

VILLAGE MATTERS

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARKS LIFESTYLE
VILLAGE

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COMING ATTRACTIONS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

URGENT! Last call to be uplifted on wings of song!

Symsing – 2pm Friday 30 September;
Tickets \$5 from Barbara Bowering U153
Devonshire tea alone worth the price of admission – book now or never.
See flyer or ask Wendy Grindle for details.
Come and take flight!

Calling all lovers of jewellery!

You are invited to a Grace Designer Jewellery Show on 7 October at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Afternoon tea will be served to help you recover if the sight unnerves you
RSVP by 4 Oct to Brenda Cope on Ext.649
Man cannot live by bread alone!

Wednesday 12 October: Display Day

Organised by Anne Ziegler –
The Residents' craft work on display
By all accounts an astonishing occasion
Admission \$2 at the door
Two sessions – 10 till noon; 2 to 4pm
Devonshire tea (wot? Again?)
Come and marvel!

Monthly Dinner 14 October

Ham steaks with cheese and pineapple, chips and salad.
Dessert: apple or apricot crumble
Tickets \$5 a mouth (an absolute steal) from Barbara U153 no later than 7 October
Feed the Brute!

Hurry or you'll miss the train!

24 October – an excursion like no other!
Depart 0830 by bus to Wallaroo
Morning tea then board the train (!!!) for Bute
Lunch at Bute Bowling Club
Bus back to the Village by 5pm.
Tickets - Ian Mauger U15 or Peg Jurgs U102

Cost: \$50 per seat – return – first class only
Book much, much earlier than 17 October or you'll miss out.

A Bute day for train (or bus) buffs!

1 November – Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Quality assured – you bring your own food
Organise your own tables; bar open;
Entertaining activities in the pipeline – more details in due course.

The smart money is on the favourite – Lotta Laughs

11 November – Monthly Dinner

Note the date and await details.
Remembrance Day – Lest we forget

9 December – Christmas Dinner

Rejoice, all ye slaves to the kitchen sink – This year the event will be professionally fully – and we mean FULLY – catered for. All you have to do is eat (choice of meats, salads, desserts), drink (one complimentary glass of champagne plus or minus orange juice), and be merry. Cost \$12 per head – subsidised to the tune of \$7 per head from Residents' funds – that's known as getting a bit of your own back.

Enjoy!

13 December – Santa Claus and itinerant carollers will tour the Village

Thirsty work – throats might appreciate a spot of lubrication.

God rest ye merry, gentle persons!

EVENTS FORESHADOWED:

December: Carols Night In The Hall
New Year's Eve – Wassail!
Burns Night – if the haggis hunters shoot straight
Australia Day Breakfast

And Lots More, at present merely a gleam in the collective eye of the Social Sub-committee, good on 'em. They're doing a great job.

SERIOUS STUFF

INCORPORATION

The Parks Village Residents Association has served its members well. Under the progressive guidance of its committee, provision for the social and recreational activities of the residents has expanded to such an extent that the question now arises whether their interests would be better served through the wider scope and greater powers of an incorporated association. It will be for the residents to decide whether we should seek incorporation or stay unincorporated. In order to be able to decide wisely, the residents will need to be briefed on the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation. Over the coming weeks the Residents' Committee will try to ensure that you, the residents, have all the information you need. We shall begin by sending to all of you a paper outlining the pros and cons of incorporation. We shall ask for your questions and comments and prepare further papers as necessary. When we feel that the issues are well enough understood by you, we shall call a meeting at which you will be asked to vote for or against incorporation. If you vote for incorporation we shall start the process of applying to the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs for recognition.

It is not easy to estimate how long all this is likely to take. The way ahead will become clearer once the financial AGM of the Administering Authority is out of the way – say by the end of October. A month after that should see incorporation well under way if you have decided in the meantime that incorporation is the way you want to go.

BUDGET 2005 – 2006

The Residents Committee has received from Lifestyle the Draft Operating Budget for the current year. No increase in maintenance fees is proposed. That is good as far as it goes but it doesn't go far enough because it is not backed up by figures to show how that conclusion has been reached. Lifestyle claim that last year's actual costs have been used in estimating expenditure for this but they don't tell us what the actual costs were. And the estimates for this year are too vaguely worded to be of much value in appraising them. We have written to Lifestyle asking that these shortcomings be made good in the papers prepared for their AGM.

WORKSHOP SAFETY

The Residents' Committee is concerned that several items of machinery in the workshop have not been properly installed and could be dangerous in unskilled hands. We wish to arrange proper installation but need first to clarify the status of the machines. We have no record of who owns them or why they are in the workshop. Until some other individual assumes responsibility for them they still belong to their previous owner. If anybody can help us with this, please have a word with Chris Staggs.

REMINDERS

Bowlers – don't be too late to join the Night Owls – speak to Cliff Cope

No indoor bowls on 1 October – the hall is booked for a private occasion.

LOST AND FOUND

Found on Monday 5 September – a pair of black lady's gloves on roadway in the vicinity of unit 5. Phone Heather Wood 605.

PERSONAL

Many happy returns to Helene Eustis
68 on 29 September

FEEDBACK

Let's hear from you, the residents, the readers of *VILLAGE MATTERS*. Tell us what you want from your monthly news sheet. Write that letter to the editor you have always been meaning to write. Share your personal ~~milestones~~ milestones with your fellow villagers (don't tell anybody, but the only reason why there is a personal column at all this month is that Dean Eustis missed putting Helene in last month). It's a lonely job being an editor unless he gets some indication that people read what he has so laboriously put together. So take pen or keyboard in hand and write to U 141.

STOP PRESS

Laurie Phillips reports that the bottle drive this very day, Saturday 24 September, raised the magnificent sum of \$86.30. Well done indeed, all the bottlers – and all the drinkers without whose efforts the bottle drive would have come to naught.