

# HOMEOWNER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



KANGAROO FLAT  
LIFESTYLE ESTATE  
*by* LINCOLN PLACE



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023**

The annual Christmas Lunch supplied by Lincoln Place is nearly here!

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## **GREEN BINS FOR RESIDENTS**

An update on resident use of Green Waste bins within the community.

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## **WHEELIE WALKER WALK**

A few words from the team who organised the Wheelie Walker Walk 2023

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## **ANOTHER FUN FILLED CORONA CUP !**

A huge thank you to all those involved in the 12th Running Corona Cup and congratulations to our participants!

# COMMUNITY UPDATE



Welcome to the December edition of your community newsletter! What a year we have had with many long asked for projects and items added to your Estate and still more to come!

By now you may have seen our new Construction Supervisor Rob and our new full-time grounds person Chris around the estate.

As you may or may not be aware, earlier this year Duane was given the option to move to construction on a full-time basis or stay with operations and he chose to take on the construction position. Duane will be missed but I am sure that Chris will receive a warm welcome from everyone.

Rob comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the Lifestyle Estate field and has hit the ground running by sorting out some maintenance issues.

A big thank you to the ARA for all their hard work this year and for their support of me while I found my feet as your Community Manager.

I also want to thank all three social groups for their continued efforts to provide functions and events that cater for every resident that wishes to attend. The Christmas events lined up by the social groups look to be very entertaining as always!

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

While I am thanking people, a big thank you to Allyson, Kelvin, Chris, Laurel and Kim for all their hard work this year. If it wasn't for their efforts, my job would be a lot harder!

The resident survey from Lincoln Place is your opportunity to let Lincoln Place know what is important to you and what improvements you would like to see. Your feedback is the only way Lincoln Place know what is important to you, their residents.

There will be a skeleton staff on duty between Christmas and New Year while the majority of the team have a well -deserved break with their families. Allyson will be in the office between 8.30 and 4.30 each day and I will have my phone on me for emergencies.

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season and beyond!

*Mandy*



# RESIDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you all enjoy good health.

With the outdoor bowling group and the LP Social Group becoming involved with KG and with KG residents coming across to BV on Thursday and Friday nights, we are starting to see the two villages come together, even though it's more difficult to visit each other now with civil works in progress.

Now is your time to make suggestions or recommendations for Lincoln Place to plan for next year's budget (2024/25) by filling out your survey, if not already completed - this is your last chance to have your say. This also helps with planning of the budget.

By now, you may have been advised of the proposed name change (necessary because of the change of ownership) of the Aviva Resident's Association to Furness Street Residents Association. There have also been proposed alterations to the set of rules, Q&A information document update (for new residents) and an update of the ARA-Aviva Management Scope & Chart. In both clubhouses, there is a folder outlining the proposed changes to the ARA's set of rules. Comments are due by January 8 2024. The Community Centre Survey findings will also be available in both community centres.

It has been proposed that bottles and cans from the BV bar be recycled through the Container Deposit Scheme, with funds going to Foodshare as a form of charity. There will be a sheet in the BV clubhouse for other suggestions. If you wish to volunteer, please advise.

Tables and chairs have been ordered for the pergola in Stages 6&7. Also, we are looking for suggestions for garden art in the same area. A few suggestions have been a mining trolley, a mining poppet head or an old tractor. The old rusted car that was planned has been rejected - it fell apart!

John Burr

President ARA

# **Aviva Residents Association Inc.**



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## **Proposed Changes to Set of Rules**

At the last committee meeting of the ARA in November 2023, it was moved that the model set of rules be altered to reflect our name change from Aviva to Kangaroo Flat Lifestyle Estate.

The major planned changes to our existing set of rules are:

- from Aviva Residents Association to Furness Street Residents Association
- the addition of an executive position, Membership Officer.

Details of these planned changes are placed in both clubhouses:

- Aviva Residents Association Set of Rules (current)
- List of proposed changes
- Furness Street Residents Association Set of Rules (proposed).

Please feel free to read these within the clubhouse. If you require a hard copy or digital copy, please contact the ARA secretary, Janine Dunstan, on 0434 546 495. If you wish to discuss these changes, please contact Janine, any ARA committee member or post your comments with your name supplied in Box 220 or the Lincoln Place mailbox in the KG clubhouse (addressed to ARA or Box 220) by Monday 8th January 2024.

