

The
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POINT COOK
VILLAGE

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RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT ACT 2025 COMES INTO EFFECT 1 MAY 2026

From Helen Betros, President RRVV

The RRVV has provided the following update on the implementation of the Retirement Villages Amendment Act 2025. The Act commences on 1 May 2026 and will make far reaching changes on the way that retirement villages are regulated.

The operational details of the Act will be set out in the regulations. These regulations are of critical importance to both residents and operators.

Stakeholders have actively participated in consultations regarding the drafting of the regulations and there was an expectation that the draft regulations would be available for further public consultation by now.

Nonetheless, RRVV supports the introduction of the changes that effect existing residents on 1 May 2026, particularly those relating to

Operating budget deficits;
Capital maintenance;
Transitional arrangements; and
the Conciliation Scheme.

We are of the view that:

- We need to keep faith with our membership, many of whom have been with us since 2018 when the review of the RVA commenced. They have waited a long time.
- If there is a delay beyond 1 May, we could nudge up to the caretaker period and potentially into a new electoral cycle.

- Owners and operators have had 12 months to undertake the strategic financial and facilities management planning necessary for them to be in a position to implement the new regulations.
- Owners and operators have sufficient access to in-house and external paid legal and accounting staff that they should be able to meet the timelines that the parliament has set.
- Many owners and operators have villages interstate where model contracts are used.
- There are potentially significant cost implications for residents if these changes are not implemented on 1 May.

We understand implementation of the following changed regulations will be deferred until later this year:

- Village Regulation and Fees;
- Code of Practice; and
- Some Dispute Resolution regulations.

We are expecting the regulations to be available in early March. As soon as we've had the opportunity to digest them, we will provide you with an update.



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Nitin Buskalowa

Welcome new residents

I am pleased to advise we had quite a few residents who have moved into the village in the last couple of months.

Please join me welcoming Barry & Helga (Villa 49), Alex (Apt 282), Alan (Villa 42) and Cina (Villa 70).

Green Bins for villa's

With the delivery of green bins for the villas, if you need any further information, please reach out or check the Wyndham Council website.

Now that residents own a green bin to use for green waste, it will free up time for our village staff however, if you have large branches that cannot fit into your green bins, please advise the office and we will arrange a pick-up.

If you are in agreement, our gardeners would like to use your green bins whilst they are managing your front garden. We believe that this will significantly reduce the cost of tip fees.

In the case of apartment residents, please note that we are waiting on kitchen caddies to be delivered. With regards to green bins for the Apartments, a couple of these will initially be located in the bin area on the ground floor however, if this creates an odour, we will relocate them to an open area.

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ACTIVE HEALTHCARE NOTES

Juanita Bryson, our Village Nurse, is available for consultation Mon-Fri 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

MEDICAL CLINIC DATES

MARCH

NO NURSE OR GP - Monday 9th

Dr N. Nicolaai

Mon 2 nd	10.00am - 11.30am
Thur 12 th	9.30am - 1.00pm
Mon 16 th	10.00am - 11.30am
Thur 26 th	9.30am - 1.00pm

Dr Reid

Thur 5 th	9.30am - 1.30pm
Thur 19 th	9.30am - 1.30pm
Mon 23 rd	1.30pm - 4:00pm

APRIL

NO NURSE - Friday 3rd

NO NURSE OR GP - Mon 6th

Dr N. Nicolaai

Thur 9 th	9.30am - 1.00pm
Mon 13 th	10.00am - 11.30am
Thur 23 rd	9.30am - 1.00pm
Mon 27 th	10.00am - 11.30am

Dr Reid

Thur 2 nd	9.30am - 1.30pm
Thur 16 th	9.30am - 1.30pm
Mon 20 th	1.30pm - 4:00pm

MAY

Dr N. Nicolaai

Thur 7 th	9.30 am - 1.00pm
Mon 11 th	10.00am - 11.30am
Thur 25 th	9.30am - 1.00pm
Mon 25 th	10.00am - 11.30am

Dr Reid

Mon 4 th	1.30pm - 4:00pm
Thur 14 th	9.30am - 1.30pm
Mon 18 th	1.30pm - 4:00pm
Thur 28 th	9.30am - 1.30pm

ONLINE BOOKINGS

You can book appointments with doctors
ONLINE - Visit www.pinacclemmedical.com.au



KEEP YOUR VACCINES UP-TO-DATE

Vaccines for Covid, Flu and Shingles - contact Juanita to get your jab.



