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For the Residents of Riverside Estate.

Renmark

The Riverland's Premier Over 55s Lifestyle Village

MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to our new residents Chris and Christine Freak who have moved into home 14. As they have moved from Tasmania, (Riverside in Tasmania I believe) they are undergoing 14 days isolation. They will spend a lot of this time unpacking and getting their home organised. One of Christine's hobbies is jigsaw puzzles, so she should be able to keep herself fairly occupied. Chris is a keen walker and golfer so I feel sure he will be looking forward to the 14 days to be over.

Along with the normal weekly tasks, Scott and I have been able to complete some of the bigger tasks that have been on our list for a while, such as hedging with the chain saw instead of the hedger. We have also extended the big lawn, digging out clay, backfilling with a foot or more of red sand and planting new lawn.

Jim has sourced 200 acacias and grevilleas from State Flora and we are currently in the process of planting most of these along Murray Dyer Avenue and the northern fence line. We may plant a few near the Cowra Street entrance and other spots around the village as well. Jim did ask if we wanted him to come up and help, however it was decided this was probably unnecessary travel, much to Jim's delight I think.

We hope to do some major rework on a few home lawns in the next month or two and also warm the chain saw up again to tackle a few areas, such as the overgrowth near 19 / 23 and a couple of other overgrown 'small' trees and shrubs around the Estate.

Stay safe (you are all being very good with this)

Ken Smith



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Residents Committee

- Tony Peak – Chairperson & Secretary
- Glenda Edwards – Minutes Secretary
- Stephen Davies – Finance
- Cheryl Vriends – Finance
- Jenny Thomas – Special Projects
- Gene Branson – Special Projects

Social

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- Lynne Williams (Secretary)
- Graham Edwards (Treasurer)
- Mike Thomas
- Emily Davies
- Maureen Williams

The Pelican Monthly Bulletin is produced monthly for and by the residents of Riverside Estate. 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 - #23 maureen.williams23@yahoo.com.au

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM DAVID

We hope all our residents and their families have remained well during this Covid -19 period.

The threat of illness, isolation and, in many cases, financial stress has certainly challenged everyone in the world. The Riverside Estate community has been well protected but no doubt some residents have still found it understandably challenging. Ken has been providing the Directors with regular updates. Thankfully everyone remains safe from the Covid-19 illness and is generally coping as best as can be expected. Renmark is blessed with warm weather, space and distance from major cities: all factors which I expect help in the current circumstances. As I write this article South Australia has had 3 days without a case. Let's hope this is a sign that we are getting on top of this virus and life can return to relative normality.

Jim has promised to buy a drink for all residents at the first post-isolation social function in the Recreation Centre, so make sure you get there when it happens.

Isolation has some advantages and disadvantages. Our family has been joined by adult children unable to work in offices interstate. Jointly we have reacquainted ourselves with the oven with a feast served each night. One disadvantage is that I have calculated I am increasing in weight at approximately 1.5 kilos a week. In our case at the end of isolation we will name the pandemic Covid -10 for the 10 Kilograms needed to lose. And of course Port Power remains undefeated and on top of the premiership ladder.

Ken and Scott have used the time to get on with a few projects including further work on the parklands lawn. This week nearly 200 trees arrived for planting along Village boundary fences. Both projects will further improve the Village environment.

Our new Marketing Coordinator, Mel Roe, has continued to work hard under difficult circumstances. The results of some of her efforts can be seen on digital media. Her broader efforts will become obvious later in the year.

By the time this Bulletin is published our newest residents Chris and Christine Freak will have moved into the village from Tasmania. Their welcome will be very different as they will isolate for 14 days. We all look forward to making them properly welcome when the time comes. In the meantime please give them a toot and a wave as you pass.

Hoping everyone remains safe and well.

We are very fortunate to be able to see many glorious sunsets at Riverside, with these being taken in the last week or so. I would like to thank all those who contributed photos, jokes or cartoons for our newsletter each month Your extra input fills the spaces when I can't always be there.



RIVERSIDE PROGRESS



Ken & Scott have been busy over the last month planting the new acacia tubes that Jim sourced from State Flora - the first of them going in along the fence line on Murray Dyer Ave.

The extension of the parkland new lawn area is really starting to show with the perfect weather we've been experiencing lately.

This should be well established before the hot weather starts again.





POTTER INN GARDENERS

Hello Everyone

What a difference there is the garden this month ! It's looking really good owing to so many of us getting stuck in with the weeding and planting and we should all be able to reap the benefits from a promising crop of peas , beans, carrots, turnips, beetroot and lettuce in a couple of months time.

There are still some egg plants to pick, along with the ever popular spring onions, there are a few lettuces up near the green house and the strawberries are still producing a decent amount of fruit.

And finally thanks to the very busy Easter bunny who hopped around the village leaving chocolate eggs for everyone it was much appreciated.

Cheers
Jenny

Water Roster - May 2020

4th	John Bassham
11th	John & Yvonne
18th	Mike & Jenny
25th	Cheryl

Water Roster - Jun 2020

1st	Mazz
8th	John & Yvonne
15th	Mike & Jenny
22nd	John Bassham
29th	Cheryl



If you are unable to water on your rostered week please organise to swap with someone and let Jenny know.
Water Roster starts on Monday and ends on Sunday.
For your convenience, watering day reminders are colour coded on the calendar .



