

THE WOODLANDS CHRONICLE



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OFFICE HOURS

9.30am to 2.00pm and 3.00pm to 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

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VILLAGE MANAGER RAMBLINGS.....

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who have made a special trip down to the office or sent a card or email to congratulate me on my new role as Village Manager. I feel very much appreciated and look forward to a wonderful 2018 at Woodlands.

It is hard to believe that January has already passed us by and activities are well under way for the year. Please don't forget the New Residents Morning Tea on Friday 2nd February at 10am in the Lodge Dining room and the Residents meeting on Thursday 8th February at 2pm in the Community Centre.

This Chronicle is a very important means of communication around the Village and I ask that you all read it and keep it handy to ensure you are kept up to date with what is happening around the Village. Too often we hear residents saying to us and Board members "I didn't know that", and if only they had read the Chronicle they would have known!!

FROM SANDRA'S DESK.....

Phew!!! We have certainly had some very hot days, as I mentioned last month, make sure you are drinking plenty of water during this warm weather as you can become dehydrated very quickly and this can bring on all sorts of health problems!!

As you will have noticed on the front page, we have had some changes in email addresses. These changes are to avoid getting the wrong person when emailing. The previous emails are still coming through to us for the time being, however if you could make the changes in your own system then when the old emails are cut off you will still be able to contact us.

I communicated that the NBN (National Broadband Network) cabling was being installed throughout the village last week. We will be informed when the connection to the NBN is made and then I believe we have 18 months until we need to switch over. Should you require any further information please call 1800 687 626 as we have no further information than this.

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS MONTH

MAX THE MINSTREL



Max The Minstrel is coming with his piano, guitar and accordion bringing his beautiful poetry and stories.

WHEN: Thursday 15th February

WHERE: LODGE LOUNGE

TIME: 11.00am- 12pm

Come along and join us for a morning full of fun with singing and lots of laughter.

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group welcomes back our good friend, Mr Graham Sims, who will give his talk on **“Well-known Australians you’ve never heard of”**.

WHEN: Thursday 1st February

WHERE: Community Centre

TIME: 4.00pm

Entry fee: \$5.00

All Welcome



RESIDENTS MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY

TIME: 2.00PM

WHERE: THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

NEW RESIDENT WELCOME MORNING TEA

Please join us in welcoming our newest Residents to our wonderful village.

WHEN: Friday 2nd February

TIME: 10.00am

WHERE: Lodge Dining

Come down for a cuppa & a chat and be sure to have one of our world famous scones.

*Welcome
New Residents*



BUS TRIPS, MOVIES & CHURCH SERVICES

MOVIES

Community Centre – 1.30pm Saturday

- 3rd.: The President's Man
10th.: Gifted
17th.: As Good as it Gets
24th.: The Black Windmill

Lodge Lounge- 1.30pm Friday 2.00pm Saturday & Sunday

- 2nd.: The Fugitive
3rd.: To Kill a Mocking Bird
4th.: Fiddler on the Roof
9th.: Amelie
10th.: Breaker Morant
11th.: Roman Holiday
16th.: Big Fat Greek Wedding
17th.: Breakfast at Tiffany's
18th.: Get Carter
23rd.: Carolina Moon
24th.: Ticket to Heaven
25th.: **No Movie – Church Service**

CHURCH SERVICES

Friday 9th February:

Non Denominational Service will be held in the Lodge Lounge at 10.00am.



Sunday 25th February:

Presbyterian Service will be held in the Lodge Lounge at 3.00pm.

BUS TRIPS

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure

All Bus Trips Depart From The Lodge
Minimum of 10 people for Tuesday afternoon and Full day trips.

Shopping Bus every Tuesday & Thursday

- Cherrybrook departs from Lodge at 8.45am
- Pennant Hills at 9.15am

Tuesday Afternoon Bus Trips: \$12- Departs from Lodge 1.00pm

6th.: NSW Art Gallery- Rembrandt Exhibition \$21 (optional)

13th.: West Head on Pittwater- departs 12.30pm –taking afternoon tea -\$17

20th.: Dee Why Beach

27th.: Garden Island Heritage Centre plus cafe and Bimble Kingscross

BIG SHOPS: Wednesday Morning \$8 – Departs from Lodge 9.00am

14th.: Castle Towers

28th.: Hornsby

Full Day Bus Trip- NanTien Temple- \$20 Bus - Departs from Lodge 9.00am

Friday 16th February- Departs 9am-Join us for our full day trip as we make our way to the Nan Tien Temple, Visiting the temple for a Vegetarian lunch (approx. \$12.00). Drive down through the Royal National Park, stopping at Stanwell Tops for morning tea and then a drive up Mt Keira on the way home.

