



# THE RESERVE

## Newsletter

December 2025

Welcome to the December 2025 issue of the Newsletter of  
The Reserve Lifestyle Village Residents at Woodcroft.



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

Season's Greetings one and all!

Allegedly Summer has arrived with the potential of some warmer weather – the Spring weather over the last few weeks has reminded us almost of Autumn in the UK!!

As Christmas is approaching, the Lush teddies are now doing the rounds. To ensure that everyone in the Village has a chance of them sitting in their porch for 2 or 3 days, please add your name to the neck tag indicating they have visited you and then pass them on to someone whose Unit number is not on the tag.



Firstly, we say a sad farewell to two of our long term lady residents, who have now entered full time care – Judith Weller (U83) & Maryann Sierat (U89). My information is that Judith is heading to the Reynella Village Retirement Community whilst Maryann is heading to Bolton Clarke Holly at Hackham. No doubt they would be happy to see a visitor or two. We wish them both well for the next Chapter in their life.

Secondly, we extend a warm Reserve greeting to Bernie & Maryann, (whom some of you have already met) who are moving into U97 in the next few weeks from their current home in Aldinga Beach. Please make them most welcome!

I am sure those of you who walk up the zig-zag path to the Community Centre will have noticed that, at long last, the posts for the fencing and privacy screens behind Units 5, 6 & 147, and 141 & 142 (the latter two are near the Pool pump and Comms rooms at the back of the Community Centre). The concrete will take a few days to set & then the fence and panels will be fitted. All we need then are some plants!!!

For those of you that are relatively new to the Village a couple of reminders: firstly, for those of you who are unable to make the trip to the Woodcroft Library or one of the local supermarkets, there is a box in the TV lounge where you can place your old small batteries in the box provided, which is then taken to be emptied by one of our top guys! Secondly, our bottle team go around the Village on alternate Wednesday's (the same day as the Yellow Bin collection) and would be pleased to receive your bottles or cans that have a 10 cent value. The monies raised go to Village funds and assist in purchases or subsidies as appropriate. Please leave them in a box or bag on your drive. For information, the team collect bottles & cans to the value of +/- \$1800 each year and have raised in excess of \$20,000 since the team's inception, which is magnificent. As you may know, South Australia is planning to add wine bottles to the 10 cent collection list some time in 2026 – if that is the case, we may need to use a truck – ha-ha!!

Now let's have a quick gallop through what happened in November:

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, it was our Melbourne Cup lunch, which was enjoyed by over 90 Residents. Due to the late publication of the November Newsletter, Denise's report and accompanying photos were included in that edition.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, some of you attended a presentation in the Hall by Police Home Care, which was followed by a lunch. Later that day was our monthly Early Happy Hour, which was attended by the biggest group for a long time – it was good to see you all there!

Our monthly Silver Foxes and Golden Girls lunches were held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at the Old Noarlunga Hotel & Morphett Arms respectively. It was good to see all of our top guys looking resplendent in their Silver Foxes shirts too! We all had a great time – thanks to Don & Pam respectively for organising.

Numbers at our monthly BINGO session on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> were down a bit but nonetheless a few good prizes were won (me included!!). Thanks to Keith & Vicky for organising – please see Keith's report. A day before, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and a week after, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Residents were treated to the Theatre Readers Group short presentations which were written by our very own resident "Joanna Murray-Wright", aka Berenice Norris! Attendance at this new event was excellent on both occasions, with many laughs and a few notable Thespians emerged – "fish and chips" was heard several times from a certain Stuarto Morrissoni to name but one! Well done Berenice – please see her report!

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, our External Events Group headed to the Studios of Coast fm at Glandore, where they were given a tour of the facilities and unfortunately only one group was able to access the actual studio. Nonetheless, a great visit! This was followed by lunch at the Maid of Auckland – thanks to Dave Whitten for organising.

Now to December:

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, our Wardens will be having a training session in the Community Centre, to keep them on their toes and, in turn, keep you all safe in the future.

The following day, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> is our monthly Early Happy Hour – hope to see you there!

We are holding our annual Carol Concert on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> which will be a little different this year, with a couple of granddaughters involved! Martin has retired but may have a very small speaking part near the end. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please note there is no External Event as usual in December – a busy time for many!

There is a Hard Rubbish Collection on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – please see flyer to confirm what will or will not be collected.

Our Village Christmas lunch this year is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Denise will be available in the Dining Room at 5.15pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> (at Early Happy Hour) to collect your final payments – there is room for just a few more.

The Silver Foxes and Golden Girls Xmas Lunches this year on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Morphett Arms and the Flagstaff Hotel respectively. Names on list in the foyer please.

Please note, there will be no Happy Hour as usual on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> (Boxing Day) and the Bar will be closed. However, there will be a BYO everything for those who wish to attend.

Lastly, for those of you wishing to see in 2026, there is a New Year's Eve Party on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> from 7.30, where you will be entertained by 'Turn back Time'. Please see flyer for details.

Please remember that Yuletide is when many of our grandchildren are in the Village – a plea to ensure that both you and your visitors adhere to the 10kph speed limit – if you see someone clearly speeding kindly shout loudly at them or or get me a Rego and I will!!

That's all from me folks for this year – Denise & I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

Keith Butler,  
Residents' Committee Chairman



**Item from the SARVRA President, Margaret Tuffin**

**WHY WE NEED A BIGGER AND BETTER RETIREMENT VILLAGES UNIT (OFAW):** Queries in the last few weeks have painted a discouraging picture of operators not respecting residents' rights, views and needs.

