



# The Village Matters

## Monthly Newsletter of the Residents of The Parks Lifestyle Village

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### From the Residents' Committee:

#### Your Residents Committee Needs You!

You might remember those famous words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Here in our Village, we'd like to borrow that sentiment (on a slightly smaller scale!). Our Residents Committee is saying farewell to some long-serving members who have given generously of their time, energy, and know-how. They leave behind big shoes to fill, but also an opportunity for new voices to step in.

We are fortunate to have residents with a wealth of knowledge, skills, and life experience—exactly what helps a committee thrive. Being part of the committee isn't about knowing all the answers, it's about sharing ideas, helping shape our community, and having a laugh or two along the way. If you've ever thought, "someone should do something about that," perhaps that someone could be you. Superpowers are not required—just your perspective, enthusiasm, and willingness to be involved.

Why not give it a go? **\*\* Join in, have a say, make a difference! \*\***

*Contribution above from Brigitte Parr (U 27) current and continuing committee member. Brigitte is happy to have a chat about her first year experiences on the Committee and what is required. Phone her or call in to find out more.*

As we go to print, our Residents' Committee has not received sufficient nominations to form a valid and lawful working group in 2025/26. The Residents' Committee is the conduit between the Operator (Lifestyle) and the Residents, and its function and responsibilities are underpinned by the Retirement Villages Act. Additionally, the Residents' Association is a legal entity under the Incorporations Act, and it is required to have a functioning committee for reporting and statutory purposes.

The other real problem is that our Social sub-committee and our Finance sub-committee operate entirely under the umbrella of the Residents' Committee, so if we don't have a Residents' Committee we don't have a Social sub-committee or a Finance sub-committee. Perhaps when you play that scenario forward, you can see how it might impact our life here.

If you need more information please chat to any of the current committee:

Paul Frisby, Carryll Adam, Pam Mills, Brigitte Parr, Colin Cook, Maureen Styles, Marilyn Hughes, Pauline Kenyon or Judith Roberts.



**The editor's bit.....** Another edition full of activities and news from around the Village. Our co-ordinators are certainly turning on the talent for us in terms of speakers and entertainers. Please remember that by letting the editor know, you can have the Village Matters delivered electronically (by email) and that will enable you to enlarge the font or photos and to follow the links within the articles.

Cheers, Judith

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# **SPEAKER'S CORNER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month** from 2 – 3 pm

Now Co-ordinated by *Judy and Kathy*

## **SPEAKER'S CORNER 18<sup>th</sup> August**

On a sunny but chilly afternoon more than 50 people were enthralled by three presentations from our own village resident, Roy Spraakman. He shared photos and videos from Anilao in the Philippines where he dives up to 30m underwater, Point Lowly near Whyalla where he photographed the Giant Australian Cuttlefish and Edithburgh where his photographs of the formerly colourful sponges & coral that have died likely due to the toxic algal bloom.

Roy is a skilled photographer whose knowledge & passion about his subjects is clear. His presentations were captivating. Imagine tiny creatures only a few mm long shown on the large screen in all their beauty & unusual forms. The word I heard most often from the audience was ... "Amazing!"

If you missed Roy's presentation and would like to see it or share it with family or friends, he has generously said that he is happy to provide it on a USB. He has donated two USBs to the village library where they will soon be available to borrow. (See page 3) Alternatively, he has videos on YouTube. Here is the link for his collection called "Oceans in Focus"

<https://www.youtube.com/@oceansinfocus1956>

**\*\*At the July Speakers Corner** Lauren and Sharon spoke about a Care Finder Program for people who might need some help applying for intensive support and have no one to help them.

We now have some information sheets about the programme. They will be available in the committee room.\*\*

**Monday, 15th September 2025, 2pm -3pm**  
**ALWAYS FREE— NO CHARGE TO ATTEND**

## **LIVING OVERSEAS WHILE WORKING IN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONALLY**

Have you ever wondered...

- What is an International Baccalaureate® (IB) programme?
- How are IB schools different from other schools?
- What is living & working in different countries like?
- How does a girl from country SA end up with a teaching career in other countries?



