



Spreading Christmas Cheer and Kindness

As the festive season approaches, I would like to extend gratitude and kindness to those who tirelessly work to deliver the activities, care, accommodation and services that we all enjoy.

I especially want to recognise our Staff and Resident Volunteers who have been on the front lines of our services and activities throughout the year. The amount of pace of legislative reform in Aged Care has been unprecedented this year, and our Staff have embraced the ever-growing number of changes and improvements with grace and good will. I am so proud of our team and the quality of care and service they provide.

We are all deeply grateful to Residents for freely choosing the Village as the place to live in Retirement and to our Community Care Clients for engaging Village Baxter to provide care and support. There are so many alternatives in Retirement living, Aged and Community Care and many other great businesses and services providers in our area. The Board, our Management team and our Staff want to recognise and appreciate your trust in the Village.

Amidst the joy and merriment, it's crucial to remember that healthcare workers and community group volunteers often bear the brunt of challenging circumstances, including the ongoing pandemic. As we celebrate, please help the Village to meet our legal and ethical obligations to provide a psychologically safe workplace and avoid raising your voice and speaking aggressively toward our Staff and Volunteers. Ensuring a safe and healthy environment helps us to retain good people and attract new ones.

Christmas season is a time for joy and togetherness and there are so many opportunities to celebrate in the Village. Let us all take a moment this December to engage in the Village festivities and appreciate the moments of joy and connection with old friends and through making new ones. It is through participation, collective kindness and understanding that we can make this Christmas not only special for ourselves but also for fellow Residents and those who dedicate their lives to the well-being of others.

The birth of baby Jesus, transcending time, brought transformative change to the world. His arrival symbolised divine love and hope, with the world witnessing not only an historical event but a spiritual revolution that continues to shape hearts, minds, and the course of human history. This Christmas season I hope that the ripples of his birth and the optimism and joy it created, continue to extend into a future filled with promise and possibility. On behalf of the Board, Management and Staff, I wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of the season and a very Merry Christmas.



Warm regards

Kim Jackson
Chief Executive Officer



Announcements

⇒ *Welcome* ⇐

We welcome the following new Residents and wish them well in their new home.

Lynne Prescott—Unit 201

Rodger Schembri & Lynne Emery—Suite 307

Ron & Gabrielle Crosling—Suite 200J

⇒ *Congratulations* ⇐

The following Residents have achieved memorable years of occupancy.

10 Years

Jean O'Reilly

David O'Reilly

15 Years

20 Years

⇒ *Transfers* ⇐

The following residents have transferred within the ILU, to the Manor, an Apartment, or to the Community.
We wish them well in their new home.

Community

Jill Walton

Maureen McAskill

Isobel Van Nooten

Manor

Christina Robertson

Leon Knoop

Marjorie Mitchell

⇒ *In Memory* ⇐

Sadly, we advise the following residents have passed away and we extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends.

Wendy Ottoway— Suite 819B

Ida Gillin—Suite 839

Allison Jackson—Suite 849





FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER



Welcome to our December '23 edition of the Village Voice



"Christmas Festivities Across the Globe: A Global Celebration in Three Acts"

The magic of Christmas transcends borders, weaving a tapestry of joy that blankets the world in warmth and festivity. As December approaches, nations far and wide prepare to immerse themselves in unique and cherished traditions that make the holiday season truly special. Let's embark on a journey around the globe to discover three of the most popular Christmas celebrations in different countries.

Mexico: Las Posadas, Nochebuena, and Dia de los Santos Inocentes

In Mexico, the Christmas season kicks off with "Las Posadas," a nine-night celebration re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter. Families participate in processions, knocking on doors and singing traditional songs until they are welcomed inside. This is followed by "Nochebuena" on December 24th, when families gather for a festive dinner, often featuring traditional dishes like tamales and bacalao. The celebration culminates on December 28th with "Dia de los Santos Inocentes," Mexico's equivalent of April Fools' Day, marked by playful pranks and lighthearted mischief.

Japan: Illumination, KFC Christmas, and Christmas Cake

In Japan, where Christians make up a small percentage of the population, Christmas has taken on a unique and secular flair. One popular tradition is the mesmerizing "Illumination" displays that adorn cities with millions of twinkling lights. Another unexpected tradition is enjoying a Christmas feast from KFC. Due to a successful marketing campaign in the 1970s, many Japanese families indulge in a bucket of fried chicken as part of their Christmas celebration. Lastly, the iconic "Christmas Cake" is a must-have dessert, typically a sponge cake adorned with strawberries and whipped cream, symbolizing joy and festivity.

