



Bellarine Springs Newsletter

November 2025



A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

We greatly appreciate the participation and cooperation of all residents and Safety Wardens in our recent Mock Evaluation. These annual drills are crucial for ensuring the safety and preparedness of our entire village community. Additionally, we extend our gratitude for your patience and understanding during the widening of Community Drive. While the project faced some delays, construction is now progressing, and we are confident that the improvements will significantly enhance accessibility and convenience for everyone. Your support and engagement are invaluable in making our community a safer and more connected place. Thank you once again for your continued cooperation and commitment.



Village Update

As you would have noticed we had the old carpet in the Community Centre Hallway replaced and this has brought a fresh clean feel to the space, enhancing its appeal for visitors, potential new residents having walk throughs and regular users like us. The progress on the road works is no doubt a relief to everyone, as smoother and safer roads can significantly improve daily commutes and accessibility. Additionally, the Gardening & Grounds team's strategic approach of tackling the village section by section is a smart move. This method not only ensures thorough coverage but also optimizes time management, allowing the team to maintain high-quality results. It's great to hear that these efforts are being recognized and appreciated by the community!

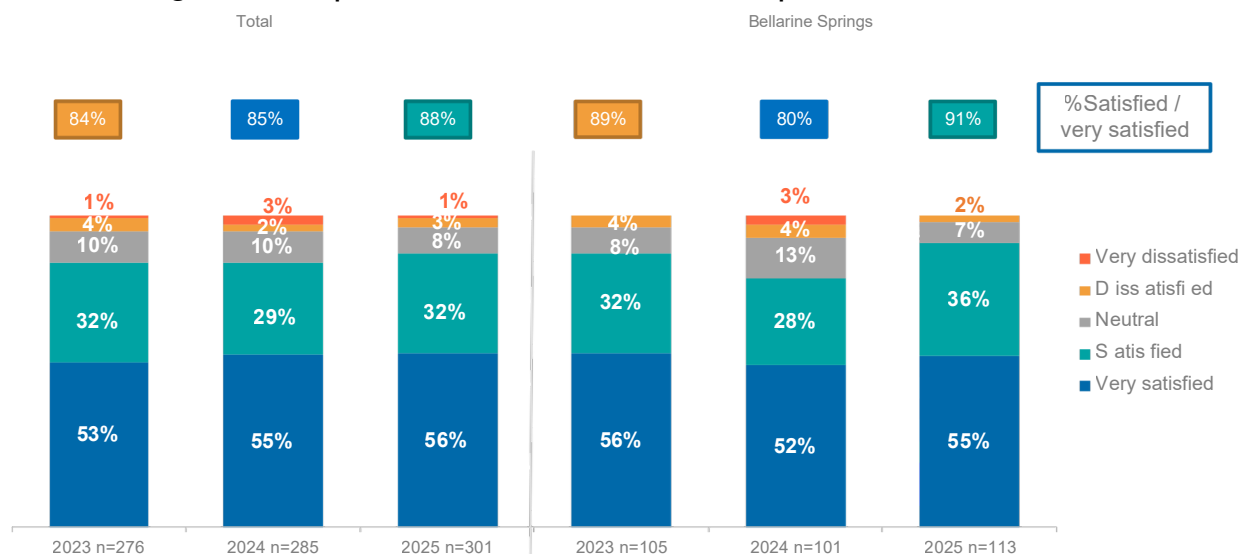
New Residents

We hope by now our new residents that have moved in over the last few months to our community have well and truly settled in. This month we welcome, Kay, Stephen and Estelle. If you have any questions or need assistance settling in, please don't hesitate to reach out to our BSRA team or pop up to Reception.

Survey Results

Thank you to the residents that took the time to complete the resident satisfaction research report. As a family run company we are always looking for ways to improve the day to day running of the village to ensure resident's satisfaction. It was wonderful to see in the report that we rated a 91% in overall satisfaction. We are creating an action plan on areas we can further improve.

Residents
satisfaction
results



A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Another steady month of sales with the last 5 sales being 3 established homes and 2 new builds. We wish the incoming residents a quick and easy sale on their residential properties and a smooth transition into the village.