BOOSTRIX VACCINE

The Boostrix vaccination is a booster vaccine that helps protect against three serious bacterial diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Purpose and Recommendations

Immunity from childhood vaccinations can wane over time, making booster shots necessary. The Australian Immunisation Handbook and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend the Boostrix (Tdap) vaccine for specific groups:

Routine Boosters: Adults are recommended to have a booster dose every 10 years to maintain optimal protection against tetanus and diphtheria.

Close Contacts of Infants: Adult household contacts, grandparents, and other caregivers of infants under 6 months of age should receive the vaccine at least two weeks before coming into close contact with the baby.

Wound Management: It may be used for tetanus prophylaxis in the case of a tetanus-prone injury if a booster is needed and it has been more than 5 years since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

Travellers: Recommended for travellers to regions with a higher risk of diphtheria or pertussis outbreaks

IF IT HAS BEEN 10 YEARS OR LONGER SINCE YOUR PREVIOUS VACCINE
PLEASE SEE JUANITA TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE WAITING LIST
TO ORDER STOCK FOR THE VILLAGE.

YOU CAN CHECK ON THE MEDICARE WEBSITE

COST IS \$54 – WHICH IS PAYABLE BY CONTACTING PMFH
ON 0850 0444 – ONCE PAYMENT IS CONFIRMED

PLEASE BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH JUANITA

PCV HEALTH & SAFETY



A reminder - all dogs must be on a lead when outside your villa or apartment.

I'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE MATE

Why not send Egret an account of one of your travel experiences to share with village residents.

About 450 words and some photos would be nice
If you need a hand, contact one of the Egret team!





POINT COOK VILLAGE “HAPPY BOOKERS” BOOK CLUB.

Ann Linton, Villa 205

We celebrated Christmas with a lunch at the end of November at The Brook, very enjoyable, thanks to the drivers Bev & Cheryl.

The December meeting was small with Gwen first up discussing 3 historical novels, all were enjoyed. **A Woman of Courage by Tania Blanchard**. Back in the 1800's a young woman by the name of Hannah who comes from a working-class family, she has ambitions to bring the vote to women and push women's rights. A book rich in detail and the storytelling is glorious, the ambience is additive, a great read. The second book by **Jackie French – Hearts of Gold**, and last the book by **Belinda Alexander – Sapphire Skies**, about a female pilot based in Russia.

Ann has read **The French Promise by Fiona McIntosh**, a former French resistance fighter and a one-time British spy, have survived the war, married and eventually moved from the UK to Tasmania growing lavender. This is a story of courage, determination, a great love story. I loved the Australian/French connection. The second book was **The Voyagers by Mardi McConchie**, in 1943, on three precious days of shore leave, a US Marine/Navy officer arrives in Sydney to find Marina, they shared three magical days just before the war started and then spent many years searching for each other, a charming love story that ends well.

Gail won the gold star for all the books she read, here are the titles.

Dinner at the **Night Library by Hika Harada**, a charming novel about a mysterious library in Tokyo that opens after darkens after darkens after dark, following the employees who bond each night over special meals inspired by the books on shelves, exclusive books by deceased authors, and none of them can be checked out, instead they are put on display, akin to a book museum. Strange occurrences start happening. Read the book for more information.

Gail's other reads are **The Funeral Crashers by Joanna Nell**. **Vianne by Joanne Harris**. **The Wager by David Gran**, plus **Tara Moss**.

Cheryl is reading **The Fifth Letter by Liane Moriarty**.

A movie that was recommended is **the Bruce Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere**.

