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YOUR MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to Jan Geary, who moved in to Villa 18 on 15th April and Maureen and Michael Michael Gleeson to Villa 19, on 15th July. Michael is a qualified horticulturalist who worked as a gardening advisor for Swanes Nurseries for a number of years. Michael is going to have a section on gardening tips in our Riverside Times commencing in the September edition. If you have something you would like him to write about please submit to his mailbox.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Pat Schinkel our editor for her hard work. Pat tells me she finds it hard sometimes to get material together for the next edition. Please help her by sending interesting material to her.

Lenore our card making teacher Villa 15 is away on a camp this week at Katoomba, learning new skills to make the group meetings on Tuesday afternoons more interesting. Good on you Lenore. We love your cards.

Thank you to Christine Villa 11 and Diana Villa 5 for organising the catered mid- year Winter Luncheon on Tuesday, 16th July. Lorraine Villa 12, was a great helper and Fay, Villa 47, made beautiful pavlovas.

We have some very talented people in this village. Have you seen the paintings that adorn the walls in the community centre from the Wednesday art group?

Now clever Elaine Villa 16 has been selected in the top 100 to feature in the published book Senior's Stories Volume 5. She has been invited to the Book Launch at Parliament House NSW, date and time to be advised. Elaine coordinates the Reading Group every other Thursday morning. She has inspired other residents with writing skills to have articles in various magazines and writing books.

Don't forget we are on water restrictions. Go to sydneywater.com.au for details.

Best wishes

Patricia



Water restrictions in place from June 1

- Water lawns and gardens by hand held hose before 10am or after 4pm, as long as your hose is fitted with a trigger nozzle.
- Wash vehicles and buildings with a bucket, a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or high pressure cleaning equipment.
- Spot clean hard surfaces for health, safety or emergency reasons only using a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle or high pressure cleaning equipment.
- Top up an existing pool or spa to replace water lost through evaporation.



BIRTHDAYS

July

13th Lionel (v17)
18th Deborah (V3)

August

1st Elaine N (v21)
18th Helen 2 (v 2)
23rd Jean (u38)
27th Lenore (v15)
29th Caroline B (v17)

Community Centre Diary

Each and every resident is very welcome to join in any activity but, for catering purposes, it assists organisers if you reply promptly to planned dinners before the due date.

*Arts and crafts (Wednesday)
Boys' Club/Snooker (Thursday afternoon)
Card games (Friday afternoon)
Sausage Sizzle/Bingo (monthly)
Di's Sunday Summer Salad/Winter Soup
Lenore's Card Making (Tuesday afternoon)
Movies (every fourth Saturday afternoon)
Reading for Pleasure (Thurs. fortnightly)
Scrabble (Monday morning)*

Scrapbooking (Monday afternoon)

Trivia (Friday morning)

Walks

Don't forget that Lenore (villa 15) keeps a good supply of hand-made birthday/etc. cards (around \$4) in the Community Centre, together with an honesty box for your purchase. If you require a card for a specific occasion (i.e. wedding, etc.) contact Lenore.

From our Readers' Group Session

A true story by Joselyn (villa 41)

Young Stanton was the rather grand name a trotting horse was given in Brisbane. After a few failed attempts at glory, it was decided that he was no longer a viable proposition and he was to be sent to the knacker's yard. My brother in law Eddie happened to be drinking in the pub with his owners and, as it happened, Eddie's daughter had been nagging him to buy her a pony. A deal was agreed on, 20 pounds, cheap enough he thought. Next day Eddie drove his ute up the road to the mate's property and tethered Young Stanton to the back, and drove slowly back down the road. Remember this was Brisbane in the 60s. Karen fell in love with Stanley, as he was now to be called, she groomed him, and fed him and after a bit of training by her Dad, it was decided that riding could begin. The trouble was Stanley had a bad habit of reverting back into his trotting gait, the first chance he got. This meant that the rider had to hang on like grim death, as they lapsed into giggles. Eventually he got the message and Karen and my daughter used to share the rides in the property next door. One day Eddie rode his horse out to check on the girls, and found them in a rather marshy place which had been accessed by riding over a dilapidated bridge with some plants missing. Gees! You didn't take that horse across that bridge did you? He almost had a heart attack, especially as he discovered they had been riding bareback, the two of them. He made them walk Stanley back through the marshy land. The girls were sternly warned, they would not be allowed to ride again if they behaved recklessly. Stanley enjoyed quite a few years at Crowther Downs, munching contentedly on the grass, till the girls grew out of their obsession with horses. I like to think his last years were happy ones.



