



CEO MESSAGE



As May progressed, we saw light dawn at the end of the CoVID-19 tunnel. Restrictions are gradually relaxing, students are back at school, and businesses are re-opening with social distancing measures in place. At Evergreen, we will progressively reintroduce activities over the next couple of months while closely monitoring any changing risks. We anticipate extra

precautions will be required for some time to come. We ask that you assist us by ensuring that you do not enter the Lodge or Community Centre if you have any symptoms; by washing hands/hand sanitising on entry and when you touch something; by cooperating with visitor screening processes and other measures as required.

Meanwhile, our team are refreshing Evergreen's strategic plan, starting with our mission statement and we'd love your feedback.

In other exciting news, the Community Centre is having a makeover - we look forward to welcoming you back to a brighter, fresher space!

Stay safe and well!

Helen



Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Saturday 13th June

Queen Elizabeth II has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her extraordinary reign has seen her travel more widely than any other monarch, undertaking many historic overseas visits. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of social change.

The Queen was born on 21 April 1926 however the official celebration of her birthday takes place on the second Saturday of June. This tradition was started by King George II in 1748, who had the misfortune of being born in chilly November. Rather than risk his subjects catch colds, he combined his birthday celebration with the Trooping the Colour parade.

Australia started recognizing an official birthday back in 1788, and all the provinces (save one) observe the Queen's Birthday on the second Monday in June, with Western Australia holding its celebrations on the last Monday of September or the first Monday of October.

While the monarch's actual birthday is a comparatively "no frills" event, this is the royal family we're talking about.

So, the Queen would usually enjoy a traditional royal gun salute, and government buildings around the UK fly the Union Jack flag on the date.

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Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday

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That tradition of flag-flying is extended to a number of royal occasions, including the birthdays of all senior royals -- but it had some pushback earlier this year when several local authorities refused to fly a flag honouring Prince Andrew. On the ceremonial birthday in June, the streets around Buckingham Palace are lined with tourists as 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians take part in a extravagant ceremony.

The Queen is greeted by a royal salute and carries out an inspection of the troops in their famous bearskin hats. A keen rider, she used to attend the event on horseback herself until the 1980s -- but these days, she arrives in a carriage. After performances by a military band and a march by the foot guards, the Queen returns to the palace. There, she is joined by other royals on the balcony to watch a flypast of the Royal Air Force, and soldiers fire a 41-gun salute in nearby Green Park.

This year, given the coronavirus pandemic, most of those plans are on hold.

For the first time in 68 years, Queen Elizabeth II will not be marking her birthday with the traditional royal gun salute.

The Queen cancelled the celebration because she felt it would be inappropriate during the pandemic, a royal source told CNN on Saturday. Instead, the palace is expected to celebrate the Queen's 94th birthday on social media. All family-related affairs, including phone and video calls with family members will remain private, according to the source.

June's Trooping the Colour has also been cancelled and there are no alternative plans to mark the Queen's official birthday according to news sources.

Lodge Resident Betty Swannell recently turned 100!

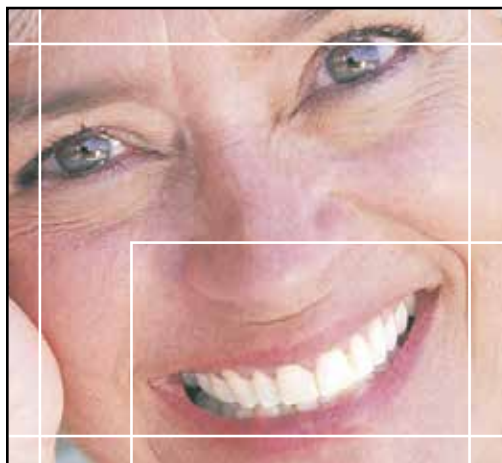
Betty Swannell, resident of Yallambee Lodge, celebrated her 100th Birthday on Saturday with the support of staff, friends and family.

Although arrangements were changed due to COVID-19 precautions, nothing can detract from such a life-time's achievement! Betty comes from the special generation who lived and worked through World War 2. Graduating at the top of her class from Metropolitan Business College, Betty went on to work as a bookkeeper at the Banque Nationale de Paris.

