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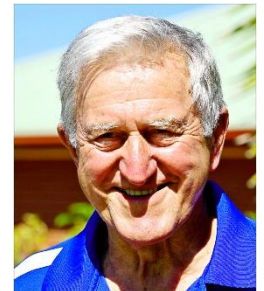
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From the Chair:

Last year we were dismayed and disappointed that the Lifestyle Annual Meeting was all over within ten minutes, including two questions. What we wanted to achieve this year was to have the meeting last longer and with time for people to receive answers to questions. We did encourage people to raise concerns.



Prior to the meeting the committee drafted a number of questions. I was pleasantly surprised when the questions we submitted were answered within such a short time frame. The fact that the letter referred to the Act drew my attention. It was evident that we were again going to be given limited opportunity to engage. When Diane stated that questions had to be relevant to the budget, we were able to point out that the word relevant is not in the Act and that we had every right to ask any questions.

One very positive response in the letter was that various verandah columns that had been repaired but not completed, would be painted by the end of the month. I'd given Lisa a list of the outstanding units.

A big thank you to those who raised issues and asked questions.

Regrettably it seemed the meeting was shut down as quickly as possible in order to minimise any discourse. Many were disappointed. As was pointed out, the committee can, at any time, invoke a clause of the Act and compel Lifestyle to meet with us. If we do, we need to outline to Lifestyle the matters to be discussed – an agenda. We need to be sure it will be worthwhile and relevant to our needs.

Our request needs to be of such a nature that it requires answers from management, not just a representative who can't give detailed responses. At our committee meeting in November, we will re-examine the answers we received from the questions we submitted to Lifestyle. We will also examine how we can ascertain with your help, what the major concerns are within the village that need attention. Also, a reminder. When you submit maintenance requests keep a copy and when you feel the issue isn't being addressed let the committee know. We can then, using the Act, make representation on your behalf.

New residents who have had trouble getting various matters attended to please give the committee a list of what those matters are and how long you have been waiting to have the matters resolved.

Things have improved over the last few years, and we need to keep liaising to ensure we keep defending our independent living and lifestyle.

Last week I had a meeting with Michael (Village Co-ordinator) to resolve the issues he had listed on the information channel.

He wanted us to put away tables and chairs after each event, roll up the indoor bowls mat, not park in the portico driveway and caravans to be removed within twenty-four hours. The next day he retracted all the issues except for the caravans. I've asked Lisa to allow latitude on loading and unloading caravans until the caravan area is completed and then discuss a policy in conjunction with those who have caravans. Michael has now again said no parking.

I'm currently readdressing the parking and caravan issues with Lisa.

Robert Frost said, *"Best way out is always through."*

We'll continue to work through the issues.

Kylli had a successful meeting with her new and expanded committee. Already she has quite a comprehensive array of activities programmed from now till the end of the year. If you have ideas or wish to organise an activity, please direct it through the S&E committee so that we can have cohesion and avoid diminishing planned activities that are in the pipeline or creating overlap. A 'special thank you' to Lisa Norris for the supply of the extra plates and cutlery needed for our increasing additional residents.

Thanks to Grant for organising the forthcoming bowls tournament and for the work he does for coordinating the weekly bowls activities. A big thanks to Nick for keeping the greens in good order. Also, a big thanks to all the tavern volunteers and the helpers at, and the providers of, morning teas.

Where would we be without you and where else would we want to live?

"It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela.

"You may encounter many defeats but, must not be defeated." Maya Angelou

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From the Editor's desk:

We attended the Lifestyle SA AM, this was the second time I have attended.

To say I was disappointed was understatement!

I understand Lifestyle SA have a business to run; they also should understand the residents are not the enemy.

Both sides should embrace the fact that we all need to proceed in life with an appreciation of each other.

