



Bellarine Springs Newsletter

May 2026



A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

Village updates

We have been so lucky with the weather the past 2 weeks, it feels like its Spring again. Make the most of being out doors before it gets frosty again.

It's been great to see residents continuing to enjoy the wide variety of activities available across the village. On the maintenance front, the village bus has now been fully repaired and is back in service, and the pickleball lines on the tennis court have been refreshed to support continued use. Essential services remain on track, with monthly fire system checks completed, and a new air handling boiler for the pool has been ordered to ensure ongoing comfort and reliability. The grounds team has also completed cutbacks across Stages 1 to 5, helping maintain the neat and welcoming presentation of the village.

In continue upgrades and improvements to the Village, we are improving CCTV network throughout the village. Works are schedule to commence in the coming weeks and will include upgrading existing cameras in key locations, as well as installing additional cameras in new areas to broader coverage across the Village.

Village Master App

If you have not yet activivated your Village Master App. Please make an appointment time with Hayley or Meagan at Reception and we will set it up for you. You can download the app in your App Store on your phone, or wait and we can help you with it.

Happy Mother's Day!

Wishing a wonderful Mother's Day to all our resident Mothers, Grandmothers, Great-grandmothers and Fur Baby Mothers. We hope you all feel truly cherished and spoiled today!



Intergenerational program

We sincerely appreciate the wonderful residents who have volunteered for the new intergenerational program that started last term! We hope you're enjoying the experience just as much as the children are. Commencing May 15th, and will continue to run on a fortnightly basis. New residents welcome. Please feel free to come along.

New Residents

Welcome to Bellarine Springs! We're delighted to have you join our community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our friendly staff members—they're here to assist you, and remember, there are no silly questions. Additionally, the Bellarine Springs Residents Committee is also available to help you settle in and make the most of your experience here. Be sure to explore all the exciting activities we offer by visiting our Activity Station, Events Noticeboard, and Library. We look forward to seeing you around and hope you enjoy everything our vibrant community has to offer!



A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

It has been a successful year to date. I am often asked about sales activity, and we are pleased to share that we are currently seeing a balanced mix—approximately 50/50 between new builds and established homes. This reflects a healthy level of demand and should give residents confidence that they are in safe hands. We are now approaching the halfway mark for selling down Stage 10, which is an exciting milestone. In addition to the increase in new builds, we are also expecting to settle more than six established homes over the coming months.



In a growth area such as Geelong, rising downsizer demand, combined with the upcoming Retirement Villages Act reforms (effective from 1 May), may place some pressure on housing supply and turnover. More broadly, while the market has shown some signs of softening due to rising cost pressures and ongoing global economic uncertainty. A steady level of transactions is anticipated to continue, largely driven by personal and health-related circumstances.

Last month Bellarine Springs was the major sponsor of the Bellarine North Rotary Art Show - Best in Show First Place was awarded to: "Glenn Hoyle". Congratulations to all winners and the hard work of the volunteers at BNR. The hamper draw prize winner was a local Bellarine lady, so congrats to Cornelia M.

Please spread the word of the great fun you all have....the team at Bellarine Springs are incredibly grateful to all the residents that refer their family and friends.... and because we want to recognise the support and thanks, we offer a referral gift voucher. Please see me for a referral form with terms and conditions. Thank you kindly.

A special thank you to all the mums of humans and fur babies... have a happy Mother's Day!

Thank you for your smiles and hand waves.

Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
0455 112 360



BELLARINE SPRINGS

Refer a friend and get a \$500 gift card each!

BELLARINE SPRINGS - REFERRAL PROGRAM

Refer a friend today and share the good life!

Since living at BellarineSprings is so enjoyable, introduce us to your family and friends so they can share the amazing lifestyle on offer at the Village!

IF YOU INTRODUCE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO HASN'T PREVIOUSLY ENQUIRED AT BELLARINE SPRINGS, YOU AND YOUR FRIEND WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$500 GIFT CARD WHEN THEY MOVE IN.

*TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

Visit bellarinesprings.com.au or call (03) 5253 0111

Pinnacle Living

Gardening Group Update

Our community garden has now been planted with winter veggies.

Potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, leeks, beetroot, onions, chard, spinach, and peas.

