



BELLARINE  
**SPRINGS**

**Bellarine Springs Newsletter**  
**January 2025**



# A message from our Village Manager

**KENT HODGSON**

New Year Greetings from the Office  
Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!  
Here's to new beginnings and exciting adventures  
ahead at Bellarine Springs Retirement Village in 2025!  
Cheers!



A heartfelt thank you to all the residents for the wonderful Christmas treats, especially the kind words in the cards that meant so much to myself and the team.

Fun fact: Did you know we currently have 99 single residents and 87 couples?

## Village Updates

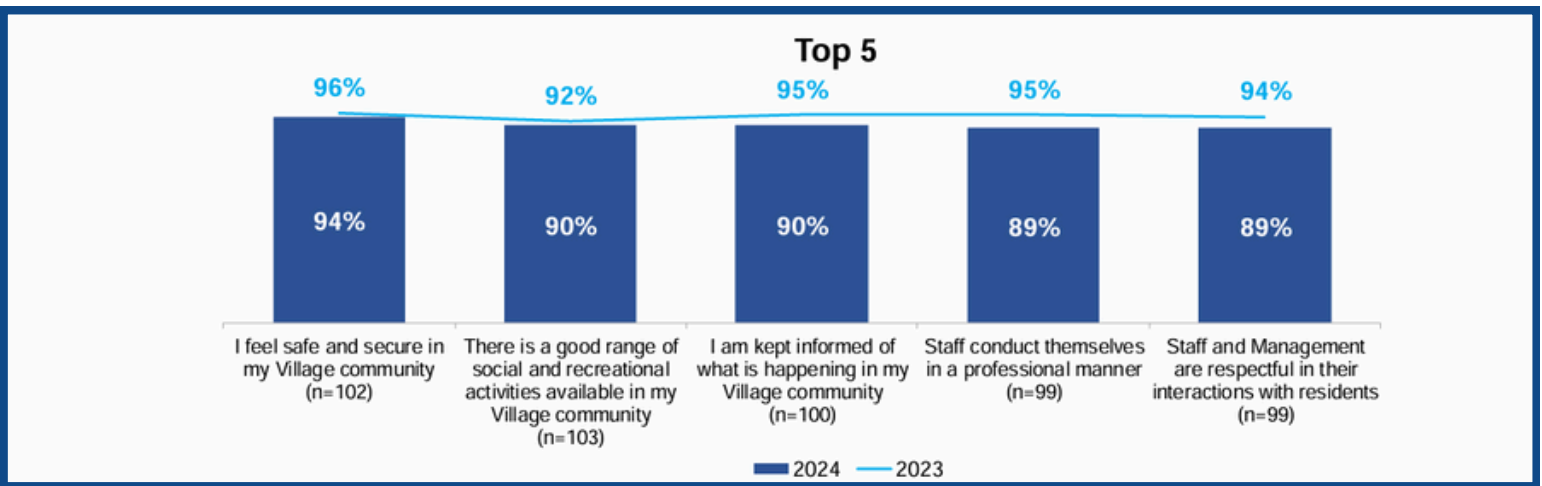
In maintaining the facilities we have at the Village the tennis court has just had completed a machine service, re-sanding and leveling looks brand new again and I have heard positive reviews from the tennis group who are getting the most out of it.

The garden team have been busy keeping on top on the gardens and grounds, they all have done a fantastic job. They have recently completed dethatching of the lawns at the Community Centre and Pavilion which has produce a great result.

The construction team have done a fantastic job with creating a pathway next to the tennis court linking the Community drive path to stage 10, it has a beautiful outlook surrounded by trees and shrubs.

## Resident Survey Focus Group 2024

The top five performing for Bellarine Springs in 2024



**Bellarine Springs (combined agree/strongly agree)**



# A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Happy New Year! I have been grateful for all the smiles and support in 2024, and we welcome another year ahead in sales for 2025! We did have a quieter year last year unfortunately, As the market in Victoria was slower than we all would have liked. We have however been able to help organise events!



In 2024 we held Expos, a Development event with Geoff Reeve, The Smith Family event via the View Club, Open Day with craft markets, Wine event and the Pamper event via morning tea in December. We continue to invite guests and show them what a vibrant community we are at Bellarine Springs and in 2025 there is no exception. We will continue to run events for residents and guests and if there is anything you would like to see added please come and discuss anytime as we welcome ideas.

In late February we are holding a Bellarine Springs Information Day (Seminar). If any resident's family or friends have interest in finding out more about living in our community and hearing from the local professionals in (real estate, home care, downsizing, finance and law) please reach out to myself on 0455 112 360 or via email on [folin@pinnacleliving.com.au](mailto:folin@pinnacleliving.com.au) as we would be delighted to welcome your visitors then.

