



Maranatha Newsletter

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We have had a variety of weather, and look forward to the month of December, with Summer and the Christmas spirit upon us.

As per previous correspondence, we have engaged Delish Affair with our Catering Services, and Med Clean who currently provide our cleaning services, will be overseeing the laundry. It has been a smooth transition, with most of the staff from Kitchen and Laundry continuing with the new contractors. We have had some very positive feedback and look forward to the new summer menu after review, and consultation with the residents.

As most of you know, November saw us experience a COVID-19 outbreak. My sincere thanks to the staff, residents' families, and friends for following our guidelines. It serves as a reminder to us all

about infection prevention and the importance of continuing to practice social distancing, postponing visits if unwell, following good hand hygiene: wash your hands thoroughly when visiting the home and always wash or sanitise your hands before entering a resident's room, and completing a RAT test before visiting loved ones.

I will be taking leave from December 8-26, as my family and I are travelling to Samoa for my husband's grandmother's 80th Birthday, which is a true blessing to celebrate with the extended family.

I would like to take this opportunity, to wish you all blessings for the festive season and may God continue to watch over us and we pray for love, joy and peace for all.

Kind Regards, **Melanie Grace**

- Director of Consumer Care & Services

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 4 Anglican Church Christmas Service - 10.45am
- 5 Uniting Church Christmas Service - 10.45am
- 5 Cooking Christmas Cookies - 10.30am
- 5 Christmas Craft - 1.45pm
- 7 Christmas Concerts *Side 1 - 10.30am
Side 2 - 1.45pm*
- 11 Catholic Christmas Service - 10.45am
- 12 Christmas Songs of Praise - 10.45am
- 13 Garden Train - *Everyone*
- 13 Christmas Concert - *Azalea*
- 14 Mini Christmas - *All Welcome* 9.30-11.30am
- 19 Fundraising Committee *Azalea - 1.45pm*
Christmas Gift Giving & Karaoke
- 18 Christmas Light Tour - *Side 1*
- 19 Interfaith Christmas - 10.45am
- 19 Christmas Light Tour - *Side 2*
- 20 Christmas Light Tour - *Azalea*
- 20 Fundraising Committee
Christmas Gift Giving & Karaoke
Side 2 - 10.30am Side 1 - 1.45pm
- 20 Birthday Party w Denis - *Side 1 10.30am*
- 22 Christmas Bingo *Side 1 - 10.30am
Side 2 - 1.45pm*
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 11 Garden Train - *Everyone*
- 18 Music w Brian & Margaret - 10.30am
- 24 Bus Trip *Side 1 - 9am*
- 25 Birthday Party w Denis - 10.30am
- 26 Australia Day
- 31 Bus Trip - *Side 2: 9am & Azalea: 11.5pm*

FEBRUARY

- 7 Music w Rick - 10.30am
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Garden Train - *Everyone*
- 21 Bus Trip *Side 1 - 9am*
- 22 Birthday Party w Jim - 10.30am
- 28 Bus Trip - *Side 2: 9am & Azalea: 11.5pm*



DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
4 Neville L	5 Len C	4 Elvor M
6 Margaret E	8 Hazel T	4 Bryan C
8 Helen L	8 Nev M	9 Dawn L
9 Cec B	8 Hazel F	16 Flo A
14 Irene G	8 Robin G	27 Kevin T
17 Wilma M	9 Hazel P	
25 Veronica P	13 Margaret R	
26 Lorraine S	17 Yvonne F	
	23 Valerie M	
	27 James M	
VILLAGE	VILLAGE	VILLAGE
8 Lyn B	3 Lois W	5 Gayna G
10 Ted S	5 June O	5 Audrey W
	6 Jeff H	
	7 Richard D	
	12 Lew O	
	20 Betty S	
	20 Susan C	
	21 Sandra C	
	26 Len H	



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Summer heralds the arrival of warmer days and we are reminded of the excesses summer weather brings. The mosquitoes renew their obsession with us, the air takes on a liquid quality and we are unsure if the sun is our friend or foe.

We know there is plenty of light to be had in a Queensland summer so it is also a good time to be reminded that heat can be a silent enemy, so remember to:

- Stay hydrated
- Stay out of the sun during the heat of the day
- Wear a hat
- Take your daily walk in the early morning before the heat of the day or early evening when the night air is cooler



As the Christmas season draws closer, many of us will be attending functions with friends and family, so please remember to pause and have a word with a neighbour or another resident that you may not know so well, as this can be a very lonely time for some.

*"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity so today give a stranger one of your smiles.
It might be the only sunshine they see all day"*

Wishing our dear residents, families, staff and volunteers a safe and blessed Christmas.

Kind Regards, **Kerry Kennedy** - Village Manager



*A warm welcome to the following
new permanent residents:*

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|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| • Lorna C | • Allan S | • Valmae S |
| • Pat T | • Pam B | • Margaret E |
| • Janet C | • Hazel M | • Neil & Judith R |
| • Val M | • Stella C | • Neville & Lyn L |
| • Jan T | • Lorraine S | • Graham & Carmel W |



... and Farewell to Nancy P & Bev A

Bereavements

Our deepest sympathies have gone out to the families who have lost their loved ones over the Spring period.