2026 is here, January Meeting. Gwen and Ann both read the same book, **Foul Play by Fiona McIntosh**

Superstar footballer Luca Bruni is being blackmailed for a night of lust he swears he didn't participate in . . . except the ransom photo denies that. A media darling on and off the field, he has powerful charisma, a perfect home life he'll do anything to protect, and more money than he knows what to do with. He's determined to defy the extortion racket.

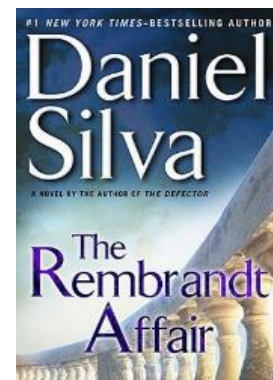
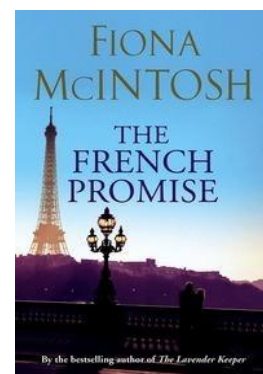
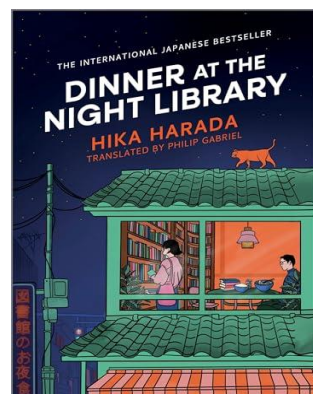
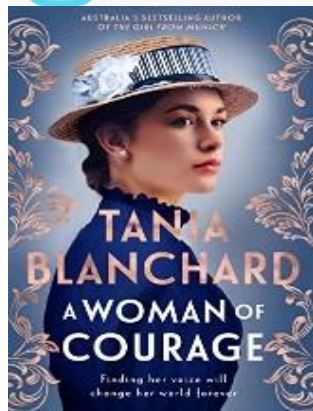
Gwen has also read **The Rembrandt Affair by Daniel Silva**. An

international chase and it's a good one. It opens with an art restorer working on a masterpiece which we later learn is Rembrandt's portrait of his mistress. The restorer, a leader in the field, is murdered and the painting stolen.

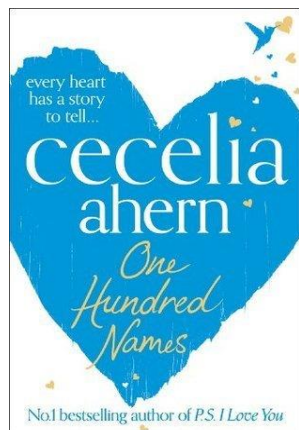
Cheryl has read **The Property of a Noble Woman**, very enjoyable read

Bev recommends **Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty**. This fascinating saga is a mind-bending mystery with mystical, dramatic, and philosophical elements. It delivers a powerful message, advising readers to live their lives fully in their limited time.

Gail has recommended, **The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles**. This historical fiction takes place during WWII in Paris, France. The American Library in Paris remained open during the German occupation. Heroic librarians did deliver books to Jewish subscribers as depicted in the book. This is a story of love, betrayal, sadness, and courage. The book opens with Odile Souchet applying for a job at the American Library in Paris. It is February 1939. She is hired for the job of her dreams. She loves books. An interesting read.



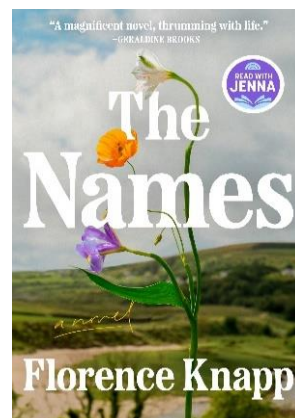
Gail has also read, **The Names by Florence Knapp**. What if a name could shape your entire path, your passions, your relationships, or even your future? Only the reader can decide.