Sweden: Saint Lucia's Day, Julbord, and Donald Duck's Christmas

In Sweden, the Christmas season is heralded by Saint Lucia's Day on December 13th. Young girls dress in white robes with red sashes and crowns of candles, symbolizing light in the darkness. "Julbord," the traditional Christmas smorgasbord, takes centre stage on Christmas Eve, featuring a variety of dishes like pickled herring, meatballs, and the beloved Christmas ham. To cap off the evening, families gather around the television for a quirky tradition - watching Donald Duck's Christmas special, a beloved staple since the 1960s.

As we traverse the globe, it becomes evident that while the essence of Christmas remains universal – a time for family, love, and joy – the diverse traditions and customs make each celebration a unique reflection of cultural identity. From the spirited processions in Mexico to the luminous displays in Japan and the candlelit ceremonies of Sweden, Christmas manifests in a myriad of ways, connecting people across borders in a tapestry of shared joy and celebration. This holiday season, let's celebrate the rich diversity of Christmas traditions that make our world a truly magical place. So from my family to yours, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, however you celebrate, be kind, be grateful, and be mindful of some with no-one to share the day with. I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Dawn Tanner
Village Manager



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

25th December 12.00 -2.30 pm

\$80pp

BYO Drinks and glasses

APPETIZER

Prawn cocktail served with crispy lettuce, zesty cocktail sauce
or

Fresh homemade pumpkin soup with buttered French bread

MAIN COURSE

Succulent turkey, pork and honey-baked ham roasted to perfection
roast Potatoes

honey-baked pumpkin, cauliflower cheese and garden peas
roast gravy

or

homebaked vegetable Lasagne with fresh garden salad

DESSERT

Homemade Christmas pudding with brandy custard
or

homemade English sherry trifle

platters per table

Homemade minced pies and Christmas shortbread

Please pre-book with David in the cafe call 0481 045 582

or email mooneyskitchen@gmail.com

Full payment is required at the time of booking

Limited Seating

NOTICE BOARDS & MAILOUTS

Residents, please remember that all notices and signs need to be approved by management or your community centre receptionist before going onto the notice boards.

All bulk mailouts also require approval before going into mailboxes.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Regards, **Dawn Tanner** Village Manager



XMAS CRAFT SALE



On Friday December 8th, from 11am to 1.30pm, Robinsons Craft will be having a sale for Christmas. Weather permitting, we will hold the stall outside of Robinsons Centre.

We will have a vast array of Christmas and normal craft for sale. Please come along and support our efforts as the money made will be offered to the Village Nurses for their needs.

Thank you, hope to see you there.

Margaret Button - Craft Facilitator



BAKING RECIPE



Ruth's 'Easy' Plum Pudding

A very Healthy Pudding—if indeed there is such a one!)

6 Bananas—mashed with a fork
2 cups of bread crumbs—wholemeal
1 packet of mixed fruit—discard the packet
(That's all folks - apart from some 'good luck')

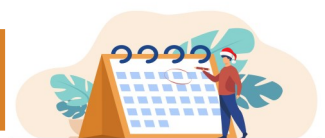
Thoroughly mix the three ingredients—place into a steamer or suitable bowl, and steam for 2.5hrs.

The pudding will keep in the fridge and may be reheated in the oven, in a covered dish
Enjoy!!.. It really does work.

Ruth Richardson Unit 6



2024 DIARY DATES



If you have regular Village Voice Diary Dates booked in and would like to continue for 2024, please see your Receptionist this month to obtain a new Activities Booking Form to secure your place for next year.

Anonymous Riddle

What outdoor sport must all Village residents play, whether they want to or not?

Answer: Dodge 'em Duck Poo



RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

By the time this arrives in our mailboxes, there is only about four weeks until Christmas. It's such a busy time of year with all of the celebrations we manage to fit in, not to mention the rich foods we consume, plus the shopping. It's a wonder we survive at all, but survive it we do. We're a pretty hardy bunch!!

Whatever you're doing, stay well and ENJOY.

Until next time, Cheers and Merry Christmas,

Marlene McKenzie

President

Diary Dates for December

Saturday 9th – RA Morning Tea, Parkside 10.00 – 11.30am

Wednesday 13th – Tyre Pumping, Clarke back verandah, 9.00 – 9.30am

Wednesday 20th – RA General Meeting, Clarke 1.30pm



SCOOTER TYRE PUMPING



Dean from Mobility Help will be at Clarke Centre on the back verandah on **Wednesday 13 December for Tyre Pumping between 9am - 9.30am.**

Pete's Jokes for December

A guy wants a divorce. He tells the Judge "I just can't take it anymore. Every night she's out until way after midnight, just going from bar to bar". The Judge asks, "What's she doing?" The guy answers, "Looking for me".