For the new residents thank you for calling Bellarine Springs home and we wish you the very best with your new lifestyle.

The 30th of October sees the new build open day allowing interested parties that are wanting to move in at a later date to see Stage 10 come to fruition.

Thank you to the team for your hard work and help on the day.

Peter Lewis memorial Golf Day

I had the pleasure of playing with Peter's daughter Tanya and residents Sally and Maurice. A lot of fun being had all round!

Congrats to the winning team (Trophy presented by Bev Lewis) -

Winners are gridders. John, Chris, Phil and Stephen.

Enjoy the sunshine, markets and spring season!

Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
0455 112 360

Open Week: November 17 – 21

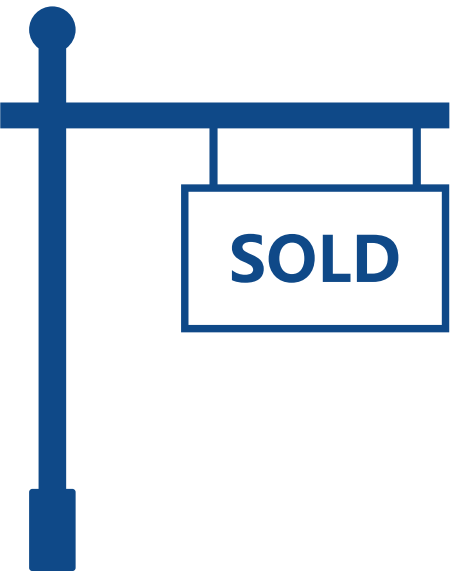
You are warmly invited to bring your friends and family to explore the brand-new retirement living homes at Bellarine Springs!

Be among the first to discover five stunning new homes that have just been released at Bellarine Springs. With an excellent selection of 2- or 3-bedroom homes, featuring high-quality fittings and premium appliances, these gorgeous residences represent the **LAST NEW HOME RELEASE** — the final opportunity to purchase a new home at Bellarine Springs and embrace the wonderful retirement lifestyle it offers.

Join us during our Open Week from November 17th to 21st to experience our welcoming community firsthand. Take a tour of our beautifully appointed retirement village and the available homes and enjoy conversations with our friendly residents and staff.

We can't wait to see you there!

Register your interest: [www.bellarinesprings.com.au](<http://www.bellarinesprings.com.au>)



SOLD





THE VILLAGE & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Throughout October, G&M have carried out planting of replacement trees lost to storms earlier in the year.

We have also planted three feature trees across the village:

Kousa Dogwood (located at the front of stage 2)

A deciduous and very attractive specimen with white flowers.

Dense green foliage with tiered branches creating a vase shape to begin with before taking on a more rounded shape at maturity.

Jacaranda (located in grassed area next to the veggie patch)

A fast-growing, semi-deciduous ornamental tree, known for its stunning, long-lasting lavender-blue to indigo, bell-shaped flowers that bloom in spring and summer. It features soft, fern-like foliage and can reach heights of 5 to 20 meters, with a broad, spreading canopy.

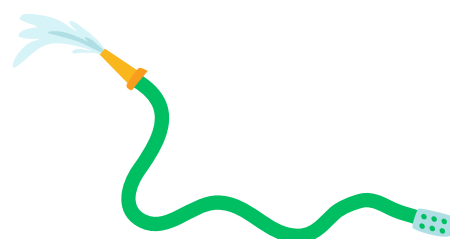
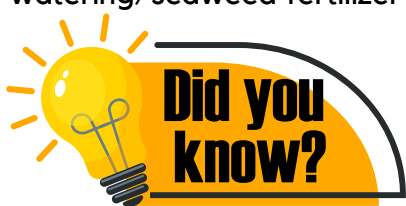
Weeping Cherry (located on the corner of Franklin Way and Community Drive)

A small ornamental tree known for its graceful, downward-sloping branches, which are covered in abundant pink or white flowers in early spring before the leaves appear. Its new foliage emerges as a bronze or coppery colour before maturing to green, and in autumn, the leaves turn yellow, orange, and red.

