



# Goodwin Village

## Newsletter Dec2016/Jan2017



### CARE MANAGER REPORT

Another year has passed. We have seen the climate change with rain and sunshine bringing us wonderful productive crops for the farmers. A buzz is in the air with activity and lots of positive chatter.



Mavis Bish is being welcomed into our home. We welcome her and look forward to sharing happy times with her. We have also mourned the passing of long time resident Tom Cantwell. Our sympathy has been extended to Mary and Will over this time. Mary and Will were regular visitors to Goodwin Village and very supportive of their Dad, Tom. We will miss them all. The sunshine has been very kind to our Sunset Garden. The wagon flowers are blooming beautifully. These geraniums were propagated from our resident Isabel McNally's garden. We are very proud to show them off.



The Friends of Goodwin Village Christmas Party is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. I would like to invite all the families of residents along to this special afternoon tea. A small plate would be much appreciated. Come and join in our festivities in a casual relaxed friendly atmosphere with your family members new friends and acquaintances.

The staff of Goodwin Village would like to wish everyone a "Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year". Business is as usual at Goodwin Village over the holiday season so feel free to continue to come and visit us at any time.

- Lynne Walsh  
Care Manager



## **BOARD NEWS**



### **UNITS**

Unit 10, 27 & 36 in Richardson Heights are still available and can be inspected at anytime by appointment. We had an open day on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. It was great to see all the people who came to look over our wonderful units.

### **MAINTENANCE BUILDING EXTENSION**

Work is still underway on the maintenance building extension and the carport construction for the Office of Housing Units. At the conclusion of the project all the current car spaces at the west end of the property will be under cover. DHS residents will be required to pay a fee to have their car under cover. Any DHS resident not wanting to pay a car parking fee will need to park on the south side of Unit 22. A parking area will be created there.

### **GENERATOR**

The new generator funded by the state government has been installed and already has had to be used and we are pleased to say that it performed admirably!

### **FLOOD LEVEE DESIGN**

The flood levee design work is approved, and is ready to go to tender. It is expected that the project will be completed by April 2017.

### **REAR OF UNITS 1,2,3,4, & 10,11,12.**

Onleys have also been busy with the construction of the back areas behind units 3 & 4. The concreting looks very good; we have had a few comments on the colour, which people have said that they like.

### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

The Board and staff wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and hope 2017 is a wonderful year for everyone



**Unit Resident Happy Hour  
5.00pm Fridays in Meeting Room at hostel.  
All Welcome!**

**Please note the newsletter will now be delivered via email to all those that have given their email addresses. Thank you!**

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## ACTIVITIES

Melbourne Cup was celebrated at Goodwin Village with much pomp and parade. Residents dressed in their finery with hats, fascinators and smart outfits. A magnificent luncheon was served with chicken and champagne accompanied by savouries galore and sweets to die for – chocolate cases filled with mousse, lemon tarts, mushroom tarts and many other treats. With the champagne corks popped, the races began and after several hot heats the Goodwin Village Cup was taken out by Fran Drum. Next came the other big race, the Melbourne Cup and all eyes were peeled and the race was watched by many expectant “punters” on the big screen. Thank you to all the wonderful staff who participated and helped in many ways on our special day.

“Mini Circus” was also in town in October and we were entertained by Kevin and his well trained birds and rabbits. The birds especially were particularly tricky and brought about lots of laughter. Acky, Shidyu band Lynette were brought on stage to participate and several residents were asked to be “assistant magicians”.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from another type of circus last month. This particular one was purely human however and we loved watching the Donald Primary Prep students as they performed their own “Prep Circus”! Strong men, acrobats, dancers and clowns, not to mention lions and tigers performed a fantastic circus display. Our residents loved watching the children and were enthralled by their bright colours and talents. Thanks to their teacher Xanthi Rice for organising this wonderful visit.

Our annual Grampiand bus trip also took place last month and staff members Acky, Jeannette and Lynette accompanied the residents on this outing. Many thanks go to our regular volunteer driver Marion Bayles for her time and patience as always.

Lunch stop was held in Stawell at a most picturesque park with beautiful lawns, gardens and friendly ducks. Then it was on to Halls Gap and a drive up to check the water level at Lake Bellfield followed by a trip up to Silverband Falls, the regular ice-cream stop in town and then homeward bound. A great day was had by all!

Well Christmas is just around the corner and we look forward to sharing the fun and joy of the festive season with everyone at Goodwin Village. Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and community groups that visit us throughout the year. We value your time and appreciate the friendships and fun shared...thanks again!



Above: Melbourne Cup tasty delights and Dina Johnston and staff dressed in their finery for the occasion.



Above: Jean Pearse and Leila Honicke ready for the Cup.



Above: Stuart McNally being "visited" by a circus bird.



Above: Resident sit enthralled watching the children.



Above: Joan Tonkin making friends with a shy "lion".



Above: Circus time at Goodwin Village with lions, tigers and strong men lifting heavy barbells!



Above: Residents and our bus driver Marion enjoying a lovely day out in a park near the Grampians.



**The free newspaper “Seniors” is now available in the hostel foyer for all Goodwin Village residents.**

**Goodwin Village now has its own website -  
“[www.goodwinagedcare.org.au](http://www.goodwinagedcare.org.au)”. All residents, families and  
anyone else interested in making use of our services on offer  
are invited to check out our site!**



**\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\***



**DECEMBER**

- 5<sup>th</sup> December -Uniting Church Communion 11am  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Auxiliary 2pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Resident/Relative Meeting 11am  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Anglican Service  
14<sup>th</sup> December – St Mary’s students Christmas visit 10.30am  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Resident & Staff Christmas Luncheon 12.00  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Uniting Church Service 2pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> December - Catholic Mass 2pm  
30<sup>th</sup> December – New Year’s Eve Happy Hour in Riverside Lounge

**JANUARY**

- 10<sup>th</sup> January - Resident/Relative Meeting 11am  
19<sup>th</sup> January– BBQ Lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> January – Catholic Mass 2pm



**Birthdays**



**DECEMBER**

- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Hettie Cooper  
26<sup>th</sup> December – Lorna Bradby

**JANUARY**

- 10<sup>th</sup> January – Joan Basset  
12<sup>th</sup> January – David Gilson  
19<sup>th</sup> January – Kath Onley  
21<sup>st</sup> January – Dick Walsh  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Mavis Bish



*Happy Birthday to you all!*