*Lindsay B, Isabel K, Paul B, Violet F, John G, Ann S,
Annie M, Hilton B, Don G & Vern L*



Activity Reviews

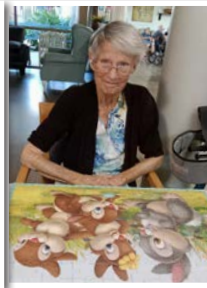


BUS TRIPS - Residents have been going on a variety of bus trips including Nudge Beach, Afternoon Tea at the North Leagues Club, Deception Bay and Scarborough Beach.



JIGSAW PUZZLES -

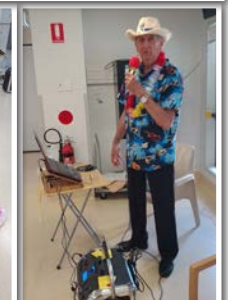
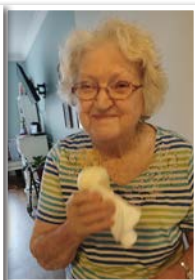
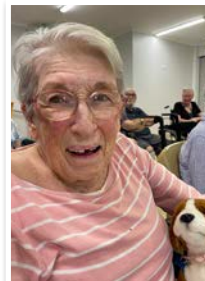
We are getting a lot of residents enjoying doing Jigsaw puzzles either in their room or in our groups. Well done everyone!



CONCERTS - Concerts with Rick & Jim were enjoyed by the Residents and Dolly (Pet Therapy dog) when they came to entertain us.



We celebrated Oktoberfest with ice creams and Oktoberfest Trivia.



CRAFT - Residents have been enjoying making Christmas Cards for our upcoming Christmas Mini Market.



Activity Reviews



HAPPY BIRTHDAY -

Birthdays at Maranatha are always a fun filled morning of entertainment, cake, and good cheer.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -

happened in the month of October. A BIG thank you to everyone (residents, family and staff) who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child drive, from wrapping shoe boxes, donating items, packing the shoeboxes and writing notes to the children.

Children from Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and other Island areas in the Pacific will benefit from donations from Australia for Christmas. We were able to collect a total of 14 boxes. Niva's (*our Wellbeing Coordinator*) grandchildren packed two boxes which they brought in to send with the others.

Thank you to Alicia for collecting the boxes and taking them to the Samaritan Purse warehouse where they will be packed into larger boxes, then put in a shipping container and sent to their designated areas.



Remembrance Day



Ralph Burge – Naval Career

Ralph Lester Burge was in the Australian Navy from 1962 to 1982. During this time, he was stationed at the Russell Offices, Department of Defence and was on the Naval Ship HMAS SYDNEY from May 1965 - June 1967. Ralph fought in Vietnam and was a Lieutenant Commander when he retired from service.

Jim Cassidy – Naval Career

Reginald "Jim" Cassidy was in the Australian Navy from 1962 aged 17 to 1986. During his service he served as a ¼ Master Gunner and a Warrant Officer. Jim served in the Vietnam War, before and after the war he was stationed in Southeast Asia and he also served on the HMAS SYDNEY.

We thank all our service men and women who protect Australia.



Activity Reviews



SPRING FEVER LUCKY NUMBER WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st prize – Niva Bath
- 2nd prize - June Venn
- 3rd prize - Cec Brooks.

Our 1st prize winner Niva was very fortunate to win \$200 on the instant scratchies and 3rd place Cec won \$50. *Thank you for your support.*



HAPPY 60th WEDDING
anniversary

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Resident Margaret Caiten was full of smiles when her husband Rob came with a gorgeous bunch of flowers to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 31. They were married at the Mowbray Town

Presbyterian Church at South Brisbane.

David and his wife Barbara also celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 11.

Congratulations to both couples!



70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -

Marie and Vernon Langsdorf celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. Elissa, Wellbeing Team Leader and Renee, Wellbeing Coordinator felt privileged to be invited to the celebration on Saturday 23rd September from 11am-4pm.

There were 105 people attending, including over 70 family members. It was wonderful to see the love and happiness shared by this family.



FAMILY WEDDING -

Thanks to technology, resident Edna Carseldine enjoyed watching her family, Russell and Rebecca's wedding on the CCTV4 on Friday 1st September at 2pm.



Upcoming Activities



CHRISTMAS LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

From mid-November, residents have the opportunity to purchase Christmas Lucky Numbers at \$1 per ticket. Residents will then go into the prize draw at the Maranatha Christmas Mini Market on 14 December at 11.20am.

Proceeds from draw will go to Maranatha Nursing Home residents' wellbeing activities.

The prizes consist of a variety of items including:

- 2x North Leagues \$30 meal vouchers
- 2x \$20 Dell's Café meal vouchers
- Summer dressing gown & eye mask
- Plant *(donated by Bunnings)*
- Christmas Food Hamper *(donated by Marie L)*
- Christmas Chocolate Bucket
- Christmas Tree with 10x \$1 Scratchies



Maranatha Christmas Market

Our Christmas Mini Market will be held in the Activity room on **Thursday 14 December 2023 from 9.30am – 11.30am.**

Residents of Maranatha Nursing Home, the Independent Living Units, family and staff are all welcome to attend.