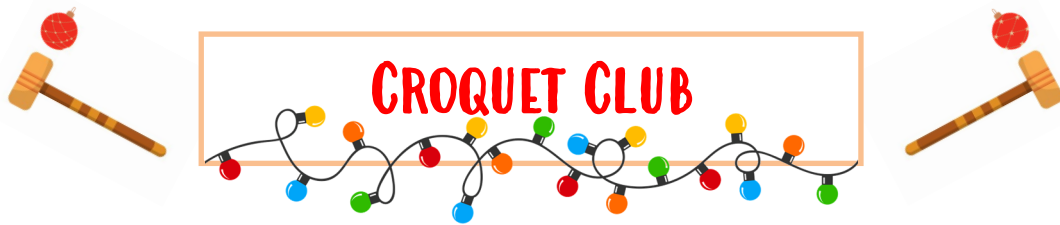
I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes.... She hugged me.

Marriage is a relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband.



A Reminder to all RESIDENTS, VISITORS, FAMILY MEMBERS, STAFF AND CONTRACTORS. The Village has a strict speed limit of 20km/h

We would appreciate everyone respecting this; we would like to keep everyone safe!



The Village Baxter Croquet Club recently held the final of their Competition for 2023. The games played over four weeks were of an exceptionally high standard.

The final was played between Vic Walker and Jan Waring. The winner was Vic Walker 7-5. It looked as if it was going to be a draw and then the 13th hoop would have been played. Congratulations to both players on an excellent game.

We all enjoyed a lovely Presentation Lunch on Saturday 18th November.

Champion Croquet Player for 2023 Vic Walker, with Glenda Baker, President.

From now until the new year we will play social games.

We would like to thank Steve from the Village Maintenance, lawn mowing team for keeping our green in tip top condition throughout the year. It was excellent for our final's games. We appreciate all Steve does to look after our green.

We have also enjoyed a lovely Cup Day Party and we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch, on the 9th December.



We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Glenda Baker
President/Secretary



Christmas lodgement dates - AUSPOST

Australia post are recommending lodgement by the following dates for delivery within most states in Australia by Christmas Parcel Post: Tuesday 19 December

- Express Post: Thursday 21 December
- StarTrack Premium and Express: Thursday 21 December

For more detailed state & overseas breakdowns (please visit the Australia post website below)

<https://auspost.com.au/sending/christmas-sending-dates>

For both domestic and international destinations, items sent after these dates will be delivered as quickly as possible, but they may not arrive until after Christmas.



VEGGIE GROUP

The weather is slowly warming up. No doubt soon we will be wishing for a cool change and a bit of rain so I guess we enjoy the beautiful days we are having now.

You may have noticed that some of the citrus trees have been pruned as shown in the photo here. At the best of times, it is a challenging task for a young person and Doug A. has been just the man for it. Thanks Doug. Any offers to help him?

As you are aware each week, we pick vegetables from our various patches. Lesley and Chris pick up the vegetables and carefully pack them in their nice, clean car - not sure it stays that way - and take them to the Kiosk where Lesley gets to work putting them on display ready for sale.



The funds from the Kiosk this year have been used to purchase seedlings, seeds and other garden needs as well as funding the raising of several garden beds.

Photos here show the vegetables all packed before being collected and Annsley and Maurice cleaning and sorting spring onions.



Whilst there are a couple of us who get down and dirty in the patch Wayne has just planted snow peas along the trellis and now has the unenviable job of trying to weed them. He is greatly appreciated. Once again, we would appreciate any help from folk, even just for 5 minutes.



It seems that nobody was willing to give my YAKON a try so I ended up having it mixed with rhubarb for breakfast and then mixed in with my veggies at night. It was Yummy. I have next year's crop in already and it's looking good!

You may have noticed the arrival of a large green dump bin near our wooden compost bin area. All garden rubbish that cannot be composted can now go directly into this bin.

If you wish to have a garden bed, or just become involved, please feel free to contact me or drop by the Veggie Patch on Monday morning.

Regards
Norm Eyers (U935)



**COME AND ENJOY
A GAME OF SNOOKER**
All are Welcome

Where: Robinsons Centre
When: Every Thursday
Time: 2pm - 4pm

**Come and have a fun time -
let us teach you how
to play a game of snooker**

Birthday Celebrations
101 years old !!!

Betty Van Nooten who celebrated her 101st birthday recently, is in photo at Mornington Peninsula Legacy House celebrating Legacy's Centenary this year.

Betty says it's time to move out of her unit, leaving the Village to go into The Grange, Racecourse Rd.

Congratulations Betty! What a milestone!



