



Village Voice

Your monthly Clarence Village community newsletter

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Christmas box team, from left: Shirley Craig, June Evans, Margaret Brinkworth, and Marie Murray.

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Christmas presents for our international friends

Don't panic. Christmas is still a couple of months away, but the Clarence Village team that organises the special gift boxes for children overseas, have already wrapped up this year's gift giving.

Clarence Village Gardens was a hive of activity recently preparing parcels for the annual Samaritan's Purse drive, something that has been happening in the village for almost 10 years.

Read more about this wonderful act of kindness on page 9.

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A note from the Village CEO



Last month Clarence Village was in the Land & Environment Court fighting Clarence Valley Council's increase in sewer connection charges. We've put our case and now await the judgement. Regardless of which way the legal question is determined, Clarence Village has been charged 150 sewer connection charges when we connect to the sewer network 8 times. If this method of charging stands we will not be able to construct more affordable housing as planned.

This is important and we need to discuss and address this with Clarence Valley Council for the future, whether we succeed or fail in Court. From August 2022 to May 2023 CVC said they couldn't talk to us as they were seeking legal advice. From May to September they wouldn't talk to us because the matter was before the Court. I look forward to receiving a judgement so there are no more excuses and we can have this long overdue discussion.

With a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor perhaps we will have a better chance. One thing's for sure – we won't be giving up easily. It's too important.

Kind regards,
Duncan McKimm

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The most colourful time of the year

Those jacarandas are back again and you know what that means. Crazy times ahead.

This month has been a bit of blur at this editor's desk mainly due to another publication you can read about on the back page.

It's also been busy around Village as we gear up for summer and Christmas, some of us already across it like our lovely front cover models this month.

I'm not sure about you but when I started to see Santa decorations in the shops at the end of September I freaked out.

Grafton hasn't got time to think about Christmas festivities and decorating trees yet because we have those big purple specimens

commanding all our attention.

Hope you get a chance to get down to the festival in some capacity this year. And if you can't, there's always the Jacaranda-themed activities the lovely leisure and lifestyle staff always have planned.

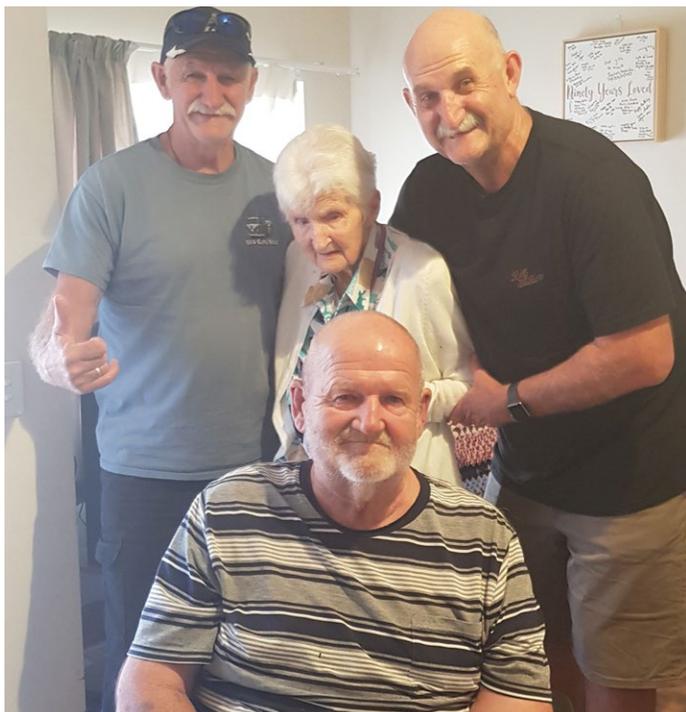
Wherever you enjoy it, have a happy Jacaranda.

Lesley

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Villa hosts special reunion for mother and son



LEFT: Dougherty Villa resident Molly McArthur shares an emotional reunion with her son Chris (front), who was driven up from Dubbo by two of her other sons, Mike (left) and Andrew (right). ABOVE: Road tripping from Dubbo to Grafton.

It has been many years since Dougherty Villa resident Molly McArthur has had a visit from her son, Chris, who lives in Dubbo.

Chris was in an accident in 2016 and since then has been recovering and rebuilding his strength.

Almost four months ago, Molly's three other sons, Jim, Mike and Andrew, started organising a very important trip to reunite Molly and Chris.

Plans were busily being made to bring Chris to Dougherty Villa for two weeks respite, providing lots of opportunities to spend time with his mum and catch up with other local family members.

