

# Autumn Newsletter 2025





# *From the Editor*

Welcome to our autumn edition of the Loxton Retirement Village Newsletter.

I hope you will enjoy the review of our activities held over the last 3 months and look forward to events planned in coming months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents for their kindness and generosity shown to one another during our extreme heat.

We have residents constantly checking on their neighbours to ensure they are ok. It is these kind neighbourly gestures that make the community of Loxton Retirement Village such an enjoyable place to live.

As always I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new residents who have made Loxton Retirement Village their home.

If you would like to share information our readers might be interested in, please email me at [ewill@lwdc.sa.gov.au](mailto:ewill@lwdc.sa.gov.au)

Please be advised that I will be on annual leave from 17/3/2025 to 28/3/2025 and 16/4/2025 to 25/4/2025. During this period, you can contact Mick direct with any caretaker / maintenance issues on 0401 987 529 or any general retirement village questions can be directed to Council on 8584 8000. Please remember if there is an emergency to call **000**.

Regards,

Eve





# *Welcome!*

The Loxton Retirement Village would like  
to send a warm welcome to our newest  
residents,  
**Pat Saunders and Bron Cook!**

# *You will be missed*

It's always difficult when residents  
have to leave a community like Loxton  
Retirement Village. There's a special  
bond that forms in such places, and  
when people have to move on, it can  
leave a real gap. Whether it's due to  
health reasons, family relocations, or  
other circumstances, it's sad to see  
friends go.

**Janet Davey**



# *What's Happening*

## **Register of Interest**

Annual phone calls to all applicants to update the current waiting list was completed in January 2025. There are currently 219 applicants on the waiting list with 114 applicants stating an interest in 2025.

## **10 Year Refurbishment**

There are 8 unit inspections due this financial year. Inspections for all units has been completed and letters sent out to the affected residents with the scope of work. The scope of works have been sent to the contractors so they can provide costings for the work.

## **Changeovers**

The Licence to Occupy to the following units has changed since our last meeting:

- 15 Frank Petch Crescent – Vacated 13/9/2024. New licence to Occupy 20/1/2025
- 2 Winn Circuit – Vacated 14/10/2024
- 4 Kroeger Place – Vacated. New licence to occupy 10/2/2025
- 6 Dowd Place – Vacated 16/12/2024
- 1 McIntosh Street – Vacated 13/2/2025

Remarking of vacant units is still in progress.

## **Isolation Valve Repairs – Carry Over from 2022/2023**

The repairs to unit isolation valves and irrigation taps continues throughout the village.

## **Insurance**

1. Peter Jackson Crescent internal water leak. Resultant damage to replace flooring in lounge and dining and repair 2 walls where plumber had to repair which was completed in early February.
2. Winn Circuit - Broken pipes under floor in back patio area. Resultant damage – remove pavers and concrete. Install all new pipework at back and side of unit, repair retaining wall, remove fig tree and reinstate everything back to original condition.



# Budget

Preparation for the draft budget for the 2025/2026 financial year has begun. The draft budget will be presented at meeting and discussed at the next Residents Committee Meeting on February 24, 2025.

Once finalised the Budget will be presented in the Winter Edition newsletter and presented at the Annual Meeting of Residents to be held October 2025.

## Draft Maintenance Budget

The Maintenance budget has been based largely on last year's expenditure trends with the following changes of note:

- Due to the budgeted significant refurbishment activity proposed for the coming year, the Administration Officers salary cost is apportioned 30% to the Maintenance Budget and the balance to the Refurbishment Budget (70%). This will potentially vary each year depending upon the annual refurbishment activity to be undertaken. This position is also FTE
- Rates may increase pending Council decision.
- Inclusion of Septic pump out for 7 tanks.
- The "contractors" provision under "Building Maintenance" has been increased based on the trends throughout 2024.
- Repainting external gables on units
- The "contractors" provision under "Garden Maintenance" includes CPI increase on the current year's expenditure for the maintenance contractor.