To start the AGM with a declaration that 'this is way **the** meeting will be run', with no opportunity to discuss matters external to the 'financials' was surprising and disappointing. Together with the fact that no forward vision was presented to the residents didn't sit well with anyone. Ah well, there's always next year!

On this performance, I give you a score of: ★ ★

Remember various Village activities are posted on the Community Hall Notice Board.

We welcome any submissions for the Newsletter, subject to the Editors discretion.

Feedback is also welcome.

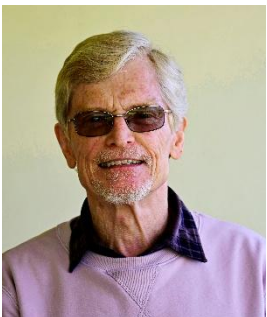
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The new 2025-26 Mount Barker Residents Committee



Back row: Rick Trezona, Vic Hilditch, Martin Williamson, Ivar Schmidt, Grant bell and Henry Van Wynbergan. Fr.row: Chrissy Klafter, Jenny Cee, Carole Hick & Sue Gear.

Missing on the photo shoot day but not forgotten David Blackman:



Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members if you need assistance.

**I asked my cousin why
he calls his wife 12.
He said because she
dozen cook, dozen
clean, dozen do
anything.**

Mount Barker Village Events.

Daylight saving began, who got caught out? And who gets to keep the saved hours?

The Widows & Widowers Group had a good attendance at their lunch at the Ashton Hills Golf Club on 7th October. 14 Ladies enjoyed a very pleasant meal, so it was well worthwhile. With the next lunch planned for February, this will be highlighted as the time approaches.



Tuesday 14th October Morning Tea was well attended as usual and the lovely scones, cake & biscuits were delightful.

Followed by Dressed4Success the next morning, again good attendance. Many purchased some 'on trend' clothing.

Tuesday 28th October was a Morning Tea fund-raiser for Dementia Australia, convened by Heather Moses.

Again, special thanks to all, who continue make the Morning Teas a success.

On a special note, please be aware that any food leftover from the morning teas is usually distributed amongst those residents whose circumstances dictate that they are unable to attend in person.



Upcoming Mount Barker Village Events.

On **Sunday 2nd November** at the Barossa Chateau, at 12:30pm, you are invited to the official opening of Diana Mitchel's new exhibition "*Wild About Spring*". Entry is FREE & as a complementary glass of bubbles.



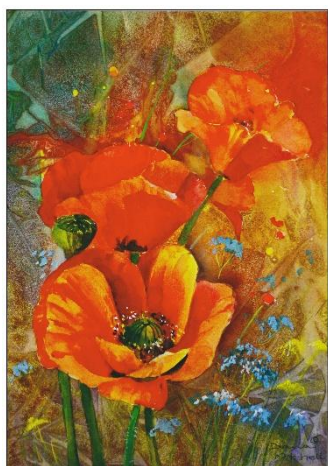
Diana is a highly respected artist and luckily, a Village resident. Spring High Tea is available at 1:00pm. Great country drive.

Monday 3rd November. Inter-Village Bowling Competition held on our Bowling Green. The opposition is 'The Sands Team' from the Lifestyle Village Seaford. They have been extremely successful of late, but our local squad of highly trained and competent players will have their match. Come along at 10:30am and show your support at the start of hostilities. Tea & coffee available in the Club house. Free seating!

Tuesday 4th November is Melbourne Cup Day. The Community Hall will be a hub of excitement and frivolity from around 12:00-12:30pm onwards. The Tavern will be open, a sweep or two for the punters, and other exciting games to be played. Prizes for the best dressed male & female. Melbourne Cup Luncheon will be a shared lunch, so please bring a plate for sharing.

Saturday 8th November. National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. You know where!

Tuesday 11th November. We will commemorate Remembrance Day. Morning tea will be available from 10:30am. At 11:00am, a minute's silence will be observed for the fallen, and "*We will remember them*"! The Tavern will be open at noon, and a special BBQ'd meat meal provided. Please assist with a small plate of salad or dessert to be shared.



