

# DonR Newsletter

## From the Village Manager

Hello and welcome to Spring! The weather is warming up nicely.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the recent afternoon welcome event for our newest residents. And may I take this opportunity to formally welcome Ron Brunton, Guy & Virginia Smith and John & Jane Tainsh. Welcome to The Landings! I'm sure you will settle into this lovely community and enjoy your brand new life here. As usual the Social Committee came up with a great afternoon's entertainment and a special thank you to Tracey and Karen for giving up a precious Sunday to work!

I am receiving enquiries as to why new 'no parking' signs have been installed in various parts of the village; I can confirm that they are part of the DA conditions. They cannot be moved or removed. They have been installed as part of fire safety to enable fire trucks to be able to turn around in that area.

And talking of fire safety, the 1<sup>st</sup> October is the official start of the bushfire season. There will be the evacuation reminder procedure later in this newsletter; and as mentioned in last month's newsletter, will be in every edition until the bushfire season is over. The Rural Fire Service gave a very informative talk based on early evacuation and the planning of such. Inspector Mark

Sugden very generously offered to come back to assist any residents who would like help with their own evacuation plan. Can you please let Tracey know if you would like assistance with this.

Inspector Sugden also left a very useful booklet named 'Bush Fire Survival Plan'. He left five booklets and I have put them in the library. Please feel free to borrow them, but please return them so that all residents can read this useful information. In addition you can download your own copy of the brochure from the internet under [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

Unfortunately, I have no positive news to report on the defects, the 2011/2012 budget and the changeover to Optus. All matters are still being progressed but very slowly.

In regards to the new caterer, a little progress for you. Following three adverts placed in the Sydney Morning Herald I issued twenty one catering briefs, and interviewed ten interested parties. After the closing date I received four tenders. Only one of these is a serious contender for the contract. This company's details have been forwarded to Sakkara for further discussion and negotiation.

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**Open Day**  
**Saturday 8th October**  
**10am—2pm**  
**Don Burke at 10.30am**  
**Light Champagne lunch**  
**Please RSVP by**  
**Wednesday 5th October**



**Melbourne Cup**  
**Luncheon**

**Tickets**  
**Love Never Dies**  
**- the continued story**  
**of Phantom of the**  
**Opera**

**Special offers from**  
**Quattro and**  
**Tom's Cellars**

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In the meantime I understand that many of you are enjoying a Tuesday dinner at Quattro's.

After numerous requests, the original installer of the bowling green finally visited the village and inspected the green on 16 August. His recommendation was to get rid of the algae (which I have previously referred to as mould) and Ron has started to do this. Once the algae has gone we must clean the green and then the original installer will come back and inspect.

The working party had already agreed to take this one stage further once the algae was removed, and after the green has been cleaned we decided to roll the green. After this the green will be tested by hiring a chute and testing how the bowls perform. At this stage the working party will then decide what course of action (if

any) will be necessary.

The working party now consists of two residents; Barry Hamer and John Spalding, so if there are any keen bowlers out there that would like to be included with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In regards to the completion of stage 4, as you will realise the villas are just about complete and we have residents lining up waiting to get in! It does seem to have gone on for so long and now it's all nearly over. Work on the two apartment buildings will commence very soon and is expected to last around 12 months. I can also confirm that the fire trail has passed all inspections, although the final landscaping has yet to be carried out. I further understand that there are some problems with the trail in

certain parts, and I am assured that all comments and complaints regarding the fire trail will be investigated. Only this week the project manager was here inspecting the trail at the back of 94. We await the outcome of this assessment.

Whilst there are currently no 'water restrictions' in place in terms of watering gardens, of course the cost of the water bill increases with increased usage. Residents are asked to be mindful of this cost and try to water gardens carefully and only when necessary.

Warm regards



Angela Dillon

## From The Landings Residents Support Association

*The Landings Residents Support Association continues to provide the opportunity of support especially in the financial sense to the Residents Committee and therefore the residents of the village as a whole. During the past month there have been no requests for assistance.*

*Whilst the TLRSA does not yet have the support of all residents of the village by way of full membership, that continues to be the objective.*

*The committee has written to the Tax Office requesting consideration to the TLRSA being classified as a Non-Profit Organisation and also whether it would be eligible for status as a "Deductible Gift Recipient". A response is awaited and if favourable there may be an opportunity for tax concessions obtained for all donations.*

*G Dobbin  
President TLRSA*

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# From the Residents' Committee

## **WELCOME to NEW RESIDENTS**

This edition of DonR marks the start of another step in the evolution of The Landings as a community for over 55's.

