

## Welcome to 2024

As we step together into 2024, I am excited to begin another year at the Village, filled with possibilities, connections and a pathway forward that is ours to build together.

It is a wonderful time to be living and working in Aged Care, Community Care, and Retirement Living. Our industry is being transformed by a new generation of Clients, Residents, Workers and Government reforms that are shaping our bright and promising future.

This year will see a new Aged Care Act raise standards and increase transparency across Government funded Aged and Community Care Services. These improvements will naturally flow through to retirement living and how Australia supports older people in their retirement. Our commitment to providing compassionate and personalised accommodation, care and services remains unwavering.

At Village Baxter in 2024, we continue to make progress on the long term redevelopment of older units, expand our over 55's volunteer program in partnership with Centrelink, complete a review we began in 2023 that measures our policies, procedures and processes against the Australia Retirement Village Standards and the new Aged Care Quality and Safety Standards, further develop our Safety, Training, Engagement, Pathways and Support (STEPS) programs for our Staff, and continue to explore wellness initiatives and nurturing a vibrant community spirit across all areas of our operations. We will continue to create opportunities and an environment where every client and resident can feel valued, engaged, and truly at home.

As we navigate through 2024, let's take a moment to appreciate the rich tapestry of history and the threads that connect us across time. Beyond the borders of the Village, 2024 is a leap year, an Olympic year that sees the Olympics return to Paris 100 years after they last hosted in 1924. Our electorate of Dunkley will celebrate 40 years since it was first formed in 1984, however it will also sadly be an unexpected election year with the recent passing of Peta Murphy MP.

As we embrace the opportunities and challenges of 2024, let us "leap" forward with a sense of community, resilience, and optimism. Together, we can make this year one of growth, connection, and special moments.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and a joyous year ahead. Kim Jackson. Chief Executive Officer.





## Announcements

### ⇒ *Welcome* ⇐

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

### ⇒ *Congratulations* ⇐

The following Residents have achieved memorable years of occupancy.

#### ***10 Years***

Gloria & Roy Seabridge  
Anne & Harry Jones  
June & Sidney Austin

Monica Dick  
Mary McDonald

#### ***25 Years***

Patricia Berghouse

### ⇒ *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***

#### ***Manor***

### ⇒ *In Memory* ⇐

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

Judith Matthews—Suite 818

Ann Collinson—Suite 826





## FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER



*Welcome to our January 2024 edition of the Village Voice*

***Happy New Year!***

### ***New Year's Resolutions & the Down Under Celebration Australia Day***

As the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, people around the world gather to bid farewell to the old and welcome the new with a fervor that transcends cultural boundaries. Among the universal traditions is the practice of making New Year's resolutions, those well-intentioned promises we make to ourselves in the pursuit of self-improvement. But before we delve into the intriguing world of resolutions, let's take a journey Down Under to explore Australia Day.

#### **Australia Day: A Sunburnt Celebration**

Australia Day, celebrated on 26th January, holds a special place in the hearts of Aussies. The date commemorates the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788, marking the inception of British settlement in Australia. For many, it's a day to reflect on the nation's rich history, diverse culture, and the unique Aussie spirit that sets them apart.

#### **The Essence of Australia Day**

Australia Day is more than just a historical milestone; it's a celebration of our national identity, a time to embrace the laid-back lifestyle and the camaraderie that defines the land Down Under. Barbecues, beach outings, and cricket matches are as integral to the day as the dazzling fireworks that light up the night sky. Australians take pride in their nation's accomplishments, from iconic landmarks to a world-renowned sense of humor.

#### **New Year, New Me: Resolutions with an Aussie Twist**

Now, let's shift our gaze back to New Year's resolutions, those promises we make as the clock strikes twelve. In Australia, the tradition of resolutions is as commonplace as throwing another shrimp on the barbie. Aussies may humorously pledge to become more adept at dodging kangaroos on the road or mastering the art of Vegemite spreading – a skill that often eludes even the most seasoned breakfast aficionados.

#### **A Humorous Approach to Self-Improvement**

While the rest of the world may resolve to hit the gym or learn a new language, Australians add a pinch of humor to their aspirations. Picture this: a resolution to perfect the art of reverse parking with the precision of a Sydney taxi driver or to finally decipher the mysterious language of drop bears – the legendary, albeit fictional, tree-dwelling creatures that Aussies love to tease unsuspecting tourists about.

