



Bellarine Springs Newsletter

May 2025



A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON



While the temperatures are cooling down slightly, our calendar for May is brimming with exciting upcoming events. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated BSRA for their unwavering enthusiasm in organizing these wonderful events.

As you stroll through our village, you'll see the final details coming together in stage 10. The completion of our lovely village is just within reach.

Village Update

Recent Village Operations and Maintenance activities have focused on enhancing the facilities, and essential infrastructure. An additional entry point with a Pin Pad and automatic lock has been installed in the billiards area of the Community Centre, improving both accessibility and security for residents. To support the growing needs of the community, additional crockery, including plates, side plates, and bowls, has been purchased for village use.

Routine safety measures were upheld with the successful completion of the monthly fire service inspection and the annual hydrant flow test. Infrastructure repairs included addressing a damaged water main in Stage 7 along Saratoga Circuit. In addition, window cleaning at both the Community Centre and Pavilion was completed, maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for all residents.

Village Gardens - Robert Burza

Over the last month the gardening team has completed the mulching of stage 3. We have been clearing leaves that have fallen, and continuing general garden tidy ups, including trimming the hedge around the pool. The 6 monthly fertilizer has been put down around our young trees as well as weeding & poisoning.

May's plan:

The Gardners will continue picking all the Autumn leaves up. Light mowing, with more weeding & garden tidy ups. We will start mulching stage 4 as well.

Happy Mother's Day!

A heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers. We hope you are all pampered and celebrated today! And thank you for being the heart of our village community.



Emergency Pendants

Testing Emergency Pendants - Stages 7, 8, 9 and 10.

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.

A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Last month Bellarine Springs was the major sponsor of the Bellarine North Rotary Art Show - Best in Show First Place was awarded to: "Coloured Pebbles" by Glenn Hoyle. Congratulations to all winners and the hard work of the volunteers at BNR. The hamper draw prize winner was a local Grovedale lady, so congrats to Debbie S. Further information of winners is located on the BNR Facebook page.



We have seen a strong demand of late for established homes, and we welcome our new local Clifton Springs residents Anitra and Gary to the village.

A Recent Stage 10 release has seen Gill, a local from Curlewis, settle into our delightful village.

A very warm welcome to Gill who has already utilised the facilities and enjoys the aqua classes thanks to Barb who co-ordinates and looks after these classes.

Within the development side of things, we will have 43 homes in stage 10 with 31 currently under construction.

I feel at Bellarine Springs we are a great size community, not too small and not too big and I know with the future growth everyone will reap the benefits. I have also lived in Drysdale and love the demographics and facilities we have on our doorstep.

A lovely article in the Bellarine Times has featured wellness in our village. I like hearing the stories of recent residents moving in and enjoying themselves and the activities available at Bellarine Springs. I would like to particularly thank all the residents that volunteer their time in the village and for their acts of kindness.

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 are hosting a Scotchman's Hills wine tasting for residents and their referrals and anyone from our data base that may wish to attend.

Please note it is a first come first serve basis and we have 30 spots available. So, anyone wishing to attend the exclusive Scotchmen's hill event please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Bay FM Mother's Day ... If you tune into BayFM you will hear a familiar voice with our latest ad. A special thank you to all the mums of humans and fur babies... have a happy Mothers Day!



Voiceover ad for Bayfm

Thank you for your smiles.

Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
0455 112 360

New Residents

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

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

Gary and Anitra Franklin



BSRA president's report

What a busy month April turned out to be with so many happenings around the village. Many of which were generated by residents themselves. Easter celebrations made up an important part of these happenings with Hot Cross buns supplied by the BSRA during Good Friday Happy Hour. Thanks to Jayne and her band of helpers.

The Royal Children's Hospital Easter Raffle raised a total of \$680. A fitting donation to a most worthy organisation and of course thanks go out to all those who bought tickets.

The lucky winners were: First prize Margaret O'Neill, Second prize Gavin Russell (who, due to his current ill health, donated his prize back which was given as a lucky door prize during the Easter Sunday luncheon - more on that in a moment) Third Prize was Julie Nicholson.

A note of thanks goes out to the joint efforts of Julie and Kevin Nicholson, Jayne Huson and Brenda Bickerton who all played parts in producing the beautiful gift baskets.

