BELLARINE SPRINGS



Bellarine Springs Newsletter November 2026



Mataranka Hot Springs- Northern Territory

A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON



Village updates

With summer just around the corner, we look forward to warmer days and more opportunities to enjoy our village gardens, outdoor spaces and community facilities. We continue to make improvements around Bellarine Springs, with a new mechanical digital lock for the Eastwood Crescent gate, a new ride-on mower to help maintain our grounds, and two additional car spaces on Epsom View near the gate and vegetable garden. An upright exercise bike adds to the options available for residents to keep active.

Further improvements have been ordered for installation during November, including seating and a picnic table on the Stage 6 grassed area beside the Eastwood Crescent gate, along with digital locks for the Pavilion and Workshed. These improvements will help make our shared spaces more comfortable, accessible and enjoyable. We hope you enjoy the month ahead and all that village life has to offer.

Grounds & Maintenance Update

Spring is in full force and is providing an exciting array of colors throughout the village.
While the expedited growth is welcome amongst our beautiful gardens, the team is focused on reducing the number of weeds throughout the village in a variety of ways.
Hand weeding, selective herbicide poisoning, and non-selective herbicide poisoning are taking place. This occurs across garden beds, lawns and common ground areas.
We would like to remind residents to avoid any areas that are marked with blue dye, as it may have been applied recently.



Mock Emergency Evacuations for Village Residents.

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New Residents

Welcome to Bellarine Springs! We're thrilled to have you join our vibrant community. Our dedicated team is here to assist you with any questions or needs you might have. The Residents Committee looks forward to introducing you to fellow residents and helping you settle in comfortably. Be sure to explore the wide array of activities, events, and social opportunities we offer. For the latest updates, visit our Activity Station, Events Noticeboard, and Library. We're excited to get to know you and are confident you'll find Bellarine Springs to be a welcoming and lively place to call home.
Enjoy your adventure with us!

Welcome to Bellarine Springs!

A message from our Sales Manager Hayley Anderson

November is shaping up to be another busy and exciting month at Bellarine Springs, with plenty happening across our community.

Our Open Garden event is on Sunday, 8th November, from 1pm–4pm. We look forward to welcoming resident referrals, previous visitors and retirees interested in learning more about life here. Karyn from Marketing and Hayley from sales will be on site to welcome guests and answer questions.

Residents are also organising a craft stall on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th November, with a Rotary sausage sizzle on Saturday.

Don't forget the Resident Refer a Friend program. I know you are so welcoming with your time showing your friends/families through your homes or off-street visitors having a sticky beak, so please don't hesitate to call me anytime on a weekend if you bump into anyone that may show interest in our beautiful village.

Thanks for all kind comments and support regarding my new role.

Hayley Anderson
Sales Manager
0455 112 360

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Follow Bellarine Springs on Instagram: @pinnacle_living_retirement to explore vibrant community life.

Heartfelt Farewell

On a personal and bittersweet note, I will be hanging up my boots at Bellarine Springs after nearly four wonderful years.

Heartfelt thanks to our outstanding operations, garden, accounts, administration, construction and Sales teams for their support. A special thank you to Geoff Reeve, Michael, Simone and Kent for the opportunity to be part of Bellarine Springs, their trust and encouragement. I wish Geoff, his family, the team, and everyone at Bellarine Springs and Pinnacle Living every success for the future.

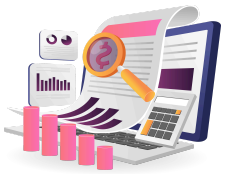
Most importantly, thank you to our beautiful residents. It has been a privilege to support so many of you through your downsizing journey and see you enjoying village life. Your friendships, conversations, laughs and memories have made my time here incredibly special, and I will always be grateful.
Keep the Community Spirit Going!



As I begin this next chapter, I hope everyone continues embracing the activities, events and friendships that make Bellarine Springs such a special place to call home.
Thank you for the smiles, support and incredible community spirit.
Keep enjoying the events, looking after one another, and sharing the community spirit.

Fiona Olin

Presidents Report November 2026



Hello Fellow Residents,

I am extremely honoured to have been elected to the position of President, and I am confident my fellow committee and I will strive to serve you to the very best of our abilities.

We have a wonderfully vibrant Village and the Committee's number one aim is to make this a happy place where each resident is valued and feels welcome.

For those who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 22nd October, the Committee was elected as follows:

President: **Karen (Kaz) Peach**

Vice President: **David Gilbert**

Secretary: **Maree Burn**

Treasurer: **Rick Goss**

Ordinary members:

Jayne Huson, Gayle McNiece, Christine Noble, Barbara Stenhouse and Sue Kuter.

If you have any concerns or issues please do not hesitate to contact a Committee Member.

We are always happy to help you or offer assistance.

