

Berringa Community News

Spring 2021

News and views from the residents of Bell-
bridge, Bethanga, Granya & Talgarno
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Talgarno CFA 80 Year Awards Celebration Luncheon

The Talgarno CFA hosted their 80-year Awards Celebration with a luncheon on Sunday 20th June 2021.

The luncheon was held at the very authentic 'WOOL PRESS' at Granya where guests were treated to a magnificent luncheon prepared by Rafferty's Catering. The guests were entertained pre- and post-luncheon with wonderful music by Peter Klein and his group 'The Remnants'.

The day was a celebration of the proud history of

Talgarno CFA and a 'Thank You' to members dating back from when it was first formed and called Talgarno Bush Fire Brigade in 1932.

In 1940 the brigade officially became part of the Victorian Country Fire Authority and since then has grown from volunteer members fighting fires with no protective clothing, using hand held beaters, carrying knapsacks, no radios and generally very little equipment to today with a strong well equipped and mobile volunteer CFA unit. *(continued p2)*



Life Members Ian Schubert, Barry Elliot & Paul King, A.F.S.M. Hume Region; Operations Manager Fire & Emergency Management, who presented the Certificates and Medals.

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@berringtoncommunitynews.com.au or post/drop in to 341 Wisers Creek Road, Talgarno.

The awards to the members recognized their years of service and dedication and their huge contribution to the CFA and the community at large. Each member was presented with a medal or certificate according to the years of service. 16 certificates, 24 medals plus 2 Life Memberships were presented to Barry Elliot and Ian Schubert for their service to CFA.. Paul King, A.F.S.M. Hume Region, Operations Manager Fire and Emergency Management, spoke passionately of the value of

volunteers within the CFA and the community before making the presentations.

The day was very successful with an excellent venue, great lunch, music, community spirit, some history and some financial support from Towong Shire and support from members of the Talgarno CFA. Thanks are extended to all involved.

*Jim de Hennin
President, Talgarno CFA*

An Olympic Encounter

It was in a tiny cafe, set in a quaint street in Warsaw's walled Old Town, that a surprise meeting took place in 2019.

We had enjoyed a lovely coffee and sweet treat and were chatting with the cashier, when two very tall and athletic young men appeared from the back of the room to pay. We then began chatting with them and the interesting conversation rolled along – they didn't appear in a hurry to leave, nor were we. They spoke English, but the accent was hard to pick and

Bob eventually asked them if they were American. The conversation continued along these lines:

"No, we're Norwegian."

"So, you're over here travelling around Europe?"

"Well, we're actually here to participate in the beach volleyball tournament."

"That's interesting. I didn't really imagine that beach volleyball would be a big thing in Norway." (How ignorant were we?!)

As they were about to leave, Bob cheekily said, "I probably shouldn't ask you this ... but are you any good?"

And Anders casually replied, "Actually, it's unusual for a Norwegian team, but we're currently ranked No 1 in the world."

So, following their progress has been an interesting exercise – and particularly watching all their Olympic matches, which proved quite exciting. We felt it was as close as possible to having a family member or friend competing ... as close as we're ever likely to get, anyway!!

They played off for the gold medal, defeating the ROC pair (who incidentally are the 2020 world title holders)

Anders Mol and Christian Sorum, two lovely, friendly young athletes will always remain in our memory ... that's the thing about travel. You never know who you'll meet or where.

Di Singline



Art in the Afternoon

Bethanga Art in the Afternoons is a place for people to connect and make art. To say the last few years have been "a bit hard" is really underselling things. We have seen devastating fires that left communities shaken and in need of a shoulder to lean on; a shoulder that was very swiftly taken away by a global pandemic that still has most of us wondering if we are actually dreaming this whole thing or not. I don't know about anyone else, but I felt a need to connect with others and a need to escape to somewhere else. For me that has always been through creating things. It turns out someone else here felt the same. Felicity, the wonderful owner of our post office, also felt a desire to create community and make art. So we started Bethanga Art in the Afternoons.

My background is in studying what makes people happy, and I know through years of research that connecting with others and making things with your own two hands is incredibly good for your well-being. These gatherings aren't about comparison or being good at art. They are about being around

others (when restrictions allow) and getting lost in the act of doing something with your hands. It's also about escaping real life for a few hours.

Being new to the area, I have met some really amazing people at our gatherings, and we have had a great time creating. We even had the opportunity to do a workshop with a professional artist. It doesn't matter what type of art you want to make, or if you are a professional or a total newcomer. It doesn't even matter what medium you use. We have even had the pleasure of seeing some quilting in action during our gatherings. Like Picasso said "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls" and we are all feeling a little dusty lately. Come and join us.

We usually meet at the end of the month on a Saturday afternoon. You can follow up-dates on our Facebook group page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bethanga.art>) or drop in and see Felicity at the Post Office.

Stacey Rich



Spring Peninsula Seasonal Markets Cancellation

With the ongoing uncertainty of COVID lockdowns and the tightening of border restrictions, the organisers of the Peninsula Seasonal Market have decided to cancel the Spring Market.

We would like to thank the stall holders and Berringa community who have supported our first two markets and we look forward to seeing you all

at our Summer Market, in Granya, in early December. We will put a call out for stall holders in October. Please contact us at peninsulaseasonalmarkets@gmail.com for more information

Peninsula Seasonal Market Committee.

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Talgarno Recreation Reserve

There has been some progress at last with developments at the Rec Reserve. Towong Shire has confirmed that it has secured funding for the BBQ shelter to be built between the fire shed and the hall. It has also obtained funding for a coin-operated electric BBQ with two hotplates and a sink. Tables and benches for the BBQ have also been secured. We are hoping that the shelter will be constructed before Christmas but that might be optimistic.

Our application to the Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for solar panels to go on the roof of the BBQ shelter has been approved.

Consultants appointed by the Towong Shire under Bushfire Recovery Victoria have been working with the Committee to develop a comprehensive list of improvements needed for the hall including new a/c units, upgrades to the kitchen and much more. The Berringa Peninsula Community Network has arranged for a grant writer to prepare an application for funding of these improvements, and we are working with them to finalise it shortly.

The tennis courts upgrade project is going ahead and further details of this will be shared as soon as we have them.

After decades of reliance on self-help, at last our Reserve is now getting some outside assistance.

Greg Hayes
 Secretary

Elizabeth Houston

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Volunteering for Berringa Community News can be online, with the group, or out and about! We are looking for assistance with the production of this volunteer-run newsletter, and if you can read, write, walk, or take photos, you might be able to help. Or you may be an aspiring media student or just want to let people know about your business. Talk to us!

We would love some help with a variety of jobs such as proof reading, delivery, articles of interest to the local community, photos of local events or places.

There are several ways you can contact us
 email: berringacommunitynews@gmail.com
 talk: to one of our team -see list on back page
 phone: Julie 0419 339 679
 message us on our Facebook page

Great River Road update

The second stage of the Great River Road project is progressing well, with the creation of two new wayside stops – one about 2km from Bellbridge and the other at 641 Murray River Road. The civil works are nearly complete and on Saturday 14th August, local community members joined the contractors (Vic Flow Civil) to plant out the wayside kerb with some native plants. It was an enjoyable session and many thanks to those who gave up their time to assist.

