

Residential Aged Care Home Juniper Bethshan

Connecting our Community Newsletter | November 2023

Bethshan forms new intergenerational partnership

We are very excited to form a partnership with Community Daycare to bring intergenerational play here to our residents here at Juniper Bethshan!

So far, we have attended the daycare to read stories to children, and we also had some three to five-year-olds visit us at Bethshan every two weeks to join our residents for games, singing and loads of giggles and stories.

Everyone has been enjoying the new connections they are making with the kids and the fun and energy they bring to our home.

Check out these adorable photos of our residents with the children!



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Message from the CEO



It's hard to believe we're already in November!

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my time at Juniper as CEO since joining late last year.

I have had a warm welcome from staff across all our sites and am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful organisation that supports individuals and communities to live a life well lived.

In some exciting news, we have recently welcomed Wagin-based aged care provider Waratah Lodge to the Juniper family.

Juniper strives to make a difference to the lives of older people in regional communities and acquiring Waratah Lodge is a testament to that as we aim to contribute to, and connect older people to the communities in which they call home.

In this newsletter, you can read the latest updates and stories of our staff and your fellow residents.

I hope this newsletter inspires you to keep living life your way - happy reading!

Russell Bricknell
Chief Executive Officer

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Hello from Narissa

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our first official Juniper Bethshan newsletter! We have had a very busy year so far.

I want to thank all our staff for continuing to show their passion and commitment to our wonderful residents here at Juniper Bethshan.

In this newsletter, you can read all about the latest updates happening at our home, including some special milestones and upcoming events!

Enjoy!

Warm regards,

Narissa McMahon
Residential Manager



Meet our newest volunteer - Trina and her dog Toby!

We'd like to warmly welcome our newest volunteers to Bethshan, Trina and her beautiful Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Toby! We have loved getting to know Trina, and our staff and residents just adore Toby, who we are sure has been enjoying all the pats and attention!



Ted, Trina, and Toby

Our lifestyle program update

We've been busy at Bethshan over the past few months!

Katanning Carnaby Girl Guides and St. Patrick Primary School Visits Bethshan

Back in July we had a visit from the Katanning Carnaby's Girl Guides. Everyone had a terrific time playing games and having a laugh!

Then in August, students from St Patrick's Primary School visited for a fun morning of poetry, singing and games. The children, residents and staff at Bethshan had a blast!

Adventure on a Bus

Our bus trips have included some very interesting and beautiful scenery - some of the places we've visited including Cranbrook, Dumbleyung Lake and Flat Rocks Wind Farm.

Outdoors this Spring

We love getting out for a walk in the sunshine and now that spring has sprung, we will be doing a lot more of it! Our residents have been enjoying being out and about in the fine weather - Nancy, Violet and Mary have been enjoying our beautiful rose garden; Terry, Malcolm and Neville have loved a good stroll; while Isabel has been soaking up the sunshine.

Time for a Cuppa

Recently, on October 16, we hosted morning tea for a Cuppa Time for Dementia Australia. The event raised money for people living with Dementia, and we raised a total of \$348! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this great cause.



Visits at Bethshan



Bus trips



Tea time

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 7 November

Don't miss out. We will be holding our annual Melbourne Cup luncheon. We encourage all our staff and residents to frock up for a day of fun and laughter!



Waratah Lodge joins Juniper family

Juniper is continuing to enrich the lives of older people in regional communities after entering into an agreement to take ownership of Waratah Lodge, previously operated by Wagin Frail Aged Inc, as of 1 October 2023.

The decision to transition ownership of Waratah Lodge to Juniper is driven by a shared commitment to ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality aged care services in Wagin, in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia.

Juniper CEO, Russell Bricknell, said investing in regional aged care is more than just a commitment.

“We understand the importance of providing older people with the opportunity to continue living in their communities, close to family, friends, and familiar surroundings. Our acquisition of Waratah Lodge in Wagin is a testament to this commitment,” he said.

“We believe that every older person deserves compassionate and high-quality care, regardless of where they call home,” said Mr Bricknell.

Juniper has a proven track record of delivering exceptional care in regional Western Australia, notably in the Great Southern and Wheatbelt regions.

Its Residential Aged Care homes in Katanning (Juniper Bethshan), Albany (Juniper Korumup), and Northam (Juniper Bethavon and The Residency) are a testament to its dedication to providing quality care.



Juniper CEO Russell Bricknell and Executive Director Residential Dan Norgard met with Waratah Lodge staff.

Residents' Birthdays

July

- Peta - **16 July**
- Rosna - **17 July**
- Barbara B - **27 July**
- Allan - **28 July**

September

- Wilma - **4 September**
- Malcolm - **4 September**



Staff updates and milestones



Congratulations to **Sue Link** who has been a member of our Bethshan team for 15 years and **Deb Haywood** who has been with us for 10 years. From all of us here at Bethshan, a big thank you for the wonderful job you do for our residents and your dedication to the home.

We would also like to welcome **Rhonda** to the team who will be providing activities on Thursdays and Fridays at Bethshan. We look forward to getting to know Rhonda and having lots of fun together!