Come along to our Speaker's Corner on Monday, 15 September and find out the answers to these questions and more! Deidre Fischer is the daughter of Joan and Graham Fischer (unit 50).

Deidre was born and raised in Pinnaroo, SA. She has had over 30 years as a teacher and leader in public and private schools in Australia as well as international schools. Then in 2014, Deidre established her own company, DF Education, providing a range of services to schools and working with parents, students, staff, leaders and Board members. Her mission is to positively impact student learning.

Deidre's presentation will feature key highlights (and differences) of working in schools and living in the Philippines, China, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia and Bali. She encourages you to ask questions.

*Judy and Kathy*

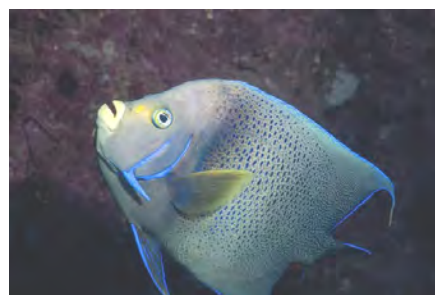
## WHICH BIN THIS WEEK?

SEPTEMBER	4	11	18	25
Blue bin (Landfill)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow bin (Recycling)		✓		✓
Green bin (Organics)	✓		✓	



## Library News - its fishy

Did you attend **Roy Spraakman's** talk at Speakers Corner about his diving holiday and see his fabulous ocean life photos? (*see report page 2*) If not, there is an opportunity to watch and look at them in the comfort of your living room. Roy has kindly donated two USB Sticks containing his underwater photos and videos from the Philippines, Whyalla cuttlefish, Yongala Wreck and sharks and sea lions. These can be borrowed for up to two weeks.



The USB stick is on a pink lanyard and will be left with *New to the Library* books. A special 'loan book' has been arranged. Please write your name, date of borrowing in the book. We appreciate your co-operation so that they are not lost and can be enjoyed by all.

We are lucky that one of our residents has such a passion for ocean photography and provides a world class presentation.

Any questions about borrowing please contact Norma, ph 723 or Pauline ph 711.



## MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 27th September at 7pm

### LOVE AGAIN

with CELINE DION

2003 PG-13 104 mins

Mira Ray and her almost fiancé John are very much in love and often communicate via flirtatious text messages. Directly after they have a loving interaction in a café, he goes outside and is promptly hit by a car before Mira's eyes. Trying to get beyond the pain of his death, Mira continues to send texts to his old cell phone number, and ends up forming a connection with Rob, the man the number has been reassigned to.

The film stars Priyanka Chopra, Sam Heughan, and [Celine Dion](#), in her first feature film, portraying a fictionalized version of herself.

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Love\\_Again\\_\(2023\\_film\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Love_Again_(2023_film))

### DON'T FORGET

**MOVIE NIGHT** Saturday 30th August 2025 at 7pm  
**THE BANK OF DAVE 2 The Loan Ranger**

# SOCIAL ROUNDUP

From Pam & the Social Committee.....

**You are encouraged to bring your friends and relatives to any Village function**

Happy Hours on Friday nights are still being well supported, given the colder weather that we are experiencing, and factoring in the number of villagers who are managing to get up north to avoid Adelaide Winter.

Every Friday night we have a raffle as well as the Cash Cow draw, and on the last Friday of each month, we have Happy Hour BBQ evening, where our resident chefs cook for you. Please support them during winter, as they do a great job standing out there in the cold. Lucy's hairdressing raffle prize is also drawn on winter BBQ nights.

**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** 5.00PM Happy Hour BBQ in the Hall.  
Bring something for our BBQ chefs to cook and for you to enjoy with your friends. Our evening includes the raffle and the **Cash Cow** draw.



## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:

**FRIDAY 5th September** 5.00 pm. Happy Hour in the Hall.

Being Father's Day Weekend, the Residents' Committee is offering all men their **first drink free** – glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Happy Father's Day to all our Village Fathers and Grandfathers.