These plants love the older weather but we have to wait for a few months before we can harvest. So in the meantime we have Chinese cabbage, silver beet, rocket, the last of our lettuces and pumpkin.

Special thank you to Lois, who used our green tomatoes to make relish. She kindly donated some of her proceeds to the garden. Much appreciated Lois.

Geelong Council gave free samples of their compost made from the green bin collections. Thank you to Alan Joyner for collecting a bag of this to use in our garden.

We have had offers for fruit trees to put in our garden but due to limited space and the more intense care required to maintain trees, we are unable to take up the offer.



Grounds and Maintenance Team Report

Waring or wombat season is still in play, but the promised rains are yet to fall. The mornings are misty but the temperatures are still summer like. Despite the warm weather, the deciduous trees are slowly turning to deep reds, oranges and buttery yellows.

Once the rains start to fall it will be the perfect time to plant natives. This gives them enough time to establish before the heat of next summer.





Bellarine Springs Residents Association Presidents Report

As we head into the last month of Autumn, you would almost think we've already been flung into the depths of winter. Oh! What would we talk about if it wasn't for the topic of "The Weather" - too hot, too humid, too dry, too cold, too wet, too whatever?? The beauty of where we live is that whatever your take on it is, it doesn't last long before the next too.... comes along.

While you're waiting for the right weather conditions to come along, why not check out what's happening around the village. Activities are either advertised via email or listed at the activity station in the foyer of the community centre. Your social coordinators have again been super busy coming up with events for your enjoyment.

Mind you, there are residents who innovate, organise and run other regular events within and outside the village. These are too many to name in person here but I can assure you village life is made so much better with these wonderful people and good samaritans that make up our neighbours.

Most of these admirable individuals do what they do out of the goodness of their heart and not for any reward other than a huge thank you!

So - from us all, THANK YOU.

Stay safe, Keep warm.

Kind regards,

Sue Kuter



From the Library Team

Come and check out our revamped library.

We have been busy tidying up the shelves, relocating duplicates to a new home (op shop) and boxing some popular books to be recycled back to the shelves at a later date.

We girls are so happy that our library is so well utilised.

Did you know?

The Drysdale Library has a huge selection of large print books.

MOVIES



Just two this time round but both are first rate and very different.

Pure Escapism comes in *Romancing the Stone*. Fun, comedy, romance and action all rolled into one. From 1984 and starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito. Setting out to rescue her kidnapped sister, romance writer (Turner) finds herself thrust into cliff-hangers, danger and unexpected romance of her own. She meets fortune hunter (Douglas) who convinces her to follow and find the treasure.



Thurs. May 14th @ 2.30pm

High Crimes is very different to our other film. Smart, sexy high powered attorney is suddenly thrust into defending her army husband accused of killing innocent civilians. Stars Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman and Jim Caviezel. Twists and turns keep this thriller on the edge.

Thurs. May 28th @ 7.00pm

Hope to see you at the movies
David



THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Centre of Excellence-Pamper Session:

Gold Coin Donation that will go to **GAWS** 20TH Of May @ 9:30am till 12pm at The Community Centre.

Please sign up at Activity Station.



Other ways to help support GAWS are Donations

The Donations they accept are:

- New or good condition towels
- Dog toys, cat scratching poles & dog treats
- Dog & cat food, wet or dry
- Small cat beds or igloos

Please note GAWS don't accept:

- Fitted sheets, pillow cases, doonas, pillows, used food bowls, or kennels





ANZAC DAY 2026



ANZAC Day ceremony 2026

Thank you to the nearly 100 people who attended the Village ANZAC Day commemoration, enjoying ideal weather for the occasion. Geoff and I want to thank Heather and Alan for giving voice to the written words of soldiers on the front line. Many of you found these first-person accounts quite moving. Also thank you to the BSRA, and especially Jayne, for providing the Morning Tea. We also appreciate the loan of some standby audio equipment from Rotary via Glynis, the commemorative quilt provided by Marg H, and of course our favourite photographer Lou for recoding it all. We had some slight delays due to difficulty reading the speaker settings when bright sunlight reflected off the screen, but overall we think the sound system worked well.

