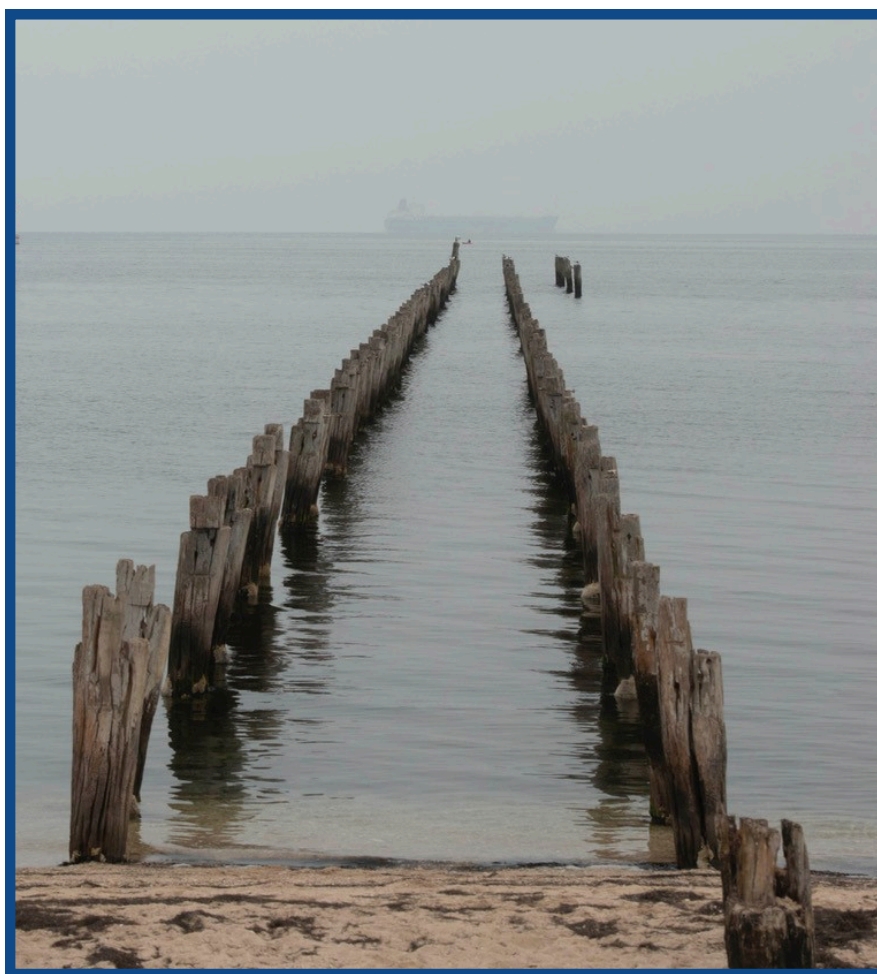




Bellarine Springs Newsletter

July 2026



Lou Maddalon

A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

Village updates

The village is bustling with activity despite the chilly conditions!

Nathan and Rob's efforts to tidy up the village are commendable, and the introduction of the new street signs to come likely adds to the community's charm and functionality.

The activities board at the Community Centre is a hub of information, offering a variety of indoor activities to keep everyone engaged and connected in these wintery months. Encouraging feedback and any suggestions into our feedback box at reception is a great way to ensure the community's needs and desires are met, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. As you brace for the colder months ahead, these initiatives will surely help keep spirits high and the community thriving.

Thank you for your patience whilst conducting the reports on your homes, this will likely take a couple of months to complete.

Grove Roller Doors servicing has been extremely popular. There is still time to book and take up this great deal if you haven't already.



Village Master App

If you have not yet activated 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 under [VM Client](#) on your phone, then bring it up to reception & we will reset your password for you.

New Residents

Welcome to Bellarine Springs!

Welcome to our vibrant community!

We are thrilled to have so many new faces joining us and hope you feel at home in no time.

Our dedicated team is here to provide support and answer any questions you might have—remember, no question is too trivial.

The Bellarine Springs Residents Committee is also eager to assist you in making new connections and enjoying village life to the fullest. With a wide array of activities, events, and social opportunities available, we encourage you to dive in and explore.

Don't forget to check out the Activity Station, Events Noticeboard, and Library for the latest happenings. We can't wait to get to know you and are confident you'll find our community as welcoming and lively as we do. Enjoy your new adventure!



Get the right support at home, and stay independent and connected

Call 1300 787 581
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Our home care services

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



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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



A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

Over the Hump and Into July!

We are excited to be hosting a special fundraising event on Wednesday, 4 August, in conjunction with the View Club, to raise money for The Smith Family's Learning for Life Program.



Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include:

- A drink on arrival
- One Mega Prize Draw raffle ticket
- A gourmet afternoon tea

Live entertainment by Adam Page, featuring a fun 60s and 70s sing-along

What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon while helping support the three sponsored children we assist through this important program. We have some fantastic prizes and offerings planned, so please keep an eye out for further details and add your name to the list at your leisure.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

This month, we also welcome more established homes and Stage 10 residents to our community.

If you see someone new while walking around the village, please take a moment to say hello and make them feel welcome.

Meet Raffy

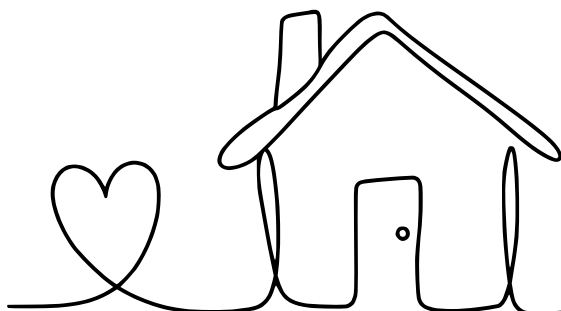


On a side note, enjoy the photo of my cheeky dog, Raffy!

Have a wonderful fun filled month with big smiles and good company.



Fiona Olin
Sales Manager
0455 112 360



Gaws donation-

Thanks for all the residents that donated



Gardening Group Update

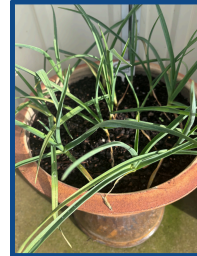
Following the winter solstice, we are now in the middle of our coldest and 🙌🙌 wetter days. Our crops are also feeling the cold and are not growing very much. So we have a few "resting beds" to allow the soil to relax and regenerate.

Over the rest of June and July, the garden team will only harvest once a week on Fridays.

A special thank you to Graham Knight for donating a weeder stick, to the workshop team for the sawdust and to residents for the lovely lemons & limes donated.

Compost bins

Dear residents we appreciate your compost donations but request that you avoid citrus peels and onions. Both these inhibit good compost production.



As we no longer have a shredder in our library, any resident who does use a shredder, we would also welcome some of your shredded paper. Let me know if you have some to donate.

Keep warm and healthy.
and, if it's sunny enjoy a
walk up to the garden to
stay fit and get some vitamin D.



GROUPS AND MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT

We are in the peak of Winter, and as a result, our beautiful trees are shedding their leaves.

Did you know that Bellarine Springs currently has 191 mature ornamental pear trees?

With Stage 10's additional planting, that number will go up to 271 in the coming years.

Using a median average of 100kg leaf drop per tree (most mature trees drop between 70kg - 135kg each year), this will result in approximately 27 tonnes of leaf green waste per year, once mature. So its really exciting to be able to re use these within our village.

And rather than send everything to landfill, G&M are working to initiate a fertilization system for these fallen leaves, so we can put them to good use back across the village gardens., which is a very cost effective for us all.

Keep warm,
From The Grounds & Maintanance Team.





MOVIES

I hope I've got two movies that you may not have seen before.

Sorry, no romance or comedy this time around but both I find totally gripping so I hope you'll feel the same way.

"The man who never was" is a 1956 film starring Clifton Webb as Lt.

Commander Montague who during World War Two created a scheme to divert the Germans away from the proposed invasion of the Allies into Sicily.

The idea may have originated in part from Ian Fleming (creator of Bond) who worked in British intelligence. Not all action I'm afraid but a thoughtful, well acted, look at a real event that occurred during the second world war.

Thurs July 9th @ 2.30pm



Vantage Point is a very different thriller. In a Spanish city square terrorists explode a bomb. The US President is there and among the onlookers eight strangers with eight points of view and only one truth. Stars Dennis Quaid, Sigourney Weaver, Forest Whittaker and William Hurt. Fascinating and very out of the ordinary.

Thursday 23rd July @ 7.00pm

See you at the movies.

David



Approximately 25 residents attended the most recent VIP 2026 session presented by Anne Brackley, OAM, Coordinator of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre located in the centre of Drysdale Village. Anne reported that she had lived and worked in Drysdale for over 60 years. Consequently she had a wealth of experience to share about the history of Drysdale and its development from circa 1871 with a population of 100 through to the present with a population of 16000+ From the early days of farming, potato and onion growing, flax mills, Clifton Springs urban development (how could we possibly forget Willmore and Randall's massive land sub-division), the rise and demise of the Fountain at the beginning of Bay Shore Road, etc. Anne reported that up until the 1990's Drysdale was the seat of local government for the Bellarine Peninsula which then was absorbed into Greater Geelong. The construction of the ring road bypass, opened in 2020 had a very significant impact by eliminating heavy traffic and noticeably improving the general liveability of the town centre. Anne also reported on the wide range of events and activities of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre. She highlighted a Community Summit held in 2012 which included broadly based surveys of Community priorities for the development of Drysdale and suggested it is timely to have another.

