

February 2024 Community Update

Bellarine Agricultural Show

The 32nd Annual Bellarine Agricultural Show is coming up on Sunday 10th March 2024 on the Labour Day long weekend.

Starting from 9am at the Portarlington Recreation Reserve, there is something for everyone at the event! It's a great space for the Bellarine rural community to showcase their skills and educate the wider community through various demonstrations on offer throughout the day as well as art, handcrafts and produce on display. The family had a great time last year- enjoying fairy floss, seeing the animals and watching the steam engine demonstrations. I look forward to seeing many of you there again this year!

The Monica Hayes Award

The Monica Hayes Award and the Northern Bellarine International Women's Day celebration were initiated in 2017 to honour the life and contribution of the late Monica Hayes and to highlight the important roles and leadership of women in community, civic and personal life.

Nominations for the award are sought from women whose endeavours and active community involvement make a difference to and for others and in particular women. This could be achieved through assisting and encouraging other women and girls to develop their potentials with new interests or skills, mentoring, or by engaging with others in the community.

Women across the Northern Bellarine are eligible, and we seek nominations from women whose endeavours and active community involvement make a difference for others.

Application forms are available at the Portarlington and Drysdale Neighbourhood Houses, Bendigo Bank Portarlington and Post Offices at St Leonard and Indented Head.

Closing date for nominations is Friday 24 February and the awardee will be announced at this year's International Women's Day afternoon celebration on Thursday March 7 at the Portarlington Golf Club.

