I was taught by my mother, a Couture Dressmaker, the basics of sewing, although at the time, aged 18, I really was not interested and had better things to do. Through a lifetime of observing her create garments from scratch to masterpieces of satin and tulle wedding gowns and evening wear, something must have rubbed off and deeply buried at the back of my mind, this knowledge lay dormant until needed. Sewing became an obsession and I still get a thrill when making a dress for a new customer and seeing the joy on their faces when they put on the garment for the first time and realise the image they've carried in their head has magically come to life before them.

So all those ladies out there who want to capture the fun, femininity and sophistication of another era, or you want a special outfit or costume for a party, contact me and I will create a one of a kind design specifically for you.

Nadja Hughes

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# Bec's Banter

Rebecca Chettleburgh has experience and qualifications in the area of no-dig and permaculture gardening, and an interest in controlling environmental pests. She has generously agreed to be a regular columnist and adviser. If you have any questions or want information about gardening pests, problems and solutions email Rebecca at [info@berringacommunitynews.com.au](mailto:info@berringacommunitynews.com.au) or call her on 6026 4033



There is still time to get 'mulching'. It's so important to try and keep as much moisture as you can in the soil and the soil profile is drying out quickly already. Pea straw, lucerne, other straws, compost, sugar cane mulch etc are all great, but a mix of a couple of them make a more nutritious mulch and soil feeder and conditioner all in one. Giving your plants a good bucket or two of liquid fertiliser like Charlie Carp, fish emulsions, or any organic combination before mulching is even better.

Another fantastic way to feed your plants quickly as well as adding another ingredient to your mulch/fertiliser, is by making your own compost/herb teas for your garden.

Things to put in your compost tea-

- Chopped Comfrey leaves (I have some if you would like some)
- Yarrow
- Weeds- fleshy thistles, chickweed, stinging nettle, and heaps more (heaps more on Google)
- Different manures (make a hessian tea bag to put it in)
- Your own fantastic compost (hessian tea bag). If it's a great compost full of a diversity of ingredients, this is fabby on its own in a hessian tea bag
- Worm castings (in a hessian tea bag)
- You could add a splash of an organic liquid fertiliser
- Any mix or just one or two of these combinations can make a fabulous liquid addition for your soil and garden, keeping in mind this would be in conjunction with other fertilising methods throughout the year.

Put what ingredients you have in a large barrel, plastic garbage bin or similar, place in a spot that might get some arvo shade, fill it with water, throw everything in, put a VERY firm lid on (I will explain) and then 'wait' about 2 weeks, then 'voila' Compost Tea.

Dilute with water to a nice tea colour, then water in around the base and drip line of your plants. Make a weaker solution for seedlings.

WARNING. - This is probably the most revolting smelling, sometimes bubbling mixture you may ever make. But, it's amazing for your plants. So, perhaps keep it away from the

house and be prepared....

I suggest some Googling as there is some great info out there on reputable websites.

Now I have to go and make another batch tomorrow, I'm inspired ... may need a peg!

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of bias perhaps, but they are  
looking fabulous, full of fruit,  
and well, I just love 'em' ..



Don't forget to plant something tomorrow - just cause you can

Bec

PS  
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# Prospects for the Season Ahead

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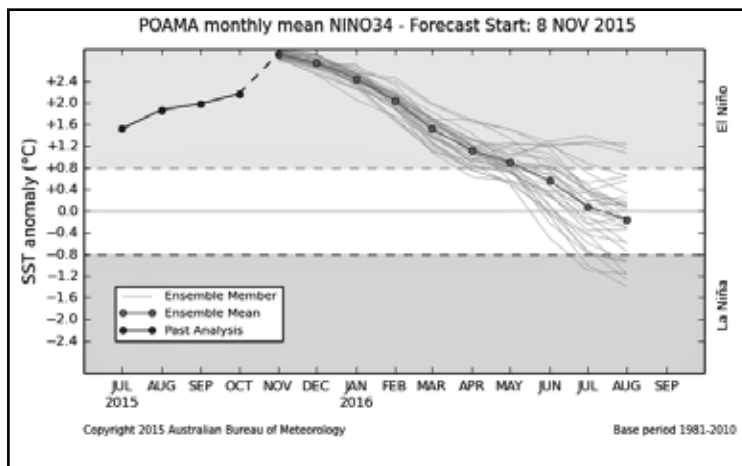


## Rainfall Round-up

The spring rainfall (August to end October) was 140 mm, a well below average (205 mm). The rainfall for August (94 mm) was well above average, September was half the average and October less than 25% of average. The period from September 4 to October 31 was exceptionally dry with only 13 mm of rain and this turned what looked like being a great spring into a really poor one.

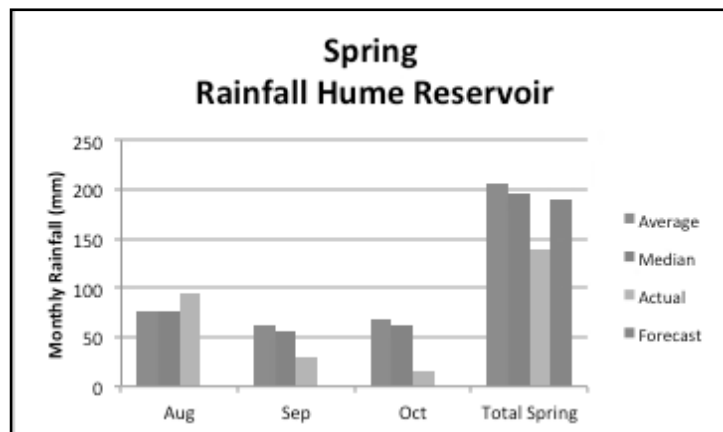
The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecast for winter was again optimistic for our district - BOM suggested rainfall would be about 190 mm and we received 140 mm. The big driver of the dry seems to have been the turnaround in the Indian Ocean with the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) moving sharply into a positive state that reinforced the already strongly negative El Niño. BOM did warn us that this was a possibility but I guess we all discounted it given the good soil moisture levels going into August.

the very low levels it reached in late October so there is currently good pasture growth on the lower country and summer grasses on the hills are responding well. The big question will be (as always) when we get a reasonable autumn break. The long range Predictive



Ocean Atmosphere Model for Australia (POAMA) that BOM uses to predict central Pacific Ocean surface temperatures which drive the Southern Ocean Index (SOI) suggest it may be May before we are out of the full effect of the El Niño. Let's hope that this is not the case and that we get an early autumn break but it may be worth at least preparing for the possibility.