New residents occupying recently completed dwellings, or those taking up residence in existing dwellings, will no doubt have questions about what goes on in the village.

Be assured that RC, and individual residents, will be happy to assist, where possible, with the challenges of settling in.

Many village activities are available, both organised and spontaneous, which RC is confident will assist speedy integration into village life.

On behalf of The Landings residents, RC extends sincere best wishes to new residents for a smooth transition and for many happy years here.

## **FY12 BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS**

RC and Sakkara are continuing negotiations on the FY12 budget. These look likely to continue to October and beyond.

Another deferment of one month was granted at a Directions Hearing on 22 August.

The monthly operational meeting between RC and Sakkara was postponed in September to speed up budget negotiations.

Progress has been made in a number of areas, although some issues are unlikely to be resolved without involvement of the CTTT.

RC is confident that a satisfactory outcome will be achieved, which will set the standard for future budgeting in the village.

## **CTTT DIRECTIONS HEARING**

The next hearing is set for 11.45 on Monday 10 October. This relates to the rejection, by the residents, of the FY12 Budget.

When the outcome of the hearing is known, RC will place a notice on the clubhouse Notice Board.

## **AUDITS**

RC awaits with interest the 2011 Audit.

RC-FAT members have submitted to Village Management a proposed brief for the 2012 audit.

## **STAGE 4**

With the new development almost complete, the time for rectification of damage, caused to existing infrastructure during that construction, is fast approaching.

The developer has promised that the realigned fire trail will be landscaped to ensure that those residents, whose dwellings abut the trails, will have their privacy safeguarded, albeit that the plants may take some time to provide their full benefit.

RC has been advised that the emergency road linking Middleton Way to Du Faur Street will be finished so that it will not be an eyesore to either Landings residents or the people living in Du Faur Street.

## **BUILDING DEFECTS – INSURANCE CLAIM**

Sakkara has advised RC that the insurer, Allianz, has made an offer to settle the claim.

As the offer is less than the claim, Sakkara intends to negotiate.

## **OPERATOR'S ANNUAL MANAGEMENT MEETING**

The Agenda for the Operator's meeting, which is to be held at 1000 on Wednesday 12 October, is effectively determined by the legislation.

This is not an RC meeting, and so residents will have the opportunity to ask the operator any questions that may be of concern to them, and seek answers which may have been outstanding for some considerable time.

## **ISSUES**

The following issues are currently being pursued by the RC with the Village Manager:

- Returning the Bowling Green to an acceptable playing surface;
- Landscaping;
- Maintenance;
- Making good damage caused during the stage 4 construction;
- Safety signs;
- Repair of Building defects;
- Problems with both the Analogue and Digital TV reception;
- Maintenance performance associated with the operation of village facilities.

## **BOWLING GREEN SURFACE**

The RC member of the sub-committee has resigned, due to perceived misrepresentation of the situation by VM.

**RC Report continued on next page.**

## From the Residents' Committee (continued from page 3)

### NEW RC RULES

A notice has been circulated to residents that the draft new rules are now available for residents to consider.

A copy has been placed on the noticeboard, and also in the Library.

If you would like a copy please contact RC Secretary David Pritchett on: Extn 410 or [david.pritchett@imgnorth.com.au](mailto:david.pritchett@imgnorth.com.au)

Residents can make comments either in writing or by email.

Once the New Rules have been accepted by residents at the next meeting of residents, then each resident will be provided with a copy.

This meeting will be announced well in advance, and will probably occur in the latter part of November, or early December.

### RC MEETINGS - you can attend

Residents are always welcome to attend RC meetings, as observers. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, at 0930 in the clubhouse. You can attend for part, or all, of a meeting. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 October.**

### MINUTES of MEETINGS

Copies of minutes of: Residents Meetings, and Resident's Committee Meetings are held in folders in the Library.

If you wish to comment on any, please contact RC Secretary David Pritchett on Extn 410.



A very warm welcome to our  
newest residents

Ron Brunton, Guy & Virginia Smith  
and John & Jane Tainsh.

### Visitors car spaces

All residents are reminded that the visitor car spaces are for visitors. Please do not take up a visitors car parking space with your own vehicles.

