

THE GARDENS

“Life In The Gardens”



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Wishing all the residents of THE GARDENS
a Happy and Healthy year ahead.
I hope for peace throughout the world.

Bondi



Every one of us is an immigrant. We have come to this beautiful country for a safe and good life. We stand together, we help our neighbours, we share happiness and grief with strangers. We share , we mingle, we revel in our freedom. We must never lose our togetherness----EVER. No matter who we are or where we come from. We are AUSTRALIAN.

Christmas Lunch (29th November) and Christmas Dinner (6th December)





Table
decoration



Bob and Mavis Cummings

(unit 80)

Lesley Oliver (unit 200)

TO ALL RESIDENTS

Please be reminded that there is a meeting on Wednesday the 14th January 2026 at the Para Hills Community Hub Function Room, 22 Wilkinson Road Para Hills at 10.30am - 11.30am.

This is an information session regarding Retirement Village Law Reforms. If you received this information by email you can obtain your tickets via Humanitix.

Mary Martin (Unit 128) SARVRA Job Representative

Craft Group

Our Craft group has been busy making items for charity again so we will have plenty to give away in 2026.

At the moment we are taking a short break due to the end of year festivities, dinners, child minding etc etc.

We will restart our craft group on Thursday 15th January 2026. Please feel free to come and see what we make and join our group if you are at all crafty. We meet every Thursday afternoon at 2.00 pm until 4.00pm in the main Hall. You will be very welcome.

For any information please contact Linda (unit 152) or Bev (unit 171).

We hope everyone has had a happy Christmas and wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Suzies Hairdressing

Suzie will be on holiday from the 1st January 2026 till the 13th January 2026

New Residents

A very warm welcome to the December new residents. We hope you will enjoy living in The Gardens Lifestyle Village and using all the many facilities available. There are many groups and activities for you to participate in as well as social events.

Miroslaw and Elzbieta Kowalski (unit 135)

Rodney and Christine McNeil (unit 31)

January Birthdays

17 th January	Pat McLeod (unit 95)
19 th January	Lea Wicker (unit 66)
20 th January	Linda Perry (unit 152)
29 th January	David McLeod (unit 95)

You are wished a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

The Gardens International Village Choir



On Saturday 13th December 2025 members of the village choir gave an impressive performance of Christmas carols much to the delight of the audience. They were accompanied by a pianist and accordionist.

Back row L-R Mary Mount (unit 175), Pat Arbon (unit 138) Marilyn Thomas (unit 120), Joan Morton (unit 1)

Front Row L=R Judy Gration (unit 205), Gwen Ellis (unit 126), Pam Ruddock (unit 49), Graham Readett (unit 170), Roger Davison (unit 57) Pianist Tom Giddings (unit 29)

Senior Financial Plan

Say you are an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself and the government says there is no Nursing Home care available for you. So, what do you do? You opt for Medicare Plan G.

The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Plan G) and one bullet. You are allowed to shoot one worthless politician. This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the Health Care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now! And, who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a nursing home. And you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it. And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes!

Is this a great country or what? Now that I've solved your senior financial plan, enjoy the rest of your week!

When I was young I decided to go to medical school.

At the entrance exam, we were asked to rearrange the letters

P N E I S

and form the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who answered SPINE are doctors today, while the rest are on Facebook..

**Two Irishmen are nailing down floor boards in a house
Paddy picks up a nail and realises it's upside down and throws it away**

He carries on doing this until Murphy says "why are you throwing them away?"

"Because they're upside down" says Paddy

**"You daft twat" says Murphy
"save them for the ceiling"**

Back then, we returned milk bottles lemonade bottles, and beer bottles. The store sent them back to be washed, sterilised, refilled and reused.

But no, we didn't have the green thing.

We walked upstairs, because every building didn't have a lift.

We walked to the grocery store, instead of firing up a 300 horsepower engine to go 1000 meters.

But no, we didn't have the green thing.

We washed the babies nappies because disposable nappies didn't exist.

We dried clothes on a line, using the wind and the sun instead of a machine.

Kids wore hand-me-downs from older siblings.

But no we didn't have the green thing

Gwen Jones (unit 132)

January Bin Collection

6th January

RED and GREEN bins

13th January

RED and YELLOW bins

20th January

RED and GREEN bins

27th January

RED and YELLOW bins

Gorgeous Girls Lunch

The next lunch will be held at the Lodge Hotel, 1572, Main North Road, Brahma Lodge, 5109. On the 21st January 2026.

Cribbage **Card Game**

Beginning in January 2026 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.00am till 12.00 noon in the Sports Bar.

Come along and play or learn to play. You will be most welcome.