Greg Hayes



## Prospects for Summer (November to end January)

The El Niño has been established for six months and has been very strong, comparable to 1997/98 and 1982/83. It is expected to peak before the end of the year and then decline in 2016. The Indian Ocean remains very warm (hottest on record) creating the positive Indian Ocean Dipole that has reinforced the El Niño to give us our dry spring. The positive IOD normally breaks down in November as the monsoon season begins in the north, so this summer, our weather will be influenced mainly by the decaying but still strong El Niño and the warm Indian Ocean.

BOM expect the rainfall over the next three months will be below average in our district with only a 35-40% chance of exceeding the median rainfall of 159 mm. The recent rain has topped up the soil moisture from

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- \* time of meeting
- \* duration of meeting
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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.

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For further information please contact Sharon Star 6072 9566 or Toni Hodgkin 6072 0339.

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Berringa Community Centre

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# Granya Social Connections Project

The Social Connections Project in Granya was a huge success! Our project worker, Sharon Star, consulted with approximately 40 Granya residents and many key points were identified.

**Social Isolation** was the topic of many of our discussions. From this it was identified that there was a group of people keen to learn about Mental Health First Aid. This course is an Australian designed course that now goes around the world! Kate Wheeler, from Corryong, was our trainer and she offered our group an insight into Mental Illness, especially in rural areas. The feedback from attendees at this course was very positive about how it provided detailed insight into Mental Illness, Treatment and Recovery. If you, or anyone you know, is suffering from Mental Illness, please call Lifeline on 13 1114.



## *Social Event - Beechworth Bus Trip*

During community consultation, discussions often indicated that many Granya Residents were keen to go on a bus trip to a nearby local town for a lovely lunch and good times. The group decided to go to Beechworth where we explored Woolshed Falls, Bridge Road Brewery and Beechworth Honey. This was a highlight of our project and we look forward to holding similar events in 2016. So watch this space!

## *Newly Formed Granya Social Club*

Granya has now formed a Social Club, with many good times to come! The Social Club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at the Granya Museum for a get-

together and lunch. We are also looking to have other social events throughout 2016! If you have any ideas or would like to attend, please phone Enid 6072 9534, Val 6072 9254 or Maz on 6072 9255.

### EVENT 1

#### **Education and Training**

Mental Health First Aid

### EVENT 2

#### **Social Outing**

Beechworth Bus Trip



## In Memoriam

**Bronwen (Brony) Levings** died peacefully in her sleep on 24<sup>th</sup> November, aged 66, after a courageous battle with cancer. She will be hugely missed by her soul mate and husband, Peter, their daughters and extended family, and long term friends Joy and Henry. Although Brony and Peter have only resided three years in Talgarno, they very quickly and easily became loved members of the Wises Creek community, participating wholeheartedly in their warm and friendly style. Brony will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

## Babies

Scott & Rebecca **Redman** are pleased to announce the birth of **Isaac Eric** on October 11.

## Wedding Congratulations

**Tynan Jervois** and **Brianna Younger** were married at "Kelso Park", Talgarno on Friday 20 November. Tynan is the youngest son of Sally Myer and stepson of Ash Myer



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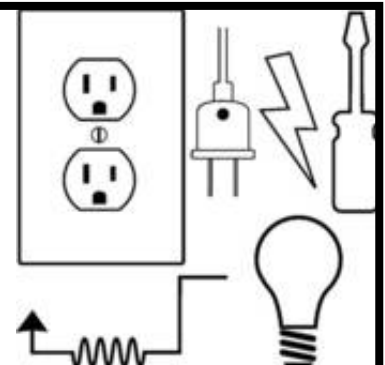
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Summer of 2015-2016

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Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 6026 4323

Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 6020 1144



### AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Season greetings and best wishes for the coming festive season from your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch. Please remember over the summer time we have many visitors to the area so please look out for each other in the heat, on the water, on the roads etc. and if you do see something untoward please call our Policeman Nev Barrow or Crime Stoppers. As Nev often reminds us all; that something small may help solve an issue or matter of concern; so please remember to report an incident immediately. Please have as many details as possible about an incident - What time? Colour/Make of the vehicle? Where? Car, Truck, Tractor, Trailer, Bicycle, Boat? Male or female? Number of persons? and so on. Please remember it is not our job to ask questions of those we may be concerned about. That is the job of the Police so let them know.

Now is a good time to reflect on the past year and it is with much pride that I reflect on our Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch and realise how well we have worked toward **Creating Safer Communities**. For this I thank you for your contributions. Our recently held Christmas Community Meeting and Dinner, with guest speaker Sue Reid from Tallangatta Health was a great night of celebration of the year's achievements. Thanks to those of you who were able to attend and special thanks to Sue for her timely reminder to eat sensibly over the Christmas period and to keep active. Sue also reminded us to look out for each other; especially those who live alone, the elderly or persons with a disability by calling in for a short chat or phoning.

I look forward to catching up with you next year. If you have any ideas, feedback or information you would like to share about your PNHW, please come to a meeting or give me a call.

Wishing you, your family, friends and neighbours a Safe, Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2016.

**Ross W Mitchell,**

**Area Co-ordinator – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch.**

**Mobile - 0418 215 076.**

*....FOR YOUR DIARY....*

### Community Meeting Dates for 2016

#### February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Granya Hall –

Community Meeting – The Guest Speaker will be a member of our local CERT Team who will show you how to **operate a defibrillator** and explain what **to do in the event of a snake bite**.

*This meeting should not be missed.*

#### May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Bethanga Hall –

Community Meeting

#### August 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Talgarno Primary

School – Community Meeting and AGM

#### November 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Community

Centre, Bellbridge – Community Meeting and Christmas dinner

Hope to see you at one or all of these community meetings and please invite your neighbour or friends to come too.