*To All Landings Residents,*

*Over the total 5 years that we have been catering at The Landings we have been blessed to meet some very special people, some who will remain friends always. Your amazing community spirit through good times and bad will forever remain with us as an example of human nature at its best.*

*We would like to thank all of the Residents who had kind and generous words for us at the last function we catered. It was a great feeling to once again feel the heartbeat of the village, and are humbled by the feedback from you all.*

*Our best wishes go with you. We will always remember the fabulous times at The Landings.*

*Colin & Jan*

## From the Garden Committee

We have suffered quite a bit lately with the winter threats including rabbits and in some areas, wallabies. This limits the variety of shrubs and plants that we have that can cope with these situations and hopefully you are satisfied with the overall presentation of the gardens this spring.

This raises the possibility that we may have to spread some poison pellets for the rabbits, but to date we are conscious of the fact that some dogs may eat them. If all the dog owners could assure us that their animals are leashed at all times when in public, we could then proceed with discrete poisoning. If not the gardens will suffer at a cost to all of us.

A growing matter of some concern to us is the view of some residents that your Gardening Committee should cater for their private gardens; some of the requests are quite definite in their attitude to us.

We have 20 hours of professional help per week provided that it is not raining. The fees we pay our garden contactors are approximately 60% of the current market rate and represent terrific value. In addition we go straight to the growers or the fertilizer manufacturers to obtain our supplies at less than wholesale price. All major equipment has been paid for with monies given to us by Sakkara – no cost to you. The area covered by the Village is as big as a small suburb now, excluding the East Bank which we expect will add to our work load shortly. Why then can we be expected to do private gardens, courtyards etc on the foregoing basis? If you want more from us, then you must pay for it or do it yourselves.

Your Resident's Committee continues to work hard to minimise the monthly cost to all of us. The Gardening Committee has always worked to a tight budget and has never exceeded a budget. I have presented you with all the facts and you must decide the future cost.

In the meantime, we cannot cope with private gardens, except in emergency situations, which I will determine.

Best Wishes, John Allen—Chairman

## Safeguard your Identity

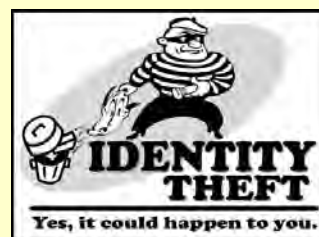
If you throw information containing details of your identity in the bin, you could be 'recycled' – meaning, someone can use those details from your rubbish bin to create another 'you'. Identity fraud can affect any person regardless of age, location or the value of their assets. If you do not take care when disposing of documents containing personal information, your identity could be recycled by criminals.

The good news is that you can EASILY prevent it from happening to you.

Don't throw anything away that can be useful to criminals. This includes your electricity or gas bill or any other utility bill, rates notices, letters, credit card statements etc. These details amount to 'you' – so you are in effect throwing yourself and your identity away.

Identity fraud could ruin your name, your financial status and your credit rating, so to help stop identity fraud happening to you follow these five simple steps and reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

- Shred all documents that you no longer need
- Search your car and remove any personal documents
- Secure your mail in a lockable letterbox
- Separate unnecessary cards and ID from your wallet
- Speak to police if you suspect any ID theft.



To find out more about reducing your risk of identity fraud, visit [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact your local police station. To report suspicious activities call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

# From the Bushwalking Group

## Muogamarra Nature Reserve – 2011 Open Season

### Group Visit from The Landings

A group from The Landings visited Muogamarra, with David Pritchett, on 3 September, to see the spectacular show of wild flowers. Muogamarra Nature Reserve is north of Cowan, and the entrance is near Pie-in-the-Sky. The whole group first went to Tippers Lookout, which has great views over Brooklyn, with Dangar Island in the background. The group then split up, with one party doing the one hour walk around Point Loop to Point Lookout. This looks down over the Hawkesbury River and Bar Island, with Marra Marra National Park as a back drop, and the Blue Mountains in the distance. The others walked to Lloyd Trig, which is an old trig station, with wonderful, almost 360 degree views. Barrenjoey Lighthouse and The Bahai Temple can be seen in the distance.



Landings Group and friends



View from Point LO to Bar Island



View over Brooklyn from Tippers LO

Landings Walkers  
on Lloyd Trig

Diane Taylor,  
Anne Symons,  
Howard Tooth &  
friend, Joe Baillie,  
Richard Johnston.



Sandstone Cave under Lloyd trig



Waratahs were in flower

# SPRING OPEN DAY – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## 10.00am – 2.00pm

The Sales office warmly welcomes all residents to participate in our forthcoming Spring Open Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October!

