



Village Voice

Your monthly Clarence Village community newsletter

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Everything's coming up roses

Leisure and lifestyle team member Belinda Green has been a busy bee lately — not only looking after the residents at Dougherty Villa but also at home, where she has dedicated many hours tending to a very special bunch of roses ahead of Valentine's Day.

Belinda has been creating the special blooms by hand from craft paper, on a mission to make sure every lady resident receives a rose on their breakfast tray on February 14.

"Each one probably takes 20 mins to make so hopefully I have enough for all the female residents and few more for the dining room tables on the day."

Belinda's creations are a colourful start to Dougherty Villa's calendar of creative activities for our residents.

PHOTO: Belinda Green from Leisure and Lifestyle shows Dougherty Villa resident Elsie McFarlane the handmade paper roses she has been creating in the lead-up to Valentine's Day.

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A note from the Village CEO



Welcome to 2024 and I wish you and your family all the best for the months to com. There are lots of exciting challenges coming our way at Clarence Village and the team is already getting stuck into them. You may have heard we weren't successful in our attempt to get Clarence Valley Council to charge fairly for sewer access.

But while the Land & Environment Court ruled that Council legally has the power to levy these charges, we're continuing to prosecute the moral campaign that seniors in affordable housing shouldn't pay more per resident than other ratepayers. Grafton needs more affordable housing for seniors, not less and charging charities more for the same services makes no sense.

Hopefully by the next issue of the Village Voice Clarence Village will be a registered Community Housing Provider. This will open up more sources of funding for affordable housing to hopefully let us get going with our Armidale St development. Plenty more news to come in 2024!

Kind regards,
Duncan McKimm

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2024 here we come, ready or not

Last issue feels like it was months ago rather than a few weeks but here we are in hot ol' February ready to dive into another year at Clarence Village and hopefully some cooler weather sooner rather than later.

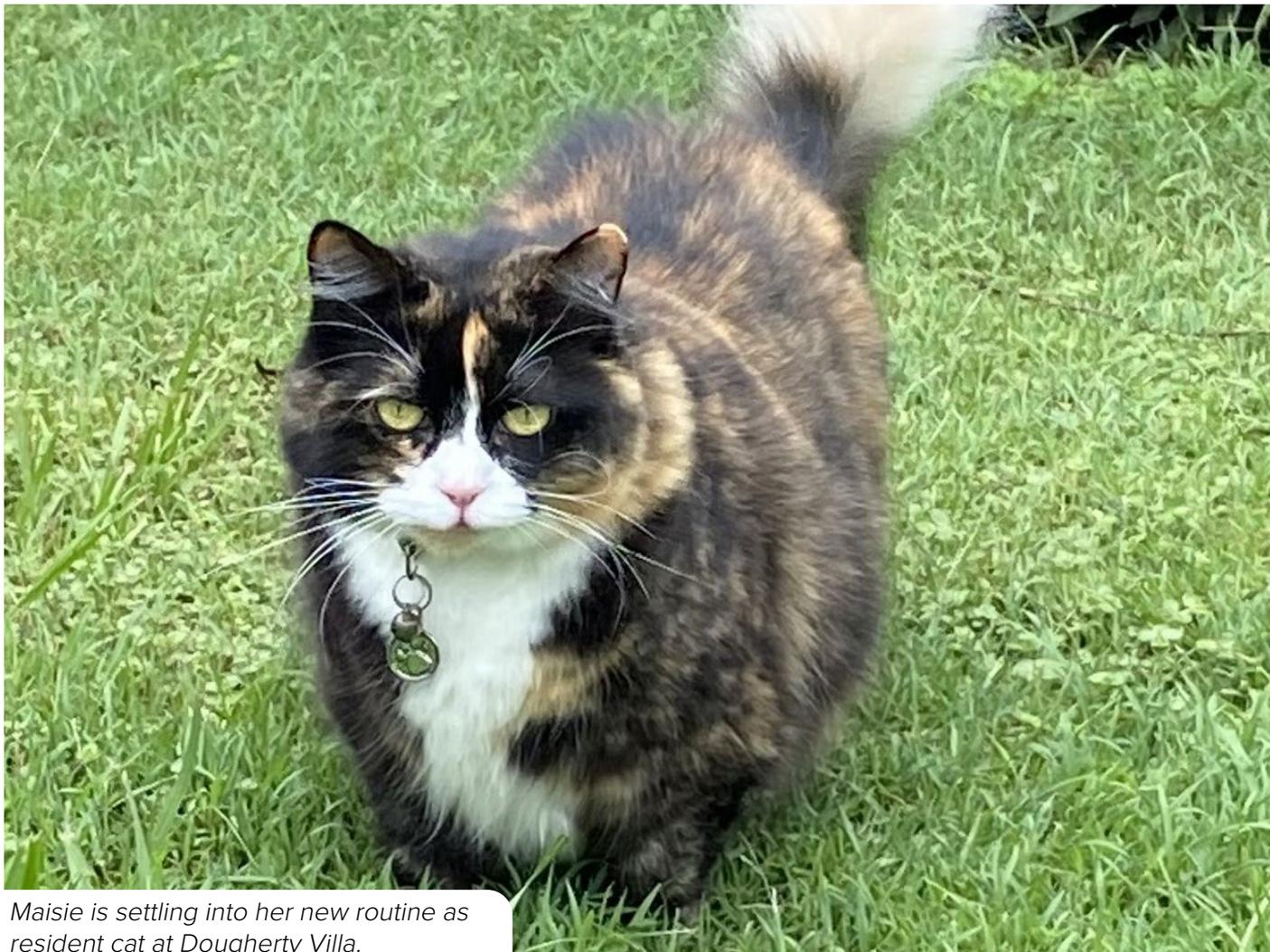
In this eclectic issue we feature some of our milestone makers, a national award winner, crimes against pumpkins, farewell a respected Elder, and gear up for another season of footy.

