

CLOSEBOURNE VILLAGE

Resident Newsletter - October, 2024

From the Closebourne Village Social Sub-Committee



October - Daylight Saving Starts!

Dear Residents

What a crazy start to Spring! First there was Summer heat followed by Winter cold and rain, then a mixture of both, all in one month! (Sometimes all in one day!) That's what Spring is about. It's also time for the start of Daylight Saving.

Remember that clocks go FORWARD one hour at 2am on the 6th October.

The Amber Lawrence Concert was a huge success with a large group of residents enjoying the Show. Amber performed her own songs plus some covers which had us singing along, and even had some brave residents up on the floor dancing! Her bright, bubbly personality, stories and music kept us riveted, as did the wonderful guitar playing from Glen. Thanks to Sybil and Carol for organising two lovely concerts for us. We can't wait till the next one.

Sometimes events and information change after the Newsletter has gone to print. This is what happened with the advertising of the Quarterly meeting and the Meet and Greet for new residents in the last Newsletter. The organisers decided that it would be better for residents, especially our new ones, to keep the two events separate, which meant a change in the advertised dates. So apologies for any confusion the changes may have caused. A reminder that the Meet and Greet date is now Sunday, 29th September. If you are interested, tick next to your name on the Attendance Sheet in Morpeth House to assist with catering.

SOCIAL EVENTS for OCTOBER - All residents are welcome to attend events.

1. Happy Hour — Friday, 4th October in The Chapel —From 4:30pm—No Sausage Sizzle this week.

As this is the long weekend, when many residents may be away, there will be no sausage sizzle. Instead, we will enjoy a BBQ with a mixture of German and Australian sausages at our **OKTOBERFEST HAPPY HOUR** on Friday, the 25th October. However, on the 4th October, there will still be Raffle prizes, a lucky door prize of \$40 and a free drink if it's your birthday! Bring your own nibbles if you want. Come along, meet with other residents and have some fun.

2. Grub at the Pub—Thursday, 10th October - Venue will be written on Attendance Sheet.

Come and join us for lunch with other Closebourne residents. You can travel in the Village Bus or self drive.

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

3. OKTOBERFEST— Happy Hour—Friday, 25th October, A Social Get-together for all residents from 4:30pm

Munch on pretzels and raise your steins in celebration of this traditional German Festival with it's traditional beer! There will be a Sausage Sizzle with German and Aussie snags. (Cost \$2) It's time to dust off your Dirndls and Lederhosen! Prize for the best costume. Bring your own nibbles. Pretzels provided!

4. Lunch at Duke's Restaurant and Bar, East Maitland.—Thursday, 31st October

"At Duke's Restaurant, located in one of Maitland's stunning heritage buildings, you can enjoy a casual yet refined dining experience. It offers contemporary Australian cuisine by Chef Timothy Duke." The Attendance sheet will be out on Monday, 7th October and the cut off date is Friday, 25th October. The cost for two courses is \$65 per head. Individual payment is to be made on the day. On the Attendance sheet, you will be able to choose your menu selection and indicate whether you are travelling there by our Village bus or self driving.

(Handy hint for two people: If one person orders entrée and main, and the other orders main and dessert you can share the entrée and dessert! Good one!)

5. Debrief—Vintage Train Trip to Dungog and back.

Our keen group of residents met at Paterson Railway Depot on Sunday 15th, where we were welcomed by the hardworking Railway volunteers who showed us through the Museum. Another volunteer explained about the trains that were in the sheds and the work that was required for each one to be restored. We then boarded our 100 year old train which is in great condition after all the restoration work. The country scenery on the way to Paterson was lovely to see. At Dungog station we were able to hop off for a quick walk or for relaxation in a sunny spot. Soon we were back on board with the driver, our own Closebourne resident, Bruce, now on the other end of the 2 carriages! After another scenic ride back to Paterson we made our way to the local Tavern for a tasty, hot lunch. With the music entertainment playing in the background we thought it was a fitting end to an enjoyable day.

Special thanks to Kevin (a Paterson Railway Volunteer) and Claudia for arranging the day for us, Bruce for driving the train and Ron for driving the Bus. By the way, the Paterson Railway Depot is always looking for more volunteers! See Bruce or Kevin if you are interested.