Any donations would be appreciated – good quality second hand items, pens, notepads, ornaments, toiletries, mindful colouring books, 2024 Calendars. *(no second-hand clothing please)*

These will need to be in by the **December 13, 2023** - please see Elissa Daly (Wellbeing Team Leader).

All proceeds will be going towards the residents' wellbeing activities. Thank you for your support.

A special thank you to the Landsdorf family for your generosity in contributing to Christmas at Maranatha.

MILK BOTTLE LIDS NEEDED - Hi everyone, we are looking for donations of milk bottle lids in a variety of colours for Bingo.

Please see Elissa, our Wellbeing Team Leader with your donations.



MARANATHA FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - A big THANK YOU to the Maranatha Fundraising Committee for their donation of resources to the residents of Maranatha Aged Care.

We were able to get a variety of new resources including:

- 5x Sing-along DVD's
- 9x large pieced jigsaw puzzles
- Art supplies
- Aromatherapy



Maranatha Fundraising Committee with Dawn Middlecoat will be coming on the December 19 and 20 to sing karaoke and give out Christmas Gifts to the residents.

Thankyou to the Fundraising committee for your generosity.

Village Reviews



UPCYCLING - Village Resident Mark Witton recently spent some quality time in the Maranatha Men's Shed where he cleverly upcycled two obsolete children's car seats. Mark converted the two car seats into two little armchairs for his grandchildren, complete with boxes underneath for toys etc... now that's a great idea Mark!!



MOUNT COOT-THA PLANETARIUM

Brisbane City Council's Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium opened in 1978. Located in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha, the Planetarium is home to the Cosmic Skydome - a 12.5-metre-diameter projection dome.

Village residents recently spent a happy day on an outing to the Planetarium. Our two buses took an



unexpectedly round about route alongside the Brisbane River (which was at it's sparkling best!) to reach the Planetarium café for morning tea. Good food and excellent service.

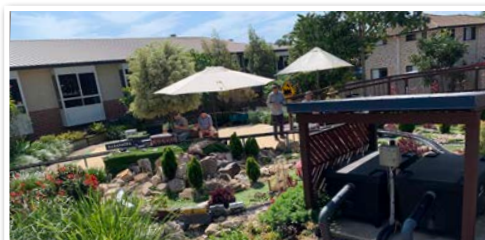


We shared an hour amongst the stars and planets with some Year 6 Students from Mackay who were spending a week in Brisbane. On our side of the room there were a few gentle snores in the reclining seats! We then enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the café. Our trip home was on a more direct route home through the hills... a great day had by all! *Story provided by Jay Miles.*

MARANATHA GARDENS - The gardens here at Maranatha are particularly stunning at the moment. The Jacaranda trees are finishing their flowering and the Agapanthus are just starting. A huge thank you to Ryan and Geoff, our dedicated gardening team who are continuously rejuvenating and replanting throughout the grounds.



SPRING GARDEN TRAIN- Residents enjoyed the Garden Train during the warmer months.



Village Activities



ALL



UPCOMING VILLAGE ACTIVITIES:

Cards	Monday & Friday at 1.30pm
Chair Yoga	Mondays at 9.30am
Mah Jong	Tuesdays at 2pm
Men's Shed	Tuesdays (<i>work</i>) at 2pm ; Thursdays Social group at 2pm
Ladies Group	1st Wednesday of each Month at 10am
Craft Group	Thursdays at 10am
Garden Railway	Thursday 16/11 at 10.30am
Morning Tea/ Social Group	3rd Wednesday of the Month at 9.30am



BUS TRIPS:

4th December	Morning Tea at the Zest Lemon at Deception Bay
7th December	Qld Youth Orchestra
18th December	Morning Tea at Bribie Island ; Lunch at Sandstone Point
19th December	Christmas Morning Tea hosted by the Maranatha Fundraising Committee



ROSE LAW'S FLOWERS

When Rose was 13, her mother died suddenly and Rose has looked after her mother's prized Sweet Pea seeds ever since. Her son, Bill, accepted the role this year and has begun to grow the Sweet Peas his grandmother and mother had grown – the seeds have originated back to 81 years from when they were first grown!

Recently, Bill did a documentary of his property and when Rose watched it, she noticed and instantly knew that the flowers were derived from her mother's Sweet Pea seeds. This meant the world to her.

Every year, Rose would make her own Birthday and Christmas cards and there would be a photo of her with a bunch of flowers. Rose and her husband also grew Dahlias, Roses, Sweet Peas and various other flowers and every day there was a beautiful vase of fresh flowers in their home. When they joined the Kallangur Bowls Club, they would deliver a bucket of flowers twice week for all to enjoy.



Resident Story

Robin Goddard



Hello, my name is Robin Goddard and I have lived in Maranatha for the past three and a half years.

I was born in Auckland, New Zealand way back in 1938. I grew up in a small township; it was a quaint little place which was at the base

of a lovely mountain called Maungakeiki which translates to One Tree Hill. It had been originally a Māori Pa but in the later days became a memorial park in honour of the founder of Auckland Sir John Logan Cambell. There was a tall marble monument at the top where a single tree stood next to it for many years. This was my playground as I grew up.

