

BELLARINE  
**SPRINGS**



# Bellarine Springs Newsletter

## February 2025



Bellarine Cycling Group



# A message from our Village Manager

**KENT HODGSON**



2025 has kicked off at full speed—where did January disappear to?

It's wonderful to see the facilities in action, with a fantastic turnout for the Australia Day celebrations.

I want to express my gratitude to the BSRA for hosting such an amazing event and for all their hard work in organizing these incredible activities for the residents of Bellarine Springs.

## Village Gardens - Robert Burza

A big thank you to everyone in the village, including residents and the management team, for making 2024 such a wonderful year. We are excitedly looking forward to 2025! There will be some changes to the garden beds around the village, and more details will be shared soon.

The gardening team is set to resume mulching, starting at Stage 3. Please note that we have a limited supply of mulch available in the village, specifically the large pile near the caravan park.

Our gardening team will continue their rounds throughout the village. As we progress, we will be making adjustments in these areas to ensure the best outcomes for the village.

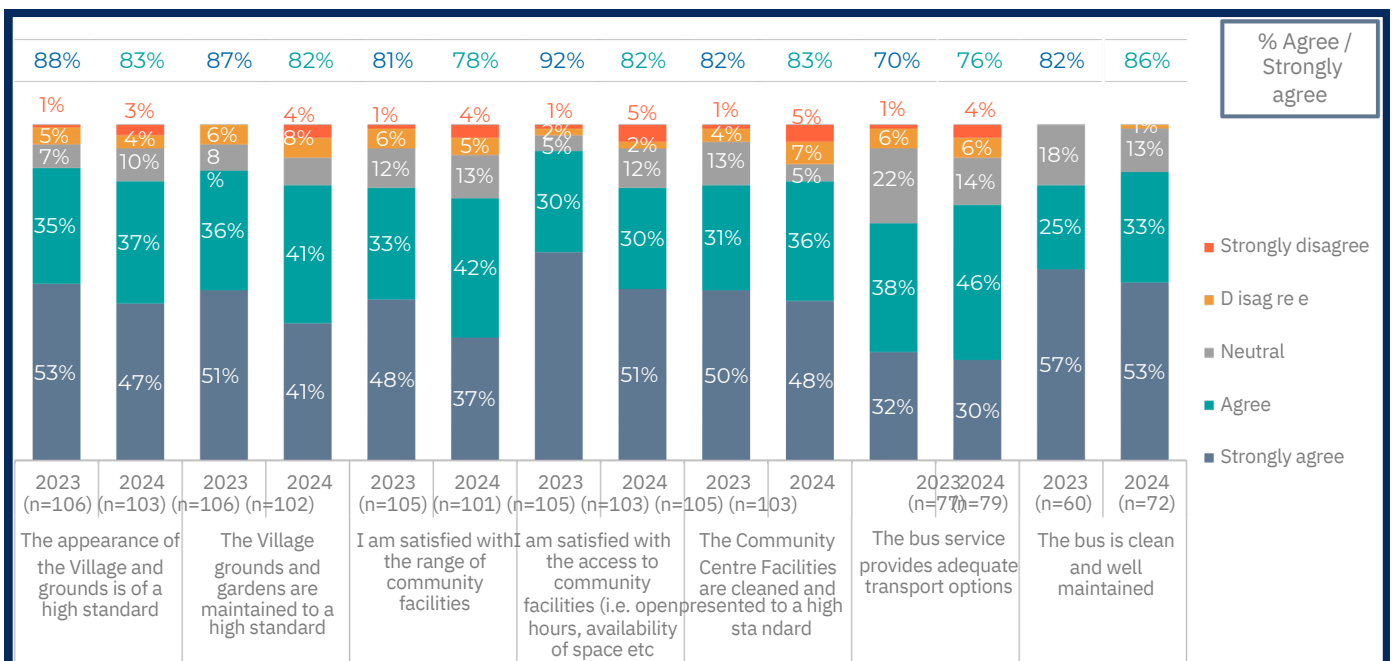
## Emergency Pendants

Testing Emergency Pendants - Stages 1, 2, and 3

We are delighted to report that all Emergency pendants are functioning well. However, it's time to resume our routine testing of these devices. Each month, please watch for updates in the monthly newsletter and Buzz. When it's your turn, remember to test the emergency button on your pendant between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. If you're unsure of your home's stage, feel free to ask the reception staff. As our village expands and street sizes increase, testing by stages has become the most efficient way to ensure all emergency pendants are operational.