Speaking of milestones, thought I'd switch my mug this issue for my dog Jonie who turned 10 in January (celebrated with a special doggy cake and party). Like Maisie across the page, Jonie was adopted from Happy Paws animal shelter. She was four months old and has been rewarding and entertaining us ever since.



Lesley

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Maisie is settling into her new routine as resident cat at Dougherty Villa.

Maisie makes herself at home

What's new pussycat? Well, that would be Maisie the three-year-old rescue cat from Happy Paws who was recently adopted by Dougherty Villa to be its resident pet.

Maisie has big paws to fill after the lovely Sylvester left us in late 2022 after seven happy years roaming the corridors and smooching up to his favourite residents.

Maisie was chosen by chief pet detectives and PC legends Susie Hudson and Kay Ball who said it wasn't a hard decision because Maisie chose them.

"She patted me on the head when I walked past and started meowing like she was having a conversation."

Since moving in to her new digs in November, Maisie has slowly been getting to know the

place and the residents.

"She's totally different to Sylvester. She's still a bit stand offish at the moment but is warming up to certain people. She came from an elderly couple and isn't good with children or dogs so she should be fine here."

Sue said Maisie was already getting in to a routine and finding the best places to nap.

"She turns up at the staff room at 5.45 every morning for breakfast and her favourite spot to sleep is (fittingly) out under the bird's nest fern."

"Maisie is only three so we are looking forward to having her around here for many more years."

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie

Residents around the Village wore their patriot best to celebrate Australia Day at Joan Muir Hall bringing a dinky-di morning tea and lunch to share.



TOP LEFT: James Riley gives Australia Day the thumbs up.
 TOP RIGHT: Did you recognise proud Aussie and resident Marcia Muldoon?
 BOTTOM LEFT: Helen Barnier ties one on for Australia Day.



Dougherty Villa's Kaye Ball goes for the Aussie Day green and gold.



From left: Jan White, Marcia Muldoon, Val Sheehan, Ian Dowell, Sue Hereford-Ashley, James Riley, Judy Williams, Barb Fraser and Colleen Donovan.



Clarence Village resident Steve North has won a national playwright competition.

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Steve's play headed for the Sydney stage

You remember that one-man play written by Clarence Village resident and playwright Steve North called *The Last Rehearsal*? We mentioned it last year in these pages hoping to see it performed at the Joan Muir Hall at some stage in 2024.

Well, we may have to wait because Steve has gone and won a national competition with that play, and as part of his prize his play will be performed at the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct in Sydney, the home of the acclaimed Sydney Dance and Sydney Theatre Companies.

Steve said the Clarence Village office encouraged and helped him to enter the competition *Scenes from the Sage Age* (for over 60s playwrights) and he was still overwhelmed by the unexpected win.

"The office got me over there under false pretences saying they wanted to talk about putting the play on here and then they said 'you know that play we submitted for you — you won'. I said 'what!' I was in total shock."

The Scene Theatre in Sydney called to



Steve gets into character for an upcoming play in Coffs Harbour.

confirm Steve's win and told him to not be too surprised he was chosen.

"I'm not sure who is going to perform my play. I only need one actor. It could be someone famous. I have no idea."

Steve's play is one of the eight works selected from a field of 164 entries from around Australia.

"They are all short plays, none longer than 20 mins so they will all be performed on the same day in front of a live audience. Only been handful of people have read my play and nobody has ever guessed the ending."

Steve will travel down to Sydney to see his play come to life in March but the playwright and busy actor will have some schedule juggling to do.

"I'm in a play in Coffs Harbour in March. Our opening night is couple of nights after the Sydney performance."

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Reflecting on the life of Elder Heather Monaghan

Dougherty Villa and the Clarence Valley community lost one of its respected members of the Aboriginal community, Elder Heather Carmon Monaghan on January 4, 2024.

Affectionately known as Charney to her family, Heather Daley was born on the Clarence River near the Peartree at Baryulgil, growing up in small river huts until land known as the Baryulgil square was granted by the Hordern family's Yulgilbar Pastoral Co.