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## POLICE CRIME REPORT

### August, September & October 2015

\*Report Date 04/08/15

#### **Theft, Flagstaff Rd, Bethanga.**

Between 4.30pm 31/07/15 & 7.00am 03/08/15. Theft of building supplies from new home under construction. Value \$1,400.00. Nil suspects.

\*Report Date 28/08/15

#### **Theft, Dwyer Crescent, Bellbridge.**

Between 7.00pm 27/08/15 & 7.00am 28/08/15 Theft of portable radios & other items from unlocked motor vehicle parked in street. Value \$300.00. Nil suspects.

\*Report Date 13/09/15

#### **Criminal Damage by Fire, Merkel's Reserve, Murray River Rd, Talgarno.**

Between 9.30pm 11/09/15 & 6.30pm 13/09/15 NSW stolen vehicle burnt out. Value \$5,000.00. Nil suspects.

\*Report Date 23/09/15

#### **Dog Attack Animal, Murray River Rd, Talgarno.**

At 4.30pm 19/09/15 an unregistered dog enters a farming property and attacks 5 lambs causing death. Value \$500.00. Accused person interviewed. Summons pending.

\*Report Date 29/09/15

#### **Fire Report, Talgarno Gap Rd, Talgarno.**

At 12.30am 29/09/15. Vehicle possibly hooning at intersection of Murray River Rd & Talgarno Gap Rd when front tyres delaminated causing under bonnet fire destroying vehicle. Offenders decamped. Vehicle not stolen. Unable to locate current owner. Value \$800.00. Nil suspects.

#### **Regards,**

**Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254  
Bethanga Police Station |**

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**Peninsula Neighbourhood wishes you, your family, your friends and neighbours a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016 and invite you to help us in our task of 'Creating Safer Communities' by becoming a Neighbourhood Watch helper and supporter.**

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- The call taker will ask "Where is your emergency?" Followed by "What is your emergency?"  
**These are the two most important pieces of information you can give the call taker.**
- ESTA's call taker's first goal is to get the address verified as soon as possible so that emergency services can be dispatched quickly.
- To confirm the location, ESTA's call taker will always ask where the nearest cross-street or intersection is. There are many streets in Victoria with the same name and many similar sounding suburbs, so this verification is important to get emergency services to the correct place.
- ESTA may continue to ask relevant questions and while doing so, an ESTA dispatcher is signalled via the computer aided system with the details which are then used to dispatch the police, fire or ambulance services. Any additional information you provide, the call taker will pass on to the already dispatched emergency service.

*Each year there are thousands of nuisance and hoax calls to Triple 000/112. This type of call is a serious offence and may result in delayed response to someone in a real emergency situation. People making falsified and mischievous or hoax calls are prosecutable and can face gaol sentences.*

## Thinking about Volunteering

The Berringa Community News team was sorry to hear that the Bethanga Action Group and the Talgarno and District CWA have decided to call it a day. Neither group has been able to attract new members to keep the groups alive.

You only need to look at the Clubs and Groups section of the Berringa Community News to see how dependent our community is on volunteers to provide services, amenities and social activities that build a safer and resilient community.

As a committee member of several volunteer organisations I see how difficult it is to attract new members particularly to become involved in committees or in ongoing regular activities.

This is borne out by new ABS data that shows volunteering rates in Australia are declining for the first time in almost 20 years with 75 per cent of people surveyed saying they feel too rushed or pressed for time.

The report shows that in 2014, 31 per cent of Australians volunteered compared to 36 per cent just four years ago. The fall in volunteering mirrors a decline in community participation across the board generally, including sport and participation in special interest groups, such as politics and professional associations.

In rural communities we have an image of volunteering involving older community members but across Australia the highest rates of volunteering were for young people aged 15-17 years (42 per cent), those aged 35-44 years (39 per cent) and older people aged 65-74 years (35 per cent). Couples with children are more likely to have volunteered in the last 12 months (38 per cent) than couples without children (29 per cent) or people living alone (25 per cent). Given that the most common type of organisations that people volunteer for are sports and physical recreation organisations (31 per cent) this is not surprising.

It seems to be the norm in small communities that the same people are involved in a number of committees. In the last 20 years the number of people volunteering has increased but for less time than in the past. In 2014 Australians averaged 128 hours per volunteer in the last 12 months but almost 20 per cent of volunteers performed more than 200 hours of volunteering throughout the year.

The most commonly reported reasons for volunteering are to help others or the community (64 per cent), for personal satisfaction (57 per cent) or to do something.

As organisations we must come to terms with the changes in the community. This means that we must consider our structure, activities and relevance to the community. We may need to accept the ebb and flows in our activities and that when the community has a need that people will step up.

More importantly as residents we need be aware that it is the contribution of individuals that makes a community.

*Julie Miller*

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## Australia Day Award Nominations

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume is seeking nominations from the community for the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Organisation of the Year**

Nominations close on 18 December.  
Nomination Forms are available from the Bellbridge and Bethanga Stores or by contacting Rotarian Andrew Christy on 6026 4338.

## Thank you

For 8 years the owners of Davis Sanders Homes, Renee & Murray Pigdon, have generously helped us meet our quarterly printing costs of producing the Berringa Community News. They have moved from Bellbridge and have decided not to continue their support. We thank them for their long term support. Alan and Kerrie Stephenson recognised the financial gap that left for BCN and have paid for a page in each edition to advertise for supporters. (see page 4).

Sometimes we wonder whether the time we, as editors, and our contributors give to producing Berringa Community

News is worthwhile. We are grateful that the CWA has recognised our contribution through their kind praise and a donation of \$425.25.



*Julie Miller from Berringa News accepts the donation from CWA members Elizabeth Schmidt and Janet Coker-Godson*

We also thank the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume for their donation of \$123, the Bethanga Action Group for \$50 and the residents of Talgarno who attended the Talgarno CFA monthly BBQ in October and contributed \$250 as profits received and \$177.50 from the raffle.

## New BCN team members

A very warm welcome to the new members of the BCN team. Julie de Hennin, Jill Pearson, Sharon Star and Susanne Watkins have joined us and will be contributing to the quarterly production of this newsletter. Team members contribute to all aspects of the production, including news gathering, writing, collecting, editing, proof reading, layout, publishing and distributing. We hope the experience is as enjoyable and fulfilling for our new members as it has been for the existing team.