I was educated at Epsom Girls' Grammar School where I did an academic course. I learnt three languages besides English – French, Latin, and German – most of which has left me. I was the youngest in my family with two sisters and one brother; I did not see much of them as they were much older than me. My brother was in the Army and World War II broke out not long after I was born. My eldest sister was a classical pianist and sometimes played solo with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

I came from a very musical family. My mother had a lovely voice and had been trained in Operatic singing, my brother played the saxophone and had his own dance band called the "Swingtones", although that had to be put on hold during the War. My only musical attribute was a good singing voice which saw me in the school choir.

I started my first job as an assistant selling swimsuits in a large chain store in the city. I transferred into the office and did clerical work for some years, finishing up working for the Reserve Bank.

I married my husband in 1954 and had my first daughter in 1956 and my second daughter in 1958. This made for a very happy family.

My husband was a Blacksmith. He started his own business making wrought iron balustrades. It was my job to do the steel ordering, banking and pay the bills.

Sometimes, the children would gather to watch as he drew out the red-hot irons from the forge to beat them into fancy shapes on his anvil with his huge blacksmiths hammer, which he comically named "Taihape" pronounced 'Tie- happy'.

I became a freelance caterer, often filling in for different chefs who were away. It was because of this I had the privilege to be asked to cook lunch for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1977 when they were on a Royal Tour of New Zealand.

I was so pleased to be asked to do this.

The Queen sent a note to the kitchen thanking me for my effort in making them a "most enjoyable" lunch.



Later that year was one of the biggest highlights of my life – my two daughters were married in a double wedding ceremony in a Catholic Church that they had attended when they were young women. My husband took the eldest daughter down the aisle first and then went back for the second daughter. I didn't cater for this wedding.

My husband and I came to Australia in 1984 and our daughters followed almost two years later with their families. We decided to live on the Gold Coast, and I started my own business in 1988 called "Professional Caterers". I was very busy and did many functions which I am very proud of, along with managing institutional kitchens.

Unfortunately, it was hard work and my body showed signs of wear and tear (arthritis) and I was forced to give up something I loved doing. I still miss doing special sponge cakes and pavlovas when my family are celebrating something.

I now have seven grandchildren plus 16 great grandchildren. I am so proud of them all and they are all doing well. One of my grandsons, Daniel Simpson works here at Maranatha.

I have just finished writing a book which my daughter who runs a book club has kindly offered to edit for me - to be published later.



Cheerio and all the best!

Staff Profile

Raghu



I'm Raghu, and I appreciate the opportunity to share more about myself.

Working at Maranatha has been an immensely rewarding experience. My role involves supporting and listening to the residents, who affectionately call me "Mr. Magoo." Their stories and wisdom have become an invaluable part of my life, and I'm constantly amazed by their rich histories.

Originally from India, I've lived in Australia for almost a decade. Coming from a family where my father is a doctor, my mother is a school teacher, and my sister is a banker, I've always been surrounded by a culture of service and dedication.

In my free time, I find solace in watching crime and suspense shows, punctuated by moments of comedy. It's a way for me to unwind and strike a balance amidst the hustle and bustle of life.

The friendly and approachable nature I possess makes my work at the aged care facility more enjoyable. Each day at Maranatha is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the elderly, and I cherish the chance to be a part of their stories.

Dell's Cafe - New Management

Farewell Mez Scheiwe...



Thank you for the four years you worked here at Maranatha.

We thank you for your sense of humour, kindness and friendship to many. *We wish you every happiness!*



Welcome Donna Brumby...

from Moreton Bay Ecclesia as our new Cafe Manager. Please pop in and welcome Donna and enjoy something to eat or drink from the café.

We also have Bec and May working in the café and if you have any family or friends who may wish to volunteer some time in the café please contact Carmel Hayden - chayden@chomes.com.au



Story: FEEDING THE HOMELESS OF WOODFORD



Hi! My name is Geoffrey Currie.

I was born on the 1 June, 1955 in Dunedin, New Zealand to parents Bob and Betty.

My grandmother Susan Martha

Barret played an important role in life; she was my rock and we loved to work in the garden and cook together. Anyone who deserved to live to a 100 was my Gran; she lived to 93. My parents had a grocery store for many years in Dunedin. My Dad worked very hard and it has rubbed off on me.

Growing up in Dunedin, we had everything at our backdoor such as camping, fishing, shooting, bike riding and hiking. I played Rugby for Bayfield High School when I was 15, then the Pirates, Otago Colts and the NZ Colts. I was a very passionate player and couldn't wait to take the field each weekend. I joined the St Kilda Surf Club and was competitive in the 4-man rescue, resuscitation, surf canoe, surf ski and won many titles in both junior and senior competitions. I also competed in the International Surf Nationals against Australia and South Africa.

I did a lot of travelling overseas to Europe, England and Scotland. I worked on oil rigs in the North Sea, which supplied gas and oil to Scotland and around the world, joined the running of the bulls in Pampaloma and the Munich Bavarian Beer Festival.

When I returned to New Zealand, I worked on a farm shearing sheep for the next ten years. It wasn't a job for me, it was a profession and it took me to a great place in life from having nothing, to buying a farm and building a new home within three years. I have never looked back. I enjoyed every day that I sheared and the lifestyle that went with it.

In the late 80's, I had the opportunity to travel to Australia. I first went to Tassie, where I found the weather to be too much like Dunedin, so tried Melbourne... even worse than home! I then travelled to Sydney - started to get better, before making my way up to Brisbane. I decided that Brisbane was the best place for me, so I went home and sold up everything.

