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The Pelican Monthly Bulletin

For the Residents of Riverside Estate. Renmark

The Riverland's Premier Over 55s Lifestyle Village

MANAGER'S REPORT

The roses are moving quite rapidly since the weather has warmed up a bit. By the time you read this many of them will have their first bloom. This has been a bad year for aphids so far, with monitoring and treatment at least weekly at the moment. Other than that they look very healthy. The recent rain assisting to wash the fertilizer in has helped as well.

We have installed some new permanent irrigation and some temporary sprinklers on the newly seeded big lawn area. Already the wind has affected some areas, however we will continue to reseed these areas in calmer weather to achieve complete coverage.

Scott has scarified a few of the thick home lawns and they are recovering quite quickly. Recent rains have certainly helped this process. We have used selective herbicide on all lawns to get rid of some of the winter grasses. We will continue to treat periodically to ensure weed regrowth is minimised.

In general the gardens are starting to look good again. More mowing, edging and hedging now, however the end result is satisfying and makes the efforts worthwhile. It will look good for the Rose Festival.

Our Audit of Residents Accounts is on schedule to be completed by the end of September.

Ken Smith



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- Tony Peak – Chairperson & Secretary
- Glenda Edwards – Minutes Secretary
- Stephen Davies – Finance
- Cheryl Vriends – Finance
- Roger Williams – Special Projects

Social

- Roger Williams - Chairman
- Lynne Williams - Secretary
- Graham Edwards - Treasurer
- Mike Thomas
- Maureen Williams
- John Hume
- Sue Smith

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 JIM

David and I feel we are continuing to make solid and steady progress with the village. Despite the COVID disrupted year.

The four Townhouses being built on Murray Dyer Avenue are our most visible current activity. These are on schedule and I cannot wait to get to Renmark to see the progress. There is also some preliminary work looking at improving the village communications network. Early days, but we will keep you posted as this develops.

Ken and Scott continue to maintain the gardens and steadily develop the Rec Centre Parklands. Mel is injecting energy into promoting the village more widely. She is also leading our efforts with the forthcoming Rose Festival.

David and I are next up to help Mel prepare for the Rose Festival. We hope to catch you then.

I thought David's joke in the last newsletter was bad. How's this for bad... "What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday? "Aye, matey!"



The recent good rains in Renmark have made the storm water dam look quite acceptable with the pigface that Jim planted and the self-sown gazanias adding a bright splash of colour.

Scot's hard work de-thatching some of the lawns in the village has made a big improvement with the fertilizing and follow-up rains.



RIVERSIDE PROGRESS

TOWNHOUSE PROJECT

While further work on the plumbing and electrical aspects of the Townhouses has continued, the main visual focus on the Units this month has been the start of the exterior stone-look blocks.



The light block work on these units adds a vibrant difference to the dark brickwork of the other houses in the Estate.

This is an exciting project for the village and the residents are very interested in the daily progress.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Models Wanted - Riverside Estate Photoshoot!

Come and feel like a star for the morning.

On the 6th of October at 9am we will be having a Riverside Estate Photoshoot with professional photographer Rebecca Flack.

The main focus of the photoshoot is to capture the Riverside lifestyle and its amazing residents. These images will be used for various promotional campaigns.

The images will showcase the village, residents, a happy life, an active life, outdoor games, indoor activities, the villages gardens, the facilities, the relaxing side and the social aspect of Riverside. If you have a bike or any other props you think we may be able to use please let Mel know.

If you would like to be apart of the photoshoot please contact Mel on 0402 190 472 by the 4th October. On the day please arrive at 8.45am, wear summery, vibrant clothing and have your smiles ready. Morning Tea will be provided.



It is with sadness that we advise former resident, Joan Eden passed away on 7th September 2020. She will be fondly remembered.



Membership Fees are due 1st September.

\$5 per household.

Please place your membership fee in a sealed envelope with your name and Unit number on it and leave the envelope in letterbox #20

Many thanks
Anne Marie



POTTER INN GARDENERS

There has been a lot of activity in the community garden this month with our little band of gardeners putting in lots of effort. The greenhouse has been moved to a fresh garden bed and after much weeding, digging in lots of cow poo and laying down a path to give better access to the new tomato plants, we are pretty pleased with the results. We haven't put the shade cloth back over yet but that's a job for another day.