The ARA plans to present these changes for approval at the next AGM in 2024 and then to submit them to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

# THE STAR SIGNS ALIGN ON...

## SAGITTARIUS

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Independent and strong-willed, Sagittarius personalities are all about going off the beaten path. Sagittarius isn't afraid to step away from the pack, and is a natural born leader who goes after what he or she wants, regardless of what other people think. Sagittarius is a born adventurer, and loves solo travel and exploration. Sagittarius also loves exploring the inner workings of their minds, and love stretching their horizons through a good book or movie.

Sagittarius is adept at blazing their own paths, and can always go it alone. Sagittarius doesn't need a roadmap, and can easily conceptualize ideas and opportunities that others may not easily "see."

### BIRTHSTONES

Turquoise - Persian Blue

Admired since ancient times, turquoise is known for its distinct color, which ranges from powdery blue to greenish robin egg blue. It's one of few minerals to lend its name to anything that resembles its striking color.

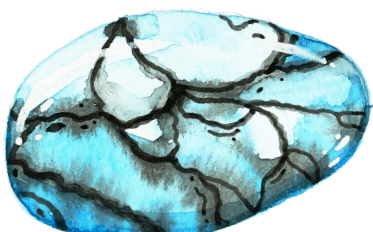
The word "turquoise" dates back to the 13th century, drawing from the French expression *pierre tourques*, which referenced the "Turkish stone" brought to Europe from Turkey.

Turquoise is sensitive to direct sunlight and solvents like makeup, perfume, and natural oils.

The hardest turquoise only measures 6 on the Mohs scale, which made this soft gemstone popular in carved talismans throughout history.

From ancient Egyptians to Persians, Aztecs and Native Americans, kings and warriors alike admired turquoise for thousands of years. It adorned everything from jewelry to ceremonial masks to weapons and bridles.

Highly esteemed for its striking namesake color and its ancient history, turquoise's popularity remains timeless.

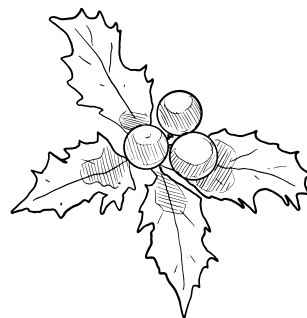


### BIRTH FLOWERS

Narcissus & Holly

The Holly is best known as an evergreen shrub with red berries that appear later in the growing season. Its branches have long been used in holiday decorations like wreaths and centerpieces. Some believed that the holly symbolized hope, wealth, and fertility. More recently, it has represented happiness and peace.

Narcissus (paperwhite) is a bulb best grown indoors that blooms beautiful white flowers—just in time for the holidays. It stands for purity and unconditional love. A bouquet of paperwhites is a way to express pure or unconditional love. In Victorian times, the gift of a narcissus meant you were "the only one."





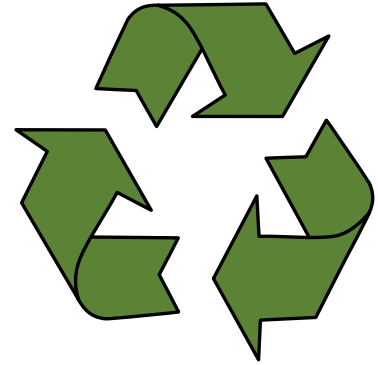
# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## Green Bins For Resident Use

As our community grows in size, the continuation of green waste collection has been changed to allow residents access to their streets own green waste bin.

Rather than leaving your green waste out for Lincoln Place staff to collect, we now ask that you dispose of your green waste via the bins located around the community.

Confirmation of where your closest bin is to your home will be given to residents in the near future.



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## Christmas Lunch 2023

The team at Kangaroo Flat Lifestyle Estate is excited to host the annual Resident Christmas Lunch!

We hope you have all put your names down for your desired date and look forward to seeing you for the festivities.

**DATES: 12th of December at KG Clubhouse & 19th of December at BV Clubhouse**

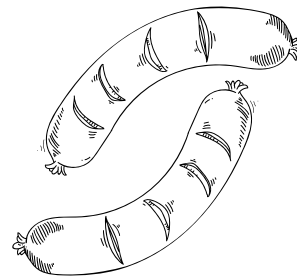
**TIME: Bar will be available from 12pm with meal to be served at 12:30pm**

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## BBQ & Pool Use

Just a gentle reminder that if friends or family are visiting, they are more than welcome to use the pool and BBQ area while visiting. However a resident **must** accompany them. This is stated in your Residential Site Agreement.

We also ask that any mess within the BBQ area and the BBQ itself be cleaned prior to leaving after use of the space.





# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## 12th Running Corona Cup

A time for friendly competition was had within the community as our avid bowlers took up arms and competed for the perpetual Corona Cup and held out hope to be named the 12th Corona Cup Champion!