In the spirit of mateship, Australians approach resolutions with a light-hearted touch, understanding that the journey towards self-improvement is just as important as the destination. So, as the sun sets on Australia Day, let's toast to the unique blend of history, humor, and harmony that makes this day truly Down Under. Cheers to resolutions, Vegemite mastery, and the sunburnt land we proudly call home!

Happy New Year everyone! Let's make 2024 the year we keep smiling, laughing and connecting.

**Dawn Tanner**  
Village Manager



## VB COMPUTER CLUB

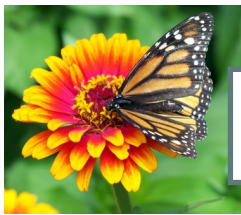


### Announcement

"After 13 years John Thompson is stepping aside as moderator of the Computer Clinic at the Village.

John formed the group in 2010 to assist residents within the village with questions or assistance with Windows computers. Terry McGinty is stepping in to take over the job as of 1st January 2024.

A big thank you goes out to John from the committee and members for all his help and advice over the 13 years in the role, and we wish him well in his "retirement" !



## THANK YOU



To the C.L.E.O club, and the Village Craft group thank you for donating money so the village nurses can buy an

### **ELK Emergency lifting cushion.**

Our Village nurses will be able to use this new lifting cushion to assist in getting residents up who have fallen in smaller spaces like bathrooms and bedrooms.

Many thanks,

**Village nurses**



## CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP



The Chaplaincy support Group will be in recess in January and activities will recommence in February. Just a reminder that the Shed will be closed all of January and will not re-open until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please do not leave anything outside the Shed as our team are having a well deserved break.

We would like to wish everyone in the Village a Happy New Year and a wonderful season with family and friends.

Irene McGladdery  
Secretary





## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The start of a new year and a time we turn our thoughts to new beginnings. Some of you may decide to travel, take up a new hobby or perhaps you could turn your thoughts to joining the Residents' Association committee.

This coming March we will need an influx of new committee members, since the top three positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer will be leaving altogether. Three current members are ready to fill those positions, but more general members are needed.

ALL residents of the village are automatically members of the Association and are eligible as Committee members. To the more recent arrivals, this is a good way to meet people and assist with the entertainment and fundraising, the main functions of this committee.

We also have a need for more men to help out.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST can be left with your Receptionist, just provide your name and unit number.

We wish you and your families all the very best for the New Year and beyond.

Be well and stay safe.

**Marlene McKenzie**  
President

### Diary Dates for January

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - RA morning tea, Parkside, 10.00 – 11.30am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - RA General Meeting, the Chapel, 1.30pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Australia Day function (free sausage sizzle, folk band, etc), Clarke lawn, 12 midday onwards

### Pete's jokes for January

A cracker of a joke: Q. Why did the man tiptoe past the medicine chest? A. *He didn't want to wake up the sleeping pills.*

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....

With age comes skill. It's called multi-tasking - I can laugh, cough, sneeze and pee all at the same time!

***Once again thank you to all the people who supplied me with the jokes over the past year.  
Hope you all had a merry Christmas and have a great New Year. God bless.***



**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!

Thank you



# VEGGIE GROUP

Late November many past and present veggie gardeners joined to celebrate the year together with a Christmas BBQ.

We thought we were getting in nice and early but unfortunately several were away or had other commitments. The best laid plans .....

The 30 or so of us who remained had a very enjoyable evening under the shelter of several gazebos – courtesy of the RA – as you can see from the photos.

Looking around the group it reminded me of the wonderful contribution made by both the current and the many past members. It made me ask myself 'Why do we contribute in this way?' Getting outside, getting hands dirty and being active is part of it. But there is also the social aspect as you get to meet many people, not only gardeners, but other residents as they wander by sometimes accompanied by their families. It's also great fun.

We also get to contribute to the Village. Each week Lesley and Chris collect the vegetables to take to the kiosk and sell them to residents. The veggies are sold at discount to supermarkets' prices AND they are fresh.

The funds raised are used to purchase seeds, seedlings, seed raising mix and fertilizers. We have been able to raise the physical height of many beds so our members don't have to bend quite as far and, importantly, keep gardening that little bit longer.