The sites will be completed once some information panels have been included at both sites and a sculpture at 641 Murray River Road. Community suggestions about what these panel boards could include and ideas about the sculptures are currently being sought. If you have an idea or concept, please share it with the Berringa Peninsula Community Network (berringapcn@gmail.com) before our 6th September meeting.

Current suggestions for the story boards include:

- History of the construction of Lake Hume and Bethanga bridge
- Map of the local amenities and attractions along the Great River Road including Bethanga and Bellbridge
- Indigenous history of the area
- History of European settlement
- Mining history
- The impact of the creation of the lake



History of the original bridge from Talgarno to Hawksview – Bridge to the moon

Current suggestions for sculpture include:

- Spotted quoll
- Echidna
- Turtle
- Greater glider
- Murray Grey cow

If you can think of something that will help attract visitors to our beautiful part of the world, please get in touch with the Berringa Peninsula Community Network via facebook or the email berringapcn@gmail.com

Rowena Calvert



Berringa Peninsula Community Network (BPCN)



The Network aims to support and encourage advancement of the Berringa Peninsula and ensure that in the event of another disaster like the summer of 2019-20, the Berringa community will be in a more prepared and a resilient place with the best chance of safety and positive outcomes for all.

Berringa Peninsula Website

We are building a website for the Berringa Community. The website will be an online hub of information for the Talgarno, Bellbridge, Bethanga, Granya and Bungil area. If you are a business (including cottage industries and non-traditional businesses) or a community group that would like to be listed in our directory (free of charge!), please send your details to Stacey (email: posterchildfp@bigpond.com)

For the 'Visit Berringa' page we also need some ideas on

- What are your favourite places to visit?
- Are there any walking/riding tracks we can highlight?
- Places of historical interest/importance
- Places you can spot a certain type of animal
- Places to camp
- Any other place your think visitors or locals should know about

Grants

Through the Bushfire Recovery Victoria BPCN is supporting a grant application for improvements to the Bethanga, Granya and Talgarno Halls.

Emergency Preparedness

Over the past few months, we have been collecting local residents' views and priorities with regards to being prepared for future emergencies, such as bushfires. We have now compiled a report and sent it to the local fire brigades and the Towong Shire for

consideration in their planning.

In a survey, residents ranked the resources needed in an emergency, with one being the most important to them and 10 being the least, as:

1. Better communication infrastructure (mobile network)
2. Alternative power sources for local halls/ community centres
3. Increased community water storage
4. Regular community meetings during a fire event
5. Frequently updated website with fire related information specific to the Peninsula region
6. Bushfire preparedness workshops
7. A clearly identifiable evacuation site for each township
8. Installation and use of water pump workshops
9. Assistance with preparing an escape plan
10. Physical place with fire related information specific to the Peninsula region

Contact Us

We have set up a Facebook page. Follow us to get the updates on activities and share your ideas.

We can also be contacted on berringapcn@gmail.com or leave us a note at Bethanga Post Office

Julie Miller

Update on the 'Berringa Community Fundraiser Morning Tea.'

It has been decided, by the team, that the silent auction to raise funds for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre will be conducted with the next Peninsula Seasonal Market. You will recall we have had to cancel the morning tea fundraiser event of the last two years and so we were delighted to join with the Peninsula Seasonal Markets team. Despite two further cancelations, we look forward to you supporting the Peninsula Seasonal Markets and the Berringa Community

Fundraiser Silent Auction at Granya in December.

The items we have for offer are extensive and I am sure there will be something for everyone to bid on. Looking forward to seeing you at the next Peninsula Seasonal Market.

Regards

Julie de Hennin



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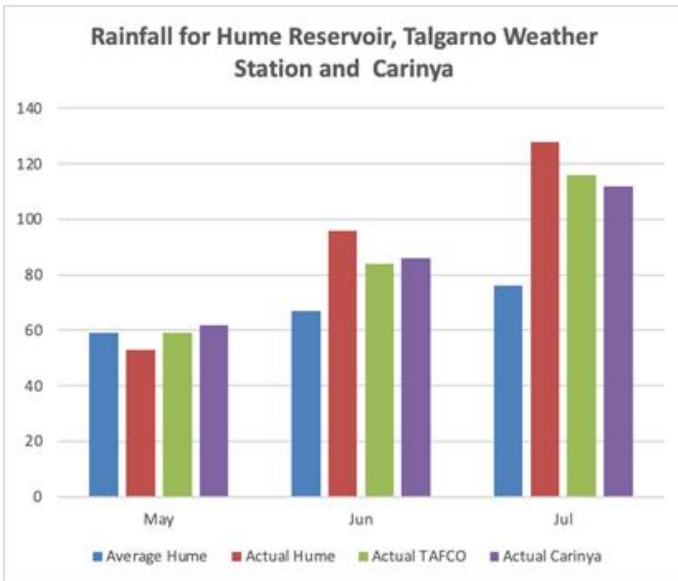
Prospects for the Season Ahead

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



Rainfall Round-up

Winter turned out to be like it used to be – wet and muddy! In an average year the winter rainfall (May to end July) would be 202 mm. This year it was 259 mm at TAFCO station (De Hennin’s), 277 mm at Hume Reservoir and 260 mm at my place.



After the exceptionally dry April, the rain in May was only average but picked up in June and really set in during July. June saw cold fronts moving across and bringing early snow to the higher parts. In July there was plenty of moisture to the north and regular cold fronts moving through bringing rain. The sub-tropical ridge of high pressure was further north than normal, so for a change we got the rain.

The temperatures over winter were average overall but there were some really cold days as early as May and then into June and July. Thankfully we missed out on the extreme winds and flooding rain that devastated southern Victoria during June.

Soil moisture conditions are much wetter than average at this time of year, setting things up for a really good spring.

By early July BOM declared that a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) had developed, helping to drive the wetter winter and likely extend into spring. BOM’s outlook forecast for winter had been for average rainfall. In hindsight this was about right for May and June but an under-estimate for July.

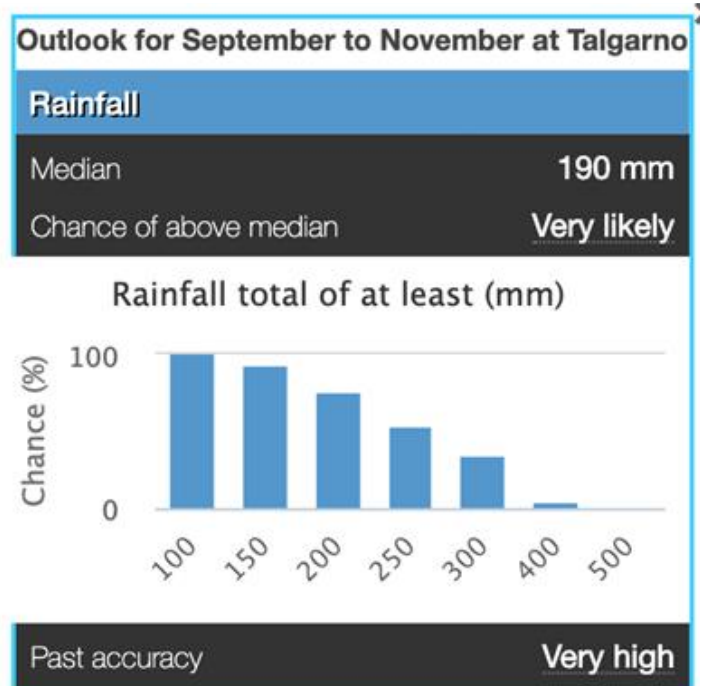
Prospects for Spring (September to end November)

The IOD is still negative and is expected to remain so until December so the warmer water off the northern Australian coast will supply good moisture sources, likely to lead to a wetter spring. There are some early indications (stronger easterly trade winds and warmer water temperatures in the Coral Sea) that a La Niña may develop in spring but it is too early to call.