Submitted by: Norm & Marian Eyers

VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

INVITATION for resident volunteers

to assist in repainting fixed seats, signage and light poles throughout the Village. If you would like to be part of a small team of residents sprucing up our Village,

please contact Dawn Tanner Village Manager P: 5971 6318 E: villagemanager@villagebaxter.com for more information.



VILLAGE XMAS PARCEL DELIVERIES



If you are expecting a parcel, they all get delivered to the admin reception.
Smaller parcels usually arrive first thing in the morning and larger ones later in the afternoon.
(1pm – 3.30pm)

Smaller parcels are delivered via your letterbox in the community centres but larger parcels need to be collected by residents or a family member from main reception in the admin building.

The admin receptionist will call you to let you know there is one waiting for you to collect between 8am and 4pm

Thank you



SOCIAL GROUP



Social Club December Dates

Roundabout café 6th and 20th

Village café 14th and 28th

As my phone hasn't rung regarding the Sky Diving, I can only assume that there is no interest. Maybe it was just pie in the sky. Hot Air Ballooning has been suggested but I don't hold out much hope for that either. What sort of pie in the sky would you need if you did it?

Some of our group went on the Murray River Cruise and a good time was had by all. Some rumours have come to my attention about this trip, but my lips are sealed, a confidence is not to be broken and I do NOT, under any circumstances, break that confidence. Offers have been made regarding accommodation arrangement for next year's trip, but once again I will not divulge the details.

Having said all that, it has been known, under certain circumstances, pressures and inducements, like a bottle of Grange, my tongue can become a bit loose. Who said I was cheap; my taste is getting more expensive as I mature, like cheese and wine. Just saying.....

Bob Peachey (266) 0490 552 847 or 5971 5291



Christmas Greetings to all our fans out there!

Thank you for the encouragement you have given us this year.

We have performed at two Market Days, and at Open Day. The Open Day audience contributed \$86 (which was topped up to \$100 and sent to the Green Gecko Orphanage in Cambodia.)

Several gigs at the Day Care Centre have been great fun with lots of audience participation. We look forward to a Christmas Special on December 8th. Keep dancing Anne Maree!

Robyn's Christmas Sing-a-long and Party, Sunday December 10th, will be our last gig for 2023.. but...watch out for us at Bunnings in the New Year.

A special shout out to Graeme who encourages us to learn even more new chords and Marg who plays uke. Both live outside the Village and trek in each Friday.

We are always ready for new Uke players and guitarists so get in touch if you are interested.



Robyn Thatcher 0412 331 011
Audrey Mutton 0480 105 701



Merry Christmas to all Villagers from the Bowling Club members

Indoor Bowls

The Indoor bowlers have had mixed attendances recently, but those attending are fully enjoying their time together on the mats and having a chit chat. If you are new to the Village or just want to join in the fun, please contact Joan Reilly, or Maureen Brett, or just front up on a Monday or ask the duty hostess. Action starts from about 1.00 – 1.15pm. Afternoon tea is provided.



Just come and get involved

Social Outdoor Bowls

Correction - Bowlers, please note: - games will start at 10.30am (bring your lunch), from January 2024.

Cup Day at the Bowl



Over 35 members enjoyed our Cup Day fun at the Bowl with a single game before a sumptuous lunch of chicken, potatoes and salad, followed by a dessert. The Social Committee Ladies again did a wonderful job on the day. Michael & Fleur McCrae conducted the sweeps (5 sweeps) after which the winners went home happy and all the others just enjoyed themselves.

Webpage – <https://baxtervillage.bowls.com.au>

The Village Baxter Bowls webpage is up and running. Our aim is to keep members aware of what is happening at the “Club” and have a place where members can access important club information. The 'Members Only Information' is password protected. The password can be obtained from Michael McCrae, 59728990, or John Fraser 0407 323 089.

FYI – Bowls Show on TV

For those interested, great bowling can be viewed on Sundays at 3.00pm on channel 72 and is repeated on Wednesdays at 2.30pm

Twilight Bowls

“Twilight Bowls” evenings for the balance of the season are listed below:

<i>December</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>18th</i>

Bowling Club cont....

Staff v Bowlers Event

Unfortunately the fun Staff v Bowlers Challenge evening planned for 16th Nov. had to be postponed due to the current outbreak of Covid.

Pennant Season Update

The 2023/24 Tuesday Pennant Season has had its ups and downs and here are the latest results since our first advice. Please note, our results can be viewed on the notice board in either the east entry to Clarke Centre or on the Green Room notice board.

Rd1 win to Main Ridge.

Rd4 loss to Mornington Civic.

Rd2 loss to Beleura Retirement Village.

Rd5 loss to Koo Wee Rup 1 up 2 down

Rd3 loss to Blue Hills Retirement Village.

