

# The Bellerivian

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## From your Community Supervisor

I won't mention how close we are now to Christmas - I will leave that up to the media to keep you informed!

Everything is progressing well, with Bellerive Stage Two well underway. As a safety precaution, a temporary fence has been erected on the Stage One side of the timber fence where the basement dig is occurring. There will be shade cloth installed on this temporary fence to provide some privacy for you from the worksite. The existing timber fence will be removed within the next few weeks.

Parking arrangements outside the Leisure Centre will be changed during construction. The Project Manager has informed me that lockable bollards will be installed. This is to prevent contractors or tradespeople parking in the spaces provided for our visitors.

Please ask your visitors to park momentarily outside the Leisure Centre, and come and see me. I will organise a key to access the parking space. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in letting me know if you notice any other unlawful parking within our Village. I will not hesitate to have these vehicles removed, and will be doing my utmost to ensure that you are not inconvenienced during the building phase.

In support of the new plastic bag laws, we are offering residents a Hindmarsh Living carry bag. These are available from reception.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday the November 24 at 2.30pm in the Function Room. Following this meeting, Hindmarsh Living would like to invite you to Christmas drinks in the Lounge area at 4pm. All residents from both Stages One and Two are invited to attend.

***Ruth, your Community Supervisor***

### **New Staff Members**

It is with great regret that I announce that we have lost three of our staff members during this last month. Raj had to make a hasty trip back to India as his mother is unwell, but will be returning to Bellerive early in January 2012. Keven and Andrew are also leaving us. We wish them both well in the future and thank them for the service they given to Bellerive during their time with us.

However, it is with pleasure that I announce our two new staff members starting this month. Alison Norman and Noman Ahmad will be training as Care Workers, will be featured in December and January's Bellerivians.

I am also in the process of interviewing applicants for our Maintenance Officer position. There may be slight delays in your requests for maintenance as this process is finalised, and I do apologise for any inconvenience. If you have an urgent request please let me know, as I am sure Colin from The Grange Deakin would be happy to assist.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

I would like to offer a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed towards packing and paying for the transport of 32 shoe boxes this year. Your kind efforts will bring a smile to the faces of 32 children when they receive their box filled with love. Some of us are working at the processing centre in Downer, where the boxes are packed into cartons ready for the next stage of their long journey. They will be going to Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Fiji. In order to raise money Operation Christmas Child is collecting used postage stamps and corks. Last year \$1,000 was raised.

We are also helping another organisation by collecting safety pins and the tags off tea bag. The money from this will be used to buy wheelchairs. Please help by placing these items in the shoe box on the jigsaw table.

### ***Jean and the craft group***

### **Bulky waste Collection**

Just a reminder for you to book all your items in for the bulky waste collection organised by the ACT Government and TAMS. Please let Ruth know if you would like to utilise this service. Information to be listed will include your name, address, phone number and pension card number, and must be presented to TAMS prior to the pickup. We would like to organise the pickup for early December.

# General News and Activities

## November Bus Trips

Come along and enjoy the company of your fellow residents from Bellerive for some of the many bus trips planned for November!

### **Saturday 5 November – Crisp Galleries, Yass.**

The Gift Gallery, Glass Gallery and performance space are set in a magical three hectare garden area which will interest gardeners one and all. The gardens contain surprises around every bend and are a joy in all seasons. The gardens are an enchanting experience, and have been created over fifteen years.

### **Saturday 12 November – Arboretum Voices of the Forest.**

The program will start with a composite choir made up of choirs from ACT schools and colleges who will perform popular Broadway numbers. It is an exciting program with something for lovers of quality music in a new and important location. The Arboretum amphitheatre overlooks a spectacular vista of Lake Burley Griffin, the city and Yarralumla forest. Tickets are \$35 for reserved D seats - bookings to be made in advance. Concert is between 4pm and 7pm

### **Saturday 19 November – Scented Rose Gardens.**

Offers a wonderful open garden with many rose varieties and seasonal flowers all located in a rural setting. The Teahouse serves, light lunches, homemade cakes and Devonshire teas,

### **Sunday 20 November - Bus Depot Markets.**

Be delighted by the flavor, fun and atmosphere of Canberra's National award winning markets!

### **Saturday 26 November – Braidwood Quilt Fair.**

In November each year, the historic town of Braidwood becomes a Mecca for quilters and tourists alike as it hosts this year the 12th Quilt Event and the famous 'Airing of the Quilts' on the Saturday. In magnificent spring weather the main street is aglow with colour as quality quilts are strung up on the first floor verandas with a backdrop of intricate and ornate iron work and wood.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Combined games evening.**

St Albans will be joining us for our games evening, and will be bringing along some card games and chess sets. Even if you don't normally come along to the games evening, please feel free to join in and enjoy this social activity. Supper will be supplied by St Albans.

## November Birthdays

Jenny Nyman 26<sup>th</sup>  
Gwen Paltridge 29<sup>th</sup>

## Staff Profile – Peta Quince



Peta is a local girl – one of the rare people born and bred in Canberra. This gives her a deep understanding and appreciation of the lifestyles offered in our National Capital.

Peta has had a diverse career and life, having travelled through 25 countries at last count! She has lived and worked in Japan, Ireland and Canada.

Peta spent more than eight years away from Canberra, six of those in Fremantle, WA. She is now happy to be home, and to hang up those travelling boots for a while. She joined Hindmarsh Living in May last year as Assistant Manager Operations. In November the exciting and demanding new role of Manager Sales and Marketing was created, a role she took on with great enthusiasm.