We want to thank everyone for their contributions in making these days filled with banter and fun!

Many thanks to the members of the Bowls Committee who ran point on all things bowls and orchestrated the days!

Many thanks to Guy Creedy, who worked the BBQ for the sausage sizzle, allowing everyone to enjoy a delicious sausage on the Grand Final day!

A huge thank you to all the participants who got involved and showed us their skills!

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

4th Place - Eric Holt

3rd Place - Roger Burns

2nd Place - Brenda Bechaz

1st Place - Ron Clark



# TRIVIA QUESTION

## CHRISTMAS

*Answers at end of newsletter*

1. Which country was the first to use the tradition of the Christmas tree?
2. If there are 365 days in a year, what number day is Christmas Day?
3. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh (including Rudolph)?
4. What is Santa's full address where you can actually send letters to him?
5. Which is the first company which used Santa Claus for their advertisement?
6. If you're born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
7. What color are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
8. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?
9. Name the fictional character created by Dr. Seuss that stole Christmas.
10. What is the name of the department store in the movie Elf that is modeled after the real-life Macy's in New York City?

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# TIME TO CELEBRATE!

## *Happy Birthday*

Dec 9th      **Lorraine Doherty**

Dec 21st     **Ron Joel**

Dec 28th     **Joe Bechaz**

Courtesy of KG Social Group

### **BV CLUBHOUSE BINGO UPDATE!**

Due to not enough of a turn out, the BV Bingo group has made the decisions to discontinue the Friday Bingo sessions hosted at the BV Clubhouse. A big thank you to all those who did attend on the day!

**Last session for the year of 2023 will be the 12th of December - with Bingo due to return on the 9th of January 2024!**



# MAJOR EVENTS

- Dec 1st** Christmas Tree Light Up 6:30pm - 9pm  
Rosalind Park
- Dec 17th** Carols by Candlelight 6:30pm - 10:30pm  
Rosalind Park
- Dec 21st** Xmas Market 4pm - 7pm  
Community Farmers Market
- Dec 31st** New Years Eve 9:15pm - 9:30pm EARLY FIREWORKS  
11:59pm - 12:15am MIDNIGHT FIREWORKS
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## BV SOCIAL GROUP



### MELBOURNE CUP

A happy crowd of residents attended our Melbourne Cup lunch, enjoying a 2 course meal with lots of well dressed ladies and men taking part in the Fashions on the Carpet and Best Hat/ Fascinator competitions.

Thanks again to Max Collins for organizing 42 sweeps and the speed return of winnings. I heard a few residents did very well out of their selections. Many thanks to Eva, Raelene, Robyn and Janine for their hard work on the day, also to Val and Betty on the door and Corrie and Chris on the Bar. Without our volunteers none of these events would happen.

### XMAS HAMPERS

Once again we are asking for your support towards our Xmas Hampers. They will be drawn on Friday, December 15th. Tickets available under the Noticeboard.

### XMAS HAPPY HOUR

Friday, December 15th 2 course meal Spit Roast and Sweet plus music from 7-9

**Joy Daniel on behalf of the BV Social Group**

# A FUN DAY FOR ALL INVOLVED!



## OCTOBER MENU

Dec 1 - Fish & Chips

Dec 8 - BYO

Dec 15 - Xmas Happy Hour

Dec 22 - Pizza

Dec 29 - BYO

# WHEELIE WALKER WALK 2023

The Wheelie Walk Challenge was held at KG Nov 1, on a bright sunny spring day.

This year's event proved to be most enjoyable with all entrants out to enjoy a lot of fun and the walking challenge. There was a short circuit and a longer one to walk. Once the Marshall set the walkers off with a count down and hooter to start them off the challenge began!

Albeit the fact there were rules to follow to keep the walkers safe, this seemed to be lost in translation.

The Marshall eventually supervised this lost herd of walkers as the long circuit became the short circuit and the short circuit became the long. Some walkers just roamed around KG.

Everyone walking seemed to be set in just getting out and walking somewhere, even the roaming photographer had trouble following the crowd around. Coming back to the community hall, tired and thirsty, a well needed cuppa was in order prior to lunch. Lunch was a BBQ supplied by management, and the bar was open to supply more refreshments to enjoy.

Following lunch was the award ceremony, each participant received a medal and potted plant for their ventures. There were prizes also for the best dressed walker, best decorated wheelie walker and the best hat.

