

LEEDERVILLE GARDENS NEWSLETTER



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Closed 1st January 2020

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AND SUDDENLY
YOU JUST KNOW
IT'S TIME TO START
SOMETHING NEW
AND TRUST
THE MAGIC
OF BEGINNINGS

UPDATES FROM YOUR VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Residents

Recent unpleasant events have resulted in a variety of whispers floating around the Village. Please remember there are always 2 sides to every story. What has happened is regrettable but it is done and dusted, so let us all look to the future and move on with a positive attitude. Sadly, as a result of these events we were faced with disbanding the Leederville Gardens Residents' Committee (LGRC).

Redevelopment of the Clubhouse and other overdue maintenance issues are imminent and it is crucial that the residents continue to be represented in consultations with VSA and the Board. With 3 resignations received this month the remaining 3 committee members found themselves in an unenviable position.

Ideally the LGRC is made up of 8 members so we therefore declared 5 casual vacancies on the Committee and requested that those 5 vacancies be filled as soon as possible. Fortunately, some very able and willing residents have come forward to join the committee. We are humbled by the overwhelming support we have received and look forward to officially welcoming new members aboard early in the new year.

The social life of the Village will continue with some very generous residents offering to take on the responsibility of organising events on the Calendar, the first one being an Australia Day celebration. There will no longer be a Social Sub-Committee as such. Instead there will be a Social Co-ordinator member of the Residents' Committee and a large group of willing helpers who will come forward as needed to provide social opportunities.

The new look Residents' Committee and Social Group will be operational until the AGM in August. We hope to continue the good work and commitment of all past and present Resident Committees over many years. In the meantime, lets enjoy Christmas and please remember this is a time for reflection, forgiveness, gratitude and peace. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyful start to 2020.

The Committee - Di, Liz and Jude

THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2019



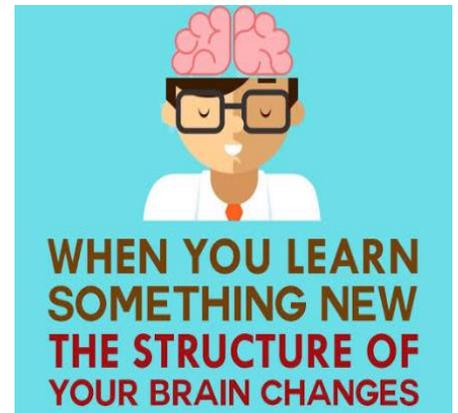
WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENT

Please join me in welcoming Ruth Bullock who will be moving into Unit 66 on 9th January 2020.

MANAGEMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

It is strangely quiet in my office as I am writing this on the Monday before Christmas. This is in stark contrast to the hustle and bustle of the last couple of weeks with three major Christmas events being held in the Clubhouse. All of which I believe were very successful, despite a few hiccups on the catering front for the Christmas lunch. Still as my mum used to say “we learn as we go”.

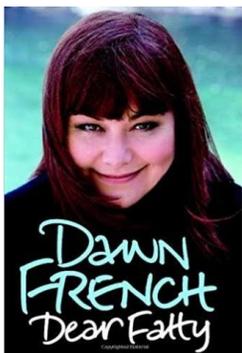
As the New Year approaches, I am sure there are many people already thinking about their New Year’s resolutions, and although I hate to admit it I am one of them. I don’t plan on losing weight, getting fit or drinking less (all hopeless causes for me). Instead I want to learn something new and I think I am in the right place to make that happen. EVERYONE in this Village has something valuable to share, whether it be a skill, or just a wonderful way of viewing of the world. I’m hoping that if we set aside an informal ‘chat and create’ morning once a fortnight in the Clubhouse, people might come together to knit, sew, draw, paint, talk in another language or just ‘be there’.



The New Year will also see the return of the “Pop Up” Restaurants. Mark is very keen to try the restaurants at the weekend creating more opportunity for the family and friends of residents to join them for a relaxed meal. I am sure there are many good things ahead for 2020 but they won’t just come to us, we all need to play our part in building a vibrant, active community where everyone is valued and has a role to play. For my part, I will do my utmost to support the LGRA as it rebuilds and rejuvenates itself taking Leederville Gardens into the next decade. My thanks also to the outgoing members of the LGRA for their important contribution to the Village and their support in my first year at Leederville Gardens.

Tina Merry, Village Manager

BOOK CLUB



Sandra and the other book club members would love you to join the Leederville Gardens book club which meets on the second Thursday of every month.

