

# SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS

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The 2022 MSHRV Annual General Meeting was held on the morning of Wednesday 21 September in the Schoolhouse dining room. Seventeen Residents were present to hear Ben's reports on various aspects of administration and finance and to give answers to questions submitted by Residents before the meeting. The meeting was chaired by accountant Peter Beckett, representing MSHRV (Operators) - photo above. After lunch many of us gathered again for the monthly Afternoon Tea presented by Management – see item on next page.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE

With Christmas fast approaching and plans of spending time with family & friends, we have organised our annual leave for the next few months as follows:

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Lindy away for 2 weeks; **returns 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** - Brad away for 2 weeks; **returns 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** - Ben, Lindy away (the next day is 1<sup>st</sup> November Cup Day Public Holiday)

**November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** - Ben away; **returns 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Lindy away; **returns 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Ben away; **returns 9<sup>th</sup> January**, and Jamie away; **returns 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

- Brad will be working through the Christmas period but will not be working on the public holidays.
- Ben or another staff member will have the office phone when Lindy isn't in the office.

This edition of the Maryborough Schoolhouse Newsletter was edited by Richard Stevens on behalf of the Schoolhouse Residents. Contributions are always sought and welcomed – particularly your accounts of travel experiences, short items of general interest, recipes, jokes, cartoons, etc. Photographs are especially appreciated – images of the Village, or around Maryborough, or further afield from your travels. The deadline for copy is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. Email forwarding is preferred but hard-copy is also welcomed. The next edition is due to be published in December 2022.

The Editor wishes to thank Zandrine and Lindy for their contributions to this edition.

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### AFTERNOON TEA WITH RESIDENTS & STAFF

It's been lovely to see resident's coming together once a month for Afternoon Tea. Everybody is most welcome and we'd love to see more of you! Ben will be making more of his delicious scones and Lindy will be making one gluten free sweet and also a plate of savoury nibbles



**Our next Afternoon Tea will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following have a birthday over the next two months:

October	4	Richard
	11	John F
	26	Peter L
	30	Rob R
November	8	Peter C
	13	Les
	21	Yvonne S
	23	Jill
	27	Pat

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS!**

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### CALENDAR EVENTS

Several fixtures or regular events were suspended until recently due to the Covid pandemic or other winter ailments.

**Rummikub** – our Tuesday afternoon sessions are back – see below.

**Petanque** – has resumed on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

**Happy Hours** – will continue as usual. Any cancellations will be notified.

**Art Group and Art/Craft** – continuing as usual.

Please note that the Residents' Committee has decided that henceforth we will have a dine-out Roast Lunch on the final Sunday of each month.

### RUMMIKUB: It's on again

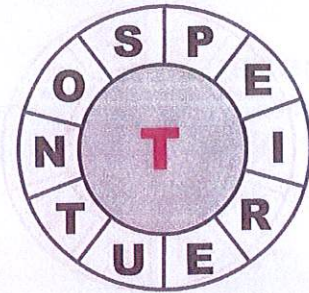


Our Tuesday afternoon Rummikub sessions have started again, after a brief hiatus over winter and because of Covid precautions.

Shown above are regulars Ron, Margaret and Jenny who look forward to welcoming previous players and particularly new players willing to try their hand at this absorbing game.

Every Tuesday at 2pm in the dining room.

### RINGWORD

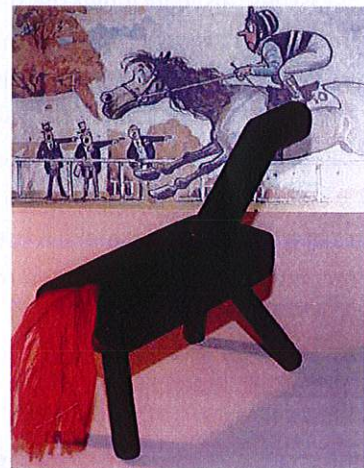


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the eleven letters above, using each letter only once? No foreign words not in accepted usage, no slang, no plurals ending in "s" and each word must contain the letter in the middle of the ring. Your answer should include at least one 11-letter word:

- 170 - Excellent
- 150 - Very good
- 120 - Good
- 100 - Try harder!

Clue: xxxxxxxxxxx. Moi?

Solution on Page 5



### THE DARK HORSE WILL BE HERE!

FOR THE SCHOOLHOUSE STEEPLECHASE.

BE AT HAPPY HOUR IN DECEMBER!

## RESIDENT NEWS

### YOUR COMMITTEE

Clarke Kennedy is once again Chairman of our Residents' Committee, with other members being Heinz, Jenny, Judy, Keith and Les.



**Jenny, Heinz, Keith and Clarke at their Residents' Committee Meeting in September. Judy and Les were not available on this occasion.**

### MEETINGS

Our last monthly meeting was held on 14 September with 13 Residents attending. Among items discussed were the questions to be submitted to Management about the 2023 Budget; these would be addressed at the AGM the following week. Other issues raised included the defibrillator, which we understand is now available, in particular where it is to be installed; concerns about lighting in the men's toilet, lounge and dining rooms (all now satisfactorily resolved) and responses from our emergency alarm system. There was also discussion about ways in which we could make better use of both the reading room and the first-aid room now being used as a gym.



