



BELLARINE  
**SPRINGS**

**Bellarine Springs Newsletter**  
**April 2025**

**HAPPY**  
**EASTER**

# A message from our Village Manager

**KENT HODGSON**



Welcome to Autumn

This season is bringing us some beautiful sunny days and also some hot days.

It's wonderful to see so many residents embarking on trips some overseas, caravans trips or cruising.

## **Easter Break**

Please be aware that the village office and reception will be closed during the Easter break, including Good Friday and Easter Monday. And also after Easter there is AnzacDay.

If you need assistance, emergency staff will be available on call throughout the long weekends.

## **Village Update**

In this month's Village Operations & Maintenance update, we've made several important improvements to enhance the comfort and safety of our community.

Fire service contractor monthly inspections were successfully completed, with two fire extinguishers replaced for optimal safety. The quarterly air handling service was also carried out, ensuring the air systems are functioning at their best. In response to storm damage, repairs were made to five units, and trees affected by the storm were removed and mulched, with tree stump removal now complete.

The Community Centre also received attention, with plaster repairs to the entrance portico, mulching around the area, and a new spa light installed. Additional upgrade included the installation of a new threshold ramp to the Pavilion's middle entry door. We also replaced a faulty light sensor in the ladies' bathroom to enhance the overall experience for our residents. Also a new automated access door has been installed in the area near the billard table.



## **Village Gardens - Robert Burza**

Autumn is finally here, now for the wonderful part of the leaves turning red which then is followed by the clean up from the gardening team.

From the garden team we want to wish everyone a happy Easter

While we are still not getting a lot of rain could I please ask anyone with a younger tree to give it to watering cans worth of water every 3-4 days depending on the weather.

## **Emergency Pendants**

Testing Emergency Pendants - Stages 4, 5, and 6.

It's time to continue our regular testing of these devices.

Please keep an eye out for updates in the monthly newsletter and Buzz.

When it's your scheduled turn, remember to test the emergency button on your pendant between 9am and 1pm, Monday through Friday. If you're uncertain about your home's stage, don't hesitate to ask the reception staff for assistance.

## **New Residents**

We are excited to be bringing out the welcome mat for our newest members of our village community.

During April we will have the pleasure of settling the following residents into our village.

Gillgan Meddings





# A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Happy Autumn to all residents,

It has been a busy month for sales with lots of activities.

There appears to be a small pulse in the real estate market on the Bellarine Peninsula with a number of our prospective residents selling their property and looking at moving into the village in the coming months.



The Retirement Information Day at the village was well attended with a number of reservations that are in the pipeline with one being secured.

The team have been out and about. On Sunday 9th March, Resident Ian Myers was joined by local golfers with Bellarine Springs RV sponsoring and contributing to a great cause.

They joined a field of 400 + players to hit off in the nine-hole ambrose event for the Ryan memorial foundation to help raise money for Hope Bereavement care.

Another sponsorship by Bellarine Springs is for the RSL Drysdale and their Annual Golf Day.

Michael Morgan and I attended their last monthly member meeting and presented to the RSL group the virtues of living at Bellarine Springs. A lot of questions were asked, and it was very well received.

We have seen a few incoming residents obtain successful sales and are ready to move into the village.

It makes us so happy to see the weight lifted off their shoulders and excited about moving and relocating into the village. Thank you again for the resident's kindness in welcoming the new residents and referring friends and family to your community.

Additionally, we will be working on the Easter weekend in case there are visitors to residents who might like to ask for information or people going for drives or staying down this way over the Easter break and we are available for appointments.

Bellarine Springs RV will again be sponsoring the Bellarine North Rotary Easter Art Expo (10am – 4pm).

Michael Morgan and I will be attending Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. This is a fabulous event and you should all get up there to say hello to us and see the wonderful art.

<https://www.bellarinenorthrotary.org.au/artexpo>

Kind regards,

Fiona Olin  
Sales Manager  
0455 112 360



# BSRA president's report

Hello fellow residents. As we slide into the 2nd month of Autumn it will be nice to leave the extreme heat behind, welcome (for some) the ending of Daylight Saving in the wee hours of Sunday April 6th and a little rain.

Approximately 54 residents enjoyed an afternoon of 70's through to the 90's music from the Pickeld Onion Band members on Sunday 16th March. The give-away jars of pickled onions were a nice treat.

Rest assured they will be returning later in the year if you happened to miss them.

Welcome to our new residents. We hope your transition into village life is smooth.

