

From your Community Supervisor

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and caught up with lots of family and friends keeping in mind the true meaning behind Easter.

We started the process of installing your smart meters last month and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and I thank you for your tolerance and understanding during this time but it's not over yet! They will be returning on the 3rd & 4th May to finalise all installations. They will require access to the garages in the villas and if needed they may require access to your home hub. The process should take approx 20 minutes per villa/Apartment. We will coordinate your availability during this time.

This month will also see us celebrating Mothers Day on Sunday 8th May and what better way to start our Sunday Brunches than by spoiling all our Mothers and Grandmothers! Our chef will be preparing a delightful all-you-can-eat buffet brunch comprising of assortments of cereals as well as a buffet of hot food. Start time will be 10am and cost will be \$15 per person and booking can be made at reception the same as our Friday night dinners.

We will also welcome David Maloney from Macquarie Private Wealth who will be giving us a presentation on "*Global Growth intact.... But risks remain*" covering Australian economic and investment outlook and touch on a few overseas countries such as US and China. Please book in at reception For Wednesday 18th May AT 2pm.

Don't forget the Retirement & Lifestyle expo at Epic on Friday the 27th – 29th May 2011. The Retirement & Lifestyle Expos are designed to be very interactive with product demonstrations, stage performances, information seminars and many wonderful features and attractions. Financial and investment planners, a vast variety of lifestyle villages and resorts, a host of domestic and overseas holiday and travel operators, tourism destinations, taxation and legal advisors, government information services, property investments, superannuation and insurance advisors.

Ruth

Community Supervisor Bellerive

From the Manager Operations

April and May are traditionally busy times for management and your committee. The reason: preparing the village budget for the coming financial year. Over the past month management has been meeting with the finance sub-committee various times to discuss and consider various income and expense items that make up the budget. We are close to finalising the budget and in the next couple of weeks you will receive the budget papers for your consideration and in preparation for the Residents Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 31st May at 10am. At this meeting you will be asked to vote for the approval of the budget.

The higher than anticipated inflation rate of 3% (for Canberra) will also put upwards pressure on wages, currently averaged at 3.8%. Other increases that will impact on the budget are the projected 10% increase in electricity and 15% increase in water consumption rates. However, management endeavours to present a solid budget to ensure that the services at Bellerive can be properly conducted.

Management is trying to work with EscapeNet in ensuring you have the best possible service with regards to telephone and data delivery. I understand that the quality of service is not always meeting your expectations. It has also come to my attention that in such cases, not all issues are being reported to EscapeNet, but are reported to your Committee. Please note that your Committee is not the correct body to report such issue to. Can I please encourage you to report with as much detail as possible the issues you are experiencing directly to EscapeNet? That will give them the opportunity to address the issue. It would also be advisable to report your issues to Village Management in order for us to keep a record of current issues. In the event you are unsuccessful in contacting EscapeNet, or have your problem resolved to your satisfaction, please refer your problem directly to Village Management. Only then we can assist you.

Regards,



General News and Activities

Garden and Grounds Subcommittee

At a recent General Meeting of Residents we agreed to form a Garden and Grounds Subcommittee of the Residents Committee, with Bryan Barlow as Convenor. We also agreed that a ballot would be held to appoint a further three residents to the Subcommittee. Five residents indicated an interest, and in the ensuing ballot they all received solid support. The Residents Committee has therefore decided that all five should become members of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee therefore includes Ulli Brunnschweiler, Roslyn Dixon, Margaret Hansen, Lesley Kimber and Bev Mills, plus Bryan Barlow (Convenor), Ruth Green (Management representative) and our contract gardener Luke Oldfield.

We expect that the Subcommittee will be concerned primarily with the common areas of the Village (not with residents' personal garden space), and with long term development. We also intend to report to a General Meeting of Residents whenever we have major suggestions about garden and grounds development or modification. Suggestions from residents will be most welcome.

CGU insurance

For your information, all insurance policies for Bellerive both property and public liability are held with underwriters CGU.

Batteries

With the approaching winter you need to be aware that your smoke alarms have a battery backup, if they start to beep please let us know so we can organise to have them replaced, also we have both AA and AAA batteries for your remotes for sale at reception at \$1 each.

Access to Yallabee Lodge

Sometimes Yallabee Lodge is closed during the day as the staff member on duty is out and about. However, residents can get access by utilising a key-fob. These can be obtained from reception. Please contact Ruth for more information.

May Birthdays

Cle Cox	3 rd
Lis Angel	6 th
Ruth Deck	9 th
Gwen Newbery	23 rd
Bert Youngs	28 th
Janice Blyton	29 th

Staff Profile – Ruth Green



Born and bred on the South Coast of NSW, I moved to the Canberra region about 24 years ago. I have worked the last 6 years in aged care; firstly as a personal carer

for Home Help Services ACT before they offered me an office position running their Home and Garden Maintenance Program. Prior to this I worked in the hospitality industry managing a number of cafés for various catering companies in and around Canberra. I have three children, two stepsons and four grandchildren, with another grandchild due in November. My hobbies include reading, swimming, horse riding and just relaxing with the family.

Bus Trips May

Come along and enjoy the many outings we have to offer in May!

Sunday 1st Hall Markets: There are up to 500 stalls making it reputedly the largest handmade, home grown and home produced markets in Australia.