We have also replaced gum trees in Stage 7 with Weeping Burgundy's, due to a grub infestation in the existing gums.

We are currently cultivating a range of smaller plants, along with replacement Blueberry Ash trees for Dorton Glade, we expect these to be ready within the next month (weather dependent).

Looking forward to November, the team will transition to a reduced mowing schedule and increase watering/seaweed fertilizer rounds for establishing trees.



Now is the time to reap the benefits of our lawn coring program (carried out in September) by beginning a watering routine, as temperatures increase into Summer.

Watering a cored lawn benefits the lawn by allowing water, nutrients, and oxygen to reach the roots more easily, which leads to deeper root growth, improved drought tolerance, and a healthier, more vibrant lawn. The holes left by coring reduce soil compaction, improve drainage, decrease water runoff, and increase nutrient uptake, ultimately making your watering efforts more effective and potentially reducing the need for frequent watering.



BSRA presidents report



November 2025

What a month October turned out to be. It was a wild ride weather wise.

A mixture of all sorts.

We celebrated three 90th Birthdays at the monthly morning tea.

Of course, let us not forget the other residents celebrating their special days in October as well.

Congratulations to you all.

The Annual General Meeting of the BSRA held on the 23rd October was attended by approximately 75 residents.

It was the first time an election process took place at the village as there were two nominations for the President role, myself and Sandra Adams.

On behalf of Sandra and myself, I would like to thank those involved in the voting process, namely Judith Jones and Terry Baker who gave freely of their time to be our electioneers, Peter Downes who was the scrutineer on the day and to all the voters either in person or by proxy.

We did hear of some resident's who would have liked to have cast a vote but must not have read their emails/TXT messages as the information was clearly conveyed prior to the AGM and voting forms available in the library.

I would like to point out, with respect, that it is important for residents to read the notice board, emails and TXT messages as these are the main methods of transmitting important information to residents.

As the incoming President, I would like to welcome the reinstated committee for 2025/2026 with a special welcome to the new members: Sandra, Karen (Kaz) and the return of Maree.

There is a great opportunity in this coming year to address and act on any of the residents' issues and I look forward to your positive suggestions to make life here in this wonderful village even better.

Kind regards, Sue Kuter

BELLARINE SPRINGS CRAFT GROUP



The Bellarine Springs Craft Group has been in existence since at least 2017, shortly after the first residents moved in. We meet on a Tuesday afternoon in the Pavilion and numbers attending average 15-20.

For most of us, our main interest revolves around Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidery and Quilting. We make Beanie's, and Lap Blankets for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong, and Baby/Kids Clothes for Geelong Mums and Cottage by the Sea. We also support the Outpost Geelong. We have also dabbled in other crafts such as Silk Painting, Felting, Polymer Clay, (making earrings, buttons, broaches, pens etc), Tile Painting, Paint-by-Numbers and Scarf Tying. But it's not all work, we enjoy a chat and a laugh and finish off with a coffee in the Community Centre. We have also arranged a number of Outings, the most recent being to the Wool Museum in Geelong.



Community Vegetable Garden Update

It is wonderful what a bit of rain can do to the garden. Seedlings that were planted months ago suddenly grew producing crisp green silver beet, lettuce, onions and leeks and we had good success with growing our first crop of potatoes.

Our rhubarb is also back to good quality red stalks.

Seedlings already in for summer are pumpkins, zucchini, button squash, eggplant, capsicums and spring onions.

The team have now been working to add fertilizer and compost to the beds and preparing for tomatoes 🍅

We are being very selective with these plants this year as Agriculture Australia has advised that tomato psyllid disease has been detected and they have declared a restricted area for the whole of Bellarine peninsula.

Victorian Government Gazette No. S 198 dated 23 April 2025)

This means that while fruit is okay to eat - all plants, fruit must NOT be removed from this region.

Residents who grow their own tomatoes please keep close watch on your plants for disease.

With the weather so unpredictable, we hope mother nature is kind to us.

