



# Pelican Ponderings

Summer Edition 2011





## From The Managers Desk

Welcome to our final edition of Pelican Ponderings for 2011.

It has been a busy year. We have had a total of 22 homes arrive this year with 30 new residents who have moved in and another 6 residents to move in before Christmas. Two more homes will also be ordered this month.

We would like to welcome Norma & John who have moved into Site 24 and Erica who has moved into Site 25. Before Christmas we will also have Eileen moving into site 94, Marty & Elisabeth into site 96, Peter into Site 2 and Marilyn & Michael into site 51. Please make them all welcome when you see them around the village. We will have an official welcome morning tea for everyone, but will wait until the New Year and all the Christmas festivities have slowed down.

We would also like to officially welcome new staff members Kerrie & Ben who have joined the team. Kerrie will be working closely with me and will be your point of contact when attending the office. Ben is busy outside working with Hoppy.

We would like to thank the following:-

- Thank you to Milton who has arranged some great nights of entertainment and dancing. Everyone who has attended has told us what fantastic nights they have been. It is great to see so many residents participating and enjoying themselves. Check out the photos in this edition of Pelican Ponderings.
- Thank you to Miffy for all her help in beautifying the village garden and surrounds. Your involvement and willingness to assist in the development of the village is very much appreciated.
- Thank you to the social club who have worked tirelessly arranging some fantastic events throughout the year with the conclusion of a great Christmas Luncheon. We appreciate all the work you have put in.
- Finally thank you to our Residents Committee who have worked extremely hard in developing a committee and paving the way for the continued growth and enhancement of the village.

On a sad note, we have lost three valued residents in the village. We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Jo, Georgia & Cynthia who have all lost their loved ones. Our thoughts are with you & your families during this time.

Our thoughts are also with Carol who has lost her little companion Connor after 11 years.

On a happier note, congratulations to Kath & Perry who welcomed the arrival of their new grand daughter Ruby.

The team at Pelican Shores would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period. We hope to see many residents, families & friends enjoying our facilities over this time.

*Natalie, Hoppy, Kerrie, Ben & Noelene*



The Pelican Ponderings is now viewable online at [www.hampshirepropertygroup.com.au](http://www.hampshirepropertygroup.com.au) under the heading of "News". You will be able to view recent issues of the Pelican Ponderings and also the other Hampshire Villages newsletters.



*Congratulations to all the following powerball winners:-*

04/8/2011	No. 9	Robin Parsons
11/8/2011	No. 1	Judy Logan
18/8/2011	No.24	Ray Hose
25/8/2011	No.43	Dianne Carter

01/9/2011	No.38	Bob Whitehouse
08/9/2011	No.10	Barry Webb
15/9/2011	No.41	Georgia Borgwardt
22/9/2011	No.45	Max Howell
29/9/2011	No.18	Vince Kantor

06/10/11	No. 22	Ivan Smith
13/10/11	No. 8	Don Halesworth
20/10/11	No. 22	Ivan Smith
27/10/11	No. 7	Sandra Human

If anyone is wishing to participate in the weekly powerball draw please contact Cynthia Steele for details. Site R201



# Notices

## Text Service

If you would like to be included in our resident text messaging service please notify the office. This is invaluable for when we have disruptions to the electricity or water supply

## Ding Dong Avon Calling.....

An Avon brochure is located in the community centre for anyone wishing to place an order. Alternatively a brochure can be emailed to you. All products have a money back guarantee. Payment is on delivery of order. Check out the brochure for some great gift ideas. Please contact Lidia Brown 0414 507 557 or [lidiabrown@internode.om.net](mailto:lidiabrown@internode.om.net)

## Eggs

Eggs will be for sale through the office on a regular basis from our resident chooks. Please keep an eye out for the eggs for sale sign on the office door.

1 Dozen \$2.50

## Bellarine Connections

Bellarine Connections Going Places offers weekly transport to Gateway Plaza, Leopold or Centro Plaza, Newcomb.

They will offer pickup from the front entrance of Pelican Shores.

Each month they will also offer a trip into Geelong or Waurm Ponds.

Please contact them directly for further information.