## Resident Survey Focus Group 2024

Resident's perceptions of the Bellarine Springs Village



# A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin



## Fostering Relationships and the Benefits of Companionship at Bellarine Springs Village

I love seeing the diverse group of activities, special interest groups, charity events, and sporting events being held at the village. Our wonderful residents gravitate towards activities and social groups to enhance their emotional resilience, mental agility, our quality of life, and to provide a sense of connection, purpose, and joy.

It is particularly satisfying when I see residents encourage their friends and family to join them at the magnificent village and enjoy the same gratification.

I would like to say a big thank you to the residents who have referred their friends or family to join Bellarine Springs. We have seen a few residents receive their incentive this month.

Thank you again for your support and for enjoying your community.

If you would like to extend a referral to any of your friends or family, please come and see me anytime.

Additionally, we have an upcoming Information Day on Friday, 28th February, from 2pm to 4pm.

Five local professionals will be in attendance and will cover all necessary components of retirement and downsizing, which include a lawyer, financial expert, real estate director, downsizing professional, and in-home care professional.

Please feel free to invite a friend to come along; I'm happy to send through relevant invitations too.

Enjoy the month ahead.



Fiona Olin  
Sales Manager  
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# BSRA presidents report

February 2025

The new year has started off well however some of our residents have been experiencing ill health and sad times. To you, we extend our thoughts and prayers and hope you will reach out should there be any assistance you require.

It was heartwarming to see such a large turnout of residents getting into the spirit to celebrate Australia Day. With the Flag ceremony, National Anthem and poem read by one of our residents. Some fun games were played prior to a BBQ, lamingtons and Bingo. Many thanks to those who helped plan, run and participated in the event.

We welcome the numerous new residents who have chosen our lovely village to call home.

Your committee is busy planning events and activities to take us through another exciting year. The regular social happenings have recommenced. These can always be found listed in the Monthly Newsletter and Buzz.

The committee is all about directional change for the good of all residents, your ideas and opinions matter to us. Please don't hesitate to contact the committee should you have anything you wish to discuss or ideas for activities you would like to implement.

Just a few grumps from the President's seat - please remain vigil when using the roads within our village. These are shared roads where drivers are to observe the 20km speed limit. Walkers please be aware of vehicles behind or approaching. We have chosen to live within this community therefore a requirement of being part of a community is to respect each other, our differences and beliefs.

Sue Kuter  
President  
BSRA Committee



# 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.

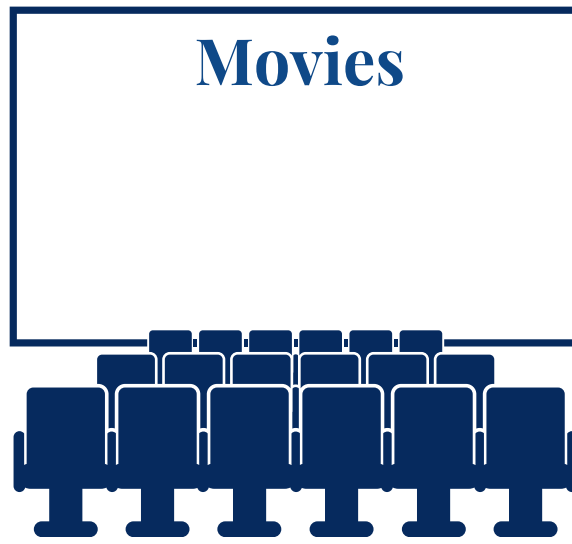
We have some amazing sunflowers ( thanks to Kate Walker for the seeds) these flowers are attracting bees who are busy collecting nectar and helping pollinate our plants.

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.





As is my want I have movies things around a bit, so I apologise for any changes to those mentioned. However, what I'm going to try to do is make each and every movie a good watch for you.

Many may be from the seventies and eighties, though not all, but I hope that they will make you go away having enjoyed yourselves.

Having said that, the first offering for February is The Quiet Man which comes out of 1952 starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara and NO it's not a western. Directed by John Ford this story is set in Ireland where Sean Thornton returns from America to return to his old home. In doing so he falls for the sister of the local bully which results in friction.

Trust me when I say the film is well written, beautifully filmed in colour and is great fun.

It's full of characters I'm sure you'll recognise and despite its age it could have been set at a later time.