Dale Grey reports that six of the 12 models he follows suggest wetter than average rainfall, three wetter to neutral and three neutral. The temperature outlooks are for five warmer than average, five neutral and one cooler.

The BOM outlook is similar with three of the seven models they use (including their own) predicting La Niña conditions and hence wetter than normal spring. They also suggest that the negative IOD will persist through to December.

It is very likely that we will have above average rainfall right through spring.



Greg Hayes



Becs Banter

This is the most exciting time in the garden for me, the busiest and generally exhausting and exhilarating as well. Things are really starting to get a wriggle on out in the garden, with buds and blossoms opening daily.

There are so many different things that need to be done in the garden that I've decided to break it down into month-by-month garden tasks, etc.

September

- * The soil is still quite cool at the moment, so try not to get too excited and start planting too far out of season.
- * Seeds that can go in the ground now are: mixed lettuce/salad greens, beetroot, rocket, Asian greens, coriander, peasant potatoes.
- * You could start some seeds of tomatoes, capsicum, basil, silverbeet, etc. if you have a place for them to germinate and keep warm - glasshouse, cold frame, homemade job.
- * Fruit fly baiting can start this month. Those little blighters are lurking, getting ready to ruin your fruit.
- * As your fruit trees finish flowering, give them a good complete organic fertiliser to get them off to a strong start for spring.
- * Get your compost and compost teas fired up this month so you have lots of organic matter and liquid fertiliser for spring.
- * Getting rid of pesky weeds will be high on the agenda this month.
- * Enjoy the sunny days.

October

- * The soil is warming this month. Sow seeds into the ground: salad greens, lettuce, corn, cucumber, beans, potato, pumpkin.
- * Seeds into the glasshouse: tomato, lettuce, broccoli, spring onion, basil.
- * Now that it's starting to warm up, pests and diseases are things we need to keep an eye out for now.
- * Pear and cherry slug will be starting to emerge now. Apply garden lime or organic products if infestations are too bad.
- * Once fruit trees have completed flowering, net for fruit fly.
- * Citrus are susceptible to scale and sooty mould. These little pains attract ants which just keep the cycle going. Try using a banding product to stop the ants making their way up the tree.

- * Get the last of your mulching done for the summer months.



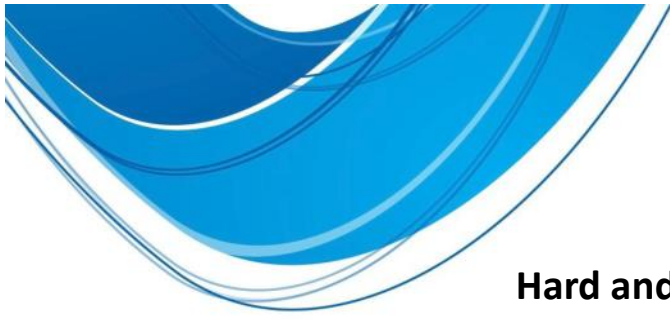
November

- * Well, we are hitting the hotter months now - most of your veggies should be planted with the exception of salad greens, that can be planted out all year.
- * Seeds in the soil: melons, pumpkin, sweet potato, corn, beetroot, radish, peas.
- * Seeds into the glasshouse: spring onions, leeks, silverbeet, broccoli.
- * Get some broccoli seedlings in the ground, along with some tomatoes, eggplant, capsicum and leeks and don't forget to put some cucumber seeds into the ground.
- * Apply some potash to your fruiting plants like tomatoes, capsicum etc.
- * It will also be time to deeply water your fruiting trees while the fruit is starting to grow.
- * You may also want to net as many of your fruit trees as you can, to guard against birds and fruit fly.
- * If you love producing more plants, then softwood cuttings can be taken. Make sure your mix is free draining and that they don't dry out.

Off to put more seeds in....

Bec

Keep your eyes out for some fantastic new happenings for Bethanga Blooms and for all my new spring flowers that will be available from the Bethanga Post Office or by order on 0410 594282



Hard and Green Waste collection - 2021

Bethanga - Stockpile site, Talgarno Gap Rd, east of CFA Shed Saturday 9 October - 10am to 1pm
Granya - Stockpile site, south of Murray River Rd., Sunday 10 October - 10am to 1pm

Towong Shire will run a hard and green waste collection service at the following locations and times, on the dates shown below. Dumping of waste at the nominated sites outside the specified collection times is illegal and offenders will be prosecuted.

- We accept standard trailer or Ute loads of non commercial hard waste (couches, stoves, old fencing wire, timber, steel, glass, paper, plastic, non-decomposable, non-hazardous solid wastes) as well as non-commercial green waste (lawn clippings, branches up to 25 cm or 10 inch diameter).
- We do not accept mattresses, bed bases, batteries, tyres, LPG cylinders chemicals, oils, asbestos, paint tins

Round 4 of Council's *Community Recovery Grants Program* now open

Do you have an idea or initiative to support bushfire recovery in your community?

The fourth and final round of Towong Shire Council's Community Recovery Grants Program is now open, with grants of up to \$5,000 available to fund eligible projects and activities to support community recovery and renewal.

The program is open to not-for-profit organisations and community groups across Towong Shire.

Application forms and guidelines can be found:

- **Online:** Visit towong.vic.gov.au/bushfire-recovery
- **In person:** Drop into the Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub, or the Corryong or Tallangatta Council Offices and Libraries

If you have been successful in a previous grant round, please ensure that you have completed your acquittal before applying for a grant in Round 4.

Applications for Round 4 close 5pm Friday 24 September 2021.

Towong Shire Council's Community Recovery Grants Program is funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government's *Bushfire Recovery Program* and a \$200,000 grant from the State Government's *Community Recovery and Resilience Grants Program*.

or hazardous waste during these collections (non-commercial quantities of these items can be dropped off at the Wodonga Resource Recovery Centre).

E-waste, fridges and air conditioners need to be kept separate from hard waste materials. Waste Vouchers issued with Rates Notices can be redeemed, or charges will apply as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges. You can also use your Waste Vouchers at the Corryong, Tallangatta or Wodonga Resource Recovery Centres.

Please call Council to book an appointment on 1300 365 222.

TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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Questions, concerns, feedback?

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Have your say on upgrades to Roy Williams Park

As part of Towong Shire Council's *Our Bellbridge* Masterplan, Council is looking to continue the development of Roy Williams Park.

Following a community consultation process in 2018, draft plans were developed. These plans include upgrades to the tennis courts, picnic area, playground and skatepark, as well as new footpaths, additional seating, car parking and landscaping.

Towong Shire Council Mayor David Wortmann said the Council now wants to hear from the community to help prioritise the upgrades based on the available budget.

"The upgrades to Roy Williams Park will be completed in stages, with Stage 1 commencing

later in 2021."

"We need help from the community to understand if the priorities are still the same and which upgrades are the highest priority," he said.

You can view the plans on Council's website at towong.vic.gov.au/roy-williams-park or visit the Tallangatta or Corryong Council Offices and Libraries.