When: Every Thursday

Time: Morning Run & Afternoon Run

Cost: Gold Coin

Contact: Barbara Dwyer on 0408 813 082

## Wheelchair Access

A wheelchair ramp is now available for use within the village.

Please contact the front office to arrange access.

## Mobility Items

A number of mobility items have been donated to Pelican Shores Estate.

They include:- a walker, a reaching aid and a steel framed walking stick with built in seat

Please contact the front office to arrange free hire.

## Pelican Ponderings

Pelican Ponderings is a community newsletter and we look forward to your contributions. It is issued on a quarterly basis and we would appreciate being in receipt of your contributions by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Resident participation is encouraged so if you have a funny story, a joke, a photo or you would like to share an event please give your contribution to the office or alternatively email [info@pelicanshores.com.au](mailto:info@pelicanshores.com.au)

# Deliveries



AUSSIE  
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## Newspaper & Magazine Delivery

Newcomb Newsagency is offering a daily delivery service to Pelican Shores.

Application forms are available from the office and completed forms are to be taken to Newcomb Newsagency, 52 Watsons Road, Newcomb

Phone 52485434 Fax 5248 8914 Email [newcnews@iprimus.com.au](mailto:newcnews@iprimus.com.au).

Newspapers & Magazines will be delivered & placed in a storage box located in the mailbox area.

## Home Icecream

Home Ice Cream will deliver on a fortnightly basis to Pelican Shores Estate.

Deliveries will occur on alternate Mondays from 2.30pm – 2.45pm

## Aussie Farmers Direct

Aussie Farmers Direct is a convenient way to enjoy produce without going to the supermarket.

Deliveries are made straight to your door.

They sell a wide range of produce from bread and milk to meat, seafood & vegetables.

Free delivery if you place a minimum order quantity.

You can order easily any time, online or over the phone.

Orders – [www.aussiefarmers.com.au](http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au) or 1300 645 562

Enquiries – Don 0407 029 444



John & Sue Goss

# Resident Profile

To everyone at Pelican Shores that have made us feel so welcome, a Big Thank You.

John grew up in Yallourn in the Latrobe Valley and I grew up in Mt. Evelyn, in the foot hills of the Dandenong Ranges. For part of our early years we both went to a lot of places in and around Melbourne, but didn't know each other.

John and I met while working on Hamilton Island. It is hard to believe but that was 17 years ago. We only lasted 9 months there, it was a very interesting way of life, but it wasn't to our liking. We moved to Mackay and decided to get married there and that was a great day with friends, workmates and family, 4 years later we moved back to Ferntree Gully.

Our collective families are all over the place: John's daughter and granddaughter live in Wallan, his son and family live just outside Ipswich a place called Marburg, Qld. And my two sons and their families live on the Central Coats, NSW, and we both miss the grand kids a lot.

One of the most interesting places we have been to was a trip down the bottom of the Grand Canyon on a Mule, that was a lot of fun. Memphis and San Francisco where also lovely, the food and the people.

At the moment I am a volunteer at the National Sports Museum at the MCG. Every Tuesday, before that John and I volunteered for the Commonwealth Games and also the Homeless Games in Melbourne, they were all a lot of fun and we met a lot of great people.

## John & Sue



Richard & Heather Griffiths

# Resident Profile

Hello to all at Pelican Shores,

Heather and I have been together for almost 27 years.

We met in Bendigo where she worked in X-ray and I was teaching in the Special School.

Between 1984 and 1994 we lived in Bendigo and later Melbourne where we each followed our professions.

From 1994 to 2007 we allowed our expertise to provide us with work in the more remote areas of Australia.

Most of our appointments were for 3 months except for Mount Tom Price in W.A where we worked for 10 months and Tennant Creek N.T where, for over 7 years we worked and lived for about 3 years.

Some of the other places we worked were Mount Isa, Rockhampton, Ingham, The Whitsundays and Coal Fields of Queensland.

Kempsey, Bathurst and Dubbo in New South Wales.

Port Augusta in South Australia.

