

Grapevine

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people at our heart

A legacy of service

Honouring life member John Angas

At Barossa Village's 2025 Annual General Meeting, something special took place. Barossa Village awarded Life Membership to Mr John Angas in recognition of nineteen years of extraordinary service to our community. It was a moment that spoke not just to the length of John's contribution, but to the depth of it.

John joined the Barossa Village Board in 2006 and went on to serve as Chair from 2008 until 2021, later continuing as Vice Chair. Across nearly two decades, he helped guide the organisation through three CEOs, the Royal Commission into Aged Care, the COVID pandemic and an era of immense change for aged care across Australia. Through all of this, John brought steady leadership, calm judgement and a deep respect for the people and purpose of Barossa Village.

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Hello and welcome

Message from our CEO Ben Hall

Welcome to 2026.

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and refreshing festive season with time to rest and reconnect.

As we begin a new year, it is worth pausing to recognise what we achieved together at the close of 2025. Over the past year we strengthened our financial position, completed the Buna Kokoda independent living development, maintained Residency occupancy above 90 per cent, delivered more than 50,000 hours of community care and completed almost 4,000 maintenance tasks. Our community art corridor continued to grow, our national first collaboration with Lifeline took shape and Howie the bus created new ways for people to connect with Barossa Village.

We also continued to look forward. Our work on the next generation of housing gathered momentum and our advocacy for the Heritage Park project was recognised by Premier Peter Malinauskas, reflecting the importance of this development for our ageing community.

At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to working together. Co-design and genuine partnership with residents, clients and families are now deeply embedded in how we create more good days across our services.

This spirit of collaboration is also reflected in this very first 2026 edition of The Grapevine, designed and curated by our new partner Blend Creative. Through their socially inclusive multi-service design studio, this publication is not only beautifully produced, it also creates real opportunities for designers with disability.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue to evolve our housing options through the Scholz Avenue development, support our teams to deliver the highest quality care and respond proactively to the new Aged Care Act and strengthened standards across the sector.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making Barossa Village what it is. The year ahead holds great promise and I look forward to what we will achieve together.

Stay safe,

Ben



Consumer advisory body meetings:

- **Independent Living – 10am Tuesday 10 February 2026 at the Lodge**
- **Community Care – 2pm Wednesday 11 February 2026 at the Lodge**
- **Residential Care – 10am (10.30 start) Thursday 12 February 2026 at the Residency**

A life of service, a legacy of care

Cover story continued.

Life Membership is a rare honour. John now joins a small and respected group whose service has helped shape who we are today, alongside Mary Plush, Maurie Humberdross, Neville Andrews, Roger Leske, Lynette Helbig, Heinz Amstberg and John Reusch.

Many in our community already know John well. A sixth generation member of the Angas family in the Barossa, he and his wife Jan continue to care for Hutton Vale Farm near Angaston. Their mixed farming business, which includes wine, lamb, vegetables and artisan products, reflects the same values John has brought to Barossa Village. Stewardship, resilience, long term thinking and a deep connection to place.

Alongside his work on the farm, John has served our region as a Barossa Council councillor and on numerous community boards. Yet it is his long-standing commitment to Barossa Village that has left one of the most lasting imprints.

At the AGM, it was my privilege to thank John on behalf of our staff, residents and community for his leadership, his integrity and the example he has set. His legacy lives on in the strength of our governance, the culture of care that underpins our organisation and the many lives that have been supported during his time with us.

John's story is part of the story of Barossa Village. We are deeply grateful for the role he has played in helping us become who we are today. 



The year that was at the Residency!

2025 was a huge year at the Residency!

Always busy, but this year brought an extra level of fun.

Year highlights:

January – AB Garden co-designed with residents and a garden designer.

February – Scarecrow building and jam making for Barossa Vintage Festival.

March – “That’s My Jam” stall at Goats Square selling cookbooks and resident-made jams.

April – Wedding gown display, new resident handbook (with Alan Hall), Maggie Beer lunch with Resident Reps, buffet breakfasts launched, and ANZAC Day Service.

May – Mother’s Day High Tea with families.

June & October – ARAS talks on resident rights.

July – Volunteer lunch honouring Judy Doecke’s 20 years.

August – New recipe book planning began. And Resident Art Group exhibition launch at CD Art Gallery.

September – Rock-and-roll Spring Dance with Valley Rock and Rollers.

First Death Café on advance care planning.

October – Mini Olympics and Resident Talent Show.

