



The Grapevine Report

Wednesday 10 February 2021 was our first meeting for the year. Tom Herring was delighted that so many social events have occurred over the break, all resident-generated and run. They will be continued regularly. Unfortunately for me Tom waited until I had passed on my ancient vinyl collection of Scottish and Irish folk and dance music to Community Helpers! Ross Bassham (Penrice) is the man who will ensure that monthly vinyl events keep on happening.

A reminder that your Representative has a copy of the preventative maintenance schedule for the year should you wish to know when the Team are next due at your place. Full marks to them for completing Rotation One by the due date, end of February. No pruning is done in Summer rotations. Next Rotation will start gutter-cleaning, probably sought after by many Clusters earlier than usual because of the recent storms.

On that note, the Angaston Township took a battering on a Saturday in December when a strong power surge knocked out many properties, including our units. Many houses lost not only power for some time, but also some electrical equipment. Julie Smith (Schilling/North) was high in her praise for Barossa Village, especially Carl and Ben, for their presence and work on the Sunday, even going to the extent of shifting fridges from the Lodge to their units so that residents would not lose food. This unfortunate event turned out to be a community-building one with residents being concerned about and caring for each other.

As the completion date for the hydrotherapy pool nears – March – many Reps had questions about times and the cost of community use. Ben took these on board for decisions yet to be made but assured us that there will be some community time available on any day. By now the pool should be filled with 100,000 litres of mains water, chlorinated of course, and it will lose about 30,000 litres a month just with what users take out of the pool with them! With the constant temperature both in and out of the water being 32 degrees C, it is recommended that 15-20 minutes in the water is about max but it will be important to have advice from your doctor. The therapy pool has earned high praise from experts including the Barossa Council and others that have been involved in the process of getting it ready for the 'first swim'.

The Village will participate again in the Barossa Festival Parade on Saturday 17 April, and will take advantage of it running from Tanunda to Nuri, hosting music, a market and a bbq on the lawns in front of the Reusch Centre. Lots of other issues were raised – the Op Shop, the library, the gym, the Joy Rice Centre, Scholz trees, the Pet Policy – to name a few.

Meanwhile make sure you check out the website – barossavillage.org – especially the Client Zone. Our next Management Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 14 April. By that time a Working Group will be in action with the help of a community facilitator to begin a review of BVRA Constitution. More on that later but any suggestions welcome to your Cluster Rep.

Carmel Devonish, Secretary, BVRA - March 2021.