Smoke detectors in all building expire in 2025 and will be replaced

## Draft Refurbishment Budget

The draft refurbishment budget has been compiled from 2 main sources, firstly a prediction of the numbers of units that may become vacant throughout the year based on previous years averages, and therefore to be considered for unplanned refurbishment on changeover, and secondly using the quantity surveyors report as an indication of the likely elements that need to be considered for planned refurbishment

Cyclic maintenance:

- 12 Units due for 10 year Refurbishment
- Repainting of 108 gables and carport facias
- Replace approx. 108 expired smoke alarms

In taking these factors into consideration, the draft increased fortnightly fee is estimated to be \$11.35 / Fortnight which equates to 5.6% increase.

# *Retirement Village Amendment 2024*

Some of you may or may not be aware but the current Retirement Village Act & Regulations are once again under review.

This process makes important updates to the Retirement Villages Act 2016 to increase consumer protection for retirement village residents, mandate greater contract transparency, strengthened the role of the regulator and enhance industry standards.

A copy of the Amendment Bill is available from the SA legislation website. Further information for residents and operators about the changes is also available through Office for the Ageing.

Office for the Ageing will also conduct workshops for operators and Resident Committee Members to attend to gain an understanding of these changes.

## *Message from Mick*

Well, that was one of the hottest summers we have had for a few years!

We got through it and managed to keep the plants and lawns alive.

Everyone's batteries in smoke detectors and air conditioner filters have been done.

The pop-up sprinklers have been installed in the last of the lawns in Leatrice Pfitzner Cres. Replacing the under-turf systems. This is a much better way to water the lawns & makes adding fertilizer easier as I can wash it in.



I have been giving the lawns throughout the village some extra attention this summer using wetting agents, sand top dressing, fungicides and Insecticides.

Most of the lawns have responded well.

Eve & I met with Andrew Wallage from Berri Native Plants in early Feb.

Andrew's knowledge of local native & other suitable plantings for our area is amazing.

He has come up with a list of plants & bushes that we can use in future plantings.

Andrew has also discussed the dripper watering system we have throughout the village.

He has recommended longer water times and not so often, giving the water more of a chance to penetrate through the mulch and get down to the plants root zone. He also noted that it is a challenging task as we have such a variety of plantings that require completely different water programs and run times. I will adjust and monitor the watering system over the next few months.

This is a timely reminder to please not add or adjust any drippers to our irrigation lines to avoid any issues.

I ask if you have noticed that a plant is not getting enough water or any water leaks etc let me know & I can investigate.

Hopefully enjoying the cooler months.



### Retirement Village Appreciation

The residents would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks to Jim & Jenny Thiele for their delivery of fruit to residents over the summer months.

We are so lucky to have many residents that support each other and delivering fruit to all residents is a big job.

If anyone has gone above and beyond to assist you, please let me know so we can pass on a warm fuzzy appreciation note.



### SPEEDING

This is a friendly reminder from The Loxton Retirement Village to please adhere to the posted speed limits within our community. For the safety and well-being of all residents, staff, and visitors, it is essential that everyone follows these guidelines.

We kindly ask that you observe the speed limits while driving

through the village to help maintain a safe environment for all. Other Residents may be walking, using mobility aids, or driving within the village, so it's important that everyone remains mindful of their surroundings.

Please pass this reminder onto your family, friends, carers or anyone that visit the Retirement Village.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Residents are to be reminded that when crossing the road on View Street please do so and use the pram ramps on both sides of the road.

JAY – WALK means residents cross or walk in the street or road unlawfully or without regard for approaching traffic:

This is very dangerous as it increases the amount of time you are on the roads.

## **SALES PHONE CALLS**

Residents are reminded to stay alert of phone calls from external sales companies. At present, we have had reports of an increased number of calls from an energy company advising residents they can make major savings by opting into their deal. Please note, any minor or major works to the units or service changes will be communicated to you directly by Eve. If you are unsure of any calls that you receive, please call Eve and ask for advice before making any agreements.