Ruth Kirby passed on these words given to her from one of our gardener's some years passed. It is titled 'Gardener's Proposal'

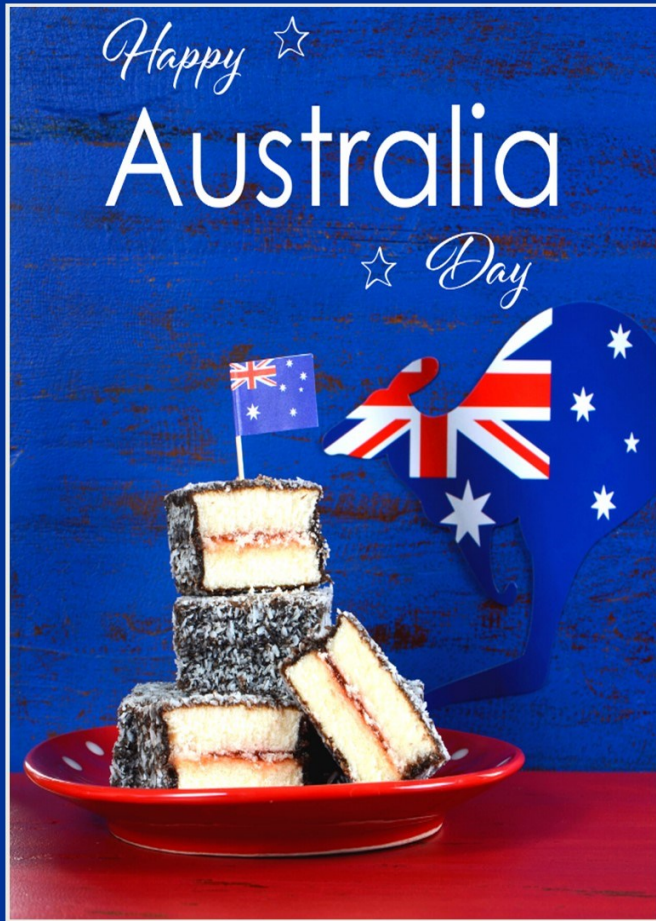
*I feel so melon cauli dear,  
Since you have bean away.  
The thyme has bean so very  
long  
I pine for you each day.  
No sugar beets your sweetness.  
But take this eighteen carrot ring  
And lettuce married be.*



Best Wishes  
to everyone

Regards  
Norm Eyers (U935)





Village Baxter Residents Association

## AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Clarke Centre Lawn**  
**12 midday onwards**

We've got a band, gazebos, tables and chairs (or bring your own if you can)

BYO food and drink, we supply the sausage sizzle, lamingtons, tea and coffee

We'll play some Two-Up

A great time for new residents to meet new neighbours

Remember water, sunscreen and a hat



**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**





## SOCIAL GROUP



### Social Club January 2024 Dates

Roundabout café Wednesday 3rd, 17th and 31st

Village café Thursday 11th and 25th

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

As we go into a New Year can I express my disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm regarding my suggestions on activities. Of course, if anyone showed any interest, I would have been with you in spirit, but owing to my ongoing health problems, old combat wounds and general malaise, it would have to have been from afar.

Next year we will have been meeting for TWO years. If this goes on for much longer, we may have to consider getting serious and have a mission statement (will have to look that up on google), health and safety rules and lots of other bureaucratic nonsense. Then we will also need a new committee. If anyone wants to put their name forward, a four-page application form is available on request, not sure where though. As you well know, one cannot be too careful these days, so we only want applicants of high moral character, no rif raf need apply. Of course, an application fee will be required. This will be on a sliding scale, dependant on how desperately you want the position. Make cheques payable to Robert Peachey.

**Bob Peachey** (266) 0490 552 847 or 5971 5291



## THE VILLAGE STRUMMERS



We start to strum again on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 1 15pm to 3 15pm in the Parkside Centre.

At 3 30pm we stop for a welcome cuppa.

We recently welcomed several new Strummers but  
there is

room for many more.

We'll loan you a ukelele and  
get you started on the first three chords.

Come and join in the fun!

Contact **Audrey Mutton** 0480 105 701

or **Robyn Thatcher** 0412 331 011







# VILLAGE BAXTER BOWLS CLUB

*Much more than just a bowling club*



Happy & Healthy New Year to all Villagers from the Bowling Club Members.

