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Bellarine Springs Newsletter
October 2024



Spring on the Bellarine

A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

Spring is trying to peep through and fight those wild winds away. I am enjoying seeing all the flowers blooming around the village.

Village community centre updates

This month saw a range of essential maintenance and improvements carried out across the village. We had a deep clean of the community centre and pavilion including windows, tiles and carpets being steamed cleaned.

Aesthetic enhancements included repainting the women's bathrooms and disabled toilet, as well as repairing tile grout. Gym equipment was serviced.

All work sheds and community facilities underwent testing and tagging.

Air handling system filters were replaced. The deck leveling repair was completed, with old timber decking swapped out for durable Modwood. A new village flag was proudly set up, adding a fresh touch to our communal identity. For our aqua aerobics classes, new pool noodles were provided.

Garden Report by Robert Burza

Over the past four weeks, we have distributed anco lawn feed throughout the entire village, which will promote grass growth and combat weeds. Major tree pruning was also carried out throughout the village. We have also finished weed spraying; small weeds will take about 2-4 weeks to die off, while larger ones may take 4-6 weeks, and a second spray might be necessary. Additionally, we have fertilized the young trees in the village with our six-month fertilizer, Troforte - M. The trimming of the lilly pilly along the fence line has also been completed.

Bellarine Springs Shines Brighter with New Solar Array!

We're excited to share some sunny news with you today!

Bellarine Springs is proud to announce the commissioning of our second solar generation.

This exciting development further solidifies our commitment to sustainable living and providing you with the most affordable energy prices possible.

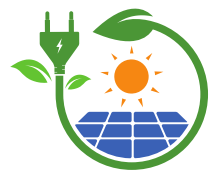
What this means for you:

- **Cleaner energy:** The new 225 kW solar array will generate a significant portion of our community's electricity needs, reducing our reliance on traditional energy sources and lowering our carbon footprint in the future.
- **Stable energy costs:** This investment allows us to continue offering you highly competitive energy prices, year after year. We're dedicated to keeping your living expenses predictable and affordable.
- **A brighter future:** The system is designed for future expansion, allowing us to add even more solar power or battery storage as technology and demand evolve. We're committed to staying at the forefront of sustainable energy solutions.

We're leading the way: Bellarine Springs is proud to be one of the first retirement villages in Victoria to successfully integrate solar systems into both new and existing properties. We're setting a new standard for sustainable retirement living, and we're excited to share this journey with you.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community!

Together, we're building a brighter, more sustainable future for Bellarine Springs.



A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin



Thank you to the volunteers from the open day, thank you to those involved with various stall holders and support, I don't know about you, but I wanted to take a seeing eye doggy home! Our Village Open Day was a great success. We all agree it was buzzing having the stall holders inside this year along with an additional furry friends from the seeing eye dogs, the Bellarine North Rotary Club sausage sizzle and food trucks. We were able to show case our brand-new stage 10.1 (all electric) with multiple tours by Kent, Vanessa, and myself throughout the day. Thank you to Michael our MC, Meagan and Mary with your help with meeting and greeting and showing interested parties through the village.

On a side note. The development team should be extremely proud as 10.1 looks amazing with our newly designed Bosch induction and microwaves compliment the all-electric kitchens. There is nothing that pleases me more than seeing the incoming residents enjoying their brand-new homes and settling into the village, so a big welcome.

We welcome tours for the stunning established homes that are listed and move in ready and to the new builds in stage 10.1 anytime. You are very welcome to show any friends and family around the village and book in a tour. We have had some recent established homes snapped up and depositors have come from resident referrals, so a big thank you to all residents and your referrals, it means a lot to the team.

I recently presented at the Clifton Springs Bowling Club on Grand Final public holiday, and it was great seeing a fun filled packed bowling club enjoying one another's company...I too understand the importance of community, activity and having fun!!

Happy snap to follow with the president Eddie and myself.

Thank you for all the smiles 😊



Pictured left myself and Eddie the president of the Clifton Springs bowling club.



Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
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New residents

Extending a Warm Welcome to New Members of the Village Community
It brings us great joy to welcome the newest members to our village community. In October, we look forward to greeting the following residents to our village - Denis & Barbara Corcoran and John & Lois Richards



BSRA report



Hello Fellow Residents,

I'm in a good mood this month as my Presidency is nearly over. I will be eagerly waiting to see who the next President will be and I hope their journey is as memorable as mine was. The sun is shining, the Footy is finished, what more could you want.

This month has seen various activities.

The Super Trivia Night saw the brains of the village gathered to determine which group were to be nominated to join Mensa. Ten tables of four did battle on various subjects.

In between the table questions there was a 'Heads and Tales' competition. The winning table (and Mensa candidates) were Margaret Linke, Sue Myers, Marilyn Humphrey, and Ian Myers.

The two winners of the 'Heads and Tails' were Shirley Baker and Ian Myers. Thanks to Geoff Fifer for organising the night and Special thanks to Colin Mckenzie for taking responsibility for the questions and helping organise the night. Thanks also to the BSRA for supplying the prizes.

There was the usual Dim Sim Night thanks again to Jane and her helpers.

Then we had the Pie Night, which was attended by about 80 residents, who enjoyed a variety of pies from the Rolling Pin Bakery. After eating all those pies, to get rid of the excess food, the residents were entertained by The Avenue, with lots of dancing. Thanks to all those who helped run a fun night.

As this is my last report, I would just like to say a big thank you to all the committee members who have helped me and the residents over the past two years. I would also like to thank all residents for their support during my Reign.

Your President

Steve Merriman



Village Outing

- When** - Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October
- Time** - 11:00am at the Community Centre
- Lunch** - 12 noon. Commun Na Feinne Hotel (The Commo) at own cost.
- Visit** -
- Return** - 1:30pm Guided Tour of Geelong Gaol. (\$20 to be paid prior - in the labelled box in library). Around 3:30pm

Our next Village Outing is a Guided Tour of the Geelong Gaol

Opening in 1853, the Geelong Gaol is one of Australia's most intact 19th-century convict prisons. And in 2023, the goal is to celebrate her 170th birthday!

Deb Robinson has been researching family and local history for more than 30 years and for the last decade has researched the Geelong Gaol, her prisoners, and staff. Some of these stories have been told in the "Locked up with History" podcast but there are many more!

Join Deb for a 60-minute tour as she regales you with tales of the building, prisoners, and staff that once worked or were incarcerated here.



A heartfelt card from the King for Malcolm and Jacqui Brough, who recently marked their 65th anniversary. Congratulations.





Community Vegetable Garden Update



What a turbulent month mother nature had given us to start spring.

Our Village Garden however has met most challenges of the strong winds and cold weather.

Sadly our lovely garlic crop did succumb to rust disease - and had to be removed .

On the plus side, cabbages, snow peas and leafy greens continue to provide good harvest.

Thank you for the generous donations of lemons, mandarins, walnuts and lots of dwarf sunflower seeds.

This week we are introducing a new vegetable to some of you is kohlrabi.

It is an excellent source of Vitamin C (maintain bone, teeth and cartilage), fiber (beneficial for digestion and prevents constipation), Vitamin B6, (helps immunity), potassium (helps blood pressure) and has multiple antioxidants.

How to Prepare

You can prepare kohlrabi raw in salads or slaws, roast it, or prepare it in soups.

Peel and roast kohlrabi bulbs with garlic, olive oil, and parmesan cheese

Slice kohlrabi bulbs and add raw to a slaw with apples

Add kohlrabi to chicken soup for some extra crunch and body

Puree kohlrabi with onion for a creamy soup base

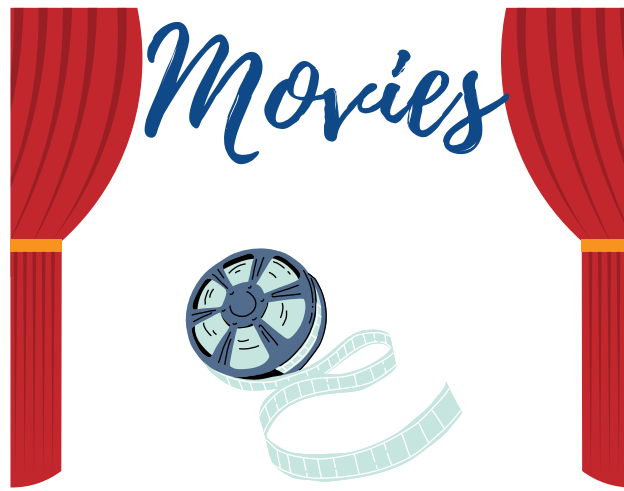
Boil kohlrabi bulbs and serve in a cream sauce as a side dish with meat or fish

