



The Age of Enjoyment

ENJOY LIFE WITH THE LATEST NEWS AT OAK TREE

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ROCKY TURNS 1



"How time flies," said Village Manager Jenny Brown as she thanked her family and residents for making Oak Tree's first year such as success.

Park Avenue in Rockhamton celebrated a birthday bash last month over a two course roast lunch with residents, staff and close friends of the village.

The party was amidst existing excitement that the village is the first Oak Tree village to sell down entirely in less than twelve months. Director of Oak Tree Group, Mark Bindon, said the village has continually exceeded expectations. "We always knew a village would be in high demand here but the sales that have been achieved in such a short amount of time are tremendous."

"It gives me, and all of our team, so much pleasure to see our residents so happy and enjoying themselves.

"I always tell people when they first consider buying into a village that you come here to

grow "young" again and this is reflected throughout all of our villages - our residents have less stress in their lives, are typically healthier and are busy out there having a good time - look at you all!" he said.

Residents enjoyed great wine, followed by all the dessert they could eat, shared lots of jokes, tried their luck at the lucky door prizes before wandering home happy and with full bellies.

It has since been reported that the party continued by the pool later that afternoon where residents enjoyed a cool splash and more wine - a great day for all!

Welcome Letter from the director



WELCOME to the first issue of The 'Age' of Enjoyment - a quarterly newsletter published by the Oak Tree Group & designed to provide our residents, prospective residents & staff with information about what is happening at village level, share stories and ideas & keep you up to speed on Oak Tree's new projects, events or any changes throughout the company.

So far we've had a busy year which is showing no signs of slowing down as Christmas comes speedily towards us. We've opened villages in Skye (Carrum Downs, VIC) Cairns (QLD), sold down our village in Park Avenue (Rockhampton, QLD), we're about to open a village in Yeppoon (QLD) and will shortly launch our brand in Tasmania at our Kingston site.

We are pleased to say villa sales have been extremely successful across the board. We have noticed pleasing results in the property sector with our residents achieving strong sale prices on their houses which have allowed most to move into our villages, and enjoy a carefree lifestyle, sooner.

On that note - a special warm welcome from the Oak Tree Team to our new residents who have moved in this quarter.

We have lots of great events planned in all of our villages for the festive season and for the weeks leading up. For our latest news stories and events calendar please visit our website www.oaktreegroup.com.au and stay tuned for our next issue of The 'Age' of Enjoyment.

Enjoy!
Marco De Pasquale

This Quarter We Welcome

VILLAGE : PARK AVENUE

Ada Veronica Stuart-Smithers Joyce Boon
Delma McDonald Joyce Sleaford
Doris Diplock Margaret Sivyver
Jessie Ingram Rita Diplock

VILLAGE : CAIRNS

Brian Whaling Dennis and
& Tricia Showell Josephine Williams
Cecil & Jean (Munro) Taylor Ingrid & John Haddad
Cheryl Pask Keith and Judy Wilkie
Christine Thompson Keith Martin
Geoffrey Peck Les Fergusson

VILLAGE : SKYE

Alan Hevey Henry and Faye MClachlan
Arthur Bolton Jan & Bob Ferrier
Beryl and George Paulding Joan Benning
Dorothy Baker Ron & Hazel Bennets
Dorothy Decker Sonja Vanhelmond
Helen Simmonds

VILLAGE : BORONIA HTS

Barry & Pam Boland
Dawn Fenwick
Norma Elizabeth Ham
Robert & Thelma Wilson
Rodney & Betty Kerr

VILLAGE : GOODNA

Cecile Robinson
Gay & Peter McPhedran
Gaylene Richards



ROOMS WITH A VIEW Kingston Development Approval Awarded

If enjoying picturesque pastures and mountain views is how you want to spend your future years then the Kingston Village located in Celary Top Drive could be just what you are after. The long awaited "green light" to proceed with a brand new lifestyle village in Tasmania was awarded by council in August launching the Oak Tree construction and marketing teams into top gear to ready the village for an opening next year.

The 54 unit development will be Oak Tree's first in Tasmania. The village will consist of a mix of both two and three bedroom stand alone homes with car ports, a community enjoyment centre, bowls green and private road network within a secure gated community.

"Kingston and all of Tasmania is a beautiful part of the world; we are extremely excited to be opening our doors here," said Oak Tree Director Mr Marco De Pasquale.