Date: Thursday 9th January

Time: 4.00 pm

Book: “Dear Fatty”

Author: Dawn French

LIBRARY ITEMS EXCHANGE

First delivery date for 2020 is Tuesday January 14th.

BIRTHDAY MENTIONS



Sending you wishes on butterfly wings for a wonderful day, full of beautiful things.

Mel O'Hern

Rita Maguire

Beverley Foster

Diane Allen

Noreen Shepley

Toni Morris

Sandra Stevenson

June Dunstan

Palma and Guiseppe Martellota



COMING SOON - VILLAGE | RESIDENT JANUARY EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT DETAIL
Wednesday 1 st January	5.00pm	Happy Hour
Thursday 9 th January	4.00pm	Book Club
Thursday 9 th January	10.00am	Special Movie Event - By popular demand British Comedy "Saving Grace" starring Brenda Blethyn (of Vera fame).
Tuesday 14 th January		Update on the NBN - Info session with Telstra and other telcos. Please add your name to the list in the Clubhouse.
Wednesday 15 th & 29 th January	10.00 to 12.00	First of the 'Chat and Create' mornings. Bring something you enjoy doing to the clubhouse - share your skills and enthusiasm or just enjoy some company while you work.
Sunday 26 th January	6.00	 Australia Day BBQ 
Every Monday	5.30pm	Meditation
ANYTIME		
Movies - if there is a film or show available on Netflix which you would like to watch in the Clubhouse - just let me know and will set up for you. Something for the grandkids perhaps? (I have popcorn 😊).		

VILLAGE SALES UPDATE

Villa 28 - For sale, basic refurbishment and on the market for \$360,000

Villa 30 - For sale, basic refurbishment and on the market for \$355,000

Villa 37 - For Sale, full refurbishment and on the market for \$480,000

HOME OPEN HELD WEEKLY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 10.00AM TO 12NOON AND SATURDAYS 10.30AM TO 11.30AM; ALTERNATIVELY PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS ARE WELCOME

HEALTH & BEAUTY



Have you thought about a new look for 2020. Come and see one of our lovely hairdressers for a 'new do'.

Be the first to feature in the 2020 'before' and 'after' gallery. Remember when you use our onsite hairdressers you are supporting the village - a percentage of the fee goes to the operating account.

SERVICE	DATE	BOOKING
Dr Peter Winterton GP	Thursday 9 th January	Please contact village office to book an appointment
Dr Laura O'Connor		Please contact Oxford St Medical Centre to book an appointment 9444 3700
Podiatrist - Roslyn Greigg		Ring 0422 913 685 for an appointment
Hairdresser - Linley & Peta	Every Friday in January	0418 940 566 or 9284 0530 after 5.00pm for an appointment
Hairdresser - Amanda	Every Monday in January	Contact Amanda direct on 0430 161 097 to book a free consultation





UPCOMING EVENTS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE

There's SUMMERthing for everyone at the Mezz this January! There are many FREE events in The Laneway this Summer including outdoor movies, quiz nights, entertainment, pop-up art and kids' fun!

Friday 10 January

Movie at sundown

Outdoor Family Movie Night. Grab some food and drink for a special screening of the Greatest Showman! First in, best dressed - beanbags, tables and chairs available for use.

Saturday 11 January

6pm - 7pm

Adam & Selina Roaming Magic illusionists will make a special appearance wowing you with their favourite tricks.

Friday 17 January

Live Music

Enjoy chilled out Summer vibes whilst enjoying dinner.

Check out the webpage for more events

<https://www.hawaiian.com.au/shopping-centres/mezz/news/theres-summerthing-for-everyone>



HOW TO TURN A FROWN INTO A SMILE

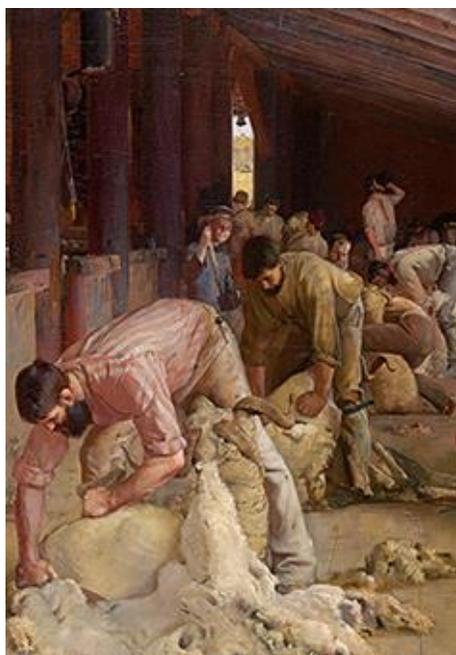


When things go wrong, you can fall down or look up. You can shut down or wake up, all over again, starting from right where you stand. You can accept that the days won't always look bright, but commit to finding something worth smiling about. Here are five suggestions to brighten your day.

