



Settlers Green Winter Newsletter

Autumn has arrived and since the last newsletter much has taken place. We welcome all those who are new to Settlers Green and hope that you enjoy being a part of our community. In January we farewelled Beverly Thompson who has moved to a retirement village in St Ives. The Committee and Social Club organised a farewell afternoon tea to thank Bev for the 25 years that she spent in creating and maintaining the gardens throughout the Estate that we all enjoy. In particular, Bev spent numerous hours each week weeding the different garden beds. It was very pleasing to see so many residents join us to farewell Bev and wish her well for the next stage of her life.

Over the past few months Ken Wyper and Don Zacherl have been very busy in identifying areas of common property that need maintenance. As Settlers Green ages, it is not surprising that time has an impact on the infrastructure and that there is a need to address ongoing maintenance issues for the long term and as they arise. Temporary work has been undertaken to ensure that no small children can access the pool area via Tennis Court 1. The gardeners have continued to maintain the mowing and pruning of the different areas of the Estate. Additionally, Don Zacherl has spent many hours removing weeds and planting to ensure our gardens are always looking their best.

If you are interested in volunteering to work in the gardens, please contact the Committee via settlerscommittee@gmail.com. A few hours a week or month will help us to maintain the gardens to the standard that we expect. They provide a place for children to play and residents to gather in the different spaces.

Late January saw the arrival of new furniture for the pool area. Over time the original tables had deteriorated and the fact that they had glass tops was a safety concern. Three new banana lounges were added and as well, there are 5 new tables (4x4 seater and 1x8 seater) with accompanying chairs. The 4-seater tables can be easily joined for a larger gathering. The older 8-seater table and 22 chairs have been retained. The arrival of the new furniture was timely as the weather improved and the number of families using the pool increased.



A checklist is to be placed in the Clubhouse kitchen so that residents who note a shortage of consumable items can indicate what is needed. The list will be checked regularly to ensure that items such as paper towel, washing up liquid and the like are available for those using the Clubhouse. It is timely to remind residents who use the Clubhouse or have a booking for its use, that there are some expectations. The Clubhouse has consumables for washing up, for the dishwasher, to clean surfaces; there is clingwrap, aluminum foil, baking paper and the like that can be used. Crockery, cutlery, glasses and general kitchen utensils are also available for use. There are gas lighters for the BBQ and heater. There is paper towel provided, while tea towels are located above the ovens. Spare paper towel is in the cupboard above the refrigerator.

When using the Clubhouse for a function with a booking or casually, residents are reminded that they are expected to clean up after the completion of their function. If the dishwasher is used, please empty it the next day and return crockery and cutlery to the relevant drawers. Ensure that benches have been wiped clean, that if you have cooked the stove and wall tiles are cleaned, that floors are swept and furniture returned to its original layout. Also ensure that any items brought by those using the Clubhouse are removed and that the fridge is left clean and personal goods are removed. Ensure that when you depart, the doors are locked and that the alarm has been turned on. Your assistance in this regard will assist the next person/group who has booked the Clubhouse. If you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Committee.

Just a reminder that the use of the Clubhouse does require a booking to ensure that there are not different groups wanting to access the Clubhouse at the same time. This also enables the Committee to monitor its use in the event of any unexpected damage. If a booking is made then if it is no longer required, please cancel to enable others to book the Clubhouse. Those who book the Clubhouse are expected to ensure that they undertake the cleaning regime as set out in the Guide located in the Clubhouse. Bookings for the Clubhouse and Tennis Courts are now made electronically using SKEDDA using the following: <https://app.skedda.com/account/login>

Finally, residents are encouraged to read the Minutes of Committee Meetings as these provide information about what is under discussion with regards to the facilities and matters that arise. This way residents will be informed of what the Committee is doing, and it will ensure that when items are added to the AGM for residents to vote on it will not be a surprise.

Social Committee

The Settlers Green Easter Egg Hunt held on the 9th of April was attended by 18 happy children. It was a beautiful morning, and much excitement was had. Kathy Griffin is to be thanked for organising this event for our community.



Finally, a reminder that on the 2nd Friday of the month residents are invited to come along to a BBQ at the Clubhouse from 6.30pm. All you need to do is bring along your meat and either a salad or dessert to share. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other residents and enjoy our facilities.



A reminder that Settlers Green has a Facebook page which is not managed by the Committee. The Committee will use it to inform of work being undertaken that may affect residents or of social events.