

April 2022

Grapevine

- ♥ Tuesday tours are terrific!
- ♥ ILU artists exhibit talent



Welcome



Barossa Village
people at our heart

Corporate, Community & Retirement Services

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On our cover:

Jean Higginbotham is a regular attendee of our Tuesday Tours, coordinated by the Community Lifestyle Team at Barossa Village. Lifestyle clients visit interesting destinations during their day trips, followed by lunch. Jean is pictured at Adelaide's Himeji Gardens.

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Do you have a story to share?

A favourite recipe?

An interesting photo?

Know someone in the Barossa Village community with a special skill or talent?

We would love to hear from you!

Send your submission for consideration in an upcoming issue of the Grapevine to enquiries@barossavillage.org

Hairdresser

Tuesdays at The Residency
Thursdays at The Lodge
Contact Irene Rickards for an appointment or she can come to you.
Phone 8564 2195 or 0414 607 135

Barossa Christian Family Centre

We welcome everyone to our services.
Held each Sunday, 10.30am
Joy Rice Centre, Nuriootpa
Phone 0408 194 740

The Village Op Shop

Open Wednesday to Friday, 9.30am-3.30pm
Arthur & Gladys Reusch Community Centre,
Nuriootpa (next to the Vine Inn)
We're always looking for volunteers!
Phone 8562 0300

COVID-19 Resources

SA Health

www.sahealth.gov.au
08 8226 6000
SA COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 1800 632 753 (8am-8pm, 7 days a week)

Australian Government Department of Health

www.health.gov.au
Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 632 753

Don't wait, get vaccinated

Book your COVID vaccination or booster at:
www.sahealth.gov.au

Regular COVID updates are available at www.barossavillage.org and our Facebook page.

Mask wearing, QR Coding or signing in on entry is mandatory at the Residency, The Lodge, Joy Rice Centre and Arthur & Gladys Reusch Community Centre.

Proof of vaccination is required for entry into the Residency, The Lodge and Joy Rice Centre.

From the CEO



Welcome to the April 2022 Grapevine, where I am writing from home having tested positive to COVID.

It has been two years since COVID entered our worlds and the virus has finally caught up with me. I am so grateful to be tripled vaccinated, as it insured my ultimate safety against a horrible virus.

As you are aware I will be retiring in July this year, and I would like to congratulate Ben Hall on his appointment as CEO. Ben will continue in his current role until I retire on the 15th of July.

Ben has been with Barossa Village for two and half years as General Manager, Service Delivery and has been a valued member of the executive team. As CEO he will be leading Barossa Village through its next chapter of growth, opportunities and challenges. With Ben's energy and commitment, it is an exciting time to be involved. I will observe from a distance, but will remain a very proud supporter.

I hope you will all get a chance to congratulate Ben the next time you see him.

Over the next three months I will be helping Ben and his team during the transition period. I will also be spending this time with many of our residents and stakeholders reflecting on the last 13 years at Barossa Village and the relationships I have developed with many of you. I will keep these fond memories and pearls of wisdom for years to come.

This time of the year means developing business plans for next financial year. Working with the Management team, we look at any external influences that may impact the organisation to be positioned to capitalise on opportunities. This year we will factor into our plans the 19 bed expansion of the Residency, for residential or respite care, available from July.

As I work on my final budget with the Management team, I am reminded of a conversation many years ago with a mentor who said, "Never be the smartest person in the room; be surrounded by the smartest people." This is true of the management team at Barossa Village. They each bring a unique set of skills and experiences that combined, will continue to steer Barossa Village in the right direction.

I am happy to report that our annual Staff and Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held in May this year, when we recognise staff and volunteers for their commitment and loyalty to Barossa Village. Dates and the venue are being finalised, and invitations will soon be sent to those who are receiving service awards.

As always, if you would like any further information or have any concerns, please ring me on 8562 0300 at any time.

**Simon Newbold,
Chief Executive Officer**

Floods Fundraiser

In response to the devastating floods impacting northern NSW and southern QLD, Corporate Support Officer, Carol Chipman, has taken the initiative to organise fundraisers to help people impacted by this natural disaster.

Two hampers of goods donated by Barossa Village staff and residents are being raffled, with tickets for sale at The Lodge and the Residency, drawn on April 13.

Carol is also coordinating a fundraising BBQ lunch for staff on Easter Thursday, with lucky door prizes and silent auctions for a bit of fun.

