



Village Voice

Your monthly Clarence Village community newsletter

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Special Bumper 24 Page Christmas/New Year Edition!



Hibiscus Wing Personal Care Team Leader Kaye Ball with PC Sionel McFarlane and resident Fairlie Slater surrounded by some of the Christmas decor popping up all over Dougherty Villa.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Dougherty Villa has turned into a sea of seasonal greetings once more with an abundance of trees, tinsel, and toys lining the shelves and filling the alcoves with Christmas magic.

Staff and volunteers work extra hard to ensure Christmas is the loveliest time of the year for the Clarence Village community.

There is a lot to be grateful for especially when you are surrounded by such a kind and generous team of helpers, not just in December, but all-year-round.

Read more about the festival spirit from around the Village on pages 7-15.



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A note from the Village CEO



Christmas time is here and it's a wonderful feeling right across our community. I'd like to say a big thank you to our team who have worked so hard all year and still have found so much energy to make Christmas a special time for residents across Clarence Village.

At this time of year we reflect on what was and look forward to what will be. It's a time for kindness (to ourselves as well as others) and to savour the best things this time of year can bring. Time with family. Time away from work. Reconnection. We also need to consider those members of our community who will be experiencing the bittersweet first Christmas without a loved one.

I'll be taking a short break over Christmas and will be back in early January. Thank you to everyone who's part of our Clarence Village community – staff, residents, volunteers and family members. I wish you all a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards,
Duncan McKimm



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Village community an A+ in social science

As you will see by all the photographic evidence in these pages, there has been a lot happening on the Clarence Village social calendar recently.

So much so this bumper 24-page Christmas edition struggled with fitting in all the recent events and activities — a pretty good problem to have if you ask me.

While it's generally busy in the lead up to Christmas, the Clarence Village social calendar has been jam-packed for most of this year.

From ballet lessons to bush tucker tastings, Jacaranda sponsorships to Jacaranda room

activities, kindy kids to knitting natters, river walks to aqua aerobics, it's been 'all social systems go' at Clarence Village in 2023.

I look forward to seeing more where that came from in 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Village Voice readers. See you in February.

Lesley

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Who's a cheeky monkey? Dougherty Villa staff are the gifts that keep on giving for our oldest resident.



Doreen ranks her 106th birthday cake as one of the best yet.



Joining Doreen at the birthday table are family members Kellie and grandson Tony Sheehan and Doreen's baby sister Shirley Craig and husband Brian.



Surprise: King Charles and Queen Camilla are back this year with another birthday greeting for Doreen.

Doreen does it again

Our milestone matriarch Doreen Sheehan enjoyed her 106th birthday bash in the Jacaranda Room, in her unique young-at-heart fashion we all know and love.

Wide eyed and full of cheer, Doreen tucked into her sponge cake with the gusto of school kid and the comic timing of any modern day stand up worth their salt. "I was born when sugar was good for you," she said tucking into the cake.

Joining her on this birthday ride were some of her family members and her fellow Dougherty Villa residents who also enjoyed the morning tea treats alongside Doreen's antics.

While the days of jumping out of planes and riding Harley Davidson's are behind her (she

gave that up at 102), Doreen was enjoying all the gifts and attention being lavished on her by residents and staff.

She was again presented with her stack of royal birthday mail from dignitaries far and near, including her second letter of congratulations from the newly appointed King Charles which will be filed away with his previous message and the 100th birthday congratulations from his Mother.

There are many Graftonians who can claim being at both bridge openings but Doreen can. There's also not much she can't do according to her sister Shirley.

"She'd just say I can do that. It's easy. That's been her motto throughout her whole life."



Queen Street resident Lorraine Grayson with her unusual double-headed gerbera.

Lorraine's double-header is the talk of Queen St

Queen Street resident Lorraine Grayson got a colourful surprise recently when she noticed her pot plant of gerberas had produced something special — a double-headed flower in two different colours.