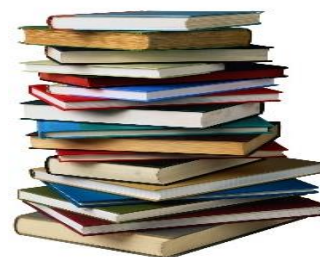
Ann recommends **One hundred Names by Cecelia Ahern**. Kitty's journalism career is in jeopardy because the lead she was given was not as it seemed, so by the time she published what she thought was well researched, she not only ruined the reputation of her subject, but she also ruined her own. Now, she is trying to find her way back and dealing with the loss of her mentor. "People who believe that they are not interesting, usually are the most interesting of all."

Our Feb meeting was mainly the discussion of the donated books by a local Point Cook author by the name of **Shane Tindal**. The village received personally signed copies of three titles with a few copies of each, the book club members gave mixed reviews, these books will be placed in the library for residents to borrow, the book club would love to hear your comments and thoughts.

Next Happy Bookers meeting 2nd March 10.30am multi-purpose room.



Local Point Cook author Shane Tindal has graciously donated a few copies of three of her books to the village library, please have a read and let the book club know your thoughts.



PCV KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

GEORGE & GAIL RICHARDS VILLA 65

Ann Linton, Villa 205



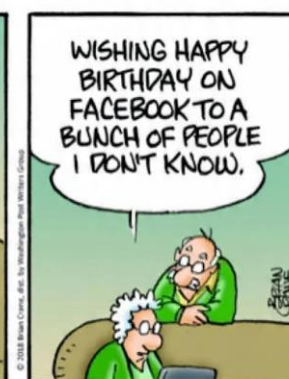
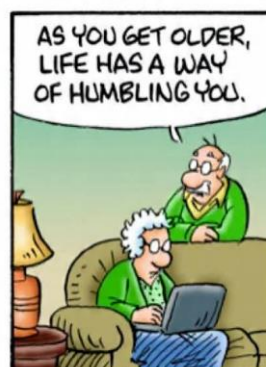
In August 2025 George and Gail left Torquay, the gateway to the Great Ocean Road and moved into Villa 65 in our lovely village.

They both played golf while living there, now George travels weekly to play golf in Torquay as well as joining our village golf team. Gail joined our Happy Bookers Book Club in October 2025, and has recommended many books to our members.

Family is the main reason for moving to Point Cook to be nearer to their daughter and grandsons, and grand dog. They have also taken time out to visit some of our local restaurants, and to attend the village Friday Happy Hour. George is also a bar volunteer, so we thank him for his time.

George and Gail will be celebrating 57 years of wedded bliss Feb 2026, Congratulations to you both.

Very busy people so when you see them around the village say hello.





SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

by Julie Cummings, Villa 210

It was great to see such a good turnout for the New Year's Eve function last year, and the more casual atmosphere contributed to such a great night. The recent "Canape Evening", proved to be a great success. The Social Club has been working to ensure there is a very full and interesting calendar of social events for this year; *Sunday Lunches with Entertainment, Sunday Jazz Afternoons, monthly Dinner Dances, Sausage Sizzles* during the Summer months, *Box Dinners, etc.* Don't forget the *Sunday Happy Hours*. Thanks to everyone who helps to set up and take down to make these events possible.

The Link bus trips are proving to be extremely popular and thanks must go to Jim Rayner for all of the organisation that is necessary for these trips to run smoothly.

In May, we will be staging the annual *Volunteers' Recognition Afternoon Tea*, as part of Volunteers Week. This event will be run in conjunction with the Committee of Management to acknowledge all of the unheralded work that is done by the volunteers in our Village. More volunteers are always welcome, so if you think you might like to be involved with the Coffee Club or help behind the Bar, just let us know.

Make sure you check the notices on the Social Club Events Board in the foyer and other information posted in the Mail Room.



