



THE RESERVE

Newsletter

February 2026

Welcome to the February 2026 issue of the Newsletter of
The Reserve Lifestyle Village Residents at Woodcroft.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Around the Reserve

G'day fellow villagers. This is my first newsletter article, and I therefore ask that you be gentle with me as I cover various activities around the lovely Reserve.

The Australia Day function hosted by our Social Group has come and gone with almost one hundred attendees having an enjoyable time and sharing in the Australiana spirit. Please read the article by Wendy Agars later in this newsletter which covers that function in more detail. I take this opportunity to thank Wendy and her Social Group for their efforts in organizing the event.

On Wednesday, 28th January the External Events Group hosted a trip to Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, attended by a good-sized group of residents for a game of "Putt Putt" followed by lunch in the pristine Club facility. Please note that none of my "Putt Putt" scores were recorded! A more detailed report by Chris Biggs follows, and this provides more information and covers future activities.

In January, the "Golden Girls" attended The Junction at Morphettville and the "Silver Foxes" went to the Crown Inn at Old Reynella for their monthly lunch outings. In February, the ladies will be going to the Crown Inn at Old Reynella, and the gents are booked into the Jimmy Deane bistro at South Adelaide Football Club. Please place your names on the usual lists for the February events. Thanks to our hosts Lyn Parmiter and yours truly for managing these popular activities.

Most residents would be aware that there are several units being re-licensed in our Village at present. Associated with this activity, we welcome new residents Bernie and Marianne Stafford who moved into Unit 97 during January. We also provide an advance welcome to Gary Peacock and Michelle Dejong who will be moving into Unit 96 in early February. Please say hello to our new residents when the opportunity arises.

In connection with a rationalization of catering activities, there will be no catered meal function in February. However, as mentioned in the January Newsletter, our Social Group has arranged two social functions during February and details about these are provided later in this Newsletter.

Our popular Early Happy Hour will be with us again on Friday, 6 February and we look forward to seeing the usual solid crowd at this event.

I trust that the New Year has commenced in a positive way for you and we would love to see you at the various functions that we will be conducting throughout 2026.

Cheers
Don Mawson
Acting Residents Committee Chairperson

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT JANUARY 2026

Once a year the Catering team empties the kitchen drawers and cupboards, clean the shelves and audits the items. This year we have made even larger signs for the drawers and cupboards than before, so I am hoping everyone is able to return all items to their correct position!!

Every year we seem to have “donations”! Please contact me before “donating” something you no longer need in your home.

All the stained mugs have been cleaned again. If you use a mug, please make sure you wash it up properly and return it to the drawer **CLEAN**. Last year we had **110** mugs – this year we only have **76**! If you had a function at home and have borrowed the mugs please return them as a matter of urgency. Some mugs may have broken since the last count – **BUT NOT 34??**

As usual, forks (**13**), spoons (**10**) and tea spoons (**24**) have gone missing. Please check your cutlery drawers and return those you have.

When I took on the Catering role, we had **8** trays but one went missing and although I asked for it to be returned it never was. So, **3** more trays were recently purchased. I thought they were the same size but unfortunately, they were slightly smaller. Of the **3** that were purchased, we now only have **1** (as per attached photo). If you have taken either of these home, then please return them as soon as possible as they are regularly used on Friday nights! Furthermore, **2** oven shelves have also disappeared – they need to be returned too!



My grateful thanks to the Catering team comprising Sandy (U48) (even though she couldn't stand), Jan (U52), Robyn (U109) and Alma (U76) for all their hard work on the day. Also, thanks to Keith for preparing the new labels.

Denise (U10)
Catering Co-ordinator

Rev. Martin Schirmer

A little birdie told me that Martin was ordained as a Lutheran Minister in January 1966, which is 60 years ago! Although technically retired from Ecclesiastical duties, he remains a Minister until he draws his last breath (i.e. he gets a call from his Big Boss!!).

This means that if you are looking for someone who is not a JP to witness documentation, a Minister of Religion in many cases can, so please give him a call. Please join me in congratulating Martin on his long and meritorious service.