"We continually strive to provide a home which is both restful yet full of vibrancy and activity, offering our seniors the comfort and companionship of a family of friendly neighbours close by."

Prices will start from \$225,000 for a two bedroom unit and \$250,000 for a three bedroom home. Sales enquires are being taken by phone or visit our website to find out when our display villas will be opening.

YEPPON DISPLAY OPENS

Oak Tree's newest Village is set to open in Yeppoon on November 21st with buyers already chomping at the bit to secure the best positions.

The 34 villa community consists of a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom homes and enjoys a quiet residential position with mountain views. It sits only a short drive away from the beautiful coastlines making Yeppoon a popular holiday destination.

To be sold over 7 stages, pricing commences at \$222,500 for a two bedroom villa and \$259,500 for a three bedroom home.

"Off the plan sales have been extremely successful to date," said Oak Tree Director Marco De Pasquale.

"We are anticipating a massive crowd at our open day topping that of the grand opening held at Park Avenue only a year ago which saw approx 350 people through the village."

The open day will kick off at 8.30am where people can take a tour of the furnished display villa. Those wishing to secure a villa before the opening can do so by contacting the Village Manager Tarnya on 07 4921 4882.

NATIONAL SENIOR'S WEEK

For the over 55's, National Senior's Week is a time to be out and about with businesses, schools and social groups volunteering their time to put on free entertainment and demonstrations, plus display their products and lifestyle options for the benefit of Seniors.

Oak Tree was out in full force this year participating in various celebrations in Yeppoon, Logan, Ipswich and Cairns.

"It's important that we support these events - we are an ageing population but we are healthier and living longer than ever," said Marco De Pasquale.

"Our seniors have a lot of living to do yet and National Senior's Week helps show them exactly what's out there to be enjoyed."

National Senior's Week in Queensland takes place in August each year, with Victoria's celebrations taking place this month.

Residents - why not try hosting your own event during National Senior's Week next year? Invite members from the local community, and join in the fun.

CAL DID IT! And wants to do it again.

"It was 1959, the crime scene a dark and isolated railway crossing, the silence deafening, a blinking headlight shows the outline of a body..."

Meanwhile at the popular milk bar jaunt, a group of old friends meet for their high school reunion, but, to everyone's surprise, Rock 'n' Roley is mysteriously absent. And so the tale begins - a quest, where suspicions and accusations are cast in every direction to find out who committed the murder of the much adored, or secretly despised, famous musical star."



Over a three course meal, dressed in 1950's attire, Oak Tree Cairns residents, in character, put their detective minds to the test at a "Who Dunit Murder Mystery" party held at the village. With hits from the 50's blaring from an old record player fit for the occasion, residents followed scripts throughout the evening to solve the case. "Any one of us could have been the murderer," said Village Manager Mary. "Accusations were flying as each of us had spent time with Rock 'n' Roley before his death. "We were all having so much fun that we forgot to pay attention and overlooked some vital clues which could have helped us solve the mystery - in the end we had to put our minds to rest and read the solution." she laughed. Prizes were given out on the evening to the "most commendable performance" - Terry Mitchell - and to the "best 50's themed costume" - Deb Antoniou. Residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are already asking when the next murder mystery event will be held.

Resident Profile



Faye Robertson Oak Tree Village Skye

- Q. What is something special about you that not many people know?
A. I was a Victorian Life Saving champion. Also a State Grade squash player.
- Q. What do you love most about Oak Tree?
A. The friendly staff and residents. The relaxing atmosphere and the new modern units.
- Q. What words best describe Oak Tree?
A. Free and easy living with nice open spaces.
- Q. What do you like doing in your spare time?
A. Crosswords, drawing and visiting the family.
- Q. What did you do as a job?
A. Photographic colourist and a Life Guard at a local pool.
- Q. What is your favorite food?
A. Chicken Roast and Pavlova.
- Q. Earliest memory as a child?
A. Spending most of my time on the beach.
- Q. Favorite time of year?
A. Christmas

SWEET TOOTH

Raspberry Pavlova

Cooking Time
75 minutes

Ingredients (serves 6)

- 1 tablespoon cornflour
- 6 eggwhites
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 1/3 cups caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 200ml pure cream
- 250g frozen raspberries, slightly mashed

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Draw a 24cm (diameter) circle on a sheet of baking paper. Place, pencil-side down, on a baking tray. Dust lightly with 1 teaspoon cornflour.