She married Jack, the love of her life, at age 24. She has raised a family of two children, volunteered her services through the church, travelled extensively through Europe and is now a proud and much-loved matriarch with three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A special reception area was set up in the lobby of Yallambee Lodge, with immediate family gathered outside to share the occasion (in keeping with NSW COVID gathering rules!). Following the reading of official letters from the Queen and Governor General of Australia, Betty had a beautiful cake cutting ceremony. Betty herself looked regal with her characteristic warm smile and hair set by Leah Pugsley, our onsite hairdresser!

"It is a privilege to share this time with Betty and her family" said Ann Young, Facility Manager of Yallambee Lodge. "We know how important it is for family and friends to stay connected through thick and thin, and we were thrilled to be able to facilitate this celebration."



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Community Centre Makeover "50 Shades of Green".



We are taking advantage of this fallow period to redecorate the Community Centre! Gayle Webb, our interior designer has dreamt up a "Fifty Shades of Green" theme, including new paint, new carpet and some chic styling touches throughout.

Work should be completed in early June in time for re-opening of facilities for resident activities. If you have a computer, follow us on Facebook where we will be posting progress updates and photos.

Re-opening of Community Facilities

We are looking forward to seeing you all back in the Community Centre when restrictions are further relaxed!



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**ALL REGULAR ACTIVITIES
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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until further notice.*



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MISSION STATEMENT



Evergreen Life Care Strategy

Evergreen is in the process of refreshing our strategic plan. We started by reviewing our Mission Statement which should describe our organisation's fundamental, unique purpose. Staff were consulted on our Mission Statement in March and they answered as follows:

- **WHO DO WE SERVE?**
 - > Community
 - > The elderly and their families
- **WHY DO WE SERVE THEM?**
 - > Because of who we are – we care.
 - > Because of who they are – we respect our elders.
- **HOW DO WE SERVE?**
 - > Connecting people and communities
 - > Promoting life
 - > "There's no traffic on the extra mile"

The board and management used these ideas to design a new mission statement as follows:

"Promoting vibrant caring communities."

We hope this encapsulates the essence of our mission succinctly. We are asking residents and families to tell us what you think by completing a survey, emailing info@evergreenlifecare.org.au or completing our online survey!

In order to fulfil our mission, the Board made a decision to bring Finance, Accounts and Payroll functions back in-house by the end of this financial year. This will improve our internal capabilities and efficiency. You shouldn't notice any difference – except for a change in contact details for accounts payable/receivable from 1 July. Roy Soaika has been engaged as Corporate Services Manager to lead these functions and looks forward to meeting many of you in the months to come.

From 1st July the new address for accounts payable/receivable will be:

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AT HOME AND SAFE IN THE LODGE

MOTHER'S DAY Photo Shoot

Wow it's June already!

The residents have been keeping busy over here at the Lodge. We have celebrated 80th, 90th (with lovely cakes brought in by their wonderful families), and of course our beautiful Betty celebrated her 100th birthday with a letter from the Queen and Governor General, lots of flowers and well wishes.

Mother's Day was also celebrated with a lovely gift for all the ladies.



The Queen's Birthday

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BIRTHDAY	FRIEND	SMART	QUEEN	SPECIAL	BEAUTIFUL
FUNNY	APRIL	FAITHFUL	BEST	STYLISH	SEVENTH
SMILE	GIRLIE	MOTHER	FANCY	LADY	CHRIS



**HAPPY
JUNE
BIRTHDAY**
*to all these
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2nd Irma Rudan
Eric Burgess
6th Verna Lowe
18th June McIntosh
25th Raymond Jones
29th Helen Cottome