## Indoor Bowls

The Indoor bowlers have continued to have good attendances each week with those attending 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 Community Centre Receptionist. Action starts from about 1.00 – 1.15pm. Afternoon tea is provided.

## Social Outdoor Bowls.

**Bowlers, please note: - games will start at 10.30am (bring your lunch), from January 2024, until the end of daylight saving time or otherwise advised.**

## Staff v Bowlers Event.

*New date for the fun Staff v Bowlers Challenge evening will be set shortly and is now planned for February. Villagers welcome to watch.*

## Village Market Day

We give a big thanks to the Social Committee and the cohort of members who made the scones, prepared and heated the scones, party pies and sausage rolls for sale and made the tea & coffee, washed and cleaned dishes etc, making this another successful Market Day.

These members included:- Lorna McDonald, Viv Jones, Val Berger, Sue Grogan, Mary Fraser, Sue Hinds and Noleen Bates. Depicted on the right are our scone makers Noleen Bates and Sue Hinds who made over 130 scones for the day. From the writer's observation all customers went home happy.



Web page – <https://baxtervillage.bowls.com.au>

For your information, the 'Members Only Information' section is password protected. The password can be obtained from Michael McCrae, 59728990, or John Fraser 0407 323 089.

**Much more than just a Bowling Club!**

## Christmas Dinner

Again this year over 70 bowlers and partners enjoyed our annual Christmas Dinner festivities in the Clarke Centre. Our caterer Paul Skaff and his helpers presented the usual sumptuous two course, 3 meat traditional Christmas dinner, which was followed by entertainer Alex Kyle. Music and dancing continued throughout the night. A special thanks to Providore Noeleen and all her helpers, the decorators and

table setters. Thanks also to those who wrapped the raffle hampers prizes, sold the tickets, set the tables and tidied up at the end of the night. As can be seen, a lot of work goes into our fun nights by a number of people so we hope they will be back to do it all again next year. To our missing President and all our other members who could not make the night, we wish them well and hope they get back to the bowls club soon.

## Pennant Season Update

The 2023/24 Tuesday Pennant Season latest results, 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.

**Rd 6. Win against Karingal BC at home. Rd 7. A good win against Somerville BC at home.**

**Rd 8. Lost to Main Ridge away (all 3 teams). Rd 9. Beleura BC at home – one team up and two teams lost**

## Calendar - Upcoming Events for Members 2023/24.

### Twilight Bowls -

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

**January 12<sup>th</sup>    February 18<sup>th</sup>    March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2024 Pizza Night - 1<sup>st</sup> February – Pizza Night - \$10.00.**

### **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.



# THANK YOU

The residents at the Manor sincerely thank the Residents' Association for replacing two garden benches at the Manor. It's really appreciated.





## 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*

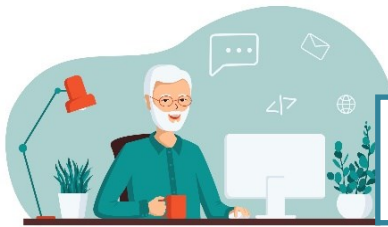
*Located near the Greenhouse/Veggie patch*

*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?*





## VB COMPUTER CLUB



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: call Terry on 5971 4473

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](mailto:cclinic3@gmail.com)





# VILLAGE BAXTER RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE



## **Report for Village Voice January 2024**

Meeting held on 8th December 2023

There was an opportunity to meet with our Village Centre Receptionists and thanks were expressed to them for their support to Residents.

### **Progress reports on on-going projects were received –**

- Survey of mobility scooter safety issues. (Marie Newton) – Due for completion by our February meeting.
- Survey of Footpaths & Crossings. (David Tennant) – Due for completion by our January meeting.

### **On-going items were noted –**

- Croquet lawn garden replanting still in progress.
- The Lodge, Grant Centre and Clarke redevelopments are still waiting on approvals.

### **Maintenance items raised –**

- The refurbishing of directional signage displaying unit numbers to be investigated.
- Outdoor seats painting to be undertaken by Residents' Workshop and Volunteers.
- Painting of outdoor lights is to be included in maintenance program.
- Repainting of road surface signage currently being identified and quotes obtained.
- The Committee suggested that a maintenance program for carports and garages be established.
- Improvements to the road junction corner on Entrance 4 Road at Unit 924 corner to be considered.
- It was requested that a regular checking of footpaths for obstructions be implemented.