Mike said they received wonderful help from Dougherty Villa staff member Sophie, who helped coordinate with Chris's carers in Dubbo to make the respite happen so seamlessly, and that it was a special journey which involved the whole family.

"I took the train from Grafton to Taree, where I met up with my youngest brother, Andrew, who drove us to Dubbo. Andrew's wife Megan made us an awesome playlist for the drive," Mike said.

"Jim and his wife Kay were already at Dubbo when we arrived. They'd been helping to finish some jobs at Chris' farm, then we all had a lovely dinner together.

"The next day was a long one, driving from Dubbo to Grafton. We stopped at Curlewis to visit our sister Lynne's grave. She sadly passed away in 2016. We also caught up with her husband, John, while we were there."

As the three brothers continued on their road trip, they shared precious memories and had plenty of laughs.

Arriving in Grafton, Chris was pleasantly surprised to see a welcome sign for him at Dougherty Villa.

"When Chris and Molly were finally reunited, it was quite emotional for all of us," Mike said.

"It was a long trip for Chris after everything he's been through, but it was so worth it to see them together again. They've had a beautiful time catching up and sharing meals at Dougherty Villa."

Story by Rebecca Lollback (Molly's Granddaughter)

What is the Commonwealth Home Support Programme?

Yes, it's a bit of a mouthful so we call it CHSP most of the time. CHSP is really entry level care. It's for people that are managing reasonably well at home, but might need a little support in a couple of different areas.

Some of the services that can be provided with CHSP include:

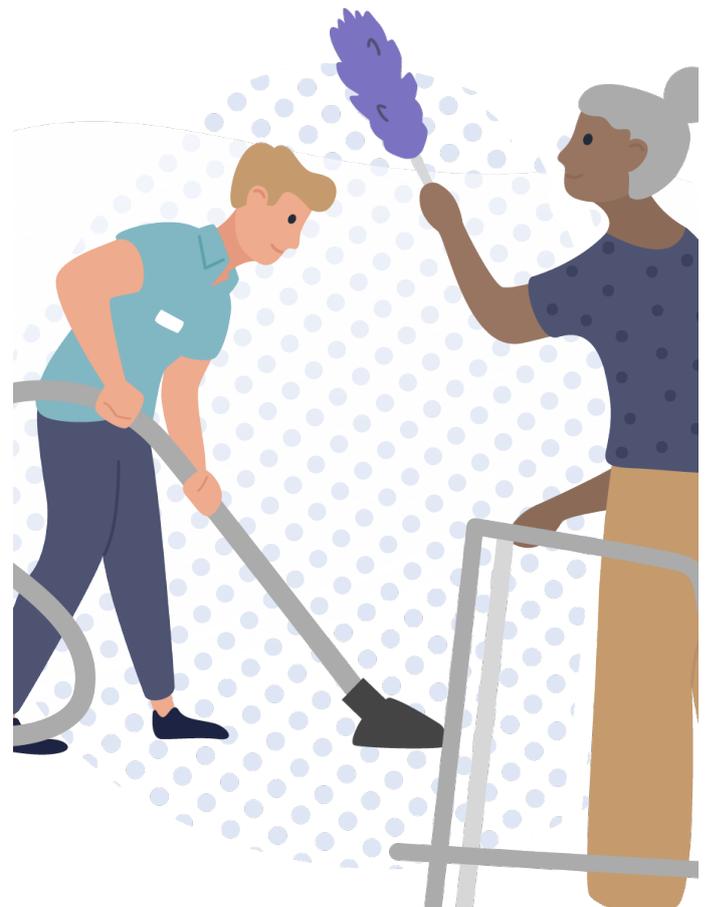
- Transport (even if you are still driving, you might occasionally need help to get to an out-of-town appointment)
- Domestic assistance (cleaning/laundry)
- Personal care (showering/dressing)
- Home Maintenance (those bigger jobs around the home or yard work)
- Minor home modifications (Grab bars/rails)
- Aids and equipment (mobility aids/shower stools)
- Meals (help with meal preparation or meals on wheels)
- Nursing (wound care/assistance with medication)
- Allied health (physio/podiatry etc)
- Social support (individual eg. shopping, or group activities)
- Respite care (while your carer has a break)

You will be asked to contribute a small amount towards the cost each time you use a service through the CHSP but the government will fund the rest. The cost of these supports is not means tested, everyone pays about the same amount, the exact fee will be negotiated with your provider.

To access services through CHSP you need to register with My Aged Care. We will arrange for an assessor to talk to you about how you are managing and the supports you could benefit from.

