



Christmas 2024



December 2024

Newsletter

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From the General Manager's Desk

Firstly, I apologise for a shorter Newsletter. Things are extremely hectic in the office at the moment. I will update you more in the March Newsletter.

We hope that residents enjoyed the Christmas party at the Hewett Centre. I noted a lot of **us** singing along! Thanks to Karen for her efforts; it does take a lot of organising. Thanks also to Brenton, Stephen, Michael & Graham for their support on the day.

Christmas/ New Year Arrangements

- The Administration Office will be closed from **12.00pm on Monday the 23rd December** and re-open on **Friday 3rd January** at 9.00am.
- During these times, all urgent maintenance requests should be made direct to Brenton or Stephen on the out of hours 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 Friday the 3rd Jan.
- **Rubbish Bins Collection** :
 - ***Bins out on Friday 27th December – Collection Saturday 28th December.***
Bins will be put out on the Friday morning and emptied on Saturday.
The other weeks during the period will be at normal times.

2024 Australia Day Holiday

Note that the Australia Day Public Holiday in 2024 will be on Monday 27th January. The Administration Office will be closed on this day. Any urgent maintenance requests will need to contact the emergency number as above.

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 at 12.00pm on Monday 23rd December. Leave a message if office closed, then we will have a record that we can check, if we need it. This is mainly in the case of an emergency situation.

Annual General Meeting – 2024 Board

The GCRH AGM was held on October 30th. The election of office bearers at the AGM resulted in one change to the Board executive and a new member. Confirming the following make-up of the Board:

Chairperson: Helen Sands

Deputy Chairperson: Shane Hennessy

Board Members: Craig Gogoll, Chris George, Sam Harnett, Naomi Reschke Nick Pullman, Dr Malcolm Richards, Phil Zeunert, Janet Done and Paul Weiss.

We would like to welcome Paul Weiss onto the Board. We will give you some background on Paul in the next newsletter. We thank all Board Members for their continuing voluntary support for GCRH.

Shaggy Dog Story!

This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Christmas Party & Hamper Draw

The Residents Christmas Party saw around 85 residents & guests enjoy the day. It was great to see many of our new residents attend.

Brunch came from the popular Gawler South Bakery; and entertainment came from Karaoke group Just for Fun. Thank you to the Thirsty Camel Bottle Shop at the Kingsford Hotel for donating some product.

The annual Christmas Hamper draws were conducted on the day; all residents are eligible for the hampers (not just those at the party). Karen put together three excellent Hampers for the Christmas Hamper draws and the winners were:

Xmas Hamper No.1 – Ian & Judy Cameron, Governor Daly Village.

Xmas Hamper No.2 – Margaret Darcy-Weller, Elimatta.

Xmas Hamper No.3 – Val Collins, Vin Rice Village.

2025 Social & Information Events

Currently we are working on dates for 2025 events and we will add more in the coming months. We can confirm details of the first one for the year:

Gawler Greyhounds Luncheon:

This function is confirmed for Wednesday February 14th at the Gawler Greyhounds, Nixon's Function Centre. This is a daytime meeting and residents will be invited to enjoy lunch at the track. The price will be \$5 per head and includes seating in Nixon's, a seniors menu for lunch and a mystery bet with the TAB. Drinks will be available at bar prices. GCRH is subsidising the price of the day's entertainment.

This function has proved to be very popular. Nixon's Function Centre is an excellent facility, so we hope to see you there.

An invitation will be sent out to all residents in mid-January.

*If anyone has any ideas for social functions or information sessions, please let us know.

Wasn't at the Christmas Party, Thankfully!



Summary of Current Vacancies

The list of current vacancies is:

* Vin Rice, Unit 9, 1 David St – 3 Bed \$440,000 to \$480,00.

* Vin Rice, Unit 4, 4 David St – 1 Bed+ sunroom \$300,000 to \$320,000.

* James Martin Units 30 -32 – 3 Bed \$470,000.

We will have an Elimatta ongoing payment unit in early 2025.

*** Please contact the office for more information. Remember if you provide us a contact who purchases a unit, we offer a 'finder's fee'.**

James Martin Village Developments Update

Bruce Eastick Complex – The power box should be installed shortly. Once the box is in, the remaining external work will be undertaken fairly swiftly.

We expect to be seeking applications for the six apartments in the first couple of months of the new year.

Remaining New Builds – Units 27 to 29 are ready for occupation and they are all to be settled prior to Christmas.

There is some remaining work for Units 30 to 32, which will be completed in early 2025. We already have interested parties for these units and will be seeking offers initially from them in January 2025.

New Residents

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

- Joan Rawlings moved into Elimatta in November.
- Lynette & George McDonald moved into James Martin Village in November.
- Janice & Malcolm Colliver moved into James Martin Village in December.
- Jasper Bowering moved into Governor Daly Village in December.

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

- Unit 28, James Martin Village.
- Unit 29, James Martin Village.

True Christmas Stories!

* The parents began to assemble the special Christmas gift they had for their children.

They had ordered a kit for a tree house and received the plans for it. However, the materials they received were for a sailboat.

They wrote the company to complain. The company's reply: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have cause you, it is nothing compared to that of the man who is out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house.

* As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

*** On behalf of the Board Members & Staff, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy our Christmas gift!**