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JUNE IN THE LODGE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Bingo in the Main Lounge	2 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Millionaire Quiz 11am Chat Time 2pm Craft Group 'Photo Frames' in the Main Lounge	3 9.30am Resident's Meeting in the Main Lounge 11am Music, Music 2pm Wacky Wednesday 'World Ocean Day' in the Main Lnge	4 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Chat Time 2pm Bingo Game in the Main Lounge	5 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Music Appreciation in the Main Lounge	6 2pm Movie: 'JAKE' in the Main Lounge
7 2pm Armchair Travel of 'LONDON' in the Main Lounge	8 PUBLIC HOLIDAY 1.30pm MOVIE 'ROMANCING THE STONE' in the Main Lnge 	9 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Millionaire Quiz 11am Chat Time 2pm Craft Group 'Sock Caterpillar' in the Main Lounge	10 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Hot Seat Quiz 11am Music, Music 2pm Wacky Wednesday 'World Ocean Day' in the Main Lounge	11 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Chat Time 2pm Bingo Game in the Main Lounge	12 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Music Appreciation in the Main Lounge	13 2pm Movie: 'STOP OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT' in the Main Lounge
14 2pm Armchair Travel of 'SCOTLAND' in the Main Lounge	15 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Bingo in the Main Lounge	16 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Millionaire Quiz 11am Chat Time 2pm Craft Group 'Flower Tree' in the Main Lounge	17 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Hot Seat Quiz 11am Music, Music 2pm Wacky Wednesday 'Being a Kid' in the Main Lnge	18 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Chat Time 2pm Bingo Game in the Main Lounge	19 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Music Appreciation in the Main Lounge	20 2pm Movie: 'STIR CRAZY' in the Main Lounge
21 2pm Armchair Travel of 'IRELAND' in the Main Lounge	22 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Bingo in the Main Lounge	23 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Millionaire Quiz 11am Chat Time 2pm Craft Group 'String Planter' in the Main Lounge	24 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Hot Seat Quiz 11am Music, Music 2pm Wacky Wednesday 'Country Way of Life' in the Main Lnge	25 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Chat Time 2pm Bingo Game in the Main Lounge	26 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Music Appreciation in the Main Lounge	27 2pm Movie: 'THE GAME PLAN' in the Main Lounge
28 2pm Armchair Travel of 'WALES' in the Main Lounge	29 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Quiz Time 11am Music, Music 2pm Bingo in the Main Lounge	30 9.30am Move & Groove 10am Millionaire Quiz 11am Chat Time 2pm Craft Group 'Egg Carton Flower Picture' in the Main Lounge				

JUNE IN THE VILLAGE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE						

Helen Simmonds' Legacy

The late Helen Simmonds was well known throughout Yallambee Village – not least for her love of plants! Helen had the most incredible garden and always held a plant stall at the Village Open Day, donating the money raised to the Coast Shelter charity. Helen was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at Mangrove Mountain.



In May, Helen's family donated her plants to the Village for one last fund raiser. Over \$300 has been raised through sales to residents and staff, with all funds to be donated to the Ladies Auxiliary and Coast Shelter.

We are sure Helen would be pleased to know her plants have found new homes where they are being enjoyed and cared for!



FROM THE YALLAMBEE VILLAGE RESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Meeting of Residents Committee for April was cancelled owing to COVID-19.

Permission was granted to hold meeting on Monday May 4 with restrictions. President Carol Fraser opened the meeting at 2.30pm. The minutes from March was received and seconded with correction. AGM should read: Wednesday July 29, 2020 not 5th as printed.

Correspondence out from March and April saw thankyou letters to Neville Thompson and Trevor Green. Correspondence to Helen Wilson CEO thanked for various updates, informed of broken-down walking machine and meeting in May.

Correspondence came in from Helen Wilson CEO with permission for meeting and seeking invitation to attend. This to discuss various items as follows. (1) Changes taking place with Evergreen finance and introduction to newly appointed Manager Corporate Services. Roy Soaika. (2) Budget. (3.) Update COVID-19. (4) Informing of planned refurbishments.

Brochure was received from Central Coast Council re Grants and Sponsorship.

In General Business. Donation of walking machine by one of our residents. Letter of thanks to the resident for her kind gesture. Discussion was held regarding complaints of trespassers on Village property. Correspondence to management on this problem and committee seeking storage space.

Helen Wilson CEO and Roy Soaika Manager Corporate Services were invited into the committee room. Helen introduced Roy to the members. Roy presented us with a run down on his business career. Discussion was held on various matters.