It is necessary to note your intention on the attendance sheet on the notice board.

Di Mitchell has again generously donated one of her terrific prints for the raffle on the day. We thank you Di!

Thursday 13th November. The newly formed Photography Group, meeting in the Hall at 1:00pm for an hour or two. All interested residents are very welcome. In time, there will be photos displayed. A big thanks to those who have generously donated some great cameras & gear to the group.

Saturday 22nd November. Time to assist with all the others to put up the Christmas decorations in the Community Hall, Lounge and Entranceway. Pop in & give a hand and a little time between 10am - Noon. Kettle will be on. Thanks.

Tuesday 25th November. Morning Tea now on Thursday 27th see below.↓

Thursday 27th November at 1:00pm the Billiards Room will host the second bi-monthly 'Men's Group' Village Snooker Championship.



This magnificent trophy is available for the Title holder, each competition. This will be awarded to the most 'deserving' and not necessarily the best player. Everyone's a winner! No entry fee – it's fun & free!

Thursday 27th November will be a 'special' Morning Tea with a guest speaker Janet Leitch OAM. Her presentation will focus on her walking pilgrimages.

Janet is the founding Chairman of the Australian Friends of the Camino, the Camino being a pilgrimage through Europe ending in Northwest Spain. In 2014/15 she spent 12 months walking in excess of 5,500 kms around Europe, both on the Camino and on other paths. Since her first Camino in 2005 she has walked around 19,000 kms on 25 different pilgrimage paths in Spain, France, Italy, Germany and the UK. In 2018, she spent four months walking the Via Romea Germanica from Stade (near Hamburg) to Rome and in 2019 spent several weeks walking the Kumano Kodo one of the pilgrimage routes in Japan. Post Covid, in September 2022, she walked the Camino Olvidado in Spain, returning in December to walk several shorter journeys in Spain and Portugal and in 2023 she walked the Camino Portuguese.



Janet has pursued her love of music as a pianist, music teacher, and choir trainer. She continues using her musical skills, playing in her local church and in the wider community, and singing in the many churches she passes while on the Camino. Janet has many interests and has been an active volunteer in the community throughout her life. She is a retired volunteer with the Scout movement. She has been a member of Toastmasters for over 30 years and is a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM).

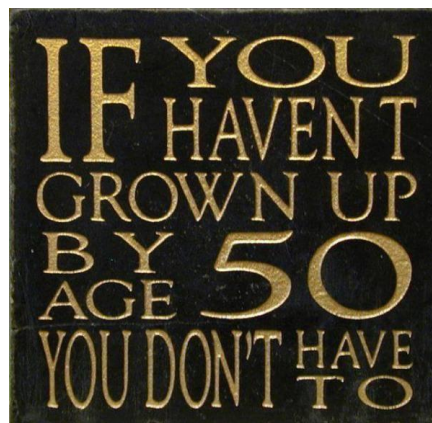
Thursday 27th-30th November. bp Adelaide Grand Final – Supercars. Victoria Park.

- **Fridays' Happy Hour** of course, continue with warmer weather beginning to bring bigger crowds. Thanks to the volunteers who give their time to make it all happen. And there are Raffles and prizes, all good!
- These events are important for all of us to embrace the social interaction.

Special Advance Notice.

On **Tuesday morning 2nd December**, a combined presentation by the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), Country Fire Service (CFS), on 'Home and Bushfire Safety' will take place in the Community Hall.

It is imperative that as many Residents attend as possible, as this is an important topic for all of us! Tea & coffee & biscuits. Convenor Kathy Gillespie. More to come.



More of More.

Brian Penny, one of the Village lawn bowlers is celebrating 25 years as a coach. Brian obtained his Bowls Australia accreditation in 2000, when he was the President of the Woodside Club. In 2015 together with assistance from his wife Ann, they entered 7 pupils from the Goolwa Primary School into the State Primary School Championship (SAPSASA), played at the Lockleys Bowling Club.