Debrief— Black Friday 13th Happy Hour

No, it wasn't a scene from MacBeth! Friday 13th Happy Hour attracted a coven of witches who came out under cover of night. They connected with the "SPIRITS," not to mention the beer and wine. Haha! Many brave residents ventured out, even though the old Chapel was overrun with spiders, snakes, skulls, skeletons, black cats and bats! Some ladies had spiders crawling all over them! Eek! The witches, along with Count Dracula, the Devil and the bad Pirate, made sure everyone enjoyed themselves and everyone came out unscathed!

OCTOBERFEST

Let's celebrate this famous German Beer Festival.

**HAPPY HOUR**

FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER IN THE CHAPEL

FROM 4:30PM

Brush off your Dirndls and Lederhosen! Prize for the Best Costume.

Bring your own nibbles.

Sausage Sizzle

Mystery Bus Trips

It's great to have the Mystery Bus Trips running again. We had our September trip on the 26th.

Our next trip is on Thursday, 24th October. The sign on sheet will be available in Morpeth House on Wednesday, 9th October. Get in early as these trips fill up fast!

Thanks from Ron Travers

Village Chapel Service Wednesday 16th October

This month we welcome Scott Wilmont from the Hinton Baptist Church.

We welcome you to join us for the service followed by a friendly cuppa. Due to the chapel building work we will gather in the card room. Any enquires contact Penny @ Ext: 203

Movies Morpeth House Lounge Room

Saturday 5th October @ 1pm - "Golda"

Saturday 19th @ 1pm "TBA"

Contact - Rae Ext: 313

WELLS

Please join us in the Tea Room for a cuppa & a chat

Wednesday October 9 @ 3pm

Wednesday October 23 @ 3pm Contact - Rae Ext: 313 or Anne Ext: 240

Closebourne Sings

October 14th - Denise and Trevor will return to lead the Choir. New members are most welcome

Tai Chi

Tai Chi will recommence on 18th October and run until the 14th of December

For more details contact Phil Lloyd (closer to the date). Ext: 362

Ladies Afternoon Takes place on Tuesdays 3-5pm in the Chapel. Enjoy the afternoon with 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 and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month, at 10am in the Sunroom. Everyone is welcome.

Contact person: Penny - Ext: 203.

Pickle ball is held in the Chapel on Saturday mornings from 9-11am. New players are welcome. Contact - Noel Ext: 246

Mates - meet at 3pm on Wednesday in the Chapel, you learn so much! All welcome.

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 2pm on a Wednesday. 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

CLOSEBOURNE WALKING GROUP OCTOBER 17th Newcastle Ocean Walk - 2.4Km

Starting in Closebourne carpark at 9.00am (no pickups).

We start the walk (level or all downhill) in King Edward Park, short walk to Garside Gardens and then to look over the Bogey hole. Then walk down to Shortland Esplanade for great ocean views. Coffee stop at Ocean Baths Kiosk before making our way to Nobby's Beach for Bus pickup. Then to Lunch -Mystery location (still checking out a few locations). Bus sheet will be in Morpeth House around 30th September.

Alan Daniels - Walk Coordinator

Bus Driver - Ron Travers

I'm always open to suggestions for future walks. Email me at alan789@live.com.au.

A Little of Closebourne Village's History.....

October 8th is the 10th anniversary of the Official Opening of Morpeth House as our Community Centre along with the Swimming Pool and Gym.

Until 8th October 2014 the only facility that was available to the residents was the Chapel, which had been repurposed and handed over to the Residents in February 2012. The first residents had started to move into their Villas in June 2011, when there was no facilities and no sealed roads.

Morpeth House had been in a very sad state, before it was completely refurbished. Some of the doors and much of the floor were rotted out due to numerous leaks. Falls through the floor (by staff and workman) happened several times during the planning stages. The building had not been occupied since 2006 and fenced off from the residents until the official opening.

The Office was originally in Closebourne House before it was relocated to Villa 102 and then to Morpeth House in 2014.

Massages— done by Colette in Morpeth House meeting room every first Wednesday of the month, fill in name and time that suits you on the list in Morpeth House Reception.

Any enquires please phone Maz on 211 or Julie on 200.

Food ordering sheets are also in Morpeth House, or you can contact Colette Gutsch-Berry on 0418 454 352.

There have been a couple more dishes added to the list.

F.Y.I. 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 her your correct email address.

The Closebourne Buggy is here to transport you (No need to get your car out). We have volunteers to take you to and from activities. Contact Marilyn on Ext 211.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER Please note.

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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