Our evening includes the raffle and the **Cash Cow** draw.

**FRIDAY 12th September 5.30pm – 6.30pm.**

We present to you our entertainment for September.

"Sing Australia!" is a delightful choir, which will perform for us.

They have been singing together for about 20 years and whilst they are amateurs, they have a professional conductor and accompanist. Their performances are renowned for being lively and enjoyable.

The booking sheet is in the Committee Room. An entry fee of \$5.00 per person will be payable on arrival.

**The bar will be open from 5.00pm.**

Make sure that you are there early so that you don't miss a beat!

**FRIDAY 19th September** 5.00pm Happy Hour in the Hall.

Our evening includes the raffle and the **Cash Cow** draw.

**FRIDAY 26th September** 5.00pm Happy Hour BBQ in the Hall.

Bring something for our BBQ chefs to cook and for you to enjoy with your friends.

CALLING ALL CROWS SUPPORTERS – if the Crows have made it through to the Grand Final tomorrow, come to Happy Hour wearing your Crow's Colours.

We wish them all the best for the Grand Final Series.

Our evening includes the raffle and the **Cash Cow** draw.



## NICKNAMES FOR LAZY CO WORKERS

**CORDLESS** – Only works for two hours.

**ET** – Always wants to go home.

**KITKAT** – Always taking a break.

**MUFFLER** – Always exhausted.

**SENSOR LIGHT** – Only works if some one walks past.

**WHEEL BARROW** – Only works when pushed.

**SEAWEEED** – Just floats around all day.





## LOOKING AHEAD:

As the weather warms up in October, we bring you two social events, and booking sheets for both of them will be in the committee room from 26<sup>th</sup> September:

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October,**

**Dave Freeman** returns for his one man show that was a huge success last year. This time he will perform selections from a variety of country artists. This will be a 2-hour show starting at 6.30pm. More details to come.



On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October,** we will have our out-of-village **Spring lunch** at Club Marion on Sturt Rd. This is always well attended, and bookings close a week before the event.

We enjoyed a touch of nostalgia on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July when we were entertained by

### **The Radio Players.**

This group provided a live 60 minute programme of light-hearted entertainment in the style of the pre-TV era of radio.

There were 9 'voices' – 6 women & 3 men – who performed short sketches as if on the radio, complete with sound effects, and a humorous ending.

These were interspersed with some advertisements of yesteryear like "TAA, the friendly, friendly way..." – most of us were able to sing them word-for-word!

Following the performance, we were treated to afternoon tea with specialty cakes & treats thanks to our Social sub-Committee.



*Jennie introduced and then thanked the performers*

*Photo by Graham Field*

# BAR ROSTER



DATE	OPEN	EVENT	HELPER 1	HELPER 2	HOST/MC
Fri-29-Aug	YES	Happy Hour + BYO BBQ	Wayne Jones	Lorraine Hobart	Roy Spraakman
Fri-5-Sep	YES	Happy Hour	John Mayers	Jenny Mayers	Jan Badgery
Fri-12-Sep	YES	Sing Australia	Paul Frisby	Kate Frisby	Peter Laver
Fri-19-Sep	YES	Happy Hour	John Gooley	Barry Rowe	Barry Rowe
Fri-26-Sep	YES	Happy Hour + BYO BBQ	Wayne Jones	Lorraine Hobart	Maureen Styles
Fri-3-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Gerry Styles	Maureen Styles	
Fri-10-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Bob Crossman	Helen Crossman	
Fri-17-Oct	YES	Dave Freeman	Roy Spraakman	Ian Jurgs	
Fri-24-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Peter Laver	Alice Laver	
Fri-31-Oct	YES	Happy Hour + BYO BBQ	Wayne Jones	Lorraine Hobart	

• Bar helpers please arrive 30min beforehand to help setup.

• If you are unavailable for bar duty on the date allocated can you please advise Mark on 601.

• For safety reasons the bar will be closed when the kitchen is needed for food preparation or serving.

• During events the bar will be open pre show and closed during the performance.

