



Rotarians Alan McLean (left), Jenny Sim (middle right) and Rotary President David Shipston (right) with Shepparton Villages CEO Kerri Rivett on site at Maculata Place.

Rotary donates \$45,000

IT'S BEEN A BIG FEW MONTHS FOR SHEPPARTON VILLAGES FOUNDING FATHERS AND ROTARIANS KEPPEL TURNOUR OAM AND LANCE WOODHOUSE OAM.

The Rotary Club of Shepparton has donated \$45,000 to develop a garden courtyard in the new Maculata Place facility currently being constructed at Tarcoola. Rotary wanted to acknowledge its members Keppel Turnour OAM and Lance Woodhouse OAM as well as other Rotary members such as Peter Twomey and Rob Waterson for their foresight, commitment and passion to the elderly of Shepparton through their incredible involvement in the development of Shepparton Villages over 50 years ago.

The donation will go towards developing the "Rotary Club of Shepparton Garden Courtyard" at Maculata Place, one of four light filled internal courtyards in the new building.

The garden courtyard will house a dozen self-watering raised garden beds, some excellent passive landscaping, and will be available for residents to "grow their own".

Shepparton Villages CEO Kerri Rivett said this courtyard will be an area of high resident engagement and will house a good-sized storage shed at the northern end.

The Rotary donation comes at the same time that Shepparton Villages announced it would be naming the corridors at Maculata Place after Keppel and Lance.

"We have a philosophy for this building that the rooms are the residents' homes, and the corridors are the

streets, and the Board has decided to name the ground level corridor 'Woodhouse Lane' and the upper level corridor 'Turnour Terrace' in honor of Lance and Keppel and all they have done for Shepparton Villages," Kerri Rivett said.

Additionally, Keppel celebrated 60 years as a Rotarian just recently and made the trip back to Shepparton from his new home in Melbourne to mark the occasion with the Rotary Club of Shepparton.

The ground level high care unit at Maculata Place will be named Bertram House, in honor of former CEO Kevin Bertram who passed away last year.



Keppel Turnour (middle right) with Lance Woodhouse (middle), Rotary President David Shipston and honorary Rotarian Wendy Lovell at a recent meeting where Keppel was honored for his 60 years service to Rotary.



Message from the CEO

LIFE HAS BEEN PRETTY HECTIC HERE AT SHEPPARTON VILLAGES.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge our staff who have been working extremely hard over the last couple of months covering shifts that we have been unable to fill due to sick leave at short notice. Our staff bank has been overwhelmed over the last couple of months covering these shifts however in the month of May we have noted that the number of shifts that we have been unable to fill has decreased by 50%. A welcome relief to us all.

Workforce is an issue not only for us but for the industry as a whole. The Commonwealth Government has set up a committee to look at this issue in more depth and provide advice back to government. I shall keep you all abreast of the outcomes. On a local level we have been working with local training institutions, upgrading our recruitment and workforce strategy and talking with politicians about the wider industry issue of supply.

We will continue to have a focus on this as we also continue to support our current dedicated staff.

We have seen much progress in our new building, Maculata Place, and all staff are now working feverishly to help plan the commissioning of the building and the very big task of shifting residents.

At this stage, the building is on track for us to take delivery of the keys in August – and once we have commissioned the building the task of moving residents will likely begin mid-September.

This is a massive undertaking as we will not only be moving residents from Hakea Lodge into the new building, we will also be moving residents out of Rodney Park residential care facilities as we begin a \$17m redevelopment of that site. Hakea will be freshened up for the Rodney Park residents, and some will move in to

Maculata Place – so you can imagine the planning and logistics we are going through at present.

Despite the busy days, it is exciting and we are looking forward to seeing this beautiful new building full of happy residents who will be busy making it home.

Banksia Lodge at Kialla underwent accreditation in April and we are thrilled to report that they passed with flying colours and the assessors were very impressed with the facility, the staff and the residents. This is a huge acknowledgment of what the staff and management, especially at Banksia Lodge, put in to caring for our residents so they can have their best day possible.

We are continuing to build on the number of community partnerships which results in many visitors on a daily basis to our facilities. This adds to the wonderful mix of volunteers who we have at Shepparton Villages who truly make a difference to the lives of residents. Whether it's giving up time to help in the men's shed or on outings, or during craft time, our volunteers bring a variety of skills – and smiles – to Shepparton Villages and we are very grateful. We acknowledged our volunteers with our annual volunteer thank you lunch during Volunteer Week recently and it is always so heart-warming to see the sheer number of volunteers who come along.

Thank you doesn't seem enough but we are very very grateful to you all.

Similarly, we acknowledged our nursing and care staff during International Nurse and Midwives week with some morning and afternoon teas. Saying thank you is the least we can do, you all do just a great job!

Stay warm and rugged up in this winter weather.

Until next time,

Kerri Rivett
CEO – Shepparton Villages



Volunteer Coordinator Kevin Grover, Board President Merushe Asim, and CEO Kerri Rivett at the volunteer lunch.

Mayor Kim makes good on promise

Greater Shepparton City Council Mayor Kim O'Keefe gladly honored a commitment she made prior to becoming Mayor, when she called in to conduct some hand therapy training for our Diversional Therapists recently.

Cr O'Keefe got back to her roots in the beauty business by teaching our DTs all about the delights of hand

therapy. The girls learnt heaps and have been busily testing their new skills on our willing residents.

But that wasn't the only visit Cr O'Keefe has made to Shepparton Villages recently. The Mayor delighted the residents at Waratah Lodge when she attended a Mother's Day morning tea, of a Saturday no less!

