



Bellarine Springs Newsletter

December 2025

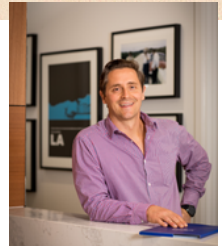


A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

Village Update

November has indeed been a bustling month in the village with the lead into Christmas not too far away. There have been numerous improvements and maintenance efforts carried out to enhanced the community's environment and safety.



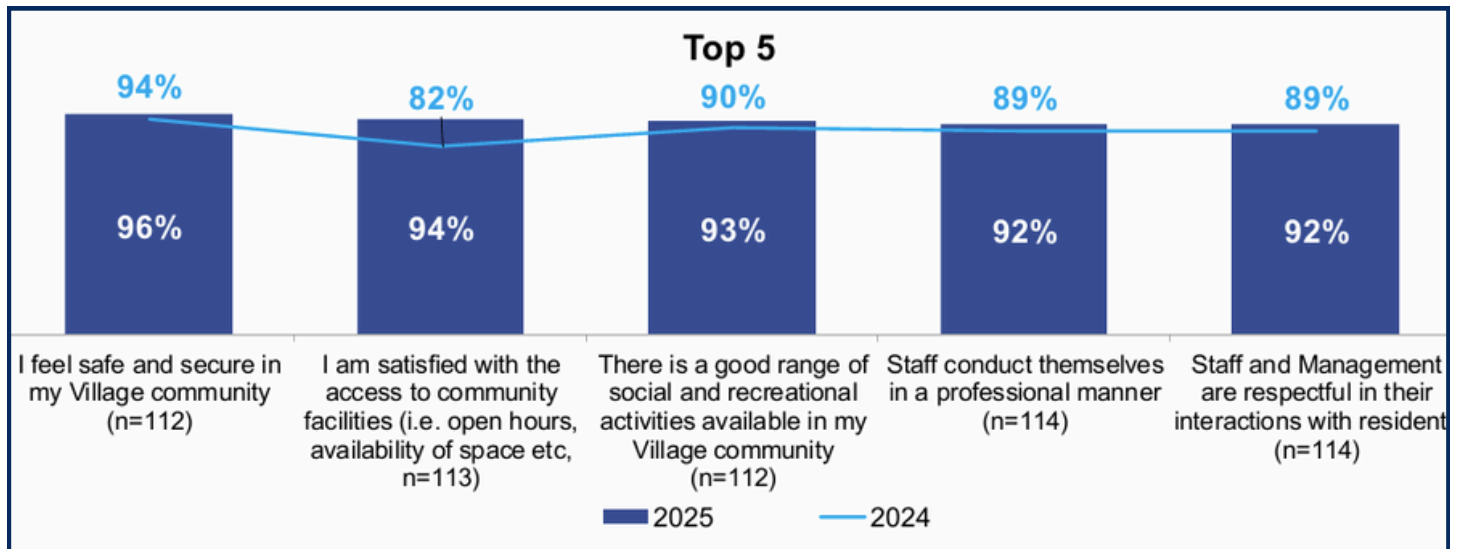
Community Drive has now been widened with roads works being completed, there is still a new path to the entry to be finalised which will occur later this year. We have replaced the community centre's emergency lighting, carried out repairs from the electrical storm and added new speed sign road markings along Harrison Rise, to promote safety for all residents and visitors.

The Gardening and Maintenance Team has also been busy in the last month completing lawn core of Stages 1 to 9, which will help promote healthier and more resilient lawns. Furthermore, the Pickleball lines have been freshly remarked, so residents can enjoy their games on clearly defined courts. All these efforts reflect a commitment to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in The Village.

On behalf of myself and the entire team at Bellarine Spring, we would like to extend warm wishes for a safe and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in the village.

Survey Results

The top performing areas for Bellarine Springs in 2025



New Residents

Welcome to The Village! We're thrilled to have you in our community. Fiona has been busy ensuring new residents feel at home in our charming surroundings. Enjoy a supportive neighborhood with plenty of activities and amenities.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact or come up to reception to see Meagan or Hayley.



A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Hello December!

We're delighted to share that we've seen an uplift in reservations for both new and established homes, and we're welcoming many wonderful new residents to the village over the Christmas–New Year period.

While the challenging Bellarine Peninsula real estate market has unfortunately delayed some future residents in the sale of their homes, we look forward to welcoming them in the new year.

We're also pleased to highlight our resident referral incentive.

Over recent months, we've paid out six referral groups – with more to come.

Thank you for recommending the village to your friends and family; your support truly means a lot to our team.

All homes in Stage 10 have now been released and are progressing steadily.

It feels surreal to see the road nearing completion when just over two years ago I was walking through dirt and mud in Stage 8. We've come such a long way, and I feel incredibly grateful to have been part of this journey – from the very beginning to now, welcoming so many residents who proudly call Bellarine Springs their new home.