The assessor can approve the things you are eligible for, and then a local provider is contacted to deliver the service.

If you already have some CHSP approvals but are not sure what the next step is or how to contact a provider, or need some additional services to help you, please come and see me at Services Australia in King St. You can also phone My Aged Care on 1800 200 422.



Warm wishes to all readers of the Village Voice. I hope you are able to make some time to enjoy this beautiful Spring sunshine. Rach



New front counter staff member at Dougherty Villa, Kym Richter is loving her job and work place.

Newest smiling face front of house

Kym Richter has only been with Dougherty Villa since August and in Grafton since last year but already feels right at home.

“The fact that I got the job so quickly after moving here was just fantastic. I came in on the Monday to meet Carlie and started the following Wednesday. I was pretty stoked when I rolled back home I kept saying to myself ‘I’ve a job.’”

Kim made the move from Goonellabah after a house that suited her needs became available.

“I was on priority disability housing and they called me and said they had a house but it was in Grafton.”

Moving towns didn’t bother Kym. “As long as my family is close and I could bring my pets. I have five cats and four dogs.”

Kym said a functional neurological disorder meant she requires a motorised wheelchair to get around.

“My right leg no longer functions and hasn’t for the past three years. There are various complications living with that but I try not to dwell on that stuff. I’m not disabled, I’m

differently abled. I just do things a little differently now.”

Apart from having her “hands full” steering the front counter ship, Kym is studying for a Cert 3 in business and graphic design fundamentals, extending her skills honed from her background in small business.

“I ran my own retail business in Casino. It was a new age shop so I used to do my own tie dye and candles. I’m pretty crafty and like to keep busy with my hands. The leisure lifestyle team have already tried to rope me into activities here. I’ve already done a few posters for them.

While she has only been on the front counter for a short time she was loving her new role.

“Not only do I have job, I’m the first person people see when they come in the door. That’s a real boost of confidence,” Kym said.

“Cruising around this place is an absolute joy. I get to talk with all the residents. Interact with the staff.

“I like the feeling when people have confidence in me to get a job done. That really makes me feel amazing.”

Jill and Alwyn have 60 reasons to smile



Village residents Jillyne and Alwyn Campbell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September.

You might recognise the Campbells from our Valentine's issue back in February 2022.

The Clarence Village residents recently crossed a marriage milestone of 60 years last month, celebrating the occasion at the Grafton RSL with 60 family and friends.

"Our daughter came from Katherine (NT) to stay for two weeks so we had our daughter and granddaughter (who lives at Waterview) and great grand daughter all help decorate the table," Alwyn said.

Also at the celebration were Alwyn's brothers, bestman and groomsman, and Jill's younger.

"He was ring bearer, and my sister was flower girl. They were all there." Alwyn said.

The Kempsey based couple were married in Macksville on September 14, 1963, in traffic-stopping All Saints Church right on highway.

"When we got out the car to go into the church I thought my dad was going to have a heart attack," Jill said. "Because I'm the only girl, I

had lovely relationship with him, and he didn't think he'd see me again. There were a lot of sticky beaks and traffic going past, and then walking down the aisle with all those people watching. It was a lot for him to deal with."

The Campbells had a big wedding, 220 guests spilling out the church and onto the hall for the reception.

"It was a beautiful wedding. It was the perfect day," Jill remembers. "We've been very lucky since then. I wouldn't change a thing," Jill said.

Alwyn also marked the special anniversary with a lovely surprise for his wife of 60 years.

"I bought her a diamond necklace. I had to be sneaky and pay it off in cash because I couldn't put it on the bankcard. Otherwise she would have seen the statement and Harvey's Jewellers and thought what's this."

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A van without a plan: Sue's trip of a lifetime

By the time you read this, Dougherty Villa's Sue Young could half way across Australia.

She's in no hurry. She has five months to do her road trip across the country which began last month after celebrating 15 years at Dougherty Villa.

Sue and her husband John packed up their pop-top camper van and headed for Western Australia "via Glen Innes".

"Then it's towards Broken Hill, so west and then down, and out across the Nullarbor," Sue said.

The GSO team leader said she had barely seen Australia and was looking forward to the adventure.

"I've been to America, Mexico, New Zealand but that's it really. We've got five months to do it. We don't know where we are stopping. All we know is our destination is Perth."

Sue said they had no real plans except fishing and relaxing. "We've got a couple of eBikes (for exploring) and want to do some swimming along the way," she said.

"John is also a keen bird photographer and I've got a \$400 recliner camp chair from BCF. We are best mates so we're pretty good travelling with one another."