"In my new role I spend a lot of time helping people to find a new home and a fresh start in one of our Lifestyle Villages – Bellerive (Lyons) and The Grange Deakin," Peta says.

Peta brings with her a wealth of experience in caring for people, both from working in the hospitality industry and customer service roles. "I've realised that working in the Retirement Village industry is an unexpected 'good fit' for me."

Peta takes immense satisfaction in her role and finds it very rewarding.

### **New Service: Knife Master**

Knife Master is a fully equipped water-cooled mobile knife sharpening business. Andrew will visit Bellerive when needed. If you have any knives or scissors that need to be sharpened please let Ruth know and she will organise for Andrew to do a return visit.

Knives \$5 - \$7 depending on size  
Scissors \$6 - \$7 depending on size  
He also has quality knives for sale.

# From your Committee

## KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

Last month, Martin gave us a very entertaining and interesting account of his early life. We continue his account after arrival in Sydney in 1950. **Harry Hansen**



### **Martin Poels (part two):**

Two Dutch construction firms combined and commenced in Australia under the name Civil and Civic Construction. They still exist today under the umbrella of Land lease. I went to see the general manager in Sydney, Mr Dusseldorf, and told him my background. He looked at me and said, "Well, I have the same qualification as you do, but we have only started in Cooma, building staff barracks and a kitchen. I'll let you know when something comes up". He rang some time later and could take me on as a carpenter in Cooma, with the promise of future advancement. This happened when they had their first job in Canberra: "an extension to the bus depot in Kingston."

**Wedding:** The foreman on the job was Gerald Riemersma he had a lovely daughter called Joukje and I took her dancing in the Albert Hall. Just when we got to know each other, Mr Dusseldorf sent me as site manager to Cabramurra in the Snowy Mountains to supervise the building of a small power station, which still stands today. Once a fortnight I travelled back to Canberra for the weekend and Joukje suggested I should try and find a job with The Department of Works in Barton instead of seeing each other just once a fortnight. Being the obedient fellow I was (and still am!) I applied for a job and started as a draughtsman in the structural engineering section, where I stayed for 10 years progressing to Senior Technical Officer. We married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1955 in St John's Church, Reid. The year after, in 1956, we took a 10 month honeymoon, by boat to Naples, hired a Fiat 600, travelled through Europe, and spent three months in Holland, back by boat from Marseilles the other way via the Panama Canal. Our car was picked up in Marseilles and before making the final payment, the man produced a whole stack of parking fines from all over Europe, which had all been sent to Naples. Arriving in Sydney, Joukje's parents picked us up. We lived in their home for a year until we moved into a government house in Narrabundah. The best man at our wedding was my best boyhood friend from Holland who lives in Brisbane and happens to be the father of the present ACT Chief of Police Roman Quaedvlieg.

**1957:** The next important change happened in our lives, affecting not only this life but eternity. An Evangelist conducted some meetings to which we went we heard the gospel and prophecies explained and decided what he said was true, were baptised and accepted as members of the Christian Church. It gives us a purpose for living and a sure hope for the future.

**1957-66:** The family did increase quickly - three girls were born in 1959, 1961 and 1963, and they were disappointed when in 1966 the boy Roger was born. They tried very hard to change him into a girl by dressing him up in a nice dress, hat on and a bag on his arm, high heeled shoes and parading him in the neighbourhood, but Roger stayed a boy!

**1966-86:** I decided to return to Architecture by following a correspondence course for four subjects and completing the studies by spending the year 1967 with 5<sup>th</sup> year students at Monash University in Melbourne. I passed with credit in the single design subject and so was finally qualified and accepted as Architect by the Institute of Architect. I progressed to Architect Class 3 in charge of the maintenance program for Commonwealth Assets in the ACT. Many other duties were added to my position, the workload increased without additional staff, resulting in a heart attack in 1985. After a year I was put off on Medical grounds on October 1986. Since then I have been a free man, working at my own speed and trying to please my wife. I worked for a few years for John Hindmarsh when feeling OK, doing very much what I had been doing in the Department.

**2009-present:** In August 2009 we moved here to Bellerive where we are now settled and happy to be surrounded by many friendly people. During August 2011, my lovely Joukje and I embarked on a European holiday which, amongst other things, included a Scenic Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. Prior to the cruise we spent time travelling in Holland with our son and his family which was thoroughly enjoyable, however thanks to storms and heavy rain I managed to lose my hearing aids. During the last week of the cruise, when in Prague, I became very sick and spent time in hospital. After persuading medical personnel to allow me to fly home to Australia, I arrived in Canberra to be diagnosed by his GP to be suffering from pneumonia and whooping cough. I have been treated successfully and I am happy to report that I am now making a steady recovery.

# What's on ...

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am Walking Group 1pm Melbourne Cup Luncheon  2pm Mahjong	2 9am Exercises  2pm Indoor bowls	3   7pm Games Evening	4 9am Hairdresser  9am Exercises	5 Bus Trip: Crisp Galleries Depart 10am
6  2-3:30pm Craft	7 9am Massage  1pm Mahjong  4.30pm Happy Hour	8 8:30am Walking Group  2pm Mahjong	9 9am Exercises  2pm Indoor bowls	10   7pm Games Evening	11 9am Hairdresser  9am Exercises  6 -6:30 start Friday Night Dinner	12 Bus trip: Arboretum Voices of the Forest Cost \$35 Depart 3pm
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27  Sunday Brunch 10am Start 2-3:30pm Craft	28 9am Massage  1pm Mahjong 4.30pm Happy Hour	29 8:30am Walking Group  2pm Mahjong	30 9am Exercises  2pm Indoor bowls			