We are all like minded people. Respecting each other's privacy yet wanting to assimilate and enjoy a feeling of belonging. I suggest you check out our "Activity Station" notice board area which is situated in the foyer of the community centre with a plethora of events/happenings/groups.

We have the Bucket List Travel and Cruise Club information afternoon on Friday 4th April 12.30 - 1.30pm. The April movie list is worth a look. On Tuesday 4th April in the pavilion there is live music from 10.30 - 11.30am. The Burlesque Music, Films and Concerts will be shown in the theatre room Monday 7th April from 7pm.

These are just a few of the happenings and incentives run by residents.

Not to mention the other regular group gatherings - there is just so much on offer here. And remember, if you have an idea for something you have a passion for and would like to organise, please don't hesitate to contact the BSRA (Bellarine Springs Residents Association) committee if you require any assistance.

Being a Retirement Village means we are covered by the 1986 Retirement Village Act of which a requirement is to have an association run by elected residents. These elections take place generally around September each year. Keep this in mind should you wish to join the committee

Keep well, stay safe, don't hesitate to reach out if you require assistance.

Kind regards,

Sue Kuter.

BSRA President.



**HOP ON OVER TO THE CC FOR**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 20th at 12 noon

**SOUVA BAR** **\$10 PER HEAD**  
Max 70 for catering

Free Guessing Jar & other prizes

Meal to the value of \$22 supplied by the Souva Bar.  
Lamb/Chicken/Pita Bread/Tzatsiki dressing/salad/Lemon Potato and desert.

Event subsidised by sponsorship  
Sign Up and Payment by Sunday 13th April.  
Cash in named envelope in the Library or EFTPOS at the Bar.



**Bellarine Springs Residents Association**  
**Easter Happy Hour**  
Friday April 18th  
Hot Cross Buns provided by BSRA

Please Sign up for catering purposes



# Community Vegetable Garden Update

Welcome to Autumn

The summer heat didn't want to leave for the first part of March this necessitated many days of watering by the ever faithful and hardworking garden group, but it also extended the growing season of the tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini.

At the moment, chillies are still producing, the silverbeet and lettuce are lovely and crisp. The various pumpkins are being picked and cut each week.

With the cooler weather we have planted our crops for the coming seasons.

Cauliflowers, broccoli, cabbages and old favourite (maybe) sprouts. The broad beans and sweet pea seeds have also been planted.

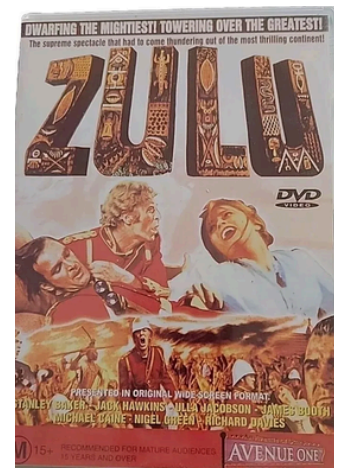
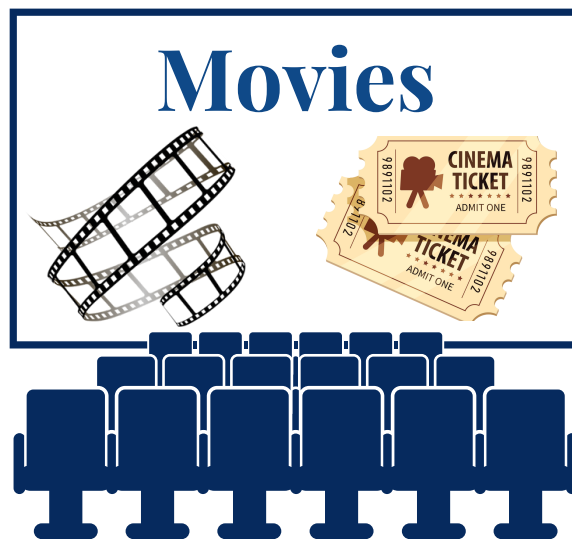
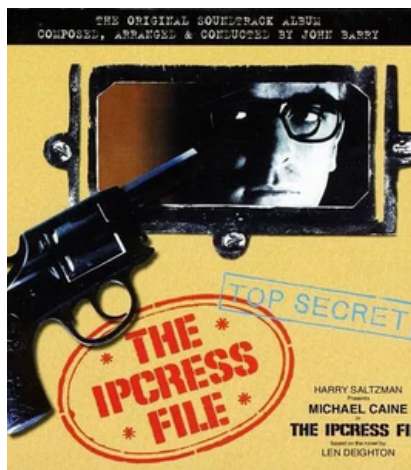
We are pleased to welcome a new volunteer Alan Clarke to the garden group, and thank you to Sandra Adams for her regular media posts of our vegies via "facebook".