Lorraine said she bought the punnet of seedlings from Bunnings about three years ago and they had been flowering consistently since then but nothing like this one.

“I’ve never seen a double one in my lifetime and anyone I talk to says the same thing.”

Lorraine said her gerberas have always been cream in colour but this double headed arrival has both that colour along with a second distinct light pink variety.

“I think it quite rare. Everyone at Queen Street



has come past for a gawk,” she laughed. “It’s the talk of the village at the moment.”

“I hope it means good luck. I wouldn’t mind a lotto win or the 100 club.”

What causes a double headed flower?

Known as ‘fasciation’ there are a number of reasons this random genetic mutation might occur but no definitive answer from science. Hormone imbalance, damage from insects or animals including humans, chemicals, temperature fluctuations, bacterial or fungal infections, and nutritional issues can all be triggers so your guess is as good as any.

It’s unusual but is more commonly found in daisies and gerberas but the flowers are usually the same colour.



Coutts Crossing Public School recently visited Dougherty Villa to perform for residents.

School visit a hit with residents



Students from Coutts Crossing Public School recently paid Dougherty Villa a visit to perform a musical number for residents.

The students made two appearances, one in the Jacaranda Room and another in the Waratah Wing.

They performed the very popular children's song and dance Baby Shark much to the delight of residents who joined in with the hand movements and hummed along to the catchy tune.



Afterwards students mingled with residents for a chat and a few happy hugs of appreciation were exchanged.

The Baby Shark Dance is the most downloaded YouTube clip of all time with more than 13 billion views. Once you hear Baby Shark doo-doo, doo-doo, doo-doo you will understand why.

Thank you Coutts Crossing Public School for making our residents' day.

Queen sweeps



Residents and staff at Clarence on Queen Street enjoyed their annual Melbourne Cup soiree in the dining room. Glasses were charged with bubbles and beer while they grazed on platters of fruit and cheese eagerly awaiting the race that stops a nation. The cup sweeps were oversubscribed six times so it was almost a case of everyone wins a prize.



Queen St resident Sarah Dougherty sorts out her sweeps tickets from Community Connections Officer Gail Smith.



Resident Joyce Weatherstone came dressed for the spring carnival.



Three cheers from Lyndsay Steadson, Lorraine Grayson and Shirley Watkins.



Christine Calder and Roxanne Deece toast The Cup.



Former racehorse owner and resident Marie Mulligan and Myrtle Cowan get into the social side of Queen Street's Melbourne Cup luncheon.



Barb Melbourne (no relation to the Cup) and Shirley Weir enjoy a pre-race drink.



Residents Barbara Kuczynski and Fiona Ellem join in the Cup frivolities at Queen Street.



The Queen St boys' club are being looked after by kitchen team member Tracey Schulte. From left: Roy Ford, Michael Wrigley, Clarence on Queen St manager Darrel Kliendeinst, Ron Englert and Malcolm Rhodes.

CLARENCE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



Adding a personal touch

Personal Care Team Leader Kaye Ball from Hibiscus Wing (one of our front cover stars) brought a personal touch to the Dougherty Villa dining room this year with a special order of personalised Christmas character place cards.

The kind and thoughtful gift has been well received by Dougherty Villa residents who loved arriving at their seats to see the quirky little reindeers (Magnolia wing residents) and snowmen (Hibiscus Wing residents) bearing their names.

Thanks you Kaye for your lovely gesture.



Dougherty Villa resident George Smith shows off his festive name tag.



Ellen Mulherin loves her reindeer place name.

