



The Village Matters

Monthly Newsletter of the Residents of The Parks Lifestyle Village

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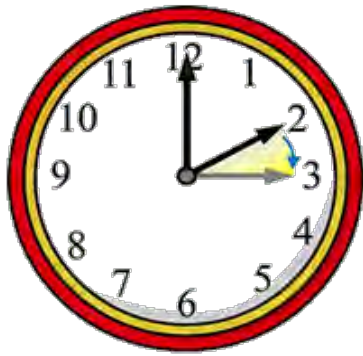
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**Daylight Savings
Time Begins**

Daylight saving time takes effect from Sunday October 5th. So put your main clock forward **ONE HOUR** before you toddle up the stairs to bed on Saturday. Then you'll have something to do all day Sunday—working out how to align all your other devices.....and trying to calculate the time for calling friends & family in other states & territories.

The Annual General Meetings of your Residents' Committee and Residents' Association were held recently including the election of members of the committees to serve you for the coming year. If there is any item you wish the Committee to discuss or idea you'd like to propose, these good folk are ready to give it their all !!!

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

3rd Monday of the month from 2 – 3 pm

Now Co-ordinated by **Judy Burke** and **Kathy Simpson**

On **15 September** more than 40 people enjoyed hearing about **Deidre Fischer**'s adventures living and teaching internationally. Deidre's parents are Joan and Graham Fischer (unit 50). She was born and raised in Pinnaroo, South Australia and began her career teaching typing and shorthand, then other business subjects as well as economics in South Australian country schools. Some of her experiences were humorous but challenging. For example, once she was hired to teach typing in an SA school, only to find that the room was full of computers, not typewriters. She said she knew nothing about computers. The principal replied that she had 6 weeks over the school holidays to learn about them! In 1998, she ventured overseas to teach in the Philippines. Since then, she has lived and worked in China, Denmark, Saudi Arabia, Mongolia, Philippines (twice), Malaysia and Bali. In each case, she was working in an International Baccalaureate school (IB). She explained that IB is a different way of teaching and learning. They "aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed." There are 6000 IB schools around the world, but they all use English for instruction and have a second language depending on the location. After several promotions, she finished up her career as Head of School.

Deidre shared some of the adventures she had in countries with varying climates and customs. She took her students on a trip to the rubbish tip to learn about the poorest people who lived there. The IB schools also had a program that provided food for those families to encourage them to send the children to school and to use the medical facilities that the IB set up near where they live. While many students are from embassy and wealthy families, the IB does offer scholarships for local students.



In 2014, Deidre established her own company, DF Education (www.deidrefischer.com.au) which provides a range of services to schools and works with parents, students and others involved with schools. Her mission is to positively impact student learning for those she works with in schools. It was a lovely experience to hear about a life spent serving students in so many places.

***Deidre with her parents,
Graham & Joan Fischer.***

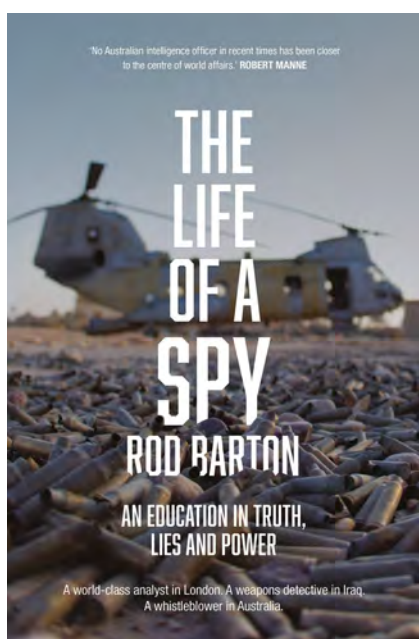
Photo courtesy Graham Field

WHICH BIN THIS WEEK?

OCTOBER	2	9	16	23	30
Blue bin (Landfill)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow bin (Recycling)		✓		✓	
Green bin (Organics)	✓		✓		✓

SPEAKER'S CORNER

Monday, 20 October 2025 at 2pm



The Life of a Spy

In this presentation, Rod will tell his remarkable story of how he became one of Australia's top intelligence officers. He will tell of his time working with British intelligence agencies in London, his assignment to war-ravaged Somalia and his role in uncovering a secret biological weapons program in Iraq. At times he also worked with, and for, the CIA (USA). He had guns pointed at him, death threats made and even had a price placed on his head. This talk promises to be an entertaining event and will be illustrated with photos.