November – 20th Anniversary Celebration, Remembrance Day Service, farewell to GM Matt Kowald, and Service of Remembrance for 55+ residents.

December – Welcomed Richard Styles and held five resident Christmas parties.

Plus choirs, musicians, magicians, school visits and more.

Have a look at some of the highlights!



20th Anniversary



AB Garden



Beryl, Sandra and Di at SALA



Dot and Faye at BV Got Talent



Community wellbeing programs

A year of enriching connections: More good days for Out and About Program 2025

Each Monday is not just the beginning of another week – it was the promise of more good days when attending the Out and About Program. For a whole year, this program has provided an enriching opportunity for clients to step out, connect, and embrace the joys of socialisation, storytelling, and exploration.

Mondays had become something to look forward to. For many, it was more than just an outing; it was a chance to reconnect with old friends, share memories, and find new stories to tell. The outings always buzzed with excitement as participants gathered, eager to begin the day with warmth, laughter, and a sense of belonging.

Through the Out and About program, each Monday was filled with opportunities to explore the world around them, from leisurely walks in the park to visits to local museums, gardens, and cafés. But it wasn't just about seeing new sights – it was about experiencing them together.

Every outing was a shared adventure, where participants could reminisce about the past, compare stories, and learn from each other's experiences. Laughter echoed through the air as tales from days gone by came alive once more. 



More Good Days 2025



Dianne feeding experience at Cleland



Margaret at Cleland Wildlife Park



Dawn, Margaret, Carol, Judy and Geraldine



Veronica playing hopscotch at Brighton



Howie first day out and about



Eunice, Carol, Rita and Margaret



Stephanie, Veronica, Carol and Graham



Dianne and Arthur boarding Howie



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What's On at the Library

Mid Week Makers - Needle Felting | Wednesday 4 February

Come and try your hand at needle felting. Perfect for beginners.
6.00pm to 7.30pm - \$5pp

Meet the Author - Tim Ayliffe | Friday 13 February | 6.00pm

Don't miss this chance to hear from one of Australia's top contemporary thriller writers for the launch of his latest novel 'Dark Desert Road' at Lambert Estate Wines, Angaston.
\$15 includes drink on arrival and light supper - bookings essential

Shut Up & Write Launch | Saturday 21 February

Join fellow writers in a relaxed, no-pressure space where writers come together to simply...write. 10.00am to 11.30am - FREE

The Makers Circle - Tuesday mornings | 9.30am to 11.30am

Bring along your craft project, enjoy a cuppa and chat with other local creatives at Nuriootpa Library. FREE.

Book online at www.barossa.sa.gov.au
or call us on 8563 8440

DID YOU KNOW?

Barossa Libraries offer a Home Library Service.
We bring all your favourite stories to you!

Social calendar

FREE programs open to the wider community*

The ILU Social Calendar is a vibrant initiative hosted by Barossa Village Independent Living Unit residents who are passionate about creating a welcoming and connected community. It's designed for like-minded people looking to socialise, have fun, and build meaningful connections.

Unlike traditional programs, these events are led by residents, making them truly community-driven. With an ever-evolving program of activities, there's always something new to enjoy – a space where friendships grow and shared interests bring people together. We invite you to come along and be part of the fun!

For more information or to connect with program facilitators:
Contact the Barossa Village Lodge reception on 8562 0300 (Option 2).

*Some programs might ask for a gold coin or a plate of food to share.

Games Group	Happy Hour	Movie Night	Arts & Craft
2.00pm Every Wednesday The Joy Rice Centre Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa	4.00pm Second Thursday each month Feb 12 & Mar 12 The Joy Rice Centre Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa	6.30pm Second & fourth Friday each month Feb 13 & Mar 27 The Joy Rice Centre Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa	3.00pm Every Friday The Joy Rice Centre Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa
Bobby Dazzler	Music Night	Men's Night	Market
Live music performances Search public Facebook group – The Bobby Dazzler Show	7.00pm Third Saturday each month Feb 21 & Mar 21 The Joy Rice Centre Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa	1.30pm Second & fourth Wednesday each month Feb 11 & 23 The Lodge/Outings	9am – 1pm Saturday Feb 1 and Mar 1 The Reusch Centre – 24a Murray St, Nuriootpa

For more information call **8562 0300**

Community Connections calendar

What is Community Connections?

Community Connections is a paid program open to the broader community, with a structured fee schedule for participants. Each session is led by a Barossa Village staff member and includes available transport and meal options.