RIVERSIDE GARDENS

The gardens around the Estate are an absolute picture at this time of the year. The abundance of roses provide a perfect backdrop for the additional spots of colour, together with a visiting butternut pumpkin coming over the fence into the community garden. Our family of Eastern Water Dragons can be seen from time to time around the village, soaking up the final warmth before the cold weather sets in.



SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE



Happy Hour - from 6PM every Friday night
BYO drinks and a small plate of nibbles to share.
Suspended until further notice.



Lucky House Draw - April
(from a total of 37 eligible homes)
Total contributions
29 participants @ \$2 per house = \$58
LESS 25% for RESC = \$15
Amount to winner (#72) \$43

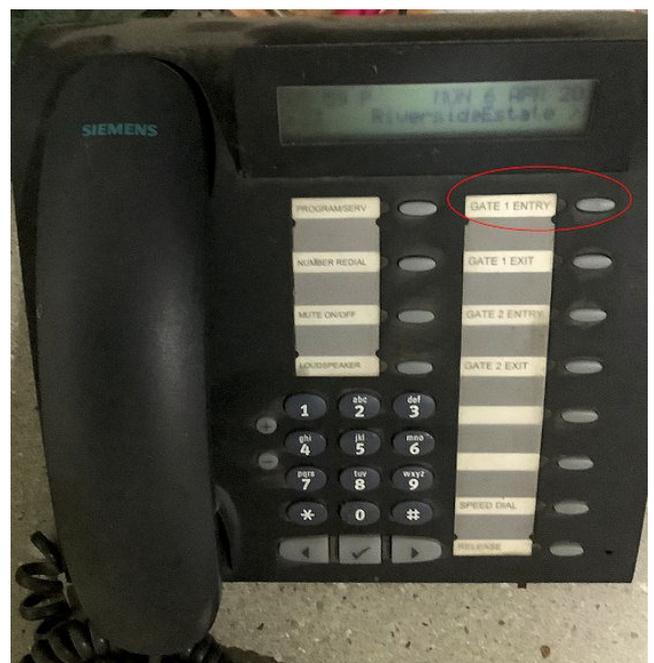
PLEASE NOTE:
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ALL ACTIVITIES
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Being in lock-down during the Covid-19 period with the main gate closed 24/7 means that visitors to the Village have to wait for someone to open the gate to let them in. For those of you who may have forgotten, you can watch for your arriving visitors on Channel 350 on your TV or they can call you from the gate when they arrive and you can open the gate from the phone in your home.

Press the button on the top right hand side of your phone marked GATE 1 ENTRY - this will open the gate without you having to do anything else.

This only works for the main gate - NOT the Cowra St gate.



ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS AT RIVERSIDE

Anzac Day was celebrated in a very different manner across the country this year, although I'm sure many will agree, the isolation and social distancing made this time even more poignant than previous years, of just being one of a crowd. People had more time to reflect on the real reason for the sacrifices given all those years ago



Many house at Riverside showed their signs of respect with flags in windows, candles, poppies, flags in gardens and other memorabilia on display. We will remember them.



COMMUNITY BITS & PIECES



How are you filling in your time during social isolation due to Covid-19? Please share photos of how you are keeping busy—forward to the Editor by the 25th of the month.

Somebody has even had time to get back to model ship building after an 18-month break because of not enough time to spare.

It's amazing how much you can get done when you aren't out doing other things.

While still maintaining the social distancing rules of no more than 10 people in an outside gathering, this hasn't deterred some of the residents from enjoying a Friday night drink together.

We are fortunate that there are many residents who have a small table and a couple of chairs outside their homes to allow them to enjoy some fresh air and chat.



Do you remember the wasteland at the back of the houses between Albany Way and Whitford Mews?

Look at it now - what a difference!

Such a beautiful space to showcase some of the many different roses we have in the village.

It's a real credit to the tireless efforts of Ken & Scott.

JUST FOR FUN



IF DONALD TRUMP HAD CAPTAINED THE TITANIC

- There is no Iceberg.
- We won't hit an iceberg.
- I knew it was an iceberg before anyone else knew.
- No one knows icebergs better than I do.
- The penguins brought the iceberg here.
- No one could have predicted the iceberg.
- We cannot allow an iceberg to stop our ship.
- The crew is spreading fake news about icebergs.
- Some of you have to drown.
- I am the best captain, ask anyone.

Disclaimer: The views of Residents in the Village are not necessarily those of Management.

JUST FOR FUN



CORONA BEER CHANGES THEIR NAME TO AVOID ASSOCIATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK



INTERPRET THE FOLLOWING:

1 SAND	2 MAN BOARD	3 STAND I	4 RE A D I N G
5 WEAR LONG	6 R ROADS A D S	7 ↓ T O W N	8 CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE
9 LE VEL	10 O M.D. P.H.D. B.S.	11 KNEE LIGHTS	12 III I OO
13 CHAIR	14 DICE DICE	15 H O O T ↓	16 GROUND FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET
17 MIND MATTER	18 HE'S/HIMSELF	19 ECNALG	20 DEATH/LIFE
21 G.I. C C C C	22 PROGRAM	23 C P A C E C O F F E R	24 YOU J U S T M E

Something to keep the mind active!
How many of these can you work out?

Answers next month.

JUST FOR FUN



I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.



You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.



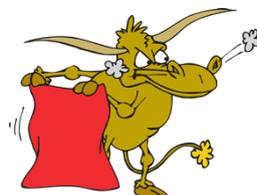
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.



Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like red rag to a bull!



So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!



Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.



At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!



So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!



(Author Unknown)

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Cancelled**

MAY 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13	14	15	16			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
31	1	Water Roster							
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