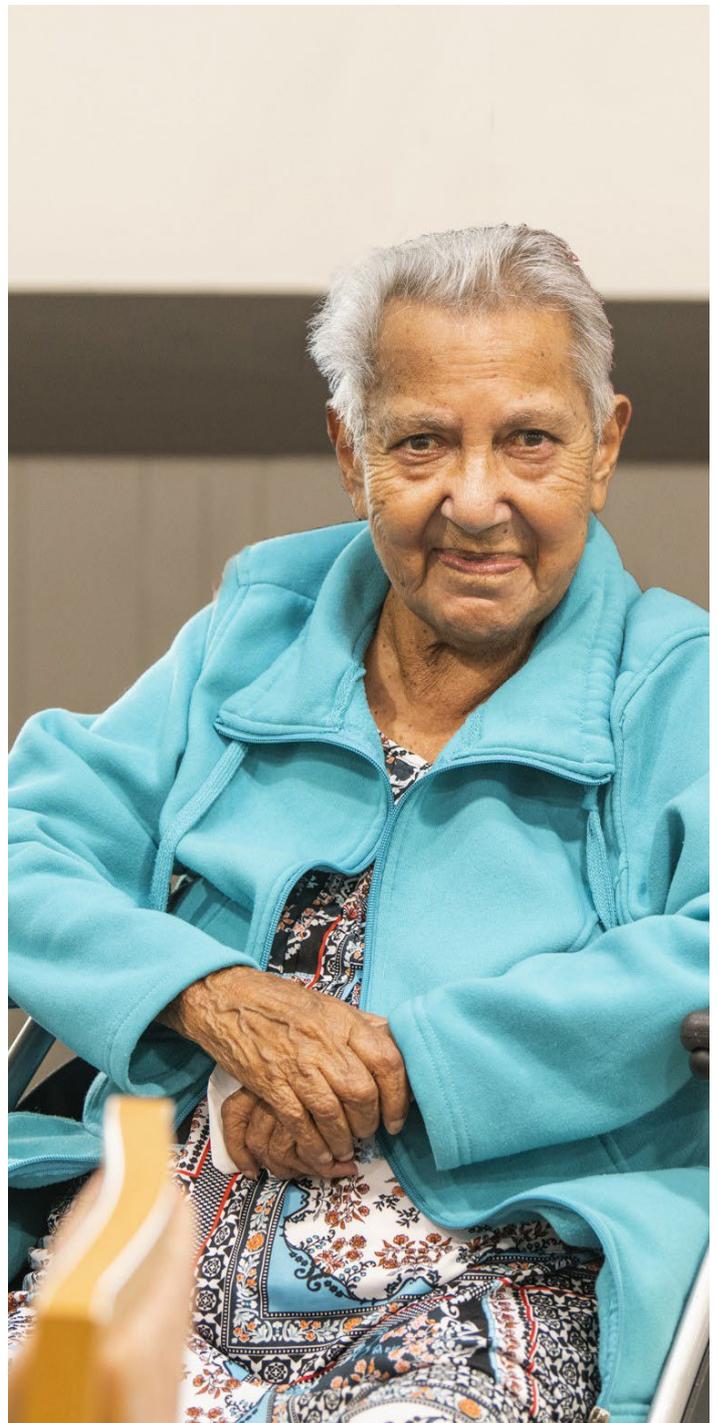
Heather lived in a two-room house with a kitchen, along with her parents and nine siblings. When Heather was growing up there was a real community atmosphere where people looked after one another and respected their Elders.

Aboriginal children were not allowed to attend the mainstream school in that era, so the community created their own school located near the dump site in the days where the Asbestos mine was the main employer.

Her father Norman was a staunch advocate of education, his children needing to be “really sick” to miss a day, although a cheeky Heather admitted to her kids she would occasionally play hooky by hiding in the bushes.

While she enjoyed some freedoms, families at Baryulgil were still sanctioned by the Aboriginal Protection Board (APB) in those days and any education around culture and language was not allowed. Heather's connection came from her family and community.

At 15, Heather was required to do domestic duties and sent to Sydney to work and live with other families to perform these tasks. After training she was sent to a station out west until she turned 18 and moved to Nyngan.



There she met her husband Robert Snr, a 21yo larrikin according to his family. After marrying and the arrival of three babies — Sharon, Deb and Robert — Heather moved back home to Baryulgil with her young family.

Mixed marriages were frowned upon by the APB so increased scrutiny was forthcoming. Daily visits weren't out of the question at the Monaghan household but this didn't deter the couple with two more children, Scott and Carmel, completing the Monaghan gang of seven.

Heather never forgot those difficult times which is why she enrolled to vote for the first time in 2023. She wanted to make her sure her YES vote would be counted when it came to recognising Aboriginal people in the Constitution. Being told she was not eligible to vote when she was a young person had always kept her away from the polling booth.

Heather enjoyed family life at Baryulgil, fishing, and wandering the riverbanks with her children, life on the river was paradise to Heather. "If she ran out of fishing worms, she would dig for more," Sharon recalled.