As part of our Open Day, at 10.30am special guest star **DON BURKE** will share his secrets for creating a wonderful compact spring garden – to be held under the marquee on the Village Green. There will also be plenty of time for 'Questions & Answers', giving everyone the perfect opportunity to get their spring gardening tips from Don!

Our newly completed Display Villa 14 will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm for inspection along with a select number of re-sale villas and apartments throughout the village.

A light champagne luncheon from 12 noon to 2.00pm will also be offered in the clubhouse.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in one of our new Villas or Apartments - Open Day will be a perfect opportunity for them to explore the village, inspect our homes for sale and enjoy our warm hospitality!

**As seating will be limited for Don Burke's presentation, could all residents please RSVP to reception by no later than Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. To assist our plans could you please also advise us if you and your interested visitors wish to attend the light lunch in the clubhouse.**



Don Burke will be giving away hundreds of dollars worth of Spring plants—join in to win!

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### CAN YOU HELP - CALLING FOR RESIDENT AMBASSADORS ON OPEN DAY

Do you have 30-minutes or so to spare on Open Day to assist as the Sales Team with 'meeting and greeting' visitors? If so, please call Gail and Tracey on Ext: 205 – **we would greatly appreciate your help!**



## Toms Cellars at North Turramurra

### October Special for Landings residents

Did you enjoy the wines served by Tom's Cellars at the Welcome Afternoon? Tom's Cellars are offering Landings residents a special purchase price on those wines of \$9.99 per bottle until October 31st.

The wines listed below, normally sell for \$13.99. In addition to these monthly special prices, Tom's Cellars will accrue points based on your purchases of The Landings monthly special. At the end of the year these points will give your Social Committee a credit towards purchases for the Christmas party.

<b>Stonemason Sparkling</b>	<b>Rahiti Sauvignon Blanc</b>	<b>Stonemason Chardonnay (Unwooded)</b>	<b>McKenzie &amp; Grace Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<b>Stonemason Shiraz</b>	<b>Also Stonemason Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Rose &amp; Pink Moscato</b>
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**Purchase in store or order on 9144 4411 (free delivery—no minimum order). Tom's Cellars, 284 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra**

Place an order during October and you'll be in the draw for either a \$20 voucher or a Magnum of Stonemason Shiraz.

## Traditiona Quattro

**Tuesday night dinners \$27 Special**



*Quattro are continuing with their special Tuesday night dinners for The Landings.*

*The menu is available at Reception by Friday morning for the following Tuesday.*

*Please visit Reception on Friday or before 10.30am on Monday to book for the Tuesday night.*

Due to the public holiday on Monday 3rd October, Quattro will offer the Landings Special on Wednesday 5th October for this week—thereafter Tuesday nights.

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# Bushfire Emergency Evacuation Procedure for Residents

In the event of a major incident such as an approaching bushfire it may be necessary to conduct a full scale evacuation of the village. In this extreme case please follow the procedure below.

- Step 1 Don't panic
- Step 2 If time allows, close all windows & doors
- Step 3 Turn off air conditioning, ovens and cook tops
- Step 4 Gather your medications, wallet/purse, keys & evacuation card
- Step 5 Gather your pets. All pets should be on a lead or in a pet carrying container
- Step 6 Proceed to the safe refuge area – which is the Clubhouse
- Step 7 Upon arrival at the Clubhouse drop your evacuation card into the boxes at the various entry points into the Clubhouse to register your arrival
- Step 8 Await further instructions from Management, Resident Wardens or Emergency Services
- Step 9 Do NOT leave the Clubhouse until instructed

Please note:

It is always The Landings' policy for residents to evacuate early. If a situation has been reached whereby you have been asked to go to the Clubhouse it would suggest that it is now too late to leave the village. Emergency Services has advised that vehicular traffic will need to be controlled and that there is a strong likelihood cars will not be permitted to enter or exit the village.

In addition.....If you live in an apartment building, please do not use the lifts, use the emergency stairs. If you are not mobile enough to use the stairs, help will come to you.

Please make your way to the Clubhouse in an orderly manner as quickly as possible.

If you live in a villa or villa apartment please make your way to the Clubhouse as above.

Your evacuation card is the most important thing to bring with you. It means that we can account for you. If you have not been accounted for, and if the situation permits, staff and/or volunteer residents will come looking for you. Forgetting to bring your evacuation card means a manual check has to be made through the records and this is very time consuming.

