



# The Pelican Monthly Bulletin

For the Residents of Riverside Estate. Renmark

## The Riverland's Premier Over 55s Lifestyle Village MANAGER'S REPORT

February has been cooler than usual, much to Scott and my delight. No rain though which is a bit disappointing as the gardens would benefit from natural irrigation at this time of year.

Scott and I have been doing some redesigning of irrigation system around the Estate. Some solenoids were controlling too many drippers, resulting in lower pressure during irrigation causing some dripper blockages. Hopefully we have overcome most of these issues now. Being able to control and monitor the irrigation from my phone is fantastic. The ability to turn on and off while working on the system and not having to walk back and forth to the various stations saves lots of time and effort for Scott and myself.

We have also redesigned some of the big lawn irrigation, ensuring a better coverage from the sprinklers, particularly on the sloped areas. We have also transplanted some more "Sir Walter Buffalo" in the bare patches, aerated and fertilized the whole area and filled in some of the holes.

The solar bollards through Bayswater Close and the end of Albany Way are now permanently fixed. A big thank you to John Hume for designing and making the concrete bases. We have one more for the end of Whitford Mews that we will install once home 30 build is completed.

You will have noticed that the camera on the front gate is back up and running. Apparently the signal wires in the pole had deteriorated over the years and needed replacing. Thank you Andrew May.

Ken Smith



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### Committee Members

#### Residents Committee

- Tony Peak – Chair
- Glenda Edwards – Secretary
- Marie Harvey – Finance
- Christine Freak - Finance
- Jenny Thomas
- Lynne Williams

#### Social

- Maureen Williams - Secretary
- Graham Edwards - Treasurer
- Mike Thomas
- Margaret Poole
- John Hume

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*All contributions including articles, jokes, photos, etc are most welcome and should be sent to the editor by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the next or future issues depending on available space.*

*Email submissions are preferred and should be forwarded to Maureen Williams - #623*

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM JIM

We are now well into the new year and things are happening at Riverside Estate. Our covid world is changing. Countries are opening up. Whilst it has been inconvenient at Riverside, it looks like we have come through with relatively little impact. Well done everyone.

On Thursday 10th March Kristina and I will be coming to town to help host a dinner to welcome our 11 most recent residents. David and his partner Margie will also make the trip. Sam, Mel P, Mel R and Ken will likewise be there to help and to fuss over our new VIPs. To be frank, I anticipate David, Sam, myself, and probably even Ken, will be kept well out of the kitchen during preparations.

On the strategic level we believe the village has recently ramped its growth up a notch. Not just in terms of the building activity you see going on, but the increased sales interest from potential new residents. Many of them locals. Thanks to those of you who have been spreading the word. We had a healthy flurry of enquiries in the middle of last year. However, Mel Roe, Sam and the sales team have reported positive numbers leading up to and since the recent Open Day.

The building work continues and two of the townhouses in the second group are now pre-sold. We have had enquiries for the other two, and the home being built in Whitford Mews. The Masterton home (beside Graham and Glenda) in Whitford Mews is for still for sale. But that's it. No more existing homes are available. As such, the Directors are looking at building more new homes.

And we have started planning the Parklands Circuit. This road will replace the existing track which circumnavigates the 800sqm lawned area in front of the Rec Centre. This will be a major development for Riverside Estate. It will provide for more homes and improve the village appearance. The Residents Development Committee have been advised.

We will report more sales and development progress in the next newsletter. Suffice to say that you will be welcoming more friends into the village this year.

I was upstream on a houseboat in January with Deputy Mayor, Henry DuRieu. Henry is a childhood family friend. He is keen to come and have a residents Q & A evening in the Rec Centre to discuss the village and our concerns. Heads-up only at this stage folks. Ken will get back to you with more details soon.

To set the record straight, Sam and David both previously (mis)reported my holiday misadventures. Any suggestion that my sunken car and busted camper trailer were accidents are false. They were both deliberate!



And too many holidays? Is there such a thing? I'm sure you, the residents of Riverside Estate Lifestyle Village in beautiful Renmark, will back me on this one!

## RIVERSIDE OPEN HOUSE

The recent open house conducted at Home #29 in Whitford Mews was held in near perfect conditions and was very well attended. Sam Pearce and Mel Roe were on hand to discuss the finer points with interested parties while a number of residents also opened their homes to a few people who were interested in seeing what other floorplans were like.