Calendar - Upcoming Events for Members 2023/24.

2023 *Twilight Bowls.* Has begun, see flyers around the village for dates.
Christmas Dinner 14th December – Clarke Centre + entertainment) - \$30.00.

2024 *1st February – Pizza Night - \$10.00*

Coaching Tips

Gripping a bowl. A key aim of bowling is to deliver the bowl close to the jack on its running surface. Your grip needs to feel comfortable in your hand and held in such a way as to best achieve your aim. Usually, the tip of the second finger should be in a central position under the bowl or the running side of the bowl with the rest of your fingers spread comfortably astride of the second finger. Your thumb is placed in a comfortable position on the side of the bowl.

Bowlers – Be Patient and Persevere – it does take time to master the skills.

Indoor Bowls

Contacts Joan Reilly or Maureen Brett.
Coaching by arrangement
Refer Centre Notice Boards, or ask the Hostess.
Bowls - Mondays at 1.15pm in the Clarke Centre -
check notice board for details of times and any
changes.

Outdoor Bowls

Contact : The President, or Secretary
Coaching: By appointment.
Refer Centre Notice Boards
Social Bowls: Saturdays & Tuesdays - check
notice board for details of times and any changes.

Much more than just a Bowling Club!





Village Baxter Free Bus Mystery Trip



Mystery Trips are held on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday afternoon of the month.

The bus driver decides on where you will go on the day, making sure it is somewhere with toilet facilities and a café close by if you would like to buy your afternoon tea instead of bringing it.

Please arrive by 12.45pm for collection at Clarke and Manning Centres.

You are usually back at the Village between 4pm-5pm.

Please book with the Clarke or Robinsons Community Centre Receptionists, as seating is limited.



RESIDENTS' WORKSHOP



HOME PROJECTS

The workshop is generally open between the hours of 9:30am – 12:00 noon

Located near the Greenhouse/Veggie patch

*Contacts: **Don Hunt 0427 597 132 or Graham Wilson 5971 2536.***

Visit the workshop and speak to the members about your requirements.

Do you want to join the group? Do you need assistance completing a project or simple repairs?

Join the...

Village Baxter Computer Club



A fun, friendly environment for residents new to Tablets, Smartphones & Computers, or for those just wishing to update their knowledge or solve a problem.

**We meet every 4th Tuesday
at Parkside, from 2pm - 4pm
with a break for refreshments.**

For Windows or Android help:
please call John on 5971 6833.

For iPad/iPhone help call Chris on 5971 6865.

Annual membership is only \$20 and includes access to the internet in all community centres.

Call for more details or email: cclinic3@gmail.com



VILLAGE BAXTER RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE



Report for Village Voice December 2023

Meeting held on 10th November 2023

Thanks was expressed to CEO Kim Jackson for attending the meeting.

Progress reports on-going projects were received -

Survey of mobility scooter safety issues. (Marie Newton)

Survey of Footpaths & Crossings. (David Tennant)

On-going items were noted –

Electric Vehicle Fire Risk Mitigation advice.

Croquet lawn garden replanting still in progress.

Grant Centre development - Management is still waiting Council approval.

Editing of Activities Welcome Kit is proceeding.

Response from BVB Board with regards to Auditor.

Maintenance items raised –

Clarification of the process for maintaining outdoor seating.

The condition of some carports is of concern and require planned maintenance program.

Poor condition of some signs displaying unit numbers.

Lawn clippings are left in open areas and not being dispersed.

Outdoor lights may need rust protection and/or re-painting.

Other items discussed -

The feasibility of flex panels as an alternative for bin storage screening was tabled.

It was noted that garages and carports are charged a yearly fee. This provides an incentive for carports to be vacated when no longer needed.

Cash for Cans – the feasibility of money raising, similar to the Newspaper collection program was raised.

New software for Resident's records is being implemented which has the capability to print current information for each resident. This should be available by April 2024.

Café management change is encouraging.

Concerns for units without Air Conditioners - Residents can submit an Alteration and Additions form via their receptionist to have an A/C installed. The Village does not offer any payment plans, or equity deductions. It was suggested that a Village Voice article be prepared setting out possible loans available.

Finance report for October was presented.

Des Stewart - VBRC President

FOOTPATHS - Resident Feedback requested.

The VBRC welcomes feedback from Residents on any issues or concerns you have when using our Village footpaths and footpath crossovers (going over a gutter to cross a road).

Please provide either verbal or written feedback through:- 1. any VBRC member or 2. or your Receptionist

The feedback received will be discussed at a VBRC meeting with Management.

VBRC MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS: A reminder that VBRC members are available at the end of Residents' Association Monthly Meetings to meet with residents to discuss any issues.