If you are unavailable for **HOSTING (MC) duty**, please arrange a swap if you can, otherwise contact Maureen on 755

**A big THANK YOU to all the helpers for their contribution**

## South Road Major Construction Updates

Also known as the T2D Project, this will bring big changes to our neighbourhood for the next 6 years. Staying informed may help you feel calmer about it or maybe, like me, you're just curious about things going on in your world.



When completed "drivers will be able to bypass 21 sets of traffic lights between the River Torrens and Darlington as they travel through two separate tunnels, connected by an open motorway." <https://www.t2d.sa.gov.au/>

The project manager states they will maintain "two lanes of traffic in each direction on South Road, noting that there may be occasional limited closures at night or other off-peak times for construction activities. The majority of construction will be undertaken offsite and next to South Road, which will limit impacts to existing traffic. New Variable Message Signs (VMS) will be installed at key locations to advise motorists of traffic conditions along and around South Road with real-time information." *Facebook post T2DProject*

### Information below about how to get updates.

"The T2D Project is South Australia's biggest-ever road project, and we are committed to keeping you informed. There are three easy ways for you to stay up-to-date on the project and construction activities. Get the latest construction notifications in your inbox or delivered by mail. We typically update the community once per week, as well as provide quarterly progress updates."

Here's the link to register for T2D updates: <https://www.t2d.sa.gov.au/register>

You can choose how you get the updates and which ones you want to get.

They are also posting to Facebook. You can search for "Torrens to Darlington Project" and then click "follow."

*(Thanks to Kathy Simpson for this information)*



**YESTERDAY I SAW AN  
AD THAT SAID 'RADIO  
FOR SALE, \$1, VOLUME  
STUCK ON FULL'**

**I THOUGHT, 'I CAN'T  
TURN THAT DOWN'**



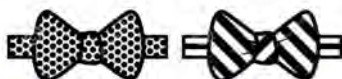
## The Parks Bow -Tie Club

All gentlemen of the Parks Lifestyle Village are invited to lunch at the



### Morphett Arms Hotel

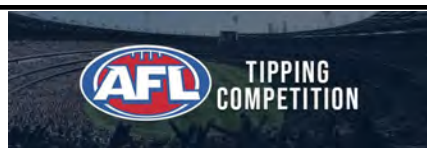
138 Morphett Road, Glengowrie  
at **12:30pm on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>**



A booking sheet will be placed in the meeting room and please ensure that you place your name on the list by September 8<sup>th</sup> if you are attending the lunch. This is essential for booking.

**Note: Bow-ties MUST be worn.**

Please meet in the carpark at 12 to organise drivers/passengers etc.



## FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2025

By the time the Village Matters is printed and circulated, the last round (Round 24) of the 2025 footy season would have been played

With the last round still to be finalized, it will be interesting to see who can stay on top of the tipping.

The names of the winners of the competition will be written up in the next Village Matters.

The winners for weeks 19 to 23 are as follows:

Round 19	Denise Gooley
Round 20	John Gooley
Round 21	Kym Smith
Round 22	Bruce Mills
Round 23	Rob Beagley

The leaders currently are **Bob Kairl, Brian Taylor** and **Jan Triggs** on 149 points followed by **Murray Eckert** and **Jenny Chapman** on 148. Coming 1 point behind is **David Tonkin** and **Helen Crossman**.

Thanks for your continuing support of this activity.

*David Fisher* (U 106, Ph: 706)



It's interesting to note that the **Cairns Regional Outpost** of The Parks have won Round 22 (Bruce) & Round 23 (Rob) despite being a long way from the action. Maybe we should all head north for the footy season???