Rod Barton is a former Director of Strategic Technology in Australia's Defence Intelligence Organisation. He is the author of *The Weapons Detective: The Inside Story of Australia's Top Weapons Inspector* (Black Inc 2006) and

The Life of a Spy (Black Inc 2021). He will bring his books if people want to buy them.

They will be at \$25 which is a good discount on \$37 rrp. Unfortunately, he can only take cash.

Judy Burke and **Kathy Simpson**

The editor's bit.....

So many people-centred and interesting activities around our Village! As we shake off the end of the winter weather, let's all vow to attend one event or a new event in the coming months.

I rarely watch movies, but I have read all of the *Thursday Murder Club* series of books by Richard Osman and I've become addicted. So I was keen to watch the movie & I even worked out how to access Netflix on the TV. Although it didn't follow the book exactly, it was a terrific film and I'd urge you to catch it at our October Movie Night. The fun and friendly Croquet group are having a couple of come'n'try sessions on Saturday mornings (see page 8). You'll even score a free cuppa!

You'll never, never know if you never, never go!

Cheers, Judth

SOCIAL ROUNDUP

From Pam & the Social Committee.....

You are encouraged to bring your friends and relatives to any Village function

While it is still cold, Spring has come and we are experiencing some nice sunny days.

We encourage you to come to our Happy Hours on Friday nights, where each week we have the **Cash Cow** draw, and on the last Friday of each month, our BBQ chefs cook whatever you bring over to enjoy eating, while you catch up with your friends, or make new ones.

Lucy's hairdressing raffle prize is also drawn on BBQ nights, or on dinner nights.



OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 5.00pm Happy Hour in the Hall.

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 5.00pm. Happy Hour in the Hall.

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 6.30pm
Dave Freeman will perform for 2 hours from 6.30pm—8.30pm

The bar will be open from 5.00pm BYO nibbles

There will be a \$5.00 per head fee payable on arrival. Please bring friends and family. **Come dressed in Country style if you'd like to!**

The booking sheet is in the Committee Room.



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 5.00pm Happy Hour in the Hall

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER



**1.00pm Our out of Village lunch
at Club Marion on Sturt Rd.**

It is a lovely setting overlooking the playing fields, and is always a good lunch, put on for us by the Club. You order whatever you would like to eat and drink. We encourage you to support it.

You are welcome to bring your friends and family.

The booking sheet is in the Committee Room.

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER **TICKET SALES**

11.00 – 12.00 In the dining room

Booking for our **Taste of Italy Dinner** in the Hall on 14th November.

This is one of the most popular dinners in the Village, with pizzas from Michaelangelo – 4 slices each, and Nonna's Cucina's panna cotta. Book individually or tables of up to 8 only.

This year we have added a bonus to create a truly Italian flavour, by bringing back the accordion playing duo, **The Sopranos**, to serenade you during the evening. The cost of the evening is \$20.00 per head.



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

5.00pm Happy Hour BBQ night in the Hall. Bring whatever you would like our chefs to cook for you. Your friends and relatives are most welcome.



LOOKING AHEAD:

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

A TASTE OF ITALY DINNER

6.00pm

Tables of up to 8 only.

Join us for Pizzas and panna cottas, and our beautiful Italian Boys on their piano accordions.

The bar will be open from 5.00pm to 6.00pm



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

THE PARKS VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

More in next months' News Letter, but lock in the date now.



MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE

Follow Santa in his sleigh, singing Christmas Carols as we go, with refreshment stops along the way.



WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE VILLAGE

No need to drive, wait for taxi's or pay for extravagant meals. See in the New Year with fellow Villagers.

It's a **WILD LIFE** here at the Parks.....

