



Around the Elms



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From the Editor's desk

Once again it's newsletter time. Thanks to our committees we have been kept busy during winter. Some of us have had holidays to escape the cold weather with the assurance that our homes are secure. Spring is a welcome season with warmer days and flowers blossoming to create a picture. New growth is a refreshing sight on the trees and shrubs.

It's also AFL footy finals time. SA Crows have had a great season, good luck to them. It would be great to see them win a Grand Final again. Those of us that support Port, we will look to 2026 now. I am still looking for someone to take over my editorial duties. I will continue into 2026 but there may be some changes. Maxine Bean Ex 880



Don't Forget to turn your clocks forward by 1 hour Sunday 5th October 2am

Cut off date for articles for December 'Around the Elms' November 30th 2025

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HAPPY SNAPS

The Biggest Morning Tea—Cancer Council

19/6/25 It was a great turnout for such a worthy cause. Donations raised were \$753 and raffle money collected was \$526, a couple of late donations made a grand total of \$1654.80. Alysia was the guest speaker from The Cancer Council office. She gave a interesting talk and then circulated to answer any questions. Thankyou to all who donated 120 prizes and to Trevor Cox who worked his magic setting up the tables and chairs. Special big 'THANKYOU' to Judith and her catering team for cooking and cleaning up after the event. Kathy Cummings Catering Committee Secretary



Friday Night Dinner 27/6/25

Fish n Chips



HAPPY SNAPS



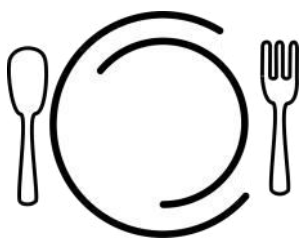
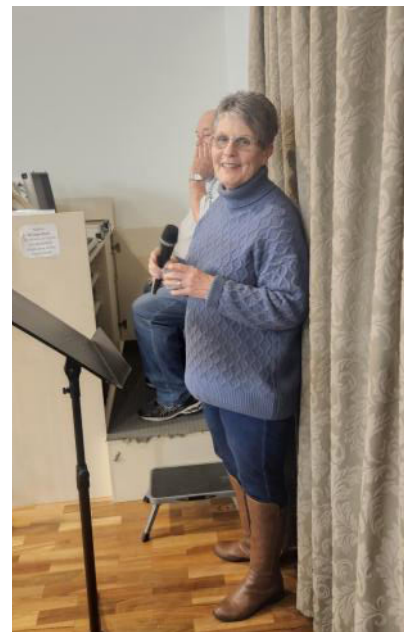
FRIDAY 29th August

A great light atmosphere and a appreciated meal.

Di Butler's first MC gig.

Well done Di.

The meal was Baked Potato with the trimmings and apple pie with whipped cream for dessert. It was provided by our very own catering committee.



Village Activities

WINTER BLUES THEME



WITH LITTLE TONY

Saturday July 12th 2025

The "Winter Blues" theme was a great success. Little Tony, once again played some wonderful music and had everyone dancing for most of the evening. The hall was decorated beautifully and it set the scene very well. There were prizes for the best dressed and also competitions to recognise the songs that were playing. All in all a great fun night was had by everyone. Thanks to everyone involved in making this a memorable event. Graham Esplin U149



Village Activities

WORKING BEE

A very successful afternoon making 48 bracelets for Children in Cambodia.

Many thanks to those who helped at the working bee and also those who gave beads , etc. It was lots of fun.

And last but not least the donations for the 30 kilo bags of rice which will feed the poor families for a month.

