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Village Voice



Cooinda

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## Hard Waste Collection Days for 2023

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*Please note: all large bulky items to go in hard waste, small items to go in red bin.*

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## Hub Report

Hello Friends,

Welcome to May with all this beautiful 'spring' weather in autumn! Let's hope it lasts for a while.

The new fire system at the entrance to the Village appears to be finished which is good news. Thanks to all residents for your patience whilst this work was being carried out.

As far as I am aware, most people seem to be in reasonably good health and at our ages, that is a blessing.

Our free BBQ on the 16<sup>th</sup> April and the dinner on 19<sup>th</sup> were both enjoyable gatherings and well attended. Thank you to the organizers.

This is advance notice – keep **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** free because we have secured a musical evening with WAYNE HORSBURGH. This will be a really great night of joyful entertainment. See the notice on the board in The Hub.

This month of May we shall also have musical entertainment during our monthly dinner, plus we are starting a programme of "Monday Melody Movies" on the first Monday of each month. Our first movie will be the musical "Pirates of Penzance". Good things are happening at the Hub!

The menu for our dinner provided by the lovely Annie is to be a choice of either, Chicken and Spinach pasta with salad and chips OR, Beef Schnitzel with vegetables. Sweet to be Peach Cobbler. Don't forget to book with Eileen by Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Happy Birthday wishes to everyone having a birthday this month!

Leo Ginnivan  
President.

We welcome a new couple to Cooinda this month being Reg and Margaret Bale of Jean Lee Drive. A big welcome to you both from all of us.

Welcome to our May chats... We have a few new and different things happening this month. We do hope you will come to the Hub and join us in the fun.

On Monday 1st of May we have a movie showing, starting at 1.30pm to be followed by afternoon tea. Do come relax and join the showing.

On Tuesday (and each Tuesday of the month) including this Tuesday we have gentle exercises of Yoga or Tai Chi with other activities from 9am till 12pm. It can (as far as I know) be done standing or sitting. Come check it out, gentle exercises are good for us all.

The bus trip for March did not take place as we couldn't get a driver. One of our drivers has six months leave and is spending time in New Zealand then caravanning Aust, with his wife. Nice time of the year to be doing that. Ut his month, they are off to Whitfield hotel for lunch. I can add, it is fully booked.

Our numbers on a Saturday night to nibbles and dinner are growing with chatter up and down the table. Don't forget you can bring a friend (or rellie) if you wish...oh and if you don't like what id on for that evening bring what you would like to eat.. The social interaction is great for us all.

Our Residents monthly dinner is steady at around 30-40 people and this month we are having an entertainer between courses. All I'll say at this time is that it is music/singing, come along let us know what you think. Bring your vistor or friends along aswell. Don't forget to book with Eileen on **0407 710 899.**

Remember if you would like something added to Chit Chat, recipes (need one, share one) potted plants, birthdays, anniversaries, whatever drop a line or 2 into 57 Jean Lee Dve, leave at the Hub (in our suggestion box), or Maggie will always pass something on to me.

Which reminds me I had a happening at my place last month. I came home from lawn bowls at Violet Town on eSunday to find quite a water lead running down the gutter..... Luckily one of my neighbours reported it to the office for us and it was fixed quite promptly . Well done guys ...

The water for Anzac Day was very good to us, with a good crowd attendance for both services.

There's no doubt the weather has been wonderful. I hope everyone has had a chance to do all they needed to, before the winter weather decides to set in.

Enjoy the coming month everyone, stay well and keep safe ....

Cheers

Maxine

## Stage 2 Building Redevelopment Update

Onsite works of the Stage 2 Building Redevelopment of Rossmore House, Administration and Hostel have now commenced.

### Items of note are:

- Reception is now located on the corner of Central Avenue and Samaria Road in what used to be unit 19,
- The town bus service to the bus stop on Kilfeera Road has been suspended due to safety concerns. The closest bus stop is now in Samaria Road at the corner of Barc Lane,
- Increased trade vehicles, trucks and parking along the Kilfeera road service lane and carpark,
- At this stage, the Australia Post box remains adjacent to the old entry on Kilfeera Road, however this may also be relocated at Australia Post's discretion,
- The Building contractors will be working on-site weekdays between 7.00AM and 4.30PM

### **Fire Service Upgrade**

Work is continuing to install a new fire water ring main to the care facility.

There are still some connections to be completed before the system can be commissioned.

### **Letter Boxes**

We have received our supply of replacement letter boxes and will begin installation in the coming months.

### **Empty units**

There are currently three vacant units undergoing some minor renovations. All three of these units are now under contract and will be occupied in the coming months.

### **Maintenance**

Reminder to please request or report all maintenance jobs to reception on **5761 3300**. This includes urgent after-hours reporting.

### **Waste Disposal and Recycling**

Reminder that the weekly bin collection is for basic household waste, recycling, and organic waste only. When placing items in the yellow recycling bin please **do not** put them in plastic bags. Soft plastic **cannot** go in the recycling bins.

### **Gutter Cleaning**

Maintenance staff are continuing to clean gutters around the village.

### **Hard Rubbish Collection**

Cooinda offers ILU residents a bi-monthly opportunity to dispose of items that are not suitable for the weekly collection.

However, there are things that Cooinda needs to pass the cost of, back to the individuals that require the disposal, these include: mattresses and lounge furniture which now cost \$48 per item. These charges are imposed by Benalla Landfill.

If anyone has bulky waste or unwanted items, these should be put out for hard waste collection on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning of the scheduled pick up. For those that require help with items please contact reception to have maintenance staff assist with removal from your unit.

### **Scheduled hard waste collection dates for 2023**

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### **Cooinda Achievers**

When thinking of changing over or downsizing of furniture etc. please consider donating unwanted items that may be re sellable to the 'Cooinda Achievers'. This hardworking group of volunteers raises money for Cooinda and would welcome the opportunity to on-sell unwanted residents' items if appropriate. To contact the group please call reception **5761 3300**.

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