



# Clocktower News

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## Melbourne Cup Day Celebrations 2015

Melbourne Cup Day celebrations at our lovely clubhouse were fantastic. The lunch was catered for by the Social Club Committee's Catering Sub-Committee. A dedicated group of ladies with loads of energy and determination saw that everyone was happy and enjoying the food. (More pictures on page 2 and a full report on the event can be found on page 3)



"Fashions on the Carpet" winners, Brian Turner and Ruth Da Costa

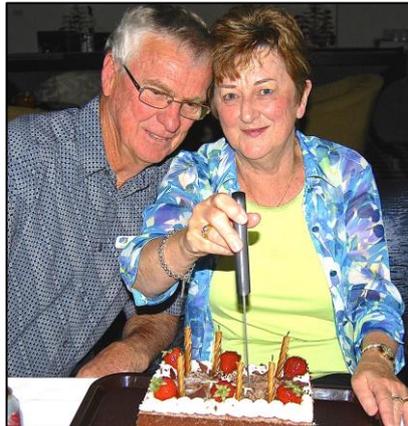


Don & Bev Robinson



Noreen & Vivienne

## November Supper Dance



Barry & Glenys Gniel



Peter & Kathy Mowat



Ann & Robert Harris



Fred & Ronnie Gatte



Concert by Students of St. Macartan's School



Supper Dance with singer, Tony Diamond



The Beleura Chorus performs at the Police Christmas Concert



Grandparents Day on the Train



Stages 3 & 4 Street Party



Fire Safety Talk in the Clubhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> December.





*Fashions on the Carpet*



*Fran Stevens & Tricia Hird*



*Goldy & Alex Evans*



*Jerry, Fred & Peter.  
Alan, Graham & David.*



*Adrian & Rhonda Holton-Picard*



*Elsa, Janet, Phyl, Goldy,  
Sue, Anne & Sandra*



*Helen Morden & Margaret Leitch*



*Jim & Tricia Fallon*



*Di, Carol, Lesley, Anne, Dawn and  
Suzanne*



*Bruce & Dawn Dart & Garry Hale*



*Trevor & Di Fry*



*Fashions on the Carpet*



*Prue & Ruth*

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What a picture the dining area looked decked out with bright yellow napkins that matched the yellow table floral decorations made by Daisy Cumming (our resident retired florist). Well done Daisy!

A team of smartly dressed fellows greeted everyone at the door to hand out the glasses of champagne to the guests upon arrival.

A group of gents had been preparing the sheets for the three "Cup Sweeps" that were running up until starting time of the great race. They were rushed by the residents, as just about all who attended wanted to have a little flutter.

The volunteers on the Bar were getting ready to open for the "lunch time rush" and did themselves proud with their service. There were a number of shifts on the bar to ensure that we were all looked after during the afternoon and that went on until well after the Melbourne Cup was run and won.

Prior to the Cup race, there were the "Fashions on the Carpet", and although there were quite a number of contestants, the judges were able to pick a winner in the Ladies Section (Ruth Da Costa) & the Gents Section (Brian Turner). Congratulations to you both.

I must add that all the attendees looked fabulous, whether they were entered in the competition or not.

After the race, the lucky winners of the sweeps were then able to collect their money to complete a very enjoyable afternoon.

You might think that I haven't mentioned the names of the volunteers and that's because there were so many that I wouldn't want to leave anyone out.

Such a fantastic day, food, champagne, sweeps etc. and all for \$12.50. Anywhere else would have cost way, way more.

Congratulations to the Social Club Committee, the Catering Sub-Committee, the Bar staff and all the volunteers, you have all done a marvellous job of making this day one to remember for a long time. *Graham Sherwood*

*Committee of Management  
Update*

As you can imagine, things have been a bit busy for us since the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. We have had two CoM meetings, but the last one on 18<sup>th</sup> November was the first one at which all members were in attendance. It has been interesting getting to know each other more, learning about each other, and what skills each person brings to the group. We have sorted out areas of responsibility and there will be at least two members working on specific portfolios, and sharing their learning with all of us, so that we will all have a good working knowledge of each other's portfolios, which will enable us to have strong input, when making decisions.

Over the past weeks, as we began learning about 'How to run a Retirement Village', we have been responding to various matters that have arisen, and one of the first priorities we decided, was to concentrate on re-organising Fire Wardens and their Deputies for the Village.

Previously this role was undertaken by some of the members of the Interim Committee of Management. However, after Transition, some people did not wish to continue, and we felt that it would be more inclusive to have other residents, besides ourselves in these roles, and we are happy to say that we now have a full complement of Fire Wardens and Deputies for each Zone. Over the next couple of weeks we will be organising training, and where appropriate, re-training for these personnel, and we will prepare an evacuation procedure for the whole Village. We plan to conduct mock evacuation exercises for areas of the Village. Plenty of notice will be given for these.

This is vital to our Village, it is a requirement of the Legislation under which we operate, and is part of our Accreditation process. Training will be conducted by our own Peter Merrick, with assistance from Mornington Fire Brigade.

Shortly, you will receive an updated list of Fire Wardens and their Deputies, and any other

information that is required. We will make sure that everything is clearly laid out for you.

This training, will be the start of the updated Residents Emergency Management Plan, and the up-coming CFA *Presentation on 3 December 2015, at 1.30pm in the Clubhouse*, is an opportunity for all residents to be guided in how to make a 'Home Fire Plan' for their own Villas. We know that some of you have had concerns about the risk of fire, and that is why we are making this a priority. We have other matters which we believe are a priority, and we are currently working on these, and will hopefully be able to have an Information Day with you all in the near future. The date of any meetings will be circulated to you all, via "Clocktower News", Channel 350, the Notice Board in the Clubhouse Lounge, and in the event that "Clocktower News" has already gone to print, an additional notice will be placed in your Mail Box.

These are indeed, exciting times for us all, and we are enjoying acting on your behalf, as your Committee of Management.



*Trish Hale,  
Chairperson,  
BVMSA Inc*

*Medical Cooling Concession*

The Medical Cooling Concession provides a 17.5 per cent discount on summer electricity costs for cardholders where a member of the family has a medical condition that affects the body's ability to regulate temperature.

The concession is given in addition to the Annual Electricity Concession.

Qualifying conditions include: multiple sclerosis, lymphoedema, Parkinson's disease, fibromyalgia, post-polio syndrome/poliomyelitis, motor neurone disease.

To be eligible, you must hold one of the following cards: Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card, and Veterans' Affairs Gold Card. Information and Application forms are available from the Village Nurses.