My wife Jenny (*who works in aged care and has worked in the industry for 45 years*) and I have been married for over 30 years and have 5 kids.

We have always lived on the northside of Brisbane and currently live in Woodford/Kilcoy - we wouldn't

live anywhere else. We have always grown fresh vegetables such as potatoes, pumpkins, watermelons, cucumber, tomatoes and garlic. I have six Hereford and Charolais cattle, goats and sheep. I process all my own meat, lamb, beef - all from grass fed animals.

In the future, I would like to travel around Australia. Australia is such a great place with plenty to see and do. Australia has treated both Jenny and I very well.

I would like to thank everyone at Marantha for being such caring staff and residents, including the administration staff, the maintenance men and a special mention to Paul and Jane Bundesen.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated goods for the homeless of Woodford at Cruice

Park and the help we have received from Carmel, Elissa and Renee. We all have a great time, having brekky, chatting and helping wherever we can.

God Bless!





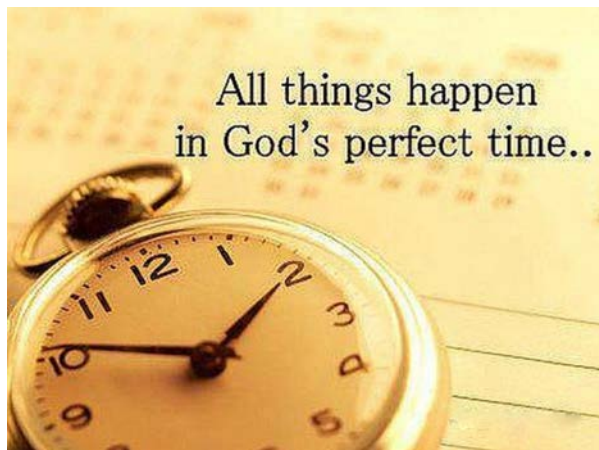
REFLECTIONS

Summer for me is a time to spend with my family and friends doing things we enjoy. It is a time when schools have six weeks off and there is more opportunity to complete tasks together, do those 'jobs' that get pushed to the bottom of the list, have a holiday, to get out in nature, visit people you have not seen in a while, reconnect with others and do things you enjoy.

I am fortunate to be in the bracket where our children are young and depend on us. I appreciate that there are those who may be reading this whose children are older, may not have family or many friends, relationships may be strained, or families and friends may live interstate and so the interactions are not as viable.

Most of us are blessed to be able to reflect on our lives and think of the times we have had with our families and friends, and the things we have done for our families and friends that have made holidays, gifts, and memories possible and helping others out when the need arose.

No matter what stage of life we are, we can all reflect, contemplate, and meditate on our lives. In life there are the good times, the excellent times, the troubled times, and the challenging times. These all help to shape us into the people we are today.



It is quite easy to think if I only had done this, then this may not have happened or what if I had done this, then this might have been the result. Remember that God's timing is different from ours and the speed at which God works could be different from the speed we expect. We all have the privilege of prayer and of speaking to God and sharing our joys and our sorrows, of sharing our regrets and our highlights and bringing those to God for his help and for Him to strengthen us in our time of need or rebuilding.

I am drawn to a song written by Graham Kendrick, an English Songwriter, '**For the joys and for the sorrows**'.

If you have a spare moment you may like to listen to the song. I am drawn particularly to these words from the song (see left).

The words here capture the essence of my thoughts. Whichever route our lives take, whatever our prayers and longings are, when the tears flow, when the disappointments occur, we are reminded in the refrain that 'for this I have Jesus' expressing the hope we have in our Lord.

By David Bridgens

- Spiritual Care Coordinator, COURTLANDS

*"For the tears that flow in secret
In the broken times
For the moments of elation
Or the troubled mind
For all the disappointments
Or the sting of old regrets
All my prayers and longings
That seem unanswered yet,
For this I have Jesus
For this I have Jesus
For this I have Jesus, I have Jesus."*

Pastoral Care Program



UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Please let staff know should you require assistance in getting to any of these services.

PLEASE NOTE: During COVID visiting restriction periods - these activities may be cancelled or changed at any time.
(please check your programs as subject to change)

BIBLE READING GROUP

When: Tuesday - Friday at 9.15am - 9.50am

Where: Activity Hall

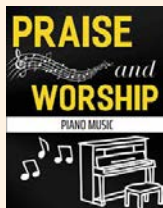
What: Bible readings, hymns & prayer

PRAISE IN SONG - PIANO WORSHIP

When: Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am See program for date

Where: Activity Hall

Who: Estelle on piano - ALL WELCOME -



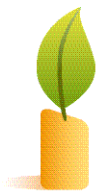
CHRISTADELPHIAN MEMORIAL MEETING

When: Monday Morning (weekly)
at 9.15am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Christadelphian members

- ALL WELCOME -



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SPIRITUAL MEDITATIONS WEBSITE

Please take a look: www.meditations.website

INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS SERVICE

When: Tuesday (3rd monthly)
from 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Pastor Earle Tonges
- ALL WELCOME -



ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE

When: 2nd Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Father David Ruthven
Northpine Anglican Church



ALL
WELCOME



CATHOLIC COMMUNION/MASS - Monthly (refer to program for dates & times)

MONDAY PRAYER GROUP - Monday at 9.30am - Side 1 - ALL WELCOME -

RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL STREAMING CHANNEL - 4 Maranatha

If you are looking for some inspirational spiritual music or services, tune into channel 4 Maranatha Friday's from 10am.