*Lea Casey*

# CLUBS AND GROUPS

## BERRINGA CERT

In an Emergency call 000



### CERT is 10 Years Old

Berringa CERT has been in existence for 10 years. It began in June 2005 with a group of people wanting to contribute to or “put something back” into the community. Fifteen people completed training in the first course. Carol Kiffen and Sandra Maloney are the only two who trained in this first group who are still members of the team. Over the 10 years 38 people have been members of the team with 27 of them resigning mainly because of changed work commitments. We currently have 11 in the team with the prospect of 4 new members commencing training in January.

The first CERT callout was on 14 October 2005. Since then we have attended 392 callouts.

Jacki Eckert was the first team leader with Julie Miller taking over in February 2013.

In the 10 years we have continued to evolve. We are now on our second car and we have added new skills, new equipment and new medications.

I would like to thank all those who have been part of the CERT team over the decade and the community for their ongoing support.

Team members give what time they can to CERT. There are team members who frequently give over 30 hours of their time per week to ensure our roster

is covered as much as possible. This is on top of time spent in their jobs and with their family and is above and beyond the call of duty. I would like to give them my heartfelt thanks, as without their extraordinary commitment, we would have folded long ago.

### Community Health and Wellbeing

The CERT Committee is interested in the health and wellbeing of the community and is looking at ways of improving community knowledge and skills. We want your feedback on what health/wellbeing issues you are interested in learning more about for example, mental health first aid, CPR, diabetes, basic first aid. We would work with local services to provide appropriate learning opportunities. Please contact me with your ideas.

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

## PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed 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 at 7pm.

The repairs to the old Furphy water cart are progressing well and should be finished by Christmas. The furphy will eventually be placed on display 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 CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season commenced in October

If you would like to contact the club please email [bethangacricket@gmail.com](mailto:bethangacricket@gmail.com) or come along to one of our training sessions.

*Marg Sirl, 6026 4504*

## BETHANGA ACTION GROUP

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achieved over the years and what we have put back into the community. We have fulfilled our purpose; however, unfortunately most members have retired and we do not now have enough members to continue on.

We would like to thank all in the community who have assisted us over the years. It has been well appreciated. Towong Shire Council have always been happy to take our comments on board and assist us when necessary and we thank them for their input.

Some of our members are still around the area and will continue to do voluntary work when required and also assist in the upkeep of the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall. So a big thank you to all involved and maybe in the near future we will have someone else interested, enthusiastic and ready to step up and start again.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holidays for those lucky enough to have the break over summer.

*Diana Schmidt  
Chairperson BAG Inc.*

## **BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE**

WOW what a busy and positive few months we've had at the Rec Reserve.

### **Bethanga Creek Regeneration**

Spring saw a lot of action at Bethanga Creek. The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, along with the support of the Country Fire Authority & Community Emergency Response Team, conducted a hazard reduction burn in the Bethanga Creek adjacent to the Recreation Reserve. The burn is an important step in a plan to regenerate the creek to a healthy,

functional creek. We are all immensely grateful for the support of the Bethanga community for all the effort put in during the preparation and delivery of the burn.

November also saw the first working bee of the 'Friends of Bethanga Creek' group. Over a few hours on a Sunday morning, a crew of 15 or so worked up a sweat stockpiling sticks, logs & rocks to make way for slashing. This aims to keep the grasses under control before summer and make the creek a safer and more enjoyable space to visit. We aim to host a working bee every other month, so please keep an eye out for a poster at the Bethanga general store or check out our Facebook page.

### **SR500 Rally**

The SR500 National Rally celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> year at Bethanga over the 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November.

There was a great display of SR500 bikes from across the decades. There was also a good show of touring and road bikes as well.

Members of the SR500 were extremely positive about the improvements to the facilities and grounds since last year, which we are sure has contributed to the great news that they will be back next year!!

One of our committee members provided a run down of our SR500 weekend:

*Last Friday we welcomed back the regular crew from the SR500 Club. The weather was perfect and the facilities better than last year with the upgrade of electrical work, addition of a new wall mounted fan, repositioning of the kitchen servery and of course the new concrete area near the pizza oven.*

*Dinner Friday night was a crowd favourite of baked potatoes done in the spit served with a variety of delicious casseroles prepared and donated by the community. Onto a 6.30am start for Saturday breakfast then a leisurely BBQ lunch for those who stayed to watch the cricket. Spit roast meal for dinner went down very well with many compliments to the chef (big thanks to Shane Maloney on his 10<sup>th</sup> year of supplying and cooking the spit). Dessert was well received, with many a plate scraped clean. Finishing with another 6.30am start for breakfast Sunday morning so the crew could be sent off with a full belly.*

*Except for the last minute midnight run into town to get bacon and the mad cap antics regarding gravy, (although we wont mention any names), we came through relatively unscathed.*

*We received a barrage of compliments at the end of the weekend with the promise that the SR500 rally would be back next year despite attempts to poach them away!*

*Final tally is still to come in but indications are that it was even better than last year with approximately \$4000 raised.*

*We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped out over the weekend to make the event the success it was including Di & Peter Schmidt, Julie Miller, Bob & Lyn Martin, Shane & Lyn Tomic, John*



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*& Mary Northey, Brendan Hallinan, Carol Marshall, Brett Martin, Karen Pyle, Shane & Sandra Maloney and Dave Elder.*

At the SR500 AGM on Sunday, members thanked the community and committee for making them feel so welcome.

The benefits from events like this are numerous to our community as a whole and I warmly thank all those that helped in so many ways.

### **Improvements and Planned Improvements**

- Major drainage work has been carried out around the ground.
- Switchboard upgrade completed, including improvement to canteen facilities.
- Motion activated lighting installed above soon to be outdoor camp kitchen/pizza oven area.
- Upgraded oval lights that produce better lighting at lower running costs.
- New walkway from Rec Reserve to CFA shed, local store and hotel and improved parking facilities at ground.
- Removal of cattle ramp and widening of entrance, also providing better truck access.
- New camping shower facility and outdoor camp kitchen area to be completed by early 2016. Our goal is to provide facilities to encourage more people to utilise what will be a wonderful camping area. Donations from those using the facilities will be returned to maintain and improve the Rec Reserve.
- Bar area cage secured.
- Kitchen servery relocation to enable easier and more practical usage.