Thursday 6th @ 2.30pm

Personally, I love The Accountant which is from 2016 starring Ben Affleck and two of my favourites, Anna Kendrick and J.K. Simmons. Christian Wolff is an accountant with autism but who "cooks" the books for some very bad people. In doing so during one case he encounters a girl (Anna Kendrick) with whom he gets fond. Meanwhile, The Accountant is being studied by the Director from the IRS who chooses another woman who, as a criminal, lied about her employment, to follow the tracking..

This is an out and out good thriller with plenty of twists and turns.

Thursday 20th @ 7.00pm

Happy Viewing, David





### Bucket List Travel and Cruise Club

Friday 7th Feb 12:30pm – 1:30pm

In the pavilion at Bellarine Springs Retirement Village  
Join us for an exclusive travel presentation on guided holidays including:



Join us for an exclusive travel presentation on guided holidays including: Trafalgar Tours, Insight Vacations, Costsaver Tours and Luxury Gold

- ★ Get Inspired: With amazing itineraries across the world!
- ★ Exclusive Insights: Hear directly from a guided holidays travel expert about the difference between these tours and styles of travel
- ★ Q&A Session: Have your questions answered by a knowledgeable expert and get personalised travel advice to help you tick off your next bucket list!
- ★ Special Offers: Enjoy exclusive deals and promotions for Bellarine Springs residents
- ★ Sandwiches supplied: Join us for a light lunch and a cuppa!

Please RSVP by Monday 3 February.



## Village Outing

When – Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th Feb.  
 Time – 10:30am at the Community Centre. Federal Mills precinct. 1:00pm Lunch Special at 1915 -  
 Lunch - \$30 to be paid prior. Money in a named envelope and place in box in Library.

Return - around 3:00pm  
 Walking around the Mills precinct at your leisure to visit the numerous businesses.

Our next Village Outing is to the Federal Mills Precinct

The Federal Mills community offers more than office space; there's not a suspended ceiling in sight! We celebrate the historical architecture of our mill, innovative ahead of its time. Following this tradition of innovation, Federal Mills has a unique campus feel with landscaped gardens, cafe culture, gym, free parking with 37 tenants on site.

There are optimal transport options in close proximity: rail, cycle paths, bus, close to domestic airport terminal, and only 50 minutes drive to Melbourne. Our precinct encourages people and businesses to connect and collaborate. Innovation is not a new concept for Federal Mills. It's just been reimagined, turning a derelict wasteland into a valuable business and community hub.



## PROUD MARY

Special DVD Presentation for

BELLARINE SPRING\$ regarding:

### Murray River Holidays

Wednesday 19 February 2025  
At 2.00pm  
In the Community Centre

Complimentary Wine and Nibbles

Please rsvp on the form

- Information Session on 2025/26 Packages

Family & Friends Welcome

- Specializing in complete Door to Door Service

Join us for a no obligation fun filled time!!

For any enquiries, please contact Roz on 0439 180 500 or 1800 677 683



## VIP SERIES

Very Interesting Presentations

First Laugh and Overview for the VIP2025 Series with Rod Wellard

Rod Wellard will convene the session to introduce the VIP2025 series.

This will include sharing some amusing and interesting observations from the VIP2024 series and will highlight plans and possibilities for presentations in the VIP2025 series.

- Tues Feb 11th
- 11:30 - 12:30pm
- In the Theatre


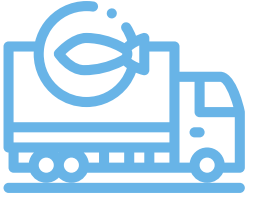


SIGN UP NOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



ROD WELLARD

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>3</b> 8:45 am: Cycling Group 11.30am Line Dancing at CC 1:00 pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2:00 pm: Scrabble at CC 3pm: Book Club in the boardroom	<b>4</b> 9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Golf croquet 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners	<b>5</b> 9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub at CC 2pm: Physiotherapy at Pool 2pm: Outdoor bowls	<b>6</b> 11:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Cuppa and games 2pm Indoor bowls at CC 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC 2.30pm "The Quiet man" at Theatre 6pm Croquet at bowling green
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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 2025</b></p>	1 2pm Line Dancing at CC	2 2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC	
7 10am: Musical Moments at Theatre 10.30am: Fish Van at CC 12.30pm; Travel Club Info session at Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	8 2pm Line Dancing @CC	9 2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC	<p><b>Hairdresser</b> </p> <p>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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<p>10am Musical Moments at Theatre 1pm Mahjong at CC 1.30pm Rummikub at CC 5pm Happy Hour at CC</p>			<p><b>Beauty Bus</b> 12th January - To make an appointment please call 0404 043 096</p>