Judith J & Geoff T



Singles Group

Last Saturday 12 of our members went to see the Australian Barbra Streisand Show at the Bellarine Arts Centre. and had a great evening. We didn't end our evening after the show as some of us went back to the Community Centre, had some drinks and a good laugh, we all enjoyed the night. Lyn and I are really trying to get this group together more as unfortunately we have lost some members for various reasons as people are getting older and cannot get out as they used to, or they have had to go into care.

We still promote the Tuesday night singles group at Happy Hour and always have a good laugh together so please come and join us as it is much more fun than staying in on your own, we will make you most welcome.

Rita & Lyn



Home care advice, right here in your village

When you first start looking into home care, it can feel overwhelming. Many people aren't sure where to begin.

That's why we have a Nurse Concierge available in your village to provide free, no obligation advice.

When Lourdes attended a talk given by the Five Good Friends Care Concierge, home care felt manageable for the first time.

"That was a real, huge relief because I knew straight away after learning how Five Good Friends works, that this is exactly what we need," says Lourdes.

Tony and Pauline had a similar experience.

"My Nurse Concierge gave me the information I needed to talk to My Aged Care. She spelt it out in plain simple steps," says Tony.

We believe in personalised care where your goals matter. Our Nurse Concierge can guide you through your options.

Tiaha, is next at the village on Wednesday 13th May. There is a booking sheet available at the village centre.

Or contact our care advisors on 1300 787 581.



Introducing your Nurse Concierge
Tiaha Holdsworth



Tiaha is here to support you in your ageing well journey and can provide guidance about support at home.

Fill out the booking sheet at reception for a 1:1 appointment. Contact our Care Advice team on 1300 787 581 with any questions.

E: tiaha.holdsworth@fivegoodfriends.com.au

Our home care services

Here are just some of the services we provide in your village:



Domestic support



Companionship



Transport



Personal care



Nursing



Allied health services

Call 1300 787 581
fivegoodfriends.com.au





As part of the Bellarine Springs VIP 2026 Series we were very fortunate to have a presentation by Diane Chaffers, Advanced Care Planning specialist. Diane is a retired Nurse whose professional experience has included many years at the Austin Hospital and Barwon Health in Advanced Care Planning. Around 18 residents attended the session. Diane's presentation explained the reasons for undertaking Advanced Care Planning (ACP) and the factors and steps involved and shared many insights based on her extensive experience in advanced care planning. Residents who attended benefitted from a clear and effective presentation of relevant information about ACP from Diane and were impressed by her commitment, enthusiasm and humour.

Their feedback has been very positive.

Diane mentioned the possibility of holding a follow-up workshop for up to 6 interested residents which would go through the documents, question by question and the type of content that is desirable to make a robust advance care directive.

Residents who are interested in participating in the workshop should contact me:

Email: rodney.wellard@outlook.com

Phone: 0438 115 693



Rod Wellard

Fifth Avenue Collection
BEAUTIFUL JEWELLERY

Beautiful Jewellery

Tuesday 26th May 2026

10:30am - 12 noon in
the Community Centre

We look forward to seeing you there

TRIVIA NIGHT

FORM GROUPS OF 4
AND BATTLE IT OUT!

FUN!

LAUGHS!

We're back again!!!
That's great hey
Co!

Yes just
fantastic hey
Geoff??

18TH MAY

PRIZES!

7PM

May 18th @ 7.00pm Starting Time.
Come along earlier to get set up
FREE ENTRY - BYO SNACKS IF REQUIRED

FUN!

FUN!

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday



4
 8:45 am: Cycling Group
 Nathan Handyman Services
 9am Gardening group
 11am: Aqua
 1pm:Aqua
 1 pm: Mahjong at CC
 2:pm: Rumikub at CC
 1:30pm: Scrabble at CC
 3pm: Book Club in Boardroom

5
 9am: Walking group
 10am Fashion Parade
 1pm: Craft at pavilion
 2pm: Chicks Cue Sticks
 1:30pm: Pickleball
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 5pm: Sundowners

6
 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2 pm: Rummikub
 5pm Zumba at CC

7
 9.30am Exercise - Penny
 11:00am: Aqua
 1:30 pm: Social Bridge
 2pm: Golf Croquet
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 2pm: Cuppa and games
 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC

11
 8:45 am: Cycling Group
 9am Gardening group
 10am Chair Yoga at Pav
 11am Aqua
 1pm: Aqua
 1 pm: Mahjong at CC
 2:pm: Rumikub at CC
 2 pm: Scrabble at CC