Sue said the thing she is looking forward to the most with the road trip was the freedom.

"I don't think I'll retire completely, but I've worked all my life, had children, built four houses. Getting in a van and heading off without a plan and no alarm clock going off. You just can't buy that feeling."

Safe travels Sue and John. See you in 2024!



Dougherty Villa's Sue Young is off on the road trip of a lifetime.



Brett's bunker birthday bash

Maintenance crew member Brett Dougherty celebrated his 50th trip around the sun recently with a special birthday gathering in the Dougherty Villa maintenance 'bunker' with some of his workmates and colleagues.

Brett has been a part of the Clarence Village team for 10 years starting at Queen St and moving he way around performing all kinds of chores, one of his latest keeping the community buses looking spick and span.

Being hearing impaired doesn't stop Brett from having a good time. He really enjoyed and appreciated the birthday gathering signing his thanks to the crew and staff for their efforts.



Brett with Village CEO Duncan McKimm.



Best wishes from connections officer Ros Houlahan.



Ryan Gudz gives Brett some cake slicing advice.



Brett Dougherty celebrated his 50th birthday with dad Mike and the maintenance crew.

Final scoreboard for our footy fans

Here are all the tippers who took out this footy season's NRL and AFL flags, including runner-ups and participation awards.

Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun. There will be more where that came from next year.

NRL

- 1st Natasha Cook \$200
- 2nd Suzie Hudson \$100
- 3rd Andrew Busch \$50

Participation awards to residents:
Ray Wilson \$50 and Kevin Burns \$25

AFL

- 1st Duncan McKimm \$75
- 2nd Vicki Valja \$30
- 3rd Ryan Gudz \$20





Marie Murray, Shirley Craig, Junes Evans, Robyn Brinkworth pack up the Christmas boxes destined for children overseas.

Village continues its spirit of giving

Community Connections officer Ros Houlahan and the Clarence Village Garden’s residents have been busy packing gift shoeboxes as part of the annual Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Ros has been organising this activity at Clarence Village for almost 10 years.

“I started doing them back at Dougherty Villa and continued that at the Village.”

Ros said the boxes were full of practical and thoughtful gestures made and donated by residents and staff.

“There are personal hygiene items like washers that residents have made, soap, and a toothbrush. There’s also something to love in there, like a little bear that residents or the Warm Touch group have made, and educational items like pencils, sharpener, and exercise book. We also include a wow item, like hair clips, and a special item of clothing,” Ros said.

“We also take a photo of the people who helped with the boxes and I laminate that and put it inside the box.”

Ros said the boxes go overseas to children that don’t normally receive Christmas gifts and are made up to suit girls and boys from ages 2-14.

“The feedback from the people on the ground delivering the boxes was that they loved the photos of the people that put the boxes together.

“They get flown over there, go on canoes to these little out of the way areas. The kids get the boxes and are smiling before they even open it.”

Ros said she wasn’t sure where the boxes were going this year but it all goes online so you can track them.

“They send me letters about where all the boxes go. Last year they went to the Phillipines because there had been a disaster there but they go to all different places. Wherever they are needed.”



WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Joan Muir Community Centre

Free activities every Tuesday from 10am - 11.30am

TUESDAY
10

Australian Unity Info session, 9.30 at Joan Muir Hall then morning tea provided.

TUESDAY
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Bingo



TUESDAY
31

Bingo

Clarence on Queen

TUESDAY
17

Australian Unity Info session, 9.30 at Joan Muir Hall then morning tea provided.

AQUA AEROBICS



Weekly class at South Grafton Heated Pool every Wednesday 8am picking up from around the Village from 7.15am. Book your seat with office or Ros.

NEW ACTIVITY! RIVERFRONT WALK



Every Thursday 9.30-11am. 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 0478 228 838 if interested.

CLOCKTOWER MORNING TEA - 26th



Held last Thursday of each month 10am. Devonshire tea \$7.50 or coffee/tea with cake \$10. Resident and their guests welcome. Meet us there or arrange transport with the office.

HEARING BUS



25th: Hearing Australia Bus arrives at Stage 1 carpark.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

100 Club vouchers — \$10 for 10 weeks. Starts Tuesday, January 9.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawn Tuesday, December 19 from 10am at Joan Muir Community Centre followed by Christmas morning tea. Thank you for your support.

To RSVP or contact Ros: rosh@clarencevillage.com.au or 0478 228 838
Please get in touch with Ros if you would like a chat or visit.