**The Residents' monthly meeting in September.**

## WELCOME

to Zandrine. This is her story:

Hi, I am Zandrine, moved into Unit 2/62 Gillies Street on 29/07/22 (I chose the 29<sup>th</sup>, because it was my Mum and Dad's Anniversary). Well, here goes: I have four sisters, two younger, two older, never married or had children, was quite content to live my life with my parents, who were my best friends. We lived in many houses in various suburbs - Armadale, Malvern, Toorak (before it was trendy), Boronia and Werribee. My working career was in the administration area, I also worked as a secretary and receptionist. I resigned from the workforce in 2007 and became a carer for my parents, firstly because my dad became ill with cancer and after passing in 2010 continued to look after my mum, until her passing in 2020. I was lost without her and when my younger sister moved to Muckleford, my older sister said that she was looking to move to the country and started looking for properties, my sister said that I could build on a block when we found a suitable property. So, in 2021 we found a lovely property in Daisy Hill, and there was a lovely block to build my house. Went through all the planning permit applications and was approved only to be upset by the Septic Planning Man, who advised that we needed to install a very large unit and therefore, our plans were abandoned and that is why I ended up purchasing this unit. I have now finally settled in, everything unpacked and sorted. Having met some lovely people, I feel that I will be happy in my unit and the people around me. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

**A warm welcome too to John and Carmel, who will be moving into 2 Flynn Court this weekend, 1-2 October.**

Clarke also foreshadowed a **Market Day** on Sunday 2 October, in conjunction with the Lions Club, to be held at the IGA car-park: This has now been confirmed.

## ON THE SOCIAL SIDE

We have now booked our Christmas Lunch at the Maryborough Golf Club, 12.30pm on Wednesday 14 December.

### HAPPY HOURS

We have had some outstanding Happy Hours recently, often attracting 15-16 Residents. Our practice of making the first Friday of the month a 'bring-a-plate' night has worked out well, with some going almost to excess in providing tasty dishes.

Our 'take-away' nights too have worked out very well – fish 'n' chips always popular, pizzas too. But it is a while since we have dined out after Happy Hour, the Covid restrictions stopped that and there has been little enthusiasm for eating out this year. Clarke has master-minded several 'surprise' refreshments on occasions – potato bakes, tacos and roast pork rolls – all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed.

### SUNDAY ROAST LUNCHES

These are proving extremely popular as well. While a number of early gatherings were held at the Burgz restaurant in Maryborough, most recent outings have favoured pubs, some of which offer a Sunday Roast special. An exception was the excellent roast pork we enjoyed in our own MSHV dining room in August – well done Clarke. See photo below -



### RINGWORD SOLUTION

ENTER, ENTIRE, ERST, ESTER, ETUI,  
INEPT, INERT, INSET, INSTEP, INTER,  
INTEREST, INTERN, INTO, NEST,  
NESTER, NETT, NETTER, NEUTER,  
NOTE, NOTER, NUTTER, NUTTIER,  
ONSET, OPTION, ORIENT, OTTER,  
OUST, OUSTER, OUTER, PENT, PERT,  
PEST, PESTER, PESTO, PETER, PETER,  
PINT, PINTO, PISTON, PITEOUS,  
PITTER, POET, POINT, PORT, POINTER,  
PORTENT, POSIT, POST, POSTER,  
POSTIE, POSTURE, POTENT, POTTER,  
POUT, POUTER, PRESENT,  
**PRETENTIOUS** , PRIEST, PRINT, PUNT,  
PUNTER, PUREST, PUTTEE, PUTTER,  
RENT, REPOST, RESET, RESPITE, REST,  
RETINT, RETIRE, RETUNE, RIOT,  
RIPEST, RITE, ROTE, ROTTEN, ROUST,  
ROUT, ROUTE, RUNT, RUST, SENT,  
SERPENT, SETTER, SITE, SITTER, SNOT,  
SNORT, SNOUT, SORT, SORTIE,  
SPENT, SPIT, SPITE, SPITTER, SPORT,  
SPOT, SPOTTER, SPOTTIER, SPOUT,  
SPRINT, SPRITE, SPROUT, SPURT,  
SPUTTER, STEEP, STEIN, STENT,  
STERN, STINT, STIR, STONE, STONIER,  
STOP, STOUT, STREET, STRIP, STRIPE,  
STRUT, STUN, STUNT, STUPOR, SUET,  
SUIT, SUITE, SUITOR, SUTTEE, TEEN,  
TENET, TENOR, TENSE, TENT,  
TENURE, TERN, TERSE, TEST, TINE,  
TINT, TINTER, TIPSTER, TIRE, TONE,  
TONER, TONSURE, TOPEE, TORN,  
TORT, TOTE, TOUPEE, TOUR,  
TOURIST, TOUT. TREE, TRIO, TRIP,  
TRIPE, TRITE, TROT, TROUPE, TROUT,  
TRUE, TRUST, TRUSTEE, TUNE, TUNER,  
TUREEN, TURN, TURNIP, TUTOR,  
UNIT, UNITE. UNREST, UNTO, UPSET,  
UTTER

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

There are a number of potted plants available for sale to residents, staff or visitors in our Community Garden shade-house. Items for sale are all tagged with the asking price. Because of the limited space available under cover in the Community Garden area, I maintain others at home. If you are interested in any of them, please contact me. Payment can be made into the red ladybird money-box in the schoolhouse kitchen.