Thank you also to Geoff Turner who has kindly donated seeds and pumpkins.

Our garden survives on the monetary donations from Bellarine Springs Residents so thank you for your support.

Happy Gardening from the garden group.





I hope I've got two really great classic movies for you starring Michael Caine. Though Caine had appeared in some sixteen movies prior to 1964 most were uncredited, Zulu changed his life completely. So I hope you will find these first two starring roles in The Ipcress File and Zulu as enthralling as I do.

The Ipcress File (1965) stars Caine as Harry Palmer an ex-army agent for the Ministry of Defence. He was picked specifically by Harry Saltzman who had with Broccoli brought James Bond to life on film. Saltzman wanted an anti-hero having read Len Deighton's book The Ipcress File. Over lunch Harry came from Saltzman's name while Palmer came from a school boy Caine had known who was really boring. The director said spies couldn't wear glasses and that only "poofs" did cookery. Both worked.

Thursday 10th April @ 2.30pm

Zulu (1964) Caine is Lt Gonville Bromhead in his first leading part. He said in an interview that he was paid 2000 pounds which just covered his debts. The Film was produced by Stanley Baker who appeared in the film as Lt Chard and lead the contingent of soldiers at Rorkes Drift against the overwhelming Zulus, If you haven't seen this film it is truly outstanding

Thursday 24th April @ 7.00pm.

Do come along for two great British movies.

David





## Tennis Group

Join us every Wednesday morning at 9 AM for our tennis group! Players of all skill levels are invited to enjoy some fun on the court, followed by a social coffee or tea at the community centre. Feel free to come by and check us out, or contact me, Alan Boyd, at 0402068679.

### COMPUTERS & TECH HELP





### SMARTPHONE BASICS

Have you just got a new Smartphone but feeling unsure about its features? Get the more from your device with this helpful session led by a local librarian.

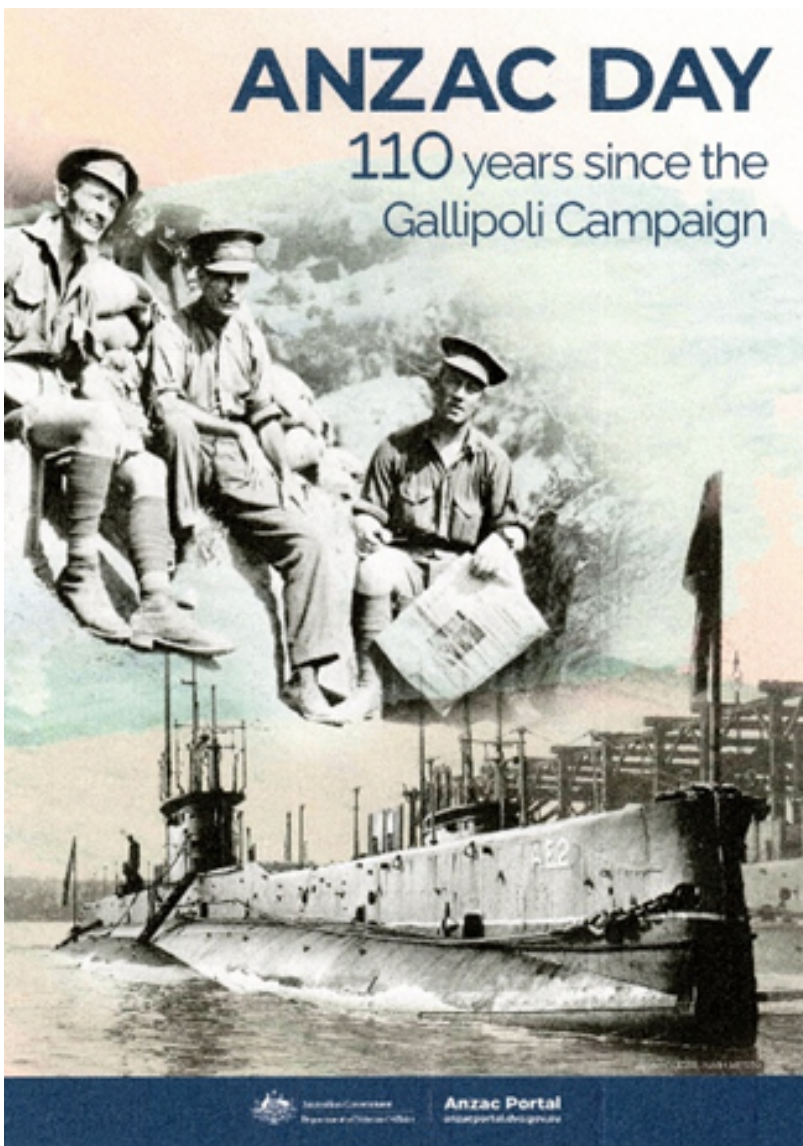
Please book to secure your spot.