Any new residents interested in helping in the garden we would love to see you - We are there every Monday and Friday morning.



Birthday Morning Tea @ The Community Centre

90th

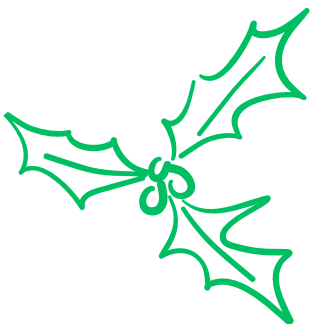
It was a wonderful occasion being able to celebrate such significant milestones! Turning 90 is truly a remarkable achievement, filled with a lifetime of memories and experiences. The morning tea at The Community Center was a perfect setting to honor Lois, Anne, and Dick's Birthdays, surrounded by friends and our village residents. It's heartwarming to see everyone come together to recognize these special people, and we extend our warmest wishes to everyone else who celebrated a birthday in October. May this year bring health, and happiness to all!

Thanks again to Jayne & Barb who go above & beyond every month with the morning tea.

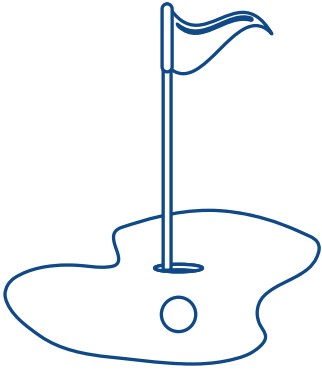


Hello fellow residents!

With Christmas coming up Steve Merriman would like to offer his services as Father Christmas free of charge. If you would like to partake of this offer contact Steve on 0448295911



Peter Lewis Memorial Golf Day



The third year of Peter Lewis Memorial Golf Day!

24 golfers teed off at Clifton Springs Golf Club (including Peter's daughter Tanya and son Richard)

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's winning team for the trophy. Presented by Bev Lewis
John Baker, Chris Noble, Phil Griffin and Stephen Steele.

Many thanks for financial sponsorship of BSRA and Bev Lewis

ZUMBA GOLD CLASS CLASSES IN RECESS

RECOMMENCING TUESDAYS

@ 11:45AM. CONTACT SUE 0403 138 702 OR
BARBARA STENHOUES 0449 500 706
BY THE MONDAY IF INTERESTED.



COST: \$10 PER CLASS
ADDRESS: LEVEL 1, 31-39 KENSINGTON ROAD LEOPOLD
PHONE : 0352 501 301



Tuesday 1:30pm
& Saturdays
10am
On the Tennis
Court



VIP series

John Clarke presented a very interesting and informative session on October 14th on Life in Coventry During World War 2. John grew up in Coventry and as a very young boy lived through the sustained bombing blitzes over Coventry as a major industrial target of German bombing. This was a very trying time for families and many experienced great losses and destruction including the Coventry Cathedral which was virtually destroyed by bombing leaving skeletal remains just before a visit by the King.

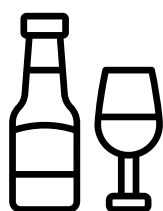


John Clarke
Village Resident

A frantic clean up occurred so that the King and his entourage had somewhere to stand.

John showed an evocative painting of this scene of the King and his entourage against a backdrop of the Cathedral ruins. John's enthusiasm and clarity really engaged the residents resulting in plenty of discussion and questions.

Rod Wellard



Happy Hour!

Every Friday 5pm-7pm



If you have not been for a while or you are a new resident , come along and join in or just to have a catch up with old friends at our Village Happy Hour.

We have 6-8 prizes which consist of fuel vouchers, restaurant and cafe vouchers, bottles of wine, supermarket vouchers, even a cash prize.

All for only \$2!

Each night we try and mix it up, with a lucky wheel, lucky cards, lucky disc, spinning wheel and lucky envelope.

Come enjoy a drink at the bar. You may think you come as a stranger, but you will leave as a friend.