March Bus Trips 2018 – All trips to be confirmed

Tuesday Afternoon:

6th.: Sydney Fish Markets.

13th.: St Albans Settlers Arms. Leave 12.30pm

20th.: Sydney Botanic Gardens

27th.: Manly Ferry to Circular Quay return (opal Cards Required)

Big Shops:

21th.: Castle Towers

28th.: Hornsby Westfields

Full Day Trip:

Friday 16th.: River Boat Postman on Hawkesbury River. Pick up boat at Brooklyn.

Thursday 22nd.: Fish and Chips night at Balmoral Beach. Leave 6.00pm

UPDATES & INFORMATION

BUS

PREVIOUS TRIPS:

We have had some interesting trips around Sydney recently which were enjoyed by all immensely. One of them was a trip to St George Leagues Club through Kogarah, Ramsgate, Doll's Point and on to Rockdale for afternoon tea. A lovely day in the Mountains was to Leura with a full bus to visit the Tea Pot Museum. There were over 500 tea pots from olden times, and then a delightful afternoon tea. In December we ventured into the inner Western Suburbs starting with a drive along Parramatta Road where we have all been at some stage of our lives to either buy or look at cars!! Then stopped at Marrickville for afternoon tea. After a bit of confusion we found the house that Kathleen was born in and others on the bus were pleased to recognise different areas where they had been brought up or lived at some time.

Our full day trips were, firstly in December, the annual Christmas Cruise on our lovely Harbour where we all enjoyed playing Bingo and Trivia which was a good laugh together with scrumptious meal. In January we went to May Gibbs Cottage (NutCote) at Mosman where we were captivated by the life she had led. Before that we had morning tea at the Zoo and then to lunch at Harbord Beach Hotel. After driving through Neutral Bay, Cremorne and Mosman I think we appreciated that Pennant Hills Road is not the only nightmare road in Sydney!!

UPCOMING TRIPS:

In February, we are going firstly to the **Art Gallery** to see the Rembrandt Exhibition. Next on to our annual visit to **West Head** to look at the city and beautiful scenery that is Sydney and its Harbour. The third week is to **Dee Why Beach** area for coffee and a drive around the beach areas – may even go for a paddle! And the last week is to **Garden Island** to the Heritage Centre and Café. The day trip is to the **Nan Tien Temple** down the south coast where they serve a light vegetarian lunch.

We have had some very hot days but it is quite cool in the bus and then usually into somewhere air conditioned so if you want a change from your own living room and television, **come and join us** doing some wonderful sightseeing and reminiscing about days gone by.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE HAPPY HOUR

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Happy Hour is back this month!!!
Come and spend a pleasant hour catching up with friends while enjoying your favourite beverage for just \$5.

Friday 9th at 4.30pm in the Lodge Lounge
and Friday 23rd at 4.30 pm Community Centre. All welcome.

The Social Committee look forward to seeing you all there.



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GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE

GARDEN

Not a lot of news from the Garden Club for January, but we should be back to full numbers for February, weather permitting. Meanwhile, the staff have been busy mowing, trimming and tidying the grounds and keeping our gardens looking beautiful.



SOAK YOUR POTS

If you have noticed water running straight out of the bottom of your pots when watering, it's likely that the potting medium has dried up and shrunk, creating gaps for the water to run down the sides of the root ball. When this happens, the mix never gets properly wet, leaving roots pining for a decent drink. Dunk the root ball, pot and all, into a container filled with water and leave for 10 minutes or so until the mix is saturated, then go back to watering as normal. To rehydrate bigger pots, apply a soil wetting agent, which you can pick up in liquid or granular form from your local garden centre.



GARDEN DIARY

Ever wondered why aubergines are called eggplants? The large purple teardrop-shaped giants that we see in fruit shops certainly don't bring eggs to mind.