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**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**11:00am to 12:00pm**  
**Bellarine Springs Drysdale**

[grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.  
 Bookings essential.  
 Online [grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)  
 In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0656





### Lest we forget.

ANZAC Day this year marks 110 years since the Gallipoli landings.

The Village commemoration of this event will take place at the flagpole on ANZAC Day, commencing 11:40am. All village residents and guests are welcome to attend.

There will be some recorded songs played, a welcome and speech, the Ode, Last Post, Rouse and flag raising, followed by the singing of the national anthem.

Sprigs of rosemary will be available.

If you prefer a more formal, official event please consider attending one offered by the RSLs on the Bellarine.

Geoff T & Judith J



### Thursday Morning Exercise Group with Penne

The image above showcases our Thursday morning exercise group, which gathers at the pavilion at 9:30 am every Thursday. Participants work out under the guidance of our experienced personal trainer, Penne who has been with us for 7 years now. Everyone is welcome to join! \$10 per person (First lesson is free).

Whether you're a seasoned fitness enthusiast or just starting your exercise journey, Penne ensures that each session is engaging and tailored to meet the needs of all participants. The group enjoys a variety of workouts, from strength training to flexibility exercises, all in a supportive and friendly environment.

It's a wonderful opportunity not only to improve your physical health but also to connect with fellow residents and make new friends. So, come along, bring your energy, and enjoy a morning of fun and fitness!





### **Bellarine Bike group**

We recently completed two group rides, bringing our total to 13 riders. This includes a new addition, Russell S, and a returning member, Peter D. Here's to many exciting rides in the future!  
Alan



### **Singles Group**

In March 14 of our members went to the Potato shed where we watched IT'S DE-LOVELY - A CELEBRATION OF COLE PORTER starring international jazz singer Belinda Hanne-Reid and Tim Carney (international tour of Mamma Mia). Cole Porter apparently wrote over 800 songs and we listened to and sang to a lot of our favourite ones. We had a good evening sitting round the cabaret tables with drinks and nibbles and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We welcome any single person to join us on a Tuesday night at Happy Hour from 5.0pm where it gives you the chance to meet other residents and to join our group.

Rita and Lyn





On Tuesday 11th March 2025, Michael Morgan, Pinnacle Living's Operations Manager gave an entertaining and very interesting presentation on his major hobby as a beekeeper entitled: "Waxing Fondly about the Bees Knees".

Michael provided us with some fascinating insights into the different types of bees, the social organisation and behaviour of bees including swarming and mating behaviour and the particular roles of the Queen, males and drones. Mating behaviour is a one-way street for the male: glory then death!!

Michael also brought along a hive to show how it was constructed. We were able to sample at the first hand the taste the honey of the honey bee. Yummy! One of the take-home messages from Michael's presentation is that if you want fair dinkum honey go for honey from local producers.



Rod Wellard  
VIP Convener

A poster for the Bellarine Springs Residents Association's VIP Series. The title is "VIP SERIES Very Interesting Presentations". The presentation is titled "A Different and Varied Life". The text describes David Hipperson's life and his presentation. The date and time are "Tues April 8th 11:30 - 12:30pm" and the location is "In the Theatre". A call to action says "SIGN UP NOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE". A circular portrait of David Hipperson is shown, with his name "DAVID HIPPERSON" below it.

**Bellarine Springs Residents Association**

# VIP SERIES


Very Interesting Presentations

## A Different and Varied Life

David Hipperson is well known to many Village Residents for his regular film nights. However, David has never had a steady job! Arising from this, David's presentation will lead us down the pathways of his life describing experiences and events of a very different nature to those of most people.