You'll no doubt notice many new faces as residents from established homes and new builds move in and begin to enjoy the full benefits of village life. Thank you also to our patient vendors who are reselling their loved ones' homes and helping to welcome new community members.

I understand that moving into retirement living can feel like a big step. I truly enjoy getting to know each person and learning about their lifestyle, then helping them discover how living here can offer so much – from social connection and convenience to peace of mind in a safe, supportive environment.

Please note that I'll be around during the Christmas and New Year period, taking only a few days away over the public holidays to play golf in Creswick.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones, your friends in the village, and of course, your furry companions.

Big smiles – cheers to a joyful festive season
and a very happy new year!



Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
0455 112 360



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The Village & Grounds Maintenance Report:



What a year it has been for Bellarine Springs!

2025 has been a pivotal year for the G&M team, with staff restructuring and an updated approach to managing our bustling village taking centre stage.

We are very proud to have developed and implemented a number of projects, whilst taking care to ensure our day-to-day processes are continuously improving, benefiting the village and its residents as a whole.

Major projects completed this year include:

- Stage 2 garden edging replacement
- Implementation of selective herbicide programs to tackle broadleaf weeds and invasive grasses in lawns across the village
- Soil conditioning throughout the village via lawn coring, resulting in greener lawns and fewer weeds
- Replacement trees lost to storm damage installed
- Propagation of existing plants/shrubs to reduce plant replacement costings
- Production of homemade Seasol, with the seaweed being provided by our lovely local beaches
- Rejuvenation of younger Gleditsia trees along Saratoga Circuit, resulting in a \$1200 saving in replacement tree costs
- Certified training to operate boom lift Elevated Work Platforms
- Using the above training to treat the large Frangipanis located at the front of the Community Centre

In all, it has been a busy year for G&M, which is something we can proudly reflect on as we begin to see the results of our improved way of working.

Nathan & Robert would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to all residents during this transition of G&M operations and processes. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!

Cheers, Bellarine Springs Grounds & Maintenance Team!



BSRA president's report

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas everywhere you go!!
Funny that, because the festive season is right on our doorstep.
Christmas is also a time when we do a lot of catching up with old friends and distant relatives and in many cases the joy of a simple phone call or card is all that is needed.

It's going to be a very busy month with the many end of year/Christmas functions happening for the various activities within the village, let alone the family planned gatherings taking place.

What a wonderful year the village has had and all thanks to so many people. The list would fill a volume. Now what do you give someone who has contributed so much? Well, it's not the gift, it's the personal thank you that comes with sincerity from the heart.

We welcome new resident's who will be coming into the village over the next month.
We trust you will settle in and enjoy the delights this village has to offer.

I would like to remind resident's to advise the BSRA of email changes so we can update our records to enable us to keep you informed of events taking place and important notifications in the village.

FROM THE BSRA COMMITTEE
WE HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS IS FILLED
WITH GOODWILL, PEACE AND LOVE.
HAVE A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON
AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Best wishes to all
Sue Kuter
BSRA President.





Community Vegetable Garden Update

November saw more rains which is terrific for our veggies.

Tomatoes now have been planted. We are getting our first crop of zucchini's and delicious crisp lettuce



The compost bins have been rotated and you will notice red and green stones on top of the lids. Please place your compost contribution into the one with the green stone.

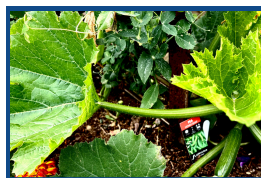
Thank you to Bernice for donating 2 passionfruit plants. They will take a while to produce fruit and the team will do their best to care for them.

Finally a BIG thank you to Steve for building us a new outside table. It will be well used. (Special Thank you to BSRA for their financial support)

The Village Community Garden Team thanks all residents for their ongoing support over the past year.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to a productive 2026.

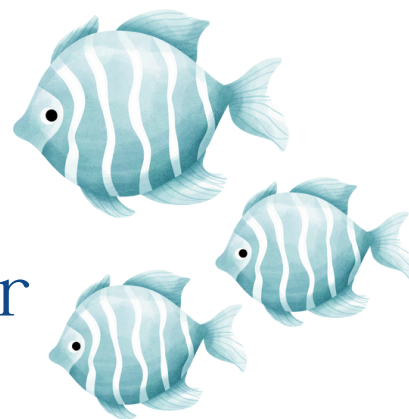
Warm regards Maria



Fish Van

Friday 5th of December
10:30am

Outside of Community Centre





Come celebrate Christmas Day
with us at the community centre
on Friday 25th December 2025.
We open our doors at noon to all
who seek merriment and
companionship.

Last year, our dining room was
filled with laughter and tales of
joy, as over 20 residents joined us.

BYO Lunch.

So, come celebrate with us and
experience the warmth of the
season.