It is wonderful to see our Village and residents so busy.

We have had some very successful events in the past month.

On Sunday 18th October we had our Paella Night. This was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many of our residents enjoying the delicious food. Well done to all involved in organising this.

Monday 19th October saw many of us gather for a Trivia Night. A fun time was had by all !!

On Thursday 22nd October we were invited by Management to a morning tea in order to farewell Fiona. It was lovely to see so many of our residents in attendance to wish Fiona all the very best for her future endeavours.

Some upcoming Events to pop in your diary are:Tuesday 3rd November will see the Village residents don their glad rags to attend our Melbourne Cup Festival.

Friday 6th November – Peter Lewis Annual Golf Day

Sunday 8th November will be our Spring Garden Day.

Tuesday 10th November is our monthly Morning Tea. A great way to welcome our new neighbours, celebrate birthdays and generally have a lovely time. This will be followed by our VIP Series in the Theatre.

Wednesday 11th November we will gather around the Flagpole at 10.30 to commemorate Remembrance Day Service which will commence at 10.45. A morning tea will be served at 9.30 in the Committee Centre prior to this event.

There are many more activities so it pays to regularly check in at the Activity Station to find out more and of course sign up so you don't miss out.

Warmest regards,

Kaz Peach

President BSRA

Advance Notice The next VIP2026 Session will be held on Tuesday 10th November in the Community Centre Theatre at 11.30am. Bellarine Springs resident Peter Guerin will be featured as the presenter, based on his previous experience in the Police Force and as a "Trauma Cleaner" will give us insight into the dark and dirty world of drug dealers and the social consequences.

Rod Wellard

VIP 2026 convener

0438 115 693



Gardening Group Update

As November approaches we have had some warm weather and very welcome rains , so our veggie garden is growing nicely (especially our zucchini and squash).

After a very successful crop of broad beans, we have now started planting tomatoes 🍅 .
We decided to do a little trial of a " quirky trick" growing an upside down tomato plant.
Stay tuned!



Our lettuce crop is terrific, make sure you pick up some when we harvest early Monday and Friday mornings.

The colourful swiss chard, is also in season. This leafy vegetable with colourful red, pink, white and yellow stalks is similar to silverbeet.



It is very high in vitamins A,C and K as well as magnesium, iron, calcium and dietary fibre. Grab a few leaves and add to make your meals healthier.

We have again been offered fruit trees. We do not have the space nor the resources to maintain trees. So thank you but No thank you!

We look forward to you visiting our community garden during the upcoming Village Open Garden Day on Sunday 8 November 1 - 4pm

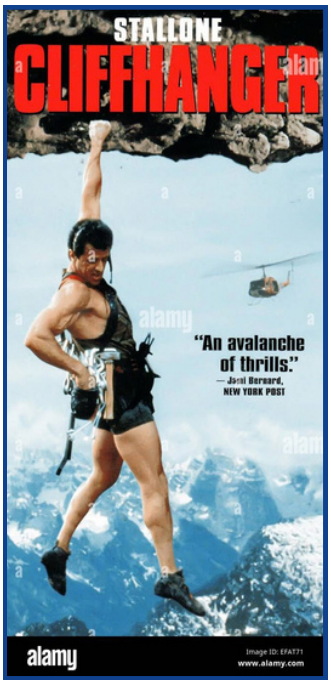
THE Q TRAIN





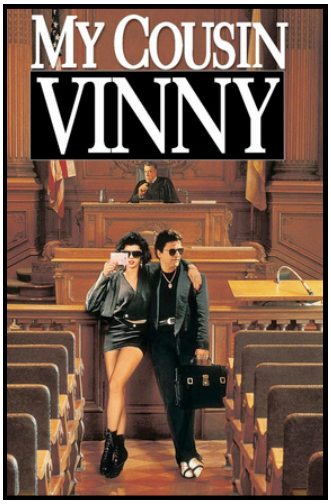
Residents from Bellarine Springs had a great time aboard The Q Train, enjoying good company and a tasty five-course meal.
As the train traveled along the scenic Bellarine Peninsula, they were welcomed with a free glass of sparkling wine or beer to start the meal.
Guests enjoyed tea and coffee, along with a shared cheese board, adding to the friendly atmosphere.
This outing was not just about the delicious food; it also brought the residents together, making it a memorable day for all.

MOVIES



Where did the time go? Well for the November movies I'm going back into my archives for the usual comedy and action.