See you there!
Jacqui & Mal

Sally's Hair Design



Hair Cuts:

Mens From \$20

Ladies Short From \$30,

Medium From \$35

Ladies Sets/Blow Dry:

Short From \$35

Medium From \$45

Cut & Set/Cut & Blow aWave:

Short From \$90

Medium From \$100

Foils:

Short From \$100

Medium From \$110

Perms:

Short From \$100

Medium From \$110

Contact Sally on: 0428 150 094



No FoodBank Collection this year

As you may know, Geoff and I, along with some helpers, have organised and delivered a collection of foods and toiletries for the Drysdale FoodBank every November, beginning in 2020.

You may also have heard that the FoodBank no longer operates in Drysdale.

Its website says 'Drysdale Family Support (DFS) is currently in recess'.

The next nearest FoodBank (Food Assist) is in Portarlington.

It states that it 'Supports all residents of the 3223 postcode in need of food relief'.

When we began making the village collections our intention was to enable residents to easily make in-kind donations to support other Drysdale residents.

We collected donations and delivered them to the local FoodBank, from where they were distributed to the local residents, neighbours of our Village. This is no longer possible.

With no other agency stepping in to take over the role DFS played we have decided we will no longer make a collection.

Thank you to those who have contributed in the past and should another local agency take on the role of operating a food bank or similar we will consider restarting village collections.

In the meantime, we urge those wishing to support the FoodBank program to consider making a cash donation to Give Where You Live Foundation's Feed Geelong program.

<https://www.feedgeelong.com.au/how-you-can-help/donate>

Thanks again,

Judith J. & Geoff T.

Flanders Fields, 2017



Remembrance Day 11th November

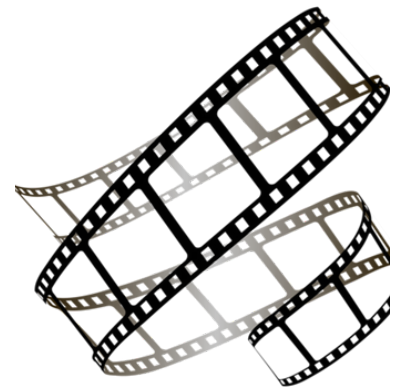
Our Remembrance Day flag ceremony will commence around the flagpole at 10:45 on Tuesday 11th November. You are invited to join us along with our musical group for this event.

The Birthday morning tea will follow the flag ceremony.

Judith J & Geoff T



MOVIES

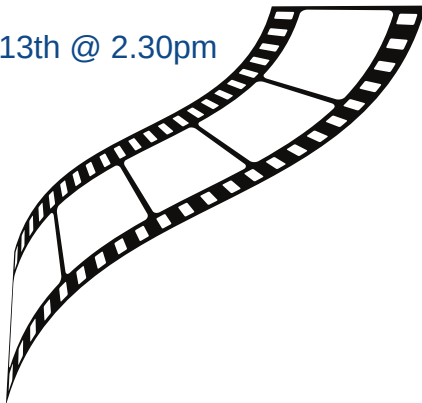


Magic November leaps upon us and I'll expect most of you are starting to think of Christmas so I've chosen two light-hearted films to just have some fun.

The Holiday:

"The Holiday" is a delightful comedy/romance starring Cameron Diaz, Jude Law, Kate Winslet, Jack Blank and Eli Wallach. Two unhappy, rejected women swap their homes for Christmas. One in California the other in England the swap goes ahead but of course complications arise. I can say that this is no more than a really nice, good fun watch but sorry, no car chases or murders!

Thursday Nov, 13th @ 2.30pm



Red:

The next is quite the opposite so if you haven't seen "Red" before then you're in for more fun with a comedy/thriller packed with stars. Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, John Malcovich and others make this outstanding. Ex-agent Willis is scheduled to be killed for knowing too much but he fights back in the best way he can with the help of his friends. A rip roaring good time.



Thursday Nov, 27th @ 7.00pm

**See you at the movies
David**

Singles Group

Last Saturday a group of us went to the Potato Shed to see a Dusty Springfield and Connie Francis tribute, with Issi Dye performing songs of Dean Martin, and we all had a brilliant evening.