ZUMBA GOLD CLASS

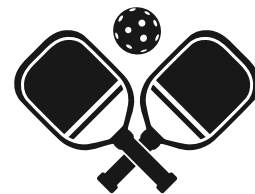
CLASSES IN RECESS

RECOMMENCING TUESDAYS

**@ 11:45AM. CONTACT SUE 0403 138 702 OR
BARABARA 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**



Bellarine Springs Residents Association

VIP SERIES

Very Interesting Presentations

Last Laugh: Resident Rod's Random Rambling Reflections

Rod's presentation will share experiences, examples and events from his involvement in leadership and management, education, professional development and regulation, and community radio broadcasting. It'll be a sort of smorgasbord of stories which hopefully Village Residents will find amusing and interesting. Any shared reflections on the meaning of life will be mostly light-hearted.

- Tuesday 9th Dec
- 11:30am - 12:30pm
- In the Theatre

SIGN UP NOW AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

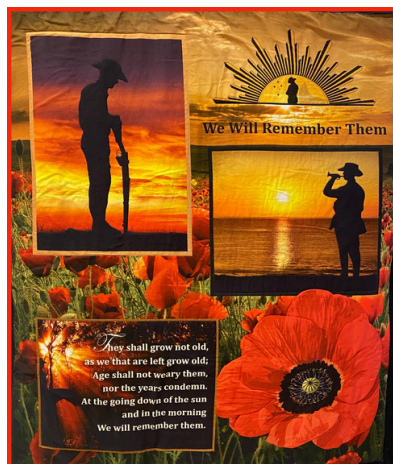


Rod Wellard
Village Resident

Remembrance Day 2025 @ The Community Centre

On the 11th of November at 11 am, residents gathered at the Community Centre to pay tribute to the fallen heroes on Remembrance Day. The atmosphere was charged with a shared sense of gratitude and reverence as the community came together to honor those who sacrificed their lives in service. Following our Birthday Morning Tea & a minute of silence, the Bellarine Springs Singing Group graced the gathering with a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem, their harmonious voices echoing the unity and respect felt by all present. It was a moment of collective reflection and remembrance, highlighting the enduring impact of those who have served and the importance of keeping their memories alive. Lest we forget.

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left to grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*





MOVIES



Just one movie for December as I'm sure you will all have a million things to do as we approach Christmas. Elmore Leonard is one of my favourite writers and so many times his stories have translated into movies perfectly and this one is no different.

From 1998 Out Of Sight is a crime thriller with a delightful but odd romantic association between George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. Clooney as Jack Foley is a professional bank robber while Lopez is a Federal Marshall. Their crossing and recrossing are a treat and the crooks they encounter run from the ruthless through to totally dumb. It really is a star studded movie With Clooney, Lopez, Ving Rhames, Dennis Farina, Don Cheadle along with cameos from Michael Keaton, Samuel L. Jackson and Nancy Allen.

Personally, I find Out Of Sight a total delight so hope you do.

Thursday Dec.18th @ 7.00pm

See you at the movies

David





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 1pm in the Pavilion and numbers attending average 15-20.

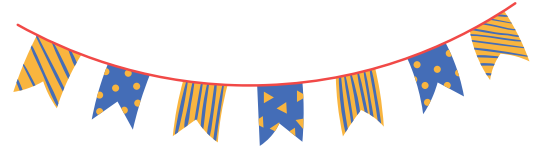
For most of us, our main interest revolves around Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidery and Quilting. We make Beanie's, and Lap Blankets for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong, and Baby/Kids Clothes for Geelong Mums and Cottage by the Sea.

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.



Singles Group



Last month 13 members of our singles group went to Feed me Bellarine at Ocean Grove. We all had a great evening and the 3 course meal where you only give a donation was brilliant. It was nice to see a couple of new members join us and hope that they will continue in the future. If you know anyone who is single and you think might like to join our group then please let us know as there is nothing worse than having to stay at home with nowhere or no-one to go with. There is always someone in the Community Centre at Happy Hour on a Tuesday from our group, so come down for a chat and if you don't drink then you can always have a coffee.

Hope to see you at our next outing or Happy Hour.
Rita



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
No experience necessary come join in
the fun! New faces always welcome.



FRIENDS

New players welcome!



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

1 8:45 am: Cycling Group 9am Gardening group 9am Handyman services 10am Chair Yoga at Pav 11am Aqua 1 pm: Mahjong at CC 1:00pm: Aqua 2pm: Rumikub & scrabble 3pm Book club	2 9am: Walking group 1pm: Craft at pavilion 1:30pm: Pickleball 1:30pm: Chicks Cue Sticks 5pm: Sundowners at CC	3 9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale 9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion 9 am Social Tennis 1pm: Mahjong at CC 2 pm: Rummikub	4 9.30am Exercise - Penne 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
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Friday

Saturday

Sunday

5 9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Moments 10:30am: Fish Van 1pm: Mahjong at CC 2pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	6 10am: Pickleball	7  Village Handyman services - Nathan December 1st from 9am. Book in at reception \$15 per 15 minutes
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26 Boxing day Office closed	27 10am: Pickleball	28  Physiotherapist Keegan FitzGerald is located in the practioners room in community centre 0411 096 099 to schedule appointments.