"We might not raise a heap of money, but any little bit will be of help, especially to assist with animals needing feed, as so many areas have had their crops wiped out."

A fantastic initiative Carol, and well done for organising!



ILU Social Club March Notes

President Kevin welcomed 15 members to the meeting on Adelaide Cup Day, a pleasing result. Those attending were Judy Richardson, Kevin Prouse, Jackie Chapman, Jean Higgenbottom, Helen Roesler, Bette Kempton, Nita Jones, Vi Mitchell, Bev Reid, Ros Hayward, Rita Dury, Magda Lausberg, Jeanne Whitelaw, Judy Clarke and Mike Reglar.

We sang Happy Birthday to Judy Clarke who was born on St. Patrick's Day.

It was only a short meeting with Jackie reading the secretary's report from last month with Judy Richardson asking that the minutes be accepted and Judy Clarke seconding the motion with all being in agreement.

There was no correspondence.

A short discussion about the chicken lunch. Other suggestions were that each person bring a casserole or soup, or that we go out for a meal and then come back for the AGM or maybe Barossa Fresh might supply cut up chickens. We still have three months to decide.

Vi gave us the financial report for the previous month and asked that it be accepted and Jean seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Vi mentioned that the donation cheque to St. John Ambulance had not been cashed and will enquire as to what has happened to it.

Next month we hope to have Mike "Mr. Bobbydazzler" to entertain us. The meeting will be on April 11th in the Activity Room of the Joy Rice Centre starting at 1.15 p.m.

To join or for enquiries please contact Reception at The Lodge.

A generous afternoon tea was served with tea and coffee and pleasant conversation was had by all.

Jackie Chapman, Secretary

Artists in residence

The Barossa Village ILU community boasts fantastic artistic talent and we continue to enjoy sharing the stories of our artists. Enjoy the creativity.

Bistro Cheney

Many years ago Bistro took up painting as an activity to keep him busy while he was recovering from illness. Bistro completed hundreds of paintings before taking a hiatus from his hobby. Several years ago he picked up the paint brush once again, with his hobby evolving into a passion and an escape.

Bistro's home has become a gallery to display his landscapes and still life paintings. A strong "Australiana" theme running through these works that display a beautiful vibrancy from Bistro's use of a robust colour palette.



"I love artists like Peter Brown and Pro Hart, they both are an inspiration to me. Art is an expression of life and my painting is an expression and reflection of what I did in the past, places I went to and things that mean something to me".

Good on you Bistro.

Gisela Irlam

Art has always been important for Gisela, starting from her early years with sketching and various craftworks.

Two years ago she discovered a new technique called Fluid Art, teaching herself by watching YouTube tutorials, and has become incredibly skilled in her application. Fluid Art is an abstract technique using fluid art mediums, such as free flowing or very runny acrylic paints, powdered pigments or inks.



Gisela has set up her own home art studio. "Art is my whole life, it's a wonderful hobby and even when I'm away for a few days I am always thinking about what I can create when I get back home".

Well done Gisela.

Rita Dury

Rita Dury has enjoyed a keen interest in art since she retired from work.

She is equally adept in both the black and white and colour mediums, specialising in animal portraits. Rita is self-taught and has displayed her art in the Joy Rice Centre foyer gallery.

"Art to me is an absorbing and relaxing hobby, some pictures turn out better than others but it's the process that's important".

Excellent work Rita.



Independent Living Community Bulletin Board



Are You Bugged Mate?

A group of men from our ILU community recently attended a rural men's mental health forum at the Angaston Football Club, hosted by local health awareness group, "Enhancing Barossa's Mental Health".

"Are You Bugged Mate?" was an evening to talk about rural men's mental health issues and suicide prevention. Dr Bill Gransbury, an organiser of the forum opened the evening, followed by James Wagner from the Barossa Council's Community Connector program.

The guest speaker, Mary O'Brien, pictured opposite, a straight talker and straight shooter, strongly connected with the audience. Mary travels across the country for her business consulting in agricultural practices. Through her work, men's mental health has become a passion. She is the Founder, Director and CEO of the rural men's mental health initiative, "Are You

Bogged Mate?" which has a website with resources for when you're "feelin' bogged":

www.areyoubuggedmate.com.au

Mary was Queensland's nominee for the 2021 Australian of the Year Awards, and a finalist in the Local Hero Category. She won Queensland's 2020 Men's Health Award for her work as an advocate for rural men's health.