Remembering Grafton's cub scouts

This December is the 80th anniversary of the cub scout tragedy that unfolded on the Clarence River in 1943 when 13 young boys lost their lives.

Our resident poet John Sullivan, and the broader community, is concerned about the state of Grafton's Memorial Pool — built in memory of the boys — as the new aquatic centre makeover drags on.

John said he felt compelled to write a poem in

Thirteen Boys

The year was 1943
the 11th of December
a tragedy unfolded
we are destined to remember
Thirteen lives were lost that day
15 lives were saved
sadly, 13 boys would drown
placed in an early grave

Twelve mothers' hearts were broken
sadly one of them lost two
the magnitude of this tragedy
is impossible to construe
These numbers only serve to be
stark and cold statistics
which does no human justice
to each boy's characteristics

Each child was ten or under
their whole life lay before them
families torn and shattered
loved ones who adored them
With fathers grieving silently
although hurting they were stoic
mindful that some lives were saved
the rescuers were heroic

The cub scouts on excursion
with a picnic for the boys
fun and games with mates until
bad weather spoil their joy
A storm was fast approaching
decisions made in haste
they would leave Susan Island
what lay ahead they faced

honour of the boys as he felt their memory was being lost with the passage of time.

"I decided to do a little research and try to capture some of the chaos and sadness of this tragedy. I clearly underestimated the emotional roller-coaster this task would unravel.

"I wrote a couple of verses and sat alongside the monument on the riverbank and read it out on a couple of occasions until I felt it was appropriate."

An horrific misadventure
would soon become the scene
as a plan to reach the shoreline
was hastily convened
The approaching storm was fearsome
soon the craft was overturned
dumping all the boys in the water
mercy for the ones returned

The community decided
that they should build a pool
and teach the young ones how to swim
while they were young at school
This legacy for these young boys
is now a broken pool
which disrespects their memory
it's embarrassing and cruel.

Rest in Peace:

Graeme John CORBETT
William Robert DILLON
Cecil George LAMBERT
Raymond Arthur MORRIS
Brian Leonard MUNNS
Robert Alexander RENNIE
Keith James RENNIE
Edmun James RETCHFORD
Alvin Adrian Leo SPICER
Richard John STEINHOOR
Dale William THORSBORNE
Allan Crawford TOBIN
Robert Walter WILKES

— *John Sullivan, Aug 2023*



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On a roll *If you are up for challenge this month, resident Libby Shearer has the recipe for you. You will definitely impress the guests with this one.*

PISTACHIO ROULADE WITH RASPBERRIES & WHITE CHOCOLATE

Serves 10

FOR THE ROULADE:

- 70 grams shelled pistachios kernels, plus an extra 15g, roughly chopped
- 4 large eggs (whites and yolks separated)
- 130 grams caster sugar
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 80 grams self-raising flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- 20 grams icing sugar
- 300 grams fresh raspberries

FOR THE WHITE CHOCOLATE CREAM:

- 200 grams white chocolate buttons (or 200g block of white cooking chocolate, roughly chopped into 1cm pieces)
- 75 grams unsalted butter (soft but not oily)
- 280 grams cream cheese
- 270 millilitres double cream

METHOD

Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan. Grease 35 x 30cm shallow baking tray and line with baking paper.

Place 70g of pistachios in food processor (or spice grinder) and grind until fine but not oily: some medium-sized pieces in mix are fine.

Whisk egg yolks and sugar with electric mixer until thick and creamy (about 4 mins). Transfer mixture to large bowl and add hot water down side of bowl. Sprinkle mix over ground pistachios and gently fold to combine: don't over mix.

Sift flour and salt into a bowl, sift again into the egg yolk and pistachio mixture. Fold to combine. Beat egg whites in a clean bowl of electric mixer. Whisk to form soft peaks and fold into pistachio mix, a third at a time, along with almond extract. Scrape the batter into the tray and bake for 15-18 minutes, or until the cake springs back when lightly touched in the centre. Remove the cake from the oven and set aside for 5 minutes.

Sift half icing sugar evenly over cake surface and



cover with a clean tea towel. Place a wire rack on top to flip the cake over. Lift off tray and carefully peel away paper. Lightly dust top of cake with remaining icing sugar.

With a short end of the sponge facing you, roll up the still-warm cake with the tea towel inside. Allow the cake to rest for 10 minutes, rolled up to train the cake. Unroll and set aside to come to room temperature.