### **Other Events**

The Southern Cross Rally 50 year anniversary event is pencilled in for a day stop over in November 2016. Details are still to be finalised but so far it is very encouraging.

### **Getting active down at Bethanga Recreation Reserve**

With the days getting longer there are plenty of opportunities to get active down at the reserve. We are rejuvenating the tennis courts and the netball courts and cricket nets are always available if you would like to come down for a social game. The cricket season is in full swing and the Bethanga Pony Club continues to hold regular meetings. Alternatively, take a moment to stroll down the new walking track that connects the reserve to the township.

If you would like to give your opinion or be involved with the future development of the reserve, please join us at our community forum during the reserve committee meetings, first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

For bookings of the Reserve facilities or further information please email [bethangareserve@gmail.com](mailto:bethangareserve@gmail.com)

We wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to another exciting year at Bethanga Recreation Reserve.

Seasons greetings,

Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

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### **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 02 6026 4214

*Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon  
Brian 6026 4214*

### **TALGARNO CFA**

The Brigade held its pre-season General Meeting on 27 October, but we must have picked a bad time because not many were able to attend.

Some of the items that were raised and discussed were:

- BART registration (Pager message on mobile phone) – any member wishing to be included should contact BART Administrators (Greg Hayes or Hugh Dunchue).
- Helmet torches– contact Rob Medwell if you don't have one.

- Roadside burn planning for 2015 – planning to burn roadside where breaks have been prepared were scheduled for either Sunday November 8 or 15 depending on conditions. The Brigade is keen to see a more strategic, long-term approach to burns with planning 12 months in advance.
- Listening sets/scanners – CFA has arranged the purchase of these and the Brigade will purchase 8 at a subsidised cost of \$150 each.
- Training – was held on 18 October in conjunction with the Tallangatta Group but disappointing participation. **The following brigade training was on Thursday 19 November, at 7:00pm and thereafter on the third Thursday of each month during summer.**
- 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The Brigade is considering a celebration of its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 based on its formation as a bushfire brigade in 1932. It is also planning to have an Honour Board prepared with names of foundation members and Captains.
- Abandoned vehicles - Members are asked to report these to Bethanga Police.
- Unauthorised fires and campfires during fire season – Members are advised to report these to VicFire rather than seeking to confront those responsible themselves.
- Replacement of Slip-on – The Brigade was asked to carry out an analysis of the likely cost of replacing the Slip-on.
- Water points – CFA have announced that there is money available to develop water points and the Brigade will investigate this opportunity.
- For the year to 30 June 2015, the Brigade earned \$9,000.68 with fund raising contributing \$4,257.05, grants \$2,080, donations \$1,200 and catering \$900 being the major items. Overall, the Brigade had a surplus of \$5,602.53. Fund raising through the BBQ generated \$2,010.41 or 36% of that surplus.

Summer is now here and it seems it is likely to be a long, hot and dry one, so landholders will need to be particularly vigilant and avoid taking any risks on hot days. Brigade members are asked to keep their pagers with them at all times and to respond to callouts and make sure that they get along to the training and have their firefighting gear in good order (contact Peter Star if you need replacements).

The monthly BBQ, held on the second Friday of the month, continues to be well supported and the profit from the October BBQ (\$250) was donated to *Berringa Community News* in return for their support to the Brigade. The application for the Liquor Licence is nearing completion.

*Greg Hayes*

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## BETHANGA CFA

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### INCIDENTS

25 September, 11:00am

8 members responded with both trucks to a Blackberry Burn off, that got out of control at Talgarno Gap Road. The owner of the property quickly had it back under control and the brigade returned with no action taken. Penalties imposed on the responsible person included

washing fire trucks.

29 September, 0:52am

Car fire, corner Talgarno Gap and Murray River Roads.

12 members responded in both trucks and private vehicle's to assist Talgarno Brigade.

The car was quickly extinguished and the brigade returned after a short time.

17 October, 10:27am

15 members responded in both trucks, slip on and two private vehicles to a burn off out of control in Yonson Road, Bethanga. The owner had the burn back in control when the brigade arrived and no action was taken.

### **OUT OFF CONTROL PRIVATE BURNS**

The Brigade has been called to two of out of control burns in the past three months. In both instances, the owner got a scare when the fire intensity increased unexpectedly. It only takes a slight changes to fuels, weather or topography for a fire to escalate quickly and get out of control. You must have the means and capability ready at hand to extinguish any fire under your control. It's too late to get the water after the fire gets out of control.

### **ROADSIDE BURNING**

As yet the Brigade has not completed any roadside burning. Our efforts have been focused on completing the burning of the creek in Bethanga. We have been working with Council to investigate alternative methods of fuel reduction on roadsides with promising results.

### **FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Fire Restrictions for Towong Shire came into force on the 26 October which is around one month early.

While fire restrictions are in force, you must adhere to the restrictions listed in the CFA "Can I Can't I" brochure. Fires that do not comply with the rules or accidentally escape are viewed very seriously by Police.

The Brigade updates the Fire Danger Signs at the Bethanga Bridge and the Bethanga Fire Station daily.

This information is also available on the CFA web page: <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-and-ratings/>. The CFA website also provides downloads of information such as the "Can I Can't I" fire information brochure and the Mobile Phone "Fire Ready App" which provides info on fires in your selected area.

### **PROPERTY INSPECTIONS**

The first round of Property Inspections in Bethanga and Bellbridge has been completed and some Compliance Notices have been issued. If you have received one, in interest of your own safety, please comply. Council is keen to ensure that these properties are cleared of hazardous material for the safety of the entire community.

### **BETHANGA CREEK**

The Brigade assisted the Bethanga Recreation Reserve and DELWP complete the much needed fuel reduction burn along Bethanga Creek. We will be working with the Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee to find solutions to keep the fuel levels acceptable. We would like to thank Aaron Kennedy and the DELWP team for the professional and hard work they put in before, during and after the burn. During the first burn, many town residents reported they were impacted from smoke and ash. This is a reminder that we all face fire danger and we need to be aware and diligently prepare our properties.