Some interesting facts for you...Over the three Pinnacle Living villages we have seen 90 homes occupied in the last 2 years.

So, an extended congratulations to all the residents that settled into the Pinnacle Living communities and to the new two groups of residents moving in January 😊. Stage 10.2 is now at settlement; we have welcomed 6 new couples/singles into stage 10. We have also seen a new path along the wetland being built so that is a nice addition to walk around the village with a lovely backdrop.

Thank you once again to each one of you for your resident referrals. A courtesy note, there is a form available from myself or at reception to fill in. It's simply the resident filling in one half of the form and the referred friend to fill in the other half. You and your friend/ family will then each receive a \$500 visa gift card to use at your leisure once settlement occurs. The form is to be completed prior to guests coming in for a tour please. Thank you for your kindness and referring your vibrant community.

Cheers and here is to a happy and healthy 2025.

Fiona Olin  
Sales Manager  
0455 112 360



# The Smith Family Fundraising

## The Smith family - student profiles

We had the pleasure of receiving our student profiles from our 3 students that the Bellarine Springs Village sponsor through our now annual fundraising event.

One student Ernisha in Year 6 enjoys sports and won numerous certificates for sports in 2024. Her goal for this year is to learn new subjects and improve on her skills for sports.... I think she likes her sports!!

Ernisha has improved in her leadership and communication skills at school and the sponsorship has helped her attend school excursions and camps.

Our second student Amira who is in Year 5 loves cooking and doing things with her mum. She would like to get to level 30 in reading practice so her improved speaking skills can help her make more friends at school. She received the stars award at school and excelled in her writing. She loves helping her friend at school who needs her assistance because she cannot walk. Amira's dream job to is help people and make them happy, smile and laugh by telling jokes. She loves playing with animals and would like to go on a holiday with her mum.

No words can describe this last note from her career/parent.

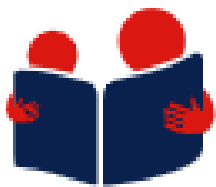
"...Amira has really thrived this year with extra supports in place she was able to attend a camp with scouts get a decent pair of shoes that have last her well and has taken so much stress off me with having 4 kids to care for. I couldn't thank you enough for your support and we love what you do for families like mine. Thank you..."

Our delightful cheeky Yacoub is in Year 3.

Three most interesting things about this young boy is – he is very good at maths, writing and creating. He likes soccer and likes to go fishing on the weekend.

Most recently Yacoub was proud when he helped people in his house. His job is wiping the tables and making sure there is no food left on the floor!!!

His dream job is to become a doctor so he can help people or a nurse.



**The Smith  
Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.



# BSRA presidents report



President's Report January 2025  
Bellarine Springs Residents Association.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello Fellow Residents,

As we welcome the New Year, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support. Here's to another year of creating wonderful memories, building lasting friendships, and embracing life in this wonderful Village we've chosen to call our home. It's the perfect time to refresh our routines and bring balance to our lives, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

A full list of activities are outlined in this month's edition of the Bellarine Springs Newsletter, or you will find more event details along with the appropriate sign-up sheets at the activity station in the foyer of the community centre.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Sue Kuter, at 0403 138 702 or via email at [kutersue@gmail.com](mailto:kutersue@gmail.com), or reach out to any of the BSRA committee members. We're always here to help.

Kind Regards,

Sue Kuter  
BSRA President.

*Happy  
New Year  
2025*





# Community Vegetable Garden Update



Summertime weather has seen the garden team starting earlier to get ahead of the heat and to harvest vegetables at their freshest. Please visit veggie table in our library every Monday and Friday morning to check out what is on offer.

Currently we have lettuce, beans, silverbeet, chilli, beetroot, zucchini and radishes. Growing well with lots of flowers and fruit forming are tomatoes, eggplant, cucumber and pumpkins.

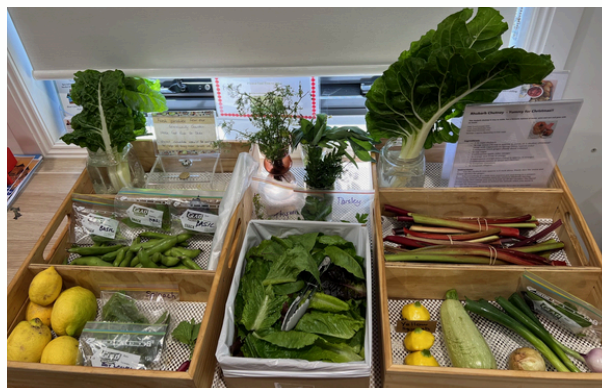
We have some amazing sunflowers (thanks to Kate Walker for the seeds) these flowers are attracting bees who are busy collecting nectar and helping pollinate our plants.

