



# CHRISTMAS 2018



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## Newsletter

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### From the General Manager's Desk

James Martin Village is an interesting place to work, we do see some interesting sights; I mean what managers can say they have a family of wild bunnies visiting outside the office regularly!

Well; recently we were visited by Mumma duck and her rather large family; we are still unsure where they came from as they were a long way from any water?



**\* On behalf of the Board Members & Staff, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.**

### Christmas/ New Year Arrangements

- The Administration Office will be closed from 12.00pm on Friday the 21st December and re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.30am.
- During these times, all maintenance requests should be made direct to Brenton or Stephen on emergency number 0411 795 585.
- We would ask that any maintenance request be made only if urgent. If it is something that can wait until the New Year, please wait until Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- **Rubbish Bins Collection** (note change of days):
  - ***Bins out on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December***  
– ***Collection Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.***
    - Normal collection day.
  - ***Bins out on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December***  
– ***Collection Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December.***
    - Bins will be put out before lunch on the Friday, so could you please ensure they are ready in the morning by 10am.

- ***Bins out Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January***  
– ***Collection Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January.***
  - Bins will be put out at normal times, but on the Friday.

### Christmas Hamper Winners

We hope everyone that attended our Christmas Party had an enjoyable day. Was great to see a number of our Board Members were able to attend.

Reg Badman provided great entertainment and was well received on the day. A couple of ladies indicated they felt like dancing to some of his songs; we suggest that next year they should get up and dance!

Thanks to Lyn for her great efforts in presenting the food and refreshments, ably assisted by our versatile staff!



Lyn outdid herself this year and put together 3 hampers for the Christmas Draw and we had 8 prizes in total. Congratulations the Christmas Draw winners:

**Main Christmas Hamper:** Don & Margaret Raggatt, Elimatta Village.

**Second Christmas Hamper:** Barbara Barkey, Elimatta Village.

**Third Christmas Hamper:** Brian Horslen, James Martin Village.

**Wine Prize:** Brian Nissen, Elimatta Village.

**Wine Prize:** Ray & Rhonda Inwood, Gov Daly Village.

**Wine Prize:** Peter & Gina Osborne, James Martin Village.

**Cinema Vouchers:** Edie Wright, Elimatta Village.

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GCRH would like to thank Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop at the Kingsford Hotel and Gawler Cinemas for their support.

### **Annual General Meeting – No Changes to Board**

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 31st. There were no changes to the Board for the next 12 months. The election of office bearers resulted in the following make-up of the Board:

**Chairperson:** Helen Sands

**Deputy Chairperson:** Shane Hennessy

**Board Members:** Rita Argent, Chris George, Bruce Eastick, Sam Harnett, Tracey Patrick, Nick Pullman, Dr Malcolm Richards and Phil Zeunert.

### **Board Member – Rita Argent**

Rita Argent is the second longest serving member of the Board. She was first elected to the Board in 1984.

Rita was born in Wasleys and has spent most of her life in or near the Gawler region. She attended Wasleys Primary and Riverton High School.

Her working life was spent in nursing and her work included nursing in Gawler, Royal Adelaide and Hamley Bridge; she completed her mid-wifery training at the Queen Victoria Hospital. Rita also was part of changes to training of nurses and became a tutor of nurses at Gawler in the Hutchinson Hospital.

She was part of the establishment of Gawler Care and Share and was the first co-ordinator of that group, which she continued for many years. Rita was also involved with the Uniting Church in Gawler firstly in the Gawler West Methodist church and currently at Tod Street.



## **2019 Social & Information Events Calendar**

We have produced a calendar of events for all residents for 2019. While some dates and venues are still to be confirmed, we hope it will assist you with your diary. We will have more information in the new year.

### **Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>: Wills, Estates, Power of Attorney and more.**

Information morning tea to be presented by Rudall & Rudall Lawyers, Gawler. It will be held at the James Martin Village Community Hall, commencing at 10.30am. We will serve tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Official invitations, with more detail will be sent out in January.

### **Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gawler Cinema Silver Screening**

We have booked in to see the movie 'Mary Poppins Returns' on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The session will commence at 10.00am. We subsidise the morning for all residents; the cost will be \$5 (normally \$15) per resident. Includes morning tea & light luncheon.



The mysterious Mary Poppins returns to depression-era London to visit Jane and her brother Michael, now a father of three, and helps them rediscover the joy they knew as children. It stars the delightful Emily Blunt in the role made famous by Julie Andrews.

### **June (date tbc): RAA Road Rules Quiz**

At the RAA Lifestyle presentation back in June; presenter Jan Webber mentioned the road rules quiz. She advised the interactive quiz is quite a bit of fun and those attending on the day thought it would be a good session for our residents. We are finalising details with the RAA and will confirm a date early in the new year.

### **Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>: Annual Meeting (tbc)**

Annual Residents Meeting is listed for 30<sup>th</sup> October; to be held at the Elderly Centre. This date is subject to the availability of the venue. We will confirm closer to the event.

### **Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party (tbc)**

Annual Residents Christmas Party has been listed for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Elderly Centre. Again, the date & venue will be confirmed once we have the booking confirmed.