Keith Butler
Residents' Committee Chairman

New Automated External Defibrillator Rules/First Aid Kits

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) laws have changed in South Australia. From 1 January 2026, the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022 (the Act) requires certain public buildings, facilities, and vehicles in South Australia to have at least one AED installed and registered.

This legislation includes Retirement establishments, such as ours, to have one in place, which we do (and have had for some time) – it is in the Community Centre, adjacent to the office door. There was some talk that this should be located on the outside of the building, but after consultation with Lee-Anne, we both agree that it is in the correct location i.e. we have control if it is inside. Of course, out of hours, a fob will be needed to gain access, so this is no change. You will no doubt have seen the temporary sign on the door outside the Community Centre.

Further to this, if the premises have a Swimming Pool to which the public has access, such as ours, an AED must be installed there too. As you are all aware, a Resident **must** be present at all times when any guest or family member (i.e. a member of the public) is using the Pool. The AED for the Pool is actually sited within the gymnasium and is visible through the glass door and window. The reason for this is to prevent any condensation entering the unit and potentially make it malfunction. It has been sited there for quite a while, so all the Pool users are aware of the location. Further to this, there is a sign at the top of each set of Pool steps indicating which way to go to collect the AED if it is needed.

Although the AED's have a low battery indicator light, Lee-Anne assures me that they are now checked twice a year too.

At the same time as this, Lee-Anne also advises that the First Aid Kits in the Community Centre are now checked bi-annually too in order to maintain them to a National Standard. If you need to use the kits and find they are depleted, please let Lee-Anne or me know in her absence.

Waterproof Wrist Fobs

Some of you may recall a tragic incident in one of our sister Villages a few years ago, when a solo late evening swimmer was found unresponsive the following morning in the Pool and had sadly passed away. That Village and one other now have Waterproof Fobs located on a board beside the Pool steps for wearing when alone in the water. I have requested that we too are supplied with Fobs and anticipate a response soonest.

Pool Lights

For information, I have now found the Pool lights have been left on overnight on at least 4 occasions when I attend for my early morning swim. I was able to deal with one of them but am unable to establish who was responsible on the other occasions. No doubt they were left on accidentally, but as Communal Electricity is one of our major costs, every little thing we can do to help will keep our Maintenance Budget increases to a minimum.

Garden Watering

Another old chestnut! If you are going to water your garden, we ask that you please, please try and do it before the sun comes up, or after the sun goes down, as during the heat of the day, much of it evaporates instead of soaking in! I have noticed during my Village walks, that there are still a couple of hose pipes around that do not have a squeeze trigger. This is a SA Water requirement! Furthermore, please don't leave hoses left running unattended! Did you know that the average garden hose uses 25 litres of water per minute and if you were to run it for 1 hour, this equates to approximately 1500 litres!!!

Any water running down the road is wasted and an additional cost to us too. There should be no need to water your lawns, as the sprinklers do this for you. If you note that there is an issue with one of your sprinklers (i.e. it is not working or is watering the road or footpath instead of your garden), please notify Lee-Anne in the first instance. In her absence, please give Garry (U84) a call. As you know, the water costs are borne by us all and currently amounts to almost \$80 thousand per year!

Keith Butler

Residents Committee Chairman

SOCIAL GROUP NEWS FEBRUARY 2026

AUSTRALIA DAY 2026

What a fantastic turnout for the Australia Day Celebration! Despite the searing heat, 96 residents gathered to celebrate the Day at the Hall with a BBQ, a singalong to the National Anthem plus several Aussie song favourites, and a demonstration Bush/Barn dance.

A Lucky Chair prize of a bag of Aussie goodies was won by Bronwyn Lawrence (U55) and a Lucky Unit Draw of \$50 was won by Robyn and June at Unit 59.

John Canney thanked everyone involved in the planning, setup and management of the event on the day and I'd like to thank John for carrying out not just the role of MC with aplomb, but all of the other roles he fulfills during an event such as this.

A big shout-out to the boys on the BBQ! With towels soaked in ice water wrapped around their necks, they turned 200 sausages, 100 beef patties and 10kg of onions, in close to 45 degree heat.