12
 9am: Walking group
 10.30am Birthday morning
 1pm: Craft at pavilion
 1:30pm: Pickleball
 2pm Chicks Cue Sticks
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 5pm: Sundowners

13
 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 10am Social Tennis
 2 pm: Rummikub
 5pm Zumba at CC

14
 9.30am Exercise - Penny
 11am Aqua
 1:30pm: Bridge at Pav
 2pm: Golf Croquet
 2pm: Indoor Bowls CC
 2pm:Cuppa & game
 2pm: Blokes, Billard & Beers CC
 2:30pm Movie- Romancing the Stone.

18
 8:45 am: Cycling Group
 9am Gardening group
 10am Chair Yoga at Pav
 11am Aqua
 1pm Aqua
 1 pm: Mahjong at CC
 2:pm: Rumikub at CC
 1:30pm: Scrabble at CC
 7:00pm: Trivia

19
 9am: Walking group
 1pm: Craft at pavilion
 1:30pm: Pickleball
 2pm Chicks Cue Sticks
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 5pm: Sundowners

20
 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
9:30am: Hand Massage-CC 🙌
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2pm: Rummikub
 5pm Zumba at CC

21
 9.30am Exercise - Penny
 9.30am - Village Outing
 11am Aqua
 1:30pm: Bridge at Pav
 2pm: Golf Croquet
 2pm: Indoor Bowls CC
 2pm: Cuppa & game
 2pm: Blokes, Billard & Beers CC

25
 8:45 am: Cycling Group
 9am Gardening group
 10am Chair Yoga at Pav
10:30am: Nutrition Talk TR
 11am Aqua
 1pm Aqua
 1 pm: Mahjong at CC
 2:pm: Rumikub at CC
 1:30pm: Scrabble at CC



26
 9am: Walking group
 10:30am: Beautiful Jewellery CC
 1pm: Craft at pavilion
 1:30pm: Pickleball
 2pm Chicks Cue Sticks
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 5pm: Sundowners

27
 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2pm: Rummikub
 7pm: Whisky Night Pav
 5pm Zumba at CC

28
 9.30am Exercise - Penny
 10am: Bus to Westfield
 11:00am: Aqua
 1:30 pm: Social Bridge
 2pm: Golf Croquet
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 2pm: Cuppa and games
 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC
 7pm: High Crimes

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



1

9am Gardening group
10am Fish Van
10am: Musical Moments
1pm: Mahjong at CC
2pm: Rummikub at CC
5pm: Happy Hour at CC

2

10am: Pickleball

3

2pm Left, right and centre
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

Village Handyman
4th of May from 9am.
Book in at reception \$15
per 15 minutes

8

9am: Gardening group
10am: Musical Moments
1pm: Mahjong at CC
2pm: Rummikub at CC
5pm: Happy Hour Mothers Day
door prize at CC

9

10am: Pickleball

10

2pm Left, right and centre
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

Hairdresser
Sally is located in
the community centre
hairdressing salon.
Please contact her direct
on 0428 150 094 to
arrange your
appointment.



15

9am Gardening group
10am: Musical Moments
10am Village Outing
12.45am Intergenerational
program at Pavilion
1pm: Mahjong at CC
2pm: Rummikub at CC
5pm: Happy Hour at CC

16

10am: Pickleball

17

2pm Left, right and centre
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

Hairdresser - wed only
Karon is located in
the community centre
hairdressing salon.
Please contact her direct
on 0427 565 735
to arrange your
appointment, Wed only.

22

9am Gardening group
10am Bus to Westfield
10am: Musical Moments
10.00am Fish Van
1pm: Mahjong at CC
2pm: Rummikub at CC
5pm: Happy Hour at CC

23

10am: Pickleball

24

2pm Left, right and centre
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

Physiotherapist
Keegan FitzGerald is
located in the
practioners room in
community centre
0411 096 099 to
schedule appointments.



29

9am Gardening group
10am Bus to Westfield
10am: Musical Moments
12.45am Intergenerational
program at Pavilion
1pm: Mahjong at CC
2pm: Rummikub at CC

30

10am: Pickleball

31

2pm Left, right and
centre
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

Jenkins Fish Van
Time slot has
changed to 10-
10.30am