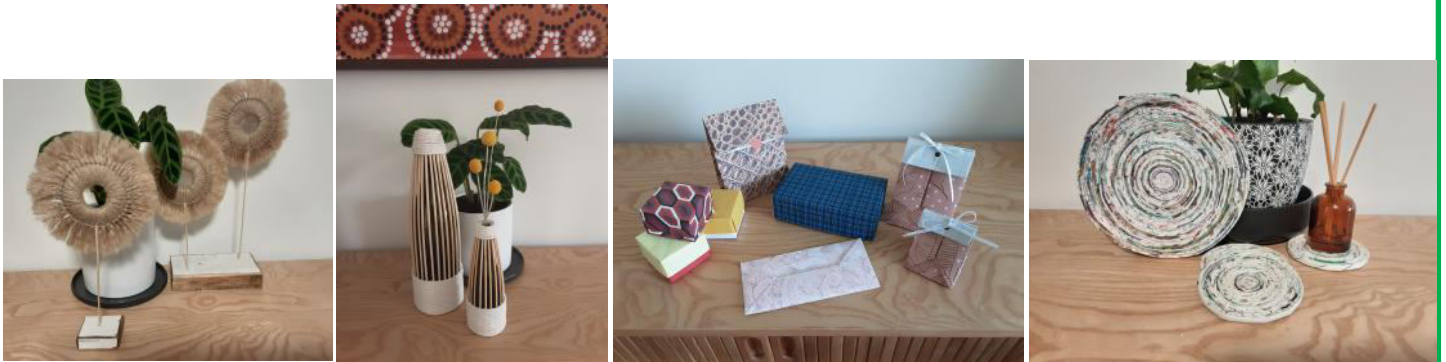
It has been a privilege and a very rewarding exercise to be part of 'Cosi's Cows for Cambodia' Programme and am looking forward to my second visit on 12th November 2025. Lori Goss U225



ART and CRAFT

Art and Craft is going along very nicely each month in the Western Hall. October's lesson will mark a full 12 months since our first lesson, last November. So far we have done more 'Arty craft' than 'Crafty art', but some art will be coming soon.

Some Items that we have made are a yarn Christmas tree, Christmas Star, Junk mail coasters, a bud vase, an African style curio, gift boxes and sacks, a corded mirror, just to name a few. Art and Craft is held at 2pm in the Western hall on every second Thursday of the month. If you are interested look out for posters in both the hall noticeboards. Judy Hawke U214

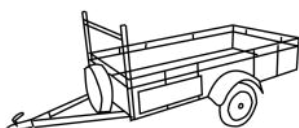


ARE YOU AWARE ?

We have a 6' x 4' Trailer available for use by the village residents.

Charge is \$5 per day (it covers the rego)

Contact Trevor Cox Ex 736



WANTED WHEEL CHAIR

Would anyone have a clean, usable wheelchair. We are looking for a donation to be kept at the Eastern Hall.

Please contact anyone on the Resident's Committee if you can help.



News from the Residents' Committee



Chairperson's Report September 2025

I am currently on a break in Brisbane but I am aware that the drought has broken. I hope that the farmers received enough but more importantly that no roofs have sprung leaks! At the time of writing the Adelaide reservoirs were at 55% capacity which, according to my friend in S.A. Water, is not good.

Several new residents have arrived and we wish them a warm welcome and hope to see them break the ice by joining in the village activities. Please make them feel welcome.

Co-ordinator; At the beginning of the year we had Darryl, then we had Chris, then we had George, then Jane from Gawler popped in. Alison Sullivan (who used to be our Co-ordinator several years ago) has been working 2 days a week and Jeff Hall has been working on the monthly planner to keep the ball rolling while Michael (Operations Manager) searches for his "perfect fit" for a Co-ordinator. I hope this has been settled by the time I get back.

I am pleased to report that Lifestyle has acknowledged our request for repair of the bowling green and that provision has been made for such in the 2025/26 Capital Items budget. That should make the bowlers very happy. Bowlers are to be congratulated for their patience and good humour in persevering with an unpredictable surface for so long.

The AGM's are scheduled for 25th September. In line with our rules, all positions will be declared vacant. Several of the current Committee will not be re-nominating so we are looking for new nominees to fill these positions.

By the time you read this newsletter you may have received that advice. We need new people so please consider nominating. It's an important role looking after our village and it's residents. No qualifications are necessary-just a desire to help in the village and a bit of common sense is all that's required.

I would like to thank all the current serving Committee members; most have been on the Committee for a long time and have made a significant contribution to our village lifestyle.

Thank you from all residents.

Daryl Goss U40

Elms Residents' Committee Chair.

WANTED

- Resident's Committee members - Chair, Secretary and 2 or 3 Committee members
- Catering Committee members
- Editorial duties



THANKYOU to Kathy Cummings who has been the Catering Committee Secretary for 10 years and now she has resigned. The Catering Committee will be looking for someone to replace her to keep you all informed. *Editor*

News of Residents

Welcome to our new residents



**We hope you will be very
happy here at 'The Elms'**



Bruno Masolatti Unit 47



Ron & Helen Allen Unit 179



Wendy Creer U38



Dianne & Ron Batman U144



Colleen Hickling U36



Gwen Hancl U29



Frances & Robert Gilbert U121

Farewell to residents who have left 'The Elms'

Ken Ollenbuttell who used to live at U104



HAPPY SNAPS

A group from 'The Elms' out and about, searching for the best pie no doubt.