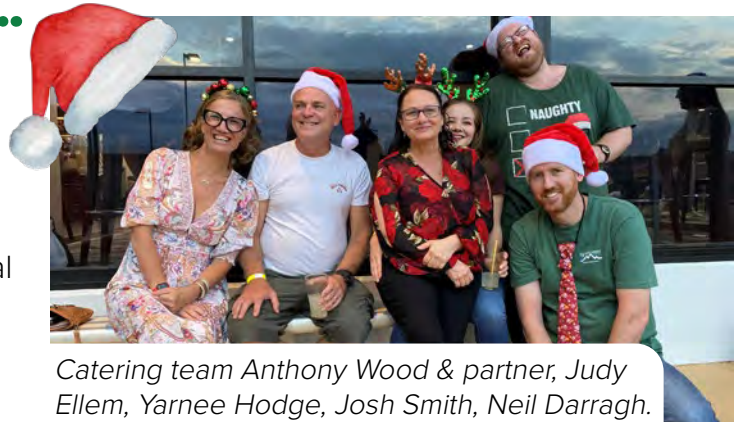
Party time for our village people

Residents and staff got together across several events to celebrate the festive season and let their hair down at the end of a busy calendar year.

The social atmosphere seemed to be in overdrive with lots of chattering, Christmas fare, and companionship on display.

With Christmas parties for the Village and Queen Street residents at Vines Restaurant, our staff bowls night and volunteers morning tea, there was no avoiding the festive fun on offer.

Can you spot yourself?



Catering team Anthony Wood & partner, Judy Ellem, Yarnee Hodge, Josh Smith, Neil Darragh.



Annie Hackett and Brooke Gorman.



Sheila Williamson, Alma White, Gail Timmons and Marissa Ryan.



Liz O'Neill, Mandy Stark and Lisa Tanner on the dance floor.



Tayla Wall, Donna Layton and Rachelle Farmer.



Vivienne O'Hara and Sheryl McIvor.



Roxanne Deece, Jeanette Solomon and Jacqueline Lancaster.



Jo and Arthur Lysaught.



Clarence Village Gardens gang Bob and Trish Cumming and Jan and Athol Green.



Alwyn and Jill Campbell, Betty and Charlie Doggett.



Maggie and John Blair



Daphne Doyle and Marilyn Davidson.



Evelyn Mitchell and Chrissy O'Farrell



Howard Connor, Rita Foley and Carmel Newsome.



Lola Howard, Ron & Christine Cosgrove.



Challis McCosker, Shirley Mormon and Margaret Manahan.

Clarence on Queen St Christmas party



Lorraine Grayson and David Barlow.



Robert Anderson and Tracey Schulte.



Joyce Weatherstone and Marie Mulligan.



Shirley Weir and Roxanne Deece.



Lyndsay Steadson, Mrytle Cowan, Christine Calder and William Blair.



CEO Duncan McKimm, Maggie McDade and their children Nora and Lucy came along to the Clarence in Queen Christmas party held at Vines Restaurant.



Michael Wrigley, Rodney Mitchell, Neville Trass and Malcom Rhodes.



Shirley Watkins and Debra Adcock.



Jeff and Kerry Newsome.



Village Voice aged care columnist Rachel Farmer enjoys the festivities with resident Roy Ford.



Entertaining pair Dan Fahey and Hugh provided the Village Christmas parties' musical accompaniment.



Clarence on Queen manager Darrel Kleindiest and resident Sarah Dougherty.



Walter Dow and Roy Ford.



Fiona Ellem and Libby Shearer.



Clarence Village board member Neil Payne and his wife Ruth joined in the fun at the Clarence on Queen Christmas party.



Penny White and Gail Smith.

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Thanks to our happy helpers

Our priceless Clarence Village volunteers enjoyed their annual thank you morning tea at Dougherty Villa, once again recognised for all the different ways they contribute to the lives of residents and staff.

Everything they do makes an impact on what staff and management do here, Quality Manager Tonny Fitzcosta said. "We have a long and proud history of caring and your contributions make it better."

"I also believe that people who volunteer never get old".

She thanked everyone from board members and bus drivers to the tea trolley ladies and men's lunch crews.

"Without our volunteers Dougherty Villa wouldn't be the home it is."