Port Hedland, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Rockhampton and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

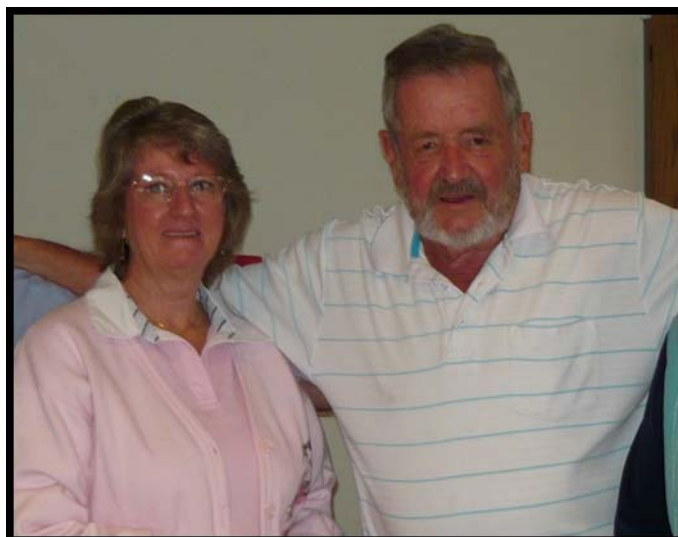
While travelling we looked for places to consider retiring to but eventually returned to our home in Upper Ferntree Gully.

With our age catching up with us and a large steep garden plus an aging house we decided to make our current sea change at Pelican Shores.

Our wander lust is not over but we are enjoying settling.

Here's to the future.

Richard and Heather





John & Diane Thomason

# Resident Profile

Greetings to all at Pelican Shores,

We arrived in Australia in December 1965 with 2 suitcases and not knowing a single person, what a great decision that was as we have loved Australia from the first day of being here.

We moved to Geelong from Fisherman's Bend Hostel and stayed in the area for many years before in 1998, moving to Ballarat for the second time then Beaufort were we have just left to come to Pelican Shores.

We have many relations and friends in the Geelong area which is why we have moved back to the area.

We have three children and ten grandchildren, our oldest son lives in Townsville with his wife and four children, our daughter lives in Tasmania with her husband and three children and our youngest son lives in Drysdale with his wife and three children. Also we have a mother, sister & nephews in the area, so you can see why we chose Pelican Shores to live.

We are both English born as no doubt you will pick up even after being here for nearly 46 years, we have lived and worked in South Africa and travelled to many countries including short missionary work in Papua New Guinea.

Diane loves being on the computer, I am trying to play golf, also trying my hand at fishing again now we are closer to the sea. We love travelling and are looking forward to just going off closing the door, and not have to worry about the garden going wild with much work to come home to.

We are both Christians and will be looking for a new church home in Geelong area as this is important to us also.

We are really looking for the relaxed lifestyle in the village and look forward to meeting you.

John & Diane



## John & Norma Richards

# Resident Profile

Hello to all at Pelican Shores,

Norma and John Richards, ex pats who have lived in Perth, Western Australia for the past 20 years have recently crossed the Nullarbor to make a new life for themselves for the 3rd time; this time in Victoria.

John & Norma moved over to Australia in 1990 to set up a home, settle down and place roots to await the arrival of their daughter who was still completing her nurse training in the UK. In 1992 the family was re-united after 2 years apart & to everyone's surprise when their daughter arrived she was expecting their first and only grandchild.

John worked as a foreman for 18 years at Premier Motors in Perth before retiring earlier this year to make the big move. Norma spent her time looking after their granddaughter providing the opportunity for her daughter to pursue her career in nursing.

Norma and John crossed the Nullarbor with a caravan, 2 dogs and a wing and a prayer; not knowing where they were going to put down their roots and after only a few long weekends in Melbourne on holidays, (John had only seen Melbourne once for a weekend) decided to settle.

It's been an exciting and brave move. Selling the family home, moving across the country and retiring in one year has been a challenge. Norma and John had previously seen Pelican Shores on a website when they still lived in Perth but had discounted the idea of living so far away from the big city and looking at retirement villages closer to Melbourne was their priority.

By chance the pair decided to take a look at Geelong and came for a peek. It was the chance visit of a lifetime and instantly they fell in love with the village, the atmosphere, the pool, facilities and view and made enquiries about setting up a new home.