For chocolate cream place white chocolate in bowl over pan of simmering water (not touching water). Stir periodically until melted. Set aside to cool. Place butter in bowl of electric mixer. Beat on a medium-high for 30 seconds, until smooth, then add cream cheese. Beat well to combine and add melted chocolate. Beat until smooth and add double cream and almond extract. Beat until mix forms soft waves.

To assemble, use small spatula and spread about two-thirds of chocolate cream evenly over cake surface. Leave 2cm border without cream at short end of cake away from you. Place all but 12 raspberries evenly on cream. Roll the cake up again without teatowel. Use long spatula to transfer the cake to suitable platter. Use butter knife to spread remaining cream over the cake, smoothing as you go. Place remaining raspberries along centre of cake. Sprinkle with extra pistachio nuts.

Village updates

The last of the grandbabies has arrived in the maintenance section for the year. Gail Smith has welcomed her first great grandchild into the world, Alijah. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Christmas Party invitations have been sent out. If you could RSVP to the office that would be wonderful and let us know if you need the bus to pick you up.

We recently celebrated maintenance team member Brett Dougherty's 50th birthday with a little party under Dougherty Villa to celebrate the milestone with the rest of the team.

Maria Grew from NSW Trustee and Guardianship came and spoke to residents and community members about estate planning, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship. It was a fantastic talk and each and every person who attended said they learned something. Personally, I learned that if you receive the full pension, the NSW Trustee and Guardianship will not charge for you to make/update your will, Power of Attorney or Enduring Guardianship documents. What a great incentive to go and get your paperwork done professionally and to have your wishes legally documented.

Jill and Alwyn Campbell celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary in September. What an amazing milestone to achieve, congratulations to both of you and wishing you many more happy years together.

Listen up: Hearing Australia will be coming to Clarence Village for one day only — October 25. They will bring their bus along that is fitted out with the latest equipment to test your hearing for free. You can also have your hearing aids cleaned. More information will be available closer to the date.

September 20 has come around again, and with that comes a rise in the pension and a rise



The NSW Public Trustee presentation at Clarence Village Gardens in September was well attended by residents keen to learn more about wills, power of attorneys, and general estate planning.



Queen Street residents can now collect their copies of the Village Voice from the mail centre more smoothly thanks to the new concrete extension.

in rent. All residents would have received a letter on that day with regards to the increased rent charges. It is also advisable to take this letter into Services Australia and update the amount you are paying so you can have your rent assistance reviewed.