President Carol thanked Helen and Roy for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 4.35pm and members were thanked for their attendance.

You can read the full and comprehensive minute of meeting which is posted on the notice board.

Winter has arrived. We should see some lovely winter flowers around the gardens to brighten up our days. The native violet may be one.



THE VIOLET

*Down in a green and shady bed,
a modest violet grew*

*Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,
as if to hide from view*

*And yet it was a lovely flower,
It's colour bright and fair,*

*It might have graced a rosy bower,
instead of hiding there*

*Yet thus it was content to bloom,
in modest tints arrayed*

*And there diffused a sweet perfume,
within the silent shade*

*Then let me to the valley go,
this pretty flower to see*

*That I may also learn to grow,
in sweet humility.*

.....
*Written by Jane Taylor who was born
in 1783. She was a successful poet.
One of her poems was
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.*

Enjoy the month of June everyone
and keep well. **Margaret.**

In Sympathy



Our thoughts and prayers go out to
the family and friends of the late:

Val Wellington – YV

Ben Bentick – YV

Helen Simmonds – YV

Mev Phillips - YV

Roger Boyle - YL

Our sincere condolences.



LAUGHING OUT LOUD

BAD JOKES

1. Why don't oysters donate to charity? *Because they're shellfish.*
2. What does a baby computer call its father? *Data.*
3. What did the custodian say when he jumped out of the closet? *"Supplies!"*
4. Why are colds bad criminals? *Because they're easy to catch.*
5. How does a penguin build its house? *Igloos it together.*
6. Which knight invented King Arthur's Round Table? *Sir Cumference.*
7. What do sprinters eat before a race? *Nothing. They fast.*
8. What do you call a fly without wings? *A walk!*
9. What happens when you witness a shipwreck? *You let it sink in.*
10. How can you find Will Smith in the snow? *Follow the fresh prints.*
11. What does a clock do when it's hungry? *It goes back four seconds.*
12. What's the easiest way to make a glow worm happy? *Cut off its tail—it'll be delighted!*
13. What do you call a belt made of watches? *A waist of time!*
14. Why did Adele cross the road? *To say hello from the other side!*
15. What's the best way to carve wood? *Whittle by whittle.*

16. What did the teacher do with the student's report on cheese? *She grated it.*

17. What's the difference between a piano and a fish? *You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.*

18. What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday? *"Aye, matey!"*

19. How do you organize an astronomer's party? *You planet.*

20. What's the action like at a circus? *In-tents.*

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

What do you get when you crossbreed a shark and a cow? I have no idea but I wouldn't try milking it.

DREAMING

Tonight, I dreamt of a beautiful walk on a sandy beach. At least that explains the footprints I found in the cat litter box this morning.

LIP SERVICE

Women really know how to hold a grudge. My wife asked me to pass her a lip balm. And by mistake, I gave her a tube of Super Glue. It's been a month now and she's still not speaking to me!

NOT UP TO SCRATCH

I just got a photo from a speeding camera through the mail. I sent it right back – way too expensive and really bad quality.

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING

3 Irishmen walk into a bar – you'd think one of them would have seen it!



OUT OF THE BLUE

Today, my son came to me and gave me a hug – out of the blue. I was very pleasantly surprised – that is, until I heard him tell his father, "You're right. She did gain weight."

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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to these wonderful residents.

2nd June
Johann Neser YV

6th June
Shirley Templeton YV

7th June
Eddie Craft YV

10th June
Jim Gibbons YV

16th June
John Kaye YV

17th June
Jessie Lofts YV

18th June
Brian Sinclair YV

22nd June
Bob Grant YV

26th June
Barb McCarthy YV

27th June
Jessie Mather YV

28th June
Anne Roosevelt YV
Brian Burrows YV

YV = Yallambee Village

Fishing

Find and circle all of the Fishing words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a quote by Henry David Thoreau.



