



REDBANK PALMS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2025 .. E &OE

Due to the Hall being painted and other functions that were taking place our Residents meeting had to be postponed to **Friday 1st August. It will commence at 3.30pm.** We urge all residents to attend. This is your community and your home, and any decisions made by the Residents Committee pertaining to Village affairs, impact on all of us who live here, so your input is important. Don't leave it to a minority of residents to make the decisions and then complain if they are not to your liking. Please come along, have your say and play an active part in your community.

Can you play the piano? If so, perhaps you might help us out and kindly take some time out to play the piano in the Community Hall so that it can be kept in good working order. Perhaps when you pick up your mail would be good opportunity to play a tune or two.

Redbank Palms Residents Association Inc

It has been 2 years since we held our last Seniors Expo but here it is again on Tuesday 19th August, kicking off at 9.30 am. We hope that all residents will support us in this endeavour, and feel free to invite your relatives and friends to join us. These events are always good value with heaps of information available and some exhibitors with giveaways, and new items to show and share. Some of our own residents will also participate with items for sale. Bring cash and make a splash. Come and have a chat with our local furies and our boys in blue, and our own MP Lance McCallum will be there as well, offering support and able to answer any political questions you may have. We have heaps of exhibitors coming along, some are new to us, but they all help to support our community, and we appreciate that support as well. Our Expo's are always interesting and happy events so look forward to seeing you there in our Grand Hall which is looking quite splendid after its makeover. Morning tea will be available for a gold coin donation to the Social Club.

A big thank you to those who helped pull out all the library books, games etc etc to enable the library to be repainted. That was a monumental job. Pat on the back to you all - a job well done. When everything comes back together along with new signage it should really be something to be proud of.

As we are in the middle of another terrible Influenza and Covid season, I would like to remind all to check their stock of Covid testing kits for the expiry dates on them. If you use a test kit that is past it's expiry date it can give false readings and it is very important to have a testing kit on hand for when it is needed. The newer test kits also test for Influenza strains. Queensland Health no longer provides the free tests, so you will need to see your pharmacist about what test is best for you. In 2025, many test kits now offer multiplex testing—meaning one test can detect COVID-19, influenza, and RSV in a single swab.



Just a friendly reminder and with our hall looking so good let's try and preserve that fresh painted look for as long as we can. It seems to be so much lighter and even bigger – an optical illusion I know, but a good one.

With the recent input of \$9,500.00 to our coffers thanks to a grant from the gambling association, residents will soon be able to enjoy the benefits of a big screen TV and/or a projector system, which will be a wonderful asset, enabling us to enjoy movie nights, special events such as Melbourne Cup, State of Origin etc. Music Festivals and Bathurst are options as well as inter village conferences. And who knows the funds may even extend to some recliner seating.

REMINDER – NO SMOKING OR VAPING INSIDE OR WITHIN 5 METRES OF A BUILDING PLEASE.

Thanks to Graham Parsons, our IT man of the moment, our computer in the library is now up and running and available for use. It is running Windows 11, has a mike and speaker but NO printer. If

you wish to save what you do bring your own USB stick to download onto. Click the ON button and from the blue screen use the password number 4619. This is also noted on the monitor stand.

With the nights closing in and the colder weather here the bowls games are now on the winter schedule and commence at 2.30pm

Your resident's association will soon be organizing again, some good deals by our trusted tradies to keep your homes in good condition and looking spick and span. The recent spell of wet weather and early morning dew, due to colder weather has seen mould growing on a lot of our homes and driveways in the Village. Not only is this unsightly it also doesn't help your paintwork either or may become a slip hazard if not attended to. The tradies we use have done work over many years for our residents – they give a fair price, are reliable and give a good service – which is why they are on our 'trusted tradies' list. We should have all deals/ prices finalized and ready for the September newsletter so stay tuned. ****Disclaimer ...** Whist we are happy to recommend these tradies based on our past experience of usage, your committee can in no way guarantee or take responsibility for them. Services available will be as follows.