2. Using an electric mixer, beat eggwhites and cream of tartar in a large bowl until soft peaks form. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating constantly until thick and glossy. Add remaining 3 teaspoons cornflour with the last tablespoon of sugar. Fold through vanilla and vinegar.

3. Spoon meringue onto baking paper. Shape into a circle, using the pencil mark as a guide, with a slightly higher edge and a low centre. Reduce oven to 100°C. Bake for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until dry and crisp. Turn off oven and open oven door. Cool completely in oven (pavlova may sink during cooling).

4. Slide pavlova onto a serving plate. Spread with cream and top with raspberries. Serve.



JOLLY JULY CHRISTMAS Brings Cheer to Skye

To welcome some new residents, and just for the fun of it, Oak Tree Lifestyle Village Skye "decked the halls with holly" and put on a hearty winter feast to celebrate Christmas in July.

Residents, and their friends and families, sported festive costumes in an effort to win best dressed, filling the Enjoyment Centre with a sea of whites, reds and greens typical of Christmas magic and cheer.

With a visit from jolly Santa, who brought gifts for all, residents enjoyed candy canes, home cooked roasts and puddings for dessert and ended the day with a good old fashioned sing-along to their favourite carols and memorable tunes.

"Christmas is my favourite time of year," said Village Manager Nicky.

"It's far too much fun to only happen once a year and our residents are always looking for a good excuse to throw a party.

"We laughed, we danced, we sang, we ate until we could eat no more and the surprise gifts from Santa were great - Walter in particular needed new socks!" she said.

The lunch was attended by Oak Tree Director, Marco De Pasquale, who was honoured to be part of the celebrations and pleased to see everyone having such a fun time.



STRIKE A POSE *There's nothing to it*

When it comes to fashion, Oak Tree Cairns residents have the latest trends and industry scoop sporting the newly released summer collections from local retail outlets at a fashion parade held at the village "just for the fun of it" last month. Residents and staff in the spirit of good fun got their groove on and kitted up to strut their stuff down the red carpet to the up-tempo sounds of singer/song writer 'Barbara' and appeared later that evening on the Channel Seven News. "We had a blast," said Oak Tree Resident and 2IC Cathy Azzopardi who struck a few poses on the catwalk herself. "Residents, friends and family came and the models were interviewed on TV - they felt like superstars," she said.

Clothing was done by Roger David and Best and Less men's department and for the ladies - Cross Roads Boutique Mt Sheridan. The event was chaired by Village Manager Mary Woods who thanked the models for being "good sports" and for all of their assistance in arranging the event. "A lot of organisation goes into an event like this and without the resident's support and commitment we would never be able to pull it off," she said. "This is what we are all about - coming together as a community, creating interesting and fun things to do and enjoying life." Guests enjoyed a BBQ lunch to finish the morning and went home tired, but happy.

Oak Tree Online

Want to know about what events are coming up at our villages? Want access to the latest breaking "Oak Tree" news? Want the latest information on new villages opening soon? Want to see photos of our residents? Then visit our website at www.oaktreegroup.com.au and click through our pages to your heart's content.

Oak Tree has recently undertaken a staged website campaign to improve the overall look and feel of the website to make it more engaging for both residents and new prospects visiting the site.

The website has changed dramatically from a relatively static site, to a website which now reports live on information as it happens.

"Not only are more people visiting our website, but they are staying there for longer," says Marketing Manager Tarin Cole-Boylund.

"We are starting to capture people's attention with new additions to our website such as a new resident profile each week, a growing events calendar and a new news story plus photo for us all to catch up on the Oak Tree gossip.

"Whilst we still have a long way to go, and plenty of new ideas to initiate we are well on our way to creating a fun website which is not only a strong communication tool, but a way for us to strengthen the Oak Tree Family across our separate villages and communities."

Long term plans for the website will see the site becoming more interactive, where residents will be able to log on and play chess or even talk to other Oak Tree residents in other villages.

So visit our website to keep in touch and stay in the know!