Have your say

• Complete an online survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/roy-williams-park

• Pick up a hard copy survey: Visit the Tallangatta or Corryong Council Offices and Libraries

Don't miss this opportunity to have your say!

Thank you for having your say on how we can grow Towong's economy

Towong Shire Council would like to thank everyone who attended their recent Economic Development Strategy workshops, or took the time to complete the survey.

There was robust discussion and some great ideas put forward by the community, including ways to capitalise on the natural assets of Towong, and how to attract and retain young families in the area.

Economic and tourism consultants, *Urban Enterprise*, will now go away and develop an *Economic Development Strategy* and *Destination Management Plan* for Towong Shire.

The *Economic Development Strategy* will provide strategic direction for future business development,

investment attraction and sustainable growth in the Shire.

The *Destination Management Plan* will focus on growing the tourism industry by increasing visitor numbers to the Shire, extending the length of stay and increasing visitor spend.

Towong Shire Council Mayor David Wortmann said these plans are an important step towards growing the Shire's economy.

"These strategies will provide us with an actionable plan to grow our business and tourism economies over the next four years," he said.

Keep an eye out on Towong Shire Council's website

Towong Shire Council presents its Budget 2021/22

Towong Shire Council Mayor David Wortmann said the Council is pleased to present its Budget 2021/22 to residents and ratepayers of Towong Shire.

"As our communities continue to recover from the catastrophic bushfires of 2019/20 and the ongoing world-wide pandemic, this Budget provides the investment to support the growth and vibrancy of our Shire into the future," he said.

Highlights include a substantial \$25.5m capital works budget, supported by over \$13m in State and Federal grant funding. Key projects include:

- Commencement of Great River Road upgrades to develop its status as a premier touring route
- Completion of the Corryong CBD and Mitta Mitta streetscape upgrades
- Upgrade of the Corryong Stock Route to provide an alternative route for large trucks
- Ongoing safety upgrades including Georges Creek

Road, Yabba Road and Lake Road

- Further development of the High Country Rail Trail
- Continuation of upgrades at the Colac Colac Caravan Park

The Budget will also continue to support the services that our communities value, such as early years services, planning and building functions, and community and economic development programs.

Rates will increase by 1.5%, in line with Victoria's Fair Go Rates System which caps council rate increases in line with inflation.

The Mayor said that the Budget has been based on ongoing community consultation. "We always welcome your suggestions as to how we can make our Shire an ideal place to live," he said.

To view the Budget in full, visit towong.vic.gov.au.



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Bookings and Information contact

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In Memorium

Vale Brian (Tubby) Hunter

13/08/1955 – 26/08/2021



Tubby loved Bethanga- he considered the community his family. He worked in the Bethanga Hotel for 12 years with his lifelong friend Paul Chadwick who died last year. Tubby was a committed member of the CERT team for 10 years. He was a kind, reserved man but was a passionate fisherman and bombers supporter.

Thank you to the CERT team for organising Ambulance Victoria to bring Tubby back to the hotel to celebrate his 66th birthday and farewell his friends, and Tallangatta Health for their care and compassion during his short illness.

At the request of Tubby a joint celebration of his life and his friend Paul will be held in October, subject to covid restrictions.

Gone fishin

Babies



Hugo Wood was born on the 2nd of June to Bill and Melissa Wood. He has two big sisters Charlotte and Abigail who love him to bits and proud grandparents Stuart and Jane Wood and Kerrie and Alan Stephenson of Talgarno.



Corbin and Bonnie **Smith** of Wises Creek Road Talgarno , welcomed **Charlie Roy** to their family.

Born on 26 of June.



Jonathan Wood and Chrissie O'Bryan are delighted to introduce **Annie Jean Whitby Wood**. Born on 6th August in Melbourne. Beautiful first grandchild of Michael and Bert Wood of Talgarno.

Marriage

Jason Merkel and Jessica Mott celebrated their marriage in Talgarno on March 6th 2021.

Jessica is the eldest daughter of Ian and Chris Ferretter of Moonee Ponds and Jason is the eldest son of Ken and Anne Merkel of Talgarno.



Bethanga Hotel



We have been through a torrid time between lock downs and a very wet winter but spring is coming and if we all get vaccinated, wear our mask and play by the rules, things can only get better.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Peninsula Community for

supporting the hotel during these times. Without you all it would have made a tough time tougher - THANKYOU.

What's happening at the pub...

Friday night meat raffles for the Bethanga Cricket Club. Four raffles are drawn every Friday at 7.30pm. Come on down, have a cold beer or bubbles, and try your luck.

Joker Poker is on its way - keep your eye on our Facebook page.

Footy Tipping comp is wrapping up soon, with several in for a chance of the \$700 first prize.

Anyone interested in a hit of social tennis on Thursday nights? Pop into the pub and put your name down.

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

CLUBS AND GROUPS

Berringa Community News does not have the current status under Covid 19 regulations of all the Clubs and Groups in this section. We suggest you contact them or their social media pages for further information.

BERRINGA CERT



Vale Tubby

The CERT team and committee was saddened by the death one of our team, Tubby (Brian Hunter) on 26 August. Tubby was a member for 10 years and was on call every Thursday. That is over 6000 hours service to our community.

The Bethanga community was Tubby's family. The team want to thank Ambulance Victoria Tallangatta Branch, Frank and Jo, for transporting Tubby from palliative care to Bethanga Pub where he worked for 12 years for a farewell drink with his friends and a last pat of his dog.

Tubby died after a short illness.

How do you know if someone is having a stroke? Think... F.A.S.T.

The Stroke Foundation recommends the F.A.S.T. test as an easy way to remember the most common signs of stroke. Using the F.A.S.T. test involves asking these simple questions:



Face Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

Arms Can they lift both arms?

Speech Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

Time Is critical. If you see any of these signs, call 000 straight away.

While you are waiting for the ambulance to arrive:

- ◆ If the person is conscious, lay them down on their side with their head slightly raised and supported.
- ◆ Do not give them anything to eat or drink.
- ◆ Loosen any restrictive clothing that could

cause breathing difficulties.

- ◆ If weakness is obvious in any limb, support it and avoid pulling on it when moving the person.
- ◆ If they are unconscious, check their breathing and pulse and put them on their side. If they do not have a pulse or are not breathing, start CPR straight away.
- ◆ If you are unsure how to perform CPR, the ambulance call taker will give instructions over the phone.

The 000 call takers will ask you a number of questions

- Are they completely awake?
- Are they breathing normally?
- Are they able to talk normally?
- Tell me why you think it's a stroke
- When was the last time they were acting normally?
- Have they ever had a stroke before?

Other signs of stroke

Facial weakness, arm weakness and difficulty with speech are the most common symptoms or signs of stroke, but they are not the only signs.

The following signs of stroke may occur alone or in combination:

- ◆ Weakness or numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg on either or both sides of the body
- ◆ Difficulty speaking or understanding
- ◆ Dizziness, loss of balance or an unexplained fall
- ◆ Loss of vision, sudden blurring or decreased vision in one or both eyes
- ◆ Headache, usually severe and abrupt onset or unexplained change in the pattern of headaches
- ◆ Difficulty swallowing

Sometimes the signs disappear within a short time, such as a few minutes. When this happens, it may be a transient ischaemic attack (TIA). After a TIA, your risk of stroke is higher. Stroke can lead to death or disability. A TIA is a warning that you may have a stroke and an opportunity to prevent this from happening.