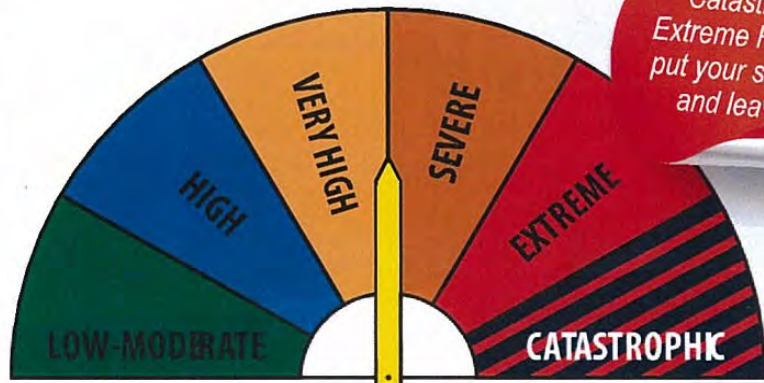


# Fire Danger Ratings

## WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR YOU?

### Knowing what they mean could save your life

- If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.
- The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.
- The higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions and the more likely that people will be injured or die if a bush fire occurs.
- When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.
- If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early the day or hours before a fire threatens.
- Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- PREPARE your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



*On days of Catastrophic or Extreme Fire Danger put your survival first and leave early.*

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
CATASTROPHIC	<p>For your survival, leaving early is the only option. Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.</p>
EXTREME	<p>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day. Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.</p>
SEVERE	<p>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.</p>
VERY HIGH	<p>Review your <b>Bush Fire Survival Plan</b> with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.</p>
HIGH	
LOW MODERATE	



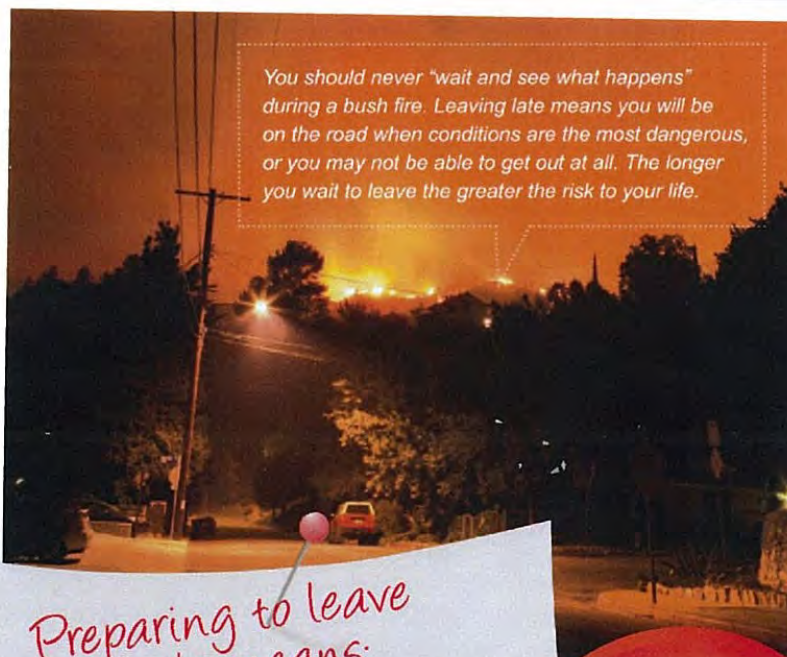


# Leaving Early

## LEAVE EARLY AND SURVIVE A BUSH FIRE

The safest option in a bush fire is always to leave early, well before the fire threatens. You should leave if:

- The Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic.** On these days fires will be so intense it is not safe to defend any home - no matter how well prepared. Extreme and Severe days are also very dangerous and leaving early will always be the safest option.
- You have not** prepared yourself or your property to give you and your home the best level of protection from a fire.
- There are children, elderly, or disabled people in your home.** People who are vulnerable due to age, health or any other reason should always leave early.
- Your house is not defensible.** Some houses, because of their location, construction, or surrounding vegetation are not safe to defend. The NSW RFS Bush Fire Household Assessment Tool ([www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)) can help you assess your home's level of risk and make an informed decision. On some days no properties will be defensible.



You should never "wait and see what happens" during a bush fire. Leaving late means you will be on the road when conditions are the most dangerous, or you may not be able to get out at all. The longer you wait to leave the greater the risk to your life.