### **BELLBRIDGE HYDRANTS**

In October brigade members inspected, cleaned and clearly marked the Hydrants in Bellbridge. Even though serviceability of the hydrants is Towong Shire Council's responsibility, it is in our and the communities interests, that we conduct this biannual inspection.

### **BELLBRIDGE KINDERGARTEN VISIT**

On Friday 13 November the Brigade enjoyed visiting the Bellbridge Kindergarten to have a basic fire awareness discussion. The children enjoyed squirting low pressure water and getting down low and 'Go Go Go'. Our members received

training from one very informed child on the dangers of Brown snakes and how to dispose of them appropriately. We certainly enjoy interacting with the children as much as they do with us and look forward to visiting again.

*John Northey, Captain 6026 4574 or  
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## **ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.**

Christmas Celebrations

The Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume will conduct its annual Christmas Carols on Sunday 6 December at the Hume Boat Bellbridge commencing at 6:30pm. Santa will arrive between 7:30pm and 8:00pm handing out lollies and the traditional Ho-Ho. Sausages and drinks are available for the traditional gold coin donation.

Australia Day Celebrations

The Rotary Club, in conjunction with Towong Shire Council, will be conducting its annual Australia Day celebrations on Tuesday 26 January 21



2016 at the Bellbridge Community Centre commencing with a free breakfast at 8.00am. After a hearty breakfast, the official ceremonies will follow with the raising of the flag, guest speakers and presentation of community awards.

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

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year

Nominations close on 18 December. Nomination Forms are available from the Bellbridge and Bethanga Stores or by contacting Rotarian Andrew Christy on 6026 4338.

Lake Hume Cycle Challenge



Feb 27, 2016

The Lake Hume Cycle Challenge offers three fantastic road rides (131 km, 100 km and 40 km) through the picturesque rolling hills and valleys around Lake Hume, Albury Wodonga. There is a ride for everybody. All rides are escorted and have the start/finish point at Noreuil Park, Albury. There is also a short family riverside trial around the Murray River bank. Face painting and bike education course on-site for the kiddies.

The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre is the major event beneficiary. It

will house various support groups that provide information and emotional support for people affected by cancer, both patients and carers. This event so far has raised over \$60,000 over the last three years. Details and entry forms are available on the website: [www.lakehumechallenge.com.au](http://www.lakehumechallenge.com.au). There are also early bird registration prizes. You can contact any of the Rotarians for more information.

Lake Hume Fishing Competition Locals may have noticed extra boats on Lake Hume over 23 to 25 October, as over 383 anglers tried their luck in the Lake Hume Fishing Classic. The organisers, Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume and Commercial Club Fishing, would like to thank all who participated and helpers who made the event a great success.

The weather was perfect for the anglers. A large range of sponsors gave demonstrations and explained their products and the Lure Wall and raffles were well supported. Participants were treated to a Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch and bar facilities were available for limited hours.

In total about 391 fish were measured by marshals. Again there were very numerous competition prizes won, including a boat and trailer.

*Regards, Andrew Christy*

## 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.

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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.

## TALGARNO AND DISTRICT BRANCH CWA

The Talgarno and District Branch of CWA of Vic. held its very last meeting on 16 November 2015. I want to let everyone know that we can reopen if we get enough people interested. It is a wonderful organisation that has quite an impact on local, state and national policies. I am a little biased as I have been a member for 35 years. If there is anyone who is thinking about joining there is a day and night branch in Tallangatta and a day branch in Wodonga.



*The last lunch of the CWA Lto R Val Combridge, Judy Mitchell, Elizabeth Schmidt, Jeanine Pearce, Janet Coker-Godson, Joyce Brown, Margaret Adams*

When we closed our books, \$425.25 went to *Berringa Community News* as we think it does such a wonderful job of keeping the people of the area informed and we hope that it can continue for a long time. The final \$200 went to CWA headquarters to be kept for two years so that if a new branch is formed then they will at least have some starting capital.

I wish to thank all the people of this area for their support over the years. There has been a CWA branch at Talgarno for 77 years. If you should want any information about CWA please contact me on 6026 4269.

It is farewell from us for now.

Yours in friendship

Janet Coker-Godson (former Secretary)

## TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Bright lights are coming! Yes the Talgarno Tennis Club has recently been given the go ahead with our lighting upgrade project.

We were lucky enough to be supported by council and submitted our project to the Department of Sport and Recreation Local Facilities for Local Clubs grant program. Council is currently approving the contractor and work will commence in the coming weeks. Our old lights have served us well for the last 40 odd years and the new lights will be a welcome addition to the club.

Much of our funds raised over the years are going towards the lighting upgrade project. Thank you to anyone who has participated in fundraisers and contributed over the past years, as these projects would not happen without your generosity. So consequently, we are in fundraising overdrive mode for the next few years to raise much needed funds for other works and equipment at the club! Some items we are looking at include repair to and repainting of courts and a ride on mower.

The club has agreed on new membership fees for the 2015-16 season. For competition players, Adults \$50, Concession \$20, Families \$90. We have also introduced, for the first time, a social membership for community members that like to have a hit throughout the year. We are charging \$20 for a family social membership. We are also introducing an honesty box for those using the courts occasionally. During the day, court hire will be \$5 per court and anyone wanting to play at night will need to pre book and additional light fees will be \$10 per hour. We have encouraged use of the courts over the last few years by leaving an old net up at all times and we will continue to do so. Please contact Jill Pearson (Treasurer) on 0412 042 090 to organise any payments.

Tennis coaching by Adam Richardson and Brendan Pearson has been a real hit for the 8 weeks since late September. We have had almost 20 children coming

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each week learning some of the fundamentals of tennis. Many of the coaching participants are also playing in the section 4 teams and are enjoying the challenge and getting better every week. Please let us know if you are interested in further coaching at some point in time.

