



## ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS AUGUST 2024

The months seem to be flying by or is it that I'm getting older and think time is going faster or am I just slowing down. The year is now over half way gone and before you know it, we'll be thinking of spring then summer then – guess what – Christmas! As I'm writing this Ross and Sharon will be home from their holiday and Bob and Sharron will be home about 20<sup>th</sup> August. Malcolm and Heather are off to Australia for about three weeks so there is plenty of movement going on in the village at the moment.

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, Gem organised a concert in the Rest Home and our very own Brian Foy made a name for himself when he sang with Robin, another gentleman from the Rest Home. I know he was nervous disappeared as I was told he did a great job. they all sang "Oh Carol". What a great for getting out there. Thanks for the photo



concert in the Rest Home and our very own he sang with Robin, another gentleman from about singing but the nerves must have He was then joined by the residents when photo of Brian and Carol. Good on you Brian Glennis.

### Green Fingers Garden Club



As you can see, the garden is doing really well and so far. I can't find any bugs on the plants. They are still a little way off but are looking extremely healthy. The succession planting of radish is starting to come through and while the beetroot has slowed down it's still looking good.

The water connection going from Brian's villa to the garden has now been laid (see photo above) and we're waiting on the plumber to make the connection from the tap to the hose and then hose to the gardens. We painted lines on the ground for where we think the garden path should go and basically it is following Pat's garden around to the existing vege garden. (The paint has now been washed/mown off). The new vege garden has also been pegged out and we are now waiting on management to give the final ok. We have since been informed that the new garden may not be happening until a few more villas have been sold so it may be a waiting game before any more progress is made.

## Garden Message from Sandra



The citrus trees have been moved from around the villas to the large expanse behind the villas to create an avenue of trees. From the garden boxes end, the trees go as follows: orange trees to mandarin trees to lime trees and finally

lemon trees

A quick update on my courses. I am away on 22<sup>nd</sup> August which is a Thursday. I will collect the green waste for that week on Friday, 23 August. My next offsite course is in November so I will inform you closer to the time if it affects the green waste or rubbish/recycling collection.

During the month of September, I will be taking annual leave for a whole month (6 September to 7 October) to visit my children in Australia. My understanding is that the girls from Tamahere will be doing the lawn mowing, rubbish/recycling and green waste collections and any other gardening maintenance that needs to be completed. If there is any change go this, I will update you all.

Have a fantastic month and enjoy the longer days as spring approaches. Here is a little something for you to think about and enjoy. Experience some roasted cauliflower pieces as well as the usual roasted sides when you savour your roast dinner during these cold evenings and.....

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” – Audrey Hepburn.

See you amongst the weeds.

Sandra

The citrus grove looks great Sandra. Thanks for your hard work around the village. It is much appreciated.

## Fish & Chip and Movie Night



We had a good turnout for our fish and chip and movie night on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. The movie was “Rams” with Sam Neil. It was quite good. We had an interval and had ice creams. It brought back lots of memories of my younger years.

The next fish and chip and movie night is to be on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August and we are looking at a thriller/suspense movie – yet to be decided. Remember to bring your money on the night please.

## Crafts in the Barn



We have been concentrating on knitting gloves for both Tamahere and Assisi. The ones for Assisi are for some rest home residents who haven't got gloves and just want to keep their hands warm. (See photo) We have also knitted a couple of muffs that we haven't decorated as Gem is working on getting the rest home residents to decorate them in their craft classes.

We're still working on the fingerless gloves for Tamahere. We are putting bells on them so that when the dementia group have music get together, they can shake their hands and make noises.

## Library



Please keep on using the library. Reading - it's a good way to spend a cold day – sitting on the couch, heat pump on and reading a book.

## Pool Table



Although there is nothing organised with the pool table, it is getting used by individuals on a regular basis. If anybody is interested in forming a club, let it be known on WhatsApp and we can take it from there.

## Strength and Balance Classes



Those attending the strength and balance classes with Suné are enjoying them. Suné has created exercises for each individual person and their specific needs. Keep up the good work.

## Games Afternoon



use them.

Although there was a hiccup for one Wednesday this month, the games afternoons have been great. We are working through this hiccup and hopefully it will be sorted in the next few days. Otherwise, it's a great time and everyone enjoys it. Please keep on coming. There are two card tables at the moment in the storeroom should we need to

## Villa Residents' Lunch



This month went to Ethos and it was lovely. I've never been there before but it will be a place that Lyall and I will certainly go back to. The food was great and the company was good too. It was good that we made use of the Assisi van.

The next venue is yet to be decided but will be advised closer to the time.

## The Scooter Club



By the look of it, a scooter club has new members! Jeanette and Brian have got "Goldilocks" while Glennis has got "Little Red Riding Hood" It's great to see them using them and it makes getting around so much easier. They could join Trevor in scooter races perhaps??

## Village Barn Café Sign



Wow!! The café sign looks absolutely great. Well done to Cam who designed and built it. Cam – you did a fantastic job.

### Notices from the Café:

The café will be closed on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August for a private function. Also, if you receive the newsletter prior to the end of month, the café will closing at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July as Chris will be helping with the Mid Christmas lunch at Tamahere. Please continue to support the café as often as you can.

## Notices from Eventide, Tamahere



Carole has kindly advised of the following events at Tamahere that our villa residents may be interested in and are invited to.