PHOTOS:

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Top: Floral arranger Sue McKimm with granddaughter Lucy.

Bottom Left: Dougherty Villa regulars Colin Robinson and Darol McClymont.

Bottom Right: Clarence Village Community volunteers Michelle Sales and Carol Williams enjoy the thank you morning tea at Dougherty Vila.

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Top: Grafton Community bus drivers Jeff Newsome and John Pullinger with Kerry Newsome.

Middle: The barbecue boys from Grafton Midday Rotary: Mark Thompson, Michael Hagar and Phillip Ledingham.

Bottom: Clarence Village Board members Donna Layton, Arthur Lysaught (with wife Jo) and Libby Shearer.



Clarence Village

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CLUB

WEEKLY PRIZE DRAW!

WINNER TAKES HOME \$50

Competition runs every 10 weeks.

All profits go to the Grafton Community Bus. Let's see how much we can raise this year.

Get your tickets from Ros Houlahan or Penny White.

Farewell to our friends

Dougherty Villa held one of its most important events of the calendar year, the annual memorial service to commemorate residents who we lost in 2023.

Held in the Jacaranda Room, facility Manager and Pastor Mandy Stark spoke about how it could be extra hard losing a loved one especially this time of year and acknowledged each resident for their contribution to the Dougherty Villa family.

“We know that in some small or significant way, each of these people named today, has been a part of us. Some for a long, long time, others for just a fleeting moment. But each one, has become a part of our story.”

Staff and family member placed baubles in honour of the residents we said goodbye to:

Gwen Cromack
Levena Elkerson
John Collins
Joan Matthews
Betty Crane
Keith Spence
Peggy Pauling
Trevor Crispin
Brian Haynes
Hazel Penning
Ron Bettison
Mary James
Joan Marr



Facility manager Mandy Stark addresses the congregation at the annual memorial service at Dougherty Villa.



Cilla and Christie, sisters of the late staff member George Butler, thanked the Dougherty Villa team for their support and kindness during this sad time for the family.



Mandy Stark comforts George Butler's mum Fiona while nephew Jesse hangs a decoration on honour of his late uncle.



Kayleen Roberts places a bauble on the memorial tree for her late mum and Dougherty Villa resident Betty Crane.



Care staffers Tilly Marsh and Sionel McFarlane pay their respects at the memorial tree that honours the residents who left us in 2023.



Sisters Dianne Loadman and Maree Dickson remember their mum and Rose Cottage resident Hazel penning.

Goodbye George

This year's memorial service was extra sad as staff and residents also farewelled their colleague George Butler who passed away in November.

George's family travelled from Brisbane to attend the service conducted by facility manager and pastor Mandy Stark.

Mandy acknowledged the void left with the unexpected loss of George and paid tribute to the care team leader who had been a regular fixture around the wings for the past five years.

George's family also shared why he became a carer, while Mandy remember the incredible, caring, funny, and devoted colleague they will be dearly missed.

She spoke about his love of music, from blues harmonica to Dolly Parton at breakfast and "his desire and ability to create calm, in an environment that would often be anything but calm".

"George taught us a great deal. Many of us are better carers, better nurses, better people because of the gift, the presence that George has been in our lives."



The late Dougherty Villa team member George Butler.



Cheers to George: Family of the late staff member George Butler travelled from Brisbane to attend the Dougherty Villa memorial service. Pictured are nephew Jesse, sisters Cilla and Christie and mum Fiona Butler, seated.



Residents Lorraine Grayson, Libby Shearer, Challis McCosker and Shirley Watkins with Ros and co. at the weekly river front walk.



Stopping for morning tea by the river.



New volunteer Sharon McLaughlin with daughter Casey and grand baby Lennox with Ros Houlahan and her daughter Rachel and baby Ruby.

Take me to the river

One of the newest activities available for residents to enjoy are the weekly river walks held every Thursday morning.