RITA'S BOOK REVIEW

THIS QUARTER'S BOOK IS:



A Glimpse of the Dragon (Beyond the Great Wall) By Janis Letts

Working as a tour guide in a small sapphire mining community on the gemfields of Central Queensland is very different from teaching English in a school in China. Not your usual career change in middle age. Unable to speak Chinese and with no experience of teaching, Janis Letts and son Hamish join her eldest son to teach at his school in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia. Part of the attraction is to meet her only grandchild and her son's Chinese

wife. They take with them food and medications requested by her son, so depart with maximum luggage. Everyday conditions in a developing country prove often primitive, comical & frustrating which proves that foreigners really are foreign. An Easy & enjoyable read.

Reviewed by Rita Diplock
Park Avenue Resident

What's On

Visit our website for up to date event information

Saturday 31st of October OAK TREE SPRING FAIR

Come along and bring the family to this all day event and enjoy a host of activities from live entertainment, face painting, information, arts and craft and food stalls and enjoy the spring sunshine. 32 Brennan St Goodna.

Tuesday 3rd of November MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEONS

Smack on a smile and a decorated hat, cross all of your fingers and your toes and take a punt to pick the winning horse this Melbourne Cup at Oak Tree's Melbourne Cup Luncheons at these village locations: Boronia Heights (QLD), Park Avenue (QLD), Cairns (QLD) and Skye (VIC). Call 07 3328 4560 to reserve your seat.

Tuesday 10th of November CELEBRITY LUNCHEON CLUB

Meet and greet former Australian cricket star Ian Healy at the first of a series of celebrity luncheons held at Oak Tree 32 Brennan St Goodna. Hear "Heals" speak about his career, ask questions and enjoy a BBQ lunch. Seats are limited. Please RSVP to 07 3328 4560. Cost \$10pp for non residents.

Saturday the 21st of November YEPPON OPEN DAY

Be amongst the first to see the brand new Yeppoon Village located at 31 Barmarye Rd. Visit our furnished display villa and sales office and take a walk through stage 1 now selling. Enjoy a free BBQ lunch and festivities. Bring the family.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Feel the spirit of Christmas at Oak Tree's annual carols by candle light. Enjoy live entertainment, Christmas lights and a delicious BBQ dinner. And let's not forget a special visit from Santa!

DATES:

- Skye (VIC) 7th of December
- Boronia Heights (QLD) 10th of December
- Goodna (QLD) 11th of December
- Park Avenue (QLD) 14th of December
- Cairns (QLD) 15th of December

OAK TREE CELEBRITY CLUB

Ian Healy is coming to Goodna



Oak Tree is excited to announce the first of a series of celebrity luncheons to be put on at our various villages for our resident's and friend's enjoyment.

Coming up on the 10th of November at Oak Tree Goodna we are pleased to share the company of Australian celebrity, Ian Healy.

A man who needs little introduction, most know Ian (Heals) from his cricketing days where he played for Queensland and Australia. A

specialist wicket keeper and batsman, he later turned international after only 6 world class games. Ian now works for the channel 9 Network as a sports commentator.

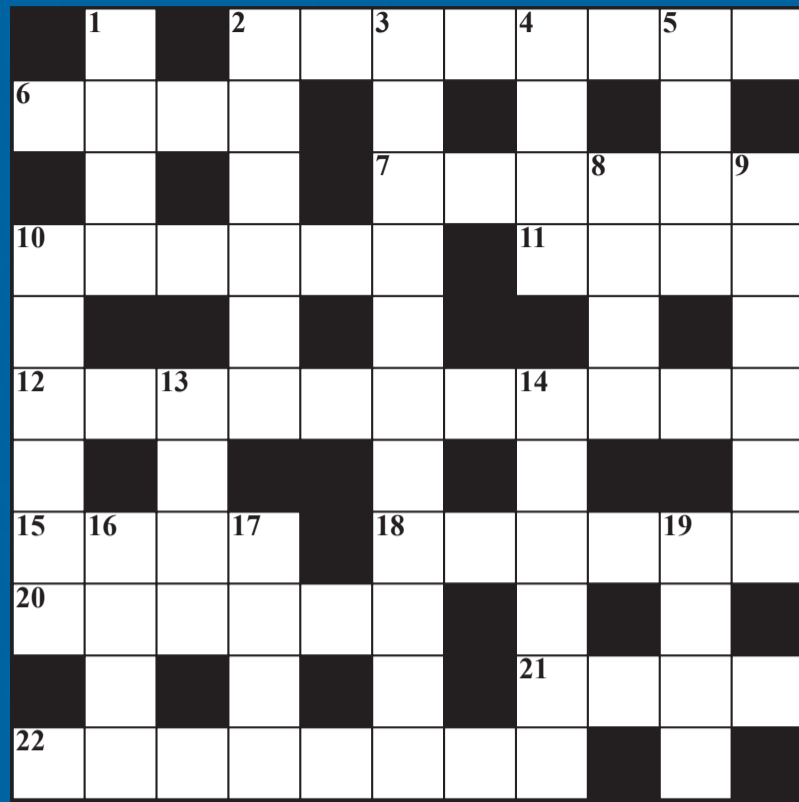
Come along and hear Ian speak about his career, tell some funny stories, and share a few laughs. Guests are welcome to ask questions or even chat one on one with Heals over a causal BBQ lunch.