- Lack of forethought in planning for fire in a bushfire area. (Not an issue at The Reserve as we are in a Bushfire Safe area).
- Adding small charges for services not rendered to recurrent charge deductions.
- Refusal to answer certain types of questions at a general meeting.
- An abysmal instance of harassment and intimidation against an elderly resident.

The list goes on unfortunately. To help, send a message to the Minister for Human Services, Nat Cook at [ministerhumanservices@sa.gov.au](mailto:ministerhumanservices@sa.gov.au) and suggest that more staff be employed in the Retirement Villages Unit of the OFAW and that these staff are empowered to really improve the lives of retirement village residents with meaningful oversight and enforcement of the RV legislation and regulations.

Keith Butler  
Residents Commttee Chairman

**EXTERNAL EVENTS**

**RADIO STATION COAST FM VISIT**

Wednesday 26 of November saw a group of 23 of our Residents visit the Studios of 88.7 Coast FM radio station ,based in the grounds of the Community Centre at Glandore.

We firstly enjoyed a coffee at the Cafe in the adjoining building before splitting into three smaller groups and were led through the station by Peter Metzger ,presenter of the " Saturday in the Park " program with his wife Jill. Thanks also to Rob McLennan a Wednesday morning presenter, for allowing one of our groups into studio one for a live demonstration.

After completing the visit we motored to the Maid of Auckland Hotel on South Road for a Lunch time meal and a chat.

Dave Whitten  
Unit 57





## READERS THEATRE

Fish and Chips anyone??

Did you catch The Readers Theatre performances at the Hall on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>?

Three funny skits – 'The Excursion', 'The Overseas Trip' and 'Planning for the Annual Christmas Play', were written by Berenice Norris, and performed by Margaret, Doug, Rita, Rod, Lis, Berenice, Judy, John and Stuart.

Despite some reported nerves and the occasional lines mishap the performance was very much enjoyed by actors and audience alike, with many laughs!

Would you like to be part of Readers Theatre next year? Watch this space, or contact Berenice at Unit 38 for more information and an audition?

Wendy A U6



*Please join us for the*

# ***'CRUISE INTO THE NEW YEAR' PARTY***

**At the Community Hall**

**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER  
2025**

**DOORS OPEN 7.30 PM -TILL LATE**

***FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
WELCOME***



**\$15pp includes a drink  
BYO Basket Supper/Nibbles**

**The Band 'TURN BACK TIME'**  
will be playing hits from the 50's 60's and 70's



*To assist with planning, please record attendees' names on the table plan in the Library as soon as possible, and have payment for the event to the Library Safe by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Using the tear off slip from the flyer placed in your mailbox last week, put monies in an envelope marked NYE, with your name, unit number and number of attendees.*



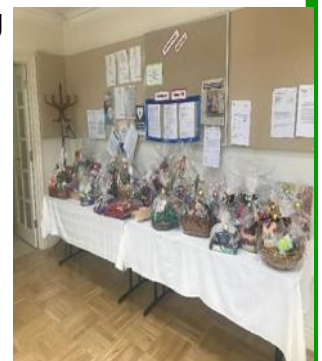
## **CHRISTMAS BASKETS RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Christmas baskets for our raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas lunch on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are 44 baskets to be won so please come along and buy your tickets in the reception area-Wed to Frid and at Happy Hour on Frid.

We will be selling them up to the beginning of lunch on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you  
Margaret S Unit 8, Wendy A Unit 6



## Bingo Winners

Again, a relatively small number of players were present for the November session of Bingo. However, we were still able to offer some great prizes for the number of books sold. They were - minor prize of \$15, \$45 major prize and a Super Prize of \$100 which was not won, so December promises to be a super 'Super Prize'.

The winners were:

Game 1 - Minor prize – Jenny U104

Game 2 - Minor prize – Jane U30

Game 3 - Minor prize – Sandra U99

Game 4 - Minor prize – Cheryl (visitor)

Game 5 - Minor prize – June U100

Congratulations to all of our winners.

We look forward to seeing you again on December 19th for another super event. Remember this could be a big one, as the Super Prize didn't go off in November.

Eyes down at 7pm

Keith Greenlees

Major prize – Keith U10

Major prize – Lissy U127

Major prize – Annette U12

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Major prize – Jan U52 & Keith U10



## Recycling dates for the month are:

10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December

Green Bins 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December

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.*



## December Happy Hours Fridays @ 6 pm

Date	Format	Hosts	Table Setup	Bar Volunteer	Bar Manager	MC
5 <sup>th</sup>	Early Happy Hour	Leslie & Garry McPhee	Garry McPhee Graham Maddison	Colleen O'Callaghan	Garry McPhee	Keith Butler
12 <sup>th</sup>		Leslie & Garry McPhee	David Whitten Eric Deufel	Howard Silvy	Garry McPhee	Keith Butler
14 <sup>th</sup>	Catered Event				BSG	Keith Butler
19 <sup>th</sup>		Jan & Vic Stringer	Keith Greenlees Ray Thompson	Jill Weeks	Geoff Brown	Keith Butler
26 <sup>th</sup>	BYO Function					
31 <sup>st</sup>	News Years Eve				BSG	Social Group
Next Month						
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Early 4:30pm	Lesley & Garry McPhee	Garry McPhee Graham Maddison	Vic Stringer	Ken Prescott	Keith Butler

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