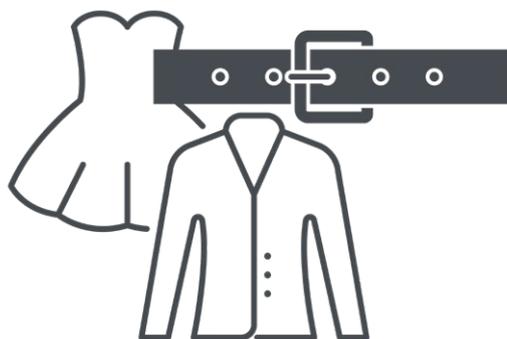
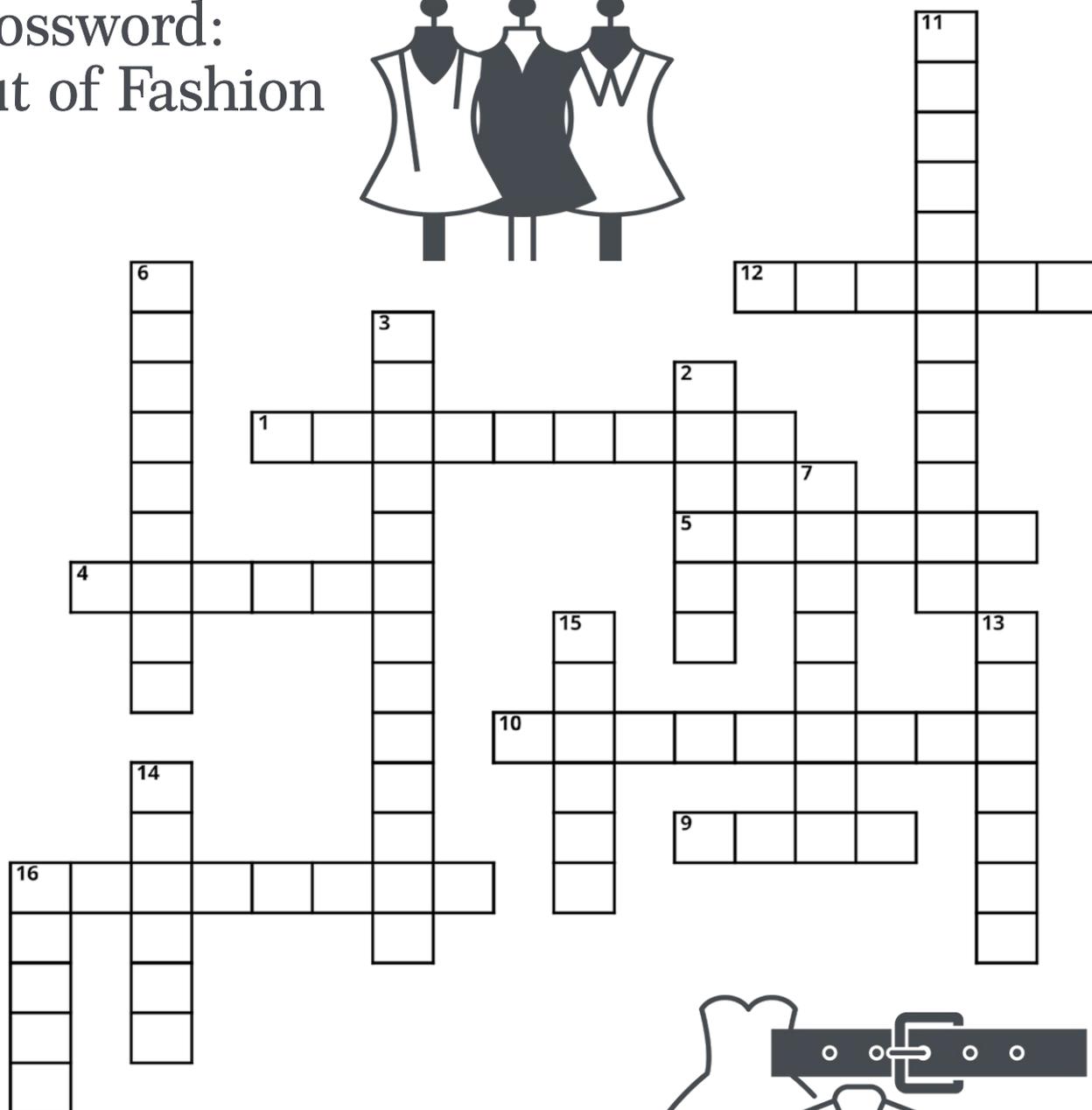
The makeovers at Clarence Village on Queen Street continue with its dining room. New lino has been laid throughout with more improvements on the way so stay tuned.

Community Buses are after more volunteers so if anyone knows of someone that would like to help with the driving please get in touch with the village office. They must have a LR bus licence.

Finally, Rob is off for three weeks' holiday and Ryan is having a short one-week break. This will see them come back feeling rested and energetic ready to go full steam in the summer months.

Stay cool, Penny White, Clarence Village Manager.

Crossword: Out of Fashion

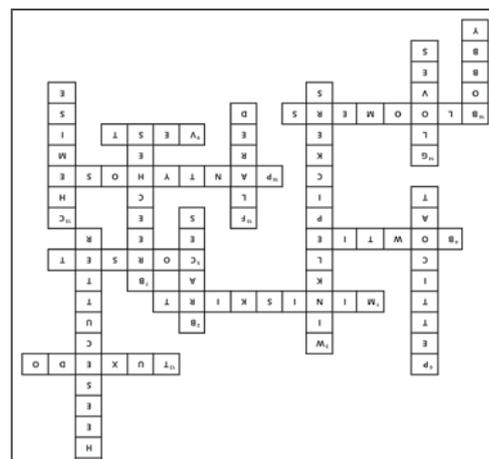


Across

1. Jean Shrimpton first wore this - 9
4. Dapper neck accessory - 6
5. Slimming garment - 6
9. Sleeveless upper garment - 4
10. Sheer legwear for women - 9
12. Mans formal evening suit - 6
16. Womens old fashioned knickers - 8

Down

2. For keeping trousers up - 6
3. Mens pointed footwear - 13
6. Undergarment for a skirt - 9
7. Short trousers - 8
11. Hat with a flat top - 12
13. Classic underdress - 7
14. No going to town without hat - 6
15. Bell-bottom style - 6
16. Ankle-high 50s favorite socks - 5



Village stargazers - October horoscopes



ARIES

It's an exciting time to connect with people. You could be meeting someone new or connecting with established partners in new ways. Scheduling mishaps might take place, so keep plans flexible. It is important to set limits, you can't say yes to every request.