SOCIAL CLUB - COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Saturday, 7th "The Herbert" – Dinner and Show 6pm

Sunday, 15th – "Orlando" Jazz Band

APRIL

Sunday 5th - Sunday Lunch – Entertainment "Lisa"

Saturday 25th – Anzac Day Service

MAY

Saturday 2nd - "Fun Trivia" – more details to come

Thursday 7th - Link Bus Trip to Geelong - Cruise/Lunch – Corio Bay - \$60 per head

Saturday 9th - "The Eagles with Linda Ronstadt" - Tribute Band Dinner and Show 6pm

JUNE

Saturday 6th - "Beach Boys/Frankie Valli" - Tribute Band Dinner and Show 6pm

Saturday 16th - "Blues Train" Queenscliff

Saturday 21st - "Pearly Shells" – Jazz Band

FOR MOST EVENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please check the notice boards in the foyer and the Mail Room for updated Social Club information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for the Bar and Clubhouse Café

PCV CLUBHOUSE BAR

If you're interested in assisting behind the Bar

Please contact Murray Brown on 6598



PCV COFFEE CLUB

You will be trained until you feel comfortable to use the coffee machine.

Alternately if you would rather just take the money and the orders, this would also be a great help.

Please contact Sylvia on 6641

NEXT PCV RESIDENTS' FORUM



**THURSDAY 16th
APRIL @ 2PM**



UNUSED TIP VOUCHERS

If you have unused Tip Vouchers (as issued by Wyndham Council with your Rates Notice)

Please think about giving them to the Village Office, so they can be used by the Garden Crew and help keep our costs down

BOWLS PENNANT SEASON FINISHES

Margaret Knight, Villa 111



Another Pennant season has come to an end for the Point Cook Village Bowls Club. **The first team** reached the Grand Final in the Weekend Pennant Competition, but unfortunately were beaten. As a result of this they will be promoted to Division 3 for the next season. They also reached the finals series for Tuesday Midweek Pennant Competition but were unsuccessful in progressing. **The second team** had a mixed season and although playing well they were unsuccessful in both the Weekend and Midweek Competitions.

Congratulations to the winners in our Club Championships:

- Men's Singles** Barry Watson
- Ladies Singles** Kaye Millen
- Men's Pairs** Brian Turner and Ron O'Shannessey
- Ladies' Pairs** Janet Brouwer and Thelma Everard
- Mixed Pairs** Gary and Maryann Boddington

Well done to all who participated in the competition.

Thank you to the Club Board of Management and the Selection Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.



PCV LOST & FOUND

Residents are requested to view all items found in the box located in the mailroom and at reception prior to disposal.

Some of the items there are sunglasses, clothing, and footwear.

NEW COMMISSIONER FOR RESIDENTS OF RETIREMENT VILLAGES VICTORIA



As part of changes under the new Retirement Villages Act Victoria **Dr. Heather Holst** has recently been appointed the new **Commissioner of Retirement Villages** and will jointly Chair with **Helen Betros**, President of the **Residents of Retirement Villages Victoria** a new Residents Advisory Group.

This Group will have a Core Purpose to provide independent advice to government on the retirement villages sectors, with an emphasis on the rights of residents.

The group will assist the Commissioner to identify systematic issues trends and potential improvements from a residents' perspective.



Lynn Slade, a resident at Wyndham Grange (another ex RCA Village) has been selected to sit as one of the members of the Group for a period of three years.

Lynn's appointment will give residents in the western area representation at a top level.



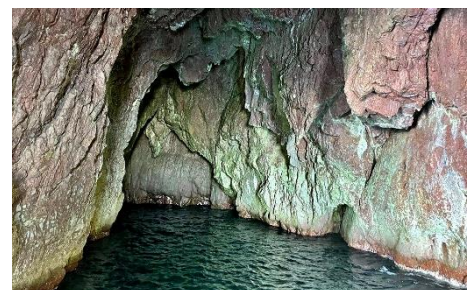
PCV TRAVELLERS' TALES

A DAY IN BONAFACIO, CORSICA – COASTAL CRUISE AND A VISIT TO THE ANCIENT CITADEL

Geoff Marten, Villa 177

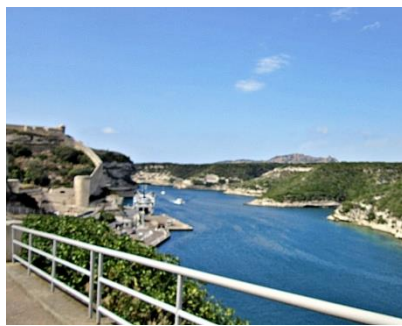
The following is an account of Geoff and Colleen's day in Bonifacio Corsica with a coastal cruise, and a visit to the ancient citadel, during their 39 Day "Big Trip" visiting five Mediterranean Islands in 2018. On that trip, they visited the islands of Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Malta and Crete. They also spent some time in Singapore, Paris, and Athens.