### Preparing to leave early means:

- Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, available at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- Planning where you will go, how to get there, and what you will take
- Knowing the daily Fire Danger Rating in your area and what it means
- Having transport organised for all members of the family, including pets
- Actively seeking information on the fire situation and weather conditions from TV, local radio and the internet so you know when to leave
- Having a back-up plan in case you aren't able to leave early enough. What other safer places are there you could get to?
- Talking to family, friends, and neighbours about your plan to leave early

**DID YOU KNOW**  
Being well away from a bush fire is the **ONLY** way to ensure your safety.



## Gardening Volunteers -- St. Lucys School Wahroonga

St Lucy's is a specialist co-educational primary school in Cleveland Street, Wahroonga that provides for children with cognitive and other disabilities. The school provides excellent and innovative education that enables their students to grow in knowledge, skills and understanding and explores with them their many ways of living and learning.

St Lucy's is hoping to establish a Gardening Volunteer Group and thought there may be some Landings residents who would be keen to get back into the garden for a few hours on an occasional basis. The gardening work would be very light and would encompass general garden maintenance such as weeding, light pruning, fertilizing, etc. All equipment is provided and you will be expected to enjoy yourselves.

If you are interested in becoming a member of a volunteer group from The Landings, or would like some further information could you please contact Tracey on Ext 203.

The **Welcome Afternoon on 18th September** was enjoyed by over 200 residents and visitors. Thank you to everyone who came and created a very warm welcome for our new residents.

I would like to thank Terry Byrne for the fabulous Welcome 'Smashing' Cake, or more specifically his grand daughter Briony, for creating it for us. It was sensational looking, a wonderful hit and tasted great. Briony is the master chocolatier behind

**Scrumptious Chocolates and Cakes**

**[www.scrumptiousstore.com.au](http://www.scrumptiousstore.com.au)**

**Phone 0422 089998**

What a perfect 'cake' for a large party, a 21st or other celebration. Please keep the name in mind should you require such a chocolate hit!



Photos by Barry Hamer



Lost from the Clubhouse—1 pair good quality kitchen scissors. Also 2 bottles of wine from the mantelpiece in the coffee shop.

Found—1 hat, bone in colour with tartan trim.

Please see the office.

# Diary Dates for October



Please see page 7 for details. Please RSVP to Reception by Wednesday 5th October.

**Saturday**  
8th October **Open Day with Don Burke**  
**10am—2pm.**

Don Burke's presentation at 10.30am followed by Q & A's, Spring plant giveaways, light champagne lunch.

**Tuesday**  
11th October **OnCourse Tours: Trip to Leura Gardens**

Cost \$62 includes entry to two gardens, morning tea, delicious picnic lunch and return coach.

**Friday**  
14th October **Knox Prep Play The Landings**

The Senior Concert Band and the Jazz Band students of Knox Grammar Preparatory School perform here at The Landings for residents, parents and friends followed by afternoon tea. Rebecca Morris is their inspirational conductor and this performance concludes the band's overnight tour performing in several rural areas.

Concert 2pm—3pm followed by afternoon tea/drinks. Please book your seat at Reception. Bring your friends.



**Sunday**  
16th October **Sensational Sunday at the Conservatorium of Music—Mozart's Gran Partita and Dvorak**

Mozart: Serenade No. 10 in B flat Major, K.361 *Gran Partita* Dvorak: Serenade in D Minor, op.44 (B. 77)

Cost \$40 includes return bus and concert. Bus departs 2pm.

Please book now at Reception.

**Monday**  
17th October **Trip to the Night Noodle Markets in Hyde Park**

The Night Noodle Markets are a major highlight of the Food Festival with more than 125,000 guests dropping by Hyde Park North over 10 nights to enjoy an authentic Asian hawker market atmosphere. Hyde Park North will be transformed for two fabulous weeks. With up to 40 food stalls, 3 bars and nightly entertainment, this is the must-see event of the Festival.

Cost \$15 for bus. Dinner at own cost. Some walking involved.



**Wednesday**  
19th October **Ku-ring-gai Male Choir Concert at The Landings**

Consisting of over 30 choir members, along with a guest associate artist, these polished performers look forward to serenading you with their delightful repertoire from 7.45pm. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the concert at 8.45pm.

Please be seated by 7.40pm. Please book your seat at Reception to assist us with set up and catering. Tickets \$5 at the door with proceeds going to the charity supported each year by the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir.