### **Other items discussed –**

- Activities Information Booklet editing is now complete and will be revised regularly.
- Café management change continues to be encouraging with some mixed reviews.
- The response from the Village Board re. suitability of PwC as auditor was acknowledged and it was noted that the audit is going to tender for the current year.
- It was suggested that the publication of a list of preferred Village Baxter Tradespeople would be helpful to Residents requiring work on their own property.
- It was suggested that copies of the Council booklet "Preparing for an Emergency" be made available to Residents.
- Finance report for October was examined.
- It was suggested to management that some acknowledgement from the Village of the support received from Peta Murphy would be appropriate.

**Des Stewart**

VBRC President

### **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.**

## Village Baxter Activities Groups

Would you like your village activity to be known to new residents when they come into our village?

If so, you can send or give me your artwork to display in our Activities Book.

You never know, you may get a new resident helper.



Many Thanks  
Anne Maree



Village Activities Coordinator  
[villagecoordinator@villagebaxter.com](mailto:villagecoordinator@villagebaxter.com)



### 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.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 3pm to 4.30pm in Parkside

Contact Neil or Sandra Graham 5972 8941

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](mailto:newsletter@villagebaxter.com)

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

# CLARKE CENTRE KIOSK

## New Year Greetings from the Clarke Kiosk.

*A big thank you to all who have helped and supported the Clarke Kiosk over the last year.*

*Hoping your Christmas festivities went well and you are ready to take on 2024.*

*We are looking forward to meeting more residents, staff and visitors during the next 12 months.*

*Wishing you all a very happy New Year.*

*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.

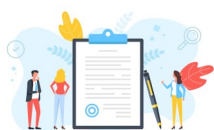
Please call **June Austin 5971 1780** or **Lesley McMillan 5971 6865** for more details.



### THINGS TO PLANT IN JANUARY

Amaranth, Beans, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot, Chives, Coriander, Cucumber, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Okra, Oregano, Parsley, Parsnip, Pumpkin, Radish, Rhubarb (crowns), Rocket, Silver beet, Squash, Sunflower, Swede, Sweet Corn, Turnip,

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.



### 17 — VEHICLE USE

The Resident and his visitors shall ensure that vehicles are parked in the garages, carports or parking bays provided around the Village and not driven or parked on the grassed areas or in any place which would restrict emergency access. Speed limits as indicated by signs within the Village must be observed by residents and visitors.

### 18 — BREACHES BY VISITORS OR GUESTS

The Resident shall be responsible for the behaviour of any of his visitors or guests and for their breach of any of the By-Laws herein contained.





# CROQUET CLUB



On Saturday December the 9th, the Village Baxter Croquet Club held their Christmas breakup party.

Although the weather was not good for playing Croquet, we all had a wonderful time. We enjoyed one another's company, delicious food, present swapping, and even a visit from the man in the red suit. It was great fun.

The Committee and members of this club, would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, safe New Year.

We will be playing Social games until after our AGM on 13th January 2024.

Here are a few photos of our visit from Santa. He caught up on lots of cuddles that day.



We also said, " Goodbye " to Elaine Jackson, who is moving to Trentham, to be closer to her daughter and family. We do wish Elaine well and we will miss her as a member of our Club and Village.

**Glenda Baker**  
President/ Secretary







## FROM THE CHAPLAINS

### The Gospel of Peter

“There is no Gospel of Peter ?!”, I can hear you thinking as you read this.

True, but I have just finished a sermon series on the Gospel of Mark over the last 16 weeks, and it has convinced me that it may well be the Gospel of Peter.

Mark, who was not one of the disciples, but was probably only a few years younger, may have followed Jesus and the disciples around, and witnessed many of Jesus’ miracles.

As he writes his Gospel (which means ‘good news’ in Greek), Mark recounts a number of things that Jesus said to His disciples, which are less than complimentary !

Jesus made remarks like, “because they had no faith”, “because their hearts were hard”, “ Are you so dull ?!”. I wouldn’t have the courage to record these things about the disciples, would you ?

Why would an Author want to make them, and by implication himself, look so bad ?