Robyn's Christmas Sing A Long
2.00pm on Sunday 10th December 2023
@ The Clarke Centre Hall

Please bring food to share
and liquid refreshment
if desired



Kris Kringle on the Day

Please bring a
wrapped gift up to the
value of \$10.00,
if you wish to participate

Come Along!

Everyone Welcome!

The More The Merrier!

RSVP by Friday 8th December 2023

Please call Robyn Thatcher 0412 331 011

or pop a note into her mailbox ILU 281



CLARKE CENTRE KIOSK

The Kiosk is open Monday to Friday

9.30am – 11.30am

Selling a variety of goods including:-

Eggs, Milk, Bread, Frozen and Dairy items and fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables supplied by the Village Veggie Gardens.

Just a reminder we are looking for Volunteers either 2 hours a week, fortnight or month.

Please call **June Austin 5971 1780** or **Lesley McMillan 5971 6865** for more details.



BOOK GROUP

Book Group 2023

Enjoy reading ? Like sharing your thoughts ?

Small group meeting monthly & a new book each time.

You choose from a wide book selection.

4th Wednesday of the month @ 3pm to 4.30pm in Parkside

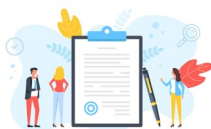
Contact Neil or Sandra Graham 5972 8941



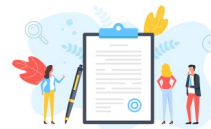
THINGS TO PLANT IN DECEMBER

Amaranth, Basil, Beans, Beetroot, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrot, Chicory, Chilli, Chives, Coriander, Cucumber, Eggplant, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Okra, Oregano, Parsley, Parsnip, Pumpkin, Radish, Rhubarb (crowns), Rocket, Rockmelon, Salsify, Siverbeet, Squash, Sunflower, Sweet Corn, Tomato, Watermelon, Zucchini

List taken from: <https://www.yummygardensmelbourne.com/summer-vegetable-garden.html>



BY-LAWS OF THE MONTH



If you'd like to brush up on your Village By-Laws, they can be found on our Website at the link below

<https://www.villagebaxter.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Bylaws-2018.pdf>

by scanning the QR code, or in your copy of your Lease Agreement.



15 — GUESTS STAYING IN VILLAGE

The Resident shall not permit any person to occupy the Premises for any aggregate period longer than four weeks in any twelve months without the prior consent of BVB. During this time the Resident shall also reside on the Premises unless BVB consents to his absence.

16 — VISITORS

Residents are encouraged to have their family and friends within the Village, but are requested to ask their guests to show full consideration for the common areas and for the safety and property of residents.

VILLAGE RESIDENTS RIVER CRUISE

On 5th November, 18 residents' here at the village departed for a Murray River Cruise on the Proud Mary in South Australia. We were picked up by coach at 7.20am and taken to Melbourne Airport for a flight to Adelaide where we were met by our tour guide.

After driving to the Mount Lofty Summit and seeing views of the Adelaide skyline we stopped at Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement for some shopping and lunch, followed by a sight seeing tour of the city of Adelaide. Our guide hardly had time to take a breath, busily giving us the historical background to our surroundings.

We then made our way by coach to Murray Bridge where we were met by the crew of the Proud Mary, who took each of us and our luggage to our cabins. We enjoyed our supper as we motored along the river, floodlights illuminating the shoreline.

On our cruise we saw lots of bird life and passed beautiful lagoons. At Mannum we had a history tour of the town. At Walker flat we had a nocturnal tour by coach to see kangaroos and wombats. A wildlife carer came on board with three baby wombats that we all had the chance to pat and see up close. It was just magical. We cruised on to Swan Reach where we disembarked to meet a local guide and visited the Costa Brothers' Almond farm.

At Sugar shack we did an environmental discovery walk. That afternoon we enjoyed a ride on the boat's tender with an environmentalist. The same day we had a Barbecue tea on the river bank with a campfire and entertainer playing Australian country music. Next we visited Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal conservation area where we met local aborigines to see and learn about their history.

Our last visit was to Mypolonga primary school where we were invited to see the school's enterprise project. They had set up a shop using local produce, making chocolate apricots, handmade items and local crafters' goods to sell to the tourists. The older children had to keep the accounts and balances in order.



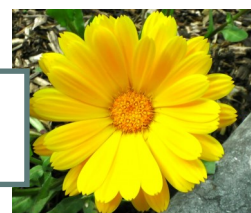
All the meals we enjoyed were excellent and I am sure we all brought a couple of extra pounds home with us.

We finished our trip with a night at the Hilton hotel in Adelaide before flying home on the following Saturday; exhausted but very happy with the holiday and having made closer friendships with other residents.