Fishing was Heather's comfort place and would do it all weather except during thunderstorms. "She didn't like thunder or lightning."

She had her special spots along the river and a bucket ready when the kids got home from school. She fished her whole life until she couldn't but still liked to drive and sit by the river while her kids threw in a line for her.

Heather worked for many years but her family and kids always came first, never forgetting her community and her Elders. "She would often cook up a pot of stew and bread and the eldest in the family would run it over to an Elder."

A great cook, Heather could make delicious meals using very few ingredients, daughter Sharon recalled.

She loved playing games like Housie and cards but could get upset if she went home empty handed. "She loved winning the chocolates."

Heather liked a party and a sing-a-long especially with her brothers and sisters. Always

kept for company, during the last 14 months of her life spent at Dougherty Villa Heather enjoyed her time there immensely. "She loved it because she fitted in, and made many friends, both staff and residents alike."

A kind and thoughtful lady, Heather also had a cheeky side and could put a person in their place if they needed it.

While her five children, nine grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and community, will miss her, Sharon said her mum had a full life and filled theirs with lots of love and laughter. "She was a beautiful spirited lady and will be missed for her wisdom, smile, and cheeky Queen wave."

"Our family would like to give special thanks to Dougherty Villa management and staff, and the residents for allowing us to spend as much time as we did with mum. The place made her happy. She loved her bus trips. She never missed them."



Clarence Village



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.





From left: Brett Dougherty, Andrew Busch, Sue Donnelly, Duncan McKimm, Deb Chaffey, Sharon Fuller and Chris Henderson.

Workplace milestone makers and shakers

There was a group celebration, barbecue and presentation in December to mark multiple staff work milestones around the Clarence Village and Dougherty Villa. Those being celebrated highlighted the diversity of our staffing roles and how important their commitment and contributions are in providing a close and supportive community for our residents, and one other.

A few of our milestone makers share their journeys and thoughts here:

Duncan McKimm CEO, 5+ years

While the title Chief Executive Officer doesn't change Duncan McKimm says it's a role that never stays the same.

"When I started at Clarence Village my eldest child was only 6 weeks old, the Waratah Wing of Dougherty Villa was lines on a page, and Covid hadn't been heard of."

"There's been an enormous amount of change over the last six years, with Covid of course being a huge challenge. I think Clarence Village has managed to navigate the last six years well, even though there have been some really difficult periods."

Despite the challenges, he said what makes

Clarence Village a great place to work are the people – residents, staff and volunteers.

"From our board members to our residents, there's a positivity about the people in this place that's unique. Everyone provides their own contribution to Clarence Village and the interactions and connections along the way are something really special to observe."

Duncan said some of his working highlights have been creating the Village Voice and assembling a winning team.

"I think I'm most proud of building a team that's been able to stay true to the original goals and ideals of Clarence Village. As organisations grow and age sometimes they can forget what they're about. I think Clarence Village has been able to stay well aligned to the founding vision thanks to all the terrific people we've managed

to assemble over the years.”

When he’s not in the captain’s chair, Duncan’s two daughters keep him busy. “They are 3 and 6 so my down time is somewhat limited, but I do enjoy running, cooking and watching St Kilda torture me emotionally each footy season.”

This year the busy CEO is looking forward to seeing Clarence Village registered as a Community Housing Provider. “I think this will be the missing link for getting funding to help us construct more affordable housing for seniors. Beyond that I’m keen to keep working on helping our teams do amazing things for residents while enjoying their time at work.”

Brett Dougherty
Lawn and Garden Maintenance,
10 years

Brett says he has enjoyed working at Clarence Village and thinks it’s a great place because people are always willing to help if you need it.

He said the most rewarding part of his job is seeing the lawns looking good.

When he’s not on the mowing, Brett spends his days off playing chess.

His hopes for 2024 are to continue working for Clarence Village and be healthy.

Andrew “Buschy” Busch
Maintenance, 5+ years

Andrew’s job description is maintenance but “does a bit of everything.” “I’m always willing to help out where it’s needed”.

He said the almost six years he had been at Dougherty Villa “has flown by”.

“It’s been the best career move by far. I love it here. The residents and staff are all like my family.”

Buschy, as we all know him, said one of his most rewarding achievements had been helping to set up the Villa Tavern so the residents can enjoy a drink, talk, and a punt (especially on a Friday afternoon) and establishing the men’s monthly barbecues.

When he’s not fixing stuff, you can find him the golf course, catching fish or at the beach surfing.

His ambition for 2024 is to stay fit and healthy.

Chris Henderson
Registered Nurse, 2nd year

One of our registered nursing legends, Chris recently moved into his 2nd year at Dougherty Villa, a role he said changes every day but was an honour to hold, “particularly here as part of the Clarence Village family.”

Chris started his nursing journey here as a new grad in late 2022 and has learned a great deal on the job. “I have had an amazing time, and have enjoyed every single day looking after our wonderful residents and their families as part of an amazing team. I have loved every minute, and am constantly humbled and grateful for the Community we have here.”