Rolladoor services and/or replacements
House wash downs
Solar Panel Cleans
Windows Cleaned (not sure if we can get this one)

Air Con cleans
Pest Control
Driveway/Paths pressure cleaned

DID YOU KNOW? ... Don't forget that all our Community Newsletters, and other information that relates to living at Redbank Palms can be found on our own web page here ... along with heaps of information that we feel will be of assistance to you ... you can access all of it via this link ...<https://rprared.wixsite.com/website> .. Our email address is – rpra.redbank@gmail.com
Any submissions for the Newsletter must be received no later than 9 am on the 25th of the month -
Send email to Maureen the newsletter editor at dickfrancis369@gmail.com



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VILLAGE BUS TIMETABLE FRIDAY PICK UP TIMES FOR REDBANK PLAZA ... PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

(Will not apply to public holidays)

Pick up Points:

8.55 AM Car Wash Bay

9.00 AM Grand Hall

9.05 AM Bowls Club at side exit gate

Pick up for return journey:

11.30AM at Taxi Rank Redbank Plaza

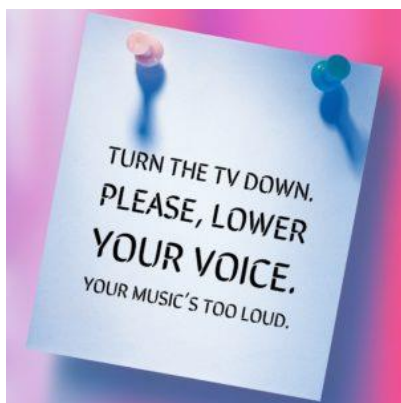
HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hairdresser Cynthia
Managers Office
Ambulance, Fire, Police

07 3814 1111
07 2104 5044
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Electrician Justin
Village Doctors Surgery
Taxi Yellow
Plumber Steve
Kruger Village Pharmacy

0411 969 479
07 3814 5803
131 924
0418 193 957
07 38144244



Living in a community like ours does come with its own sense of obligations, one of which is consideration for your neighbours ... so just a friendly reminder to make sure that the volume of your TV, Radio and phone calls are not so loud that they are annoying someone else. If you are having difficulty hearing your TV, then either get a set of headphones or better yet go and get a free hearing test at Bay Audio at Redbank Plaza. If you have a hearing issue, hearing aids are free of charge to seniors. Phone 3492 9126

AND if your little furry friend is barking for more than a few minutes especially late at night – please at least check why. Dogs do a great job in warning and protecting us, and they are just the best companions, and if they bark it is for a reason. But we don't want to get our neighbours offside because of it. We want our furbies to be loved by all residents so don't give them a reason to not do so.

COOKS CORNER Sticky Date Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Ingredients:

250 grams pitted dates - chopped
375 millilitres boiling water
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
125 grams unsalted butter - at room temperature, chopped
165 grams brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs, at room temperature
300 grams - self raising flour, sifted
Double cream to serve, if desired

Caramel Sauce

250 grams caster sugar

300 ml thickened cream

Method:

- 1 • Preheat oven to 180°C Fan Forced. Grease and line base of a 7cm deep, 22cm (base) round cake pan with baking paper
- 2 • Combine dates and boiling water in a saucepan over medium heat and bring boil. Cook, uncovered, 5 minutes until dates are soft and have almost absorbed all the water. Remove from heat, stir in the bicarbonate of soda. Set aside for 20 minutes to cool
- 3 • Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, sugar and vanilla extract until pale and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in the flour, then the date mixture. Spoon mixture into prepared pan.
- 4 • Bake pudding for 40 - 45 minutes or until skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Stand pudding in pan for 10 minutes, before turning out onto wire rack
- 5 • For caramel sauce, pour the sugar into a clean dry non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon until the sugar melts and turns deep golden. Remove pan from the heat and pour in the cream (sugar will crystallise). Return pan to medium-high heat, cook stirring constantly for 8 minutes to dissolve the sugar. Boil gently, without stirring, for 5 minutes to thicken slightly.
- 6 • Cut warm pudding and place on serving plates, pour over the sauce and serve with extra cream if desired.





Don't forget to check on our Community Notice boards as well for any last-minute updates.

Monday	Social singing group (Grand Hall)	9.30 am
	Cards (Bowls Club)	4.30 pm
	<i>bring a plate to share/ drinks can be purchased.</i>	
Tuesday	Mixed Darts (Bowls Club)	9.15 am
Wednesday	Songs of Praise (Grand Hall)	9.30 am
	<i>1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month</i>	
	Bowls games start at	2.45 pm
	<i>Place rubbish bins on front lawn</i>	
Thursday	Croquet	9.00am
	Community Dinner – (Grand Hall)	6.00pm
	<i>check notice Board for date</i>	
Friday	Bimonthly Residents Meeting	4.00pm
	<i>At the Hall - please sign in</i>	
	Happy Hour at the Hall	5.30 pm
Saturday	Bowls – games start at	2.45 pm
Sunday	Trivia at the Hall -	2.00 pm
	<i>3rd Sunday of every month - BYO Nibbles & drinks</i>	

Free Financial Counselling

Financial counsellors are free, professional and non-judgmental. They work with people in financial difficulty or crisis to improve their situation by providing advice and support.