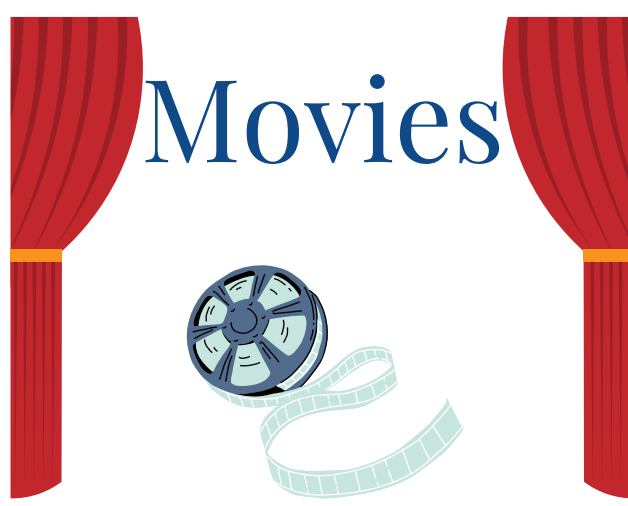
Gardening has many benefits including lowering stress, helps hand dexterity, helps boost our immune system and improves our sense of wellbeing by nurturing plants and watching them grow.

Big thank you to all the Village Garden team and special helpers for their efforts in 2024.

Greg Chalmers, Helen Rowley, Sandra Adams, Barbara & Alan Joiner, Brenda & John Bickerton and Steve Merriman.

We now look forward to 2025 with new plantings and invite residents to visit the community garden and maybe come join the team.





Originally, I was not intending to put on any January movies but then I thought that in the post tristesse of the Christmas period I should put on one of the most successful British (romantic) comedies ever made.

Thirty years ago *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was made in 1994 in just six weeks at a cost of 3 million dollars and has gone on to make well in excess of 300 million which goes to show that Hollywood flash bang isn't always a requirement.

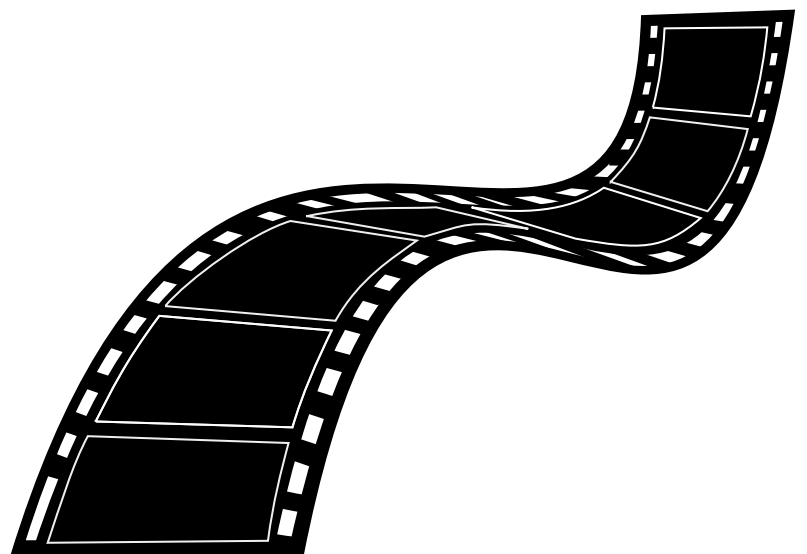
If you haven't seen *Four Weddings* please do come along and watch and if you have then still come along and enjoy again some of the sheer brilliance of writing together with superb acting.

Starring, Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell, Simon Callow, John Hannah, Rowan Atkinson and many, many others.

On January Thursday 23th @ 7.00pm

Many thanks to the kind Christmas thoughts and gifts from those who attend the Movie shows. Trust me when I say I've got some good stuff for you during 2025 so may I wish you all thanks again and a movie New Year.

David



# Musical Moments



Hello everyone,  
Happy New Year to all.

After 13 months, Musical Moments is still going strong with a happy and growing group. Last year we had 5 sets of different weekly songs and I am currently working on a week 6. That's quite a library! Averaging around 17 songs a week plus about 5 soloists bringing extra songs to be enjoyed by all of our group.

Some vocal, some instrumental.

In December we had a lovely 2 course meal at 360q in Queenscliff, which was subsidised by our weekly contributions. Also, in December we presented Christmas Carols to the village where around 90 people including our group attended. It was very well received, and we had positive comments after. Comments like "I enjoyed it so much it helped me mentally" and "what fun and great to have something like this in our village".