### **James Martin Village Work**

As advised in the last newsletter, work has now commenced on the extension of the roadway at James Martin Village. The road currently runs from Unit 17 down to Unit 23; but when finished it will extend down to the main roadway.

Gawler contractors, Trimboli Services are completing the work, which will be finished early in the new year. Once completed we will begin work on the building of the new units. The initial homes will be 3 bedrooms, with attached parking and rear alfresco.



Thanks to James Martin Village residents for putting up with the work, particularly those nearby the road.



### **Summary of Current Vacancies**

#### ***Vin Rice Village (1 David Street):***

**Unit 6:** Three bedrooms the main with wip and others with robes; two living areas; a lounge room & family/dining area. Kitchen, to include new overhead cupboards, cooktop & rangehood; also has wall oven, and microwave provision plus a wip.

Two-way bathroom with vanity and shower screen; plus, vanity area and separate toilet. Laundry has access to the garage; linen/broom cupboard in the hall. Two split system reverse cycle a/c units. Rear verandah, with a neat courtyard and garden. The single garage is umr with an auto panel lift door and secure internal access. (\$309,950)

#### ***Governor Gawler Village (11 Hutchinson Road):***

**Unit 20:** Three Bedroom home features large living area with a well-appointed kitchen, inc. a wip and overhead cupboards with rangehood and new cooktop. Main bedroom has a wip; there is also a robe in bed 2. Two-way bathroom, along with sep vanity area and toilet; large laundry.

Single attached garage is big enough to allow for some storage and has secure internal access. Rear courtyard area features a good size verandah, awnings, water tank and neat gardens. Features split system reverse cycle air-conditioning. (\$304,950)

**Unit 15:** This unit has now been vacated and returned to us. It is very similar to Unit 20, more details available shortly (price tbc).

#### ***Elimatta Village (18 Tod Street):***

**Unit 41:** One-bedroom unit with sunroom, large living kitchen area. Modern kitchen, with stainless steel underbench oven, canopy rangehood and ceramic cooktop. Bedroom has large sliding door robe and good quality carpet. Bathroom/laundry with shower screen and large vanity and laundry trough. Private courtyard and separate garage with remote controlled roller door. – (\$169,950).



### **New Residents**

We would like to welcome the following new residents to Gawler Community Retirement Homes:

- Gail Robinson moved into Governor Daly Village Unit 18 in July.
- Bill & Jenny Mahoney moved into James Martin Village Unit 10 in August.
- Senga Richter moved into James Martin Village Unit 6 in September.
- Peter & Doreen Jones moved into James Martin Village Unit 16 in November.
- Leanne & Graeme Schultz moved into Governor Gawler Unit 18 in November.
- Garry Richardson moved into James Martin Village Unit 21 in December.

The following units are vacant, but have prospective new residents that have paid a deposit:

- Units 8 & 35, Elimatta Village
- Unit 1, 4 David Street, Vin Rice Village
- Unit 4, Governor Daly Village
- Unit 20, James Martin Village

### Annual Residents Meeting

All residents should have received the Minutes from the Annual Residents Meeting held in October. Of note from the meeting were:

### **Governor Gawler Village Request**

A letter was received regarding options for re-opening the Governor Gawler Village laneway. Agreed that the Property Committee would consider and then contact residents on what action may be undertaken.

### **James Martin Village**

Those present were given an update on the progress of the James Martin Village Plan. (see earlier article)

### **Village Signage**

We provided detail of the updated signage in Elimatta Village; this included a sample of the new unit numbers. Also noted that James Martin Village would be updated next and the other villages will then follow.



### Australia Day No Changes to Bin Run

Please note that with the Australia Day public holiday being on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 there will be a normal bin run. Bins will be collected on the Friday 25<sup>th</sup> with staff will be putting the bins out on Thursday.

### Phone Scams

Please be careful of scammers, either on the phone or by email. Recently we have received calls in the office about our NBN service being cancelled and to contact a number. It is quite obviously a scam and we have simply ignored it.

If something reads or sounds a bit suss, it most likely is. Remember that the police have a scams unit, so you can contact them if you are concerned.

### Residents Away or Holiday Guests

A reminder about advising the office of when you are away or if you have guests staying. With the Christmas/New Year holidays, please let us know prior to the office closing on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Fast Funnies!

- \* I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.
- \* My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.
- \* I'm so good at sleeping. I can do it with my eyes closed.
- \* My boss told me to have a good day. So, I went home.
- \* A woman walks into a library and asked if they had any books about paranoia. The librarian says, "They're right behind you!"
- \* The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick, but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.
- \* Why do blind people hate skydiving? It scares the hell out of their dogs.
- \* My friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange" I said: "No it doesn't"
- \* What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? Roberto.
- \* What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old? Aye matey.
- \* I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.
- \* What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.
- \* Did you hear about the italian chef that died? He pasta way.
- \* Why couldn't the bicycle stand up? Because it was two tired!
- \* Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.
- \* My wife accused me of being immature. I told her to get out of my fort.
- \* Where do you find a cow with no legs? Right where you left it.
- \* As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