WISE OLD OWL posed for a photo in Jacqui Jenkins unit 15 backyard. It's head did a complete 360 degrees to pose for this photo.



Question .What does a Platypus and Echidna have in common? Answer. They are both mammals but lay eggs .

What Australian Creatures cannot walk or run backwards? Answer. Emus and Kangaroos

WILD LIFE IN THE ELMS

This is a fox looking very much at home enjoying the sunshine on the lawn of Julie and Peter Wasley Unit 198



A Chicken crossed the road and met James Bond. The Chicken said "What's your name?"

'Bond, James Bond',
'What's yours?'
came the reply.
'Ken, Chick Ken'



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Remembrance Day Tuesday November 11th

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Eastern Hall. Please arrive at 10.30 for 10.45 am start.

At the end of the service bagpipes will be playing 'Black Bear' (Return to Barracks) Light refreshments will be served on conclusion. Brian Murdock U1



PRESENTATION ON DEMENTIA

On the 29th July we had an interesting presentation on becoming dementia friendly, organized by the Entertainment Committee.

This was facilitated in a friendly manner by Liz Withall, Community Officer, Dementia Australia. It was heartwarming to have 60 interested residents attend, who all found the short films, and the question and answer time, really useful. Many helpful pamphlets were available to us. The afternoon ended with a very nice afternoon tea. For further information The Dementia Helpline number is 1800 100 500

Website dementia.org.au
Marg Earl U 143



THANKYOU

Many thanks to everyone who supported getting the tap raised for the corner garden near the bowling green. Particular Thankyou goes to Ross Owen for his help and to Jeff Hall for taking photos and sending them to Lifestyle .

Gloria Durden
Unit 189



THANK YOU

Neville & Lori Goss would like to thank everyone who sent cards and congratulatory messages on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

They also received Congratulatory wishes from King Charles, Sam Moyston, Albo, Mali, Tony Zappia and Vincent Tarzia. They celebrated with a lovely week in Fiji. Lori & Neville Goss U225





At The Elms Residents' AGM held 12th June, the Motion to pay the SARVRA Membership fee for all Units for 2025-2026 was, once again, approved. This means you all have access to avail yourselves of all benefits of being a SARVRA Member. If we don't already have your email address, please provide us with it so you will have the ability to sign on to the Website (www.sarvra.asn.au) as a member and also to receive the Newsletter (and any current info) directly, as this is the only way SARVRA will communicate now. Those without an email address will be supported by copies printed and left in the Eastern and Western Halls. SARVRA also now has a direct phone number - 0415 311 501.

On Monday 18th August SARVRA held its AGM in Adelaide. The meeting was well attended and much appreciated by all in attendance. Minutes of this AGM are now available online and in both Eastern and Western Halls.

The new SARVRA committee was confirmed and the two speakers, Rebekah Sharkie, federal Member for Mayo and Miranda Starkie, CEO for Council for the Ageing (COTASA), both gave very informative and inspiring talks.

Miranda stated that there were 3 key areas for the next 12 months:

1. Hold the government accountable heading into the next election.
2. Peruse getting free Ambulance for Pensioners.
3. Expanding availability of PATS (Patient Assistance Travel Scheme) for regional areas.

Rebekah was a very passionate speaker with regards to the contracts that we, as Retirement Village residents, sign - concerned that they are long and complex, present a power imbalance and there is no real oversight or accountability for our contracts. She is working at both the State and Federal level to get these contracts addressed.

At the moment contracts are in limbo - not a Real Estate nor a Financial transaction - suggesting that perhaps they should be considered as a Financial product and come under ASIC oversight. Watch this space!!!!

Both speakers are very happy to receive input (both good and bad) from we the residents.



Whilst at the AGM we received the news that the Retirement Villages Miscellaneous (Amendments) Act 2024 had been proclaimed and comes into operation on 2nd February, 2026.

Section 43(3) of the Act (Code of Conduct) is still being finalized, and comes into operation on 5th December 2026.

Given all the above, there will be a SARVRA Information Meeting at The Elms on TUESDAY OCTOBER 7th, 2025 at 2pm (with afternoon tea, \$3, thanks to our Entertainment Committee).

Representatives from SARVRA and either Office for Ageing Well (OFAW) or Council for the Ageing (COTA) will address us, followed by Q & A.