A big day of tennis is organised for juniors on Sunday 17 January 2016 with a tennis tournament. There will be two sections, one for 12-16 year olds and the other for 11 year olds and under. Entry fees are \$20 per person and all players will play at least four games of 'Fast Four' format tennis. All players will receive a BBQ lunch and drink. The winning team will receive a trophy and runners up a medallion. Please check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/talgarnotc/](http://www.facebook.com/talgarnotc/)) for more details or contact Brendan Pearson on 0439 881 440 to register your doubles team.

This year we have had lots of interest from the community to play in our teams in the Saturday competition. As a result we have submitted four teams in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association in Section 1, Section 2 and Section 4. Our Section 1 team is currently sitting in 1st place, Section 2 is sitting in 6th place, our Talgarno Blue Section 4 team is still working hard for their first win and our Talgarno Gold Section 4 team has had several wins so far.

As we said above we are in fundraising overdrive and we are preparing to host a Movie Night in January at Regent Cinemas and also a Trivia Night in March-April at the Talgarno Hall. We encourage all community members to come along to these functions and we'll keep you posted about the times and dates on our Facebook site and via the grapevine!

Finally, our club Christmas break up is happening on Saturday 12 December at the pizza oven next to the Talgarno Hall. We'll be kicking off at 6:30pm after tennis is over for the night. We'll be raffling some prizes and welcome anyone connected with the tennis club or Talgarno community to join us. Pizza and ice cream is on the menu and prices will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Please RSVP to Jarrod Stephenson on [jstevo84@hotmail.com](mailto:jstevo84@hotmail.com) or 0417 228 445.

Have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you down at the club for a hit or at one of our upcoming functions.

*Brendan Pearson, Grants Officer, Talgarno Tennis Club*

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## EXERCISE CLASSES

Want to lose weight or improve your level of fitness? Why not try our fitness classes? These continue to run at the Talgarno Hall on most evenings and have proven to be very popular. Classes begin at 7:00pm on Sundays and Tuesdays and 7.45pm on Thursday nights. All sessions run approximately 1 hour and cost is a minimal \$2. There are additional sessions on most other evenings from 7:00pm by arrangement.

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).

## LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

The new season kicks off mid-April 2016. For more information please contact President, Kelby on 0439 702 334 or Secretary, Jenny on 0431 926 984.

## TALGARNO CRAFT GROUP

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## POLE WALKERS

**Pole walking is in summer recess and will resume on 3 February 2016**

On Wednesdays at 10:00am during winter (9:00am in summer), a group of locals meet to walk with poles around the scenic spots of our peninsula. Pole walking uses up approx. 20% more calories than just ordinary walking and you use approx. 80% more of your body muscles. You feel terrific at the end of an hour, not only from the exercise but the friendly company. If you wish to become a pole walker, give us a call.

*Di Schmidt 6026 4325  
Shirley Eddington 6026 4330*

## BETHANGA/BELLBRIDGE EXERCISE GROUP

**The last exercise group for 2015 will be 1 December and will resume on 2 February 2016**

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## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Anglican - Holy Trinity

Services held 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month – 9:30am followed by morning tea.

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Baptisms/Christenings - By Appointment.

### Christmas Day Service at 9:30am

*Jeanine Pearce 6026 4243  
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## Bethanga Landcare Group

Bethanga Landcare Group is continuing to develop a Strategic Plan in an effort to direct our activities towards those that the community consider important. A soil health day was planned for early October but due to the environmental conditions at the time and some unforeseen issues with guest speakers this unfortunately did not transpire.

The executive will meet again in late November to consolidate the data that has been gleaned from community events such as the successful Raptor night at the Lake Hume Boat club and the tree planting day and giveaway. This will assist us to continue to develop our direction for more community events next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive for their hard work this year and wish everyone well over the coming festive season.

*Roger Barrows*

## Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Our Christmas gathering was held at Jim and Julie de Hennin's property on Sunday 29 November, where approx. 30 people enjoyed great company and fine food.

The final report for the "Community Wild Dog Initiative" was submitted to the Australian Wool Innovation Limited on 25 November. The contract for this project was held by our landcare group. Subject to Department release, I hope to be able to share some of the statistics from the final report in the Autumn 2016 edition.

The RHD Boost Update is an initiative of the *healthier landscapes* campaign, produced by the Invasive Animals CRC, to keep you informed about the progress and national release of RHDV K5 to boost rabbit biocontrol.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be held at the Hotel Granya

on Friday 19 February, commencing with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a short meeting. Car-pooling available from Talgarno Hall at 6:30pm.

Draft Agenda items for discussion:

- 2016 AGM
- *Landcarers Grove* at Johnstone Creek roadside stop, Talgarno
- Rabbit Monitoring Program
- Equipment charges
- Funding levels for on-ground activities

More details to be emailed in early February. Have a safe festive break.

*Rhonda Sinclair, Secretary*

## Local Farmer Wins Landcare Victoria Award

Talgarno beef cattle farmer, Alan Stephenson won the Landcare Victoria 2015 DEDJTR Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award, North East.

The grazing management system at "Goonibil", the Stephenson's 1,200 hectare property, is designed to maximise pasture growth and to protect and improve the property's soils and native pastures.

Most of the property is under native grass pastures. The Stephensons have undertaken considerable structural improvements to create approximately 50 paddocks based on land class. This assists with rapid, intense grazing of each paddock and long rest periods as part of the rotation system. A comprehensive stock watering system with solar pumping to strategic storage tanks and gravity feeding to troughs makes for a more flexible system.

Although the stocking rate is fairly low, according to Alan, the property is much more economical and enjoyable. The livestock and grazing management

aims for 100 per cent ground cover at all times to eliminate soil erosion and to suppress annual weeds. Livestock numbers are adjusted to match the available feed reserves. This maximises groundcover, increases native grass growth and aims to ensure there is never a serious seasonal feed gap. The grazing management used on the property has significantly reduced pest management costs, including weeds and internal animal parasites.

Two thirds of the property is set aside for rehabilitation and preservation of native vegetation. These areas are managed to protect the native grasses and remnants of Grassy Box and dry forest woodlands with occasional, time specific grazing for environmental benefit. Almost all waterways and gullies on the property have been fenced and revegetated to protect and stabilise banks and protect water quality.