Contact

Karen Devitt unit 149

Debbie Burke unit 140

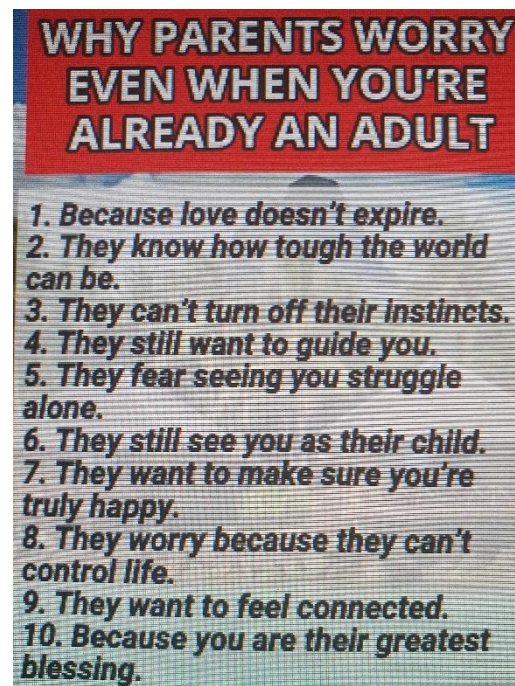
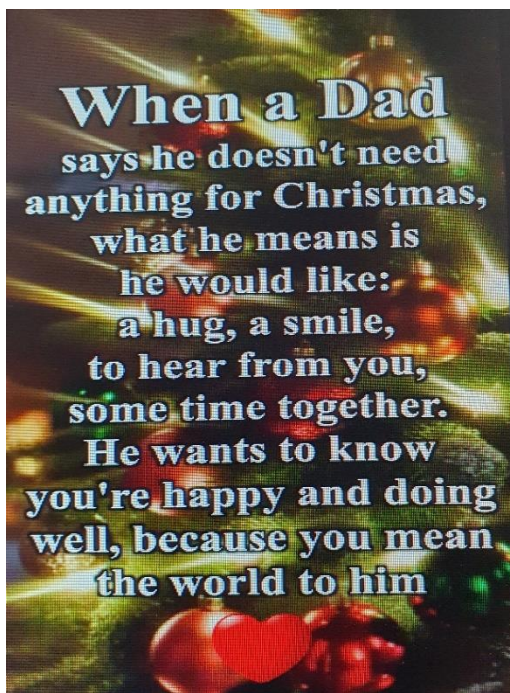
Dog Walker Required

For daily walks of small Maltese Shih Tzu “ Gracie” . Pulls quite a bit on the lead but only weighs 4.5kilos.

If you are interested and can help please call Jean on 533 or visit unit 33 (small payment may be negotiated)

What's On in South Australia

10 th – 17 th January	Victor Harbor Art Show. Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor
16 th – 25 th January	Santos Tour Down Under, Various locations.
16 th – 26 th January	Summer Vines Festival. McLaren Vale





Swimming Pool and Spa

We are very lucky at The Gardens to have a beautiful pool and Spa for the use of all residents and accompanied visitors (at restricted hours).

However on the 21st December it was reported that a ball had been found in the intake under the skimmer box. This could destroy the pump and /or damage the floats which adjust the water level with the possibility of flooding the pool area.

Also somebody defecated / pooped in the pool. If this was your guest then you should have cleaned it up (removed the offending deposit) and **reported it**. The pool then has to be closed and the correct protocol followed to clean the pool for other residents. A resident **must** be present when their visitor is using the pool and they can only use the pool at visitor hours. It is your responsibility to supervise your guests.

If in doubt contact Jeff Tun Tin (unit106)

Thoughts to Ponder

What hair colour do they put on bald mens driving licences and passports.

Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak.

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds, when they already know you are broke.

Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets.

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new will have materialised (especially teenagers)

Do Lipton tea employees have “ coffee breaks”

Christmas Street Parties



Street party on Thursday 11th December 2025

Organised by Des and Jan Logan (unit 129) Rudi Fabrici (unit 130) Toni Quinn (unit 131) Gwen Jones (unit 132) Ralph and Jenny Vivian (unit 133) with Jeff helping Rudi on the sausage sizzle.

Street Party on Sunday 14th December 2025.

Organised by Trish Viergever in the sports bar for residents of units 32 to 49.

Thank you to both groups for organising great get togethers for the neighbours. It is so good to spend time socialising.



Community Centre Bins

Having just printed, and distributed the roster for 2026, for the putting out the bins every week ready for collection from the community center, I would sincerely like to thank the gentlemen who have been putting out and returning the bins each week . This has been going on for about 8 years since we lost our permanent maintenance man. **Thank you so much.** Maria Baker (unit 27)



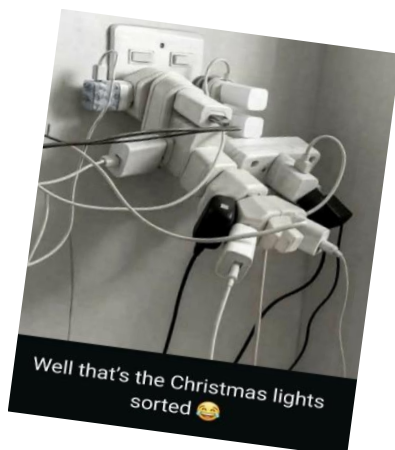
On the 15th December 2025 a group of villagers took the bus and train to the city to view the Christmas tree in the Mortlock Library followed by lunch. They all enjoyed a good day out.

Karen Devitt
Gwen Jones
Peggy Cameron



Good to see the gardeners are on top of the game. This is in no way a reflection of the lovely people who live in these units, and I'm sure these are not the only units like these.

Frustrated tenant



Monday 26th January 2026



2026

As one year ends and a new year begins I, and I am sure all the villagers, would like to thank all the volunteers, participators, and helpers and everyone else that contributed to the life within **The Gardens Village** throughout the past year. Without them the village would not be able to function in the way that it does.

What do you like about the village and what would you like to see happen to make it even better.

Have you any suggestions for social events, day trips, sports, games etc,etc. that you would like for the social committee to consider. Why not put forward those ideas.

How about a monthly Film show, talks on various subjects, trips to sporting events, school choirs, Bands, Pizza nights, and I'm sure there are a lot more and better ideas than these.

What would you like.

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