All proceeds from the sale of these plants go to our 2828 Gardening Gnomes group.

- Richard Stevens

Below are some of the potted plant species currently available for sale:



AEONIUM



FUSCHIA – 'CORALLE'



ECHEVARIA – 'BLUE CURL'



'SILVER WAVES'



BROMELIAD – 'VASE'

Plus

- BEGONIA
- BILBERGIA
- BRAZILIAN WALKING IRIS
- BROMELIAD - MATCHSTICK
- VASE
- OTHERS
- CHINESE JADE -
- GERANIUMS - 'ARDENNES'
- IVY
- LEMON SCENTED
- OTHERS
- PLECTANTHRUS
- SUCCULENT - ECHEVARIA
- OTHERS

COMMUNITY GARDEN (Cont'd)

Many of the potted plants available for sale only flower during Spring and Summer: on this page are a number of species, currently rather nondescript, which in due course will present outstanding flowers:



BEGONIA



BROMELIAD  
- MATCHSTICK



BILBERGIA



BLUE-CURL  
ECHEVARIA



PLECTANTHRUS



GERANIUM - ARDENNES



BRAZILIAN WALKING IRIS



GERANIUM - 'TRIPLEX'



CHINESE JADE



PLECTANTHRUS



SILVER WAVES

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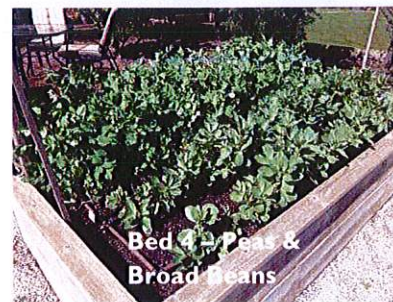
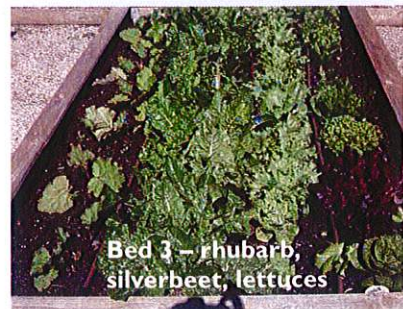
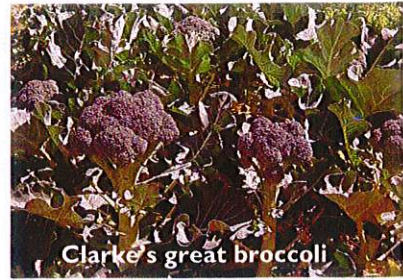
### THE VEGETABLE BEDS



The vegetable garden is starting to look productive again. Clarke produced a magnificent crop of broccoli at Hubble Street and the cabbages and cauliflowers there are coming on. Our meant-to-be-green-manure pea crop has exceeded expectations: it has flowered well, pods are starting to develop and meanwhile we have decided to leave them there. The adjacent broad beans are flourishing.

We have a good planting of lettuces, also some carrots were planted recently while the radishes and beet-root should be eaten now. Can't answer any questions about the brussel sprouts – they look okay but no sign of actual sprouts. Silverbeet is still thriving, thanks to the recent rain. We expect great things of the rhubarb, but . . .

Over the next few months we expect to be planting capsicums, cucumbers and egg-plant in the garden and possibly zucchini at Hubble Street. Given the success we had last year with green beans, we will probably try them again, to be followed by sweetcorn later in the year.



At left – our raspberry canes are flourishing at Hubble St



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

31 12pm Art/Craft					1 10am Petanque	2 8am MARKET at IGA car-park
3 12pm Art/Craft	4 2pm Rummikub	5	6 10am Petanque 12pm Art Grp	7 4pm Happy Hour Bring-a-Plate	8 10am Petanque	9
10 10am Cmee Mtg 12pm Art/Craft	11 2pm Rummikub	12 10am Res Mtg	13 10am Petanque 12pm Art Grp	14 4pm Happy Hour	15 10am Petanque	16
17 12pm Art/Craft	18 2pm Rummikub	19 2.30 Afternoon Tea	20 10am Petanque 12pm Art Grp	21 4pm Happy Hour Take-Away	22 10am Petanque	23
24 12pm Art/Craft	25 2pm Rummikub	26	27 10am Petanque 12pm Art Grp	28 4pm Happy Hour	29 10am Petanque	30

THE SCHOOLHOUSE CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2022