The house arrived and John and Norma moved in late October. They have one dog and have regular visits from their girls and their other dog who now lives with their girls.

## John & Norma





## PELICAN PONDERINGS

### Common Sense submitted by Elaine Mann

My parents told me about Mr Common Sense early in my life and told me I would do well to call on him when making decisions.

It seems he was always around in my early years but less and less as time passed by until today I read his obituary.

Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance, for Common Sense had served us all so well for so many generations.

#### Obituary – Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin, sun lotion or a sticking plaster to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife Discretion; his daughter Responsibility; and his son Reason.

He is survived by three step-brothers – I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim.


Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

# New Residents Morning Tea



Computers submitted by Noenie Favaloro


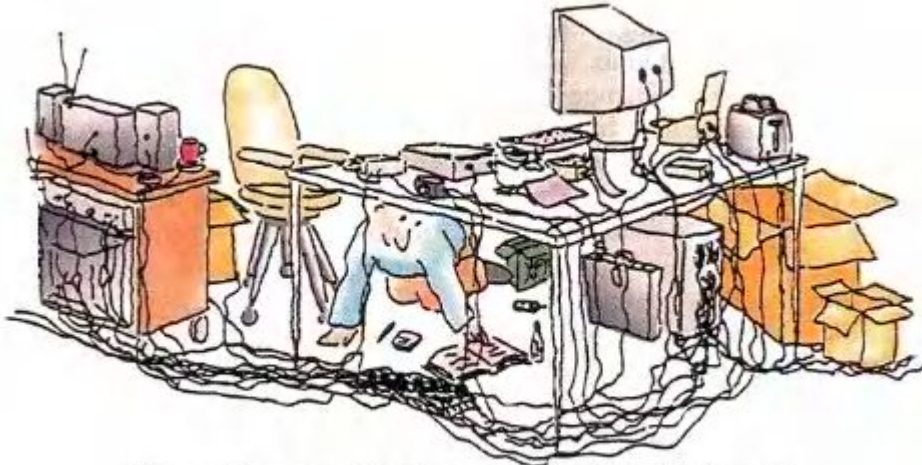
Ever notice, the older we get,  
the more we're like computers?



We start out with lots of  
MEMORY and DRIVE  
then we become outdated,  
and eventually have to get  
our parts replaced...;)

**LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER**

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
- \* A keyboard was a piano
- \* A web was a spider's home
- \* A virus was the flu
- \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
....you just hoped nobody found out

"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."

# Happy hour with Paul Carrigg





## PELICAN PONDERINGS

### Meet, Mingle & Munch



The date for Meet Mingle and Munch for December has been changed to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December to co-incide with New Years Eve. All Welcome

Time: From 7pm

BYO: Drinks & a plate for supper

### Interesting Facts

Acccdrnig to a rscheearch at an Elingsh uinervtisy, it deosn't mttair in waht oredr the lltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoetnt tihng is taht frist and lsat lltteer is at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a toatl mses and you can sill raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihis is bcuseae we do not raed ervey llteter by itslef but the wrod as a wlohe.

### Garage Sale



# Melbourne Cup





## PELICAN PONDERINGS

### Prison of the Mind - by Paul walker

A tower a princess she lives there alone,  
She's locked in the tower, the dragon has flown.  
A brave knight come riding in bright burnished steel,  
But he can't see the tower, the towers not real.

His steed seems to own him, it rides where it will,  
It rides near the tower, he feels a strange thrill.  
The knight starts believing and opens his eyes,  
He enters the tower and climbs toward the skies.

There's a mighty great door when he reaches the top,  
So he hefts his good axe and he gives it a chop.  
His axe cuts the door through, the princess is free,  
They sit, they hold hands, have a nice cup of tea.

Brave knight he sits waiting for only a word,  
The princess sits waiting, good manners she's heard.  
Then she goes back to prison and the knight rides away,  
Now he dreams of a tower and remembers a day.

And a sad princess goes to her window and stands,  
At the glimmer of steel princess waves hoping hands.  
But in time they forget, just remember the thought,  
That another could win them if they chose to get caught.