Sheila Wildish



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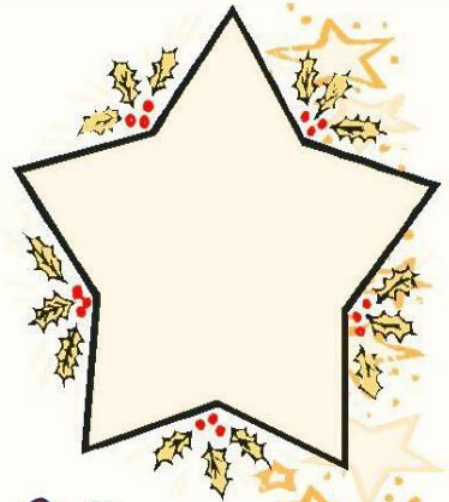


The Mornington Wanderers Ulysses Club and "Food for all" group who accept the gifts and distribute them across the peninsula, would like to sincerely thank everyone at Village Baxter who have supported the need to care for those less fortunate at Christmas time.

Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated.

Thanks Baron

**The Village Baxter Church
invite you to come and enjoy
singing and celebrating
Christmas together at**



**Carols in the Chapel
Christmas Eve**

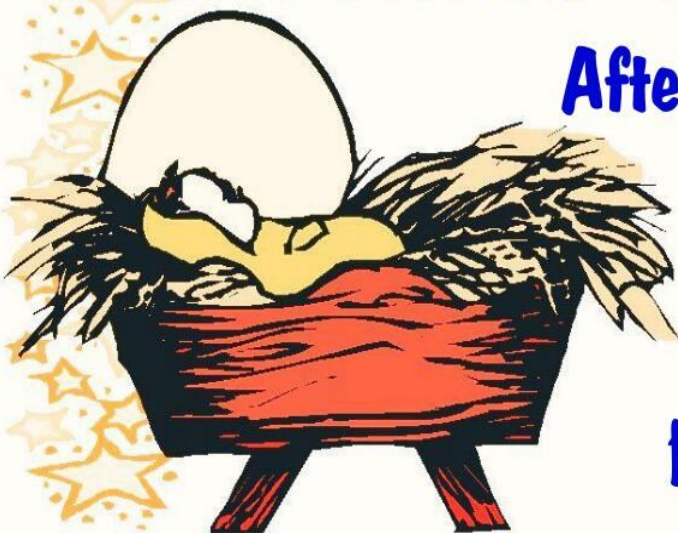
Sunday 24th December

at 6.30 pm

Guest soloist: Karen Hooper

**Afterwards: Share in a
cuppa & cake.**

**Clarke Centre Bus
pick up at 6.10 pm**





CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP



On Sunday 12th November we were entertained by “Sound Waves”, seven talented musicians who performed a great variety of international themes. It was a moving rendition from the local vocal ensemble and the afternoon was well received and appreciated by all who attended.

The Shed Op Shop

The Shed will be open in December on Friday 1st & 8th. It will then be closed all of January and reopen on February 2nd 2024. We take this opportunity to thank all the Shed Team for their dedicated work throughout the year. There is a lot of work that takes place outside opening hours and they do an amazing job keeping the Shed open. Come in and have a browse before Christmas. You never know what treasure you can find!

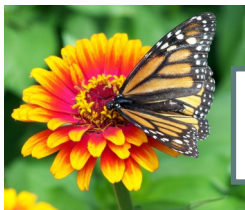
If you have goods for the Shed, please phone Maree or Bernie on 5971 4079, and they will advise you what items are acceptable and when they may be delivered to the Shed.

Our next meeting will be held on February 7th 2024. Newcomers are very welcome. We go through our program for the coming month and share ideas. We have a short devotional and prayer time followed by afternoon tea and a quiz.

We are very encouraged with the support the CSG has received this year. All funds received go to support our Chaplains Rod Wilson & Janine Ryan. They are both available to everyone in the Village. If you have any need for pastoral care or would like a visit, please feel free to contact them at any time.

The CSG would like to send our warmest greetings to all residents in the Village.

Irene McGladdery
Secretary



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Sincerely
Elaine Castletine Jackson



Have something that you would like to share? Want to thank someone?

Have any feedback?

Please send your submissions, photos, and feedback to

newsletter@villagebaxter.com

or you can also drop off a note to your Community Centre Receptionist.



FROM THE CHAPLAINS

It's Christmas and "O come all ye faithful" is rattling round in my head....

It's a well known Christmas carol, but one line intrigues me more than the others;

"O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord"

Adore means 'love and respect deeply', but it also means 'Worship'.

In a world where people seem to worship and adore anything, I am inclined to say that the only person I want to worship is Jesus.