UNITING CHURCH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

When: 1st Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Pastors Glen Lang & Jo Hurt
Pine Rivers Uniting Church

- ALL WELCOME -



'Supporting Maranatha resident's emotional & spiritual wellbeing'

Maranatha offers regular Pastoral Care visits to all residents

Please do not hesitate to contact our Spiritual Care Coordinator at her desk in Sunnyside Room or:

Carmel Hayden on (07) 3482 5333 or chayden@chomes.com.au

Volunteer Corner

By CARMEL HAYDEN



Welcome to our newest volunteers, we are so happy to have you onboard.

• Estelle: Praise in Song • Julie: Bingo Assistant • May: Café Assistant

Many thanks to our recently retiring volunteers. *We appreciate all the love you have shared with us at Maranatha.*

PRAISE IN SONG

In July, we welcomed Estelle to Maranatha as our Volunteer Coordinator and pianist for our newest spiritual segment, "Praise in Song" around the piano. Estelle kindly puts together a play list of old-time hymns each month which our residents love and remember from their Church going days.

In August, we then welcomed volunteer singers to join our Praise in Song sessions, from the Morayfield Community Uniting Church. Their lovely strong voices bring joy to the residents they sit alongside. Thanks to all our volunteers who bring joy to Maranatha with music and songs of praise.



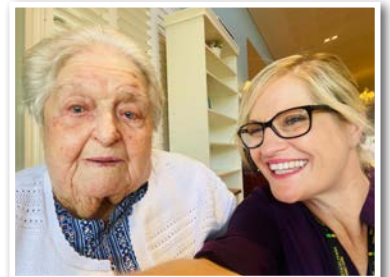
"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" - Psalm 98:4



SALVATION ARMY BAND

On the last day of October, we welcomed back the Redcliffe City Salvation Army Band for the second concert of 2023. Musicians Keith, Jeff, Ross, Allan, Fiona, Cass, Matthew and John played a variety of instruments: Tuba, Cornets, Euphonium, Baritones and Tena Horns with Ossie conducting.

Hymns played included 'How Great thou Art', 'To God be the glory', 'Amazing Grace', 'Great is thy Faithfulness' and more. We also enjoyed a few marches. Thank you to the Band for another wonderful concert. The band has agreed to come again for a Christmas Concert on December 6.



Salvation Army resident Ellen H enjoying the concert on her actual birthday with Carmel Hayden, Wellbeing Coordinator



THANK YOU!



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Volunteer IN THE Spotlight

ESTELLE SLEE - I grew up on a property in Northern NSW as an only child.

I found out far too late in life how fortunate and blessed I was to have the family and the country upbringing that I had. I lost my father when I was 18 to cancer so the property was sold and my mother and I moved to Tamworth.

I worked in the Bank of NSW (now Westpac) and had many clerical jobs but finally started to return to my piano studies, gaining an AMEB Eighth grade while I was a tutor teacher with the Gunnedah Music Centre. I enjoyed, and still do, many styles of music and loved playing the pipe organ at our local church for services, weddings and funerals. Playing duets and accompanying choirs, soloists and musicians of all ages and styles was my life and 'my heaven on Earth' at that time.

My music teacher asked me to lead the orchestra during rehearsals and performances through a quite challenging musical called 'Lil Abner'. The first night of rehearsals is where I met my future husband, Stewart, and we married the following year, and still living and loving together after nearly 33 years.

Stewart works as an avionics maintenance engineer and the company he was working for in Tamworth, where we were living, ceased services which left him without a job. He then acquired a position working for Ansett in Brisbane and there we left Tamworth and all our families, friends and my then budding career, and moved together for our future life in Brisbane.

Our life was hard initially in Brisbane, but because we had only each other to lean on, it brought us closer together as we settled into our first home in Bracken Ridge. It was there that we started our family of three sons - Alexander, Jonothan and Cameron and then because of our expanding family, moved to Petrie where we have lived for the last 24 years. Stewart continued to work in the aviation industry and in 2007, I completed a degree in Social Science majoring in Disability which gave me the confidence to work with diverse client groups.

Over the years, I have worked as a carer in community services, mainly in disability services, and then finally working as a teacher aide in a few local secondary schools in their disability sections. Since resigning from the Queensland Department of Education, I have decided to return to my music studies and have persevered to get my fingers moving again to playing level again after a very long time. I intend to sit for my AMEB Certificate of Performance next year and I have a goal to attain a Trinity College ATCL (performance), hopefully in the next few years. I thoroughly love music of all kinds and enjoy sharing and playing for singers and musicians and my hope is to once again accompany professionally.



I answered the ad for Praise in Song musician at Maranatha, which our lovely Wellbeing Spiritual Coordinator, Carmel Hayden, placed on the Volunteering website. Since July, I was gratefully given a chance to play and get to know all the lovely residents and staff at Maranatha for our monthly Praise in Song. Joining us in the last few months, are an amazing group of singers that travel from Morayfield Uniting Church to give inspiration to all to lift our voices in praise - they are such a godsend to our group!

