

# *The Happy Whisperer*

Ray M Begg Homes Newsletter No. 49



**AUGUST 2010**

Welcome to our August edition. We look forward to the last month of Winter & some warmer weather!

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## **Residents Meeting**

Our next Residents Meeting will be held

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August @ 10.45am  
in the Craft Room**

**\*\*\*All Welcome\*\*\***

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## ***Dolls House...***

We have had many comments about the beautiful dolls house on display in the front foyer. It was made & donated to RMB by Nick Marechal. He has done a wonderful job & we thank him very much for his generosity. We plan to raffle it for Christmas & tickets will go on sale in October!



# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AUGUST

- **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – School children visit 10.30am.**  
– **Happy Wanderers Concert 1.30pm in the Function Room**
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – No Tai Chi session today.**
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – No exercises today.**  
– **RSL Lunch Bus Leaving 11.30am**
- **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – Tai Chi session 11.15am**
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour 3.30pm**
- **Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – School Children Visit 10.30am**  
– **Baptist Singers 2.30pm**
- **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – School Children Visit 10.30am**

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Grace will be taking some well earned leave at the end of August & all of September!

Please see the Activities notice board near the dining room for the flyers of each activity for more detailed information.

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## ***Tea Bag Tags***

Our collection of Tea Bag Tags has now finished.

We have been advised by Kyneton Uniting Church that were coordinating the collection that the target has been reached.

We have helped some needy people get wheelchairs.  
We would like to thank all that have been bringing in tags for their support with this event.

We will let you know the details as soon as we do!



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# Podiatrist



Andrew is our podiatrist from Sunbury Foot Clinic. So that everyone gets a chance to see Andrew we are trialing 2 & 3 monthly visits for those residents that do not need to be seen monthly. Andrew will decide how frequently you will need to be seen & our staff will let you know when your appointment is.

Next visiting date:



- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

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## **Book worms....**

Kyneton Library will visit for borrowing & returns on

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August @ 1pm  
E wing lounge.**

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## **Farewell**



We farewell our Business Manager Camille Tynan.

We wish Camille all the very best for the future.  
She will be missed by us all at RMB.

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# *Annual Residents Survey...*

Each year, around this time, we invite our residents to complete our Annual survey. We look forward to getting feedback with regard to the services we provide. This helps us to identify any areas that we could improve & areas that exceed our resident's expectations.

There is no obligation to participate, however we see this an important way of gathering information about the residents satisfaction, so we would like to hear from as many residents as possible!

There are not many questions & will only take a few minutes to complete. Families of residents that are unable to complete themselves will be mailed a survey to complete on their behalf if they wish.

New residents that have completed recently or will complete soon do not have to complete the Annual Survey.

Thank You for your participation and we look forward to all your feedback.

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## *Ray M Begg Sunday Evening Church Service.*

### August

#### Leaders & Speakers

#### Music

**\*\*\* At the time printing we did not have the roster for August\*\*\***

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1<sup>st</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
29<sup>th</sup>

**The service is held on Sunday evenings  
6pm – 7pm in the Craft Room.**

**\*\*\* All Welcome\*\*\***

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# ***Request to Residents....***

We have had a request for residents to please place their walking frames near the wall in the main dining room.

When frames are left behind chairs around the tables this causes a risk for other residents getting to their chairs & staff delivering meals & medications.

We are also requesting that residents ask staff to give them their frame when they are ready to leave the dining room, rather than walking without it.

**Thank You all for you co operation!**



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## **Fundraising**

Thank you to those who have made donations via the Happy Whisperer.

**Our total so far is \$14,998.00!!!**

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Our fundraising efforts for our new facility are now growing.  
If you would like to make a donation please complete the form below  
& return to our **CEO Sarah Collier.**

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**Ray M Begg Homes Inc**

***Yes*** I want to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Ray M Begg Homes Inc

Please find my cheque / cash enclosed

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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# *Happy Birthday...*

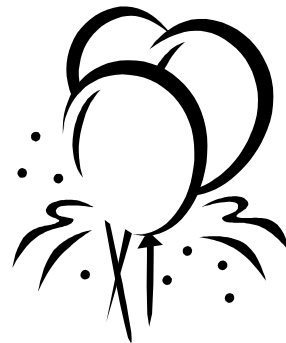
## August

### *Residents*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lembit Kullamagi
- 4<sup>th</sup> Heather Mahoney
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ellen Hustwayte
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jean Sievers

### *Staff*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charmaine Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Deborah Young
- 13<sup>th</sup> Meredith Grant
- 16<sup>th</sup> Anke Laird
- 18<sup>th</sup> Leanne Benson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Natalie Sims
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jessica Gallagher
- 26<sup>th</sup> Pat Falkiner

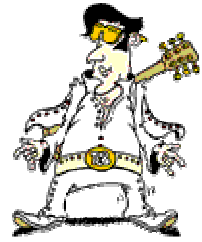


*Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday!!!  
Enjoy your special day!*

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# ON THIS DAY..... AUGUST

- **1<sup>st</sup>** Popular Australian magazine “New Idea” first went on sale on this day in 1902.
- **4<sup>th</sup>** Germany invaded Belgium in 1914. This marked the beginning of World War 1.
- **5<sup>th</sup>** The first ever night VFL game was played at the MCG in 1879.
- **9<sup>th</sup>** Australian tennis champion Rod Laver was born in 1938.
- **9<sup>th</sup>** Gold was discovered near Ballarat Vic on this day in 1851.
- **15<sup>th</sup>** Driving on the left hand side of the road became law in Australia in 1820.
- **16<sup>th</sup>** Elvis Presley died on this day in 1977.
- **17<sup>th</sup>** The Central flying School was established at Point Cook Vic in 1914. It ultimately became the Royal Australian Air Force.
- **20<sup>th</sup>** Explorers Burke and Wills departed on their fateful expedition to cross Australia from South to North in 1860.
- **24<sup>th</sup>** Cathy Freeman became the first aboriginal woman to win Gold at the Commonwealth Games in 1994 when she won the 400m.
- **27<sup>th</sup>** Cricketing legend Sir Donald Bradman was born in 1908.
- **30<sup>th</sup>** The first Australian motor vehicle licence was issued on this day in 1906.



*How many of these do you remember ???*

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Do you know someone with some spare time? Maybe they would like to join our volunteers? There are many different ways to help and is very rewarding. It doesn't need to take a lot of time...just one hour a week would be great!

Please see our CEO Sarah Collier for more information.

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## SUGGESTIONS

The suggestions slip can be used to give suggestions about anything at all! We still have our Comments / Complaints form that you can use if you want to. We thought that the suggestion slip would be convenient attached to the newsletter and you could jot down any ideas that you may have.

Please fill out this form & drop it in to one of the suggestion boxes. There is one in B wing lounge & one at the front entrance. We are always looking for new ideas and your comments are important to us to improve the service we provide.



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