Mash kohlrabi with potatoes for a healthier version of mashed potatoes

Try something new - enjoy

Maria Ryan





Hi guys, well October strikes and it made me think when I saw Woolies displaying Christmas puddings and mince pies only the other day. What I hope I have for you this time round are three very different but truly top quality movies and surely some may appeal.

Must Love Dogs is a straight out romance, not without the odd glitch of course, but starring two of my own favourite actors John Cusack and Diane Lane. The course of love is not always easy. Along with them are Christopher Plummer and Stockard Channing. Great fun and a genuine goodie. Thursday 3rd @ 2.30pm

Paycheck is a fantastic thriller starring Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman, Aaron Eckhart and Paul Giamatti. Affleck is a brilliant engineer who works on secret projects after which his memory is erased. After the end of a three year job he is then cheated out of his payment but left with a mysterious envelope containing clues to his memory. Great thriller, terrific action and moves fast. Give it a try. Thursday 17th @ 7.00pm

Now, if you like oldies I've got a genuine classic with The Big Sleep starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Possibly one of Raymond Chandler's best ever Phillip Marlowe stories. Directed by Howard Hawks and with excellent performances from both Dorothy Malone and Elisha Cook. Well, it's in black and white and made in 1947 but stands up as a good thriller. Thursday 31st @ 7.00pm

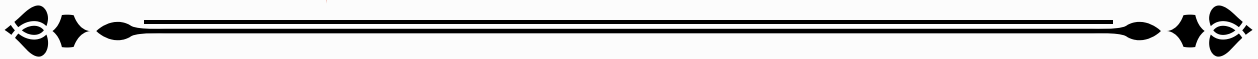
After the recent death of the actress Maggie Smith and knowing that many of you love Maggie Smith, I'm putting on one of her earliest movies. Hot Millions starring Maggie Smith, Peter Ustinov, Karl Malden, Bob Newhart and Robert Morley is a comedy crime/romance made in 1968. Obviously set in the days of the swinging sixties and with computers that will make you boggle this is about a delightful embezzlement. It slightly saddens me that all of the stars in this film are no longer with us. Thank God for movies! On Wed 9th @ 2.30pm Hope some of you may like it.

Hope you like the thoughts. See you at the movies.
David



Social Bridge

Please join us on a Thursday at 1.30pm in the Pavilion to learn or play social bridge. All welcome.
Contact - Val Bishop



Peter Lewis Memorial Golf Day

The second Peter Lewis Memorial Golf Day was held Friday 20 September at Clifton Springs Golf Course.

24 players played an Ambrose event.

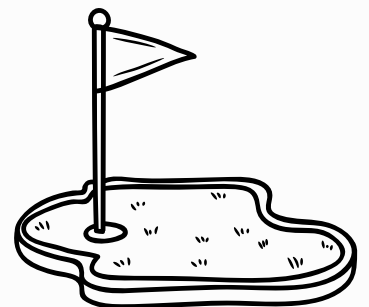
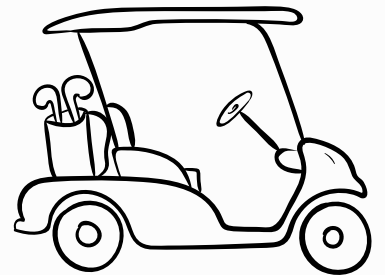
The day was made more special as Peter's daughter Tania and his grandson Nick played as well.

After a windy game the players returned to the Pavilion for a bbq lunch and presentation of the trophy.