Chris said Clarence Village was an amazing place to work for so many reasons, “too many to list.”

“It’s a family. Our facilities are incredible, our residents and their families are wonderful, and our team is the absolute best. It’s a fun, healthy and incredible supportive home. And we now have Maisey (the cat).”

He said everyday on the job was a reward.

“Every day feels like a proud achievement for me. Finishing my first year of nursing surrounded by such a supportive team, even the Jacaranda wedding (Chris was the blossom bride). It was hilarious and crazy and hopefully made people laugh.”

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Chris spends his downtime with “my beautiful wife and two amazing children”.

“Family is everything. I also enjoy making music, sewing, and the endless renovations at home.”

Chris hopes to continue to learn and grow this year and support his fellow colleagues and the

residents. “Appreciate the fun and happiness around me, and create the best world for my family.

“I’m looking to build a recording studio, and start our sewing business. Most of all to be happy and healthy, and make 2024 the most amazing year yet.”



Homeownership and aged care

A question I hear frequently when a person is considering entry to residential care is “Will the government make me sell my home?”

The answer is no, it legally belongs to the person who holds the title. However, for many people entering residential care, the fees can be more sustainable if you choose to do so.

Your aged care costs are calculated based on your income and assets. Your former home is usually included as an asset in this calculation, however if certain criteria is met it can be exempt.

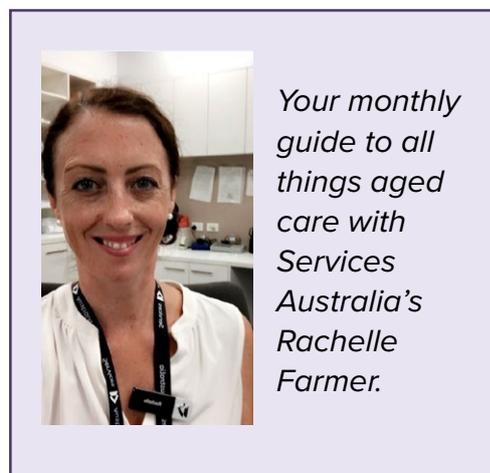
One of the most common reasons for exemption is when a “protected person” resides in your home while you are in care. A protected person maybe:

-  **1.** Your partner;
-  **2.** A close relative who has been living in the home for at least five years prior to your entry, and is eligible for an income support payment;
-  **3.** A carer who has been living in the home for at least two years prior to your entry, and is eligible for an income support payment;

Alternatively, your former home could be exempt under hardship, if you own it jointly with one or more other persons and they do not intend to sell the home, or, if you have attempted to, but are unable to sell it.

In these circumstances your former home is termed an “unrealisable asset”.

All exemptions are reviewed over time and can be revoked if the criteria ceases to be met. There may also be implications for your pension entitlement after two years.



Your monthly guide to all things aged care with Services Australia’s Rachelle Farmer.

If this is something you would like to understand more about, please come to see me at Centrelink on King St, or telephone our Aged Care assessment team on 1800 227 475.



Volunteer Bus Drivers Wanted



The Grafton Community Bus need volunteer drivers to continue their important transport service around Grafton, South Grafton & the Clarence Valley.



Drive as often or as infrequently as suits your lifestyle. Join a friendly, happy team of volunteer drivers, full training is provided.

To drive, you will require:
Standard Car Licence: 10 seater Hi-Ace

LR, MR or HR Licence: 19 & 21 seat buses
We can help you get the appropriate licence if you don't have one.

If you can help or want to learn more, please contact Penny White on 6642 5991.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Joan Muir Community Centre Free activities Tuesdays from 10am-11.30am
Home visits Available Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact Ros.

TUESDAY
6, 13, 20 & 27
Morning Tea & Bingo

Morning tea 10am and Bingo 10.30-11.30am at the Joan Muir Hall.

WEDNESDAY
17, 24 & 31
Aqua Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics
Cost \$9, picking up from around the Village from 7.15am. Class starts at 8am.
Book your seat with the office (66425991) or Ros.

THURSDAY
8, 15 & 22
Scenic Bus Tours

Trips around Grafton area from 9.30am-10.30am.
Phone Ros to book your seat.

THURSDAY
15
Scarecrow Workshop

Joan Muir Community Centre 1.30pm. Each stage to gather to start making your scarecrows for entries in this year's Grafton show. We would really like each stage to be involved, as the scarecrows will go into your vegetable gardens.

THURSDAY
29
Morning Tea

Devonshire tea \$7.50 or coffee/tea with cake \$10. Resident and their guests welcome. Meet us there or arrange transport with office.

TUESDAY
26 MARCH
Easter Morning Tea

Drawing of Easter raffle and morning tea at Joan Muir Hall from 10am.
Tickets on sale now
\$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Available from stage rep or the village office.

Contact Ros on 0478 228 838 | email rosh@clarencevillage.com.au
Hope to see you at an activity soon.