Taking advantage of the new riverfront redevelopment that stretches from Memorial Park to Clarence Street, Community Connections Officer Ros Houlahan said the walks were going really well and increasing in popularity every visit.

“We recently had people from the Gardens, Clarence Village and Queen Street all coming and also often have extended family join in.”

Ros said beside the gentle exercise it offers, there is a real social element to river walk.

“It’s wonderful. We had morning tea down there and people ran into friends they hadn’t seen

for years. Other exercise groups also walk by and said hello. We recently met a lady from China who was visiting for Jacaranda and she ended up taking our photos for us.”

Ros said everyone really loves the chance to get outside and enjoy some relaxing exercise. “There are plenty spots to rest along the way and when we are finished the walk I pick everyone up at the other end.”

The Grafton river walk features accessible, wide level concrete pathways that run from at the Memorial Park and meander through trees and green spaces along the river front to the Clarence Street exit/entrance.

If you are keen to join in the fun contact the Village office.

One hundred reasons to join the club in 2024

The numbers are healthy for the Clarence Village 100 Club. Since expanding its square spaces to 10-week packages, the competition is more popular than ever.

The village is up to its third round of draw with a fourth round starting at Christmas. This means by the end of this year the club will have raised \$2000 for the Grafton Community Buses, so cheers to all the club members who supported the 100 Club in 2023.

Here's the latest batch of 10-week winners:

100 Club winners — second round

- Week 10 Kay Ball
- Week 9 Shirley Craig
- Week 8 Pippa Carlton
- Week 7 Lesley Wall
- Week 6 Mark Dougherty
- Week 5 Trevor Smith
- Week 4 Val Layton
- Week 3 Sandra McGarry
- Week 2 Ryan Gudz (our gardener)
- Week 1 Sandra McGarry



100 club winners are grinners: Shirley and Brian Craig from Clarence Village Gardens.

Sizzling success continues for this joint fundraiser

After a couple of successful democratic sausage sizzles, the crew from Grafton Community Buses and Grafton Playgroup were back behind the barbecue for the Voice

Referendum weekend in October raising more than \$400 to share between the two organisations.



The sausage sizzle crew from Grafton Community Buses and Grafton Playgroup were back fundraising during the Referendum weekend.

WHAT'S ON DECEMBER/JANUARY

Joan Muir Community Centre Free activities Tuesdays from 10am-11.30am



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

No bingo for month of December.

TUESDAY

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Morning Tea

Christmas morning tea and raffle draw at Joan Muir Hall from 9.30am with special guest our very own royalty, Junior Jacaranda Princess Millie.

WEDNESDAY

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Christmas Lights

Christmas lights tours — pick up from 7:30pm at Joan Muir Hall. Please call Ros to book your seat.

WEDNESDAY

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Aqua Aerobics

Last Aqua Aerobics for the year. South Grafton Heated Pool 8am, picking up from around the Village from 7.15am. Book your seat with office 6642 5991 or Ros.

THURSDAY

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Shopping bus

Shopping bus with Max. Call Ros for bookings.

RIVERFRONT WALK - THURSDAYS 9am-11am

Bus pick up and transport to Memorial Park to walk along new Clarence riverfront pathway. Bring your own morning tea. Scenic drive home. Please contact office 6642 5991 or Ros if interested.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be home visits and planning for the year.

Bingo will recommence in February.

WEDNESDAY

17, 24 & 31

Aqua Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics cost \$9 (contact Ros) for bus pick from 7.30am. Class starts 8am. Commences back January 17.

THURSDAY

4 & 11

Shopping

Shopping with Community Bus. Ros will be driving. Pick up: Clarence on Queen 8.30am The Gardens: 8.45am Arthur Street bus shelter: 9.10am. These are approx. times. Please phone Ros or Penny if any questions.

THURSDAY

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Bus Trip

Bus trip to Coffs Botanic Gardens with stop at the Big Banana. Leaving Joan Muir Hall at 9am — limited seats available. Phone Ros on 0478 228 838 to book your seat. Cost of bus \$10.