My Cousin Vinny proved to be an outstanding comedy starring Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei and Fred Gwynne (yes, Herman Munster but in a different role). Two carefree guys are on a trip only to be accused of murder in Alabama. Fortunately, one has a cousin who is a lawyer. When cousin Vinny arrives together with his girlfriend Marisa Tomei (who won the Oscar for her supporting actress performance) only to find that his first ever case is for murder in the Deep South! Genuinely great humour.
Thurs 5th Nov. @ 2.30pm



Terrific action from Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow and Michael Rooker in Cliffhanger. Gabe (Stallone) has stopped climbing mountains following a tragic death. However, he is called on for his experience to rescue stranded passengers of a crashed aircraft only to find out that they are criminals tracking down hidden booty. Non-stop action from the first minute.
Thurs 19th Nov. @ 7.00pm

See you at the movies.
David





Singles group





Last Saturday 11 of us from our singles group went to St Marks wine bar as one of our members asked if we would book it so Lyn and I as always try to please. It was an interesting evening as it is only a small room and we were so immersed in conversation that when the food came which was so different from an ordinary menu and absolutely delicious I forgot to take a photo of the fantastic food we ordered.
I did ask Mark to take one anyway after the table was cleared but I did manage to take one of my dessert which was a berry crumble and the best crumble I have ever had. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I thank Barbara for stepping in at the last minute as one of our members couldn't make it. We have unfortunately lost a few members this year for various reasons who always loved our outings and would welcome any new single people male or female to join us as it can be very daunting being on your own. Lyn and I are always at Happy Hour on a Tuesday and sit at a table where it is mostly single people so we would welcome anyone new to the village to come and join us whether it be an alcoholic drink or a coffee.
Rita

We believe in the power **of friendship**



In the world's healthiest communities, people move through life with five good friends.

We bring that philosophy to your village, helping you stay connected and independent at home **so you can live the life you love.**

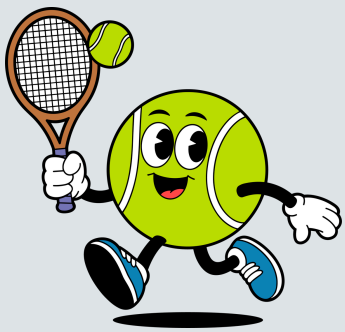
GET IN TOUCH

Make an appointment with your Nurse Concierge.

- Fill out the booking sheet at reception
- Call 1300 787 581
- fivegoodfriends.com.au

Next visit: 11th November

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Nathans Maintenance Run 8:45 am: Cycling Group 9am Gardening Group 10am: Chair Yoga 11am: Aqua 1pm: Aqua 1pm: Chicks w/ Cue Sticks 1 pm: Mahjong at CC 2:pm: Rumikub at CC 1:30pm: Scrabble at CC 3pm: Book Club	3 **Public Holiday** 9am: Walking group 12.30pm Cup Day activities at the CC Come dressed to impress	4 9am Social Tennis 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion 10am Five good friends 1pm: Mahjong at CC 10am Social Tennis 2 pm: Rummikub 5pm Zumba at CC	5 9.30am Exercise - Penny 11:00am: Aqua 1:30 pm: Social Bridge 2pm: Golf Croquet 2pm: Indoor Bowls at CC 2pm: Rummicub & cards 1:30pm Blokes, Billards, Beers at CC 2.30pm “My cousin Vinny”
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20 9am Gardening group 10am: Westfield Bus 10am: Musical Mornings 1pm: Mahjong at CC 2pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour CC	21 10am: Pickleball	22 2pm Left, right and centre at Community centre 2pm: Board Games in cc **Paella Dinner CC**	**New Hairdresser** Em will be available Wednesdays, you can phone her to make an appointment. Please pop by to say hello. Call 0401 226 587 to make an appointment.
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Your paragraph text

Upcoming Activities

Bellarine Springs Residents Association

Spring Gardens

in our Village

We would like to invite all residents to open their gardens on

Sunday November 8th from 1 - 4pm.

There are so many beautiful gardens hiding away in our backyards.

YOU ARE INVITED

SAVE THE DATE

BELLARINE SPRINGS

CHRISTMAS

LUNCH/DINNER



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 13TH
In the Community Centre

Your choice of 2 Sittings

12:00 noon

6:00 pm

More information and sign up at a later date.

Bellarine Springs Residents Association



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If you are able or unable to attend, please let your Resident Safety Warden know.

On the day the Resident Safety Warden from your zone will be wearing an orange safety vest and will be blowing a whistle in your area to alert you that it is time to evacuate your home and to proceed to the evacuation point to sign your name off.

Note: It is important for you to know where all exits are located in the event of evacuation of the Community Centre. The Emergency Assembly Area is the Bowling Green.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Remembrance Day

The Village Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place at the flagpole on Wednesday 11th November.
All residents and staff are welcome to attend.
We will begin with the flag lowering to half-mast at 10:30, as per protocol, and then play some appropriate songs until the formal part of the ceremony begins.
If you are attending, please arrive by 10:40.
If you are not participating, but will be in the vicinity, we ask that you respect the one minute of silence following the Last Post.
Judith J & Geoff T.