On day 9 Monday, 17 September, we travelled south from our hotel in Porto-Vecchio and travelled southwards to Bonifacio at the bottom of Corsica. Today we had a morning cruise from Bonifacio to discover the caves and the famous magnificent white limestone cliffs along the coast. During the trip we visited several sea caves - the Grotte de S'Dragulinu (Little Dragon) or Dragon's Grotto. A magnificent and impressive grotto with deep transparent turquoise water, where we could see small fish swimming around, and up above,



an opening to the sky in the shape of the map of Corsica that illuminated the cave with its soft light. We also visited the *Grotte Marine de Saint-Antoine*, also known as "U Grotun" or "Chapeau de Napoléon" because of its shape. Adjacent to the grotto, we saw a large rock known as the "Rudder of Corsica," and later we saw the picturesque "Grain de sable," a large, isolated block of granite. All along the way the immense, rugged high cliffs overshadowed our small boat.

On our return to Bonifacio, we had lunch in a harbourside restaurant, before an afternoon visit to the 9th century citadel situated high up above the town. Later in the afternoon we left Corsica and travelled by car ferry to our next Mediterranean island – Sardinia





DIGITAL SCAMS AND OLDER PEOPLE

Digital scams are a growing problem, especially as more people rely on the internet for everything from shopping to banking. These scams can take many forms, but the basic idea is that fraudsters trick people into giving up their personal information, money, or access to their devices. Some common types of digital scams include:

PHISHING SCAMS

What it is: Scammers send emails, texts, or social media messages that look like they're from a legitimate organization, such as a bank or a well-known company. These messages usually contain a link that takes you to a fake website designed to steal your login credentials, financial information, or personal data.

How to avoid it: Always double-check the sender's email address or phone number, don't click on suspicious links, and make sure the website you land on starts with "https://".

TECH SUPPORT SCAMS

What it is: Scammers claim to be tech support agents (e.g., from Microsoft, Apple, or your internet provider) and tell you that there's an issue with your computer or network. They may ask you to grant remote access to your device or ask for payment to fix the supposed issue.

How to avoid it: Never allow unsolicited tech support access to your device, and be wary of anyone claiming to be from a tech company without you reaching out to them first.

ONLINE SHOPPING SCAMS

What it is: Fake websites or social media ads that offer products at incredibly low prices, often for high-demand items like electronics or designer goods. Once you make a purchase, the goods either never arrive or are subpar counterfeits.

How to avoid it: Stick to reputable online retailers, check reviews, and look for secure payment methods (like PayPal or credit cards) that offer buyer protection.

INVESTMENT SCAMS

What it is: Scammers promote fake investment opportunities (e.g., cryptocurrencies, stocks, or real estate) with promises of high returns in a short amount of time. They often prey on people's desire to make quick money.

How to avoid it: Be skeptical of "too good to be true" offers, especially those you come across through unsolicited calls or emails. Always do your own research and consult with a financial advisor before investing.

RANSOMWARE

What it is: This type of malware locks your files or computer, and the attacker demands a ransom (usually in cryptocurrency) to unlock it. Ransomware can be delivered through phishing emails or malicious ads.

How to avoid it: Keep your software and antivirus programs updated, don't click on suspicious links, and back up important files regularly.

ROMANCE SCAMS

What it is: Scammers create fake profiles on dating websites or social media platforms, building fake relationships to gain trust. Eventually, they ask for money under various pretenses (e.g., emergency medical expenses, travel costs).

How to avoid it: Be cautious about sharing personal information with someone you haven't met in real life, and never send money to someone you've only communicated with online.

CHARITY SCAMS

What it is: Fake charities often reach out after a disaster or tragedy, claiming to need donations. They may look very legitimate, sometimes using familiar logos and names.