The staff at Bakery 77, South Rd Reynella, provided the delicious fresh Chocolate Donuts, coming in on the Public Holiday, to bake them for us - then delivered them to the Hall. Wonderful service that is above and beyond. Please consider supporting them and their business in kind.



Thanks so much to the Social Group, the partners of those in this group who are always in there assisting, and all of you who chipped in to help in many ways on the day, it was very much appreciated.

Wendy Agars
Social Group



Performance by Cheleigh Jaffer

We are delighted to have Cheleigh return to the Village to perform her music for us. Some of you may have heard her play at the Christmas Carols gathering last year.

An accomplished young musician and singer/songwriter, Cheleigh recently released her own EP recording. She is also Don and Robyn Mawson's grand-daughter!

Please join us on Sunday 22nd February at the Community Centre

Time: 2.30pm. Doors open 2.00. Bar Open. BYO nibbles.

Watch for flyer in your mailbox soon.

Wendy Agars, on behalf of the Social Group

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

The ASO'S BRASS QUINTET Is playing at the Hall
this Wednesday 4th February at 2pm
Doors Open at 1.30pm
Please be seated by 1.55pm



EXTERNAL EVENTS

On Wednesday 28th January a group from the village met at the Flagstaff Golf Course for a fun game of Mini Golf. The weather was kind to us after a number of days of very high temperatures. From the laughing and the comments on our putting game I can confirm everyone had a good time. We then had lunch at the newly built golf club. A great day out and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

There will be no external events in February due to a group from the village leaving for Hawaii on that day.

Chris Biggs

External Events Group



ALTERATION TO HAIRDRESSING DAYS

Please note that from the 6th March 2026 I will be changing my hairdressing days from

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY.

Carlene La Rou, Hairdresser

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Bingo Winners

Wow! What a fantastic night we had for the January bingo session. I didn't do a head count, but I'm sure we had a record crowd in attendance. We certainly sold a record number of books. Add to this the fact that the super prize had not been won the last two months and were in for a treat. In order to share the money around a bit more, we increased the game prizes rather than a huge super prize. The prizes were - minor prize of \$50 per game, \$100 major prize and a Super Prize of \$200 which was won in an exciting finish by Barb in Unit 50.

The winners were:

Game 1 - Minor prize – Gayle U82 Major prize – Tamika (visitor)

Game 2 - Minor prize – Alison U28 Major prize – Tamika (visitor)

Game 3 - Minor prize – Kerry (visitor) Major prize – Sandy U48 & Robyn U109

Game 4 - Minor prize – Lorraine U118 Major prize – Graham U127 & Graham U34

Game 5 - Minor prize – Ian (visitor) Major prize – Barb U50

Congratulations to all of our winners, especially Barb for taking out the Super Prize and Tamika for winning two major prizes.

We look forward to seeing you again on February 20th for another super event. Eyes down at 7pm
Keith Greenlees



Recycling dates for the month are:

4th and 18th February

Green Bins 11th and 25th February

Do not forget your Yellow Bins. Also, please remember to put out your 10c returnable bottles near your garage doors for those enthusiastic guys who collect them. *Please remove caps from bottles.*



February Happy Hours Fridays @ 6 pm

Date	Format	Hosts	Table Setup	Bar Volunteer	Bar Manager	MC
6 th	Early 4:30pm	Leslie and Garry McPhee	Garry McPhee Graham Maddison	Lindsay Short	Eric Deufel	Don Mawson
13 th		Liz Schirmer Alma Dahms	Dave Whitten Eric Deufel	Dave Whitten	Garry McPhee	Don Mawson
20 th	Bingo	Denise and Keith Butler	Keith Greenlees Ray Thompson	Jill Weeks	Geoff Brown	Keith Butler
27 th		Mary Scott Joyce Miller	John Canney Howard Silvy	Colleen O'Callaghan	Ken Prescott	Keith Butler

Next Month

6 th	Early 4:30pm	Lesley & Garry McPhee	Garry McPhee Graham Maddison	Howard Silvy	Eric Deufel	Keith Butler
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