Mel McNeice and his band of helpers produced, what I'm sure those who attended will agree was, a fantastic Easter Sunday Luncheon. Special mention must go out to the sponsors: Drysdale Souva Bar, JNC Concrete, Absolute Patios, Drysdale Carpet court, Instyle Blinds, Bellarine Glass, Kizz Electrical and Complete Window Films.

Jill's Shoes came to the village on Wednesday 23rd April. Sadly some of the resident's were on an outing and missed seeing their Winter selection but have no fear, they will be coming again towards the end of the year. Just keep an eye out for the date.

Thanks to Geoff and Judith for conducting the ANZAC Day service which was well attended followed by ANZAC Biscuits, Lamingtons, a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

I'd like to thank the fabulous people - of which there are many, who do wonderful things that help this village run so smoothly with entertainment, outings, social/sporting gatherings not to mention the community garden caretakers and those who help/assist fellow residents who are experiencing ill health at the moment.

The Month of May is here and already there is a line-up of events/happenings listed at the activity station situated in the foyer in the community centre. Do have a look and make sure you put your name down as sometimes places are limited.

Something I would like to remind residents about is that catering for events is based on the number of people who put their names down and register. When people do not turn up we are put in a position where there is food left over which is a waste and cost to the BSRA.

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

Kind regards, Sue Kuter BSRA President

Community Vegetable Garden Update

This month we enjoyed a visit from members of the Drysdale Garden Club. The members were very interested and impressed with our vegetable garden and also the whole of the Village. Thank you, Fiona, for supplying the delicious afternoon tea.

Our pumpkins are gradually being picked and should be available for a few weeks to come.

Lettuce and Silverbeet are also still growing well. Don't forget to check out the array of herbs each week. The winter crops are growing steadily, the Broccoli, Cabbages, Cauliflower, Sprouts and Broad Beans all enjoyed the recent rain.

The "above ground" beds have been very successful, and we are busy planning, measuring and saving for a new 4 metre bed to complete the area.

We have a new compost bin that will be in place soon.

We trust the residents enjoy the garden produce, thank you for your support.

The Garden Team



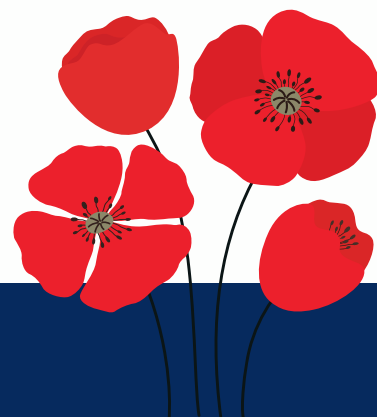
ANZAC DAY

Despite some early morning showers, the rain held off long enough for our 2025 ANZAC Day ceremony to stay dry. Around 90 people attended the event at which Geoff gave an account of the life of Percy Cherry, a recipient of both the Military Cross and the Victoria Cross who was born in Drysdale and died in France in 1917 at the age of 21.

We thank Jayne and the BSRA catering team for providing a morning tea of ANZAC biscuits and lamingtons, Delia and the local Rotary group for providing some audio equipment for the speech and Jacqui and her singing group for providing some strong voices for the National Anthem.

Finally, we thank all those residents who attended to mark 110 years since the Gallipoli Campaign.

Judith J & Geoff T



Movies



Hello to you viewers and welcome to May. I've picked out two action thrillers for you but very different from each other.

Dante's Peak is a fictional event that is somewhat similar to the volcanic eruption on Mount St Helens in Washington in May 1980 (see why I picked it). It stars Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton and shows how people can easily ignore signs from nature. In the real Mount St Helens 74 lives were lost and over 200 homes. The film is well done and will keep you watching.

Thursday 8th @ 2.30pm

Eagle Eye is very different and makes you wonder exactly what technology can do if allowed to run rampant. Starring Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan and Billy Bob Thornton. Here a terrorist threat against the US government is set in motion. A man and woman are the victims and protagonists but the terror comes from an unlikely source. Lots of action .