We've also planted a new eggplant and zucchini as they seemed to be quite popular last year and we are trying out a couple of different types of cucumber which, if successful, will be a welcome addition for our summer salads. The Herb Garden is gradually recovering after being stripped of all the garlic chives which had taken over and we are gradually replanting with fresh herbs. So far only parsley, thyme and basil are growing in there but there is some coriander in the spring onion bed we kept it separate as it looks a lot like parsley and didn't want anyone picking it by mistake as not everyone likes coriander, apparently it tastes like soap to some people. (I only just found that out I'm probably the last to know)

Next month we will put in some sweet corn and lettuce and I'm sure we will still have a bit of space left so if you have any suggestions as to what we can grow just let one of us know and we will give it a try. There is still some of Cheryl's home made chutney for sale in the rec centre it's very nice and very good value. Our next garden club meeting will be in the rec centre 2pm on October 1st.

Cheers
Jenny



The self-sown sweet peas continue to make a pretty display along the back fence of the Community Garden.

Next Meeting
Thursday, 1st October 2020
Commencing 2 pm.
All interested residents
are welcome to attend.

The monthly water roster has been put on hold for winter.

COMMUNITY GARDEN



The tomato shade house has been moved to a new location



Coriander is doing well.



The vege beds are looking really healthy with lots of variety.



The new fruit trees are covered in flowers.



The rejuvenated herb garden has been replanted.

VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our village, especially the Community Garden, is home to a number of friendly reptiles and they are now out and about. Please be aware as you are driving around that these little creatures don't move very fast, which is one more reason to keep in mind the 10 KM speed limit within the village.



Sleepy Lizard



Eastern Bearded Dragon

The picture this month is a Bearded Dragon, taken out the back of our home.

It is time for us to take care of our wild life especially driving on our roads, you might remind your visitors, if they see them to take care not to run over them.

Picture credit: John Bassham

Did You Know?

In south eastern Australia the bearded dragon is often erroneously called a 'frilly'. The true frilled lizard occurs only in northern Australia and has a frill around the entire head.

Bearded dragons are only able to extend the throat region by the use of a moveable piece of cartilage. The intention is the same, however, to try and make the lizard look larger than it actually is to something that is thinking about trying to eat it.

Reference: reptilepark.com.au



VILLAGE BITS & PIECES



The men's group got together recently to celebrate Darkie's 80th birthday.

You never know what the weather will do from one day to the next - one day it was so foggy you couldn't see the men's shed.

A couple of days later we were treated to another beautiful rainbow,



The self sown poppies have put on another beautiful display this year. This was the first one to flower.

SOCIAL CLUB UPDATE

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour - from 6PM every Friday night

BYO drinks and some nibbles for yourself.

No shared food until advised otherwise.

Over the last few months End of Month Barbeques (EOMBBQ) have been sparsely attended mainly due to residents not wishing to select food from multiple offerings during the COVID 19 restrictions.

Some residents have been bringing ready made up dinners to be heated in the microwaves. The roster for cooking everybody's meat has been drastically impacted by some residents rarely attending or some not wishing to be on the roster for various reasons. Unfortunately, it falls to the same group to barbeque each month. Therefore, it is suggested if you require meat cooked for your meal, you do it yourself, cleaning up after yourself.

Single lady residents may ask a member of the social club to cook their meat for them.

Social Club Committee.



End of Month Meal Night

Friday. 30th October

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions
no shared food is permitted.

Bring your preferred meal on a plate
and heat up in the microwave if required.

(e.g. frozen dinner, takeaway or normal Friday meal)

**Those requiring the BBQ should cook their own meat
and clean up afterwards.**



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.



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

FOOD FUNCTIONS COMING IN OCTOBER



Next Pizza Night Friday, 9th October, 2020

The new system of ordering the pizzas early is working well so we will continue doing it this way.

Please ring Maureen on 623 with your order or leave a message on the answering machine before 5pm Friday.

Alternatively SMS - 0434 949 813

Friday, 16th October at 6pm

TAKE-A-WAY CHINESE

At Your Own Cost

Eat at the Rec Centre

For orders

Please add your name & menu numbers to the list in the Library - menu attached.

Money to be paid to Graham by Thurs 15th Oct.



Lucky House Draw - August

(from a total of 37 eligible homes)

Total contributions

29 participants @ \$2 per house = \$58

LESS 25% for RESC = \$15

Winnings for August \$43



The August lucky house number was house #85

**Jenny Siviour
Won \$43**

Lucky House Draw - September

(from a total of 37 eligible homes)

Total contributions

29 participants @ \$2 per house = \$58

LESS 25% for RESC = \$15

Winnings for September \$43



The Sept lucky house number was house #73

**John & Yvonne Lempens
Won \$43**

SOCIAL CLUB UPDATES

Covid 19 restrictions and the cold weather have seen a drop off in attendance at the social side of things lately. However, we had a good roll up for the free Father's Day breakfast and also the free Casserole Lunch in September.



A big thank you to Father Christmas in July for the gift of some extra large teatowels for the kitchen.