- **Tues April 8th**
- **11:30 - 12:30pm**
- **In the Theatre**

**SIGN UP NOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**DAVID HIPPERSON**



## Bellarine Railway - Volunteers Needed

The Bellarine Tourist Railway, operated by volunteers, is located right in our community and has been running heritage steam and diesel train services along the Drysdale to Queenscliff line for nearly 50 years.

This operation has always depended on a consistent influx of volunteers to take on various roles, including ticket and shop sales, passenger assistance, carriage and locomotive maintenance, as well as specialized positions such as steam and diesel drivers, firemen, diesel locomotive assistants, and train guards.

The work is fulfilling and deeply valued by the many visitors who come to ride the trains.

Currently, a significant project is underway to restore G33, the impressive Garrett Class steam locomotive that once transported materials for the Fyansford Cement Works quarry trains.

A growing team of enthusiastic volunteer lathe operators, welders, fitters, painters, and general helpers are actively contributing to this effort. They primarily meet at the Queenscliff workshop every Tuesday, with many dedicating extra days to their preferred tasks.

I, Rob Davies, am available to provide more information for anyone (men and women) interested in joining our volunteer team and spending some time with us.

Best regards, Rob Davies  
0407 582 267



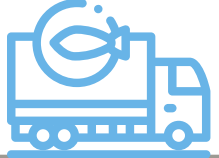
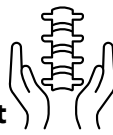


Resident Rob Davies and Bellarine Railway volunteers



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>April</b>  <b>2025</b>	<b>1</b>  9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners	<b>2</b>  9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool 2pm: Outdoor bowls	<b>3</b>  11:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Cuppa and games 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC 6pm Croquet
<b>7</b>  8:45 am: Cycling Group 9am Handyman services 1 pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC 3pm: Book Club in the boardroom	<b>8</b>  9am: Walking group 10.30am: Birthday Morning tea at CC 11.30am VIP at Theatre 1pm: Craft group at Pav 2pm: Chicks with Cue sticks at CC 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 5pm: Sundowners at CC	<b>9</b>  9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub at CC 2pm: Outdoor bowls 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool	<b>10</b>  11:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Cuppa and games at CC 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC 2.30pm "The Ipress File" at Theatre 6pm Croquet at bowling green
<b>14</b>  8:45 am: Cycling Group 11.30am Line Dancing at CC 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC	<b>15</b>  9am: Walking group 10.00am Westfield 10:30am: Music Morning at Pavillion 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks at CC 5pm: Sundowners at CC	<b>16</b>  9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 10am: Bus to Westfield 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 2pm: Physiotherapy at Pool 6.30pm Bingo at CC	<b>17</b>  11:00am: Aqua 1.30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Cuppa and game 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers 6pm Croquet
<b>Public Holiday</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>22</b>  9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners	<b>23</b>  9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool	<b>24</b>  9am: Werribee Zoo 1:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Cuppa and games 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers 6pm Croquet 7 pm Whisky Night at CC 7pm "Zula" at Theatre
<b>28</b>  8:45 am: Cycling Group 11.30am Line Dancing at CC 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC	<b>29</b>  9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners	<b>30</b>  9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 11am Smartphone 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool	



Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>10am Musical Moments at Theatre  12.30pm Bucket List travel  1pm Mahjong at CC  1.30pm Rummikub at CC  5pm Happy Hour at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>Daylight savings  2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p>	 <p>Village Handyman services - Nathan  7th April from 9am.  Book in at reception  \$15 per 15 minutes</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>10am: Musical Moments  1pm: Mahjong at CC  1.30pm:Rummikub at CC  5pm: Happy Hour at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing @CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p>	 <p><b>Hairdresser</b>  Sally is located in the community centre hairdressing salon.  Please contact her direct on 0428 150 094 to arrange your appointment.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p><b>Public Holiday  Office closed</b></p> <p>5pm Happy Hour at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>12pm Easter Sunday "Souva Bar" at CC  2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p>	<p><b>Fish Van</b>  No runs in April due to the public holidays.  9th May is the next visit</p> 
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p><b>Public Holiday  Office closed</b></p> <p>11.40am Anzac Day @ flag pole  5pm Happy Hour at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>2pm Line Dancing at CC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p>	 <p><b>Physiotherapist</b>  Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre  0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.</p>
			<p><b>Beauty Bus</b>  To make an appointment please call 0404 043 096</p>