A lorikeet keeping an eye on the goldfish

Photo courtesy Janice Spraakman



Mother duck and her brood out for a stroll

Photo courtesy John & Judith Crowley

Our Hall was alive with the sound of music.....and voices raised in song when we were entertained on Friday 12th September by one of the choirs who are part of the Sing Australia organisation. They were friendly and professional with their talented accompanist and music director, and they handed out song books so that we could sing along—AND WE DID!! It was a terrific evening of up-beat entertainment. Let's hope they can come again.



*Sing
Australia!*



*Photos courtesy
Kelvin Roberts*



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be a
calorie refund
for things
that didn't
taste as good
as you expected



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**"I SOUND FUNNY? YEAH, I'M CALLING
FROM MY CELL PHONE!"**



BAR ROSTER

DATE	OPEN	EVENT	BAR HELPER 1	BAR HELPER 2	HOST / MC
Fri-3-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Gerry Styles	Maureen Styles	Paul Frisby
Fri-10-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Bob Crossman	Helen Crossman	Tania Cook
Fri-17-Oct	YES	Dave Freeman	Roy Spraakman	Ian Jurgs	Graham Field
Fri-24-Oct	YES	Happy Hour	Peter Laver	Alice Laver	Peter Laver
Fri-31-Oct	YES	Happy Hour + BYO BBQ	Wayne Jones	Lorraine Hobart	Colin Cook
Fri-7-Nov	YES	Happy Hour	Judith Roberts	Kelvin Roberts	Roy Spraakman
Fri-14-Nov	YES	A Taste of Italy Dinner	Colin Cook	Tanya Cook	Pam Mills
Fri-21-Nov	YES	Happy Hour	John Mayers	Jenny Mayers	Judith Roberts
Fri-28-Nov	YES	Happy Hour + BYO BBQ	Wayne Jones	Lorraine Hobart	Janice Spraakman
Fri-5-Dec	YES	Happy Hour	Paul Frisby	Kate Frisby	Jan Badgery

- Bar helpers please arrive 30min beforehand to help setup.
 - If you are unavailable for bar duty on the date allocated can you please advise Mark on 601.
 - For safety reasons the bar will be closed when the kitchen is needed for food preparation or serving.
 - During events the bar will be open pre show and closed during the performance.
- If you are unavailable for **HOSTING (MC) duty**, please arrange a swap if you can, otherwise contact Maureen on 755

A big THANK YOU to all the helpers for their contribution

Come & Try Croquet!

The village croquet players invite you to 'Have a Go' at croquet on

Saturday October 25th 10.00am

&

Saturday November 29th 10.00am

Followed by morning tea!

- * *No experience necessary*
- * *Equipment available*
- * *All welcome*



MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 25th October at 7pm

THURSDAY MURDER CLUB

2025 PG-13 1h 58min

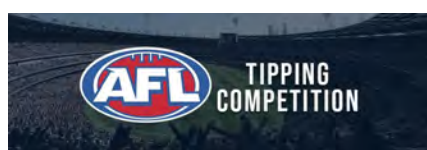


STARRING: Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Ben Kingsley, Celia Imrie

Based on Richard Osman's international bestselling novel of the same name, *The Thursday Murder Club* follows four irrepressible retirees -- Elizabeth (Helen Mirren), Ron (Pierce Brosnan), Ibrahim (Ben Kingsley) and Joyce (Celia Imrie) -- who spend their time solving cold case murders for fun. When an unexplained death occurs on their own doorstep, their casual sleuthing takes a thrilling turn as they find themselves with a real whodunit on their hands.

<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/the-thursday-murder-club>

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12001534/?ref=ttpg_ov_bk



FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2025



Thank you to all who participated in this year's footy tipping competition. Your ongoing support and promptness in submitting your tips each week was greatly appreciated.

After 24 rounds of football, we could not separate the two winners, **Jan Triggs** and **Brian Taylor**. Congratulations to you both.

Second place was also shared by **Bob Kairl**, **Murray Eckert** and **Jenny Chapman**. Third place was **Helen Crossman**.

Congratulations also to the weekly winners.

ED NOTE: I'm not sure whether you can see it clearly, but in this photo Jan has Brian's certificate & vice versa. I hope they eventually sorted it out!!!!