Thursday 22nd @ 7.00pm

Look forward to seeing you, David



Singles group

On a Friday, eight of our single members, along with two couples, attended a performance by Chris Connor as Elvis at the Geelong Arts Centre. What an incredible show it was!

He was absolutely fantastic and delivered one of the best performances we've ever witnessed; everyone had a wonderful time.

With a backing group of twelve, he provided a brilliant show that felt just like watching Elvis himself.

If any single individuals are interested in joining our group, please join us for Happy Hour on Tuesdays at 5pm. We have a reserved table and warmly welcome new residents.

Although Lyn and I may be unavailable for a short while, I am confident that other single members who usually attend at the Community Centre will make you feel right at home.

Starting in May, we will be organizing more outings to the theatre and dining experiences.

Best regards,

Rita and Lyn



Easter Bunny Extravaganza!

A massive shoutout to Geoff Reeve and his family for hopping over and sprinkling joy with delightful Lindt bunnies!

We've passed along the residents thank-yous to Geoff.



Musical Moments

Every Friday 10.00am - The Theatre Room



MONIQUE – "Our Songbird"



JOHNNY, MALCOLM & JACQUI



JOHNNY – "Go! Go!"



ROD – "Rockin' & Ballads"



JOHN & DENIS – "Joke Tellers"



MONIQUE – "We'll Meet Again"



GAIL & JACQUI – "Dancing Queens"

Walk - up's encouraged!

*Tea & Coffee provided

\$5.00 sur-charge for new members



Village Outing

When – Saturday 3rd May.
Time – 9:00am at the Community Centre.
Visit – Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally. (146km drive)
 \$10 Entry fee at the gate.
 \$3 per head contribution to fuel cost. Pay on the day.
Lunch – BYO or At your own cost at the venue.
Return – Around 4:00pm

Our next Village Outing is to the 125th Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally May 3rd

Join us at the 125th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally on the 3rd & 4th of May, 2025.

With over 65 display sheds featuring steam and oil powered engines, saw mills, earthmoving equipment, motorcycles, trucks, tractors and more, and plenty of on-site catering, it's a great day out for the whole family.

- 65 Display Sheds
- Steam & Oil Engines
- Steam Powered Shovels & Saw Mill
- Displays of Earthmoving, Cars, Motorcycles, Tractors & Trucks
- Radio Controlled Model Boats
- Blacksmithing
- Threshing
- Boilerhouse Tours
- Grand Parade Daily
- Kids Activities
- On-site Catering



VIP SERIES

Very Interesting Presentations

Guarding the Coast around Bellarine and Beyond

This month's VIP presentation will be given by resident John Mc Millan. John will describe the work of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association of which he has been a member for eight years. The presentation will cover the role of Coast Guard in marine safety education, and the who, what, where, how and when of their activities. A major focus will be a description of the conduct of rescue missions for those who get into difficulty at sea. John will share some of his experiences from his personal involvement in over 100 marine rescue missions.

Tues May 13th

11:30 - 12:30pm

In the Theatre

**SIGN UP NOW
AT THE
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**



JOHN MCMILLAN



BUCKET LIST TRAVEL AND CRUISE CLUB
Friday 2nd May 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Join us for an exclusive travel presentation on



- ★ Get Inspired: Inspiring Vacations is a leading, award-winning tour operator dedicated to creating exceptional, value-for-money travel experiences for customers, carefully crafted to ensure that each trip is unique and unforgettable.
 - ★ Exclusive Insights: Hear directly from a travel expert from Inspiring Vacations about their vast range of travel packages, with options ranging from fully guided tours to self-drive adventures, luxury cruises to iconic train journeys, and so much more.
 - ★ Q&A Session: Have your questions answered by a knowledgeable expert and get personalised travel advice
 - ★ Special Offers: Enjoy exclusive deals and promotions for Bellarine Springs residents
 - ★ Light lunch supplied: Join us for a light lunch and a cuppa whilst being inspired to tick off your next bucket list!
- Please RSVP by Monday 28th April for catering.

Don't forget to add your name to the sign-up list at the activities station if you're interested in participating in this session.



Many Village Residents will know of David Hipperson for his regular film nights.

David was the presenter at the last VIP session held 11th April.