Congratulations to this years winners : Nick Lewis, Greg Chalmers , Christine Noble and Phil Griffin, with a winning score of 59.25

Thank you to BSRA for funding the lunch, Bev for the lollies , Kevin who organised a 3 pack of golf balls for each player sponsored by Bendigo bank. Thank you to the lovely residents who cooked and prepared the lunch and cleaned up afterwards

Paul





Anne Cowden, Retired Celebrant:
"Bridesmaids, Brides, Grooms and
other Celebratory Experiences"

Bellarine Springs Residents Association

VIP SERIES

Very Interesting Presentations

The Life and Times of William Buckley

Denis O'Reilly of the Queenscliffe Historical Society will make a presentation based on his work in charting the life of William Buckley, the first white person to live on the Bellarine Peninsula. William Buckley was an escaped convict who traversed the country around (what is now) Port Philip Bay and lived on the Peninsula with the assistance of local Aboriginal Tribes for more than 30 years before being captured. This is a fascinating story of endurance, hardship and salvation.

- Tues Oct 8th
- 3:00 - 4:00pm
- In the Theatre

SIGN UP NOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

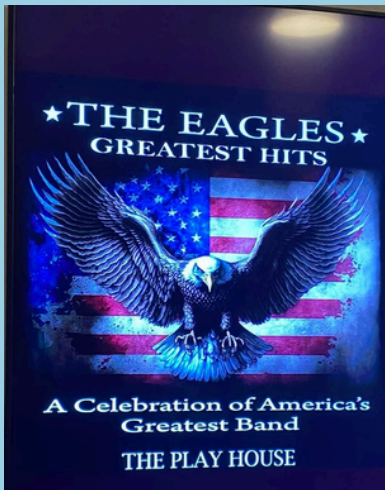
WILLIAM BUCKLEY BROUGHT TO YOU BY DENIS O'REILLY - HISTORIAN

On Tuesday 10th September 2024, Anne Cowden, Village Resident and Retired Celebrant gave a very entertaining and interesting presentation on the role of Celebrants in officiating at, and facilitating marriages, baby naming ceremonies, commitment ceremonies, funeral services and numerous other ceremonies that people wish to conduct in their lives. She provided background information on when and why the Marriage Celebrant Role was first created as an alternative to Church or Registry Office services and how the role has evolved and expanded to include many different types of celebrations. Her presentation included wonderful examples of the many and varied ways people celebrate important events in their lives such as Scottish bagpipes marching the guests into the wedding venue, delivering the bride to a groom across a swollen river, dress-up ceremonies in Victorian era costumes, painted and decorated coffins of family members, to name just a few.

Interestingly, in question time there were few questions about weddings and a lot more on funerals! A take home message from Anne was write down what you want from a celebration and how you want it to be conducted! Don't leave it to the family to squabble over what kind of music should be played at Dad's funeral.

Anne's delightful presentation offered many insights and observations about the way people behave in ceremonies. The 30 residents who attended were a very happy bunch at the end of the session. Particularly as Anne's closing piece of very practical advice was you don't need Bridesmaids for a Funeral!!!!

