



From your Community Supervisor

A warm welcome to the April edition of the Bellerivian as we slowly say goodbye to summer and welcome in a cooler autumn.

We had a very busy March with the AFP (Australian Federal Police) seminar which was very informative for all those who attended. Anyone within the villas that would require a key safe or peephole installed, please see me and I can organise it through our Maintenance Department. Rentokil also attended and resprayed the villas and the apartments. A much better job was completed this time around. The gutters on our apartment building were also cleaned and we will soon receive a quote for the installation of gutter guard to alleviate any blockages caused by debris.

We have discussed with your committee the idea of putting together a Garden and Grounds Committee. To discuss this initiative further, we would like to invite you to a meeting of Residents, scheduled for Tuesday 12 April at 3.00pm in the Function Room. We will also ask for nominations from Residents to join this sub-committee. We will be looking for three Residents. Bryan Barlow has been appointed by the Committee to convene this sub-committee.

April is going to also be a busy month with a variety of bus trips, advance care-planning seminar, Easter and not to forget our Royal Wedding dinner. Please have a look at your calendar for dates and times.

All those that are leaving us at the end of this month for their annual trips up north, the staff and management of Bellerive would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and we will look forward to your return as the weather warms up. For those of you travelling over the Easter break please drive carefully and don't forget to let me and family members know of your departure and return dates. We will also be able to collect your mail while you're away, so let reception know.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable April.

Ruth

Community Supervisor

From the Manager Operations

The results of the satisfaction survey carried out in January were presented at the recent Residents' Committee meeting. What stood out were the various comments we received on the gardens. As a result Management suggested the forming of a Garden and Grounds sub-committee to work closer together with Residents regarding this important aspect of our community. Ruth has already mentioned the meeting that is scheduled to discuss this further.

There were also a number of comments received regarding quality, quantity and freshness of the meals. We have provided feedback to Peter, our Friday night chef and we trust that you should see an improvement in the meals offered.

At the meeting scheduled for 12 April, Management would also like to discuss the possibilities of a Community Solar Scheme. Although yet to be confirmed, the scheme will be beneficial to all Residents, but to get this done will require the active support of the Residents in the Apartments. We expect to have more information closer to meeting date and encourage you all to come along.

On Saturday 26 March we held an Open House to show off Bellerive. This initiative was part of the Seniors Week and was well received by the public. We estimate that over 150 visitors toured the village. Thank you to those residents who opened their home and allowed our guests to have a look. The response has been great and should provide us with enough opportunities to encourage more people to make the move to a community like Bellerive.

Hindmarsh, as part of our commitment to our staff, also conducts annual satisfaction surveys. In 2010 the satisfaction rate of Hindmarsh Living staff was 77%. In 2011 it was improved to 82%! A great result where we at Hindmarsh are very proud of. A major contributing factor to the staff satisfaction is the interaction our staff have with you, our customers!

Regards,

General News and Activities

Service Air Conditioners

Due to a variety of reason we were unable last month to complete this service. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Andrew will be contacting you over the weekend of 9/10 April to re-organise a time with you. If you have already made plans for this weekend do not worry as we understand that you all have other commitments. Another time can be organised.

Advance Care Planning

Respecting Patient Choices Program is promoting advance care planning in the ACT. Advance care planning gives you the opportunity to record ahead of time your choices.

Emma Avizea "Respecting Patient Choices Manager" from the Canberra Hospital will be coming to Bellerive on Friday the 29th April at 12pm to explain the importance of Advance Care Planning. This presentation is in conjunction with St Albans Parish. Some of the topics she will cover are:

- Appointing an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Documenting your wishes in the statement of choice
- Completing a Health Directive

Please come along and listen to Emma and she will also answer any questions you may have.

Please book at Reception for seating purposes.

Friday Dinners

We have had quite a few requests for resident group booking at our Friday dinners. Due to seating availability this has been very difficult to organise. The maximum number that we can sit together in the main dining area is six. We do however have the opportunity to open the Meeting Room to accommodate group bookings. This will operate on a rotation bases per group, so every group has the opportunity to use it. The "Private Dining Room" has seating availability for a maximum of ten guests. Please remember that serving to this dining area may take a little longer than in the main dining area.

April Birthdays

Warren Colledge 5th
Martin Poels 22nd
Helen Marshall 26th

Staff Profile - Fidelis Lysewycz



My life began in earnest when I met my husband thirty-eight years ago. We have been married now for thirty-six years. Much of that time I have devoted to my family. Michael and I have five children and six grandchildren. I have a fondness for ballet and music, especially Bach and Handel, and enjoy reading and cycling. I started working at Bellerive July 2010 and was immediately attracted to the "village" atmosphere. I especially enjoy the dinner evenings when I get a chance to see some of you and meet your families too.

Bus Trips

We have some wonderful bus trips organised for April, all booking to be made at reception.

2nd Loriendale Apple Orchard open day.