The Wheelie Walk Challenge was instigated by Bob Stanley and the KG Community. Unfortunately last year it rained and the event was held in the community hall, but proved to be a lot of fun as well. This year with sunny skies, the challenge was held and a hilarious day followed. We give a big thank you to Bob and the team of helpers that made this annual event the success it was.

Jenny Tognolini on behalf of Bob Stanley and those involved in the 2023 Wheelie Walker Walk.



## LP SOCIAL GROUP



The social group is now getting into a good rhythm and going strong each time we hold a happy hour. We average around 55 for each happy hour and from feedback everyone is thoroughly enjoying the nights. The games are a big hit, and some will be repeated in the future.

On another note, nobody has picked the Joker yet in our Joker Poker game, the jackpot amount stands at \$449.

This month we will be holding our Xmas happy hour on the 7th December, it is already SOLD OUT. We have a big night planned with Lady Lou Bricant entertaining us with Drag Bingo and musical performances. Lady Lou is a lady from Echuca, she performs all around the state professionally and will be a lot of fun. We will have the usual Last resident standing, Joker Poker and a Raffle with lots more prizes than usual. And of course, a delicious chef prepared meal.

The last happy hour of the month falls on the 21st December which will be a BYO night. We hope you can attend, and we can catch up for a drink and chat. As this is so close to Xmas and some people will be travelling or receiving visitors, we thought BYO would be best.

We will be having a break for January as some committee people have other commitments. We will be resuming on the 15th February with more fun nights ahead for next year.

Once again, a very big thank you to everyone that attends our happy hours and a massive thank you to all that help make our happy hours run smoothly, it is a team effort, and we couldn't have them without you all.

Our happy hour nights are aimed at giving a fun dining experience; therefore, our raffles and joker poker are the main way we raise funds for all our games and prizes, so thank you for supporting these.

Attached is our December menu, we are planning a big night and look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions please feel free to ask our committee members or myself.

My phone number is 0435 514427.

Susan Dean,

On behalf of LP Social Group

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# LP SOCIAL GROUP



7th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

\$17 Meal - You Pay \$10 – Subsidised by \$7

Choice of ROAST PORK or ROAST LAMB

A traditional favorite, our roast lamb and pork are seasoned to perfection and slow roasted for a succulent, tender finish.

SERVED WITH ROAST POTATOES, PUMPKIN, CAULI BAKE, PEAS & GRAVY

DESSERT – Homemade plum pudding with custard & cream

For those that can't eat plum pudding due to dietary requirements we have a small number of Apple Danish we can give instead. Only for those with dietary issues.

Names List will be placed in the BV clubhouse Friday 24th Nov.

After 10.30am

ORDERS NEED TO BE IN EARLIER TO THE CATERER FOR THIS MEAL.

Please place your NAME, UNIT NUMBER & ORDER on an envelope, with MONEY

ENCLOSED, into LETTERBOX 219 by Thursday 30th Nov 12noon

## ENTERTAINMENT

Last resident standing, Joker Poker and Raffle

## THE FABULOUS LADY LOU BRICANT

Will be hosting us for Drag Bingo and performing some musical entertainment. We can all have a dance too.

Lady Lou is a lady from Echuca who performs all around the state professionally. I have personally seen her perform, her costumes are wonderful, and she is a lot of fun. So come along, enjoy a chef prepared meal, try to win some prizes, and have a laugh.

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## BV GARDEN GROUP

Next get together will be Wednesday  
13th December at 10 am at the BV  
garden.

Thanks from your garden coordinators  
Barry and Jan, Wendy B



## GARDENING ADVICE

What jobs to do in the garden for summer.

Presuming your garden beds are prepared for planting, you can now plant a lot of summer crops. Basil is one popular herb that can be used in many ways, along with parsley and mint.

Zucchini and pumpkin like to spread, so give them some room. Keep the water up to pumpkins for good production. With Christmas around the corner it's the perfect time to keep up with maintenance and your garden in ship-shape, for all those bbq's and summer entertaining. The focus is on watering with the warmer weather, but try and water early morning rather than the evening, this helps the plants survive the hot days and dries them off.

Watering in the evening encourages diseases, going into the nighttime.

Mulching your garden also aids water retention and protects plants roots.

Scale becomes more active in warmer weather. Either hand pick them off your treasured plant or use an oil based spray, but not on a hot day, as this can burn the foliage.

In your vegetable patch you can now plant all your summer vegetables, eg. Beetroot, Asian greens, Carrots, parsnips, radish and potato.

You should have already planted lettuce, tomato, silverbeet, beans, sweet corn, spring onions, capsicum, chilli and eggplant.