Saturday 7th Murrumbateman Wineries Tour: Scheduled again due to popular demand, visit Jeir Creek Wines, Dionysus Winery and Clonakilla Winery before lunching at Murrumbateman Inn, then drop by Shaw Vineyard Estate on the way home.

Friday 13th Mount Stromlo: Milky Ways and Lattes treat you to spectacular views of the sky above and surrounding landscape below, cap this wonderful experience with lunch at the newly open Scope Mount Stromlo Café.

Sunday 22nd Lake Cruise with Lunch: Enjoy a three course set menu and soak in the views of Lake Burley Griffin. You can purchase drinks at the bar and enjoy the scenery from the upper deck before your meal. Cost: \$55.

Tuesday 24th Yarralumla Nursery: Three businesses in one beautiful location - Weston Park. Yarralumla nursery for your first home plant issue, specialising in locally-grown native trees 'n' shrubs Yarralumla Gallery and Oaks Brassiere for a relaxing coffee and light meal in gorgeous surroundings.

From your Committee

Know your Committee

This month's featured Committee person is Helen Marshall. Helen is the 'quiet achiever'. But don't be misled; she is the iron fist in the velvet glove. The residents are very fortunate to have a person such as Helen on the Committee as she asks "all the right questions". Thank you Helen.

Harry Hansen, Chair



Helen Marshall

I was born in British Guiana, (now Guyana) and lived there and in Grenada, (West Indies) for 10 years as my father was in the British Colonial Service. This idyllic lifestyle came to an end when I was sent to boarding school in England.

After that it was London University for a B.Sc., followed by 7 years as a clinical research biochemist in a small medical research unit at University College Hospital, London. At this point I married and, after one interesting year living on a converted Scottish fishing boat, my husband and I arrived in Australia as £10 Poms. Jack's work took us from Sydney to Newcastle, New Zealand and back to Sydney so I worked in various clinical laboratories before we settled in Canberra. We were here just 2 years before taking off for Papua New Guinea with our 2 year old son and 6 month old daughter in tow. Despite earthquakes, volcanos and medical emergencies it was a great life, especially for the children. On Samarai, (an island of 57 acres), I ran the local public library and then was PA to the Assistant District Commissioner. I also helped run the preschool. In Kieta with no paid work I was involved with the school P&C.

After 7 years it was time to return to Canberra where I embarked on a Graduate Diploma of Librarianship followed by 15 years as a Public Service librarian. During all this time we were fortunate to be able to travel quite extensively often visiting our globe-trotting offspring.

Since the death of my husband 4 years ago without doubt my wisest decision was to move to Bellerive.

My aim now is to be an active participant in this great community.

Pensioner Rebates

Warren and I met with Brendan Smyth, MLA and Shadow Treasurer, to seek his assistance in overcoming the apparent bureaucratic inertia and obfuscation in resolving this problem. Unfortunately, Angus was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Brendan was most receptive to what we had to say in explaining the "stalemate" in the registration of Subleases by the Land Titles Office, and the subsequent restoration of Pensioner entitlements, whether they are DVA, Aged or other pension.

Budget Papers

The Bellerive budget papers are being considered by your Finance Committee. The Committee is headed by Angus Partridge and is busily engaged in scrutinising the figures in an effort to keep your monthly levies in check. It would appear that there will be some increase in levies, most of this increase being in staff salaries, which are governed by various awards over which we have no control.

Junk Pickup

An interesting item appeared in the Canberra Times, 20th April concerning a junk pickup service commencing in Canberra. One free collection per year of large waste items such as furniture, white goods, large appliances and recyclable goods will be available to all pension card, DVA and ACTION Gold concession card holders. The number to call is 6162 5776.

Until next Month. Harry Hansen

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mothers Day

While we honour all our mothers with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
She's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Help us celebrate Mothers Day by coming along to our very first Sunday Brunch. 10am Sunday 8th May. Bookings can be made at reception.

Margaret Hansen

What's on

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bus Trip 10:30 – 1:30 Hall Markets	2 9am Salon open 9am Massage 1 pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour	3 9.00 Walking Group Smart Meters 1pm Mahjong	4 9.00 Exercises Smart Meters	5 7pm Games Evening	6 9.00 Exercises	7 9:45 – 3pm Bus Trip Murrumbateman Wineries Tour
8 Mothers Day 10 am Mothers Day Brunch Leisure Centre	9 9am Salon open 9am Massage 1 pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour	10 9.00 Walking Group 9:00 Podiatry 1pm Mahjong	11 9.00 Exercises	12 7pm Games Evening	13 9.00 Exercises Bus Trip 11:30 – 1:30pm Mount Stromlo	14
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22 Bus Trip 11:30 – 2:30 pm Lake Cruise with lunch	23 9am Salon open 9am Massage 1 pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour	24 9.00 Walking Group Bus Trip 10:30 – 1 pm Yarralumla Nursery 1pm Mahjong	25 9.00 Exercises 9:00 Deafness Resource Centre, hearing aid checks	26 9.30 Beauty Therapist 4pm Book Club 7pm Games Evening	27 9.00 Exercises Retirement & lifestyle Expo at Epic	28 Retirement & lifestyle Expo at Epic
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