

Bellarine Springs Village Information

Preamble:

Your Committee is committed to transparency and accountability and aims to be non-political and non-denominational in its deliberations. The Committee respects and supports the principles of diversity, inclusion, equity, gender equality and human rights.

Rules Of Bellarine Springs Residents Association (BSRA) Committee:

Committee Members comply with the Rules of the BSRA.

BSRA Membership:

BSRA Membership is free and entitles Members to vote at annual elections of BSRA Committee Members. A Membership form needs to be completed.

BSRA Committee:

Your committee meets monthly and welcomes your feedback, comments, suggestions and concerns.

Hard copies of current and past Committee Meetings Minutes are available in the library. Electronic copies of the minutes are sent to all members who have provided an email address. There is also a BSRA box in the library where funding requests, payments, ideas and suggestions can be deposited.

You can forward written, signed items to the Secretary to be tabled at a committee meeting or email the Committee - bsracommittee@gmail.com

You can forward written, signed requests for BSRA Committee funds; detailing the proposed activity or resource, benefit to residents and estimated cost, to the Secretary to be tabled at a Committee Meeting. The Committee considers all funding requests based on the overall benefit for residents.

The BSRA Committee funds many activities throughout the year including happy hour raffles and free food nights, morning teas, a range of special events such as paella days, music afternoons, games days and the Christmas break up either run by the Committee or residents. We also fund requests from residents for equipment (new or replacement), catering, trophies, raffle prizes and so on. Funds have also gone to the purchase of the TV in the Community Centre, the keyboard, blinds for the Pavilion and new computers in the library. Some of these purchases are shared with Management.

The BSRA's ability to fund equipment and activities is, to a large extent, based on the bar surplus so purchasing drinks at the bar (at very reasonable prices) rather than bringing your own helps us achieve this. Funds are also raised from, Happy Hour raffles, Vegetable Garden sales, Workshop sales and Resident Donations. BSRA Committee funds are expended for the overall benefit of all residents.

Management does not fund the above events from your monthly recurrent fees although they support the running of activities by taking bookings at reception.

You might like to consider offering your accumulated knowledge, skills and life experience by nominating for Committee membership, in the future.

Volunteers:

You might like to volunteer within the village. Should you be interested, you will find plenty of options to keep you busy, while supporting your village community at the same time. Some volunteer roles require an induction.

Management Advisory Meeting:

Management Advisory Meetings are held monthly. You are represented at Management Advisory Meetings via your Committee. Hard copies of past and current Management Advisory Meeting Minutes are available.

Community Center Office Hours:

Weekdays: 9.00am – 5.00pm.

An Emergency after office hours First Responder can be contacted via your pendant. These first responders are available at all times whether the office is open or closed.

Access to Village Facilities:

You have 24-hour access to village facilities via your keypad code.

Public Health Orders:

All residents, visitors and others are required to comply with any Public Health Orders that may be in place.

Speed Restriction:

The Village maintains a 20km speed limit, to be observed by all residents and visitors.

Name Badges:

You are encouraged to use your name badge, particularly at village social functions to facilitate the “getting to know you” process.

Village Bar:

The Committee has responsibility for the Bar. The Committee member who holds the Bar Portfolio submits a report to the Committee. The Bar is operated by a team of volunteers.

Only residents may purchase alcohol from the Bar however, you may purchase drinks and snacks on behalf of visitors. You also may purchase drinks and snacks via an honesty system outside Bar hours. The Bar is staffed during Happy Hours, Sundowner evenings and during some special functions and events.

There are also Bar Credit cards you can purchase, a square to tap and go or cash of course. We have also introduced a bar loyalty card so please ask about these cards.

Tea & Coffee Making Station:

You can make tea and coffee at the facilities behind the bar at any time.

Monthly Morning Tea:

Your committee extends an invitation to you to come along to Morning Tea, held on the second Tuesday of the month, to welcome new residents, celebrate special birthdays and share village news and information.

Happy Hour & Sundowner Evenings:

Your committee also invites you to attend the very sociable Friday Happy Hour and the Tuesday Sundowner evenings where you will be warmly welcomed. You can sit with a coffee, glass of wine or a beer. You can mix and mingle, or sit and take it all in. Whatever you feel comfortable with, you are welcome. Raffles, and sometimes hot snacks, are a feature of the Friday Happy Hour evenings.