Support this event to ensure we give Ian a warm welcome.

All guests must be over the age of 55. Costs for residents is \$2 pp or non residents \$10pp. Seats are limited so please RSVP to Merrilyn 07 3288 3275 if you are keen to come along.

And don't forget to keep your eyes peeled to see who our next celebrity guest will be - we are keeping them secret for now!

Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Woody plants
- 6 Good woman
- 7 Not good woman (or man)
- 10 Flat dishes
- 11 Withered
- 12 Very worried
- 15 Leave out
- 18 Famous Venetian painter
- 20 Surgical stitch
- 21 Cosy palace
- 22 Uncovered

DOWN

- 1 Ring up
- 2 Seafood
- 3 Naughty lover's action
- 4 Hurries
- 5 Always
- 8 Roman fiddling Emperor
- 9 Cause
- 10 Snapshots
- 13 Way out
- 14 Mean to do
- 16 Think about things
- 17 Melody
- 19 As well as

Walter's Joke Corner

Just after opening time, a koala walks into a pub, climbs onto a bar stool and opens a beer. The barman pours the beer and the koala reaches into his pouch and pays with a \$50.00 note. Taking the note, the barman opens the till, but this early in the morning

there's no change, only a \$5.00 note. "He's only a koala, he won't notice," thinks the barman as he hands over the \$5.00 as change. The barman says, "We don't get many koalas in here." The koala answers. "At \$45 bucks a beer, I'm not surprised!"

Jokes supplied by Walter Vanelderen - Oak Tree Skye

Trivia

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Jeff, Anthony, Murray and Sam form which popular Australian Band?
2. Shakespeare's immortal lovers Romeo and Juliet were from what two noble Veronese Families?
3. Who was Fred Flintstone's Wife?
4. What natural disaster killed 13 people in Newcastle on December 28, 1989?
5. What animal linked word describes someone who always gets blamed?
6. Who did Matthew Hayden pass as having scored the most one-day international runs in a calendar year?
7. What is the name of Nicole Kidman's and Keith Urban's daughter?
8. Which bushranger did Sidney Nolan portray in a series of Paintings he created in 1946-47?
9. From which country was the winner of the 2006 Melbourne Cup?
10. According to Tina Turner what is the speed limit in Nutbush?
11. Who wrote "Joseph and his amazing Technicolor dream coat"?
12. What are the two top selling spices in the world?
13. What is the only domesticated animal not mentioned in the bible?
14. Who founded the Coca Cola Company?
15. What vegetable did an ancient Egyptian place in his right hand when taking an oath?
16. What's a scratch golfer's handicap?
17. Who won the first series of Australia's Master Chef?
18. True or false? A male seahorse carries it's baby until birth?
19. How do you say hello in Fijian?
20. In what Australian city did the commonwealth parliament first sit?



Crossword Solutions

- 11: Andrew Lloyd Webber
- 12: Pepper and Mustard
- 13: A Cat
- 14: Asa Chandler
- 15: An onion - it symbolized eternity
- 16: Zero
- 17: Julie
- 18: True
- 19: Bulla
- 20: Melbourne

- 1: Wiggles
- 2: The Montagues and Capulet's
- 3: Wilma
- 4: An Earthquake
- 5: Scapgoat
- 6: Mark Waugh
- 7: Sunday Rose
- 8: Ned Kelly
- 9: Japan (Delta Blue)
- 10: 25MPH

Trivia Answers