

CLOSEBOURNE VILLAGE

Resident Newsletter - April, 2025

For the Closebourne Village Social Sub-Committee



FROM THE SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

It's April — Happy Easter everyone!

Dear Residents

Happy Easter! Hope you can enjoy some family time over the long Easter weekend. Keep your fingers crossed for some glorious Easter weather. By the way, the Easter Rabbit said that you are allowed to eat A FEW chocolates on Easter Sunday, or perhaps a Hot Cross Bun or two, if you so desire! In April, our Village also commemorates Anzac Day. Information further in the Newsletter.

April also means that Daylight Saving ends. It will officially finish on Sunday, April 6th, at 3am. Wind your clocks back from 3am to 2am and enjoy that extra hour's sleep!

SOCIAL EVENTS for APRIL

***Please remember that all social events in the village can be attended by all residents - no invitation necessary!**

Happy Hour Sausage Sizzle - there will be no Happy Hour BBQ in April due to choir concert and descas BBQ.

The starting time for Happy Hour will change due to the end of Daylight Saving Time. Happy Hour will now start at 4:30pm. Bar will close at 6:30pm

Happy Hour on Friday, 18th April, (from 4:30pm) will take on an Easter theme. Come along for some Easter fun! There will be a Prize for the best Easter headwear, which could be a hat, a bonnet, a floral wreath or Bunny Ears. Hot Cross Buns will be served, and perhaps you might even find a hidden easter egg! You never know! Of course, Easter raffles will also be held.

Grub at the Pub—Thursday, 10th April at the Heddon Greta Hotel

If you are interested in going out for lunch, just write your name on the Grub at the Pub Attendance Sheet in Morpeth House. **Bus pick-ups will be at 12:15pm. Then the bus will leave from the main Car Park at 12:30pm.** The Contact is Pauline Hogg - Ext 118

Anzac Day Dawn Service at Closebourne—Meet at The Flagpole

We say thank you to our retired Closebourne Service Personnel. Watch them parade in the pre-dawn light, bagpipes playing, starting at 6am, and partake in the moving service. Residents are encouraged to lay wreaths at the Service.

St Patricks Day Happy Hour Debrief :

It was a great day for the Irish, and those Closebourne residents who wanted to be Irish for the day! The Chapel was a sea of green and the occasional orange. Everyone joined in the fun and looked fabulous in green. Congratulations to Nerida and Tommy who won the best dressed costumes. The entertainment continued with a line-up of people telling their favourite Irish jokes. We responded with laughs or groans at the adventures of Paddy or Murphy! The winner of the Joke Telling was John Furness who amused us with more than one Irish tale. Pauline had us all singing along with Irish songs and the crowd favourite, "The Wild Irish Rover." The Raffle winners were slightly confused about their prizes of a packet of Irish chips and one very large potato.....until Pauline brought out the real prizes of four fabulous meat trays! Thanks go to all our volunteer helpers who contributed to a fun, successful night. There is a rumour going around that there may be a repeat event for the Orange Irish people at a future date. So start searching for your orange costumes!

Reminder: If you are not receiving the version of the Newsletter that you want (i.e. an email version or a paper copy delivered to your mailbox) please contact Sandy White Ext 138. If you would like the Newsletter as an email, you will need to tell Sandy your correct email address.

Upcoming Events

Save the Dates

APRIL

Friday - 4th April - 2pm to 5pm Closebourne Sings/Garden Group Concert

Thursday, 10th April - Grub at the Pub

Friday - 11th April - DESCAS barbeque at 12noon

Friday, 18th April - Easter theme for Happy Hour—From 4:30pm

Friday, 25th April - Dawn Service for Anzac Day

MAY

Thursday, 8th May—Lunch and Wine Tasting at Wandin Estate. The Attendance sheet for Wandin Estate will be in Morpeth House from Wednesday morning 23rd April.

Friday, 9th May - Biggest Morning Tea from 10am in Morpeth House and Grounds

JUNE

Thursday, 19th June “A Lazy Friday Arvo” - Bloom Sings the Eva Cassidy Songbook

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th September “A Lazy Friday Arvo” - Wicker Suite (2-time Golden Guitar Winners)

Sincere Thanks

I would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful residents of Closebourne Village who have shown support, and sent condolences on the recent sad passing of my beloved partner, Graham. Your kindness in sending cards and flowers, visiting and delivering food, sending caring messages and giving many hugs was deeply appreciated. I'd also like to thank the many friends from Closebourne who attended Graham's funeral service. I could feel the group support when it was really needed. A special thank you to Stuart for his wonderful contribution on the day to the Service. Also a special thanks to Ron and Steve who willingly volunteered to transport residents. I would like you all to know how much your kindness and friendship was deeply appreciated, not just by me but by Graham's sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Grahame Corling.

THANK YOU SINCERELY! Anne Wilson

Feel like joining a singalong?

Our Ukulele group on Tuesday evenings plays many different songs. We would love to have some other people join us singing along to these. Singing makes you feel good! You can bring a friend along or come on your own, We will make you very welcome. The words for the songs will be provided. So if you enjoy singing and want to try a new activity come and give it a go! You can even bring a Ukulele to play along if you so desire!

The group starts at 6:30 and we stop at 7:30 for a cuppa and some sweet treats! Come and have some fun!

CLOSEBOURNE WALKING GROUP - 17th April Walk Cancelled

Due to 17th being the day before Good Friday (18th) we have decided not to have a walk in May. The previously planned walk to Parrita Island in Swansea will be rescheduled to 15th May.

Alan Daniels Walk Coordinator

Village Church Service Wednesday 16th April at 10am in the Chapel.