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2.30pm.** Wayne Sinclair will be in the Eventide Community Centre . He has been a professional artist for 52 years and owns the Sinclair Barclay Gallery in Cambridge. He will talk about the life of an artist and we will see a landscape painting produced.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm.** A British Pub Night \$25.00 per person. For details of the menu, reservations and payment – please contactt Lynn at Villa 68 in Tamahere by 7 August

## Drinks in the Barn



Once again, drinks in the barn were a hit. There was a good turn out and the food was lovely. It's always good to get together with fellow residents and enjoy their company.

For August, drinks in the barn will be on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 3.00pm. Please come along and enjoy yourselves.

## Glennis' Ladies Only Lunch

Glennis has decided to make a "Ladies Only Lunch" a monthly occurrence and this is to be held on the second Friday of each month and will utilise the local bus transport. So on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, meet at the bus stop outside Assisi at 11.30am and you'll be going to the Forever Bound Café in the Tamahere shopping centre. Please make contact with her if you'd like to go.

## Assisi Chapel Services



Everyone is welcome to the following events.

### Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
<u>Discussion Group</u>		
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.15am	Rest Home Venue To be Advised

### Combined Church Services

Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	McAuley Lounge (Hospital)
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	McAuley Lounge (Hospital)
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel

### Catholic Mass

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Chapel
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## Recipe

### Truffles (Makes about 26)

½ Packet Plain Biscuits – crushed	1 dsp Cocoa
100g Butter softened	1c Icing Sugar
1tbsp Lemon Juice (or to taste)	½ c Coconut

Dried Fruit,- See note below

Add butter to other ingredients except coconut and mix well.

Roll into balls then roll in coconut.

Refrigerate then store in air tight container in fridge.

Note: Dried fruit, mini marshmallows, dried apricots, cranberries, sultanas soaked in rum etc

These are ideas you can add to the truffles.

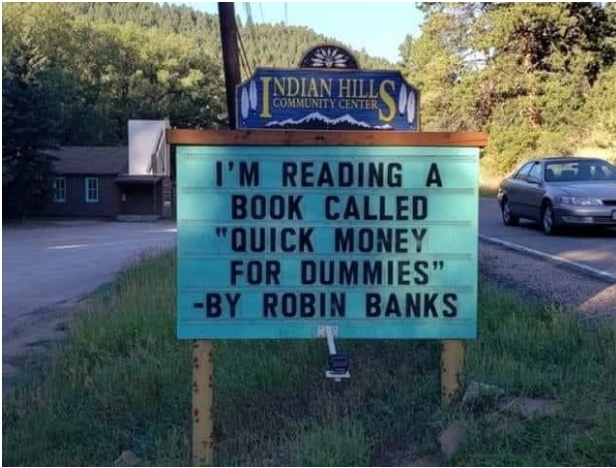
You can use vanilla wine, malt, chocolate chip, chocolate thin biscuits as a variation if desired.

### Daffodil Picking Day

Just a reminder that Suné is looking for volunteers to pick daffodils on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please let her know if you are available as the more people we have picking, the more bunches of daffodils we receive for the rest home and hospital. The other bunches of daffodils we pick will be sold to the public and the proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society. There will be a van to take us to the venue at 8.00am and we should be back by 11am.



## Jokes



## Villa Residents' Meeting

A meeting was held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm in the Village Barn and this was to update residents of what the committee has been working on and got accomplished since our last meeting in May.

Villa 21 – Trisha's doorbell fixed

Villa 18 – Jeanette and Brian's bathroom odours are continued to be monitored

Villa 16 – The leak under Pat's hot water cupboard has been fixed

Villa 4 – 3 Door knobs have been replaced in Wendy and Ritchie's villa. Other work to be completed when the weather fines up

The paths have been re-sprayed around the village

Citrus grove has been planted

Hose laid from Brian's villa to the garden

Village Barn Bookings

The bookings calendar has been renamed to "Library" and "Barn" (the main lounge) to lessen confusion as to what is being booked and when.

Kelly is to put a weekly calendar on the foyer wall so everyone is aware of bookings and it is colour coded for extra clarity.

Only Kelly can make the bookings. Sometimes bookings will clash and in that event the person who made the original booking is to be contacted with adequate lead times to enable rescheduling so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Alarm pendants have been given to those missing them and more pendants are to be programmed

Signage – new reflective and directional number villa signs are being actioned

Wire and ties for the grapevines and passionfruit vine have been purchased

Have suggested "visitor" signs be painted on 3 more carparks by the café entrance footpath.

Staff have been asked to park their cars at the back by the hospital thus freeing up carparks at the front especially for the café use.

Heat pumps are to be serviced every 6 months.

Letterboxes. Malcolm has fixed Sue's letterbox with sealant but unfortunately the sealant hasn't worked for Lynda's letterbox. Malcolm is to work on a solution for that and Brian also has problems with his and this will be looked at when Malcolm returns.

Problems to be worked on:

Villa 14 – there is a red light shining on the bathroom emergency cord.

Villa 19 – the tyre marks on the concrete made when it was still green needs to be followed up with.

Villa 14 and 15 - the bark in the gardens is disintegrating and needs to be topped up. Sandra has since informed me that she is working on this with Louis

Villa 18 – when the ceiling light was replaced with a solar tube, the ceiling light was put in the ceiling and is still there and this needs attention

The brown marks on the toilets in villas 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 15, and 19 have come back after being cleaned. This needs to be looked at again. It is noted that villas 1 and 19 haven't had their toilets previously cleaned with sandpaper and solution.

Wow, - a big newsletter this month and finally I've come to the end. As usual, if you want anything put in, please let me know. Take care in this cold weather and keep warm.

Kind regards to everyone

Allison