This was an excellent informative talk by Anne which thoroughly engaged residents and prompted numerous questions from the group. Anne spoke and responded to questions and comments in a good-humoured, entertaining and friendly manner. Residents warmly applauded her presentation.

Rod Wellard

VIP 2026 Convener





Join your Nurse Concierge
Tiaha for
An Interactive Presentation
led by a qualified
Physiotherapist from
Concentric:
**Staying Active at Any
Age!**

In Pavilion- please sign up
at Activity Station.
Morning tea provided
Wednesday 15th July
11:30am at village center

We kindly request residents to
RSVP at reception or Activity
Station by Monday 13th July.






THINKING about our ELECTIVES!

★ CONNECT, CHAT, LEARN. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Join us as we visit
Bellarine Springs retirement village
to build connections and
teach and learn from one
another's experiences!

RESPECT
We value others
and treat everyone
with respect.

RESPONSIBILITY
We take ownership
and do our part to
make a positive impact.

KINDNESS
We show compassion
and make our
community better.

WHEN?
12:40pm – 1:20pm
FORTNIGHTLY FROM
Friday the 17th of July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

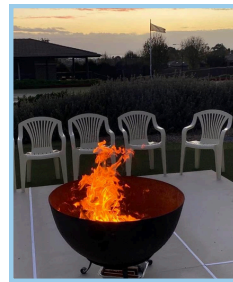
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BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL!



Winter Solstice

On a crisp, wet June evening, our community gathered to celebrate the Winter Solstice, an event that perfectly encapsulated warmth and togetherness. The scent of jacket potatoes, reminiscent of a comforting embrace, filled the air as we huddled around a crackling fire, roasting marshmallows and sharing laughter. This heartwarming event was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the BSRA, Deliah, Glenys, and all the other volunteers who worked tirelessly to bring us together. Living in such an enchanting community, surrounded by wonderful people, truly enhances the joy of life. A special thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to making the beanies; your efforts are deeply appreciated. For those who haven't yet picked one up, there are still more beanies available, please see Jean or Alice if you missed out.



Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea at Bellarine Springs was a resounding success, raising an impressive \$1,720 for a worthy cause. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the generous residents who contributed in various ways to make this event possible. Your support, whether through donations, volunteering, or simply attending, made a significant impact. Frankie & Me extend their deepest gratitude for your involvement and enthusiasm. Here's to hoping that next year's event will be just as successful, if not more, as we continue to work together for a great cause. Your community spirit truly shines bright!



Monday**Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday**
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9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2 pm: Rummikub

2

Matts Maintenance Day
 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

6

8:45 am: Cycling Group
 9am Gardening group
 11am: Aqua
 1pm:Aqua
 1 pm: Mahjong at CC
 2:pm: Rumikub at CC
 1:30pm: Scrabble at CC

7

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

8

9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2 pm: Rummikub
 6:30pm: Bingo CC

9

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
 2:30pm: "The Man that
 never was" Theatre room

13

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

14

9am: Walking group
 10:30am: Birthday
 Morning Tea
 11:30am: VIP Series
 1pm: Craft at pavilion
 1:30pm: Pickleball
 2pm Chicks Cue Sticks
 2pm: Indoor bowls at CC
 5pm: Sundowners

15

9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 11:30am **"Stay Active
 Presentation" in Pavilion**
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 10am Social Tennis
 2 pm: Rummikub
 5pm Zumba at CC

16

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

20

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

21

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

22

9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong- Pavilion
 2pm: Rummikub
 2pm: St Annes wine tasting
 5pm Zumba at CC
 7pm: Whisky Club Pav

23

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
 7pm: "Vantage Point"
 Theatre room

27

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

28

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

29

9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion
 9am Social Tennis
 9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion
 1pm: Mahjong at CC
 2pm: Rummikub
 5pm Zumba at CC

30

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

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

3 9am Gardening group 10am: Musical Mornings 10:00am: Fish Van 1pm: Mahjong at CC 2pm: Rummikub at CC 5pm: Happy Hour at CC	4 10am: Pickleball	5 2pm Left, right and centre at Community centre 2pm: Board Games in cc	 Village Handyman Matt: 2nd of July from 9am. Book in at reception \$15 per 15 minutes
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