Photo courtesy Graham Field

I'm looking forward to you all participating in next year's competition, and hopefully we can increase the number of participants.

David Fisher (U 106, Ph: 706)

VILLAGE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2025

BOOK CLUB

Monday **6th October**
1.30pm—TV lounge

SPEAKERS CORNER

3rd Monday—**20th October**
Held in the Main Hall 2pm

TABLE TENNIS

Monday night 7.30pm
New players welcome

TECH USERS GROUP

4th Monday at 10.30am
Next meeting **27th October**
Held in the Sports Clubhouse

GARDENING GROUP

Friday mornings fortnightly
after green bin on Thurs
9am start, Community Centre
New members welcome

LAWN BOWLS

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
From 1pm

BINGO

1st & 3rd Wednesday
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
in the Dining Room
Cost \$10 for 15 games

HAND and FOOT (cards)

Mondays 7pm
Wednesdays, Fridays 1pm
Saturdays 1pm
In the Community Centre

CROQUET

Saturday mornings. Games start at
9.30am and 10.15am
Come'n'try see page 8

INDOOR BOWLS

Thursday evening 7.30pm and
Saturday afternoon 1.30pm

CRAFT GROUP

Each Tuesday 9.30am
Sports Clubhouse
Bring your handcrafts
to chat & share with others

TENNIS

Monday 7pm
Thursday, Saturday 9am
Contact Smiths—Ph: 699

MONTHLY DINNER

Sunday 26th OCTOBER
CLUB MARION
(see page 4)

HAPPY HOUR

Friday - 5pm
Held in the Main Hall
(see program page 8)

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday **25th October**
"Thursday Murder Club"
7pm In the Main Hall

BOTTLE COLLECTION

3rd Saturday each month
18th October
Please leave bottles &
cans out by 8.30am

FOR FITNESS:

Denise Palmer 0432 600 531

AQUAROBCICS- Monday , Pool
PILATES: - Tuesday, Main Hall
AEROBICS: - Thursday, Main Hall

Cost \$7, 9.15am—10.am



WEDNESDAY WALKERS

October 2025

1 October Marion Walk/Finniss Street Cafe - 9:30am
meet in front of the cafe for a walk at **9:35am**. Parking,
limited at rear of the cafe, or across the road from the
cafe in George Street alongside St Annes Chapel. Coffee
10:00am Finniss Street Cafe.

8 October Oaklands Wetland Walk/BYO* - 9:30am
Meet at Western end of Southern Car Park for **9:35am**
walk. Shelter & toilets available. **BYO morning tea and
chairs.**

15 October Lower Mitcham Walk/Caffe Buongiorno
(new destination) - 9:30am meet in front of the caffe, 12
Belair Road Mitcham for a walk at **9:35am** and coffee at

N.B. ANY WEDNESDAY MORNINGS THAT ARE PLANNED
FOR **OUTDOOR BYO EVENTS*** AND ARE FORECAST
EITHER TO BE WET & WINDY OR VERY HOT (IN EXCESS OF
32DEGREES), **SUBSTITUTE: PARKS CLUB HOUSE &**
VERANDAH @10:00am - BYO MORNING TEA ONLY.

10:00am. Parking can be busy at front of caffe, more
parking at back of building or across the side street
(Wemyss Av.).

22 October Heywood Park/BYO* - 9:30am meet at car
park in Addiscombe Place (off Grove Street) Unley Park.
Approach via Cross Road, second street on the left after
Victoria Avenue. Toilets available. **BYO morning tea and
chairs.**

New Walkers always welcome

Contact: Wayne Jones (723) or Graham Field (630)
or *just come along*

CAFÉ STROLLERS SATURDAY

October 2025

4th Wildflowers Cafe, Centennial Park Opens 10 am

11th Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham Opens 10 am

18th Rozelle's Cafe, Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield. Opens 10 am

25th Cafe in Living Choice Apartments, Fisher St., Fullarton.



**New walkers
are always welcome.**

Meet at the main car park in the village
by **9:30am** each Saturday, and proceed
for walk with coffee at 10am. If the
weather is not suitable for the planned
walk, we will still meet and arrange an
alternative.

**Contact: Joy Hawkins
Phone 631**