There is another reason which makes me think this Gospel has a co-author, that after Mark describes the miracles and stories about Jesus, he then also recounts what Jesus said to the disciples privately, after each event. How could he if he wasn’t a disciple ? He wasn’t there to hear what Jesus said ?

But Peter was..... Here is the disciple whom Jesus appoints to lead the church when He is gone, but he is also the disciple who most often asks Jesus what he meant, or why He did something. And then after promising Jesus he will follow Him to death, fails to do so, and denies he knows Jesus on three occasions.

Here is a man, who has bitterly disappointed himself, and others, and failed to be who he promised to be.

I think as Mark is writing this Gospel, Peter is telling him all that Jesus said to His disciples. These are words which weigh heavily on Peter’s heart 50 years later, even after he has lead the church courageously through it’s formation.

Peter is still heartbroken at how “dull” and “unbelieving” and “faithless” he was, even though he walked the earth with the Son of God !

Have you ever been heartbroken at something you have done, or failed to do ?

Does it still weigh heavily on your heart ?

As we consider the ‘new year’ we may find ourselves remembering things that we are not proud of, or that still bother us after many years. They may follow us around like shadows, or haunt us like unshakable memories.

But the ‘Good News’ is that God heals the broken hearted.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He could have come back in all power and authority with legions of Angels around Him, but instead His disciples found Him cooking breakfast for them on the beach !

And gently, and graciously, he restored Peter’s heart with forgiveness and kindness, and prepared him for the job he had to do.

Jesus can do that for you too.

He can enable you to forgive yourself, and others, and find a way forward in hope and peace.

How will you start the New Year ? God is only a prayer away. He is always listening to you, and ready to respond to you.

As the chaplains, we are always here to listen and to care for you, when you need us.

I pray that as the promise of the ‘New Year’ finds you, that you will find the promises of God are with you.

“He will never leave you or forsake you” ( Hebrews 13:5 )

May God bless you and your family in 2024.

**Rod Wilson**

Chaplain

chaplains@villagebaxter.com



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**Friday 19 January 2024**

Please send submissions to

[newsletter@villagebaxter.com](mailto:newsletter@villagebaxter.com)

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## DIARY DATES – January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 New Year's Day</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b>  <b>Please check with your group for activities</b>	<b>2</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b> 1pm – 5pm <b>Canasta (M)</b>	<b>3</b> 12.45pm <b>Mystery Bus Tour (C) and (M)</b>	<b>4</b> 7am <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b> 9am - 3pm <b>Pottery (DCA)</b> 11am - 5pm <b>Mahjong (P)</b> 2 - 4pm <b>Snooker (R)</b> 2 - 4.30pm <b>Darts (R)</b>	<b>5</b> 1.15 - 3.45pm <b>Village Strummers (P)</b> 2 - 3.30pm <b>Finding Our Feet (C)</b> 5pm <b>C.L.E.O. Club (C)</b>	<b>6</b> 9am – 1pm <b>Croquet (M)</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b>
<b>7</b>  <b>10am - Church Service (CH)</b>	<b>8</b> 7am – <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b> 11am - 12noon <b>Exercises with Noriko (C)</b> 1- 4pm <b>Book Club (P)</b> 1pm - 4pm <b>Croquet (M)</b> 2pm <b>Cards-Continental Rummy "May I" (P)</b>	<b>9</b> 9am - 3pm <b>Art (DCA)</b> 12pm – 4pm <b>WiFi passwords and memberships. (P)</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (CG)</b> 1pm – 5pm <b>Canasta (M)</b>	<b>10</b> 12.45pm <b>Mystery Bus Tour (C) and (M)</b>  10 – 11am <b>Fresh &amp; Frozen Fish (Clarke Centre Carpark)</b>	<b>11</b> 7am <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b> 9am - 3pm <b>Pottery (DCA)</b> 11am - 3pm <b>Crafty Critters (P)</b> 2 - 4pm <b>Snooker (R)</b> 2 - 4.30pm <b>Darts (R)</b>	<b>12</b> 12noon – 1pm <b>Chair Yoga (C)</b> 1.15 - 3.45pm <b>Village Strummers (P)</b> 2 - 3.30pm <b>Finding Our Feet (C)</b> 4pm – <b>Twilight Bowls (C)</b>	<b>13</b> 9am–1pm <b>Croquet (M)</b> 10am - 11.30am <b>RA Morning Tea (P)</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b>
<b>14</b>  <b>10am - Church Service (CH)</b>	<b>15</b> 7am – <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b> 11am - 12noon <b>Exercises with Noriko (C)</b> 1pm – 1pm - 4pm <b>Indoor Bowls (C)</b> 1pm - 4pm <b>Croquet (M)</b> 2pm <b>Cards-Continental Rummy "May I" (P)</b>	<b>16</b> 9am - 3pm <b>Art (DCA)</b> 1pm – 5pm <b>Canasta (M)</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b>	<b>17</b> 10.15 - 11.15am <b>Line Dancing (C)</b> 1.30pm <b>RA Residents Meeting (CH)</b> Followed by <b>Q &amp; A with VBRC Members</b>	<b>18</b> 7am <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b> 9am - 3pm <b>Pottery (DCA)</b> 2 - 4pm <b>Snooker (R)</b> 2 - 4.30pm <b>Darts (R)</b>	<b>19</b> 12noon – 1pm <b>Chair Yoga (C)</b> 1.15 - 3.45pm <b>Village Strummers (P)</b> 2 - 3.30pm <b>Finding Our Feet (C)</b>	<b>20</b> 9am – 1pm <b>Croquet (M)</b> 10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b>