# MARCH 2025



<b>31</b>	Bridge 1-4pm Arvo Tea 2.30pm					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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# APRIL 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<b>1</b> Senior Citizens 1-4pm	<b>2</b> Film Arvo 2pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Chair Yoga 9.30am Cards 2-4pm Happy hour 4pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Day Light Savings
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<b>21</b> Bridge 1-4pm Arvo Tea 2.30pm <b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>22</b> Senior Citizens 1-4pm	<b>23</b> Film Arvo 2pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Chair Yoga 9.30am Cards 2-4pm Happy hour 4pm <b>ANZAC Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Bridge 1-4pm Arvo Tea 2.30pm	<b>29</b> Senior Citizens 1-4pm	<b>30</b> Film Arvo 2pm				

# MAY 2025



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# Autumn Puzzles

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<p>COUNTRY COUNTRY</p>	 <p>3.14159</p>	<p>GROUND FEET FEET FEET</p>	<p>RAKEN</p>	<p>BUSINES</p>





# Get help with your aged care options

Whether you're looking for help at home or thinking about an aged care home, we can help.

Connect with us:

- Go to **myagedcare.gov.au**
- Call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422\***
- Ask at your local Services Australia service centre.

Book an appointment with an Aged Care Specialist Officer at the Berri service centre:

- Call **1800 227 475\***
- Ask at your local Services Australia service centre.

\*1800 calls are free from land lines and most mobile phones.



# Connecting you to aged care services

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We've made it easier for you to find out about My Aged Care services.

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It can be overwhelming when you start your aged care journey and are thinking about how to access aged care services. Whether you're looking for help at home or thinking about entering an aged care home, we're here to help.

If you need help finding general information about government-funded aged care services you can:

- go to [myagedcare.gov.au](https://myagedcare.gov.au)
- call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**\*
- visit any Services Australia service centre.

For more in-depth information about aged care services you can:

- talk to an Aged Care Specialist Officer if one is available in your area
- call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**\*

## Aged Care Specialist Officers

You, your family or a representative may be able to speak to one of our Aged Care Specialist Officers. This is a free service available in some of our service centres to help you with your aged care matters. They can help you by:

- providing in-depth information on the different types of aged care services
- checking if you're eligible for government-funded services and making a referral for an aged care assessment
- providing financial information about aged care services
- helping you appoint a representative for My Aged Care
- connecting you to local support services.

### FIND OUT IF THERE'S AN AGED CARE SPECIALIST OFFICER IN YOUR AREA

To find out if there's an Aged Care Specialist Officer in your area, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/myagedcarefacetoface](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/myagedcarefacetoface)

To book an appointment with an Aged Care Specialist Officer:

- call **1800 227 475**\*
- ask at your local Services Australia service centre.





# Get help from an Aged Care Specialist Officer

Book a video chat appointment with an Aged Care Specialist Officer if:

- you can't get to a service centre easily
- you need help around the house
- you're thinking of entering an aged care home.

We're introducing video chat in phases, if you can't book for your location now, you'll be able to do this soon.



To book a **video chat** or face-to-face appointment with an Aged Care Specialist Officer call **1800 227 475**.



To find an Aged Care Specialist Officer near you, go to **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/my-aged-care-face-to-face-services](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/my-aged-care-face-to-face-services)**

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# Spot the Celebrities!



# *Birthdays in the Village*



## *March*

Doreen Line  
Gay Gregory  
Jen Oldroyd  
Jill Falting  
Pam Rundle  
Hayward Crisp

Margaret Kruschel  
Bruce Nissen  
Kayleen Crisp  
Evelyn Obst  
Fay Davey  
Liz Dymmott

## *April*

Shirley Gibbs  
Ken Elbourn  
Kath Nolan  
Kathleen Nissen  
Mary Child  
Blue Milich  
Rodney Ziersch  
Lyn Easdale

Yvonne Taylor  
Marina Thomas  
Dorothy Vaughan  
Warren Schwarz  
Raelene Pfeiler  
Dot Milich  
Lyn Eagle  
Bev Richman

## *May*

Neal Gutsche  
Bert Mattner  
Jeff Davey  
Graham Huppatz

Barry Dymmott  
Jeff Gregory  
Julia Schwarz  
Barbara Jones

*If you have been missed or we have incorrect records,  
please contact Eve and get your details updated.*

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