Vicky Cosgrove from The Grainery Church will lead the service. All Welcome.

Contact: Penny Ext: 203

Closebourne Sings - your village choir - coming together for the simple love of music, friendship, good health and just good FUN! Mondays 1-3pm In the Garden Pavillion/ Chapel

Friday - 4th April - 2pm to 5pm Closebourne Sings/Garden Group Concert .

Need to know more? Contact: Denise Ext: 388

Art Group Thursdays from 2—4pm in the Whitehouse/Workshop near the community garden. Come and join us for any Art activity you enjoy! Enquiries: Andrea Ext: 285

Movies

Saturday April 5 @ 1pm - "We were Dangerous" - set in 1954, delinquent girls are relocated to a remote NZ island. Three of the girls form a friendship & eventually rebel against the harsh authority.

Saturday April 19 @ 1pm - "Runt" - a heart warming & humorous contemporary Australian film. Contact - Rae Ext: 313

WELLS

Wednesdays - April 9th & 23rd. Please join us in the Tea Room at 3pm.

An opportunity to connect, share ideas & support each other. Come along, enjoy afternoon tea & share the laughter!

Contact - Rae Ext: 313

Tai Chi Friday 4th April only. Then a break until Tai Chi resumes 2nd May

Tai Chi class dates for the rest of the year. Class hours will be the same and it is still in the Chapel. Regardless of interest I will still be keeping the beginners class running each term to allow for any new people who want to come.

Term 2 May - 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th June - 6th

Term 3: July - 25th, August - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Term 4 October - 17th, 24th, 31st November - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th December - 5th, 12th, 19th

Contact - Phil Lloyd Villa 62, Ext: phone 362 Phone 0499 597 999.

Ladies Afternoon Tuesdays 3 to 5pm Takes place in the Chapel. Enjoy the afternoon with other ladies of the village. Bar will be open, soft drinks, tea or coffee. Marilyn ... Ext 211

Coffee and Chat - Is an opportunity to meet other residents and have a chat over a cuppa. "Coffee and Chat" is held on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday mornings of each month, at 10am in the Sunroom. Everyone is welcome.

Contact person: Penny - Ext: 203.

Mates - meet at 3pm on Wednesday in the Chapel, you learn so much! All welcome. Contact person: Bruce Ext: 195

Village Workshop - Every Tuesday and Thursday 9am till 12noon.

The Workshop is there to make/repair/ learn things or just join the group at 10am for morning tea. Contact - Noel

Ext: 246

Garden Group Are you interested in playing around in the garden, come along and join the Garden Group. We meet up on a Saturday morning 9.30am Enquires: Marilyn Ext: 211 Miriam Ext: 144

Garden Group Meeting 1pm – 3.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month. We welcome all residents who are interested in gardening around the Village. Held in the Card Room of Morpeth House.

Croquet New time 9:30am each Wednesday morning. All welcome. Marilyn Ext: 211

Craft Group Meet in the sunroom on Thursday mornings between 9:30am and 12noon. Bring along whatever craft project you are currently working on and join in the chatter and laughter. Contact person Ann Ext: 342

"500" - The card game. Played on Friday and Saturday afternoons from 2pm (not 2nd Saturday). New players are always welcome. We play in Morpeth House, sunroom when numbers are small or the cardroom if there is a larger group present. Contact: Greg - Ext: 235 or Carol Ext: 398

Euchre Tournament 2nd Saturday of each month. 2pm start of play in the card room of Morpeth House. If you enjoy playing Euchre come along for a fun afternoon. \$2.00 each player - to cover cost of prizes.

Closebourne Village Walking Group No walking group outing in April

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Friday, 9th May 2025 at 10am

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Closebourne Village Craft Group, has been an annual event held in the Village since 2012. All monies raised are donated to the **Cancer Council**.

Please organise your friends in the Village to make up a table [remember, many residents do not feel comfortable attending functions by themselves]. Or, invite your friends or family to come along and join you for this major fundraiser. Note: There will be plenty of tables and seating available for everyone.

Morning Tea will again be boxed this year, with a combination of sandwiches, slices and cakes. \$10.00 per box. Please pay on the day as you collect your box from Morpeth House grand tearoom.

Please remember to book-in. If you will be attending OR just wanting to purchase a box of morning tea, you must enter your name on the booking sheet which will be in Morpeth House from April 1st. For catering purposes, we need to be aware of the number of boxes of morning tea required. e.g. If you have 2 family members attending - you need to indicate on the booking sheet that you require 3 boxes (yourself + 2).

In order for the day to be a financial success, we are reliant on donations of sandwiches, cakes & slices. If you can assist by making a loaf of bread into sandwiches, or by cooking a yummy cake or slice, please phone Bev Duggan Ext: 345 or Carmel Alexander Ext: 355 before 7th May. (We will supply the bread.)

Catholic Healthcare

Please join us for Monthly Health and Wellness Presentations and Morning Tea provided by Catholic Healthcare and Closebourne Village:

Cybersafety – Wednesday May 7th -10am

Men's Health – Wednesday June 25th - 10am

Healthy Brain, Healthy You – Wednesday August 6th - 10am

Caring for the Carer – Wednesday October 22nd - 10am

Join Mind+Move for our inclusive leisure and wellness classes designed for older adults, including Seated Exercise and Water Exercise. Classes are held every Tuesday. For more details or to sign up for your FREE trial, contact Steph at stephanie.long@chcs.com.au or call 0478 282 765!

Newsletter/Calendar Closing date for all items you wish to be included in the Newsletter and/or the Calendar, is the 20th of the month. Items should be emailed (if at all possible).

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