

# "THE VILLAGE MATTERS"

## THE PARKS VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 9 – 23/12/04...

### (1) "THE PARKS" – "VILLAGE WATCH":-

A reminder is given to **ALL** Residents to display greater security consciousness and to be extra vigilant during the Christmas and New Year Holidays, because this is a traditional time for "villains" to be more active. If you are going away for a period of time it would be a wise to advise the Estate Office of your absence and also to let your immediate neighbours know that you will be from your home. Please ensure that all doors and windows are secured before you leave your home, even on day trips etc.

Whenever you leave the Community Centre or Clubrooms, please check all **external doors** to ensure that they are **shut correctly and locked**.

### (2) CHRISTMAS DINNER – FRIDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:-

We held our **Inaugural Christmas Dinner** last Friday, it proved to be a tremendous amount of work, but from the positive "feedback" from a number of Residents, it was a remarkable success! We catered for 186 Residents, which was quite a planning and logistical achievement. On behalf of **ALL** Residents, who attended the Christmas Dinner, I wish to sincerely thank the following:-

- \*\*\* Wendy Grindle and the Social and Activities Sub-Committee.
- \*\*\* The Catering Planning Group.
- \*\*\* Ian Mauger for preparing/selling the tickets.
- \*\*\* Dianne Gwynne and team for selling the Raffle tickets.
- \*\*\* The group involved with shopping for the food and decorations etc.
- \*\*\* The group involved with the food preparation and food serving etc.
- \*\*\* The group involved with setting-up the Hall.
- \*\*\* Jim Ashton and Brian Forster for the drink provisions.
- \*\*\* **ALL** helpers in the Kitchen, Hall or on Bar Duty during the Dinner.
- \*\*\* **ALL** involved in any way with the clean-up after the Dinner.

**THANK-YOU TO ALL CONCERNED!!!**

### (3) "NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY" – FRIDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER:-

We shall be holding our second "New Year's Eve Party" in the Community Centre Hall on New Year's Eve. Residents wishing to attend will need to provide their own nibbles, drinks and supper. Tea/coffee will be provided free of charge, by the Residents' Association Committee. **Please note that the doors to the Community Centre Hall will not open until 7.30 pm. and the function will conclude at 12.30 am. Table Bookings should be registered with Jane or Laurie Phillips (Unit 81).** We are looking forward to a very happy night for all Residents, who wish to participate, but we intend to make the organisation of the function as simple as possible. If anyone wishes to perform a skit or an item during the evening, please contact **Laurie Phillips (Unit 81)**.

### (4) FAREWELL TO JUDITH ANTILL:-

Judith Antill, our Estate Co-ordinator, ceased working at "The Parks" last Friday. Judith made a positive impact on many Residents and I am sure that we all wish her well.

A Gift Voucher will be presented to Judith to express our thanks for her efforts on behalf of ALL Residents.

**(5) "BOTTLE DRIVE" – SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:-**

Some tired, but willing "**bottlies**" took to the Village streets last Saturday for the final "Bottle Drive" for 2004. We raised **\$115.20**, which was a great effort! Many thanks to the "**bottlies**" and the Residents, who remembered to put out their bottles. During the year, the "Bottle Drives" have raised the incredible total of **\$1,137.05**. For today's trivia, this equates to **22,741 bottles!!!** It seems that some Residents are not dehydrated!

**(6) LIST FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE KITCHEN HELPERS:-**

Following the success of our Christmas Dinner I am sure that more Residents will now wish to help with future functions. A list has been placed in the Community Centre Kitchen and Residents are invited to record their Name, Unit Number and the type of assistance they are willing to offer. In due course, the Catering Planning Group will draw-up a Kitchen Helper Roster, so that we share the workload and importantly utilise the skills of newer Residents to our Village. Thank-you in anticipation, to any willing volunteers!

**(7) BINGO "JACKPOT":-**

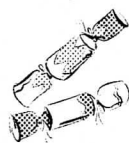
Negotiations have been conducted with the relevant Licensing Authority to permit "Bingo" Sessions to be held weekly in January 2005. "Bingo" will be held on **each Wednesday, at 7.00 pm.**, in the Community Centre Hall. Enthusiasts should note that the "Jackpot" has sky-rocketed to **\$35.00**. You must be there to win it! From February 2005, "Bingo" Sessions will revert to the usual **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.**

**(8) COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL RESIDENTS!:-**



***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!***

*From the Residents' Association Committee.*



2004 has proven to be a most successful and progressive year for our Village and we trust that the developments are even bigger and better in 2005.

**(9) DATES TO REMEMBER:-**

- \*\*\* Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, at 7.30 pm. – "New Year's Eve Party".
- \*\*\* Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.00 pm. – "Bingo" Sessions.
- \*\*\* Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.00 pm. – Residents' Association Committee Meeting.
- \*\*\* Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, at 8.30 am. – "Bottle Drive".



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