



Newsletter

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From the General Manager's Desk

We are pleased that our 50th Anniversary function was well received. It was great to have so many residents join us and all up we had close to 150 guests.

Thanks to people that helped the planning, including Humphrey George, Stephen Arthur, Stan Roulston, Trish Stewart, Bruce Eastick, Helen Sands, Chris George and Lyn Schnaars. Special thankyou to Mayor Karen Redman & Beth Hudman for speaking on the night.

Congratulations to Peter Osborne for getting the answer to my question in the Spring Newsletter. The picture was of the flower from the 'Gawler Harkness Callistemon' tree that is quite prevalent in the area.

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

Christmas/ New Year Arrangements

- The Administration Office will close at **12.00pm on Friday 20th December** for a staff function.
- The Administration Office will be closed from **Tuesday the 24th December** and re-open on **Thursday 2nd January** at 8.30am.
- During these times, all maintenance requests should be made direct to Brenton or Steven 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 New Year, please wait until Thursday the 2nd Jan.
- **Rubbish Bins Collection (note change of days):**
 - ***Bins out on Thursday 19th December***
– ***Collection Friday 20th December.*** (Normal)
 - ***Bins out on Friday 27th December***
– ***Collection Saturday 28th December.***
 - Bins will be put out on the Friday, so could you please ensure they are ready in the morning by 10am.
 - ***Bins out Friday 3rd January***
– ***Collection Saturday 4th January.***
 - Bins will be put out at normal times, but on the Friday.

Retirement of Bruce Eastick

During his speech at the Anniversary Function our founding Chairman, Bruce Eastick reminisced on the early days, that lead to the formation of what was Gawler & District Aged Cottage Homes. Through the 50 years of the organisation, Bruce was a much-respected Chairman for all but two of those years. Stepping down in 2017, while remaining on the Board. He announced in his speech that he would be retiring from the Board as of the next Board meeting. He advised this to the Board Members at the AGM in October. He indicated he would like to see out the official Anniversary before finishing at the December Board Meeting. A request that was wholly supported by the Members.

Chairperson Helen Sands made a special presentation to Bruce after his speech to honour what has been amazing dedication to the organisation. He won't be lost to us though and we are likely to see him at some of our functions.



Christmas Party on Wednesday 11th December

A final reminder to everyone that it is not too late to book in for our Christmas Party next Wednesday 11th December commencing a 10.30am. Invitations have already been sent out and we need your bookings by next Monday 9th Dec to assist with catering.

Being held at the Hewett Centre, which is on Kingfisher Drive (turn right at Hewett Shops), we are a little later this year, due to the Anniversary Function.

We are pleased to advise that we will hold a Trivia Quiz during the morning. Tony Harnett, from the Kingsford Hotel, has agreed to run the quiz for us and we will have some prizes on offer.



Lyn has already been shopping trying to outdo herself and is putting together 3 hampers for the Christmas Draw. She has come up with a clever 'first'!

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

Annual General Meeting – Changes to Board

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 30th. There was one addition to the Board for the next 12 months. Plus, as mentioned earlier, Bruce Eastick advised that he will retire at the December Board Meeting. 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, Craig Gogoll (new), Chris George, Bruce Eastick (retiring in December 2019), Sam Harnett, Tracey Patrick, Nick Pullman, Dr Malcolm Richards and Phil Zeunert.

Our New Board Member – Craig Gogoll

We would like to welcome Craig Gogoll to the Board; he was elected at the October AGM 2019.

He brings to the role a background in community Aged Care; after studying Occupational Therapy at the University of South Australia. Craig currently is the regional manager of assessment teams in SA and QLD for Access Care Network Australia, where they complete assessments in the My Aged Care framework. He has been involved in numerous trials and projects undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing including the testing of assessment tools in the community and residential setting.

He previously worked for Domiciliary Care in the Salisbury and Playford teams, following a short stint

at MIND Australia community mental health services. He has a devoted passion to assisting people to live the best lives possible.

Craig grew up in Nuriootpa, moved to Adelaide to study and work for 12 years, and recently returned to Gawler with his young family. Through his sporting and academic achievements while completing high school, he was awarded the South Australian and Barossa Council Young Citizen of the year award in 2002.



50th Anniversary Book

As those at the function know, we have been able to finalise the 50th Anniversary Book; it was launched on the night by former Board Member, Humphrey George. Thanks for his support of the Anniversary & the book.

A big thanks to our own Stan Roulston for his efforts in compiling the book. He put in a lot of hours on this. The design of the book was done by David Ward, son of residents John & Judy Ward; he has produced a quality book. Thanks also, to Teresa Lane from Property Lane Images for new photos included.

All residents should have received a copy, distributed with this newsletter. Anyone requiring additional copies, can purchase them; priced at \$25 each, they can be picked up from the Administration Office. You can ring and arrange payment and delivery.

2020 Social & Information Events Calendar

Events for residents confirmed so far for 2020. We are working on dates for later in the year and will have more information in the next newsletter.