Makes the clean up a lot easier!



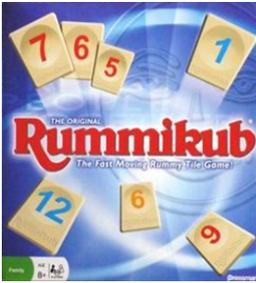
Fathers Day breakfast cooks

The free casserole lunch was a big success once again.



ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

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



Rummikub

Every Monday – 1.30 PM
Contact Graham H (670)
for more details



Tai Chi

Every Tuesday - 8.45 am - 9.45 am
Contact Mazz 681 for info
Recommencing 21st July, 2020



COME FOR A YARN



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?

Riverside Estate Rec Centre

Contact Maureen #23 for more info.

Telephone: 8580 3623

Mobile: 0434 949 813

\$1 donation for RFDS towards cuppa.

Dates for October
Tuesday 13th & 27th

ALL WELCOME



Riverside Procreate

Do you have an Apple iPad?

Would you like to learn how to create art using it?

The group is intended to be a social group for those
who may be interested in learning digital art on their
iPad. Come along and explore the possibilities.

For further information contact Maureen on 623.

**Even if you don't have an iPad but are curious, come
along and enjoy a cuppa and see what it's all about.**



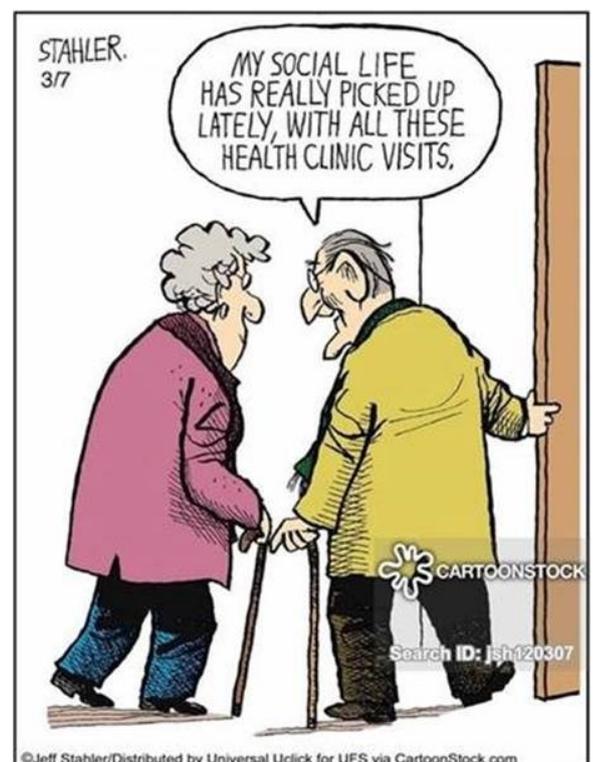
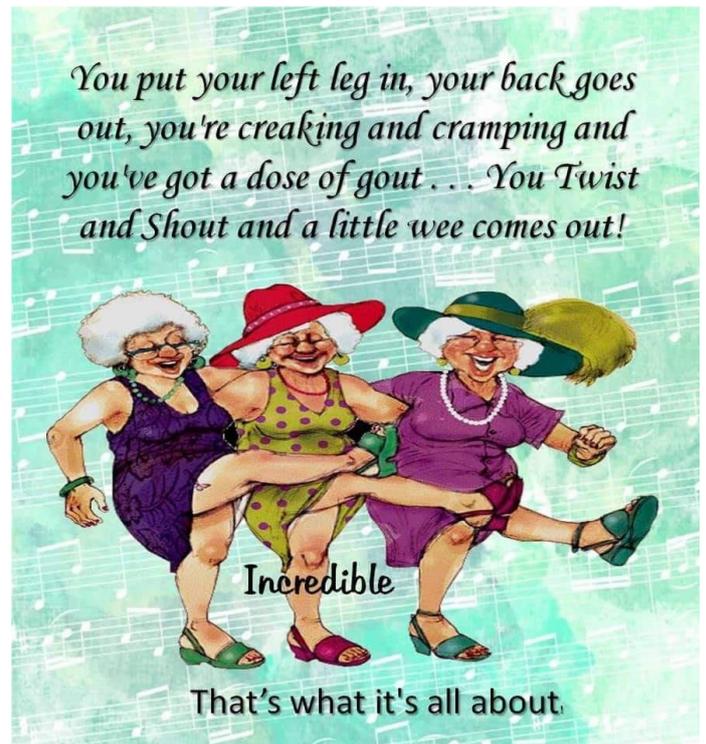
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JUST FOR FUN

Sunday, 4th October 2020



Don't forget to wind the clock on!



OCTOBER 2020

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