If you or someone else experiences the signs of stroke, no matter how long they last, call 000 immediately. Emergency medical treatment soon after symptoms begin improves the chance of survival and successful rehabilitation.

CERT AGM

Due to current Covid restrictions the AGM has been deferred

Defibrillators

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



Bethanga Shop
Bethanga Recreation Reserve pavilion
Bellbridge Community Centre
Granya Hall
Talgarno Hall

*Keep well,
Julie Miller,
Team Leader Berringa CERT
juliemiller@skymesh.com.au
0419 339 679*

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

The pandemic situation has forced the club to cancel a number of events such as Christmas in July and the Lake Hume Fishing Classic. At this stage we are planning to hold Christmas Carols at the Hume Boat Club on the first Sunday in December and Australia Day celebrations on January 26. This is dependent on the pandemic situation.

For more info visit the clubs facebook page
Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotary Club

PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

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

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TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

Well winter really has been an off season this year. Persistent rain and more Covid restrictions led to the abandonment of the extremely popular Fast Four by June. Whilst the rains have been wonderful for our farms and gardens, the court surrounds turned to bog and made casual hitting difficult. The need for better court facilities has never been more apparent and the exciting news is that construction will be taking place October- December this year!

The only downside to the new court construction is that some (maybe all) courts will be off limits for a couple of months. But the upside is impressive – 4 new rebound ace courts, lighting for all courts, netball court, improved drainage, bigger enclosed playing area and vehicle access.

Junior coaching is due to commence towards the end of August – Covid permitting. Once again, we have great numbers (20-25) and we plan to run lessons with Paul Sykes through to the end of the year and probably beyond. If you are interested get in touch with myself or Jill Pearson (0412042090).

We are also likely to recommence Fast Four night tennis by the end of August. If you are interested let Brendan Pearson (0439881440) know.

Saturday pennant season in the Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association will kick off in October as usual. We haven't nominated our teams yet but expect we will be fielding at least 4 teams this year. If you are interested in playing regularly (or even only occasionally) on a Saturday afternoon please let the club know so we can factor it into our team nominations for the season. Saturday afternoon tennis really is a fantastic weekend wind-down in one of the best country competitions in the state! A great balance of social and competitive.

In the meantime, until works commence, we encourage the local community to utilise our courts. There is always a net set-up for anyone wanting to hit some balls – our only request is that you leave the courts and surrounds as you found them.

Thanks once again to the sponsors for their mighty contributions to our club – Leischke Plumbing, Albury Sportspower (congratulations Willo for the opening of the new store in Dean St, Albury) Johnsons MME, Cadmac, the Bethanga Hotel and Monumental Ice Creamery.

See you on court!

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INCIDENTS

There have been no incidents in the past 3 months.

COVID 19

As with most of us, the Covid 19 virus has affected the day to day running of our brigade. We want to assure the community we are well prepared and attending incidents is not affected.

BELLBRIDGE HYDRANTS

As and when restrictions allow, the Brigade will be doing their biannual serviceability check on the Bellbridge hydrants in the coming month or two. We were planning to have a street meet with the Bellbridge community on the day but as this is deemed not an essential CFA activity we will look at it at a later date.

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 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.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The Brigade is in the process of delivering Basic Fire Fighter skills training to 2 new members in Bethanga/Bellbridge. These members will be ready for the upcoming fire season

BRIGADE TRAINING

CFA align their restrictions with the State government policy. This means we are only allowed to do what is deemed essential training. We will be completing our annual emergency burn over and hazardous trees training as mandated by our Chief. Two of our new Lieutenants were able to complete

their Crew leader course and 11 members updated their First Aid. We also plan to try some brigade run digital training.

So far, we have had a safe winter; however there are still a couple of weeks to go before we welcome the warmer weather.

Keep safe everyone.

CONTACTS

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Tracey Woodhouse, Secretary 0413 708 302

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Ron Evans, Community Safety Liaison 02 6026 4301



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TALGARNO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

How good does the Lake look this year!

What a yo-yo of a year with our pandemic situation!

We were fortunate to have lull in the pandemic to hold a celebration of 80 years of Talgarno CFA which was enjoyed by all. A big thanks to those who organised it.

Very little to report on turnouts this year, which is a good thing with winter nearly over.

Training has been slow with the restrictions and the

compulsory drills for members are to be held when and if we can do it face to face. For members, Hazardous Trees training can be completed anytime on 'Brigades Online'

Great news for Bethanga /Talgarno CFA. We have been selected to host the Region 24 Brigades Championship games sometime next year. Anyone interested in becoming involved or joining a team please let the BMT know.

Also as we get closer to the warmer months, it is a good idea to start looking at your properties' fire risk. Do you have a Bushfire Emergency plan? If you require assistance, we can help with your plan. The CFA website has Information on how to prepare yourself and your family for the summer fire danger season.

Finally anyone who is struggling with the current lockdown or have any other well being concerns there is an excellent mental health support team available through the CFA , free of charge for members and their families
CFA Member Assistance Program 24/7. ph 1300795711
CFA Wellbeing Support Line 24/7
ph 1800959232

Keep safe, look out for your family, friends and we will come out the other end of this

Cheers

*Michael Elliot, Captain 0407 201 169
Brendan Pearson, Secretary, 0439 881 440*

BETHANGA-TALGARNO JUNIOR CFA BRIGADE

VISIT TO WODONGA POLICE STATION

On the 27th of June the Junior's were given a tour of the Wodonga Police Station by Senior Constable Luke Fogarty who is currently stationed at Bethanga. Luke gave us an informative insight in how the police station operates. We experienced first-hand being locked inside a cell, then toured the attached courthouse. Two of our Junior criminals also spent some time in the back of the 'paddy wagon', but were later cleared of all charges. We would like to thank Luke for the tour, and we felt lucky to sneak this activity in between the various lockdowns.

JUNIOR SESSIONS

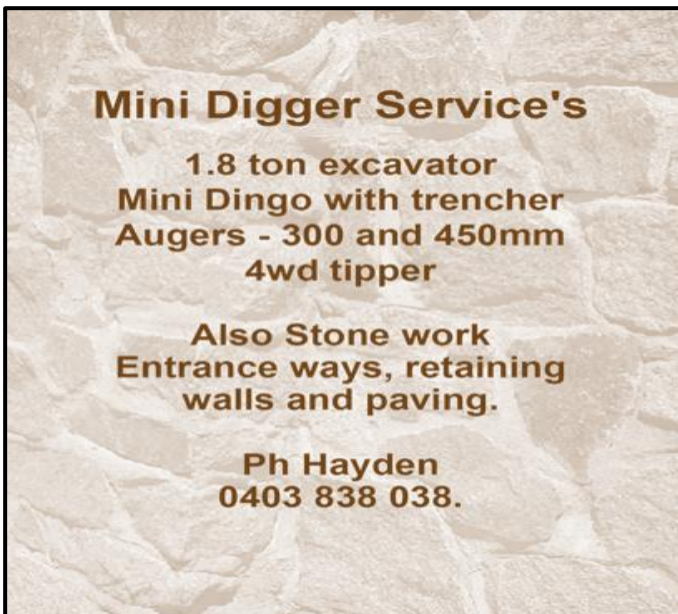
While we have been trying to hold junior sessions when we can. The ongoing lockdowns and the uncertainty due to fast changing restrictions have meant we have only been able to hold a very small number of sessions since summer. We hope by next championship season we can be back running junior sessions regularly.