At the Readers' Group Colin recited Banjo Paterson's "The Man from Snowy River"

You are invited to come along to an upcoming Readers' Group Event

On 1st August the guest speaker will be Det.Insp. (ret) Gary Raymond (Author of the Cop Books)

Wendy's Corner

Computer tech terms explained

- LOG ON: Adding wood to make the campfire hotter
 - LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the campfire
 - MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the fire
 - DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the Ute
 - HARDDRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies
 - KEYBOARD: Where you hang the Ute keys
 - WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold
 - SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season
 - BYTE: What mozzies do
 - MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.
- (to be continued)

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife..." (I love it!)

Thanks Wendy



Residents enjoyed the dappled shade in the community centre's garden following the mid year banquet luncheon. Thanks to Di, Chris, Fay and Lorraine for all your work.

Betty's Reminiscences – reprinted from 2014

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who
stopped to chat for a little while

Blessed are they who knew the way to bring
back memories of yesterday

Blessed are those who never say, you've told
that story twice today

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm
loved and respected and not alone

Blessed are they who ease the days of my
journey home, in loving ways

Blessed are they who understand my
faltering step and shaking hand

Blessed are those who seem to know my
eyes are dim and my mind is slow

Blessed are they who looked away when tea
was spilled on the cloth today

(Author unknown)

HISTORY OF THE HAWKESBURY

On Wednesday, 23rd December 1874 a fire broke out in George Street, Windsor and spread over both sides of George, Suffolk, Macquarie and Fitzgerald streets with damages around 100,000 pounds. Many shops and houses were destroyed; the hotel, Methodist Church and parsonage, two tanneries and the Oldfellows' Hall were amongst buildings destroyed. The Sydney Fire Brigade arrived around 10pm to help extinguish the flames.

Historical Richmond Bridge.

In 1857 talks were taking place to build a bridge connecting Richmond to Kurrajong and, in 1860, the low level Hawkesbury River wooden bridge (comprising nineteen spans) was completed at a cost of 10,000 pounds. Until 1876 Tolls were paid until the bridge came under the control of the Government. Repairs to the bridge were carried out in 1890. Today remnants of the piles of this old bridge still lie beside the new bridge.

The new bridge, 14 ½ feet above river level, was completed in 1905 at a cost of 18,600 pounds.



Mark Green Tree's new air conditioning apprentice.
Mark looks after our air conditioning units



A bridge near Da Nang, Vietnam



Sorry Wendy and Judy – I couldn't resist it

MORNING CHUCKLE.....They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then, I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will; just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"

Welcome to the **GOLDEN YEARS**

SIGN OF THE TIMES

North Richmond is fortunate with little graffiti around the buildings. Hanna Park has a good facility for the boys (and girls) to utilise the skate slopes. Last week it was in good condition but, sometime overnight, the vandals "got" to it. Fortunately, within a few days, a vigilante crew turned up and eradicated the graffiti within a few days. Beaumont Avenue is getting an upgrade and is looking good.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community Garden is a work in progress and going ahead slowly but surely. If you want more information, or visit the area, please contact Chris (419 096 430) so that we can arrange a time to meet.

SNAIL AND SLUG FAVOURITES

Main Preferences	Treatment
Silver Beet	Check behind leaves daily; sprinkle sawdust around the base of the plants
Tomatoes	Snails will climb the stems and eat the fruit; create a barrier around each plant
Cabbage	Take care when the heads are forming as slugs get in between the leaves; remove by hand
Lettuce	Protect young seedling which are particularly susceptible; use saucers of beer at night
Annual seedlings	Most young seedlings are attractive to snails and slugs; check daily for signs of infestation
Hellebores	The foliage of these perennials can be stripped by slugs; protect with a mulch of Lucerne hay
Petunias	These fast growers have succulent foliage that can be eaten rapidly; surround with barrier of sawdust
Lupins	Snails and slugs fest on both foliage and flowers; remove manually or use barriers



If you could sit on this bench and talk about life with anyone, who would it be?