THURSDAY

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Morning Tea

Monthly morning tea at the Clocktower Hotel 10am.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

100 Club vouchers \$10 for 10 weeks. Starts Tues 9th Jan

Contact Ros on 0478 228 838 | email rosh@clarencevillage.com.au

Happy New Year, have a wonderful 2024. Hope to see you at an activity soon.

The village family keeps growing

What a busy 2023 it has been at Clarence Village. We have had an influx of new life into the team this year with the arrival of many beautiful grandbabies. These bundles of joy are extra special to the team — babies always have a way of making everyone smile.

Clarence Village also welcomed two new and very important team members onboard — Josh to help with the lawns and landscaping, and Gail to help Ros with the community activities. They have both been fantastic additions to the Clarence Village team and we are lucky to have them.

This year we hosted a range of guest speakers at the Village, from the SES and Australian Unity, to the NSW Trustee and Guardianship board.

Each time we arrange speaking events, it is always in the best interests of our residents. We gauge our choices on the quality of information and topics that help you make the most out of life. Hopefully we can continue to bring more informative presentations to the Village in 2024.

It's been a fantastic year working with the community bus boys to provide a wonderful service to the Village community and beyond. What an amazing bunch they are — always willing to go the extra mile (literally) to help out wherever they can. We are very lucky to have them and thanks their wives for sharing them with us.

Clarence Village also had the pleasure of sponsoring their very own Junior Jacaranda Princess Millie Lloyd. Millie will be joining us for morning tea at the Joan Muir Hall for the Christmas raffle draw on December 19. Everyone is invited to come along and celebrate.

Keep your eyes peeled for our supersized giant pumpkins that each stage will be growing for the Grafton Show next May. We are hoping

Clarence Village will be crowned the Giant Pumpkin Champion for 2024. We are also planning to go into the scarecrow competition so watch this space.

There are also plenty of other show categories to enter so please let us know if you are keen to showcase their hidden talent.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful residents, families, staff, volunteers, and contractors who have come together to ensure the residents of Clarence Village have the best affordable living and wonderful sense of community on offer.

Christmas can be a lovely time for families who can make wonderful memories and reminisce about the special times spent together but it can be a lonely, sometimes painful time for a lot of people. This Christmas, take the time to check in on one another. You may not realise how much a smile and little conversation can make to someone's life.

Merry Christmas and God bless,

- Penny White, Clarence Village Manager

Grafton Community Bus Wednesday lunch outings 2024

January 24: Maclean Bowling Club
– Chinese, Maclean

January 31: Flame Trees Cafe, Grafton

February 7: Brushgrove Hotel, Brushgrove

February 14: Grafton Golf Club, South Grafton

February 21: Lawrence Tavern, Lawrence

February 28: Clocktower Hotel, Grafton

March 6: Coutts Crossing Tavern,
Coutts Crossing

For bookings please phone driver:

John Pullinger

Phone: 6642 4542

Mob: 0407 431 967

Keeping it cool this Christmas

This month resident Libby Shearer shares a cooler alternative to Christmas pudding.

BAKED WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE WITH CRANBERRY COMPOTE

BASE

- 70g almond meal
- 180g digestive biscuits
- 100g unsalted butter

FILLING

- 600g white chocolate - 500g melted and 100g chopped into 1cm pieces
- 500g cream cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 300g sour cream

CRANBERRY COMPOTE

- 150g raspberries
- 180g cranberries
- 110g caster sugar
- 65ml orange juice

METHOD

Preheat oven to 170 degrees. Lightly grease base and sides of 24cm round springform tin and line with baking paper

Process biscuits until fine — consistency of bread crumbs-add to bowl with almond meal and melted butter combine with spoon or hands. Spoon into tin, pressing firmly into base and evenly distributed on base.. Set aside in fridge.