JOINING THE JUNIOR BRIGADE

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

CONTACTS

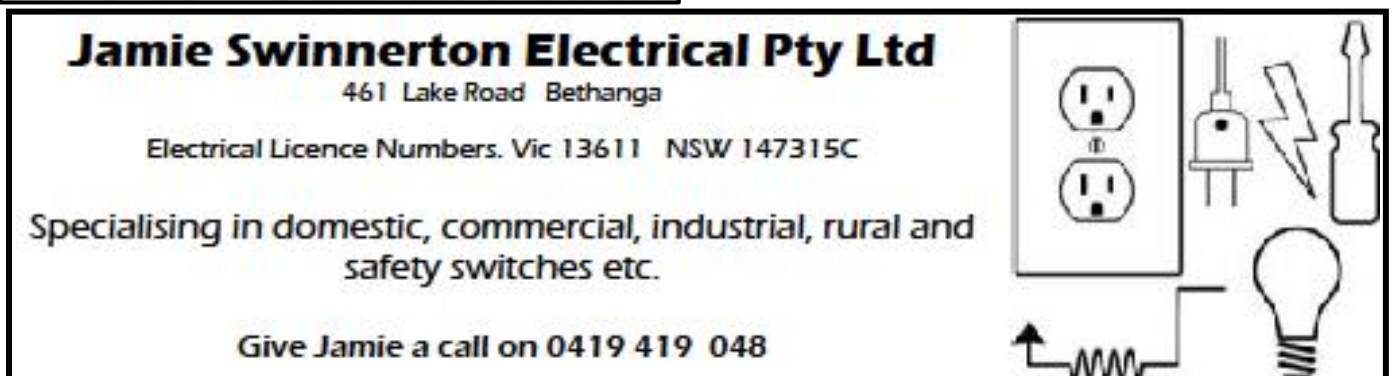
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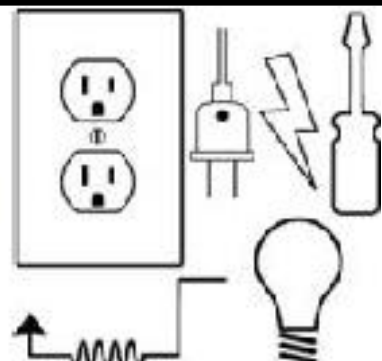
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BETHANGA GOLF CLUB



Springdale Road Bethanga

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the golf course is closed. Although some of the restrictions on the golf courses are to be lifted, the Bethanga Golf course committee has made the regrettable decision that it will not re-open the course this season; due to the work required to make it usable for what would be a very short period.

The course will be reopened next year.

Hire the club house for your next celebration or fundraiser.

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BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

Bethanga Recreation Committee Election

When: Sat 4th Sept @9am

How: Zoom Meeting

The election is still happening!!!!

Because of lockdowns the committee election is being held online via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 687 7204 8355

Passcode: 369100

If you would prefer to join the meeting via telephone:

Local phone numbers:

VIC: 03 7018 2005

NSW: 02 8015 6011

If you need assistance with joining the online meeting, please contact

bethangareserve@gmail.com or 0421361235.

The meeting is still planned for 10:00am, Saturday 4th of September. The meeting will be open at

9:00am if you want to test your equipment.

The meeting will be chaired by outgoing committee and Bethanga resident Andrew Hird. Andrew has been the Secretary for the last four years and is not seeking election to the committee.

The online Zoom election will be hosted and moderated by Matthew Gill. Matthew is not seeking election to the committee.

We hope that the online meeting will be successful, but we have decided to keep it as brief as possible and stick to the task at hand, electing a new committee. With that in mind, there will be no AGM prior to the election. Current committee members have agreed to remain after the election to present the Chairman's, Secretary & Treasury reports. Written nominations for committee position can be accepted prior to the election via bethangareserve@gmail.com or 0421361235. Absentee votes cannot be accepted.

Executive reports can be requested prior to the meeting by contacting bethangareserve@gmail.com or 0421361235

Thanks all, we look forward seeing you all at the elections!!!

BONEGILLA HALL CRAFT GROUP

Come along to our craft group session every THURSDAY (excluding school holidays). Bring all those UFO's along and enjoy a bit of laughter.

10:00am to 2:00pm; Cost \$4.00, includes tea or coffee. Bring along your lunch.

Contact Pam on 0401 545 583

POLE WALKERS

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

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PENINSULA ACTIVITY, LAUGHTER, MOVEMENT & SOCIABLE (P.A.L.M.S)

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When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Time: Starts 2 pm

Where: Bethanga Hall

For more information contact the MCHC office on Ph(02) 6071 5238 for further details

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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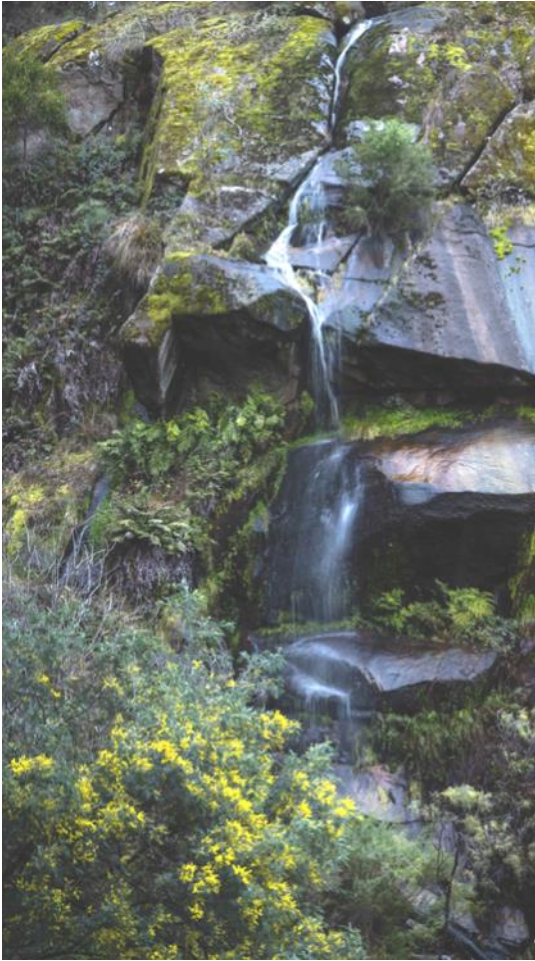
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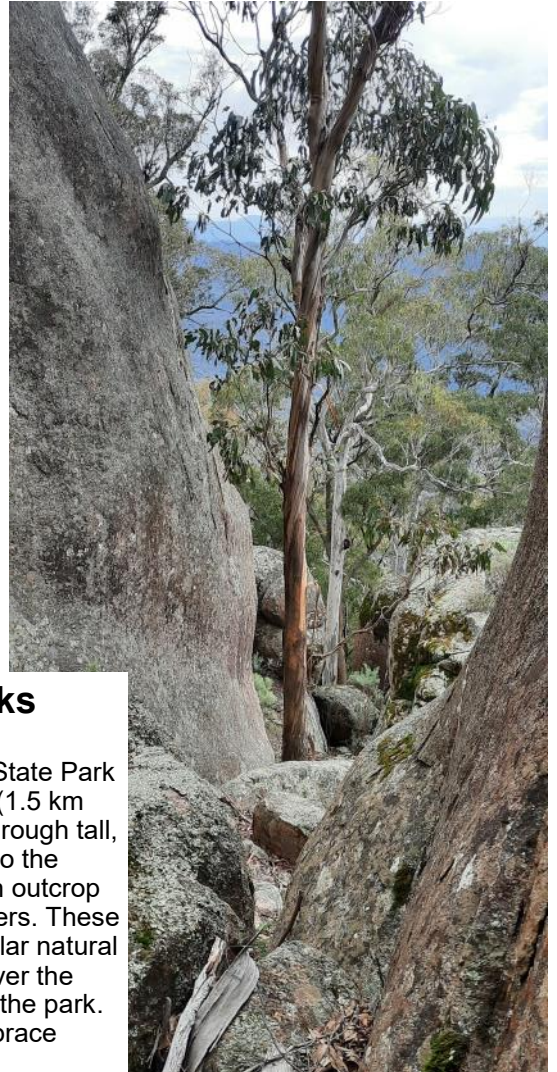
Short Local Bushwalks