Stagger your planting of your edible crops, they will then be ready at varying times.

There you go, relieve the stress of the week, and get out into the garden.

Your plants will love the attention!

On behalf of the KG garden group I wish all residents an absolutely wonderful, happy and healthy Christmas and the very best of years in 2024.

**Janine Coleman U18 Dip Hort**



# BV CRAFT GROUP

Hi to all Residents and Staff Members, at Lincoln Place.

We've been having our usual Craft get-togethers each Friday Morning, along with our usual laughs & happy banter. We've got a new member whose joined us from KG, her name is Gail Jones. Lin's been showing Gail a few basic Crochet Stitches. Gail seems to be enjoying herself & we're happy to have her join us.

We've also had another new Member & her daughter, Betty has moved into BV a few months ago. Betty & her daughter are a very bright pair. We hope they'll join us whenever they can.

Something I've been meaning to put in the Newsletter, recently I mentioned that we'd given a couple of Lap Rugs to 2 Ladies who've moved into a Nursing Home. I'm wondering if any of our Residents who aren't that active anymore, or if someone has just moved into a Nursing Home if you could contact me by phone, 0428617152, if you think they'd like a Gift of a Knee Rug from The BV Craft Group. At present I don't have any available until next year, I thought it might be a nice gesture.

This is the time of the year that we all get busy with Christmas Parties, Gift buying & preparations for Christmas with our families. May BV Craft Group wish everyone from BV, KG & LP a very Merry & Safe Christmas and New Year, 2024.

**From BV Craft Group & Christine Smith U 196, 0428617152.**

## DONATIONS

THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED FOR THE SUNSHINE FOUNDATION & WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A PRAM, BASSINET OR SML COT.

2 Rugs have been made by my DIL Catherine Long  
Thank you Cath.

1 Rug & a Cuddle Bear were made by Shirley Hemley,  
Thank you Shirley.

1 Rug has been made by Wendy Baker,  
Thank you Wendy.

Thanks so much to Val Bell for her donation of 5 children's jumpers & 7 Beanies, plus 2 Pink Scarfs, for the Sunshine Foundation. It was also lovely that Val was able to join in with us at Craft, we hope to see Val whenever she can make it in the future.

# BV CRAFT GROUP



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## COCONUT BONBONS

### Ingredients

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups flaked coconut
- 9 (1-ounce) squares semisweet chocolate
- 2 tablespoons shortening

### Directions

1. Mix butter, confectioners' sugar, and sweetened condensed milk together in a medium bowl; mix in coconut.
2. Roll dough into 1 inch balls; refrigerate until set, about 1 hour.
3. Melt chocolate and shortening over a double boiler, stirring occasionally until smooth. Remove from heat when melted, and stir to make sure the shortening is fully incorporated.
4. Use toothpicks to hold the balls and dip them in the melted chocolate. Set on wax paper to dry.



# WHAT WE'RE WATCHING



We are excited to bring you our TV recommendations for the month ahead. Whether you prefer captivating dramas, enlightening documentaries, or some light-hearted comedy, our selection is tailored to your tastes. So, grab a cool drink, settle in your favourite spot, and let these shows be your companions as you savour the sunny days and balmy evenings ahead. Happy viewing!

## THE QUEENS GAMBIT

Set during the Cold War era, orphaned chess prodigy Beth Harmon struggles with addiction in a quest to become the greatest chess player in the world. One season.

Available to watch on Netflix.



## GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S PINOCCHIO

A father's wish magically brings a wooden boy to life in Italy, giving him a chance to care for the child.

Available to watch on Netflix.





Dear Residents,  
New Initiative from the ARA

The ARA has asked for a section of the newsletter to be provided to you to write down any concerns and/or suggestions for the association. Please note that this is not for Lincoln Place management suggestions/concerns - those can be given directly to Allyson or Mandy.

Please put your suggestions/concerns in the ARA letter box which is number 220 and is located on the bowling green side of the BV clubhouse.

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Trivia Answers

1. Germany
2. 359
3. 9
4. Santa Claus, 123 Elf Road, North Pole,
- 88888
5. Coca-cola
6. Capricorn
7. White
8. Feliz Navidad
9. The Grinch
10. Gimbels

Sudoku Answers

9	1	2	8	3	7	5	4	6
3	4	5	2	1	6	9	8	7
7	8	6	4	9	5	1	2	3
1	7	8	5	2	3	4	6	9
6	5	4	1	7	9	2	3	8
2	3	9	6	8	4	7	1	5
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5	2	3	7	6	1	8	9	4
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