Alan is an active member of the Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group, hosting grazing management field days to help

promote this management system to others. He has also been involved in dung beetle release projects on the property and bird and reptile monitoring which led to the sighting of a rare whip snake.

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# Children's Groups



## Community Early-years Childcare

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For more information call 6056 4399 or go to [www.awcc.edu.au/CommunityEarly-yearsChildcare](http://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

Term 4 is starting to fly by for all the families and staff at Berringa Kindergarten. Despite the wet weather, the children have been busy with the many activities of the program. A highlight

of this term has been the celebration of Children's Week, which occurred on the Lake Hume foreshore near the large Golden Perch sculpture. Parents and Grandparents attended for the morning, joining in with the activities focused around the fish of Lake Hume. Funding of these activities was a result of a successful submission to the DEECD Children's Week grants.

As a follow up to the children learning about the fish in their environment, the children had a great time doing a bush treasure hunt in their kinder yard, under the guidance of the Educator from the Wirraminna Environmental Educational Centre, Burrumbuttock. We also put some of the kinder plants in the plant press she presented to the kindergarten.

Recently, the children have been learning about fire and water safety, and were fortunate to have a visit from the Bethanga CFA team, and the Coast Guards, who brought their boat on the trailer.

The Funded group of children have had visits with the Talgarno and Bethanga Primary schools, this term, and late last term, as part of their Transition to school program.

Enrolments are now open for children to attend next year. The four year old group sessions are: Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.00am-4.30pm, and the three year old group session Fridays 9.00- 12.00.

The last session for this year's children will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, and Orientation Day for next year's children is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: time to be confirmed.

Enquiries are welcome.

Christine Cameron,

Director Ph 02 60264373

email: [christine.cameron@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:christine.cameron@towong.vic.gov.au)





# Bethanga Primary School News

at Bethanga and the Save the Children advertisements really hit home to our children about how lucky we are.

## An amazing sailing experience:

We have used our Sporting Schools funds along with the expertise and generosity of the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club to provide each child in years 4/5/6 with ten hours of sailing tuition – called Tackers 1. A huge thanks to Leanne Thomson and her yacht club colleagues who have provided the training and also to our parents and grandparents who have car pooled our children to and from the yacht club.



And more to come.....

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December our Year 6 students will be participating in the Head Start Program in Wodonga
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the Year 6 Graduation Celebration at Café Borella's
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December is the Carols by Candlelight at Bellbridge
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> through to the Friday 11<sup>th</sup> will be our swimming program at Gould Swimming Centre
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is State Wide Transition with Year 6's attending Tallangatta SC and our new 2016 Foundations students coming to Bethanga
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be our mini concert and awards night at the School.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of School
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January- Teachers return to School
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January First Day of School for all Students

The end of the 2015 school year is only weeks away but we still have so much to do and achieve before the final day of school on December 18<sup>th</sup>!

## What has been happening since the last Berringa?

- Book Week saw many favourite book characters come to Bethanga Primary. Lots of imagination went into the costumes and everyone got into the spirit of the day!
- Bethanga children performed like stars at the Arts Festival in Wodonga. We performed two classroom musical acts and our choir also took centre stage. Our performing is not over yet with Carols By Candlelight at Bellbridge as well as our school concert coming up.
- Our F/1 class conducted our first EQ assembly and they set the standard very high. The F/1s shared a message about kindness with the focus on "kindness being like a boomerang—it comes back to you." We continue to encourage our children to perform random acts of kindness because it makes the world a much nicer place.
- Over thirty family members and friends attended our mini concert and afternoon tea on the final Monday of term three. We love having our community come into our school whenever possible and it also provides the opportunity for our visitors to catch up and have a chat.
- Our 5/6 students went to Canberra for camp and our 3/4 children went to the Outdoor School at Greta South. Both camps were a huge success and provided our students with many opportunities to learn new things and experience being away from home whilst



also making new friends and putting themselves out of their comfort zone.

- We experienced a significant random act of kindness demonstrated by Bob, Duncan, Phil and Phil of the Bethanga Men's Shed who spent the day at school last term modifying and strengthening the book shelves in the art room. Our whole school appreciated this very kind act and greatly enjoyed having the company of the men at school.
- We had a special Remembrance Day service to pay our respects to those who died or made sacrifices in any war. Our captains ran the service and our students also purchased Remembrance Day items with all money going to the RSL.

## Giving of ourselves:

- We had a blanket and clothing drive (in conjunction with other schools in our cluster) for St Vincent De Paul in Lavington. Two ute loads of donations were delivered to St Vinnies.
- Our students are bringing along silver coins on the final Friday of each month until the end of the year to raise funds for the "Save the Children" charity. We are very grateful to have clean, filtered and chilled water on tap





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*It's Action Packed Education at Talgarno*

## Merry Christmas from the Talgarno Primary School Community

As the year comes to an end and I reflect back, I feel honoured to be a part of Talgarno Primary School. The students are an absolute delight to teach and eager to learn. The staff, School Council and parents work hard to ensure that we offer students the best education possible.


A huge THANK YOU to the generous farmers who participated in our Cattle Fundraiser. Your support is invaluable!

I also thank the local community for supporting our wonderful school; we have 4 new enrolments for 2016! Please join our community events next year: Coffee Mornings, School History Group, Trivia Night, Kitchen Garden Club and Weir Project.

The students have had a great year. Every one of them has improved in their learning and can prove it! Our school has been very busy, offering students a comprehensive range of extracurricular activities, including:

- **A trip to Narrandera Native Fisheries**
- **Science week visit to La Trobe University**
- **Cross Country in Wodonga**
- **Athletics Sports in Albury**
- **Tree planting at Hume Weir**
- **Bunnings Kitchen garden visit**
- **Cooking program**
- **Science day for Berringa Kindergarten students**
- **Water Wise Session**
- **Hume Weir project**
- **Wonga Wetlands in Albury**






## Talgarno Primary School

# Celebration


Wednesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00pm



\* Kids Water activities (wear bathers)  
\* Santa  
\* Food supplied \* BYO drinks

## Everyone Welcome

Santa asks that his helpers shop for presents to the value of \$10.00. His sack needs to contain presents wrapped and labelled!



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