Granya Falls

Mt Granya State Park (Cottontree Creek Reserve), Granya, This seasonally flowing waterfall can be reached after a short walk (1.4 km return) from Cotton Tree Creek camp ground Webb Lane

Photo David Cottee



Conic Rocks

Mount Lawson State Park This short walk (1.5 km return) climbs through tall, old Blue Gums to the Conic Rocks, an outcrop of granite boulders. These form a spectacular natural vantage point over the northern part of the park. Access via Firebrace Track Granya

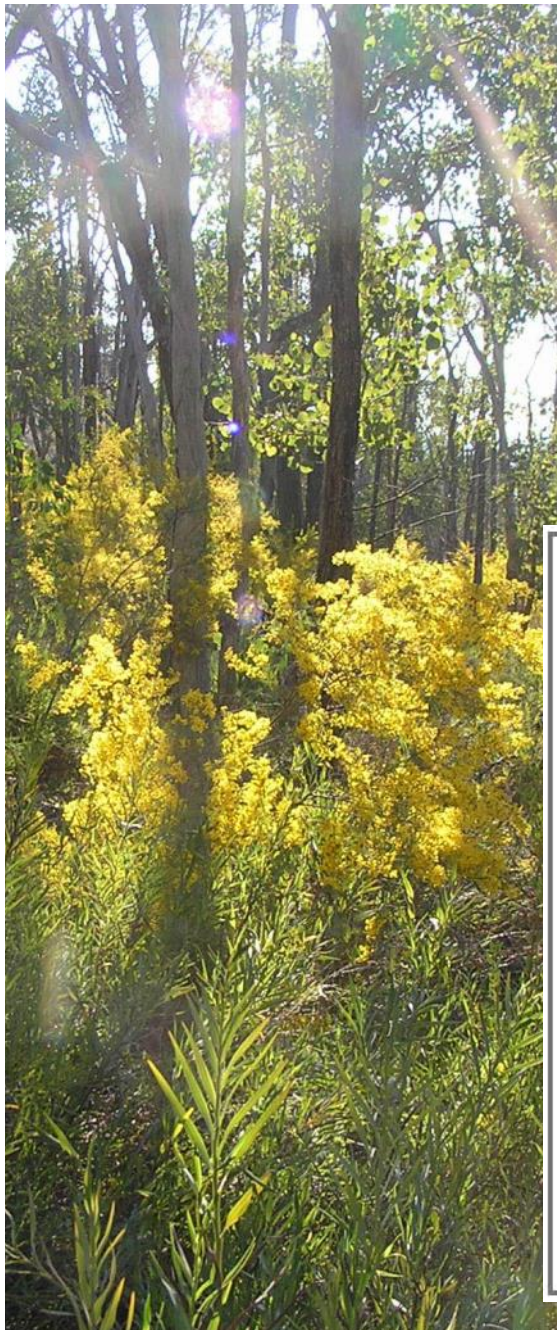
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What a great old fashioned wet winter we have had so far, and hopefully a great spring will follow. Recent pasture growth is hinting at spring being just around the corner.

If you have Patterson's Curse remember to look closely before spraying, as the beetle and weevil bio controls are highly active, and you will want to ensure that you do not damage their population with premature application of herbicides. If you need assistance identifying what bio controls may be working for you call Simon Feillafe ph. 0438 190 999 who will be happy to assist you.

Our Dung Beetle project is still progressing and those with beetle tents are keenly awaiting beetles to appear. Beetles can also be seen working actively in your paddocks at present. Keep a keen eye on them and identify them.

The funding for the Talgarno Wetlands project has come through thanks to some great work by Greg Hayes and Simon Feillafe. This will be a great project for our group and a terrific asset for our community. We look forward to working with the school on this project. If you are interested in being involved, get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

You will have noticed that our end of the Great River Road project has commenced and is progressing quickly. There are two sites, one near Bellbridge and the other at 641 Murray River Road. Beringa Peninsula Community Network has been busy with a working bee to plant out the first site near Bellbridge. A special thanks to Bethanga Landcare for helping with this and thanks to Rowena Calvert for organizing it all. We are still looking for story board and sculpture ideas for both sites.

Mitta to Murray Landcare Inc. had planned to run a seminar on August 25th at Tallangatta Memorial Hall titled "Making Sense of Carbon in Agriculture". It was

necessary to postpone this event until a later date, dependant on COVID restrictions!

Susanne Watkins the Project Officer for Mitta to Murray Landcare with help from Simon Feillafe is still doing great work in mapping and preparing 5 year Property Management plans for properties in the region. The total hectares mapped to date are 47,775.

Please remember subs. are now due for your membership of Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Inc. Group. If it has slipped your mind, please get your subs. in ASAP to our treasurer Hugh Dunchue. Your subs. assist with keeping our group going, and our membership numbers are a key factor in the success of our funding applications. Please pay your subs. and you are invited to bring your friends and neighbors to our next meeting.

The proposed dates for future meetings are - subject to Covid restrictions

September 15th 2021

November 17th 2021

March 16th 2022

AGM May 19th 2022

Jim de Hennin, President
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Bethanga Landcare Group

Bethanga Landcare Tree Giveaway as popular as ever

Despite delays caused by earlier COVID lockdowns, the annual Bethanga Landcare Tree Giveaway once again proved popular this year on the week-end of 14-15th August.

Under stringent registration, social distancing and number restrictions, nearly 700 native tree and bush seedlings found new homes at 28 properties across Bethanga. Some of the hills and gardens of the township now look peppered by what appears to be early snowdrop blooms. Lo and behold! They are the hundreds of white milk cartons as tree guards handed out with the seedlings!

The white dots have also appeared along Bethanga Creek at the Recreation Reserve where a hundred seedlings were scattered as part of a restricted

community planting. More seedlings will soon be handed over to Bethanga Primary School to be planted when restrictions are lifted.



On another note, a public presentation on bees and pollinating insects planned for late August at Bethanga Hall has unfortunately been postponed due to present partial lockdown restrictions. We hope to be able to reschedule it for later this year.

In the meantime, Bethanga Landcare volunteers are



proud to have given their time to the River Road project by planting native grasses along the new picturesque wayside stop on the Murray River Road at Bellbridge. Go and check it! The views of the bridge with the lake near capacity at this time of the year are stunning.