# Happy Hour with Ian "Bridge" Boyd





### Pleasant Recollections - by Kevin Creece

Seems everybody has favourite tunes  
And love to hear them played  
Most older folk relate to those  
Set in their younger days,  
And every time they hear these songs  
They trigger once again  
A happening, or a memory  
Captured by distinct refrains.

Of an "Indian Love Call"  
Or the haunting "Danny Boy"  
Or perhaps an old sea ballad  
Containing shouts like "Ship Ahoy",  
I still remember early schooldays  
When we sang those Nursery Rhymes  
Words tumble forth unbidden  
From the days we learnt those lines.

It's astounding we associate  
The days we cherish best  
With lyrics from an era  
When we were surely blessed,  
It is now my teen time  
And my powers of recall  
Was when we conquered Everest  
And attended every ball.

We then graduated to families  
And time just seemed to fly  
But we still had our melodies  
We kept forever nigh,  
Half a century crept on us  
Our flock by then had flown  
Our music was still with us though  
But now perhaps on loan.

Now I've reached my senior years  
Songs cover my life span  
And I select my favourites  
Still sing them when I can,  
For each revives a brace of years  
Retained there in our minds  
It's then our memory reacts  
Today's thought left behind.

*Thank  
you*

Thank you to all the residents who have expressed their condolences and have offered their support following the death of Ray.

A special thank you to my closest friends who have been an exceptional support during this time.

*Jo Rose*

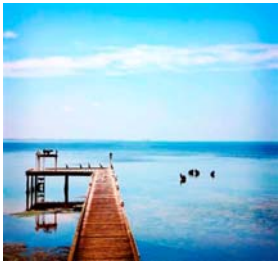
Dear friends,

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts & cards on the death of my beloved Werner. I would also like to thank the guys who helped Werner on the day the ambulance arrived and also my wonderful neighbour Sandra.

*Georgia Borgwardt*

Thank you to everyone for their support and assistance following the recent passing of Roy. To all the residents who assisted on the day of the funeral by supplying a plate, setting up the community centre and cleaning up I wish to offer my deepest thanks.

*Cynthia Steele*



# Helpful Contact Information

### Resident Office Hours:

Village administration hours are as follows:  
Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

### After Hours:

Pelican staff are contactable after hours in the case of an emergency by phoning  
0430 322 239 , 0413 488 327 or 0430 322 240

### Resident Accounts:

If you have any queries concerning your account with regard to site fees, electricity and water payments or any other questions about your statement, you should direct your queries to the office and the staff will forward them onto Nathan at head office.

# Stroke Awareness

## FAST

- Four letters that could save your life

Stroke is Australia's second single greatest killer and leading cause of disability with someone suffering a stroke every ten minutes. Recognizing the signs of stroke and calling Triple Zero (000) immediately can be the difference between death, severe disability and making a good recovery.

The National Stroke Foundation has developed a simple mnemonic to help you remember the warning signs of a stroke.

The FAST test involves asking three simple questions:

- Face - Can the person smile or has their mouth drooped?
- Arms - Can the person raise both arms?
- Speech - Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- Time - Act FAST and call Triple Zero (000) immediately and ask for an Ambulance.

Ambulance recommends that all persons undertake a first aid course with an accredited agency.

For more information or to order a FAST wallet reminder card visit  
[www.strokefoundation.com.au](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au) or call the National Stroke Foundation on  
1800 787653.

**For home sales Email [info@pelicanshores.com.au](mailto:info@pelicanshores.com.au)**

***IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY***  
**Ring 000 For Fire, Police or Ambulance.**

<b>Geelong Hospital</b>	<b>5226 7111</b>	<b>Coast Guard</b>	<b>5278 8440</b>
<b>Lifeline 24 Hours</b>	<b>131114</b>	<b>SES-Geelong</b>	<b>5226 4771</b>
<b>Or emergency 24hr service</b>			<b>9696 6111</b>
<b>Telstra Faults</b>	<b>132203</b>	<b>Taxi</b>	<b>132227</b>
<b>Avalon Airport Shuttle</b>	<b>5278 8788</b>		