Aubergines were originally domesticated in Asia, and cultivated in India and China for more than 1500 years. They were probably taken to Europe in the Middle Ages.

Amongst the early forms were small, white ones, in the shape of a large goose egg, which may account for the name.

By about the 1800s, both white and purple varieties were being cultivated throughout much of the world. Breeders have worked on new cultivars and today there are many choices: long pendulous ones, yellow, white, green, orange, reddish purple, purple, and even striped ones.



How to plant your indoor herbs

Most herbs come as seedlings in small 100mm or 125mm pots. [Plant the seedlings](#) in their own pot using a [premium potting mix](#) and place a saucer underneath or use a self-watering pot. Alternatively, leave the seedling in its original container and sit it inside a cachepot (a decorative planter).

A larger pot will give the herbs more room to grow, so you can enjoy a larger and longer harvest. The ideal pot size is between 150mm and 200mm, however, if indoor space is limited, keep your herbs in the small pot and replace them more often. You'll still find this to be better value and more rewarding than buying fresh-cut herbs from the supermarket, and they'll last longer.

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Bible Study Group: Next meeting Friday 23rd February 2018 10.30am in the Community Centre

Bingo: Wednesdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Lodge Lounge.

Canasta: Wednesday & Sunday 2.15pm in the Community Centre. If you are interested in playing please contact Clare Hoare 9980 8332.

Carpet bowls: Mondays at 1.30pm in the Community Centre and Thursdays in the Lodge Lounge at 1.30pm.

Coffee Club: Mondays from 10.00am in the Community Centre. **Theme for this month is "Puzzles" on 19th February.**

Craft: Wednesdays with Sue in the Community Centre at 10.00am. **No craft on 14th February**

Croquet: Saturday at 9.30am on the lawn.

Darts: If you are interested in a game of Darts, please contact Michael Rafidi on 0451 449 853 to organise a day and time.

Happy Hour: Last Friday of the month in the Community Centre at 4.30pm.
Second Friday of the month in the Lodge Lounge at 4.30pm. The next Happy Hour in the Community Centre will be on Friday 23rd February 2018. The next Lodge Happy Hour will be Friday 9th February 2018. \$5 entry

History Group: Is held on the first Thursday of the month in the Community Centre at 4.00pm. All welcome - \$5 entry. The next meeting of the History Group will be held on the 1st February 2018.

Kiosk: Open Mondays and Fridays from 9.30am-11.00am and in the Lodge Lounge Wednesdays 10.00-11.00am.

Mahjong: Thursdays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Community Centre. 1.00pm start on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Mobile Dentist: Once a month in the Lodge Carpark- Next visit TBA February . Please phone 1800 637 637 to make an appointment.

Movies: Every Friday at 1.30pm in Lodge Lounge
Saturday and Sunday in the Lodge Lounge at 2.00pm.
Every Saturday in the Community Centre at 1.30pm.

Scrabble: Sunday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Community Centre.

Sing-a-Long: Thursday mornings at 11.00am in the Lodge Lounge.

Tai Chi: Saturday morning at 8.30am in the Community Centre.

Table Tennis: Friday afternoons at 1.30pm in the Community Centre

The Ideas Club: Next meeting will be Monday 12th February at 9.00am in the Community Centre. All Residents welcome.

Wii Tennis, Golf & Bowling in the Community Centre 1.00pm Wednesdays

Hair Salon: The Salon is open Wednesdays and Fridays.



THEATRE TRIPS- INCLUDES BUS, LUNCH & SHOW

The Good Old Days Concerts presents- TEDDY TAHU RHODES

WHERE: SYDNEY TOWN HALL

WHEN: MONDAY 30TH APRIL 2018

COST: \$60

PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018

DEPARTURE: PLEASE BE AT THE LODGE BY 9.30AM FOR 9.45AM DEPARTURE



PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT

WHERE: CAPITOL THEATRE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018

COST: \$85

PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN: WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

DEPARTURE: PLEASE BE AT THE LODGE BY 10.45AM FOR 11.00AM DEPARTURE



SWAN LAKE ON ICE

WHERE: CAPITOL THEATRE

WHEN: THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018

COST: \$90

PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018

DEPARTURE: PLEASE BE AT THE LODGE BY 10.45AM FOR 11.00AM DEPARTURE



BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