The Christmas story is a miracle in itself; Kings following a star to find a child, a virgin having a baby, and attempts by another to kill the child all seem rather far-fetched.

But this is no ordinary child, this is the Son of God himself, and the miraculous beginning is only surpassed by the incredible ending; the death and resurrection of this child, who became the man who would sacrifice Himself for us.

We celebrate Christmas as Christians, because we want to thank God for sending His one and only Son to die for us, and reconcile us to Himself.

The carols we sing, not only worship God but remind us that Jesus was born for one purpose and one purpose only; to redeem the whole of mankind from beginning to end. Every person who has ever lived, and who will ever live, has been reconciled to God in the death and resurrection of Christ.

That is the most amazing and most important story ever to be told.

That's why we keep telling it each year; to remind ourselves of the reason Jesus came, and to celebrate what He has done for everyone!

I love Christmas. I love taking time to remind those I love of how much they mean to me, and sharing in the celebration meals and events with them. But I am reminded that it is in giving that we receive, and the greatest gift ever given was a baby boy named Jesus. The gift from God no one saw coming, and a life given that no one knew we needed.

I hope as you celebrate Christmas, that in all the festivities and activities you enjoy, that you will find the "reason for the season" in your hearts, and in your thanks.

May the gift of God's Son be the reason you have joy, and hope for the coming year.

God bless you and those you love with His blessings in 2024.

Rod Wilson

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New Years Day - Mon. 1 Jan.

**Deadline for Submissions for the next
Village Voice**

Friday 15 December '23

Please send submissions to

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Late submissions will be held for the next month's edition.



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DIARY DATES – December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>New Years' Eve</p> <p>10am - Church Service (CH)</p>			<p>DISCLAIMER Dates & Events are correct at time of Deadline. 20/11/2023</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9am - 4pm Craft (RC) 12noon – 1pm Chair Yoga (C) 1.15 - 3.45pm Village Strummers (P) 2 - 3.30pm Finding Our Feet (C) 2 - 4pm The Shed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am –12noon Croquet (M) 12.30pm Outdoor Bowls (C) 1 - 5pm Cards-500 (CC)</p>
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<p>10</p> <p>10am - Church Service (CH) 2 – 4pm Christmas Carols - Sing Along with Robyn (C)</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>7am – Veggie Group (VS) 9am - 4pm Craft (CC) 11am - 12noon Exercises with Noriko (C) 1-4pm Book Club (P) 1pm Indoor Bowls (C) 2pm Cards - Continental Rummy "May I" (P) 1.30pm Crazy Whist (CG) 2 - 4.30pm Croquet (M)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - 3pm Art (DCA) 12.30pm Outdoor Bowls (C) 2pm Computer Clinic (P)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 – 9.30am Tyre Pumping (Clarke back verandah) 10 – 11.am Fresh & Frozen Fish (Clarke Centre Carpark) 10.15 -11.15am Line Dancing (C) 12.45pm Mystery Bus Tour (C) and (M)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7am Veggie Group (VS) 9am - 3pm Pottery (DCA) 11am - 3pm Crafty Critters (P) 2 - 4pm Snooker (R) 2 - 4.30pm Darts (R)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am - 4pm Craft (RC) 12noon – 1pm Chair Yoga (C) 1.15 - 3.45pm Village Strummers (P) 2 - 3.30pm Finding Our Feet (C) 4pm-9pm – Twilight Bowls (C)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am - 12noon Croquet (M) 12.30pm Outdoor Bowls (C) 1 - 5pm Cards-500 (CC)</p>

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<p>24</p> <p>10am - Church Service (CH)</p> <p>7pm – CAROLS AT THE CHAPEL</p> 	<p>25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Christmas Day Church Service</p> 	<p>26 Boxing Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Holiday</p> <p>9am - 3pm Art (DCA)</p> <p>12.30pm Outdoor Bowls (C)</p> <p>1pm – 5pm Canasta (M)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7am Veggie Group (VS)</p> <p>9am-3pm Pottery DCA)</p> <p>2pm-4pm Snooker (R)</p> <p>2pm-4.30pm Darts (R)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am - 4pm Craft (RC)</p> <p>1.15 - 3.45pm Village Strummers (P)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am-12noon Croquet (M)</p> <p>12.30pm Outdoor Bowls (C)</p>

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Church Services

SUN – Village Church (includes Communion 1st Sunday each month) **10am – Chapel (non-denominational)**

Wed – Devotions **9.30am - Clarke Centre**

3rd Thurs – Uniting Church – Communion **2:30pm - Parkside**

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To place something in the Diary Dates or Classifieds contact the Village Coordinator at 5971 6364 or at villagecoordinator@villagebaxter.com

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