Writing about her experiences on the land and creating "Are You Bugged Mate?", Mary explains that her career in agriculture means working with men, for men and beside men, and how being a woman in a male dominated occupation gives her a good understanding of rural men and a "deep and profound respect for them."

She says that men on the land are facing challenges like never before, to the point where someone needs to say something on their behalf.

"I know none of them will. I'm talking about



rural men's mental health and more specifically, rural male suicide."

Suicide is "that mongrel black dog that sneaks in when you least expect it, grabs all of your rational thoughts, buries them somewhere you can't find them, and without you or those close to you noticing, it gradually pulls you into a hole, a bog hole."

The statistics that Mary shares are stark. Australian males between 15 and 45 years of age are one of the highest risk categories for suicide. Men are three to four times more likely to take their own life than women, and the further you move from the coast into regional, rural, and remote Australia, the more that figure climbs.

"There are multitudes of factors that lead to depression in rural men," says Mary. "Today

rural men and particularly farmers have additional pressures to previous generations."

"I certainly don't have the answers but I know that most rural men will not seek help or talk to someone when they are struggling."

Mary uses the analogy of getting bogged to describe depression in men. "You are only bogged, it's OK, we all get bogged but most importantly, you can definitely get out of it."

"Tell someone you are feeling bogged. I promise you there is always a way out of the bog hole and there are plenty of people ready to help you. Don't choose a permanent solution for a temporary problem."

For a full copy of this story, contact me or go to the "Are You Bugged Mate?" Website.

Tom Herring, Integrated Care Development Coordinator

ILU Residents Activity Calendar*

April 2022

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Games Group	Wednesdays	2.00 pm	Joy Rice Centre Screen end
Happy Hour	Thursday 14 th	4.30pm	Joy Rice Centre
Residents Market	Saturday 9 th	9 -1 pm	The Reusch Centre
Movies Alternate Fridays	Friday 1 st April Sense & Sensibility Friday 15 th no movie Friday 29 th The Al Jolson Story Friday 13 th May Peyton Place	6.30 pm	Joy Rice Centre
Art & Craft Group	Fridays	3.00 pm	Joy Rice Centre
Bobby Dazzler Live Shows on Facebook			As per FaceBook page
Walking Group	Tuesdays and Thursdays Fine weather only	9.30am	Coulthard Reserve Nuriootpa
Vinyl Record Club	Saturday 23 rd	7.00pm	Joy Rice Centre
ILU Residents Social Club Meeting	Monday 11 th April Bobby Dazzler show	1:15 pm	Joy Rice Centre
Concert Night Joy Rice Centre	April 9 th "Cher concert" May 14 th "Rod Stewart Concert"	6.30pm	Joy Rice Centre
Men's Group	Wednesday 13 th & 27 th of April and 11 th of May	1:30 pm	The Lodge/Outings

* ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

For more information about these activities phone Reception on 08 8562 0300

Or visit the Client Zone at www.barossavillage.org

Property and Infrastructure Update



Barossa Village continues to progress on a number of fronts with our key projects as well as develop new services.

Peter Rosey Bar Renovation

Those who frequent the Lodge will know that we are making modifications to the Peter Rosey Bar, linking it to the room adjacent which will be home to the library which will be relocated from what was the old matrons quarters. Some have had the opportunity to have a look at the space under development and have been impressed how it 'opens up' the room and already can start to see how it may be better used in to the future, in particular with the link to the Joy Rice Courtyard.

New Units on Scholz Ave & Heidrich Court

Concrete slabs are all poured and timber is on site with frames to start going up in the next couple of weeks (pictured opposite). We will then start to get a better appreciation for what these new units will look like.

Residency Extension

The building is now completely roofed and external walls are nearly finished. Pretty soon there will not be a lot of activity on the outside of the building but please be assured that whilst it may seem that all is quiet the team will be very busy on the inside finishing off the internal work.

New Services at Hydrotherapy Pool

Community use of the hydrotherapy pool continues to grow. We see new people making use of the facility every week now as we quickly move toward achieving the goal of it being a service for the whole community.

I'll share that we are currently developing a new offering. We hope to partner with specialist instructors to create some afternoon classes that people can attend with all different levels and fitness options catered for – it's a 'watch this space' at the moment – but it won't be far away.