His presentation was titled "A Different and Varied Life" and the residents who attended were definitely not disappointed! David did a great job in describing the many interesting and fascinating twists and turns he has experienced in his life.

Residents were astounded by the breadth of his activities ranging from driving racing cars, engineering and model building, managing vaudevillian theatre restaurants and your creative art work.

His presentation included some great slides of himself as a car racing driver, engineering models, and some beautifully constructed models of aero planes and his own artwork.

His unique experience as a manager of Dirty Dicks Theatre Restaurants was another string to his bow. His "give it go" philosophy really engaged the residents as was reflected in their comments and questions which occurred during the session.

Rod Wellard





GAP
GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM

The Greyhound Adoption Program is coming to visit!

Come along to our info session to learn all about:

-  GAP and what we do,
-  Why greyhounds make amazing pets,
-  Fostering or adopting a greyhound, and
-  Have a cuddle with our greyhounds - Zeus and Shiraz



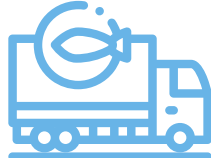
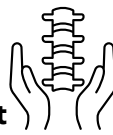
You can catch us at:
 10:30am - Wednesday, 7th May
 Bellarine Springs, Drysdale

Tea, coffee, sweets, and pup cuddles provided!





| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| <div>May</div> <div>2025</div> | | | <div>1</div> 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 |
| | <div>5</div> 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 | <div>6</div> 9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft group at Pav 2pm: Chicks with Cue sticks at CC 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 5pm: Sundowners at CC | <div>7</div> 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 1.30pm Physio Info session 2pm: Outdoor bowls 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool |
| | <div>8</div> 11:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm:Indoor bowls at CC 2pm: Cuppa and games at CC 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC 2.30pm “Dante Peak” at Theatre | | |
| | <div>12</div> 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 | <div>13</div> 9am: Walking group 10.30am: Birthday Morning tea at CC 11.30am VIP at Theatre 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners at CC | <div>14</div> 9am: Social Tennis 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 10am: Bus to Westfield 10:30am Greyhound Foster information session CC 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool |
| | <div>15</div> 9am Village outing 11:00am: Aqua 1.30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 2pm: Cuppa and game 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers | | |
| <div>19</div> 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 | <div>20</div> 9am: Walking group 10:30am Morning tea with music at Pavilion 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners | <div>21</div> 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 6.30pm Bingo at CC | <div>22</div> 1:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm Indoor bowls at CC 2pm: Cuppa and games 2pm Blokes,Billards, Beers 7pm “Eagle Eye” at Theatre |
| <div>26</div> 8:45 am: Cycling Group 11.30am Line Dancing 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC | <div>27</div> 9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 3pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners | <div>28</div> 9am: Social Tennis 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 11am Smartphone 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30 pm: Rummikub 3pm: Physiotherapy at Pool | <div>29</div> 11:00am: Aqua 1.30 pm: Social Bridge at Pavilion 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 2pm: Cuppa and game 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beers 7pm: Whiskey Club CC |

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
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| <p>2</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 Pie night</p> | <p>3</p> <p>9am Village Outing 12pm Line Dancing at CC</p> | <p>4</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p> |  <p>Village Handyman services - Nathan 5th May from 9am. Book in at reception \$15 per 15 minutes</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>10am: Musical Moments 10.30am Fish Van 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm:Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC</p> | <p>10</p> <p>12pm Line Dancing @CC</p> | <p>11</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</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> |
| <p>16</p> <p>10am: Musical Moments 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm:Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC</p> | <p>17</p> <p>12pm Line Dancing at CC</p> | <p>18</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p> | <p>Fish Van 10.30am - 11am 9th and 30th May</p>  |
| <p>23</p> <p>10am: Musical Moments 11:30am-12:30pm: VIP Series By John Mc Millan TR 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 2pm-4pm: Private booking 5pm: Happy Hour at CC</p> | <p>24</p> <p>12pm Line Dancing at CC</p> | <p>25</p> <p>2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at CC</p> |  <p>Physiotherapist Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>10am: Musical Moments 10.30am Fish Van 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC</p> | <p>31</p> <p>12pm Line Dancing at CC</p> | | <p>Beauty Bus To make an appointment please call 0404 043 096</p> |