1. Call a friend who knows how to laugh at herself to remember what it's like not to take yourself too seriously.
2. Ask a friend to come over and make you smile. It's really simple and obvious, I know, but sometimes we forget to just ask for what we need.

3. Read a letter, card, or email from someone who thought of you when you were going through a hard time.
4. Search your deleted email folder for “thank you.” You probably made a huge difference in someone’s life recently—remember that now!
5. Text a friend, “What’s the funniest thing you’ve heard today?”

AUSTRALIA DAY QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. Who has been the only female governor-general?
2. What was the term for the locals who assisted Australian soldiers during the World War II New Guinea campaign?
3. Which character did Banjo Paterson refer to as “the King of the Overland”?
4. Which animal did indigenous Australians call a warrigal?
5. Does NSW or SA have the larger area?
6. Shearing the Rams is an 1890 painting by which artist?
7. In 1796, which surgeon led an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Blue Mountains?
8. Name Muriel’s home town in the 1994 movie Muriel’s Wedding?
9. Apart from the Queen, who was the only woman depicted on Australia’s first series of paper decimal currency banknotes?
10. Is the Great Barrier Reef or Great Dividing Range longer?

RECIPE

MANGO AND PASSIONFRUIT AUSTRALIAN MESS



INGREDIENTS

- 2 mangoes
- 300 ml thickened cream
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthways, seeds scraped
- 2 tablespoons icing sugar, sifted
- 6 meringue nests or a 20cm pavlova shell, broken into small chunks
- Pulp of 4 passionfruit

Step 1

Finely chop the flesh of 1 mango cheek and set aside to serve, then roughly chop remaining mango flesh and puree until smooth in a blender or processor.

Step 2

Beat the cream, vanilla seeds and icing sugar in a bowl until thick. Stir in the crushed meringue. Layer some of the mango puree and meringue mixture in four 300ml serving glasses, alternating layers. Top each glass with some of the finely chopped mango, a little of the passionfruit pulp and a little more mango puree. Serve immediately.

SCAMWATCH

BEWARE OPENING A SCAMMER'S CON THIS HOLIDAY PERIOD

The ACCC is warning the community to be wary of scammers trying to ruin their Christmas holidays.

“Scammers often try to take advantage of people during the busy Christmas period and prey on our vulnerabilities at this time of year. For example, they may take advantage of you looking for a good deal on a family holiday, searching for a loved one’s present at an online store, or even that you’re expecting a present from someone through the post.”

Watch out for three common holiday season scams:

Travel scams: scammers trick their victims into believing they’ve won a travel prize or scored a really good deal on a travel package, like a cruise. Unfortunately, these seemingly too-good-to-be-true holidays are nothing more than a scammer’s con. In the past 12 months, nearly \$86,000 has been lost to this scam, with about 1750 reports.

Online shopping scams: scammers will set up believable looking online stores to trick people into goods that don’t really exist. They might also set up fake online classified or auction site listings. They entice people with legitimate looking discounts and may even advertise items as the perfect Christmas present for a loved one. This scam has cost Australians more than \$1.3 million in the past 12 months, with more than 6440 reports.

Parcel delivery scams: with millions of packages moving across the country scammers will send fake ‘missed delivery’ notices to potential victims. These scams are aimed at getting people to download malware or ransomware onto their PCs, which can be costly to remove; or steal their personal information. Scamwatch has received about 1700 reports of this scam in the past 12 months.

“Your personal information is often just as valuable to a scammer as your money so always be careful about the information you give out online,” Ms Rickard said.

“There are some simple tips you can follow to stay ahead of scammers these holidays.”

“If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do your research on any online stores you’re using, especially if it’s for the first time. Never do a deal or make a payment outside the online auction site you are using. If you are buying from a classified website only hand over the money when you have physically inspected the goods. Finally, never open attachments or download files you receive out of the blue—no matter who the email comes from or how legitimate it looks,” Ms Rickard said.

Follow @scamwatch_gov on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts to get up-to-date warnings.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Dame Quentin Bryce
2. Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels
3. Saltbush Bill
4. Dingo
5. South Australia
6. Tom Roberts
7. George Bass
8. Porpoise Spit
9. Caroline Chisholm
10. Great Dividing Range