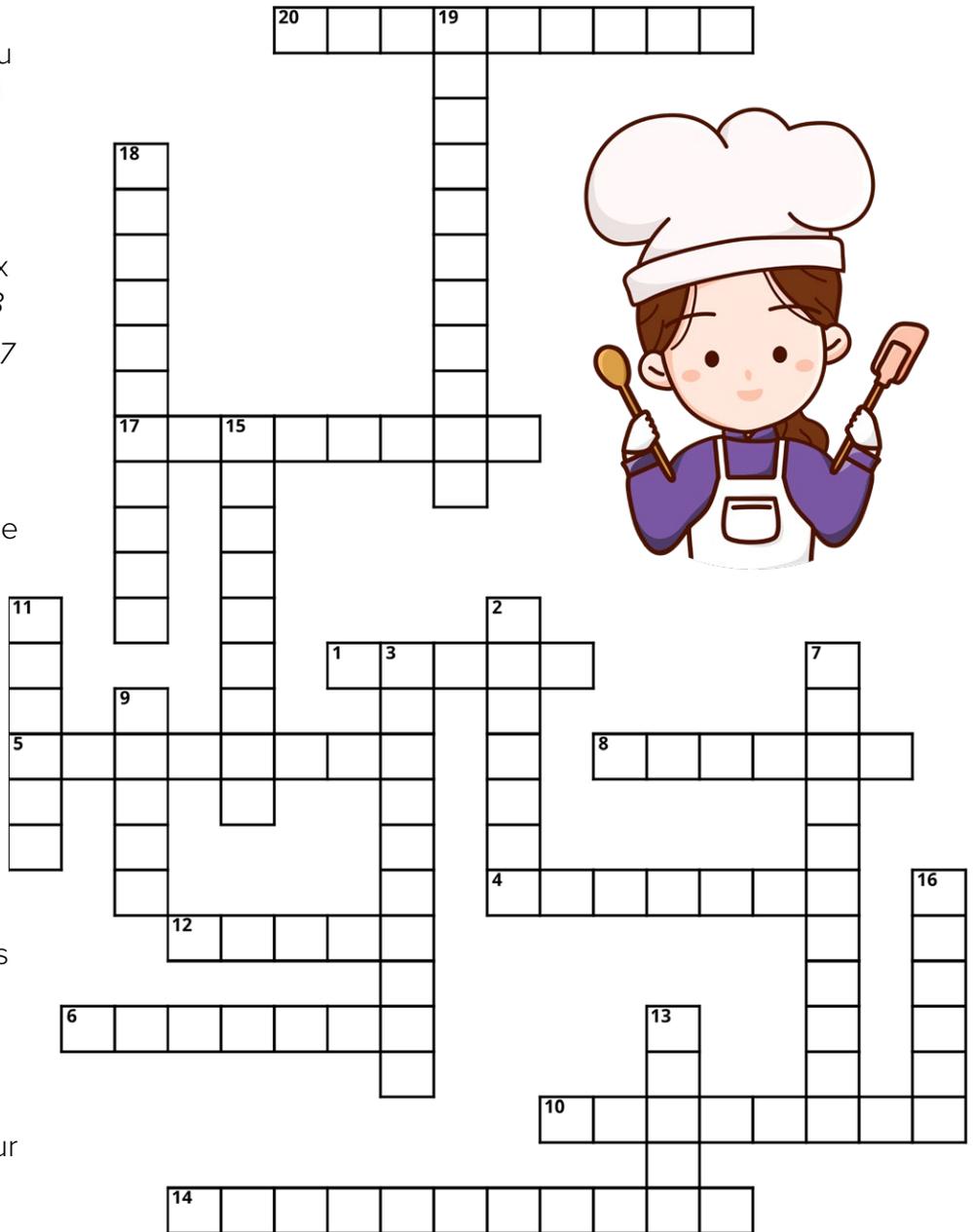
Crossword: Jobs, professions & occupations

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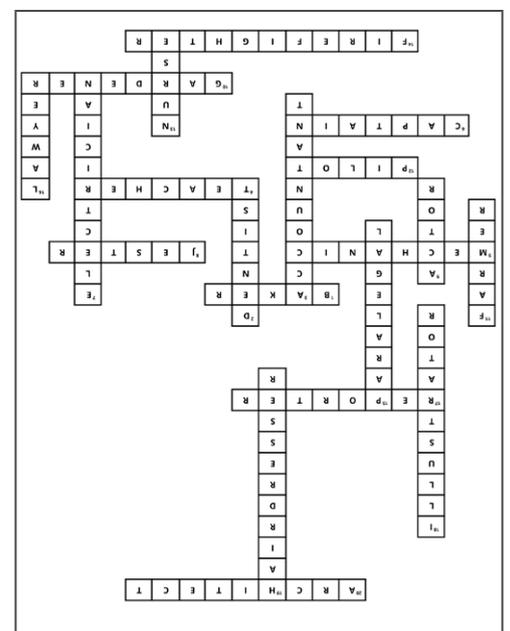
1. In what profession might you create birthday cakes bread or cookies - 5
4. Who helps students learn at school - 7
5. What type of worker helps fix and maintain your vehicle - 8
6. Who is in charge of a ship - 7
8. What would your job be called if you entertain the king - 6
10. In what occupation does one tend to plants and lawns - 8
12. Who is someone that operates an aircraft and ensures safe air travel - 5
14. Who might use a ladder and a hose as his/her tools - 11
17. Who writes the articles for newspapers - 8
20. Who designs and constructs buildings and structures - 9