## VILLAGE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### SEPTEMBER 2025

#### BOOK CLUB

Monday 1st September  
1.30pm—TV lounge

#### SPEAKERS CORNER

3rd Monday—**15th September**  
Held in the Main Hall 2pm

#### TABLE TENNIS

Monday night 7.30pm  
New players welcome

#### TECH USERS GROUP

4th Monday at 10.30am  
Next meeting **22nd September**  
Held in the Sports Clubhouse

#### GARDENING GROUP

Friday mornings fortnightly  
after green bin on Thurs  
9am start, Community Centre  
New members welcome

#### LAWN BOWLS

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
From 1pm

#### BINGO

1st & 3rd Wednesday  
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start  
in the Dining Room  
Cost \$10 for 15 games

#### HAND and FOOT (cards)

Mondays 7pm  
Wednesdays, Fridays 1pm  
Saturdays 1pm  
In the Community Centre

#### CROQUET

Saturday mornings. Games start at  
9.30am and 10.15am

#### INDOOR BOWLS

Thursday evening 7.30pm and  
Saturday afternoon 1.30pm

#### CRAFT GROUP

Each Tuesday 9.30am  
Sports Clubhouse  
Bring your handcrafts  
to chat & share with others

#### MONTHLY DINNER

Sunday 26th OCTOBER  
(see page 5)

#### HAPPY HOUR

Friday - 5pm  
Held in the Main Hall  
(see program page 6)

#### MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 27th September  
**Love Again**  
(see details page 3)  
7pm In the Main Hall

#### BOTTLE COLLECTION

3rd Saturday each month  
**20th September**  
Please leave bottles &  
cans out by 8.30am

#### TENNIS

Monday 7pm  
Thursday, Saturday 9am  
Contact Smiths—Ph: 699

#### FOR FITNESS:

Denise Palmer .... 0432 600 531

AQUAROBIICS- Monday (if pool fixed)

PILATES: - Tuesday, Main Hall

AEROBICS: - Thursday, Main Hall

Cost \$7, 9.15am—10.am



## WEDNESDAY WALKERS

**27 August Carrick Hill Estate** - 46 Carrick Hill Drive.  
Meet in the car park on the Eastern Side of Rozelle's  
Restaurant at 9:30am for a walk in the grounds and return  
at 10:00am to the restaurant for coffee.

### September 2025

**3 September Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club/Cafe (new destination)** - 9:30am meet in the car park of the Seacliff SLSC along the Esplanade south from the Seacliff Hotel for 9:35am walk and return for 10:00am coffee in the cafe.

**10 September St Marys Walk/La Crema Cafe** - Meet at 9:30am Village Southern Gate, Adelaide Terrace for 9:35am walk to La Crema Cafe 12 Denis Street St Marys. Coffee at 10:00am.

**N.B.** ANY WEDNESDAY MORNINGS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR **OUTDOOR BYO EVENTS\*** AND ARE FORECAST **EITHER TO BE WET & WINDY OR VERY HOT (IN EXCESS OF 32DEGREES), SUBSTITUTE: PARKS CLUB HOUSE & VERANDAH @10:00am - BYO MORNING TEA ONLY.**

**17 September Pasadena/Balthazar Cafe (new destination)** - 9:30am meet at the Village Southern Gate, Adelaide Terrace for 9:35am walk via Centennial Park to the Pasadena Green Shopping Centre for 10:00am coffee at the Balthazar Cafe.

**24 September Wittunga Botanic Gardens, Blackwood/ BYO\* Hoping for Warm Spring Weather**

9:30am meet at the Northern end of the Shepherds Hill Rd. Blackwood car park, walking from 9:35am. Toilets & shelter available. **BYO morning tea and chairs.**

**New Walkers always welcome**

**Contact:** Wayne Jones (723) or Graham Field (630)  
or *just come along*

## CAFÉ STROLLERS SATURDAY

### 30th August

Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham.  
10 am opening.

### 6th. September

Seacliff Surf Club, Seacliff.

### 13th September

Rozelle's Cafe, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield.

### 20th September

Finniss Cafe, Finniss Street, Marion.

### 27th September

Cafe in Living Choice Apartments, Fisher Street, Fullarton.



**New walkers  
are always welcome.**

Meet at the main car park in the village by **9:30am** each Saturday, and proceed for walk with coffee at 10am. If the weather is not suitable for the planned walk, we will still meet and arrange an alternative.

**Contact: Joy Hawkins  
Phone 631**