To make filling

Melt broken up white chocolate in bowl over simmering water. When chocolate melted allow to cool for about 5 minutes.



Beat cream cheese on medium high until smooth. Reduce speed to medium low and then gradually add eggs, sour cream, orange zest and vanilla. Add the melted chocolate beat on medium low until combined. Finally add 100g of chopped white chocolate and pour into chilled base. Smooth over top and place on baking tray.

Base for 1 hour or until middle of cheesecake has slight wobble. Turn off oven but leave cheesecake in oven with door propped open for 1 hour. Remove from oven and cool completely before wrapping in cling wrap then chill in fridge for 4 hours or preferably overnight.

For the compote process the raspberries to form a liquid. Pass through sieve to remove seeds.

Stir together the cranberries, sugar and orange juice in medium saucepan. Dissolve over low medium heat until sugar is dissolved increase heat and gently boil for 8-10 minutes until cranberries have burst and mixture is thick. Remove from heat and stir in raspberries. Transfer to bowl to cool. Compote will thicken to jelly consistency. Will break up when stirred to spoon on top of cheese cake.

Serve slices with remaining compote served over each slice.

Christmas Quiz



1. Who was the author of "A Christmas Carol"?
2. In "A Christmas Carol" what was the first name of Scrooge?
3. How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol"?
4. In the song "Winter Wonderland" what do we call the snowman?
5. What song talks about multiple days of Christmas Celebrations?.
6. Which type of tree was the partridge sitting in according to a well known Christmas song?
7. How many gifts were given in "The 12 Days of Christmas song"?
8. What did my true love give to me on the 8th day of Christmas?
9. In the carol "Jingle Bells" what kind of sleigh is mentioned?
10. What colour are the berries on the mistletoe plant?
11. What are the gifts that the 3 Wise men gave to Jesus according to Christmas history?
12. Which is the most famous Christmas Ballet of all times?
13. In 1949 Gene Autry recorded a song about a famous reindeer, what is the name of the song?
14. 3 of Santa's reindeers names begin with the letter "D" what are they?
15. What is the name of the song recorded by Vaughan Monroe in 1945 that opens with the lines "Oh the weather outside is frightful, But the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go"
16. In 1946 Nat King Cole recorded a hit with a song about "chestnuts roasting over an open fire" what is the name of the song?
17. What made Frosty come to life in the movie: Frosty the Snowman?
18. Bing Crosby recorded this Irvin Berlin song in 1942. It remains to this day one of the most popular Christmas tunes ever written.
19. Finish the name of this song, released in 1948 by Spike Jones and The City Slickers "All I Want for Christmas Is _____"
20. If you were born on Christmas Day what is your Star Sign?

Answers	9. A one-horse open sleigh	10. White	11. Gold,	12. The Nutcracker	13. Rudolph	14. Dancer, Reindeer	15. Let it snow!	16. The Christmas Song	17. His hat	18. White	19. My 2 Front Teeth	20. Capricorn
1. Charles Dickens	2. Ebenzer	3. Four	4. Parson Brown	5. The 12 days of Christmas	6. Pear tree	7. 364	8. Eight Maids a-milking					

Here's to looking at you

Time stands still for no-one so there's no point in mulling over the past when there's today, tomorrow, and a whole new year that awaits.

Here are some fun insights into the year 2024 inspired by your star signs.



ARIES

You won't have time to laze around in 2024. You'll love this hyperactivity and every moment of the adventure being the true Aries that you are, but brace yourself because it's going to be a wild ride. You'll feel stronger than ever, you'll also be more ambitious, and more confident in your choices. In fact, in Aries 2024, no one will be able to dampen your courageous spirit! Get ready to make new friends and have some unexpected yet refreshing encounters.



TAURUS

Lots of contemplation coming in 2024. You'll question everything, wondering what's good for you and what isn't, leading to some major revelations. This year will be a bit of a bang, and you'll experience a personal revolution, which will mainly see you discovering your voice. Although your transformation may not necessarily be easy for those around you, you definitely need to put yourself first. Taurians will question life choices, relationships, and everything in between.