5th We are heading off again to Music at Midday. The Royal Duntroon Military band will be playing at the Canberra Theatre.

9th Is the Murrumbateman Winery Tour. We will be visiting four of Murrumbateman's finest wineries and stopping for lunch at the Murrumbateman's Inn. This has been very popular and is now booked out, for those of you who have missed out we will be looking into running it again in early May for you, so if your interest please let Ruth know as she will be taking names for the next trip.

15th You can catch the bus across to visit the Pialligo Nurseries where you can wonder through the many nurseries and have lunch in one of their café's.

28th You will be heading out to the wonderful Lanyon homestead one of Australia's premier historic properties, the café is open for lunch or coffee. Admission cost \$5.00

From your Committee

Know your Committee

This month's featured Committee member is Warren Colledge. Warren is our pocket dynamo when it comes to Internet, Communications, Telephone Services and other related items. He has a fine understanding of politics, politicians and their thinking having worked in the Federal arena for some time. He is a great Committee member, for whom residents are most grateful, and it has been my privilege to work with him.

Harry Hansen. BRC Chair



Warren Colledge

Well what does one write about oneself in a publication such as this? I could write about the various careers I have had such as heading the data processing division for a major insurance company or how I set up a corporate research/library division for the same company. I could mention some of the experiences that Rhonda, my lovely wife, and I had in retail as a franchisee of Angus & Robertson bookshops. I could cover my years working for a national interdenominational evangelist.

I would love to write about my years working at Parliament House Canberra for the many (censored) politicians and their foible, however, I am prevented from doing so for some years yet (if I live that long) due to national secrets! I could also write about my experiences with various Commonwealth departments.

I could tell you that I enjoy travel, photography, food and wine. I could also tell you of my community activities with various organisations that provide wonderful assistance to people who are blind or vision impaired.

However, I think I will just write 'Hi, I'm Warren, and I want to contribute to the great community lifestyle we have here at Bellerive.'

RESIDENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Committee met on Friday, 25th March and a very fruitful meeting ensued with Management. Minutes of the Meeting as always, are available for your perusal on the Notice Board in the Yallambee Lodge. Please, I urge you all to take the time to read them and it will give you some appreciation of the talent which is available within the Committee. We are most fortunate as residents, and in particular myself as the Chairperson, to have such a dedicated group of people who give selflessly of their time in Committee work.

BUDGET

No, I am not Wayne Swan. However, we are now approaching the 'business end' of the year, with the Committee working with Management in formulating the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2011/12. It is quite a protracted exercise and the initial planning commenced at the most recent Committee meeting. A presentation date of late May is envisaged with your Finance Committee being party to five meetings with Management in the interim. I would like to thank Pat Barrett for readily accepting secondment to the Finance Committee and giving freely of his time and expertise in financial areas.

Until next Month. Harry Hansen

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Easter Celebrations:

In conjunction with our happy hour on Monday the 25th April we will be having an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Bonnet parade, prizes will be awarded for the best Easter Bonnet so put your thinking caps on and come up with wonderful creations.

Royal Wedding:

Friday 29th April at 4pm we will be having a cocktail party to celebrate the Royal wedding, so please put on your best clobber and enjoy an evening of celebration. We would also like to put together a display of bridal wear which will include your wedding gear, photos and also any memorabilia of royal weddings that you may have. A Royal Reception will follow as part of our Friday dinner at 6:30pm.

DISPLAY ITEMS NEED TO BE AT THE LEISURE CENTRE BY 2 PM FRIDAY 29TH

Margaret Hansen

What's on

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9.00 Exercises 1 6pm for 6:30pm start Dinner	1:30pm – 4:30pm Bus 2 Trip Lorrendale Apple Orchard Open Day
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3	9am Salon open 9am Massage 1pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour 4	9.00 Walking Group 10am Bus Trip Music @ midday 1pm Mahongg 5	9.00 Exercises 6	7pm Games Evening 7	9.00 Exercises 8	9:45am – 3pm Bus 9 Trip Murrumbateman Wineries tour
10	9am Salon open 9am Massage 1pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour 11	9.00 Walking Group 1pm Mahjong 3pm Residents Meeting (Garden Committee and Community Solar) 12	9.00 Exercises 13	7pm Games Evening 14	9.00 Exercises Bus Trip Palligo 11am –2pm 6 for 6:30 start Dinner 15	16
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EASTER SUNDAY 24	EASTER MONDAY 25 ANZAC DAY (Public holiday) 1pm Mahjong 4.30pm Easter Happy Hour	ANZAC DAY (Public holiday) 9.00 Walking Group 1pm Mahjong 26	9.00 Exercises 27	9.30 Beauty Therapist 10:30am – 2pm Bus Trip Lanyon Homestead 4pm Book Club 7pm Games Evening 28	9.00 Exercises 12pm Advance Care Planning 4 pm Cocktail party 6 pm Wedding Reception Dinner 29	30