Steph Wellard Rod Wellard
VIP Conveners



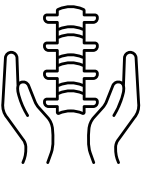



Singles Group

Due to holidays we have only had a chance to organise one event this month but what a fabulous time we had. There were 10 of us who went to see 'The Eagles' in Geelong and what a fantastic show they put on, everyone really enjoyed themselves singing along with the group. If it wasn't for the Singles Group many of us would never have gone to events like this with being on our own. We have another event planned for October at the Potato Shed where 13 people from the group are going and when we get back from our holidays we will start organising more events. Any single people who would like to join our group, please contact Rita or Lyn and you would be most welcome, we have a poster in the activity station with the details.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| | 1 9am Walking group 1pm Craft @pavilion 2pm golf croquet@ bowling green 2pm Chicks with Cue sticks @ CC 2pm Indoor bowls 5pm Sundowners | 2 9.00 am Social Tennis 9.15 am Bus Drysdale 10.30am Helloworld Travel 10am Village Bus Westfield 9.30am Tai Chi Classes @ Pavilion 1pm Mahjong @ CC 1.30pm Rummikub | 3 9.30am Exercises with Penny 11am Aqua (resident lead) 1.30 pm Social Bridge @ Pavilion 2pm golf croquet@ bowling 2pm "Blokes, Billiards, Beers @ CC 2pm Cuppa and games @CC 2.30pm "Must love dogs"@ Theatre |
| 7 8.45am Cycling Group 1 pm Mahjong@ CC 1pm Aqua 1.30pm Rumikub@CC 2pm Scrabble @CC 3pm Book Club @ boardroom | 8 9am Walking group 10.30am B'day Morning tea @ CC 1pm Craft @pavilion 2pm golf croquet@ bowling green 2pm Chicks with Cue sticks @ CC 2pm Indoor bowls 3pm VIP @ theatre 5pm Sundowners | 9 9.00 am Social Tennis 9.15 am Bus Drysdale 9.30am Tai Chi Classes 1pm Mahjong @ CC 1.30pm Rummikub 2pm Outdoor bowls 2.30pm "Hot Millions"@ Theatre 3pm Mister minute pick up | 10 9.30am Exercises with Penny 11am Aqua (resident lead) 1.30 pm Social Bridge @ Pavilion 2pm golf croquet@ bowling 2pm "Blokes, Billiards, Beers @ CC 2pm Cuppa and games @CC |
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| Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Notes |
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| <p>4</p> <p>10am Musical Moments @ Theatre 1pm Mahjong @ CC 1.30pm Rummikub 5pm Happy Hour@ CC Dim Sims night</p> | <p>5</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing @CC</p> | <p>6</p>  <p>2pm Cuppa and games @CC</p> | |
| <p>11</p> <p>10am Lux beauty bus @CC 10am Musical Moments @ Theatre 10.30am Fish Van 1pm Mahjong @ CC 1.30pm Rummikub 5pm Happy Hour@ CC</p> | <p>12</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing @CC</p> | <p>13</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games @CC</p> | <p>Fish Van 10.30am - 11am Friday 11th October Friday 25th October</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>10am Musical Moments @ Theatre 1pm Mahjong @ CC 1.30pm Rummikub 5pm Happy Hour @ CC</p> | <p>19</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing @CC</p> | <p>20</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games @CC</p> |  <p>Lux Beauty Bus 9am Friday 11th October. Fiona provides services like waxing, facials, and lash and brow treatments. To book appointments for that day, please contact her at 0404 043 096</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>10am Musical Moments @ Theatre 10.30am Fresh Fish Van 1.30pm Rummikub 5pm Happy Hour @ CC</p> | <p>26</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing @CC</p> | <p>27</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games @CC</p> |  <p>Psyiotherapist Keagan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.</p> |
| | | |  <p>Hairdresser Sally is located in the community centre hairdressing salon. Please contact her direct on 0428 150 094 to arrange your appointment.</p> |



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Mister Minit inhouse services

This new service aims to make it easier and more convenient for residents to get their items repaired without having to leave your home. Mister Minit will pick-up the items from the village community centre, make the necessary repairs, and return them in the same week. Saving residents time and and hassle. This service is currently being tested and we welcome any feedback to improve and expand this service.

At Mister Minit Gateway Plaza Leopold, we pride ourselves on being 'Real People, Fixing Problems.' Our team specialises in a range of household services including shoe repairs and care, key cutting, laser engraving, watch repairs, along with car keys, garage remotes, and knife sharpening. We are often affectionately known as the 'Mister Fixit' in shopping centres.

We are thrilled to introduce our new Monthly Concierge Service, offering a special discounted rate on all services to the residents at Bellerine Springs.

Here's what you can expect:

- Drop-Off Service- October 14th 10am to 10:30am at Community Centre
- Pick-Up Service - Wednesday 16th 3:00pm to 3:30pm at the Community Centre

Exclusive Discounts: • 25% OFF all services, including heel and sole repairs, gluing, stitching, shoe cleaning, key Cutting, car key Duplication, hand engraving, laser engraving, watch battery replacements, sharpening and More.