**Friday**  
21st October **The Memory of Water—Pymble Players**

8pm performance. Written by Shelagh Stephenson by Special Arrangement with Dominic Pty Ltd. Directed by Patsy Templeton. "Even water has memory - you can dilute and dilute but the pertinent thing remains.....it still exerts influence" Three sisters meet on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the differences in their own memories of their childhood are revealed, conflicts and tensions emerge, and the sparks fly. But ultimately it is the fabric woven in that early family life that finally allows them to forgive each other and become united. This cleverly written play will resonate, particularly if you have siblings! Winner of the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy in 2000

Cost \$20 if 10 residents attend, \$24 if less than 10. Book before Thursday 6th October. Ticket only—car pooling to be arranged.

**Tuesday**  
25th October **Book Club—discussing Mr Pips by Lloyd Jones**

## Diary Dates for October

Thursday  
27th October **Men's Meeting** 4pm—5.30pm in the thetrette.  
**Guest Speaker David Roberts 'My trip to Australia'**

Friday 28th October **Private Garden Visit in Wahroonga** Car pooling will be arranged. Visit between 11.30am and 2pm. Morning tea will be served. The Social Committee ask residents to bring a \$5 donation on the morning which will be collected as fundraising for Hornsby Hospital. Please book at Reception and if you are able to assist with car pooling please advise accordingly.



Wahroonga resident Jill Mussett (sister of resident Peter Southam) has very kindly offered to host a group visit to her garden at Halcyon St, Wahroonga. The garden is level and not enormous but offers a delightful outing with numerous roses and other flowers at their 'spring best'. A must for anyone who wants to enjoy the joy of spring.

Monday  
31st October **High Tea at THE TEA ROOM, GUNNERS BARRACKS, Mosman** Fully booked.  
Waiting list available.

## Diary Dates for November & December

Tuesday  
1st November **Melbourne Cup Luncheon at The Landings** Cost \$38. BYO.  
\$5 sweeps additional. Please book now at Reception.



Get your best Melbourne Cup outfit and hat ready. We have arranged a fantastic buffet lunch and a special guest judge for the Fashions (no it's not Tracey—it is a respected and experienced local fashionista), sweeps and more—and of course the race on the big screen. Please book your tables of 8 or allow us to seat you.



Thursday  
3rd November **The Mobile Shoe Shop comes to visit The Landings** In the clubhouse 10am– 1pm

Tuesday  
8th November **OnCourse Tour: Macarthur Region Camden for the Jacarandas** Please see the back page for details. Cost \$58 includes luxury coach transport, morning tea, guide & admissions and a 2 course lunch.

Wednesday  
9th November **Fashion Parade at The Landings** Parade at 11 am. No charge. Light refreshments served. Please RSVP to assist our planning.  
**Primestyle Fashions present their Spring range** Friends welcome.  
Could you please be a model for us? We need a few volunteers of all sizes to help us. Please call Tracey or one of the Social Committee members if you can assist.

Thursday  
10th November **Pymble Public School Band performance** 2pm—3pm in the dining room.  
Some 40 primary school children from Pymble PS are looking forward to performing for you. If you've seen these kids before you will remember the talent they have and the joy they will bring to your afternoon. So come on over.  
Light refreshments served. Please RSVP to assist our planning. Friends welcome. A small donation on the day will allow us to send the kids off with some funds for their music development.



Thursday  
24th November **A fun filled evening with Pam Ayres** Bus departs 6.30pm. Bookings now closed.

Tuesday  
6th December **Premier's Christmas Gala Concert** Bookings now closed. Waiting list available.



## Diary Dates for January 2012 and beyond

Tuesday **Annie at the Lyric Theatre, Star City** Bus departs 11.30am. Cost \$76.  
31st January 2012 Please book at Reception and pay before 2nd November.  
Only 5 places available

Tuesday **Love Never Dies at Capitol Theatre** Evening performance. Cost \$90  
7th February 2012 The seats are in the stalls, Rows N & P, R & S (view including bus. Book now.  
seating plan at Reception if you wish to)

*From the composer of some of the greatest musicals of all time, comes Andrew Lloyd Webber's breathtaking new musical - Love Never Dies.*

*Directed by Simon Phillips, with spectacular set and costume designs by Gabriela Tylesova and choreography by Graeme Murphy, Love Never Dies was the winner of 3 prestigious 2010 Helpmann Awards for Best Scenic Design, Best Costume Design and Best Lighting Design.*