TAURUS

You may find yourself feeling productive this month, tidying up or tackling that to do list. Try not to overthink miscommunications or delays. Tempers could be short if things don't go as planned, avoid arguments as they may blow out of proportion.



GEMINI

It's a great time to have fun and enjoy life! Exciting celebrations could take place, and if you haven't been having enough fun lately, you will feel encouraged to change that. There will be a warm, caring atmosphere in your personal life and good news about family could arrive.



CANCER

This month will find you looking within, connecting with the past, and spending time with the people you hold closest. You may be reorganising things at home or redecorating. You're eager to reconnect with the past and family, and learn more about your family's history.



LEO

It is a busy time for self-expression, conversation, research, paperwork and all things communication! However, misunderstandings could take place, especially about money. Speak with care and tact. You may also be connecting with neighbours and siblings.



VIRGO

This month is about finances, making it an exciting time for negotiations. You may find yourself making important agreements, setting firm boundaries, and discussing future plans. This is a powerful time to reset and take a new approach to finances.



LIBRA

This is a fun and celebratory time for you, and enjoying time with the people you love most should be your highest priority. You may find yourself reconnecting with what is important to you, and planting important seeds for what's to come over the next year.



SCORPIO

This month calls for you to spend quiet time alone connecting with your inner voice in a deep and significant way, and exploring your spirituality. Hidden places are explored and secrets could be shared. It could bring an important realisation about something.



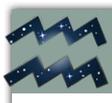
SAGITTARIUS

It is an exciting time of year for your social life. You could be meeting many new friends, reconnecting with communities you adore, and exploring hobbies you enjoy. This is also a productive time to advocate for something you deeply care about.



CAPRICORN

Rewards and recognition come your way this month. New opportunities could arise. This could be a transformative month for you as you shed old skin and embrace a new way of moving in the world. You may be introducing yourself to people in a new way, or approaching relationships from a different perspective.



AQUARIUS

Adventure and new opportunities await you this month! You could be travelling somewhere inspiring, or making your voice heard in some big way. You might visit a place or have a conversation that feels destined in some way. Your perspective on things shifts greatly, and you might never look at the world the same way.



PISCES

A reconfiguration of resources could take place, You may be settling debts, perhaps resolving issues concerning taxes, inheritances, or other tricky financial matters. Emotionally, you're cutting ties with the past. New opportunities are around the corner, but acknowledging what's taken place needs to come first.

Celebrating our purple patch

This year the Grafton Jacaranda Festival has launched its very own magazine called Purple.

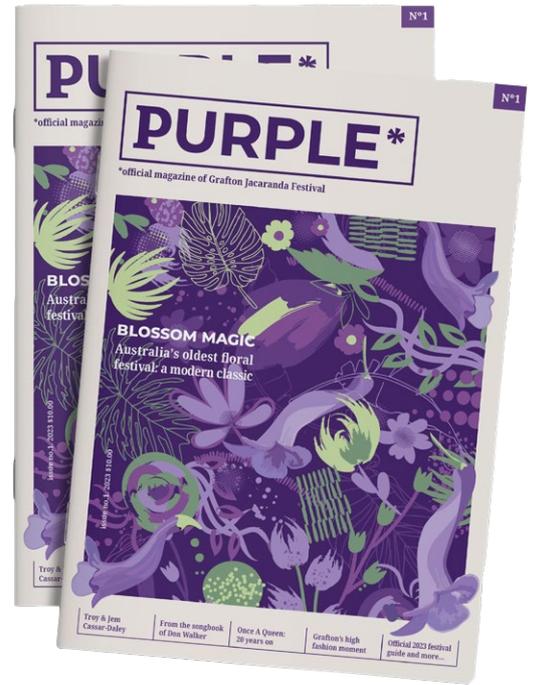
Full of all things Jacaranda, this premium 80-page publication features stories, guides, history, and lifestyle content, as well as the full 2023 festival program.

The launch issue has stories with this year's star performers, Troy and Jem Cassar-Daley and Cold Chisel's Don Walker.

It revisits golden moments from festivals gone by with lots of jacaranda inspired content including new products, recipes, fun activities, and more.

The magazine is as cheerful and eclectic as the floral festival itself, a celebration of the colour that defines the city and people of Grafton. It's also been produced by the editor of the Village Voice so it's got to be a good read.

Issue no. 1 will be for on sale for \$10 at Jaca HQ in Prince Street and various festival events.



You can also order it online at the Jacaranda Festival website.

Or let editor Lesley know at news@clarencevillage.com.au and she can organise a copy.

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.

Tickets
10 weeks
for
\$10



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