I feel so blessed to be volunteering at Maranatha and look forward every month to seeing everyone as we lift our voices high!

Thank you, Estelle, for the gift of music you bring to Maranatha!

Testimony of Faith

By WENDY POGSON
KALLANGUR CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA



My name is Wendy Pogson. I was born in 1932 to Francis and Catherine Ryan in Sydney. My parents had been baptised into the Christadelphian Faith for approximately 10 years when I was born, the last of 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys. I can remember living a happy life as a child of Christadelphians, learning about the Bible and its promises from a young age. I loved going to Sunday School and later to Sunday Meetings, mid-week Bible classes, nighttime lectures on various Bible subjects, social activities and even enjoyed delivering leaflets around the Sydney suburbs on various Sunday afternoons on interesting Bible topics and sharing the good news of the gospel.

I wanted to accept Jesus' call to be baptised into his sin covering name and at age 15, on May 22, 1947, I was baptised at Lakemba meeting hall in Sydney.

Baptism was the first step in trying to follow in Jesus' footsteps for the rest of my life.

I have the hope of everlasting life. I am anticipating the day Jesus returns to the Earth to be King over us all. He will be a just King, bringing peace and righteousness to this world and restoring it back to its original goodness. People will live in security under his rule. All will know God who is the Father and the whole earth will gradually be filled with Gods glory.

I truly believed then and still to this day, that Jesus lived a perfect life. He was human yet he never sinned, always doing his fathers will and not his own. I find that so amazing and wonderful. So God raised him from the dead to immortality opening the way for us to also have this glorious immortal life if we too follow in his ways, the way the Bible teaches.

I was blessed to have met my husband Dave during Sunday school years and we married in 1955, and had four children. We lived in various locations throughout NSW, then in 2002 we moved up to Queensland to live in a unit at Maranatha. I came to live in Maranatha hostel earlier this year, March 2023.

During my life, I loved being a Sunday School teacher from about age 18 until age 70. I liked to illustrate Bible stories to help the children learn and can still remember their lovely responses to learning from the Bible.

I am so thankful of being a part of the Christadelphian community all my life. So many people have cared for me like family. I try to do the same to others as my parents also did.

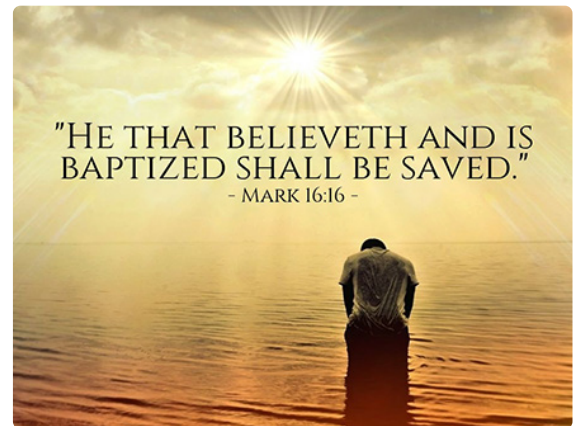
If you don't already know about the good news that the Bible offers of the special time ahead on Earth with Jesus as King over all the Earth, I encourage you to speak to any Christadelphian you meet to find out more, as Jesus wants us all to share in this future together.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- MATTHEW 11:28-30

These days I love spending my days pouring over the Bible and pondering its teachings. I also enjoy writing letters to people to encourage them. I enjoy the company of many friends and family who visit with me here and love Sunday mornings spent with members from the Kallangur Christadelphian Ecclesia which meets in the Recreation Room downstairs at Maranatha.

I have a wonderful verse to share from Isaiah 40:31 (see image). God bless you!





God isn't just the God of

Steeple
Prayer meetings
Well-paying jobs
Mission trips
Intact families
Worship songs
Sunday school

All those visible spaces.

The ones we show to the world.
The ones that look like we have our act
together.
The ones where we will be praised.
He's bigger than that. Much much bigger.

His heart is bigger.
His presence is bigger.
His well-worn, tenderness is bigger.

BECAUSE

He's also and especially the God of

Oncology visits
Broken hearts
Empty checking accounts
Funeral parlors
Rehab rooms
Sleepless and fitful nights
Bathroom floors
Messy selves and messy lives

The places where it's just us and Him.

The ones only He can really see.
Hear.
Understand.
Guide.
Comfort.
Heal.

The places of

Loss
Despair
Loneliness
Doubt
Fear

That are also the places of

Growth
Hope
Belonging
Grace
Peace

The places that nothing and no one else
can touch.

Except for this big big, "very present help in
time of trouble," tender-hearted God.

Those are the most sacred places of all.

And some of the most beautiful.