Whether you're eager to learn new skills, explore new experiences, or connect with others who share your passions, our dedicated coordinators are here to create unforgettable moments for you. At Barossa Village, we're committed to bringing "More Good Days" to our community through engaging and meaningful activities.

Bookings are essential.

To enquire, book, or find out more, contact Barossa Village, Lodge Reception on 8562 0300 (Option 2).

Visit us: 14 Scholz Avenue, Nuriootpa (Monday–Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm)

What makes a good day for you?

Our programs are personalised, and we love hearing your ideas! If there's a place you'd like to visit or an activity that excites you, let us know – we value your feedback.

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day trip group outings: pickup from 8:30am
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness for Life: 9:00am – 10:00am Aqua fitness & hydrotherapy sessions: 1:30pm – 4:30pm 2:45pm: Level 3, Aqua Fit (Advanced) 3:15pm: Level 2, Aqua Flow (Intermediate) 3:45pm: Level 1, Aqua Ease (Beginner) 1:1 Individual physiotherapist hydro session
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 Home-based exercise program with Allied Health assistant
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More Good Days Together weekly: 10:00am – 2:00pm
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 Home-based exercise program with Allied Health assistant Mix and mingle: 10:00am – 11:30am Indoor bowling: 10:00am – 12:30pm Café luncheon: 12:30pm – 1:30pm All-aboard bingo: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Please note: Your health and wellbeing are our top priorities, and programs may be adjusted based on weather conditions. As this is a staffed calendar, last-minute cancellations or non-attendance may incur a charge.

What's on weekly...

Mondays:

Discover new experiences on our exciting day trips. Explore art, history, and culture through exhibitions and destinations. Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with like-minded individuals.

Date & Time	Activity	Lunch
2 February 8.30-4.30pm	Hermann Gass Sanctuary, Mannum The boardwalk offers scenic views, providing a perfect spot to observe a diverse range of bird species.	Mannum Community Club
9 February 8.30-4.30pm	Farrell Flat silo art The silos in Farrell Flat serve as a powerful display of public art, once functional structures now reimagined as a stunning mural that celebrates the town's vibrant history.	Farrell Flat Hotel
16 February 8.30-4.30pm	Greenfields wetlands If you ever thought about trying birdwatching here's a perfect place to start. Here you can spot the wood sandpiper, red-necked stint, red-capped plover and more.	Cross Keys Hotel
23 February 8.30-4.30pm	Marine Discovery Centre The Marine Discovery Centre offers interactive exhibits that explore topics like sustainable fishing, incorporating eco-friendly practices at home, Aboriginal culture, and the vital need to protect our unique marine ecosystems.	Henley Hotel
2 March 8.30-4.30pm	Mystery tour Pack your curiosity and leave the rest to us. Join us for a fun filled day and complete the questions to find your destination.	Mystery Lunch
9 March 8.30-4.30pm	Hahndorf (Adelaide Hills) Enjoy a relaxed trip to the charming heritage village.	Bakery Lunch
16 March 8.30-4.30pm	Rymill Park Enjoy the scenic surrounds as you take a leisurely stroll, including an artificial lake and the rose garden. (Medium Level of walking).	BBQ Lunch Cost: \$8
23 March 8.30-4.30pm	Gorge Wildlife Park Come and see all your favourite Australian and exotic animals. Cost: \$23	Bring your own lunch or buy at café.
23 March 8.30-4.30pm	Ultimate OP shopping All in one location come and find your bargains at the various Op Shops located in Findon.	Findon Hotel

What's on weekly...

Monday day trips bus timetable

We're excited to share our Community Connections Out and About program has a fresh new way of travelling together, on our brand-new bus, Howie!

With more seats and comfort on board, we can now welcome more friends along. To ensure we spend less time on the road and more time enjoying our outings, we'll be transitioning from home pick-ups to a scheduled stop system.



Please note:

- When booking for Monday trips, you'll be asked to select a departure and return location.
- Please arrive 5 minutes before departure.
- Times may vary slightly depending on traffic or conditions.



Tuesday:

Fitness for Life

Join our group exercise session designed specifically for retired individuals, with a tailored circuit-style class suitable for all fitness levels. Guided by Allied Health Assistants, you'll receive ongoing support to help you stay active, build strength, and maintain independence in a welcoming and social environment.

Benefits:

- Form social connections
- Build strength, flexibility and balance
- Improve functional abilities
- Enhance wellbeing and mental health

Time: 9:00 –10:00am

Location: Barossa Village Residency, Atze Parade, Nuriootpa

1:1 Individual physiotherapist hydro

Did you know you can access a tailored 30-minute hydrotherapy session with a physiotherapist through Support at Home package. Speak with your care partner to arrange this personalised service.