### SOLAR PANEL CLEANING

Christine from House #14 has advised Riverland Gutter Cleaning have quoted a very reasonable **cost of \$4 per panel** and standalone hot water panels will be free.



To make it easier Christine will collect money prior to cleaning and issue a receipt.

All who are happy with this price and wish to go ahead with the solar panel cleaning, email Christine [sphinxkmhs@gmail.com](mailto:sphinxkmhs@gmail.com), or text 0427 273 809. Or phone 614. --ASAP so I can book it in.

The panels will be cleaned over a Saturday/Sunday time frame and Christine will advise when dates are confirmed by the Company.

*Many thanks to Christine for organising this service.*

## RIVERSIDE PROGRESS

### House #30 - Whitford Mews



Work on House #30 was going at a good pace but now waiting for delivery of the windows. There was a lot of interest in this home during the recent Open House.

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### The New Block of Townhouses

Work on the new townhouses is moving along at a really good pace. This is the back of the homes.



The windows have now been installed. It's amazing to see the difference from week to week on the construction.



## POTTER INN GARDENERS

**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, 3rd March 2022**  
**Commencing 2 pm.**  
**All interested residents**  
**are welcome to attend.**

I've been scratching my head trying to think of something to write about the community garden this month, and really can't come up with much.

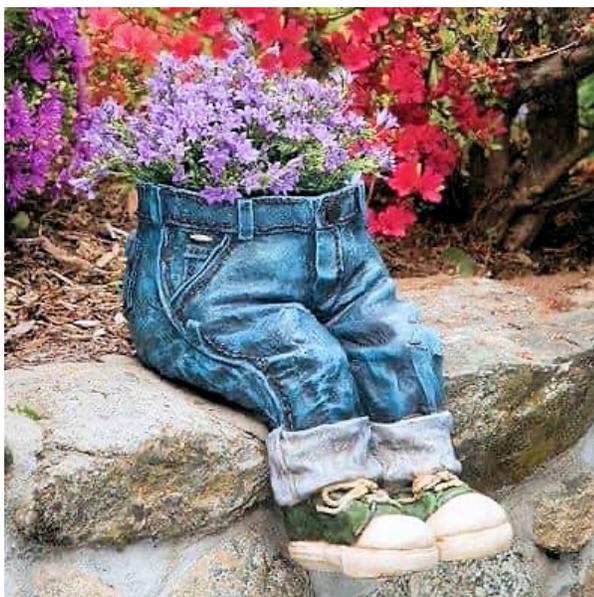
Well once it cooled down this evening I took a walk over to the community garden to see what was growing, and have to say there's not a lot worth picking at present .

Hopefully the weather will soon be cooling down and we can get planting again then it won't be too long until we have some lovely fresh veggies for us all to pick.

Our next meeting is on 3rd March at 2 pm in the rec centre so if you would like to join us come along it's worth it just to hear John's jokes .

Cheers Jenny

Got any old jeans & sneakers that you would like to re-purpose?



## Team Leader Potter Inn Gardeners Report

### March 3rd 2022

First I must thank you all for attending to our Community Garden, the work force is getting older but still enthusiastic about keeping our Potter Inn Garden alive and well.

The fruit trees once again supplied us with an abundance of delicious fruit, our greenhouse has once again with David's magic has had a crop of beautiful tomatoes.

Noel has done his best to keep the garden watering system operating, it seems there has been times when the system has decided not to operate and not do what is supposed to do, thank you Noel for attending to those issues.

I still believe there are more questions to be asked about keeping the garden to a reasonable standard. In saying that I understand that we are all still growing and having more important things to do, besides gardening. Having said that, thank you for the work that you have found time to put into the garden.

Yvonne has thought, suggested and actioned that, as our veggie plants have been not picked and left to go to seed (which is a bit sad), we now have some shrubs on the top row of the garden, with a couple of cucumber and other ground plants in amongst them.

Ken and Scott have helped us out with some pruning, spraying and other little bits of stuff. Thank you. The garden at the moment is looking pretty good, the weeds will be always be ongoing and so weeding is a never ending job, and then there is the pruning. Luckily we have people who have access to blockers that we have been able to source a couple of pruners. They do a great job and we thank them.