CHRISTMAS FUNNIES



- What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?
Rude-olph
- What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me and we'll go places!
- How is Christmas exactly like your job?
You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit
- Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!
- What do you call a scary looking reindeer?
A cari-boo
- What do you call Santa's little helpers?
Subordinate clauses
- Why don't you ever see Santa in the hospital? Because he has private elf care!
- What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has No-els

SUN SAFETY

SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION



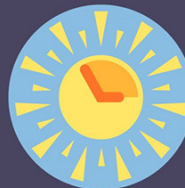
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USE SUNGLASSES



WEAR PROTECTIVE
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AVOID SUN BETWEEN
11 AM AND 3 PM



USE SUNSCREEN



DRINK MORE
WATER



REFLECTION
CAUTION



SEEK SHADE



AVOID DIRECT
SUNLIGHT

Christmas Wreath Cake

Ingredients

- 85g packet raspberry jelly crystals
- 600ml thickened cream
- 1 cup double thick vanilla custard
- 2 1/2 x 400g jam sponge rolls, cut into 1cm thick slices
- 2 tbsp sweet apera (sherry)

To Serve

- Mini meringues, to decorate
- Spearmint leaves, to decorate
- Fresh raspberries, to decorate
- Crushed candy canes, to decorate
- Silver cachous, to decorate



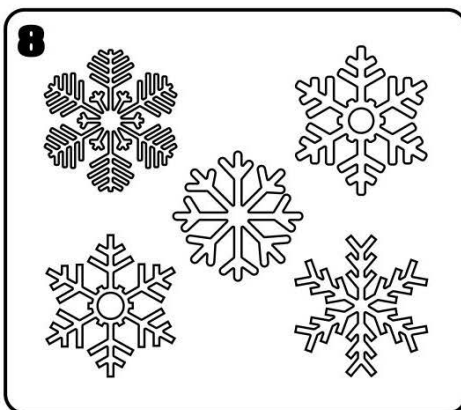
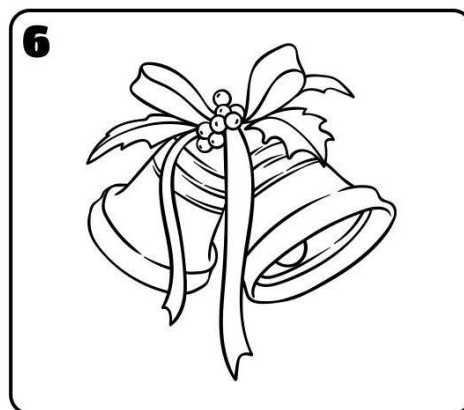
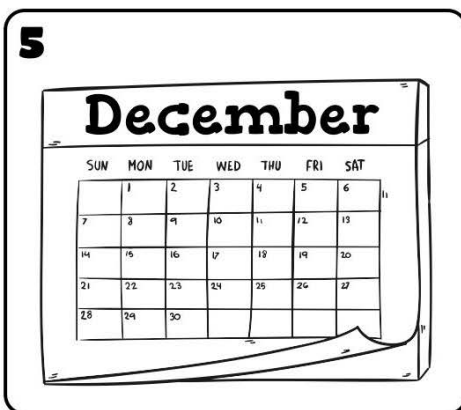
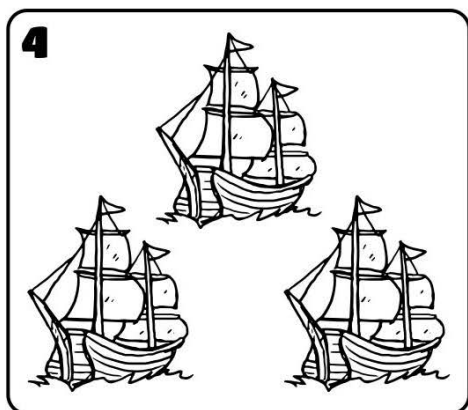
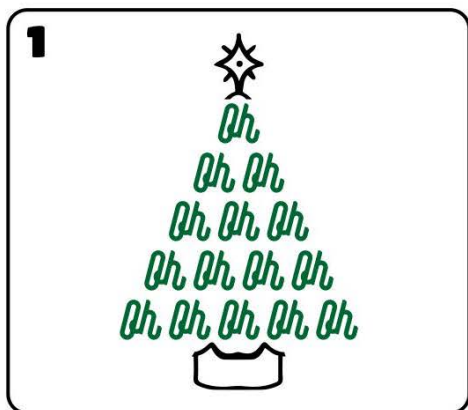
Prep: 30 min
Serves 8

1. Make jelly following packet directions. Pour into a 15cm square plastic container. Refrigerate for 4 hours or until set.
2. Carefully turn jelly out onto a board. Cut into squares. Return to refrigerator until required.
3. Using an electric mixer, beat cream and 2/3 cup custard together until just-firm peaks form. Spoon mixture into a piping bag fitted with a 2cm fluted nozzle. Pipe cream mixture onto 1 side of 1 slice of sponge. Place on a 30cm round serving platter. Repeat with remaining cream mixture and sponge slices, standing sponge slices upright on platter. Drizzle sponge wreath with apera.
4. Spoon remaining custard onto wreath. Decorate with jelly cubes, meringues, spearmint leaves, raspberries, candy cane and cachous. Serve.





GUESS THE CHRISTMAS CAROL



ANSWERS: 1. Oh Christmas Tree 2. Rudolph Red Nosed Reindeer 3. The First Noel 4. I Saw Three Ships 5. The 12 Days of Christmas 6. Jingle Bells 7. Joy to the World 8. Let it Snow 9. Blue Christmas



CHRISTMAS WORD SUDOKU

6 different letters are used instead of numbers. The basic goal remains the same: every row, column, and 2x3 square has to contain one of every letter used in the puzzle

Puzzle 1: MANGER

Puzzle 2: JOSEPH

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