How to avoid it: Research charities before donating. Reputable ones will have a clear history of charitable activities and transparent donation processes.

LOTTERY AND PRIZE SCAMS

What it is: Scammers claim you've won a prize or lottery that you didn't enter, asking for personal details or payment to claim your reward.

How to avoid it: If you didn't enter a lottery or contest, it's likely a scam. Real prizes don't require you to pay upfront fees.

SIM SWAP SCAMS

What it is: Scammers attempt to gain control of your phone number by tricking your mobile provider into transferring your number to a new SIM card. This can give them access to your two-factor authentication codes, banking apps, and other sensitive accounts.

How to avoid it: Set up a PIN or password with your mobile provider, and monitor your accounts for unusual activity.

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE:

- Use strong, unique passwords for each of your accounts, and consider a password manager to help.
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) whenever possible.
- Keep your software and operating systems up to date to protect against known vulnerabilities.
- Be sceptical of unsolicited emails or messages, especially if they ask for personal details or money.
- Educate yourself on common scams and share that knowledge with others.



FROM THE PCV KITCHEN

BAKED LEMON CHICKEN

Wendy Villa 246

Ingredients

One whole chicken cut into serving pieces, or the equivalent in chicken pieces

1 Dessert spoon of plain flour or cornflour

2 teaspoons paprika

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons of butter

Lemon Sauce

1 Tablespoon soya sauce

¼ Cup lemon juice

1 Dessert spoon grated lemon rind – more if you wish

1 Crushed clove of garlic

¼ Cup cooking oil – optional

Salt and pepper

Method

Place chicken, flour, paprika, salt and pepper into a plastic bag

Toss until the chicken is well coated

Place chicken pieces skin side down in a single layer in an ovenproof dish

Dot with butter

Bake uncovered in oven at 180deg for 30 mins

Turn chicken pieces over and pour the sauce over them

Bake for another 30 mins until the chicken is golden and tender

This is a fragrant family favourite dish to serve with rice, couscous, quinoa or burghul accompanied by a crisp salad or green vegetables.



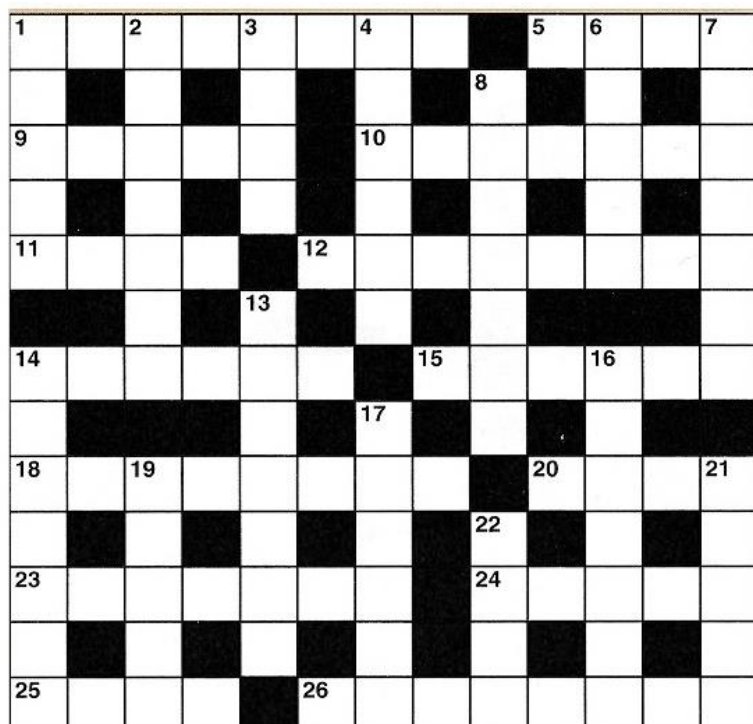
from Bernadette Mravcjak, Villa 58

Films are shown every Wednesday
3-5 pm, except holidays.

PCV PUZZLE CORNER – MIX & MATCH

This mixed-clue crossword will get you thinking in lots of different ways.
Riddles, anagrams, word association and general knowledge are all included.