ANGLER

ANGLING

AUGER

BAIT

BASS

BLUEFISH

BOAT

BOBBER

CATCH AND RELEASE

CATFISH

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Silent Thinking

I sit in the still of twilight,
Of evening, to settle in
I think of the places
I have been.
I gaze into the embers
of a dying campfire
I stoke the coals and the flame
And the sparks fly high,
then away.
I have no burning desire
But to ponder the night sky
And as 'Banjo' did
Wonder at the Glory
Of the everlasting stars
As I sit here and bathe
In the solitude of my
own company
I think of the days gone by
Some made me laugh
Some made me cry.
I think of flood and drought
and fire
Of all the loss
And some of the gain
I marvel at what mankind
Can endure with pain.

I think of old friends
And mates I once knew
Most of them now long gone
or just shoot through
There was Rex, John, Melody
Dennis and Blue
The ones that did me favours
I could never repay
Never until my dying day
In my solitude now and then
I wonder I shall go
The very same way.
To that other place
I will find them there
Where we can sit and joke
and laugh
And not have a bloody care.
J R Wright
8.7.2011
Revised 10.2.2020



ROAST LAMB POT PIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 teaspoons plain flour
- 1 teaspoon MasterFoods® Paprika Smoked
- 250ml (1 cup) beef stock
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 large potato, peeled, finely chopped
- 400g leftover roast lamb, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary, plus 4 sprigs, extra
- 2 sheets frozen puff pastry, just thawed
- 1 egg, lightly whisked

METHOD

Step 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Place four 310ml (1 1/4 cups) ovenproof dishes on a baking tray.

Step 2 Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the celery, onion, carrot and garlic. Cook, stirring, for 3-4 minutes or until onion softens. Add the flour and paprika. Cook for 1 minute. Gradually stir in the stock. Stir in the tomato paste and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to the boil. Add the potato, lamb and rosemary. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 10-12 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Season.

Step 3 Use 1 of the prepared dishes as a guide to cut 4 discs from the pastry, reserving any offcuts. Spoon lamb mixture into prepared dishes. Cover with pastry discs, pressing edges to seal. Brush pastry with some of the egg. Use 2cm and 4cm heart-shaped cookie cutters to cut 8 heart shapes from reserved pastry offcuts. Place on top of each pie and brush with some of the remaining egg. Pierce pastry with the extra rosemary sprigs. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden. Season and serve.

STRANGE BUT TRUE!!!!!!

Did you know...

- Butterflies taste with their hind feet.
- Tomato sauce was sold in the 1800's as medicine.
- A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule wont.
- A lion in the wild, usually make no more than 20 kills a year.
- India has a bill of rights for cows.
- Dartboards are made out of horse hairs.
- Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave.
- In every episode of Seinfeld, there is a superman somewhere.
- The Bible is the world's most shoplifted book.

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Galaxy Motel Site



The Galaxy Motel site started life as farmland owned by George Fagan, who built his family home 'Oak-Haven' there around 1915. He and his wife Agnes raised their child in this house. George was the son of Peter Fagan, of nearby Henry Kendall Cottage fame.



In 1973, the Gosford RSL was gutted by fire and in order to establish new headquarters, the club overwhelmingly endorsed the purchase for \$1 million dollars of the Galaxy Motel at West Gosford. The motel had been built and run by Zoltan Kamenyitzky, a Hungarian immigrant, and it was located on about ten acres of land. Research shows Oak-Haven was probably demolished so the Galaxy Motel could be built, suggesting foundations for the historic building are probably lying buried beneath the present structure.

The Galaxy Motel was entirely redesigned and rebuilt to modern standards and a conference and entertainment centre was added nearby.

Written by Peter Fisher



MEET THE TEAM

Roy Soaika

Corporate Services Manager

How long have you worked at Evergreen?

I have been with Evergreen since Monday 27th April 2020. So, just over 3 weeks.

What do you like so far about working here?

Being part of a great team and a positive culture. This was my first impression when I was introduced to Evergreen. The level of professionalism and welcoming atmosphere was obvious.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I am passionate about community service and helping those who are in need or less fortunate. My family will look for opportunities when I settle into my new role to help where possible in the community. I may not change the world on a larger scale but I may change someone's world. This is my motivation for community service.

Anything else we should know?

I recently spent almost 2 years in Dubbo and it was a great experience. I have learnt so much more about life living in Regional NSW.