GEMINI

2023 is a remarkable year for Geminis. With Pluto in Aquarius, everything gets reconsidered, and your life transforms into "level up" mode. A year of bonding and transformation, it might feel overwhelming at certain points, but don't worry because you'll grow stronger every day. There will however be a lot of questioning and soul-searching, but don't resist the flow of change; it's leading you toward something extraordinary.



CANCER

Phew! Cancers can finally breathe this year under the influence of Pluto in Aquarius, and it feels good. You'll finally wave goodbye to the pressure to fit in too, and instead follow your own path. You'll feel so much lighter and finally find the courage to embrace your uniqueness without worrying about other people's opinions. This year, you'll be more true to yourself, and you'll decide to live life on your own terms.



LEO

Wow, what a year for Leos. You'll have a lot on your plate. Get ready for a lively yet at times tense year with your family and friends. You may not always see eye to eye but that's what makes relationships stronger. Embrace the love, the truth-telling, the arguments, and the making-up. Once everything is said and done, harmony will return, and you'll share beautiful moments of bonding and enjoyment together.



VIRGO

Get ready to embrace the change for a thrilling year. Pluto in Aquarius is calling for major changes, and you'll have the chance to reshape your destiny. Don't be afraid to shake things up and make modifications that will transform your life for the better. Saturn might throw some intense responsibilities and challenges your way, but your determination will shine through and you will impress everyone with your bold spirit.

2024



LIBRA

Things weren't going well? Say goodbye to doubts and worries because 2024 is here to shake things up — in a good way. Your mantra this year should be, "Doubt may occur, but I'll keep moving forward." Success is within reach, and the stars are on your side, but you'll need to put in some effort too. Believe in yourself and embrace the adventure that awaits. Your vitality might have some ups and downs but you'll have plenty of brilliant moments.



SCORPIO

Whatever happens this year, you can blame it on Pluto. In 2024, your planet moves into Aquarius, urging you to shake up your entire universe. Say goodbye to your old routine, fears, and comfort zone — it's time to embrace your passionate nature. Here, you might make some radical choices, but don't worry, they'll be well-thought-out. You're tuning into your desires, saying "bye bye" to unnecessary obligations, and reconnecting with your fiery spirit.



SAGITTARIUS

Say goodbye to those gloomy days, luck is on your side so 2024 is your year to shine. You can finally become the master of your own destiny by fine-tuning your connections to those who truly matter. Pluto is moving into Aquarius, paving the way for exciting adventures. Follow your instincts, explore new horizons, and yes, it might take a bit longer to reach your goals, but trust that you'll need to trust that you're on the right track.



CAPRICORN

You'll feel less anxious and more successful, and continue the great strides you made in 2023 with even more determination. Bold achievements and successes are within reach, all you need to do is manage your money wisely and avoid impulsive spending. Surprise everyone with your newfound sociable side, because it's time to let loose and have fun. You are the fittest sign of the 2024 zodiac so show 'em what you've got.



AQUARIUS

Pluto moves in on you in 2024 and the effects are immediate. Here, you'll discover the real you. You'll be more clear sighted and demanding and be your own judge. This is part of what will lead you to a major adjustment in your love life. But, you'll have to make the right choices and take responsibility for them. As for your ambitions, they'll remain intact, and you'll work hard to succeed. You will be freed from the weight of having to please everyone.



PISCES

Well, let's not beat around the bush. The arrival of Pluto in Aquarius is not going to be a walk in the park for you. It's going to be a rollercoaster of challenges and emotions, but we know you've got the determination and will to handle it. You might feel a bit touchy, but guess what? You won't back down — you'll be ready to jump into the ring, and ready to take on whatever life throws at you. Trust your intuition, and you'll come out on top!

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