We thank the BSRA for catering for the function with a lovely morning tea!

This year 2025 we look forward to good friendship, healthy happy mornings together with beautiful music.

Jacqui Brough





# Singles Group



Our last event for 2024 was at the Potato Shed where 16 of us watched a brilliant show with Issy Dye and Glenn Douglas do a tribute to Neil Diamond and Dean Martin, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Lyn and I would like to thank everyone for the support our singles group has had this year and we are both looking forward to carrying on next year with more events planned.

Rita and Lyn



**Aqua group Christmas break up party**

# Cycling Group

9 of us had the most wonderful day on 2 Dec with the best weather ever on a ride to Rosebud from Sorrento after catching the ferry from Queenscliff. We decided after last year's ride to the same destination to make it a yearly event on the 1st Monday of December & it was really worthwhile with most of the ride giving a spectacular scenic view of the bay along the coast. Sadly Maurice & Sue were unable to join us having just got back from a cruise. Marg



This is just a reminder for those who have not come along to our regular Book Club meetings. Ours are much less formal than is often the case with some similar clubs.

There is no push to read specific books but rather choose something to suit yourself.

We hope we are improving this for 2025 by suggesting that the readers pick not a particular book or author but go with a suggested genre.

To set this off we have started February with crime. Usually crime is popular with most readers so we'll see how it goes.

Being the sort we are however, we don't just stick our heads in books but in our discussions if something catches the interest whether it be in film, TV or whatever, into the chat circle it goes.

The object is to have some amusement and, possibly, expand the views of the readers.

If you would like to come along then we meet in the Boardroom on the first Monday of the month at 3.00pm. As I said, February is our first date for 2025.

Hope to see you there

David



## Bellarine Springs Village Motorcycle Club



Today, Friday, December 13th, marked the Christmas ride for our motorcycle club. Our dedicated members, Captain Stewart and Tony, embarked on a journey down the Great Ocean Road under a beautiful sunny sky.

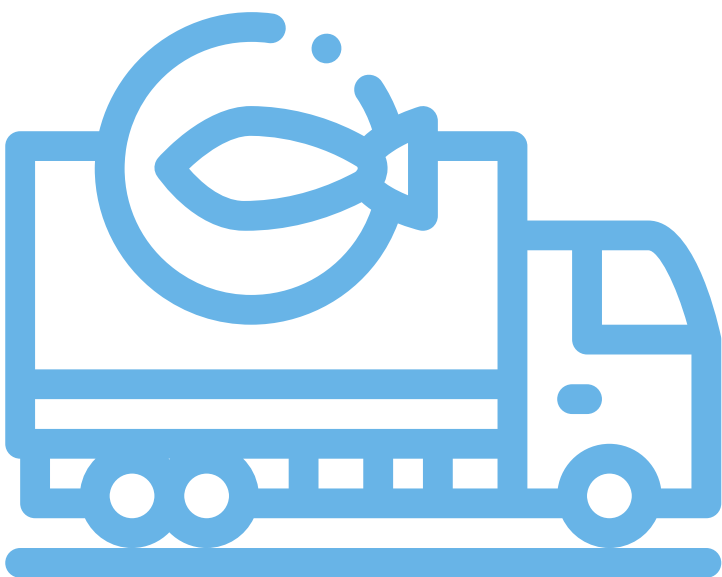
Our first coffee stop was at the Anglesea general store, followed by another break in Lorne. We enjoyed the stunning scenery that the GOR has to offer, with perfect weather to match.

We then returned inland, navigating the delightful twists and turns of the Otways to reach our final coffee stop at the Birragurra artisan bakery.


Finally, we cruised down the M1, passing through Moriac and heading home.


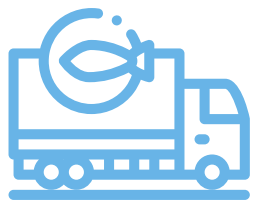
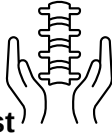
Wishing a Merry Christmas to all residents.

**Tony.**



**Jenkins Fish Van**  
10.30am - 11am at the  
Community centre  
Friday 24th January

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>Australia Day - Office closed  8:45 am: Cycling Group    11am Australia day celebrations</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>9am: Walking group  1pm: Craft at pavilion  2pm: Golf croquet  3pm: Indoor bowls at CC  3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks  5pm: Sundowners</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>9am: Social Tennis  9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale  9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion  1pm: Mahjong at CC  1.30 pm: Rummikub</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>1:30 pm: Social Bridge  2pm: Golf Croquet  2pm: Cuppa and games  2pm Blokes, Billiards, Beers</p>

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