Down

2. Who do you see to keep your teeth healthy - 7
3. What professional is often called a number cruncher and might prepare your taxes - 10
7. What professional might re-wire your home - 11
9. Who is a performer that portrays characters in movies or tv shows - 5
11. Who cultivates crops and raises livestock - 6
13. What might your job be if you assisted doctors to take care of patients - 5
15. What is the job title of an attorneys assistant - 9



16. If you spent your workday arguing in court what might your job be - 6
18. What is the person called who draws pictures for books - 11
19. What do you call the man or woman who cuts and styles your hair - 11



Back and busy as ever

And just like that it's bye bye 2023 and hello 2024. My how time flies. A few members of the maintenance team had a well-earned break over Christmas and are back, refreshed, and raring to go for another year.

Grant our wish please

In December we applied for a grant for a Stage 3 facelift to make it even more user-friendly for everyone. We are still waiting to hear if we have been successful or not, but if we are it would mean the implementation of new paths and undercover seating areas throughout the area. Hopefully we have a response in the next few weeks.

News from the pumpkin patch

An recent update on our Village stages giant pumpkin caretaking is that it is not going very well at all. We have a had a few out of the five special seedlings die and Stage 2 are dealing with a cheeky thief. After their seedling vanished a few residents carried out an investigation to get to the bottom of things. Detectives Ron, Valda and Judy are on the case following the animal droppings trail left behind to identify the daring pumpkin robber that left behind the evidence. On the flip side, the pumpkin at Queen Street is going great guns between David and Ryan giving some TLC and keeping guard.

Join the club

We still have a few 100 club squares to sell if you would like to purchase a spot. The club will then have a bit of a hiatus and restart later in the year so contact the office to catch this round before it's too late.

Easter tradition

Ros's annual Easter raffle will be starting up soon with lots of goodies up for grabs. All the winners will be announced at a special morning tea at the Joan Muir Hall in March. Everyone is welcome.



Can we expect to see giant pumpkins like this one grown in Kyogle around the Clarence Village gardens soon? Let's hope so for the Grafton Show's sake.

Show your support

As this year's Grafton Show will be the 90th year anniversary, we are encouraging you all to dig deep into your creative minds or flex your green thumbs and put an entry into the show. The Village stages will be making scarecrows over the next few weeks to enter in the show competition. Ros will be conducting workshops to help create these garden scarecrows so please come along and put your individual stamp on your stage's entry. If anyone has any decorative bits they would like to donate please see Ros.

Stay cool and hydrated

With all this awful hot, humid weather we are experiencing please remember to keep up your fluids and try to keep cool. Bring on Autumn.

— Penny White, Clarence Village Manager.

2024 YEAR OF THE DRAGON

2024

2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon according to Chinese Horoscopes. It commences on February 10, 2024 and concludes January 28, 2025. Those born in the year of the Dragon are known for their captivating demeanour, distinct personality and strong leadership abilities. Following is the forecast for the 12 Chinese Zodiac animal signs: Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Rat, Pig, Dog, Ox, Tiger, and Rabbit. Find your Chinese sign by matching your birth year (listed at bottom of each horoscope) to the animal.



RAT

Expect 2024 to be a smooth sailing year. Fortune is in your favour, with opportunities for career advancement, wealth and prosperity. Now is the time to establish meaningful friendships with life-long friends. For those looking for a life partner, this year promises unexpected opportunities for a new relationship or even marriage.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Rat: 1948, 2008, Metal Rat: 1960, 2020, Water Rat: 1972, Wood Rat: 1984, Fire Rat: 1996



OX

This year may present some challenges and conflicts. The best way to avoid any serious turbulence is to take a diplomatic approach to any bumps. Oxen, much like their namesake, are renowned for their diligence and work ethic and this year could be the moment to be recognised by influential persons. Expect a generally stable year with relationships, with a likelihood of occasional small quarrels.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Bull: 1949, 2009, Metal Ox: 1961, 2021, Water Oxen: 1973, Wood Ox: 1985, Fire Oxen: 1937, 1997



TIGER

The upcoming year could be a time of transformation, featuring some significant changes. There are indications of change in terms of career growth or finances. Be prepared to confront these challenges and other obstacles with Tiger-like determination. It's important to confront these obstacles with a positive attitude to make the most out of the opportunities presented.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Tiger: 1938, 1998, Metal Tiger: 1950, 2010, Water Tiger: 1962, 2022, Wood Tiger: 1974, Fire Tiger: 1986