If you have questions about bills, debt, or money stress, call to make an appointment with **Cath, Financial Counsellor from The Salvation Army**, or another FREE Financial Counsellor by phoning 1800 722 363.

VALE .. JOHN HAWKINS ***VILLA 25***

We were sorry to hear that a long-term resident John Hawkins passed away in early July.

John played a very active part in Village affairs when his health was good, and for many years acted as the Auditor for our Residents Committee.

John was one of nature's gentlemen and will be sadly missed.

Our condolences go to friends and family for their sad loss.



Our thanks to Lance McCallum our local member for Bundamba, Labor member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly and to his staff for their generous assistance in the printing of this newsletter.

**Lance has a proud history of fighting for a fair go for his community and working people. He can be contacted at his Electorate Office at
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CRACK A SMILE

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right

..... Jack and the beans talk.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.

Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. You guessed it the steaks were pretty high.



CROQUET ... Anyone interested in having a go would be very welcome, all the gear is provided and it's free. We start at 9.00am Thursdays in Summer, and 10.00am Thursdays in Winter. Anyone who needs more information, please phone Brian on 3814 1520.



TRIVIA Congratulations to the Easybeats, Jan and Gail who were our winning team for June. Our bowls team won this month. Just us 2nd Easybeats 3rd. It was a very entertaining afternoon.

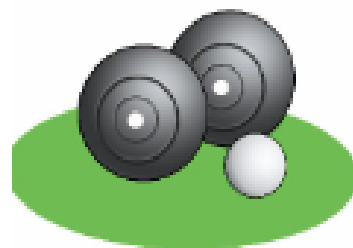
See you on August 17th Cheers Agnes

BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER ... AUGUST 2025

Another quiet month for us, so again not too much to report. Our Pairs Competition has been played with Ian and Karen R defeating Graham and John in a tight match. Great game to watch. The Triple games will be finished by end of month, this should only take one day to finalise.

The social side of the club is thriving, with non-players coming to watch the competitions and enjoying the end of month meals and the company. Our playing days are Wednesday and Saturday at 3pm with tags in by 2.45. Everyone and anyone are welcome to join in and have a game as we have spare bowls available.

That's all from me, keep smiling.... Marie Ritchie - Secretary 3463 9945



SOCIAL CLUB NOTES First of all, a correction! The BLACK AND WHITE NIGHT is on the Saturday, 13th of SEPTEMBER. This was my mistake as I got the months wrong. so, correct that on your calendars please and get ready for our BLACK AND WHITE EVENING -shouldn't be too hard to organise your dress. - Male or Female. Music is by Aleese and she is always good. Now back to "Christmas in July" a wonderful evening and the hall was crowded. Nice to see the entertainer and a lot of the attendees, suitably dressed for Christmas and the music was excellent

and he certainly got us involved. Our table was." 11 Pipers piping.". Once again, thanks to Dave and Marie and all the helpers in the kitchen for an excellent meal and we really do appreciate those people who help with the washing up in the kitchen. Not the most glamorous job but it is certainly appreciated.

August is pretty busy with the Sparklers performance on Sunday the 10th August. Free afternoon tea there, then a Thursday night dinner on 14 August -menu is a fish dish with vegetables. This is a new one for your calendar. And then the residents' committee have their EXPO on Tuesday, 19 August. The social club will be providing morning tea but asked for a gold coin donation.

You may have noticed that all the yellow chairs have gone from the hall-sold by Hometown, but the hall has been painted A pity the ceiling wasn't done as well, but perhaps next time.

Have fun everyone. Barry. Secretary

REDBANK PALMS DARTS CLUB ... We meet in the Bowls Club Tuesday mornings 9.15 a.m. cuppa and chat then at 9.45 a.m. the games commence. Some Darts are available for use for newcomers who do not have them. ALL ARE WELCOME for an enjoyable morning..... Cheers - Graham Swinburne.