Nexus Minerals has started to do some investigations into Copper/Gold mining in the Bethanga area. This has consisted of walking around the area and making observations. The Nexus team has met with a number of local farmers to introduce themselves and have obtained landowner permission for access.

If you are interested in our activities go to our website: <https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/northeast/bethanga/>

Or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BerringaLandcare>

Or email us at: bethangalandcaregroup@gmail.com

Hugh Hanna

Mitta to Murray Landcare

Research Brings Hope for an Invasive Prickly Problem

As the weather warms up and we start thinking about getting on top of our weeds, the issue of blackberry infestations is at the forefront of many Berringa locals' minds. Invasive European blackberries cost over \$103 million per year in lost production and control costs and have a detrimental impact on the environment, outcompeting native vegetation and harbouring pest animals.

Several years ago Mitta to Murray Landcare Inc. were fortunate to welcome Dr Raelene Kwong, Senior Research Scientist Biological Control on Invasive Species from Agriculture Victoria, as a member of the group. This has allowed the group to hear firsthand of the exciting work Dr Kwong and her research team have been doing in finding a biological control agent for invasive blackberry.

The project, funded by Meat and Livestock Australia and Agriculture Victoria, will investigate whether a cane-boring sawfly (*Phylloecus faunus*), a natural enemy of blackberries in western Europe, will make a suitable biological control agent against invasive blackberries in Australia. In its native range, the cane-boring sawfly



larvae tunnel through blackberry primocanes (first-year canes), leading to cane collapse and dieback, and reducing daughter plant production.

Before the sawfly can be released, it must undergo a rigorous assessment process to show that the risk associated with its release into the Australian environment is very low or negligible. This will be done through a series of experiments known as "host specificity testing", designed to predict the sawfly's host range. During these tests, the sawfly will be exposed to native and economically important plant species that are closely related to the predominant weedy species, *Rubus anglocandicans* to see if it is able to feed and live on desired plant species.



Currently, the sawfly is being reared at the CSIRO European laboratories in France and will be imported into the AgriBio quarantine facilities in Melbourne later this year, where the host specificity testing studies will be conducted. Dr Kwong together with Simon Feillafe (Mitta to Murray Landcare Facilitator) will soon collect a number of blackberry plants from our area to use during the project.

Stay tuned for further updates on how the project progresses.

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The Centre is certainly a hive of activity and alongside the increased number of children and families using the service, this term we welcome 3 new educators. A big welcome to Brad, Laura and Nick who join the team!

The long day care room has become so busy, that it has been split into 2 separate spaces. This has enabled the creation of dedicated spaces for the older children to play with smaller pieces and create items without fear of smaller hands getting hold of them. The children have also been engaged in lots of play activities that reflect our everyday life – from fire stations, zoos, the beach, transport, roads, houses and animals. This play has also been reflected in the children getting out into the community with more ‘mini’ excursions to the park, tennis courts and the ‘library’ across the road.

As part of *Reconciliation Week* and *NAIDOC week*, the children discussed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags - in particular the colours and meaning behind the different parts of each flag. The children then painted their own small flags and worked to make larger flags for the foyer. Lots of dreamtime stories were shared too, including the Rainbow Snake with props to tell the story.

The arrival of the wet playsuits (aka puddle pants) has been a welcome addition, allowing the children to play outside despite the weather. This has provided a whole new perspective to nature exploration and having fun outdoors.

The *Bluearth program* continues to be a much loved part of the kindergarten program as the children learn to be more self-aware of both themselves and others, along with how to regulate their emotions if they are feeling overwhelmed.

The centre has also enjoyed participating in PJ week, decorating jeans as part of *Jeans for Genes* day and having crazy hair for *Cystic Fibrosis* awareness.



Friends of BEYLC committee update:

We have been successful with another *Woolworths Junior Landcare grant* which will see some additional wicking beds added to the outdoor area for more vegetable and herb production. We were also fortunate to be awarded a \$500 bee bonus as part of the grant, so will have another wicking bed purely for growing flowering plants, further educational resources and a fun ‘Bee’ Day event planned for later in the year.

Working Bee new date – Sunday 22nd August. Please join us at the centre to plant flowering shrubs from 10am to noon. This will be followed by a pizza lunch. All are very welcome.

Father’s Day BBQ – Friday 3rd September. More details to follow.

For more info on the centre, please contact Amanda Armstrong, BEYLC Team Lead on 02 6026 4373.

RAPPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance **P**ersistence
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Our Purpose We provide all students from Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with an inspiring and responsive curriculum to promote thinking and encourage curiosity. We nurture individual talents and needs in our setting underpinned by high expectations, quality opportunities and caring personalized attention in order for our children to reach their full academic and social potential.



What a wonderful term 3 we have had so far! Despite COVID putting us in to Lockdowns 5, 6 and now 7... our focus has been on embracing opportunities when we are all together to enjoy them!

We welcomed Mrs Grove back this term who is taking students for STEM, Auslan (Australian Sign Language) and Music. It has been lovely to see how engaged our littlest learners are as they learn about rhythm and beat – the percussion instruments have certainly been a winner!

The students in Millewa (3-6) have elevated their digital technology skills to the next level by coding amazing animations and games through Scratch and producing informative posters using digital programs such as Auto draw.

Students of all ages have enjoyed some AFL footy clinics held down at the Bethanga Rec Reserve – an added level of skill was involved when avoiding plovers! Students have learned to kick, handball and mark through games and activities over two sessions – we hope to reschedule our last two after Lockdown.

Sporting Schools this term has been something very new. We have been giving tenpin bowling a go! Although we have only had two sessions (again impacted by Lockdown) the improvement from one week to the next was outstanding... look out the next time you go for a family bowl on the weekend!

We were lucky to get together with our friends from Talgarno for a 'Healthy and Active interschool sport day'. Students participated in Life Education sessions with Healthy Harold around healthy choices, Bluearth sessions with Cathryn focused on being active and really embraced the opportunity just to play together (we've really missed our Cluster Friends with restrictions in place).

Students have also been preparing impressive art pieces for our Art Show: Although unable to go ahead as it was scheduled for the Last Weekend in August, we hope to reschedule this for later in the year.

Rachel Saunders



TALGARNO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2021 TRANSITION PROGRAM

TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Talgarno PS 9-11.30

Join us for a morning of activities, stay for recess and a play.

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Talgarno PS 9-11.30

Join us for a morning of activities, stay for recess and a play.

TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Talgarno PS 9-1.30

Join us from the start of the day and for lunch.

TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Talgarno PS 9-1.30

Join us from the start of the day and for lunch.



Remember to bring a hat, drink bottle and recess or lunch (if required)

FRUIT FLY CIRCUS

Our students were treated to one of our first excursions for a long while and it did not disappoint. We were so lucky to be able to see the Fruit Fly Circus at the Bethanga Hall and the performers wowed us from start to finish. There were jugglers, unicycle riders, acrobats, clowns, contortionists, diabolo throwers and more. We think it may have sparked some circus interest in all of our students.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT DAY

The students had so much fun last Wednesday being able to combine a Bluearth Inter School Sport and well being day with the Bethanga Primary School students. The day did not disappoint!

CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to our students who ran their hearts out in the pouring rain for the division cross country. The ground was waterlogged, the puddles could not be avoided and competitors were soaked to the bone but they all came back with a smile on their face and put in their best effort. Thank you to all the parents who transported their children and stood in the freezing cold rain to cheer them on.



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