Ben Hall

General Manager, Service and Delivery



Community Care



The Community Care team at Barossa Village works to ensure that Home Care Packages are tailored to meet individual needs and maintain independence.

Pictured above are some of the people who make up our Community Care team at Barossa Village, including Home Care Package Coordinators, CHSP Coordinators, Clinical Nurses and Support Officers.

Changes to Emergency After Hours Phone Service

Home Care Package clients are supported to remain independently living at home with assistance provided when needed. The team at Barossa Village aims to become part of your support network alongside your social contacts and health care team.

Knowing who to turn to when you have a concern or a question is an important part

of staying independent and supported.

While Home Care Packages are part of your care, they are not a substitute or alternative emergency service. Recognising this, from April 8, Barossa Village will no longer be providing its Emergency After Hours phone service.

If you find yourself in an emergency, free telephone services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help you. These are Government funded and staffed by qualified professionals who have the training, experience, and ability to help you immediately:

In an emergency call **000**

Police attendance **131 444**

If you are unwell and need advice, a Registered Nurse can help you at **Health Direct 1800 022 222**

For emergency respite or to be linked to other carers, call **Carers SA 1800 242 636**

If you served in the forces, you may need to talk to someone who can relate to your experience and guide you to help if needed. Call **Veterans Line 1800 011 046**

For depression and anxiety, contact **Beyond Blue 1300 224 636**

For a mental health emergency, call **Mental Health Triage 131 465**

If you are in a Domestic Violence situation and it is safe to talk to someone contact **RESPECT 1800 737 732 or 000 in an emergency**

For our LGBTI community, Q Life is there to listen, support and link you to services. Call **1800 184 527 (3pm to Midnight)**

Home Care Package clients can contact Barossa Village on 8562 0300, 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday (with the exception of Public Holidays). Outside of these hours, leave a message and we will respond on the next working day.

Flora Fielder
Home Care Manager

Clean Up with Council's Waste Vouchers

The Barossa Council's hard waste and organic waste vouchers are back, giving people more opportunities to responsibly dispose of their waste. 1000 vouchers valued at \$75 each are available to residents of The Barossa Council to assist with the cost of disposal of hard and/or green organic waste. Vouchers can be redeemed at Springton Transfer Station, Eco Waste Solutions, the Yard Clean Up Man and KAND do it.

Vouchers are available for domestic waste only and the service excludes people who received a kerbside collection earlier this year.

For details drop into The Barossa Council's principal office at Nuriootpa or call 8563 8444. Vouchers must be used before 30 June. Terms and conditions and more information can be found at barossa.sa.gov.au



Community Development



“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

If we are to go by Winston Churchill’s words, Rocky and Dianne Williamson have made their lives exceptional, thanks to dedicating a lifetime of giving back to their community.

Before retirement, Rocky worked for 38 years in the cellar at Penfolds, which he attributes to keeping him fit and healthy, while Dianne spent 30 years at the Angas Park Fruit Company in Angaston, with fond memories of colleagues and the friendships forged during this time.



Amongst Rocky and Di’s work and family commitments has been a life of volunteering, which started when their children joining the St John Cadets in Angaston. To support their activities, Di (below left) joined her children at St John’s, and went on to volunteer with the organisation for 10 years.

During this time Rocky also volunteered with St John’s, (below right) starting as a driver, then completing training to become a qualified Paramedic, often covering night and weekend shifts when he wasn’t at work.

Life as a paramedic could be challenging, but the great team spirit among all the volunteers “got you through the difficult jobs,” says Rocky who worked his way up through the ranks of St Johns to Superintendent. After 13 years of juggling full time work and family commitments with volunteering and maintaining his paramedic qualifications, Rocky sadly said farewell St John’s.

Di laughs as she explains, “the not doing anything lasted about three weeks, and then off he went to the CFS”. This was back in 2002 and Rocky has been with the Angaston CFS for 20 years.

During the deadly summer fires of 2019/20, Rocky was away for over two months, travelling and fighting fires throughout the country. “All the affected communities were so thankful that interstate crews came to help.” In recognition of his work assisting with the Victoria and New South Wales bushfire crisis, Rocky will be receiving the National Emergency Medal for Bushfires 2019 / 2020.

Di also joined the CFS, assisting with the CFS Cadets. “They were between 12 and 16 years old, and basically did similar training to the seniors, learning about equipment and the basics of what the CFS involves.” Di spent 10 years volunteering with the Angaston CFS and remembers one trip fondly when they took all the cadets to see “Elvis” the firefighting helicopter (top left) and were awed by its sheer size.

While Rocky continued with the CFS, Di joined a choir group, “Terry and the Singing Nuns”, raising funds for childhood cancer charities. “We sang at local shows, nursing homes, birthday events and the Festival Centre in Adelaide for a National Lions Conference. We raised around \$75,000 and had lots of fun along the way.”

When Rocky and Di started to think about retiring, it was clear that keeping physically and mentally active would be a priority for both.

Sharing a love for animals meant that volunteering at Monarto Zoo seemed the perfect fit. Rocky’s enthusiasm is obvious. “We do all sorts of different things, from growing plants, weeding and watering, to cleaning out cages and fencing; everything except for caring for the animals.”

A special experience for Rocky was sitting in with the Meerkats when the zoo was closed during COVID, to help them maintain human interaction. For Di, the rhinoceroses are her favourite animals, “They are big but they love a good scratch.”



Having Rocky and Di volunteering at Barossa Village is a privilege. Their volunteering started in 2019 after experiencing first-hand the care that Rocky’s mother received. “The care given to mum was wonderful, so we wanted to volunteer to try and repay that kindness by doing what we could for Barossa Village”.

Rocky and Di support our Lifestyle team on their Monday program of exercise and social activities, and our Tuesday bus outing groups, exploring our region.

A big thank you to Rocky and Di for sharing their story, and for the amazing amount of volunteering in our local community and at Barossa Village.

Lisa Ognjanovic
Community Development Officer

Community Lifestyle

Tuesdays are for Sightseeing

Do you like exploring different venues and enjoying a meal within a social group setting?

Have you wanted to visit places while sitting back and enjoying reaching the destination?

Have you wanted to go somewhere, but not by yourself?

Our Tuesday sightseeing experiences could be exactly what you're needing.

The Jam Factory, Seven Hills Hotel at Clare, Mt Barker summit, a cruise on the Murray River, and a day at the beach are some of the destinations visited by our group (with transport included).

For more information on these fun days out, please contact the Lifestyle team on 8562 0300 or email:

communitylifestyle@barossavillage.org



April Friday Café Menu

Date	Lunch	Dessert
1/4/22	Roast leg of lamb served with roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, gravy and peas	Fruit flan
8/4/22	Roast chicken thigh served with gravy, potato bake, Roast carrots and broccoli	Sticky date pudding served with custard and caramel sauce
15/4/22	Braised beef in a red wine gravy served with mash potato, Roasted root vegetable and green beans	Steamed apricot jam pudding served with custard
22/4/22	Braised lamb and vegetable casserole served with roast potatoes, roast pumpkin and broccoli	Oreo cheesecake
29/4/22	Cottage pie served with roast carrots, peas and grav	Orange and honey sponge pudding served with custard

Bookings are essential. Phone 8562 0300 to make your reservation

Community Connections Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
4 St Hugh's Anglican Church 10.30am Exercise for Fun 1pm Chemist visit	5 9.00am Glenelg Lunch Watermark Hotel	6 Tinker Shed	7 10.30am Joy Rice Centre Exercise for Fun 1:30pm Travel Through Holland	7 10.30am Eudunda Ward St Exercise for Fun 1pm Understanding Aircraft	8 10.00am Circle of Friends Friday Café Lunch EUNGO 1:30pm Health Literacy Focus Group
11 St Hugh's Church 10.30am Exercise for Fun 1pm "Cheese Tasting/Dried fruit Trip"	12 9.00am Silver Screening DOG Lunch Gawler Cinema	13 Tinker Shed	14 10.30am Joy Rice Centre Exercise for Fun 1:30pm Easter Eggcitement	14 10.30am Eudunda Ward St Exercise for Fun 1pm BOWLS AFTERNOON	15 GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED
18 EASTER MONDAY CLOSED	19 9.00am Life cycle of the Rain Moth Mural Lunch Waikerie Bakery	20 Tinker Shed	21 10.30am Joy Rice Centre Exercise for Fun 1:30pm DOUG VENNING	21 10.30am Eudunda Ward St Exercise for Fun 1pm WOODWORK CRAFTING	22 10.00am Circle of Friends Friday Café Lunch EUNGO
25 Anzac Day Closed	26 9.00am Drive to Brighton Lunch Charles Diner	27 Tinker Shed	28 10.30am Joy Rice Centre Exercise for Fun 1:30pm Card Making	28 10.30am Eudunda Ward St Exercise for Fun 1pm Paper Quilling	29 10.00am Circle of Friends Friday Café Lunch EUNGO

Residential Lifestyle



Furry friend makes a visit

Spending time with a lovely friendly dog like Alice has many benefits to our residents. Furry friends exhibit a quiet loyalty towards residents and are a conversation starter among staff and residents. Having a dog around encourages higher levels of interaction, as people discuss their pets and stories.

The presence of an animal can help to reduce feelings of anxiety and depression for people living in aged care homes and the act of stroking a pet encourages calmness and boosts morale.

Alice is only 11 months old but already has instincts to stay calm and allow herself to be petted. She brought a smile to many residents' faces during her visit. Pictured above left and right, are residents Noreen and Errol with Alice.

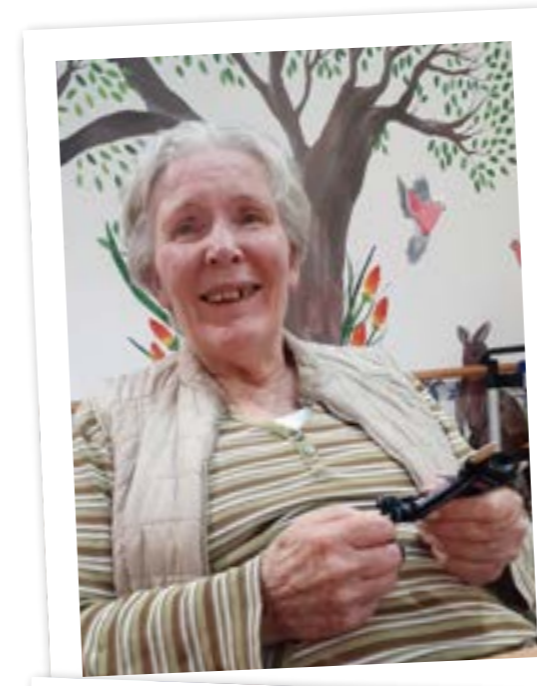
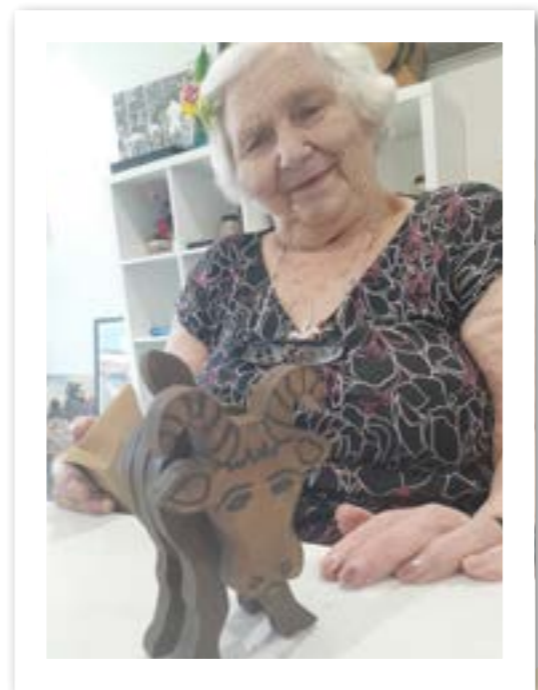
Crafty creations show residents' skills

Mavis, right, puts the finishing touches to her wooden goat ornament that she has been making over the last two weeks.



Johanna, opposite top, enjoys a good laugh while helping to wind wool for our knitters at the Residency.

As a nature lover, Penny Schick's happy place is in the garden (opposite middle). She enjoys her time in this space.



Our Favourite Recipes

Jam Drops

Easy to make, delicious to eat, Jam Drops are a favourite treat among our Residents, including Betty and Pam, pictured bottom left and right adding jam to their biscuit mixture.

Ingredients

- ¾ cup margarine
- ¾ cup self raising flour
- ½ tsp vanilla
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 egg yolk
- Jam of your choice

Method

- Preheat oven to 180 degrees C
- Cream margarine and brown sugar
- Add egg and vanilla, then combine
- Add flours and salt, then combine
- Roll teaspoonfuls of the mixture into balls
- Press thumb into the ball and a dollop of jam into thumbprint
- Place onto baking trays lined with baking paper
- Bake in a moderate oven for 12-15 minutes



Resident Profile

Errol Andrews



"Jehovah's Witnesses do not stand for national anthems, salute flags, vote, or serve in the military, as followers believe their allegiance belongs to God alone."

Errol plays the Hohner Melodica Piano (pictured left), a musical instrument that combines wind with a piano key accordion, which is played across different genres of music

"I like listening to Elvis and country music, watching sports such as tennis, cricket and motor racing."

Errol's album of family photos which he likes to share with others is most precious to him, along with Charlie, his cocker spaniel puppy.

In the photo below Errol is pictured with therapy dog Alice, who recently visited the Residency.

Thank you for sharing your story, Errol.

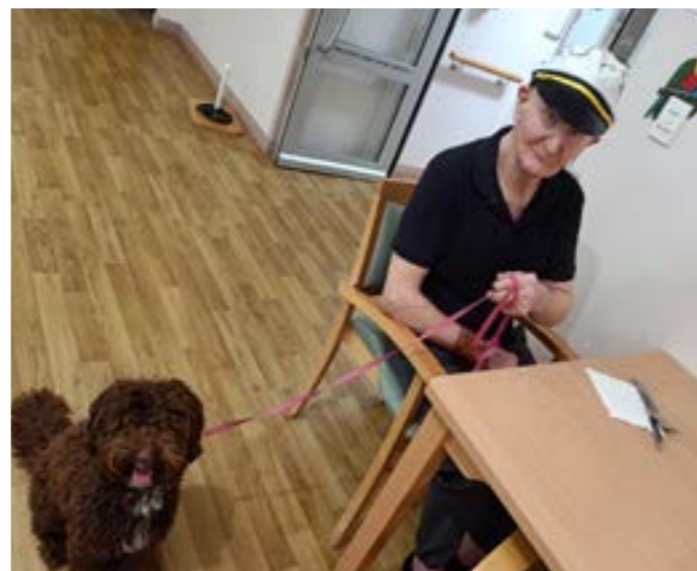
Errol was born in Carlton, Victoria on February 24, 1942 to Nelson and Beatrice (Pat) Andrews.

He married Marjorie on December 30, 1967 in Parkes, NSW, and had four children: Patricia, Richelle, Owen and Jodie, and seven grandchildren, Charlotte, Harriet, Celeste, Landen, Jasmine Jeff and Jim.

"When we moved the Barossa Valley I worked as the Handyman at Nuriootpa High School, and continued in the job for 35 years. I enjoyed woodworking and could put this to use as the Handyman."

Errol had the pleasure of travelling on cruises to many places, "Some of my favourite countries were Turkey and England and I enjoyed visiting the city of Athens." He continues to enjoy exploring destinations by looking at picture books of different countries.

"As I am a Jehovah Witness I do not celebrate Christmas and Birthdays. I do enjoy having the bible read to me as I have studied it all my life."



Are you interested in woodwork or wood burning?

The Tinkers Shed in Nuriootpa is open on Wednesdays for men and women in the Barossa Village community to participate in projects and enjoy a cuppa while tinkering.

Projects include plant pot holders, desktop phone rests, grazing platters and chopping boards.

Wood burning is also available for those who want to give it a try.

COVID has impacted numbers, and we are keen to grow this group again.

Transport can be provided at no cost.

If you are eligible for CHSP funding through My Aged Care we can assist with this, and the cost to attend is only \$5 per week. To attend privately, the cost is only \$8 for the morning.



For assistance with My Aged Care or CHSP funding contact Vanessa: 8562 0300 or vanessa@barossavillage.org

General enquiries or an information pack: 8562 0300 or communitylifestyle@barossavillage.org



Keep on keeping on



The health care sector is facing the direst of workforce shortages in living memory and this is being felt acutely in regional areas and especially in aged care.

This workforce shortage has been exacerbated by COVID, we can't deny that, but this has been coming for a long time. There are many causes that have contributed to landing us in this predicament, however, Barossa Village has been working exceedingly hard to address this situation and to ensure that the quality of service to our residents and clients has not been affected.

Aged Care Funding

Aged care is funded by the Commonwealth and this means a very fixed income stream in both residential and community care. Barossa Village has worked very hard to optimise this funding, which has seen us examine each area of our business to make sure it is providing a benefit to the client. We are making sure that the people who are doing the work are supported the best way possible and remunerated well. Barossa Village pays above the sector bench marks and has a significantly higher staffing presence on the floor where our clients and residents need to feel it most. We will be moving to a new

aged care funding instrument, subject to the results of this year's federal election, which endeavours to split up the current funding, but no real talk about increasing the potential funding for the sector. As always, do more with less.

Regional employment

Recruiting skilled workers in the regions is challenging and always will be. People go off to University and then get established in Adelaide, making it hard to move their life. Regional employment incentives do not exist in aged care at present and this would be a simple way to improve the pull to the regions. When we find staff who do choose to move to the Barossa, we get very excited. Barossa Village has recruited three great Registered Nurses to the Residency over the last months, with two, Sukh and Kabita (pictured below), having relocated from Queensland for the opportunity to work with us.



Training

Barossa Village has worked hard to forge connections with our training partners. In the last month we have offered Traineeships to staff who are completing their Certificate III in Personal Care. They can work while studying and also have their cost of training covered by the organisation, acknowledging the significant commitment in time and money to develop a career in aging and health. Barossa Village also offers an internal scholarship for staff wanting to add to their qualifications and grow their career within the organisation. This initiative is one of the fantastic opportunities afforded to us through funds raised by The Village Op Shop.

Volunteering

COVID has caused volunteering at the Residency to grind to a halt. This is really sad, because the opportunity to work with volunteers makes the environment for the residents and staff so much better. I love seeing volunteers using their skills and talents to make the residents' days better. I love seeing the sense of achievement that comes with that, for the resident and the volunteer.

Barossa Village has very deep roots in our community. It is vital that we provide the care and services needed to support our clients, staff and contractors. It is also vital that we look broadly at what's happening around us, and make the most of opportunities to grow the business and maintain services for long term benefit to the community.

We must keep keeping on, despite COVID, despite changes in government, all to maintain that ideal of, "People at our Heart".

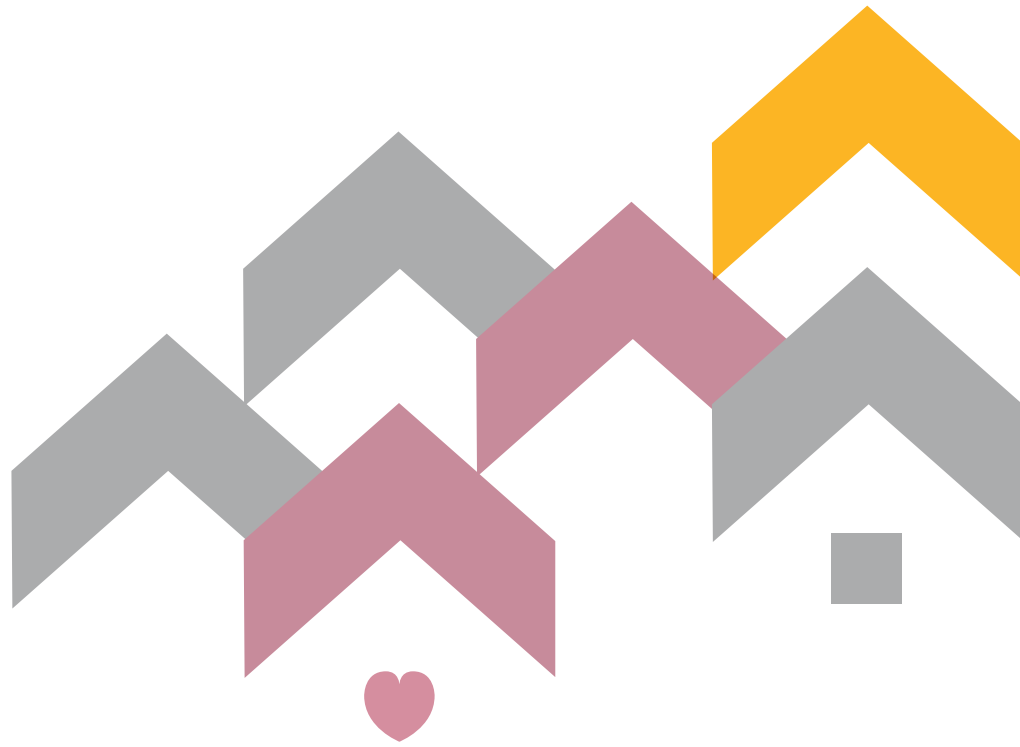
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Snapshots

2022 Vintage Harvest at the Residency





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