Location: Barossa Village Residency, Atze Parade, Nuriootpa

Aqua fitness & hydrotherapy

2:45pm: Level 3, Aqua Fit

Advanced: A high-intensity, full-body workout designed for advanced swimmers. This 30-minute class focuses on cardio, strength, and resistance training, held in the deep end of the pool.

3:15pm: Level 2, Aqua Flow

Intermediate: Ideal for intermediate swimmers, this 30-minute class enhances balance, posture, flexibility, and endurance. Sessions take place in the shallow to middle section of the pool.

3:45pm: Level 1, Aqua Ease

Beginner: Perfect for beginners, this gentle 30-minute class helps build water confidence, improve balance and coordination, and promote flexibility and relaxation. Held in the shallow end of the pool.

Wednesday & Friday:

1:1 Exercise with Allied Health assistance

Home-based exercise program

- Boost your health with a personalised exercise plan in the comfort of your home!

Speak to your care partner to book a physiotherapist visit.

- Our physiotherapist will visit you to assess your needs and set achievable goals.
- They'll create a custom exercise program designed just for you, delivered by an Allied Health assistant through weekly sessions.

What's on weekly...

Friday:

Friday social connections

Location: Joy Rice Centre,
14 Scholz Ave, Nuriootpa

- **Mix and mingle:** 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Indoor bowling:** 10:00 am – 12:30pm
- **Cafe luncheon:** 12:30 pm – 1:30pm
(detailed weekly menu below)
- **All-aboard bingo:** 1:30 pm – 2:30pm



Friday Café menu

Date	Lunch	Dessert
6 Feb	Chicken in satay sauce with steamed rice and vegetables	Peach and mango cheesecake
13 Feb	Silverside, mash and steamed vegetables with bechamel sauce	Apple and berry pie and ice cream
20 Feb	Braised steak, baby potatoes, peas and pepper sauce	Panna cotta and mango coulis
27 Feb	Roast lamb, chat potatoes and roast vegetables	Fruit trifle and whipped cream
6 Mar	Beef stroganoff and rice with steamed vegetables	Citrus cheesecake
13 Mar	Silverside, mash and colcannon with cheese sauce	Apple pie bites
20 Mar	Braised steak, baby potatoes, roast pumpkin, peas and onion gravy	Panna cotta and strawberry coulis
27 Mar	Roast lamb, roast herbed potatoes and vegetables with gravy and mint sauce	Fruit trifle and whipped cream

Bookings and dietary requirements essential – phone 8562 0300 (Option 2).

Please confirm your attendance by the Wednesday prior. As spaces are limited, cancellations or non-attendance may incur a charge.

Community news

Meet Blend Creative!

Blend Creative is a graphic design studio driven by the social purpose of supporting people with disability to work in the graphic design sector.

When we were first approached by Barossa Village to help with the refresh of their newsletters and different communication pieces, we were really excited by the opportunity to showcase what we do and the talents of our highly skilled, diverse team. This partnership provides a great opportunity for our team to demonstrate their creative craft with a partner who values social inclusion and diversity in every facet of community.

As said by Blend Creative employee Joshua “I get to unleash my designing skills and come up with great ideas for projects, it’s a good feeling and good creative process.”

We are looking forward to continuing to support Barossa Village, with a suite of communications that are fresh and engaging, and that continue to build on their great reputation.

Visit www.blendcreative.com.au to find out more about Blend Creative and the work that we do. 

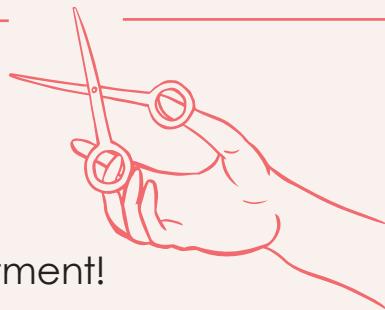


The Blend Creative team at their Christmas Party in 2025

Hairdresser

Thursdays: Barossa Village-Lodge Salon

Booking available for the salon or home appointment!



IRENE RICKARDS | 0414 607 135

Have some fun

Find the hidden words of the summer.

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COCONUT	SUNHAT	HIKING	WAVES
HAMMOCK	SEASHELL	CAMPING	TRAVEL
WATERMELON	POPSICLE	ICE CREAM	FLIP FLOPS