



## **Bellarine Springs Newsletter**

### **August 2026**



James Keith

# A message from our Village Manager

KENT HODGSON

## Village updates

Despite the chilly winter days, residents remain undeterred in enjoying their hobbies. It's great to see the grandchildren having a great time utilizing the village facilities, with some of our residents stepping up to take on babysitting responsibilities during the July school holidays. A huge thank you to all the generous residents who are volunteering to support the Smith family fundraiser on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August.



## Welcome to The Team @ Bellarine Springs!

Hi everyone, I'm Bodie, and I'm excited to be joining the gardening team as an apprentice here at Bellarine Springs! I enjoy gardening and working outdoors, so I'm looking forward to getting stuck in and helping keep the village looking at its best. Outside of work, I enjoy playing footy and spending time with friends. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the Bellarine Springs community!

## Next month - upcoming community event

### ♥ R U OK? Day Community Event Thursday, 10 September

Join us as we come together to support R U OK? Day and celebrate the importance of staying connected as a community. We'll be hosting a fun-filled morning featuring: Pool competition Table tennis competition Sausage sizzle More details will be shared closer to the date. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you'd like to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you.



## New Residents

Welcome to our vibrant community! We're delighted to have new faces joining us and hope you feel at home soon. Our team is here to support you and answer any questions—no question is too trivial.

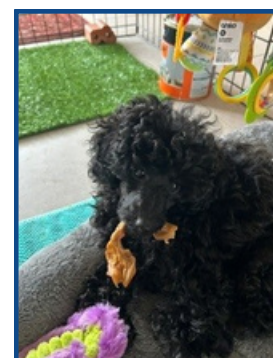
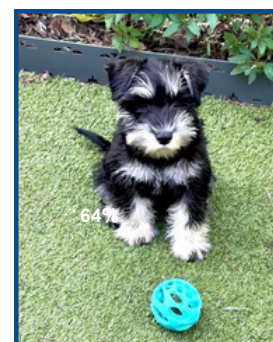
The Bellarine Springs Residents Committee is eager to help you make connections and enjoy village life.

With various activities, events, and social opportunities, we encourage you to explore.

Don't forget to check out the Activity Station, Events Noticeboard, and Library for the latest happenings.

We look forward to knowing you and are confident you'll find our community welcoming and lively. Enjoy your adventure!

Welcome to our new village fur babies too, Lucy the Schnauzer & Leo the Toy Poodle!



**Welcome to Bellarine Springs!**

# A message from our Sales Manager- Fiona Olin

## This Month at Bellarine Springs – It's All About Events! 🎉

This month we're focusing on all things eventful!

A special welcome to all our new residents! We are delighted you have chosen Bellarine Springs as your new home and look forward to getting to know you.



### 🎵 Charity Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, 5th August | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

In conjunction with Drysdale VIEW Club, Bellarine Springs is hosting a Charity Afternoon Tea, for The Smith Family, featuring delicious sweet and savoury treats and a complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival.

Sit back, relax and enjoy live entertainment by Adam Page, performing all your favourite hits from the 1960s and 1970s, with plenty of opportunities for a sing-along!

Every guest attending will also receive an entry into our prize draw, with over \$2,000 worth of fantastic prizes to be won.

Novotel Accommodation in a bay front deluxe room, with breakfast and parking valued at \$549.00  
13th Beach Golf for 4 people, Clifton Springs Golf for 4 people and cart.

Sea road ferries gift vouchers

360Q restaurant, Ocean Grove BC restaurant, Cucina restaurant vouchers, Village and Reading Cinema gift cards, hampers and the list goes on...

All proceeds from the event will support our three sponsored children.



### 🏠 Open Home Event

Wednesday, 26 August | 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided.

Do you have a friend or family member who may be interested in joining the Bellarine Springs community?

We invite them to attend our Open Home Event to learn more about retirement village living, the current legal requirements for moving into Bellarine Springs Retirement Village, and the many benefits of community living.

Homes will be available to inspect on the day, along with an informative presentation and the opportunity to chat with our friendly Sales and Operations team. Please let us know if your guests will be attending so we can make them feel welcome.



**Fiona Olin**  
**Sales Manager**  
**0455 112 360**

You're not hearing things..... get excited as Pinnacle Living (Bellarine Springs) will be advertising on 3AW with Kevin and Janetta in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!!

**3AW**  
**MELBOURNE**

## Presidents Report

### August 2026



New faces and sad goodbyes.

A warm welcome to everyone who moved into our village during the month of July. We will be seeing a few more arriving during August.

We are very sad to share that a well-respected member of our community passed away. He will be deeply missed by all of us and we pass on our condolences to his wife and family.