(Solution back page)



ACROSS

- 1 Anagram of SAW FLUTE (8)
- 5 Slack (4)
- 9 Word following Rock, Peer and Blood (5)
- 10 Musical US city? (7)
- 11 Place where view talked about (4)
- 12 Nice plan developed to reach the top (8)
- 14 Plant book (6)
- 15 Seed used in the Turkish sweetmeat halva (6)
- 18 Steal off to get meal (8)
- 20 It may be a box or a bucket (4)
- 23 Garden timepiece (7)
- 24 Leisure pursuit (5)
- 25 Smallest tide (4)
- 26 Anagram of ORNATELY (8)

DOWN

- 1 Salary (5)
- 2 Anagram of THRONES (7)
- 3 See European agent (4)
- 4 Devour Chinese dish containing sea creature (6)
- 6 In the Bible, the father of Jacob and Esau (5)
- 7 Anagram of GET ROPE (7)
- 8 Pathfinder landing without one (7)
- 13 Disease carried by mosquitoes (7)
- 14 Train as design craftsman (7)
- 16 Windflower (7)
- 17 Word connecting Water, Pearl and Sugar (6)
- 19 African country, home to the Kikuyu people (5)
- 21 Giant object in brown wrapping (5)
- 22 Capital city of Norway (4)

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Smoke Alarms

The smoke alarms installed in your villas are all under warranty. If your smoke alarm begins to beep, please contact the office. If this occurs out of office times, all you need to do is use a broom stick to gently press in the middle of the smoke alarm and this will stop the beep for up to 10hours while the unit is re-charging. If it beeps again, simply repeat the process. Please advise staff during office hours.

Village Budget 2026/2027

The Committee of Management is currently working on next financial year's budget. Once we have all the required information, residents will be informed at June's Resident Forum.

Pets

As you are all aware, we do have a Pet Policy and Pet Agreement in place. If you are looking after pets belonging to your family or friends on a casual basis, you will be required to conform to the Policy. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that dog droppings are picked up and that the dogs are on a leash at all times. You may request the Pet Policy from the office.

Resident front garden

When residents hand back their front garden to the village, it is then classified as a village garden. Our gardeners will then bring it back to an acceptable standard. As a result, the resident will not have any ongoing role for the maintenance of the garden. The village garden maintenance will be done according to zones. If you have any queries, please refer to the Garden Policy which is available on the wall outside the letterbox area.

We understand that there are quite a few suckers in front gardens and common areas which need poisoning and removal. The gardeners will attend to this when they are in that zone next.



THE WEST WIND

By John Masfield

It's a warm wind, the west wind, full of birds' cries;
I never hear the west wind but tears are in my eyes.
For it comes from the west lands, the old brown hills.
And April's in the west wind, and daffodils.
It's a fine land, the west land, for hearts as tired as mine,
Apple orchards blossom there, and the air's like wine.
There is cool green grass there, where men may lie at rest,
And the thrushes are in song there, fluting from the nest.
"Will ye not come home, brother? ye have been long away,
It's April, and blossom time, and white is the may;
And bright is the sun, brother, and warm is the rain,
Will ye not come home, brother, home to us again?
"The young corn is green, brother, where the rabbits run.
It's blue sky, and white clouds, and warm rain and sun.
It's song to a man's soul, brother, fire to a man's brain,
To hear the wild bees and see the merry spring again.
"Larks are singing in the west, brother, above the green wheat,
So will ye not come home, brother, and rest your tired feet?
I've a balm for bruised hearts, brother, sleep for aching eyes,"
Says the warm wind, the west wind, full of birds' cries.
It's the white road westwards is the road I must tread
To the green grass, the cool grass, and rest for heart and head,
To the violets, and the warm hearts, and the thrushes' song,
In the fine land, the west land, the land where I belong.

OH&S SAFETY MESSAGE



Just a reminder to all village residents
– make sure that, after tables are moved,
the table wheels are locked.
WE DON'T WANT ANY ACCIDENTS
TO OCCUR DO WE?



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