*Love Never Dies continues the story of The Phantom of the Opera... featuring one of Lloyd Webber's finest musical scores performed by a 21 piece orchestra, a stunning cast of 36 including Ben Lewis and Anna O'Byrne, over 300 incredible costumes and a magnificent set illuminated by over 5000 dazzling light bulbs.*

*The year is 1907. It is 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House and the Phantom has escaped to a new life in New York where he lives amongst the screaming joy rides and freak-shows of Coney Island.*

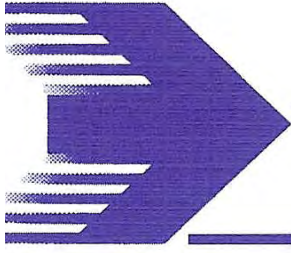
*In this new electrically-charged world, he has finally found a place for his music to soar. All that is missing is his love - Christine Daaé.*

*Now one of the world's finest sopranos, Christine is struggling in an ailing marriage to Raoul. So, it is with excitement she accepts an invitation to travel to New York and perform at a renowned opera house. In a final bid to win back her love, the Phantom lures Christine, her husband, and their young son Gustave from Manhattan, to the glittering and glorious world of Coney Island... not knowing what is in store for them....*

Wednesday **Opera on Sydney Harbour—La Traviata** Bus departs 5.30pm.  
28th March 2012 . Bookings now closed.

Thursday **Yes Minister At Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay** Fully booked.  
5th April 2012 Jim Hacker & Sir Humphrey are back—live on stage. Waiting list available.





## ON COURSE TOURS & TRAVEL



## LEURA SPRING GARDENS

Tuesday 11th October

Following morning tea at Glenbrook and a short visit to the newly expanded Visitors Centre we continue our climb to Leura where we will have the opportunity to inspect Everglades Garden before lunch. Everglades is one of Australia's foremost heritage gardens. This treasure from the 1930s sits in twelve and a half acres of European-style gardens and native Australian bush with breathtaking views over the Jamison Valley in the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. We will have one or two guides to explore the garden with us.

Our lunch is a delicious picnic with generous portions of chicken, several salads, bread rolls, dessert and red or white wine or orange juice at the delightful Leura cascades. During the afternoon after a short drive along the cliff tops to Katoomba we return to Leura to visit our second garden. "Shenstone" has been in the present owner's family since 1939 and has been described as one of the few remaining Californian bungalows in the mountains in its almost original condition.

Cost per person is \$62 which includes morning tea, 2 course lunch, and two garden admissions with a guided tour at Everglades. Departs at 8.30am and returns approximately 5.30pm.

## MACARTHUR REGION, HISTORIC CAMDEN &

### THE JACARANDAS Tuesday 8th November

Sydney is spectacular year round but especially delightful in November with a dazzling display of Jacaranda providing a picturesque backdrop. The Macarthur area is rich in history and rural charm and our tour will explore both. You will find this region one of abundance with Jacaranda (Sydney's best keep secret!). The earliest developments of the Australian wool, wheat and wine industries are associated with the town following the original land grant from Lord Camden to John Macarthur in 1805. The township reveals in its heritage an interesting and varied range of architectural styles that reflect its evolution from the earliest days of European settlement through the modern era.

Our guide John Wrigley, is a keen member of the Camden Historical Society and he will showcase many of the heritage buildings around both Camden and Cobbitty. We will see the beautiful St John's Church, the Mater Dei property, Belgenny Farm, Wivenhoe, Macarthur Park, Camelot, Sydney University Farms and the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute while John brings the history of this fascinating area to life.

Our lunch is at the historic Camden Valley Inn—a delicious two course meal. The Inn is set on several acres of gardens with lovely rural views and has built a great reputation for its hospitality.

Our afternoon sees us explore more of the region and we will head into Campbelltown which is a city of contrasts. Another area rich in history, it is also a vibrant city and we will visit the impressive new Campbelltown Arts Centre which combines a Regional Art Gallery, performance space, Japanese Gardens and Sculpture Park. We will learn about the legend of Fisher's Ghost, take in some of Campbelltown's heritage and see the Macarthur Campus of the University of Western Sydney.

Cost per person is \$58.00 and includes morning tea, guide and admissions, lunch (Caesar Salad with Grilled marinated Chicken Breast, Crème Caramel with Strawberries, Bread Roll, Tea and Coffee) and luxury coach transportation. Departs at 8.30 am and returns approx 5.30 pm. **BOOK NOW AT RECEPTION.**