Our regular groups met during July in spite of the cold weather for the games, crafts and chats.

Numbers were down slightly due to the cool days, remember The Community Centre is heated so don't let the chilly temperatures keep you away.

Many resident's still enjoyed the planned group outings and shared meals together. So why not get involved. Check out the notice board in the foyer for the new calendar of events for the month of August.

We pass by this way but once. Let's make the most of the precious time we have and treasure the special people we have around us.

Kind regards to everyone.

Sue Kuter



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# ASK THE NURSE

*We're here for you!*



Drop into the **Village Centre** to chat with our **Nurse** about any health, wellbeing, My Aged Care and available support services.

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| <br><b>TUESDAY<br/>25TH AUGUST</b> | <br><b>10AM – 12PM</b> | <br><b>VILLAGE<br/>CENTRE</b> |
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YOU CAN ASK ABOUT:

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| <br>Health & Wellbeing | <br>My Aged Care & Funding | <br>Available Support Services | <br>General Questions & Guidance |
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 *Here for you, every day.* |  **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED – JUST POP IN!** | *A cuppa & a chat!* 

# Gardening Group Update

Winter has seen our garden crops

slowly growing. We have had our first ripe passionfruit ( presented to Bernice with thanks). There are a few on the vine and hopefully will on our veggie table soon .

Kolrabi, beans, peas and turnips are now finished , but the cauliflowers and cabbages are finally looking good and will be harvested over the coming weeks.

Thank you to:

🌱 Brian Bloomer for extra lettuce seedlings.

🌱 All the residents who gave us shredded paper

🌱 Helen and Sandra for citrus fruits



As always the garden team appreciate all the support by our Village community.



Sent from Maria R



## Grounds and Maintenance Team Report

Winter is almost over, leading into our busiest time of the year at Bellarine Springs.

With the remainder of leaves dropping almost at an end, our focus turns to promoting growth across the village and preparing our gardens for the warm weather to come.

Whilst busy, Spring is always a very rewarding season to work in the garden.

This year is particularly special, as we welcome our new team member, Bodie.

Bodie has a fantastic attitude and is very keen to dig into Bellarine Springs grounds and gardens.





# MOVIES

## FIERCE CREATURES



I'm hoping I've found two great movies for you this month.

They are very different with one comedy and one action, so hopefully they will brighten up your entertainment for this month.

Fierce Creatures is almost like a follow up to A Fish Like Wanda. This one features John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline and Michael Palin. A quiet English zoo is due to be changed by the new owners who propose to attract visitors by getting rid of the usual animals and just having "fierce creatures". A riotous revolt occurs while Kevin Kline takes two roles as the objectionable son of the owner, his equally appalling father (a newspaper magnate - guess who?). Great fun and total madness.

Thurs 6th August @ 2.30pm

Totally different is The Assault on Precinct 13. Police station Precinct 13 is to be decommissioned but in the middle of a harsh winter storm a gang mobster is briefly held there on his way to prison. Corrupt police believe he will blow the whistle on their activities so they decide to take the station, killing anyone in their way. They do not expect that both the prisoners and remaining officers will fight for survival. Tense, action thriller from start to finish. Starring Ethan Hawke and Laurence Fishburne.



Thurs 20th August @ 7.00pm

Hope these will bring you pleasure. See you at the movies. David



NEXT VIP 2026 SESSION to be held 11.30am  
Tuesday 11th August .

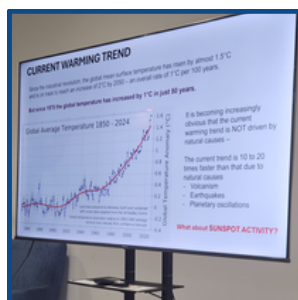
Our Guest Presenter will be Jayne Salmon, OAM,  
past President of the Friends of Geelong Botanic  
Gardens.

The title of the VIP2026 session held 14th July 2026 was "Climate Change Through Geological Time - a Geologist's Perspective"

Residents who attended the session presented by Geoff Turner, were treated to a very informative and interesting presentation on Climate Change through the Earth's geological history from its origins 450 million years ago through to the present day. Geoff presented a wealth of scientific evidence about the variations in temperature and rainfall, vegetation and the evolution of organic life including mass extinction events over millions of years. He clearly demonstrated that contemporary arguments and discussion about climate change need to be viewed in the context of overall geological changes. He provided evidence that the current global warming trend is occurring in a very short time frame in stark contrast to previous variability in the planet's climate occurring over millions of years.

Geoff's presentation certainly earned its place as a-  
Very Interesting Presentation  
(VIP 2026)

Rod Wellard, Convener



Geoff Turner  
Resident Geologist and Explorer



# Food Drive

It's truly heartwarming to witness the generosity and community spirit that thrives in our village. The recent collection drive for food and coats was a remarkable success, with residents eagerly leaving donation bags at their front doors. Thanks to the dedicated teams who collected and boxed these donations, we managed to deliver an impressive five car loads to The Local. The staff there were genuinely overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and wish to express their heartfelt gratitude. They plan to visit soon to thank everyone in person. Our village is indeed fortunate to have such compassionate and giving neighbors, always eager to support fundraising efforts and lend a helping hand. This collective kindness not only makes a tangible difference but also strengthens the bonds within our community.



## Wine Tasting

St Anne's Vineyards recently visited Bellarine Springs, bringing residents together for a delightful wine tasting. Known for their family-owned vineyards in Victoria and New South Wales, they offered a diverse selection, including sparkling wines, dry whites, reds, and sweet styles. The highlight was their renowned fortified tawny and muscats. Organized by the Bellarine Springs Residents Association, the event showcased the community's vibrant social scene and offered a chance to explore new flavors in our Community Centre.



## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

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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  
3pm: Book Club Board R

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9am: Walking group  
**10am: Morning Tea for Lou**  
1pm: Craft at pavilion  
1:30pm: Pickleball  
2pm Chicks Cue Sticks  
2pm: Indoor bowls at CC  
5pm: Sundowners

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9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale  
9am Social Tennis  
**Smith Family Fundraiser**  
9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
2 pm: Rummikub

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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: Movie "Fierce Creatures" Theatre room**

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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

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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

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

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9.30am Exercise - Penny  
11:00am: Aqua  
1:30 pm: Social Bridge  
2pm: Golf Croquet  
2pm: Indoor bowls at CC  
2pm: Cuppa and games  
1:30 Blokes, Billards,  
Beers at CC

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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

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

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9.15 am: Bus to Drysdale  
9am Social Tennis  
9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
10am Social Tennis  
2 pm: Rummikub  
5pm Zumba at CC

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9.30am Exercise - Penny  
11am Aqua  
1:30pm: Bridge at Pav  
2pm: Golf Croquet  
2pm: Indoor Bowls CC  
2pm:Rummicub & cards  
1:30pm: Blokes, Billard &  
Beers CC  
**7pm: "The Assault on Precinct 13" Theatre room**

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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

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9am: Walking group  
**9:30am: Tiaha Visiting Questions & answers day**  
1pm: Craft at pavilion  
1:30pm: Pickleball  
2pm Chicks Cue Sticks  
2pm: Indoor bowls at CC  
5pm: Sundowners

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9.30 am: Tai Chi Pavilion  
9am Social Tennis  
9.30am Tai Chi at Pavilion  
11am: **Open Home- New Legislation Presentation**  
1pm: Mahjong- Pavilion  
2pm: Rummikub  
5pm Zumba at CC  
7pm: Whisky Club Pav

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9.30am Exercise - Penny  
11am Aqua  
1:30pm: Bridge at Pav  
2pm: Golf Croquet  
2pm: Indoor Bowls CC  
2pm: Rummicub & cards  
1:30pm: Blokes, Billard &  
Beers CC

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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



## Friday

## Saturday

## Sunday

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9am Gardening group  
10am: Musical Mornings  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
2pm: Rummikub at CC  
5pm: Happy Hour at CC

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10am: Pickleball

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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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9am: Gardening group  
10am: Musical Mornings  
10am: Westfield Bus  
10am: Fish Van  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
2pm: Rummikub at CC

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10am: Pickleball

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2pm Left, right and centre  
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

### Hairdresser

Sally is located in  
the community centre  
hairdressing salon.  
Please contact her  
direct on 0428 150 094  
to arrange your  
appointment.



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9am Gardening group  
10am: Musical Mornings  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
2pm: Rummikub at CC  
5pm: Happy Hour Bastille  
Night at CC

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10am: Pickleball

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2pm Left, right and centre  
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in 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.



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9am Gardening group  
10am: Musical Mornings  
1pm: Mahjong at CC  
2pm: Rummikub at CC  
5pm: Happy Hour at CC

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10am: Pickleball

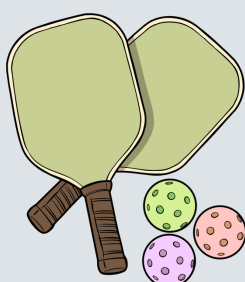
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2pm Left, right and centre  
at Community centre

2pm: Board Games in cc

### Physiotherapist

Keegan FitzGerald is  
located in the  
practioners room in  
community centre  
0411 096 099 to  
schedule appointments.



Fish Van  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of August  
10am