Check out the Monthly Planner for confirmation and further details.

The Elms SARVRA Reps.

Jeanette Findlay, Unit 200, Phone 861, Email jfindlay@bigpond.net.au

Brenda Van Dokkum Unit 74 ; Phone 647

Elms Christian Fellowship

ALL WELCOME 10am

Sunday September 28th



Our June Meeting was a Country Gospel service, which I was privileged to lead, we saw the visit of former residents, Pete and Sue Marr, with Pete's fancy new keyboard, we also welcomed back Doug Freer with his trusty guitar, and his lovely wife, Joyce. The service was somewhat different in that we did not have a regular speaker, instead we were graced with the humour of English preacher, J. John, who brought us 3 short sermonettes by way of DVD put together by Jack Dorrestyn, altogether a great service with great singing of the best Country Gospel songs we could find. Our July meeting was ably led by Julie Searle. We were treated to a lovely DVD featuring a male quartet singing "It's the Truth". Our speaker was Wayne Shepherd and the talk was titled 'Jesus said—Follow me'. After the service most people stayed for morning tea and chat. I again led on 31st August assisted by Jack's DVD, which featured the Bahrain Christian Choir. We were also blessed with 'retired' Pastor John Beasy giving the touching message 'The 5 marks of mercy'. It was a topic of discussion over morning tea. Blessing Kim Van Dokkum U74

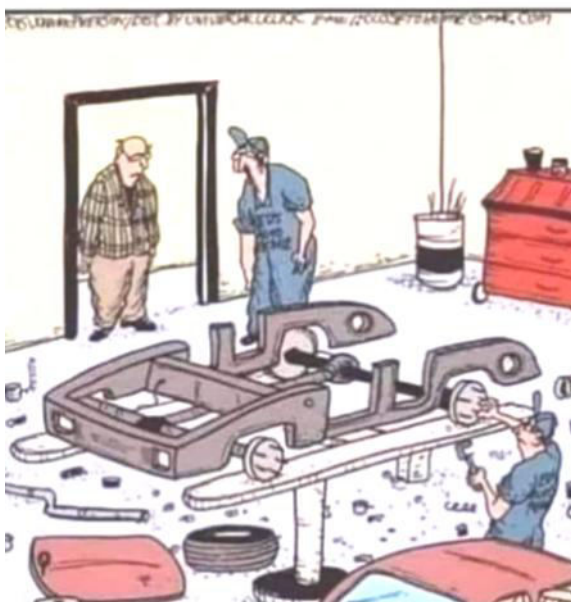
TIME FOR A LAUGH



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to the Nursing Home



"Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray"



"So, Mrs. Tyler, we're going to take a scan of your brain to see why you have such debilitating claustrophobia."

Social News - Coming Events



SEPTEMBER

Friday 26th Dinner-Lamb Shanks and Vegetables

Tickets on sale Monday 15th Eastern Hall 10am-11.30 and Tuesday 16th Western Hall 3-4pm \$15 per person

Monday 22nd- 2pm- Bikie Busker \$5.00 includes afternoon tea

Names on lists for catering purposes.

OCTOBER

BINGO Saturday 18th 1pm Western Hall ,all welcome

Tuesday 21st October- \$50 admission and Bus ticket to Footloose-The Musical Arts Theatre

Tickets sales : Monday 29th September 11-12am Eastern Hall

Tuesday 30th September 3- 4pm Western Hall

NOVEMBER

BINGO Saturday 9th 1pm Western Hall ,all welcome

**Sunday November 2nd –Fashion Parade by Jaydee Fashions
2pm - \$2**

DECEMBER

Friday 12th Christmas Dinner—Catered Turkey, Ham and vegetables and greens. Three Dessert choices— Christmas Pudding, fruit salad or cheesecake. The cost is \$36 a head

**Tickets on sale Monday 1st Eastern Hall 10—11.30 and
Tues 2nd Western Hall 3pm-4pm**

BINGO Saturday 13th 1pm Western Hall ,all welcome

Tuesday 16th –Christmas Carol Afternoon - Eastern Hall -2pm

New Year's Eve Cabaret ..more info later

JANUARY

BINGO Saturday 11th 1pm Western Hall ,all welcome

Ladies Lunches -First Wednesday of the month-Ring Julie on Ex 859

Men's Lunches 3rd Thursday of the month-Ring Leyland Ex815