I still believe the monthly meetings are important to keep the group together, keep the meetings light and bright with the opportunity for everyone to have their say. You are volunteers and you all have a voice, and what you do is amazing.

Thank you Jenny, Mike and Val, Jenny being the Note Taker and Val the Money Holder. Val has retired from that job and Graham is the stand in money holder for Val, thank you Val for being part of our group and your input over the years.

Graham (Have a chat) and Marie for collecting and recycling the cans and bottles the money keeps our joining fees very low, John and Yvonne, Mazz, Tony and Liz, this includes everyone who has put time into maintaining our special community garden. Thank you to those fairies that hover over our garden to spread a bit of garden love. Thank you John Hume for the work on one of our Garden Seats, it looks like new, and the seat donated from Janet Munn. Mazz, Tony, Val, Phyllis and Maureen - we know it has not been easy for you, I sincerely say thank you for staying on board.

To our faithful members, thank you for being part of the Potter Inn Gardeners, I hope you all will sign up again this year.

Thank you to the residents who have picked and enjoyed the produce, your involvement enables us to purchase seedlings and fertilizer and other bits and pieces for the garden to make the garden user friendly.

Team Leader: John

# SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE



**Happy Hour - from 6PM every Friday night**  
BYO drinks and some nibbles to share.



**Next Pizza Night**  
**11th March 2022**

Please ring Maureen on 623 with your order or  
leave a message on the answering machine  
before 4pm on the 2nd Friday of the month.  
Alternatively SMS - 0434 949 813



**Tuesday, 1st March 2022**  
**Free Pancake Day Morning Tea**  
Savoury & Sweet Fillings  
**10.30pm**  
List for names is in the library



**Thursday 17th March - 12.30 pm**  
**St Patrick's Day - Free Luncheon**  
**Irish Stew with Colcannon**

Please add your name to the list in the Library  
Come and join the fun  
Wear something GREEN



**FRIDAY 25TH - BYO BBQ from 6PM**

BYO meat (either hot or cold) & drinks  
Please indicate on the list in the Rec Centre  
if you are bringing a salad or sweet to share.  
Including Lucky House Draw  
This is your opportunity to get out  
and meet other residents



Soft drinks & beer are available for purchase in the Rec Centre.  
They are located in the left hand fridge  
Please place your money in the Honour Jar.  
Prices are on the jars.



## SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE (cont.)



### House Draw for February draw:

# of homes in the village = 44, plus 5 currently under construction

# of eligible homes = 43

# of participants (both months) = 35

Prize pool = \$70, less RESC (25% -\$18) = \$52 to the winner both months

**February winner was House 86 - John & Marion Bassham (after 13 years!)**

**It definitely pays to be in the lucky house draw!  
Only \$2 per house each month**

You couldn't wipe the smile off John's face after he won the lucky house draw! We had only said to him earlier in the evening "Must be your turn John"



All ready for the free Valentines Day morning tea. Devonshire Tea with jam & cream and also fresh strawberries. Many thanks to Jenny for the yummy cheese scones which were a big hit.



# RIVERSIDE ESTATE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(A sub-committee of the Riverside Estate Residents Committee (RERC))

The Recreation Centre is the heart of our Community!  
All residents are invited to nominate if they would like to become part of deciding what activities and outings to include on the Riverside Estate social calendar.



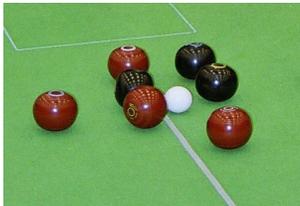
We are looking for a minimum of 5 residents but ideally, an equal gender mix of more residents would be preferred to allow for residents being away on holidays.

**If you would like to join the RESC please complete the form below and return to Trevor Anderson at house #26 by Monday, 7th March 2022**

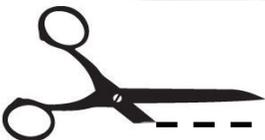


The new RESC will be appointed at the AGM of RERC on Tuesday 29th March 2022

The handover meeting for the new RESC will be held at the April meeting  
4pm, Thursday 14th April, 2022



**Come Join Me For Morning Tea**



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate to go on the Social Committee for 2022-2023.

House #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Priscillia's Adventures

Priscillia has been having a wonderful time with Emily while they are holidaying in the Old Country! Be sure to check out the videos Emily has shared in the Resident's Facebook Group. Let me know if you aren't a member and I will add you to the group.