RABBIT

The upcoming year may be somewhat subdued, so it's important to maintain a positive attitude. Rabbits can expect stability within their career, and while there may be some obstacles in other areas of life, there should not be any major bumps along the way. Rabbits looking for love may be a little disappointed this year, however the best course of action to take is to embrace the single life as much as possible.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Rabbit: 1939, 1999, Metal Rabbit: 1951, 2011, Water Rabbit: 1963, 2023, Wood Rabbit: 1975, Fire Rabbit: 1987



DRAGON

Traditionally, it is thought that the year of your own horoscope is unlucky. On this note, Dragons may experience challenges throughout the year but will be guided out of any major difficulty by the presence of a few lucky stars. Avoid major financial investments and seek out the silver lining in every challenge. When it comes to new love, the outlook is a little bleak but this is still an opportunity to cherish company of those around you.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Dragon: 1988, Metal Dragon: 1940, 2000, Water Dragon 1952, 2012, Wood Dragon: 1964, 2024, Fire Dragon: 1976



SNAKE

Numerous opportunities will present themselves in 2024, but there is also a risk of missing out, without warning, on something you want. Protect your resources by minimising competition with others and channel the wisdom of the Snake to shrewdly take gains and cut losses. For those looking for love, this year promises a year of abundance with many suitors.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Snake: 1989, Metal Snake: 1941, 2001, Water Snake: 1953, 2013, Wood Snake: 1965, 2025, Fire Snake: 1977.



HORSE

Horses may experience an increase in offers of assistance from their network in 2024.

You can expect plenty of opportunities to enhance their knowledge and personal development. Very little will change in the way of relationships. While this does suggest stability, it can also mean entering into a rut. Extra effort will be required if change is desired.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Horse: 1978, Metal Horse: 1990, Water Horse: 1942, 2002, Wood Horse: 1954, 2014, Fire Horse: 1966, 2026



SHEEP

Goats are likely to have a stable year ahead. It is advisable to avoid taking unnecessary risks.

There may be opportunities for growth, but they may come with additional challenges, so it is recommended to rely on instincts. Men will have better luck in love and relationships this year while it will be a bit more challenging for women.

Instead, use this year for personal growth.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Ram: 1979, Metal Sheep: 1991, Water Goat: 1943, 2003, Wood Sheep: 1955, 2015, Fire Sheep: 1967, 2027



MONKEY

This year promises lots of good fortune, although success can breed envy. Monkeys may notice a new rival appearing on the scene and should look to their support system to help turn any bad fortune into good. 2024 will also be a little average in the way of love so pay extra special attention to your partner and work to resolve issues early on.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Monkey: 1968, 2028, Metal Monkey: 1980, Water Monkey: 1992, Wood Monkey: 1944, 2004, Fire Monkey: 1956, 2016



ROOSTER

In 2024, those born in the year of the Rooster will experience good fortune thanks to the timely support from friends and family, resulting in a smooth and favourable year. There is a higher chance of romantic relationships forming in 2024. However, Roosters should be mindful that these relationships are likely to be short-lived.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Rooster: 1969, 2029, Metal Rooster: 1981, Water Rooster: 1993, Wood Rooster: 1945, 2005, Fire Rooster: 1957, 2017



DOG

Your fortune may only be average this year, however, look to support from good people in your life to limit the effects of any challenges. Be particularly cautious about financial investments and avoid over-investing during this time. Not much is on the horizon in the way of love so it is important to cherish the company of those around you.

There is the likelihood of a change in friendships this year, so be cautious with whom you quarrel with.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Dog: 1958, 2018, Metal Dog: 1970, 2030, Water Dog: 1982, Wood Dog: 1994, Fire Dog: 1946, 2006



PIG

Pigs should expect a sudden surge in popularity – everyone will want to be your friend. Make use of this to expand your network and forge friendships. Luck will be strong and support is there.

Pigs can expect a bumper year for relationships. There will be great opportunities to make friends, find a suitor, marry, or strengthen existing relationships.

BIRTH YEARS: Earth Pig: 1959, 2019, Metal Pig: 1971, 2031, Water Pig: 1983, Wood Boar: 1995, Fire Pig: 1947, 2007

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2024 SIGN UP NOW!

Here's a hot tip — footy season is almost here

Footy season is just around the corner, with NRL kicking off on 3 March and the first bounce in the AFL on 7 March. Entry costs \$25 (per competition) which can be paid at either the Joan Muir Centre or Dougherty Villa. Both comps tip from Round 1 through to Grand Final day. Details on how to enter are below. If you forget to put your tips in you get the lowest score -1.

Up There Cazaly to all our 2024 tippers — You're Simply the Best.

AFL Tipping Competition

Winner **\$125** | 2nd Prize **\$75** | 3rd Prize **\$35**

TO ENTER: Scan the QR code or visit

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NRL Tipping Competition

Winner **\$200** | 2nd Prize **\$100** | 3rd Prize **\$50**

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