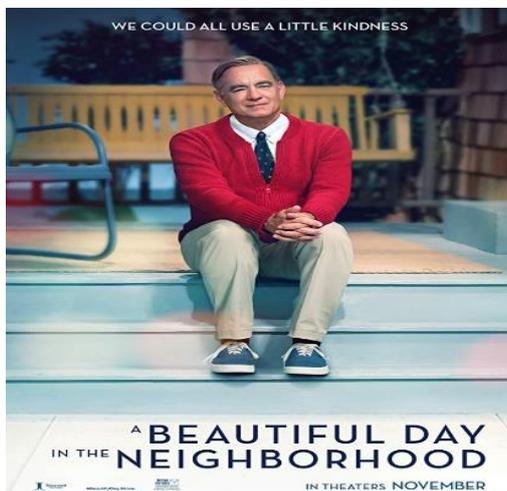
Friday February 21st: Lunch at Gawler Greyhounds

All residents are invited to enjoy lunch at the Gawler Greyhounds at Nixon's Function Centre, Gawler Oval. The Gawler Greyhound Club is providing a special Seniors Menu for the day. Charge will be \$5 per head, paid to GCRH and we will subsidise the rest of the costs. The Club will also supply Tea & Coffee, racebook/betting guides and TAB vouchers.

You can enjoy the day's racing in air-conditioned comfort and maybe back a winner! Racing kicks off at around 11.30am through to 3.00pm

Tuesday May 5th: Gawler Cinema Silver Screening

We have booked in to see the movie 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood'. The session will commence at 10.00am. We subsidise the morning for all residents; the cost will be \$5 (normally \$17.50) per resident. Includes morning tea & light luncheon.



Tom Hanks portrays TV star, Mr Rogers, in a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism. Based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod; a jaded magazine writer who is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his scepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbour. It's getting good reviews!

Perhaps Don't Visit on Friday 13th!

Brought to our attention recently; Clem & Sheila Schmidtke from James Martin Village. Moved in on the 13th of the month! Live in Unit 13th! And are in their 13th year since moving in! 🍀

Summary of Current Vacancies

James Martin Village (19 Dawkins Ave):

Unit 20: Two-bedroom unit with lounge/dining, secure 'outdoor room' & a new attached garage. Sep kitchen, laundry & bathroom. Ducted r/c a/c – (\$189,950)

Governor Gawler Village (11 Hutchinson Rd):

Unit 15: Three Bedroom home features large living area with a well-appointed kitchen. Single garage, also having new rear verandah erected. (\$304,950)

We have also been advised of two more units that will be vacated shortly in James Martin Village. Unit 7, a one bedroom unit and Unit 12, a two bedroom will likely be available in the new year. Please contact the office if you would like to know more.

New Residents

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

- Horst (Harry) Lemke moved into Vin Rice Village Unit 6 in Oct.

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

- Units 7, Elimatta (1 Fotheringham Tce)
- Unit 20, Elimatta (2-7 Fotheringham Tce)
- Unit 41, Elimatta Village (18 Tod Street).
- Unit 20, Governor Gawler Village.
- Unit 8, Dawes Village
- Unit 22, 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

Letter to go out shortly to residents inviting to a meeting to discuss & finalise laneway. Plus to discuss options for supporting rubbish bins arrangements.

James Martin Village

Request regarding JMV bushfire inspection. We have been in contact with CFS regarding this.

Village Signage

Elimatta & James Martin directional signage and unit numbers complete. Other villages to be completed.

Capital Maintenance Fund Surplus

It was noted that the Surplus from the Recurrent Charges account in 2017-18 was included as revenue for the CMF statement of 2018-19. This is as required by the Surplus/Deficit Policy; the Surplus of 2018-19 will be included in this year's CMF revenue.



Residents Making Changes to Units

A reminder to anyone considering changes to your units. Please contact the office to advise us and get our approval. We are very reasonable about this and it is good to have a note of any changes on your file.

Should you make a change that isn't approved, it is possible that when vacating the unit, we may charge you for something not suitable for the unit.

Also remember that if you are using an outside contractor that is not one of our approved suppliers; they must report to the admin office before carrying out work. **It is important that they receive our Contractor Induction Information.** It is not onerous and provides them with important information about GCRH, they need to be aware of.

Dundas Street Upgrade

We would like to thank the Town of Gawler for the recent work completed along Dundas Street, next to Elimatta Village. They have firstly put in new metal drain covers and cemented the outlets to the gutter. This was then followed by asphalt being laid along the footpath/parking areas. It provides a big improvement and will make life a lot easier & tidier for people using the parking spaces.

* Just a reminder to anyone (resident or guest) using the parking on Dundas Street; please don't park behind carports or garages. This can block resident access. If the car parks on the village side are taken, there is plenty of spaces on the opposite side of Dundas Street. If anyone reports this occurring to the admin office, we will notify police.

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 Monday 23rd December.



GCRH 50th Anniversary Supporters

Thank-you again to our partners for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. It was great to see so many joins us for the function:

50th Anniversary Gold Partners

A & D Blinds

Blackwell Plumb & Gas

Climbing High Tree Services

George Family – *Supporting the Anniversary Book*

Mitre 10 Gawler

Solomons Flooring – Gawler

50th Anniversary Silver Partners

Country Kitchens – Willaston

Dynamix Signs

Gawler Lock & Key Service

Northern Chill Airconditioning

Property Lane Images

Trimboli Services

Community Partner - Town of Gawler

Please let friends and family know about these supporters.

Christmas Laughs!

* A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas.

After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

* A father and son are out shopping for Christmas presents for their family.

The son asks, "What present are my sister and I going to get?"

The dad answers, "I got you guys an iPad and iPod."

"Wow, thanks," the son replies, "What will you give mom?"

The dad says, "Your mom is getting an iRon."