Outside Furniture & Barbeque:

You might like to relax with a coffee or glass of wine whilst sitting outside under the cantilever patio, while you're engrossed in a good book or enjoying the view while your barbeque cooks.

The Pavilion:

The Pavilion is located between the bowling green and the tennis court and is available for groups and other activities. You can also reserve the Pavilion for private functions by booking with reception. Your house key unlocks the Pavilion door.

Village Bus:

You may like to book a seat on the scheduled village bus trip to:

- Westfield Geelong Shopping Centre

You may also like to utilize the village bus for a privately organized bus trip. Residents are most well to drive the bus once they have completed the bus induction course. Trips within a 60 km roundtrip from the village currently incur no charge for petrol. Over that fuel costs must be covered.

Further information and bookings may be made at reception.

Workshop:

You may access the Workshop which is equipped with a wide range of hand and power tools, plus other workshop equipment, following an induction.

The Village Activities Station:

An activities and & information station in the Community Centre passageway provides up to date information on the many and varied current and future activities and events: including dates, times and cost, if any.

Hard Copy Mail:

Incoming mail and parcel pick-up cards are placed in your locked mailbox in the library. Magazines and parcels are placed on the table for collection. You can leave Outgoing mail at reception and purchase stamps from reception.

Hard Copy Newspapers:

Newspapers are delivered to the Community Center daily and placed for reading by all, in the library.

Village Communication:

A range of communication modes keeps you connected, informed and up to date via email, newsletters, BSRA Website and our Facebook page. Newsletters and information regarding village life are emailed on a regular and as-needs basis. You may like to join our Facebook page for your interest and enjoyment and regularly check our website to stay up to date with newsletters, documents and Village Information as well as answers to a number of Frequently Asked Questions etc. www.bsraweb.org

Residents Contact Details List:

A list of resident's name/s, address, landline and/or mobile phone numbers is maintained to assist you in locating or contacting other residents. This is emailed when updated and a hard copy for you to photocopy can be found at the Activity Station in the Community Centre.

Library:

The library is well stocked with a range of authors, titles and subjects including books, DVDs, magazines, newsletters, jigsaws and board games, for borrowing.

Vegetable Garden:

The vegetable garden is maintained by village volunteers. The garden produces a wide variety of seasonal vegetables and herbs that are placed in the Community Center for sale. Anyone with a love of gardening is most welcome to assist.

Pedestrian Back Gates:

Two locked rear gates provide alternative pedestrian exit from the Village. The gates are located off Tenbury Wells Avenue, and Epsom View. Your house key will unlock both gates. The gates offer easy walking access to the shops and facilities in Drysdale.

Personal Alarm Pendants:

You will receive a personal alarm pendant that you can use to alert staff that you require assistance.

Smoke Detectors:

Your home has a smoke detector that is connected to the electricity mains and is backed up with a 9-volt battery. It is advised to check the battery on an annual basis and replace as necessary.

Wardens:

Volunteer Wardens are appointed to each area. You will be advised of the Wardens who have responsibility for your area.

Fire Drills & Evacuation Areas:

You will be advised of the evacuation location for your area.

Management conducts fire evacuation drills to familiarize you with the process.

Waste & Recycling Collections:

Red bins are emptied each Monday. Yellow and green bins each alternate Monday. You may like to place your bins out on the curb Sunday evenings. A large or small green waste bin is available by contacting the Center.

Small plastic recyclables can be placed in the containers at the Activity Station.

Further Information & Resource

- Concession forms for electricity claims are located at reception.
- **Once you receive your rate notice you will need to change the name from Bellarine Springs to yours. To do so, ask reception for the letter (they will know what you're after) which needs to be taken to the Drysdale library (there is a Geelong Council desk there) together with your rate notice (and pension card if applicable).**
- You will find further Village and Local information and resources in the Village Library.
- Items of interest are also to be found on the wall and the shelves under the bench at the Village Activities Station.
- The Drysdale Library and Springdale Neighborhood Center are also great places for locating further local information and resources.