Priscillia out with Emily, meeting the animals.



Priscillia & Piglet having a snooze.

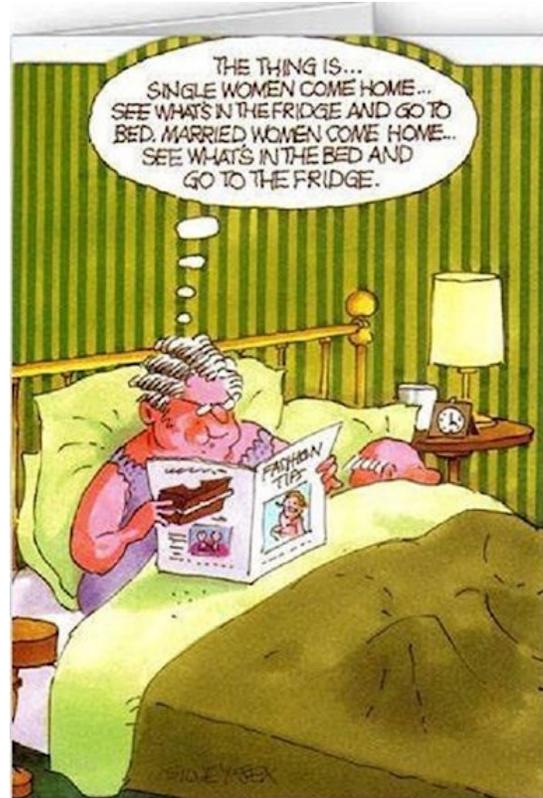
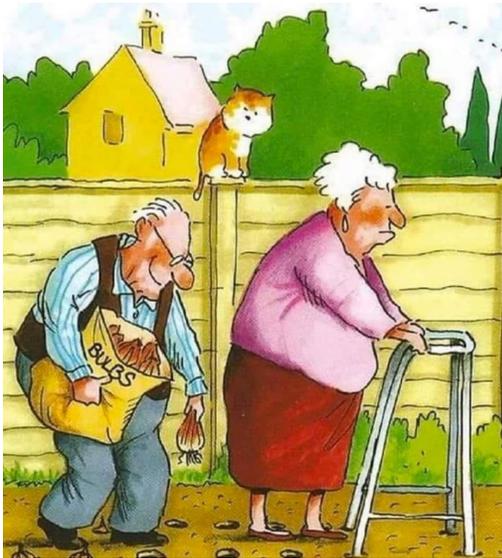


Even on holidays Emily gets a chance to enjoy her Rummikub - under the guidance of Priscillia naturally.

Checking out Emily's favourite flowers - a sign of warmer weather coming. Pity you will come back to cold weather when you eventually get home!



# JUST FOR FUN



**A QUIET MAN  
IS A THINKING MAN.**

**A QUIET WOMAN IS  
USUALLY MAD.**

One for the golfers!



## JUST FOR FUN

### Some important philosophical questions on life

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?



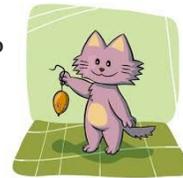
Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?



Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?



Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the person who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?



You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes?  
Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

**Don't forget the following activities are available in the Rec Centre - they are there for your enjoyment.**



**COME FOR A YARN**



# Tai Chi

**Every Tuesday - 8.45 am - 9.45 am**

Contact Mazz 681 for info



**Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting?**

**Would you like to learn to crochet ?**

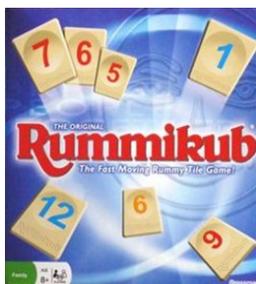
or would you just like to get together  
for a chat and a cuppa?

If this is something you might  
be interested in

Contact Maureen #23 for more info.

Telephone: 623

Mobile: 0434 949 813



**Rummikub**

Every Monday – 1.30 PM

Contact Graham H (670)

for more details



Contact Maureen if interested.

**A whiteboard is located in the main hall area in the Rec Centre behind the produce table  
so the Social Club can list all the up-coming events for the month.**

**Attendance lists will still be located in the Library - please add your name if you wish to attend.**

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