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<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>10am - Church Service (CH)</b></p> <p>1pm - 5pm Mahjong (P)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7am – Veggie Group (VS)</p> <p>9am - 4pm <b>Craft (CC)</b></p> <p>11am -12noon <b>Exercises with Noriko (C)</b></p> <p>1pm – 4pm <b>Indoor Bowls (C)</b></p> <p>2pm <b>Cards-Continental Rummy “May I” (P)</b></p> <p>1pm - 4pm <b>Croquet (M)</b></p> <p>7 - 10pm <b>Card Group (M)</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9am - 3pm <b>Art (DCA)</b></p> <p>10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b></p> <p>1pm – 5pm <b>Canasta (M)</b></p> <p>2pm <b>Computer Clinic (P)</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10.15 - 11.15am <b>Line Dancing (C)</b></p> <p>1.30-3pm <b>Village Entertainers (CH)</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7am <b>Veggie Group (VS)</b></p> <p>9am-3pm <b>Pottery (DCA)</b></p> <p>2pm-4pm <b>Snooker (R)</b></p> <p>2pm-4.30pm <b>Darts (R)</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY AUSTRALIA DAY</b></p>  <p><b>CLARKE LAWN Australia Day Function 12 Noon</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9am –1pm <b>Croquet (M)</b></p> <p>10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>10am - Church Service (CH)</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7am – Veggie Group (VS) 11am -12noon <b>Exercises with Noriko (C)</b></p> <p>9am - 4pm <b>Craft (CC)</b></p> <p>1pm – 4pm <b>Indoor Bowls (C)</b></p> <p>2pm <b>Cards-Continental Rummy “May I” (P)</b></p> <p>1pm - 4pm <b>Croquet (M)</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9am - 3pm <b>Art (DCA)</b></p> <p>9.30 -11am <b>Exercises (M)</b></p> <p>10.30pm – 6pm <b>Outdoor Bowls (C)</b></p> <p>1pm – 5pm <b>Canasta (M)</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10.15am <b>Line Dancing (C)</b></p>		<p><b>DISCLAIMER</b></p> <p><b>Dates &amp; Events are correct at time of Deadline.</b></p> <p><b>15/12/2023</b></p>	

**Unless otherwise advised Administration Hours 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday**

Church Services

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs – Uniting Church – Communion**      2:30pm - Parkside

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 Wed – Nepean Hearing-Tony Wilms – 9783 7520  
 Thurs – PFGP-Doctor Kalan – 9781 3300  
 Fri -Podiatry – Step Ahead -Tara Dullard – 9708 8626  
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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](mailto:villagecoordinator@villagebaxter.com)

**Useful Contact Details:**

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Optometrist: Katy Kalf – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
 Contact Grant Centre – 5971 6364  
 Appointment Times – 10.30am – 1.30pm  
 Doctor Nita Sharma – 9781 3300 (Wed)  
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Dr Piotr Kalan – Clarke Centre  
Every Thursday

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## 2024 Residents' Meeting

**Wednesday**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**1.30pm**

**Grant Centre Chapel**

**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME**