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Meet Brenton

WOOD WHITTLING VILLAGE ARTIST

THE INSPIRING ARTISTRY OF BRENTON RAVEN: CRAFTING RESILIENCE AND LOVE

At the Barossa Village Residency, Brenton Raven's life is as captivating as his intricate wood creations. His craft is a testament to resilience, passion, and an enduring sense of humour that has carried him through life's challenges.

For many, the distinction between wood carving and whittling is confusing. Carving demands an array of various tools, including chisels, gouges, and powered equipment, whereas whittling leans solely on hand tools and the precision of a sharp knife. For Brenton, his knife is his pencil. While he may claim he can't draw, he wields his knife to craft captivating figures.

Brenton's hardworking history is the foundation of his dedication to carving. From early hours to long days of physical labour, he can't sit idle. Although a woodworker by trade, Brenton taught himself to carve, often cutting himself in the process. "A bit of blood doesn't bother me," he says. This hardworking foundation fuels his love for carving as he continually seeks to build, create, and use his time productively.

In Brenton's room, a long-faced sculpture created by a Polish soldier who lost both legs and an arm in a tragic train accident holds a place of honour. Despite his hardships, the soldier mastered carving with one hand, using softer tree bark. The legend says the wood came from a forest inhabited by mystical spirits, and the carved figure represents one of these spirits. This soldier's story deeply inspires Brenton's artistic pursuits.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided him the time for thought and imagination, allowing his creativity to flourish. He refined his skills and created new, exciting characters by watching carving videos and experimenting with new techniques. Before starting a piece, Brenton knows exactly what he wants to achieve. "I don't just pick up a piece of wood and hope; I already know what it's going to be at the end." He follows certain rules, such as marking the head, body, legs, and feet. The nose is often the first to be carved as it sticks out the farthest. Understanding and respecting the grain of the timber is crucial.

Brenton carves using a sharp knife or a V-tool for details like hair and moustaches. His knife is sharpened with strops, never a stone. "The knife is sharper than a razor," he says. He enjoys creating expressive art, figures with big faces and eyes. "No two pieces are the same," he continues.

Each wood carving tells a story, but Brenton's personal journey is as equally inspiring. Despite being confined to a wheelchair and losing his thumb and an eye, he sculpts with astonishing skill. His ability to adapt from adversity and maintain a positive, fun attitude is a testament to his resilience. Painting poses challenges due to his impaired depth perception and focus, but Brenton adapts by relying on touch and new techniques, such as starting from the middle and working outward.

Adaptation comes naturally to Brenton. He views every mistake as a learning opportunity, pushing him to improve continuously. He recalls a time before his mobility limitations when he would navigate the world with stumbles, finding humour even in his falls. One memorable incident he remembers is tripping at the front door and stumbling through the house, only to be caught by the ground at the back door. "A reminder not to let life's setbacks dampen our spirits," he shared with a smile.

Brenton lives at Barossa Village Residency with his wife, Sandy, who is just a room away. Their love story began poolside during therapy at the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Klemzig, where they both received support for their shared neurological condition. "We were still walking then, stumbling, but walking, and we met during hydrotherapy," Brenton recalls. A playful debate lingers over who made the first move, with Brenton convinced Sandy initiated their connection. Their instant bond led to a Valentine's Day wedding on February 14, 1992. Both are together every day.

Brenton hopes the community will enjoy connecting and show interest in purchasing his creations. To meet this remarkable man, call Barossa Village at 8562 0300.





CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO ENRICHING THE BAROSSA VALLEY COMMUNITY!

Barossa Village is dedicated to providing compassionate and excellent services across retirement living, in-home care, respite care, and residential care. With our motto, "people at our heart," and our commitment to creating more good days, we strive to positively impact the lives of those entrusted to our care.

As we mark six decades of service, our dedication remains unwavering. While our strategies have evolved, our foundation is built upon enduring partnerships and collaborations.

It all began with the formation of the 1963 sub-committee, aptly named The Barossa Valley Senior Citizen's Homes Inc. Their visionary foresight, rooted in a deep commitment to "provide a permanent facility for the aged and infirmed," ignited, a community-wide endeavour, raising \$40,000, starting with an initial \$15,000.

The appeal gained traction and was supported by esteemed doctors, clergy, and district leaders, laying the cornerstone for what would evolve into our enduring legacy.

Since the inauguration of the 'Reusch Wing' in 1970, our facility has undergone remarkable expansions, including the 'Wieland Wing' (1973), 'Community Wing' (1975), 'Pam Floyed Wing' (1979), 'Maywald Wing' (1981), and the Basedow Wing (1994). This journey continued with the establishment of Barossa Village Incorporated in 1998, leading to subsequent expansions in 2015 and 2022.

Today, our 121-bed facility on Atze Parade, Nuriootpa, stands alongside the newly constructed Allied Health Centre and Hydrotherapy Pool. We extend our support to 195 Independent Living Units across Nuriootpa, Angaston, Tanunda, and Mount Pleasant, including additional units nearing completion in 2024.

Our positive impact on nearly 1,000 people annually is a testament to the dedication of our extensive team of community contractors and volunteers, along with more than 2,000 employees who have served with passion and commitment since our inception.

Barossa Village's mission today remains rooted in social responsibility and is dedicated to promoting, protecting, and enhancing the health and wellbeing of the greater Barossa community. We believe that the visionaries of the 1963 committee would feel immense pride in our accomplishments—an enduring testament to their foresight and the efforts of those who followed.

Congratulations to all who have contributed to the celebration of our 60-year milestone!

THANK YOU FOR BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR STORY!

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every individual, organisation, and supporter who has been part of our journey. Your dedication and belief in our mission have propelled us forward, allowing us to make a meaningful difference within the Barossa Valley community.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we stand humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve. Together, we look ahead to the future with optimism, committed to continuing our efforts to uplift and support our community for many years.

Celebrating
60 years





Leading with Innovation and Heart: Barossa Village's Core Values Drive Excellence in Aged

At Barossa Village, our dedication to excellence is powered by our core values: Collaboration, Creative Thinking, Courage, and Compassion. These values are the driving force behind our innovative approach to aged care.

Collaboration fosters inclusive teamwork, leading to exceptional outcomes through interconnected networks. Creative Thinking sparks innovation, ensuring unparalleled choices for those we serve. Courage empowers us to confront challenges and embrace necessary changes for continuous improvement. Compassion underpins everything, fostering genuine empathy and maintaining a nurturing environment.

With these values deeply ingrained in our culture, we cultivate respectful relationships and define success by our ability to deliver outstanding care. At Barossa Village, we are committed to enriching lives and making a positive difference every day.

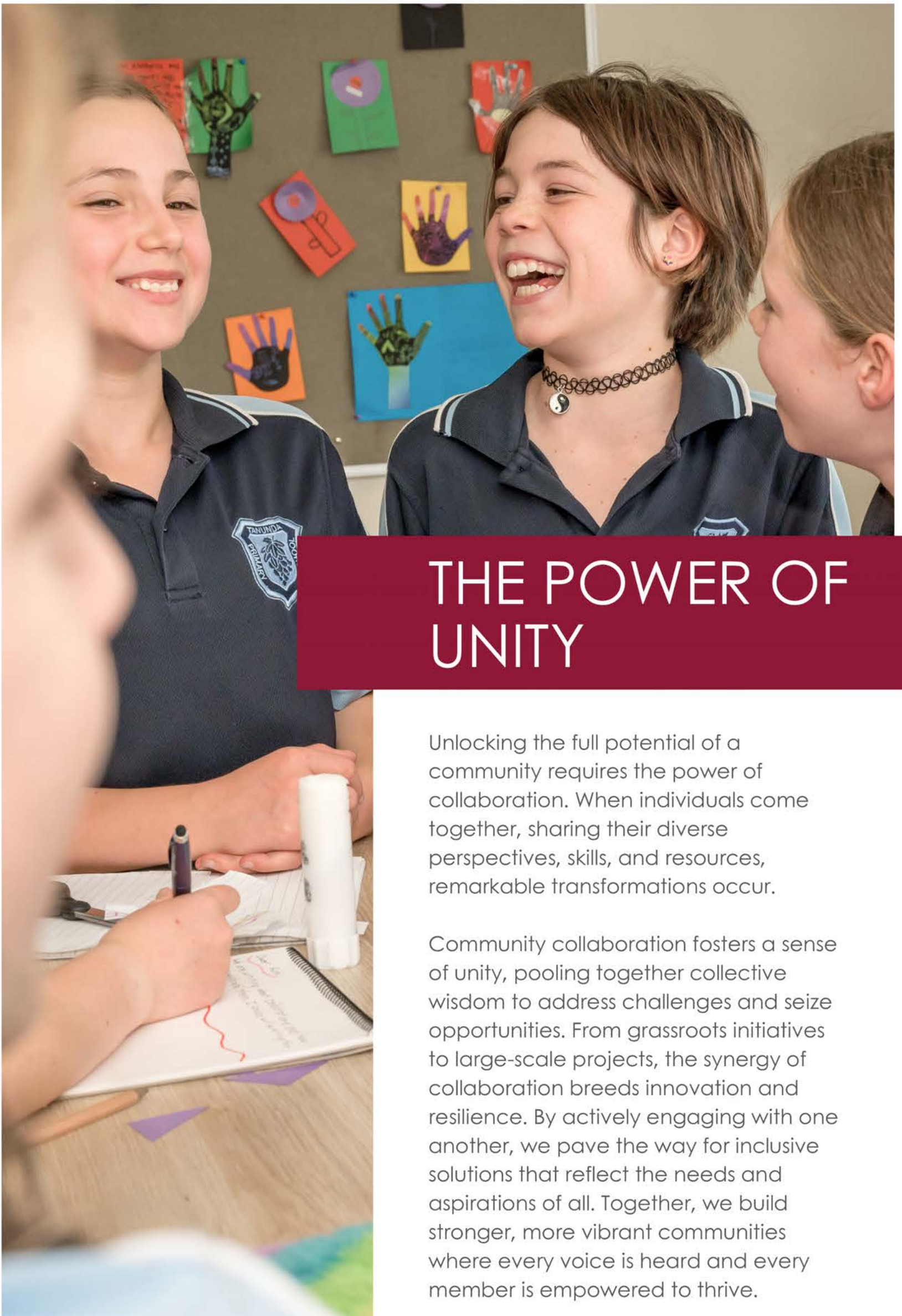
COLLABORATION

CREATIVE THINKING

COURAGE

COMPASSION





THE POWER OF UNITY

Unlocking the full potential of a community requires the power of collaboration. When individuals come together, sharing their diverse perspectives, skills, and resources, remarkable transformations occur.

Community collaboration fosters a sense of unity, pooling together collective wisdom to address challenges and seize opportunities. From grassroots initiatives to large-scale projects, the synergy of collaboration breeds innovation and resilience. By actively engaging with one another, we pave the way for inclusive solutions that reflect the needs and aspirations of all. Together, we build stronger, more vibrant communities where every voice is heard and every member is empowered to thrive.



INSIDE THE HEART OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION INITIATIVES

Collaboration stands as one of the cornerstone values of Barossa Village. We take immense pride in cultivating deep, meaningful relationships and prioritising local partnerships while remaining open to the valuable contributions of external supporters.

Our approach to collaboration extends beyond transactional connections; we strive to build a vibrant ecosystem of like-minded individuals and businesses dedicated to improving outcomes for our community. Often, these benefits are not immediately obvious but emerge indirectly, such as when a visitor to our Lodge facility discovers a service through a flyer that ultimately benefits a loved one.

By fostering this network, we expand our ability to serve the community beyond the confines of our own resources. As a socially responsible organisation, our mission is to promote, protect, and enhance the health and wellbeing of the greater Barossa community. Our visionary integrated care model ensures we can offer unparalleled life choices to those entrusted to our care.

This commitment is ingrained in our culture of teamwork and inclusivity, where we value the diverse contributions of both our staff and community partners. Our emphasis on interconnectedness in partnerships underscores our dedication to shared responsibility and innovation, ultimately leading to more fulfilling experiences.

We are delighted to showcase a selection of our partners, each playing a pivotal role in shaping the Barossa Village experience and enriching the lives of all involved.



GEMS ELECTRICAL

GEMs Electrical, a solo show, is proudly owned and operated by Leigh Goodman. GEMS Electrical was born after acquiring his electrician's license in the late 1980s, after dedicating nearly three decades to working as a supporting trade within other businesses. In 2012, Barossa Village became one of GEMS Electrical's first clients. Since then, GEMs has remained Barossa Village's trusted in-house contracted electrician, offering comprehensive maintenance and refurbishment services to residents and community facilities while serving a diverse range of clients beyond its initial partnership.

Throughout his partnership with Barossa Village, Leigh consistently elevated the level of support and service by integrating new technologies and fostering more sustainable outcomes for the organisation and its clientele. As Barossa Village's business evolves and expands, GEMs remained committed to addressing current and future needs, adapting their solutions to accommodate the growing and changing client base. They focus on delivering contemporary outcomes with lower life-cycle costs, which aligns with Barossa Village's vision for sustainability and efficiency.

GEMs are implementing new and exciting innovations within the electrical sector that directly support aging-in-place initiatives. Including simple modifications to light switches designed to assist individuals with dexterity issues, these advancements enhance the quality of life for Barossa Village residents. They're proud to collaborate with Barossa Village in implementing such solutions, ensuring that their facilities remain inclusive and supportive environments for all.

GEMs eagerly anticipate the ongoing opportunity to support the Barossa Village community. They recognise a strong alignment of values, as GEMs and Barossa Village prioritise the utmost care and support for their clients above all else. This shared commitment underscores their dedication to fostering a thriving and inclusive environment.

INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS AND
UNMATCHED CARE

RM PLUMBING

Rick 0417 850 510
Marlon 0476 131 550

Rick Thiele founded RM Plumbing in 1988; after leaving school and travelling from Blanchetown, where he was brought up, to Tanunda, Rick started work as a labourer at Snowcrete. Shortly after, he undertook an apprenticeship in plumbing, which he completed in 1983.

When Snowcrete ceased operations, Rick faced a pivotal decision: seek employment elsewhere or venture into entrepreneurship. With his wife, Mari, who manages the administrative side of the business, they decided to take a leap and start their own plumbing business in 1988.

RM Plumbing has been operating for over 35 years, offering a comprehensive range of services for residential and commercial clients throughout the Barossa region, including domestic and commercial installations, repairs, and renovations.

The company prides itself on its commitment to quality workmanship and customer satisfaction, earning the trust of esteemed clients like the Barossa Village.

The Thiele family legacy continues with the addition of Marlon, Rick and Mari's son, who is on track to complete his plumbing apprenticeship in 2025. Alongside Rick, Marlon contributes to the company's ongoing success.

Familiar faces in the community, Rick, Marlon, and Moss; their loyal van dog, can often be spotted in the Barossa Village, diligently working on unit upgrades and renovations. They cherish their role within the Barossa Village family.

THREE DECADES OF EXCELLENCE IN BAROSSA PLUMBING SERVICES



BAROSSA CARPET COURT



BAROSSA CARPET COURT

BAROSSA'S PREMIER FLOORING AND WINDOW SOLUTIONS

Barossa Carpet Court provides high-quality floor coverings and window treatments to the Barossa Valley and surrounding areas. With a proud legacy spanning 25 years, their family-owned business has been a loved part of the community for the past 13 years.

Their dedicated team of over 16 local employees is committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of their service. Beyond their commitment to quality, they take pride in their active involvement in supporting local charities and sporting organisations, ensuring that they give back to the community that has supported them.

At Barossa Carpet Court, they offer a comprehensive range of products to meet the diverse needs of their community.

From luxurious carpets to durable vinyl and timeless timber floorings, they have everything to enhance the comfort and style of customers' homes. Additionally, their collection of indoor window furnishings and outdoor blinds adds the perfect finishing touch to any space.

One of their greatest joys is witnessing their positive impact on individuals and families. Whether helping new residents settle into their homes in Barossa Village or assisting homeowners in transforming their spaces, they take pride in being a part of their journey.

Looking ahead, they are excited to announce that Kirsty and Jamey are taking over the reins for the next era of growth. Stay tuned for what's to come—plenty of exciting developments are on the horizon.

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Cloud Nine Podiatry

Situated at The Lodge, 14 Scholz Avenue, Nuriootpa, Cloud Nine Podiatry is led by Anne White, a dedicated manager and podiatrist with over 35 years of extensive experience in public and private healthcare. The team at Cloud Nine Podiatry is committed to putting 'Care' into 'Health Care' and delivering compassionate care to the lives of others. Since Anne made the Barossa Valley her home in 2009, she has supported the community with podiatric services, extending her expertise and care to clients from near and far, including Kapunda, Eudunda, and the Riverland.

Cloud Nine Podiatry's comprehensive range of services encompasses all facets of podiatric care, from diagnosis and treatment of foot and ankle disorders to specialised care for problematic toenails, corns, and calluses. Additionally, the clinic provides foot orthoses and conducts diabetic and neurovascular foot assessments, ensuring holistic wellness for its valued clients.

At Cloud Nine Podiatry, accessibility to quality care is considered essential. The clinic facilitates Medicare and Department of Veterans Affairs claims with a relevant GP referral, welcoming patients with Home Care Package plans. Private consultations require no referrals and private health rebates are available for patients with suitable extra cover, including podiatry.

For Anne, every interaction holds significance, whether it involves resolving podiatric concerns effectively or simply lending a compassionate ear to the varied life experiences of clients. Engaging with and contributing to the lives of diverse individuals enriches Anne's professional journey as much as it enriches theirs. Cloud Nine Podiatry takes pride in its partnership with Barossa Village, including providing podiatry services at The Residency, which Anne describes as *'like being part of a large family.'*

The team look forward to delivering more professional and compassionate podiatric care to the entire Barossa Valley community and beyond while continuing its valued partnership with Barossa Village.

DELIVERING CARE BEYOND EXPECTATIONS



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BAROSSA PHYSIOTHERAPY'S CLIENT-CENTRIC APPROACH

Barossa Physiotherapy has a rich 26-year history, beginning with Tania Materne. Since then, their practice has flourished, expanding into a dynamic team of highly skilled physiotherapists, massage therapists, and allied health assistants. Recently, they welcomed new practitioners to the team, including specialised professionals such as an Exercise Physiologist, a Women's Health Physiotherapist, and a Dietician and Massage Therapist.

Their therapists possess specialised training and expertise in various areas, necessitating additional education to meet the diverse needs of the clientele. Alongside addressing all facets of pain and body dysfunction, they offer Dry Needling (Acupuncture), cater to sporting injuries, and focus on concussion management.

Melissa Smith, one of the physiotherapists, has pursued advanced training in cancer rehabilitation, applicable across all stages of treatment, and possesses expertise in assessing and treating lymphoedema, including the prescription of specialised stockings and sleeves. As part of the ongoing commitment to enhancing community wellbeing, they are actively developing plans for a centralised cancer rehabilitation centre, reflecting their dedication to holistic care.

This dedication extends to our comprehensive array of services, ranging from the pioneering Barossa's only Head and Jaw Clinic, addressing ailments like headaches, migraines, jaw pain, and BPPV (Dizziness) symptoms, to tailored treatments for sports injuries, concussion management, and cancer rehabilitation, ensuring personalised care for each individual.

EMPOWERING HEALTH JOURNEYS

At the heart of Barossa Physiotherapy's approach is a dedication to involving clients in every step of their journey towards better health. Through hands-on therapy, exercise prescription, Pilates, balance and rehab classes, or hydrotherapy in Barossa Villages' state-of-the-art facility, they empower clients to participate actively in their healing process.

One of Barossa Physiotherapy's most recent successes has been the introduction of hydrotherapy, a serene and effective modality for pain management and functional improvement. The hydrotherapy pool, meticulously set at 33 degrees for optimal muscle relaxation and healing, has brought immense joy and relief to clients, marking a significant milestone in their quest to enhance wellbeing.

Looking ahead, Barossa Physiotherapy is fueled by a spirit of innovation and a commitment to excellence. Despite the challenges posed by a rapidly changing world, they remain steadfast in their mission to provide the highest standard of care. Welcoming new practitioners to their team and exploring initiatives like the hope to establish the first and only dedicated cancer rehabilitation centre are exciting ventures on the horizon.

As Barossa Physiotherapy grows and adapts, they reaffirm our dedication to serving the Barossa community with compassion, expertise, and a steadfast commitment to holistic health and wellness. Stay tuned!



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TOTAL WATER RESOURCES

Total Water Resources has been active in the industry for approximately eight years, specialising in various critical aspects:

- **Remediation of Contaminated Groundwater and Sites:** Environmental challenges are tackled, ensuring cleaner water sources and safer sites across Australia.
- **Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse:** Expertise extends to harnessing stormwater for sustainable irrigation for schools and prominent golf courses across South Australia.
- **Aquatic Industry Services:** Total Water Resources handles the construction and maintenance of commercial pools and hydrotherapy facilities.

With an enthusiastic team of six, their approach emphasises collaboration with a group effort approach, creating a dedicated work environment. Their diverse backgrounds equip them to handle any challenge, catering to the needs of today's society inclusively. The partnership with Barossa Village has existed for around four years, from maintaining the hydrotherapy pool to implementing energy-efficient solutions while closely collaborating with Barossa Village CEO Ben Hall and their maintenance team.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH WATER SOLUTIONS

SERVING THE COMMUNITY, TOTAL WATER RESOURCES OFFERS

- **Hydrotherapy Pool Installation and Maintenance:** They provide installations and essential products for ongoing upkeep, ensuring the health and comfort of the community members.
- **Support Services:** Their team offers prompt assistance to maintenance staff, guaranteeing seamless operations and optimal performance.
- **Client-Centered Approach:** They are committed to prioritising the health and comfort of every client.



POSITIVE IMPACT AND TRANSFORMATION

Every visit to Barossa Village's hydrotherapy facility, delivering chemicals or performing checks, and witnessing clients enjoying the pool with smiles and positive feedback reassures them that their efforts contribute significantly to their daily lives. This real impact fills them with a sense of accomplishment, affirming that the collaboration between Total Water Resources and Barossa Village has achieved great outcomes.

Total Water Resources is excited to announce their recent completion of the Balaclava Country Pool revamp in partnership with TPS Aquatics, further expanding their footprint in enhancing community leisure spaces.



TANUNDA PRIMARY
SCHOOL PEN-PALS





TANUNDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNITING GENERATIONS

During a casual conversation at their kids' tennis game, Kathy Evans, a teacher at Tanunda Primary School, and Lisa Ognjanovic, Manager at Barossa Village, discussed their workplace activities. Driven by a shared passion for intergenerational initiatives, Kathy proposed the idea of a Pen-Pals project. Kathy shared the idea to her students, igniting compassion and creativity within her classroom.

The Pen-Pals project came about due to COVID-19. As a class, they discussed how each student felt COVID-19 had impacted their short and long-term lives. The students reflected on their experiences during lockdowns, feeling isolated and sad about missing out on their usual activities and face-to-face interactions with friends. These discussions prompted consideration for those confined to nursing homes, deprived of the warmth of friendships and family visits.

A Literacy lesson is dedicated to crafting correspondence with pen-pals at the Barossa Village Residency every week. Each piece varies from traditional letter-writing to expressive artwork, heartfelt poems, and vivid recounts of memorable moments shared at both school and community events. One of the school's teachers regularly visits The Residency at Barossa Village, facilitating the exchange of letters between the students and their resident pen-pals.

Motivated by empathy, Kathy's class resolved to take action to alleviate this sense of isolation among local nursing home residents. Recognising letter-writing as a timeless means of connection, they created a Pen-Pal project, achievable and maintainable even amidst the constraints imposed by COVID-19 restrictions.

PEN-PALS PROJECT IS MORE THAN LETTERS

The joy shared by participants spanning generations has far exceeded everyone's initial expectations for this project. Witnessing the engagement and enthusiasm of every student in the class has been exceptional.

This initiative has been particularly meaningful for students who lack the presence of living grandparents or face barriers in seeing their own, offering them a source of connection and belonging they may not otherwise experience.

Each week, anticipation builds as students eagerly await news from their pen-pals.

The prospect of Tanunda Primary School's upcoming visit to The Residency filled the students with excitement, as they eagerly anticipated the opportunity to meet each pen-pal face-to-face and to perform the songs they had been learning in Auslan (Australian Sign Language).

The remarkable growth in self-esteem and positive mental health among participants is the most touching outcome of our intergenerational program. Witnessing the impact it has had on everyone involved has been incredibly rewarding. It was such a success that the school continued the project with the new cohorts of Year 4/5 students. Tanunda Primary School staff and students extend their deepest gratitude to the staff and residents at Barossa Village for their support in helping turn this vision into reality.



HEARTWARMING SUCCESS





HOT 'N'

FROTHY

COFFEE

THE INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY

In 2021, Wendy and her partner seized the opportunity to purchase the Hot 'N' Frothy Coffee van from its previous owner. Since 2010, this iconic van has been spotted across Barossa, diligently serving up delicious coffees and beverages to businesses, easing the difficulties of staff who cannot leave their workplace for a much-needed caffeine fix.

Since taking ownership, Hot 'N' Frothy has become a staple at numerous Barossa community events, including the Barossa Air Show, Angaston Vintage Festival, and the Seppeltsfield Street Party. Their presence has been a welcomed sight at Tanunda Primary School, Angaston Primary School Sports Days, Bethany Park Sports Days, and Dorrien Winery Business Events, to name a few.

As community-minded individuals, Wendy and her partner have gone above and beyond and sponsored several events, demonstrating their commitment to community support by donating 50 cents from each cup sold as a fundraiser.

Hot 'N' Frothy Coffee is not just your ordinary mobile coffee van; it's your express ticket to a delightful coffee experience right at your doorstep. The service is more than just coffee, catering to the diverse preferences of each customer, including alternative milk options. Their carefully crafted coffee offers a collection of syrups, chais, decaf options, white chocolate, regular chocolate, and gluten-free chocolate powders. For special events, they add a selection of flavoured milk drinks, complete with ice, ice cream, and cream for that extra touch of indulgence.

Whether a quick caffeine fix or a customised beverage to suit your taste, Hot N Frothy Coffee delivers quality and convenience with every cup.

A TALE OF RESILIENCE: THE REVIVAL OF PAT'S CAFÉ

After working as an Administrative Assistant at Barossa Village for seven years, Wendy left in 2018 to follow her dream of expanding her café in Hamley Bridge to operate seven days a week. During her tenure at Barossa Village, Wendy got to know Pat's Cafe and its namesake, Pat, whose commitment motivated her. When Pat retired, volunteers took over the café, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced its closure for over three years, impacting small businesses like Pat's Cafe in rural towns. Despite the challenges of running a small town business, the pandemic made it even harder.

In late December 2021, changes in the building ownership housing Wendy's café resulted in the sudden termination of her lease in early March 2022, leading to significant losses. To supplement their income, Wendy and her partner invested in the Hot 'N' Frothy Coffee van in September 2021 to complement their café business. Unexpected events eventually led to the café's closure.

In April 2022, messages started coming in through Facebook, inquiring about their availability for events and workplace coffee deliveries. Seeing an opportunity, they refurbished the van, relaunched its services, and started serving hot coffee and beverages while travelling around the Barossa region once again.

Among other community organisations, Barossa Village swiftly enlisted its services for corporate events, including Staff Appreciation Days and National Nurses Day. During one such event in early 2023, Wendy received an unexpected offer from our Chief Executive Officer to independently operate Pat's Café, now rebranded as Pat's Cafe with Hot 'N' Frothy Coffee.

Embarking on a trial basis, Wendy opened the café within Barossa Village Residency three days a week, offering a delectable array of savoury and sweet treats alongside aromatic Aroma Fresh coffee. Now, six months or more into this venture, the café has gained widespread popularity within the Barossa Village community, becoming a cherished gathering spot for staff, residents and visitors alike.

ENHANCING EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Regrettably, the Hot 'N' Frothy cherished coffee van faced a mechanical setback, temporarily pausing its service for a few months. Once repairs are complete, they may limit its availability to special corporate and community events.

Meanwhile, at the Barossa Village Residency, Wendy is preparing for exciting updates to Pat's Café with Hot 'N' Frothy Coffee. They are refining the ambience and extending their opening hours to include selective weekends. Whether you're passing by, visiting a loved one, or attending an event, pop by for a freshly brewed coffee, they can't wait to welcome you!



mehl 
BAROSSA MADE SOURDOUGH



MEHL BAROSSA MADE SOURDOUGH

Martin and Beck, the visionary owners of Mehl Barossa Made Sourdough, have unlocked exciting growth opportunities for their artisan bread business by moving to the newly refurbished kitchen space at Barossa Village Lodge on Scholz Avenue, Nuriootpa.

"This move has been monumental for our business, and the support we've received has been incredible," Beck shared enthusiastically.

Martin and Beck started their business at the Barossa Farmers Market in February 2014 and are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. The opening of the Village Door shows their commitment to growth and customer happiness. Their personal lives have also flourished alongside their business, as Martin and Beck recently celebrated their marriage.

The community's support has been vital to Mehl's success, and their crumpets will soon be available at the Barossa Co-Op.

Each week, Mehl delights market-goers at the Barossa Farmers Market with its vast offering of sourdough loaves and special crumpet creations, like the Roasted Barossa Quinces with fresh quark, quince jelly, roasted almonds, and rosemary.

Their crumpets have become a staple in many local eateries and cafes, solidifying their reputation as the Valley's premier crumpet makers.

As Mehl Barossa Made Sourdough continues to grow, Martin and Beck's future holds plenty of opportunities. Their journey is a testament to passion, perseverance, and the power of community support.

ORDER ONLINE OR VISIT

- mehlsourdough.com
- THE VILLAGE DOOR 14 Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa SA - Wednesdays 10 am-4:30 pm
- BAROSSA FARMERS MARKET 740 Stockwell Rd, Angaston SA - Saturdays 7:30-11:30 am





REBEKAH  BIANCA
Studios





CAPTURING TIMELESS MEMORIES



REBEKAH BIANCA STUDIOS

Rebekah Bianca Studios, located in Angaston, Barossa Valley, specialises in delivering exquisite photography services tailored to vibrant and adventurous people. Their mission is to craft enduring, timeless memories for each client, ensuring they feel confident and deeply supported throughout their journey. From the initial consultation to the final product, they are dedicated to providing a personalised experience that captures the essence of each unique personality and moment.

Rebekah Bianca Studios offers a diverse range of products and services. Although they specialise in weddings, they also capture family images and brand sessions tailored to your business's vision and personality.

BRINGING 'MORE GOOD DAYS' TO LIFE

Before pursuing Rebekah's passion for photography and transitioning to it full-time, Rebekah engaged in the Barossa community through her face painting business and a Horse Fun Day program. These endeavours cultivated invaluable connections, laying the groundwork for meaningful collaborations with esteemed organisations like Barossa Village and Barossa Valley Weddings and renowned local wedding venues. These relationships have enriched my professional journey and positively impacted their brand's values.

Inspired by Barossa Village's ethos of 'More Good Days' and their motto, 'People at our Heart,' Rebekah Bianca Studios provides professional photography services to enhance their visual storytelling. Aiming to capture the extraordinary residents and dedicated staff through passionate collaboration.

Each photograph captures their unique personalities and talents, aiming to preserve these precious moments, ensuring they are cherished and shared for generations.

Looking ahead, Rebekah Bianca Studios is excited to offer mini sessions for Barossa Valley families, providing a chance to capture family milestones and reflect on the bonds that define them. Rebekah is also eager to introduce photography education with workshops and online courses. She aims to nurture local talent and foster a deeper connection with photography.

Join them on this journey as they continue to capture the essence of life's most precious moments.

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FOUNDATION BAROSSA

BRIDGING GAPS AND BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Foundation Barossa is a community foundation among the 40 foundations in Australia. Since 2002, they have promoted and supported philanthropy in the Barossa Valley community for social, cultural, and economic development. They collaborate to address issues and causes. Being a community foundation, they have strong relationships with schools, community organisations, and support services. These connections help Foundation Barossa comprehend regional challenges and establish valuable relationships between those who need help and those who can offer assistance.

The Barossa region offers plenty of opportunities, but unfortunately, not everyone benefits from them equally. The community has diverse needs, including education, homelessness, mental health, and social inclusion.

Peter Lehmann Arts and Education Trust (PLAET) promotes arts and cultural learning opportunities and access in the region. This trust grants various Barossa arts, culture, and education projects. Foundation Barossa oversees the trust administration through an Advisory Committee, which includes members of the Lehmann family.

Foundation Barossa is a community-based foundation that invests in the community's long-term benefit by collaborating with like-minded organisations and individuals to deliver on this promise. Everyone in the Barossa community deserves to participate fully, and Foundation Barossa recognises that some community members are excluded. Therefore, they work to improve the ability, opportunity, and dignity of those who are disadvantaged to ensure that no one is left out, identifying those who can contribute positively to the Barossa Valley community and help them achieve their goals.

PRESERVING BAROSSA'S LIVING HISTORY

In 2023, Barossa Village was granted funding through the Peter Lehmann Arts & Education Trust by Foundation Barossa. The grant aimed to document and record the histories of some of the residents of Barossa Village. Every resident at Barossa Village has a unique story, which has contributed to shaping our region into what we know it to be today. As part of the project, Barossa Village partnered with Christian Teusner from the Emu Tree to undertake a unique project focusing on ten Barossa Village residents who grew up and lived in the Barossa Valley. The objective of the Barossa Oral Histories project was to capture, preserve, and create awareness about the histories and stories of these individuals through a combination of oral and visual histories.

"It is an absolute privilege to share in people's stories", said Matt Kowald, General Manager of Integrated Care at Barossa Village. He continued,

"Oral histories give us the chance to preserve a person's voice, which is often the first thing we forget when people are gone."



Foundation Barossa was thrilled to support these oral histories and preserve a diverse range of personal experiences that generally are not well documented in written sources or traditional history. Their personal nature makes them an excellent primary source for people wanting to discover more about a specific event or era, providing an insight into the impact events had on the people alive and involved. Sadly, two of the residents involved have passed away since they were recorded, so these recordings also provide an essential and heartwarming legacy for the residents' families, ensuring their voices and stories are preserved for future generations.

David Lehmann fondly shared, "One of the most enduring memories I have of travelling around the Barossa with Dad was the oral commentary that recounted the landmarks, events, and people who wove the tapestry of our region's past. Looking back, I wish we'd had the foresight to record this oral history for my kids to know. So, capturing forever the small, all too easily overlooked pieces of local history as told by those who have lived it is incredibly important for both the families of those who tell their tales and future generations of our region too."



Scan to Listen





THAT'S MY JAM!

Barossa Village received a grant in 2024 from Peter Lehmann Arts & Education Trust for the 'That's My Jam!' project. The project aims to conserve the knowledge and skill of making jam and preserves passed down from one generation to the next within families. These recipes are recorded in old, stained books aged over time and valued like precious artifacts. The recipes are being collected, recreated, and scaled with the help of residents. The goal is to incorporate these recipes into residency meals and compile them into a book to share with the community.

This significant project will enable Barossa Villages' aged care facility to engage its residents in fulfilling and meaningful activities that facilitate community engagement. Reintroducing cooking to the residents allows them to savour homemade meals and cultivates a feeling of purpose and achievement.

Through creating and enjoying their homemade jams and sauces, residents can experience fulfilment and a sense of pride. Promoting interaction and companionship among residents stimulates meaningful dialogues and enhances connections.

Barossa Village resident Edith White, known as the jam fancier, was full of praise following a tasting of the freshly crafted peach jam;

“Delicious, delightful, delectable, de-lovely! Homemade jam has real flavour.”

The "That's My Jam!" project at Barossa Village extends beyond cooking; its goal is to foster connections, preserve history, and spread joy with every jar.



“Instead of making jam, freeze fruit in containers in the freezer. Use apricot jam to make jam drops: shape the biscuit dough. Using the hand of a wooden spoon make a dent in the centre and fill it with jam before baking.”

RAELENE NOACK



“We made kerosene tins full of it every year. We never had a holiday. There was always something to do on the farm and so we couldn't get away.”

EILEEN LAUBSCH



“Sometimes my mother cracked the apricot seeds blanching the kernels and added them to the jam or used blanching almonds for the same effect.”

PETER HEUZENROEDER

Recipe

HOMEMADE APRICOT JAM

INGREDIENTS

- Fairly firm apricot fruit
- Sugar ($\frac{3}{4}$ of the measured amount of apricots)
- Lemon juice (optional)
- Water

EQUIPMENT

- Preserving pan
- Wooden spoon or spatula
- Sterilised jars for storing the jam

METHOD

Select Fruit: Choose firm, ripe fruit for the best flavour and texture.

Prepare the Fruit: Wash the fruit thoroughly, then halve and remove any stones.

Sugar the Fruit: Place the halved fruit in a large bowl, sprinkling $\frac{3}{4}$ of the measured sugar evenly over the top. Gently mix to coat the fruit.

Extract the Juices: Transfer the fruit and sugar mixture to a preserving pan or large pot. Cover and let it sit overnight to allow the natural juices to be drawn out.

Begin Cooking: When ready to cook, add the remaining sugar and lemon juice (if using) to the pot. Pour in just enough water to cover the fruit completely.

Simmer: Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer over medium heat. Cook for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, stirring regularly to prevent sticking or burning, until the mixture thickens to your desired consistency.

Finish and Store: Once thickened, remove the pot from heat and let the mixture cool slightly. Carefully transfer the jam into sterilised jars, sealing tightly. Store unopened jars in a cool, dark place for 6 to 12 months.



MARGARET GREEN

On behalf of Lyle Green,
Barossa Village Residency

"I used to help my Scottish Granny make apricot jam when we lived at Mile End. Mother was crippled and so at the age of 10 I cooked full meals for seven people. I was good at making sponges and using a hand beater; mine were not too dry. Encouraged by a friend, I entered a church fete competition and won the prize ahead of all the adults' entries."



It is no secret that the tech world is developing at a ridiculous pace. Every week, a new gadget is on the shelves; sometimes, you can't even find where that text message went! At Barossa Libraries, we do our absolute best to help keep everyone in our community connected and updated with their devices.

Here are some handy tips from the library to support you online

- **Ensure your device is up to date:** If your phone, tablet or smart watch tells you it needs to be updated, it should be updated. Keeping your device up to date will ensure you receive real-time notifications whilst also improving security measures and so much more!
- **Check that you are connected to Wifi or mobile data:** Most of our devices rely on internet connection. Having trouble downloading something? Can't find that text message? App won't load? Head to your settings and ensure you are connected to an internet source.
- **Just get started:** It can be overwhelming trying to learn new technology, but it is important to remember that there are people here to help. Keeping you connected to loved ones and updated on your latest interests is the priority, so jump in and get started. We promise – you can't break technology!

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Tech Help 1-on-1's: [FREE] Nuriootpa and Mount Pleasant Libraries, Thursday afternoons. Bookings are essential – contact the library at 8563 8440 or library@barossa.sa.gov.au to book a time.

Digital Outreach: [FREE] Barossa Libraries can now bring digital help to you! Ask your facility to contact us today to arrange a group digital help session. This can be anything from helping with devices to trying the latest gadgets like Virtual Reality (VR)!

More information is available on request; contact library@barossa.sa.gov.au or call us on 8563 8440

CAREERS WITH A DIFFERENCE

"The real treasure for me is the relationships with our clients. Truly grateful beyond measure, **there's nowhere else I'd rather be!**"

Tom

Meaningful Impact

At Barossa Village, every role is vital. From caregivers to administrative staff, each team member contributes to creating a nurturing environment where residents feel valued and cared for.

Career Growth

We are committed to your professional development. We support you in reaching your career goals through comprehensive training programs, mentorship opportunities, and pathways for advancement.

Community Culture

Our work environment is built on mutual respect, collaboration, and a shared passion for making a difference. Experience a workplace where your contributions are recognised and your voice is heard.

Benefits

Competitive salaries and salary packaging, generous leave entitlements, and health and wellness programs are just the beginning. Join us and experience the comprehensive benefits designed to support your personal and professional well-being.

Work-Life Balance

We understand the importance of balance. Flexible schedules and supportive management ensure you can excel in your role while enjoying the stunning surroundings of the Barossa Valley.

Together,
Let's Create
More Good
Days

Discover Happiness

"The feeling of satisfaction I get when I know I'm **making a difference to people's quality of life** is immense."

Kate