This team was elated to win 2 Silver Medals, which were later presented at a school assembly.



That same year, Brian also coached a 15-year-old girl to win a Silver Medal in the National under 18's triples competition played in Perth. After having played Pennant bowls for 40 years, Brian and Ann now just enjoy a less competitive game of social bowls on our Village green.

Congratulations to Brian on his achievement, and of course, to Ann for her support.

** Background info supplied by Brian Penny*

Lawn Bowls Report for November 2025.

Lawn Bowls Inter- Village Competition. Monday Morning-3rd November.

Another reminder, all residents are warmly invited to come and support our bowlers in the upcoming Inter-Village Bowling Competition. This event promises a friendly atmosphere and a great opportunity to meet residents from 'The Sands Lifestyle Village'. Grant Bell will be leading our Team once again, with Victory in their sights. Tea & coffee for a 10:30am start. Of course, this is weather permitting!

Good bowling. Grant Bell U31 or #831

Christmas Dinner

Sunday 7th December

5.30 for 6.00pm

Complimentary Drink on Arrival



The Residents' Committee invites you to celebrate the Festive Season with your community.
The meal is being provided by Nicole at the Olive Branch Café, Balhannah.

\$25.00 per person

Please complete the registration form on the notice board and tick your meal preferences for catering purposes.

RSVP will be required by Tuesday 25th November 2025

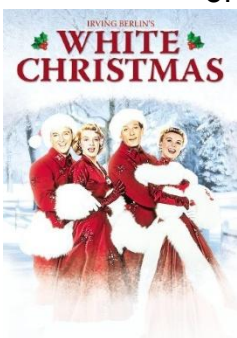
Sorry no late bookings.

Please note: There can be no refund for non-attendance.

If you wish to participate in the Kris Kringle on the night, please take your \$10 Secret Santa gift and place in the boxes provided in the Community Lounge.
(Female buys for Her and Male buys for Him)

Your Formal Christmas Dinner Invitation, including payment details, will be delivered to your letterbox shortly.

The Christmas Dinner will be followed by a very 'Special Christmas Morning Tea' on **Tuesday 9th December** at 10:00am in the Community Hall.



This year's theme will be a 'White Christmas'.
Our very own Carol Schmidt will be catering for this special event.

"If you haven't been to one of our Special Christmas Morning Teas before, then you are in for a real treat".

I am not aware of any recent arrivals of new residents.

- Don't forget that an updated resident's phone list is available in the lounge table drawer. And one can be delivered to your letterbox if required.

Again, a reminder re 'The Shed', until we know the outcome, please hold on to any tools you may have, because they may be able to be integrated into usable items within the shed. So, don't get rid of anything from 'your shed' just yet please.

Of course, many of the regular Village activities will continue during November.

- * Lawn Bowls, * Morning Teas, * Croquet, * Knitting group,
- * Book Club, * Indoor Bowls, * Snooker, * Cards,
- * Art Classes with Annemarie, * Art & Craft, * Stretch & Balance.
- * No Bingo until Feb '26,
- * Please visit the library as there are new books available,
- * And more, check out the Calendar attached.

BIRTHDAY LIST FOR THIS NOVEMBER 2025



Stew McKenzie	08 th November
Jenny Pauley	09 th November
Wayne Paech	10 th November
Maurice Walters	16 th November
Gaye Rudiger	17 th November
Rosemary Williams	22 nd November



- Please let me know if you would like to be on this list.
- I may have missed you!

Should anyone like a copy of a photo from these Newsletters please email me, and conversely, should anyone NOT want their photo taken or published in this Newsletter please let me know.

This newsletter's production is funded via the various Residents' activities, thank you.
We have already printed well over 12,000 pages since Feb on the new printer!

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