Lyndal Anderson was amazing as Dusty Springfield and she was equally as good as Connie Francis. We all knew the songs and were having a great time singing along. We have had a couple of new people join us and this is what makes this group so worthwhile.

We are always at Happy Hour on a Tuesday so come and join us for a chat, even if you don't drink you can have a coffee.

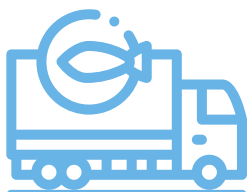


Chicks with Cue Sticks

Ladies!
COME & JOIN IN THE FUN WITH
CHICKS WITH CUE STICKS!
NOW PLAYING EVERY TUESDAY @
1:30PM
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:45 am: Cycling Group ³ 9am Gardening group 9am Handyman services 11am Aqua 1 pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC 3pm Book club	Melbourne Cup Day ⁴ Office Closed 9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 1:30pm: Pickleball 5pm: Sundowners at CC	9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale ⁵ 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1pm Social Tennis 1.30 pm: Rummikub 2pm: Physiotherapy	9.30am Exercise - Penne ⁶ 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
8:45 am: Cycling Group ¹⁰ 9am Gardening group 11am Aqua 1 pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 1:30 pm: Rumikub at CC 2 pm: Scrabble at CC	9am: Walking group ¹¹ 10.45am Remembrance day 11am Flag ceremony Birthday morning tea to follow. 1pm: Craft at pavilion 1:30pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 1:30pm:Pickleball 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 5pm: Sundowners	9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale ¹² 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1pm Social Tennis 1.30 pm: Rummikub 2pm: Physiotherapy 6:30pm: Bingo CC	9.30am Exercise - Penne ¹³ 11:00am: Aqua 1.30 pm: Bridge at Pav 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 2:30pm: "The Holiday" in Theatre 2pm: Cuppa and game 2pm Blokes, Billards, Beer
8:45am: Cycling Group ¹⁷ 9am:: Gardening Group 11am: Aqua 1pm: Mahjong CC 1pm: Aqua 1:30pm: Rumikub	9am: Walking group ¹⁸ 1pm: Craft at pavilion 1:30pm: Pickleball 1:30pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 5pm: Sundowners	9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale ¹⁹ 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 10am Annual Meeting at CC 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1pm Social Tennis 1.30 pm: Rummikub 2pm: Physiotherapy	9.30am Exercise - Penne ²⁰ 11am: Aqua 1:30pm: Bridge at Pav 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor Bowls CC 2pm:Cuppa & game 2pm: Blokes, Billard & Beers CC 7pm: Whiskey night
8:45: Cycling Group ²⁴ 9am: Gardening Group 11am: Aqua 1pm Mahjong CC 1pm:Aqua 1:30pm: Rumikub at CC	9am: Walking group ²⁵ 1pm: Craft at pavilion 1:30pm: Pickleball 1:30pm Chicks Cue Sticks 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC 5pm: Sundowners	9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale ²⁶ 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1pm Social Tennis 1.30 pm: Rummikub 2pm: Physiotherapy	9.30am Exercise - Penne ²⁷ 11am: Aqua 1:30pm: Bridge at Pav 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor Bowls at CC 2pm:Cuppa and game 2pm: Blokes, Billards, Beer 7pm: "RED" Theatre Room

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
 November	1	2	 Village Handyman services - Nathan November 3rd from 9am. Book in at reception \$15 per 15 minutes
	7	8	 Hairdresser Sally is located in the community centre hairdressing salon. Please contact her direct on 0428 150 094 to arrange your appointment.
10am: Pickleball	10am: Pickleball	2pm Cuppa and games including Left, Right, centre and keeper at 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.
9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Moments 12.30pm Bucketlist travel at Pav 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	14	15	Physiotherapist  Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.
9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Moments 10:30am: Fish Van 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	21	22	Physiotherapist  Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.
9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Moments 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	28	29	Fish Van 10.30am - 11am 14 th November 
9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Moments 1pm: Mahjong at CC 1.30pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	25	26	Physiotherapist  Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.