Organised by volunteer Robyn Duhring, all residents received a lovely corsage and handmade card on the day, and Cr O'Keefe spent time talking with each and every resident about many issues spanning council plans, the state of the economy and world politics as well as the delights of motherhood.



Edna Sorraghan greets Cr O'Keefe while Helen Mulcahy looks on.



Hand therapy for our DTs with the Mayor, Cr Kim O'Keefe.

A beautiful coincidence!

Our residential facilities are filled with beautiful stories and wonderful memories gleaned from the colorful past of our residents.

This particular story will warm the heart!

Recently, Amelia Turcato, 90 spent some time at Banksia Lodge on respite care.

A beautiful lady of Italian heritage, Amelia speaks little English but was randomly seated at the lunch table with Banksia's little pocket rocket, Chiara Picquola, 92.

Chiara who speaks Italian started up a conversation with Amelia and they discovered that they had migrated to Australia on the same boat in 1953!! Both from Northern Italy, they travelled to the Port of Melbourne on the Oceana Neptunia

– Chiara with her two young children on her way to join her husband, while Amelia who was on her own, spent most of the time in her cabin with sea sickness. As you can imagine, the pair started talking nonstop

upon discovering this amazing coincidence, Chiara said the story was enough to “make you in to tears” – and we agree Chiara!

How beautiful.



Amelia Turcato (left) and Chiara Picquola with a photo of the Oceana Neptunia.

Volunteer Thank You Lunch

The annual Volunteer Thank You Luncheon was another huge success during National Volunteer Week recently. Shepparton Villages hosted a luncheon where it was our turn to spoil our volunteers with a sit-down lunch, drinks, entertainment and plenty of good company. Here's a few snaps from the day.



Harry Brittain and John Williams.



Di McAuliffe, Kath Dowley and Barbara Wright.



Marg Tenace, Lime Komme and Val Rose.



Grace Shard and Christine Crawford.



Betty Bryant, Marg Simpson and Gwen Wallace.



Phil Banfield and Bud Oster.



The Lifestyle and Leisure staff await the arrival of volunteers who they work closely with.



Trish Bone, Jenni Brittain and Harold Dixon.



Karen Lee and Robyn Duhring.



Bill Webster and Joe Clark.

Happy snaps from the Villages

There's always something happening around our three sites at Shepparton Villages. Here are a few photos from our events and social outings these last few months.



Barb Wright and Aileen Youie with the magnificent hand sewn quilt being raffled by The Love To Sew Ladies.



The blokes take on some painting at Grevillea Lodge.



Jodie Anderson runs target master at Waratah on a Monday morning.



Media interview Hansen Yuncken Project Manager Matt Ledger about our new building, Maculata Place.



Bill James, Michael Woodrooffe and Roy Rowan.



Helen Mulcahy from Waratah was impressed with the Devenish Silos on a recent trip.



Student Sarah Parker captured a likeness of Hakea resident Beth Chamberlin and Diversional Therapist Gwenda Willis through her artwork.



The ANZAC service at Acacia House.



Joy Stone of Waratah celebrates her birthday with daughters Linda and Christine.

Market day a success!

Our amazing Independent Living Unit (ILU) members spent the day at Fairley's IGA recently urging shoppers to donate their shopping points to Shepparton Villages.

IGA allocated the May Market Day to Shepparton Villages and while the ILU residents urged all to get on board the Love to Sew Ladies also set up a raffle of their gorgeous hand sewn patchwork quilt, water color and baby's cot blanket set.

The end result from the day was a fantastic \$398 raised from shopper points, plus an additional \$120 in raffle money!

Shoppers can donate their shopping points to us which is converted to a cash donation to be made at the end of the financial year. If you have a community rewards tag and want to donate your shopping points, simply ask at IGA! Well done to all involved in getting this going and getting the market day result!



Edie Poliness, Helen Bassani and Elaine Mountjoy.

Exploring careers in aged care

Banksia Lodge at Kialla hosted a visit from Wanganui Park Secondary College students at the end of May to learn about potential careers in aged care.

Facilitated through the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project, the visit gave students a chance to hear from a variety of people working at Banksia and get a good understanding of the many career options and pathways available.

Shepparton Villages is working closely with a variety of community partners to help promote the aged care workforce as a viable career.

Student feedback from the visit included: "I wonder if I could do work experience here later in the year?"

"I want to work in aged care now with older people."

"It has made me want to try nursing."

"This experience has made me think about getting a job in aged care."

"The guest presenters were very clear

and explained everything well."

"I found today a great experience and I would like to try work experience in nursing."

This was an awesome outcome, with huge thanks to all involved in helping to showcase the industry to young people considering their career pathways.



Student Taylah Lindrea, Banksia staff member Imogen Short, student Kim Martin and resident Cynthia Poole.



Students Jake Butcher, Jacob Pemberton and Al-Badri Hammood with resident Freda Kerr.



The Hakea care staff enjoy their special Nurses Day cake.

Thank you to our nurses and care staff

International Nurses and Midwives Day gave us an opportunity to say thank you to our staff who care for our residents. We acknowledged our nurses and care staff with a morning and afternoon tea cake and ensured there was plenty of chocolates on offer for the night crew.

Our staff go above and beyond to ensure that our residents have their best day possible and we are eternally grateful. Many work long hours, and often it is difficult to fill shifts at short notice, so we are appreciative of those who take on extra work when required.

ANZAC Day commemorated across the villages



Beth Chamberlin and Merle Maskell lay a wreath at the Hakea Service.

ANZAC Day is always a special day for residents and staff at Shepparton Villages. Much time is spent in preparation of holding a service to mark the occasion at each of the sites.

The RSL is always so generous in providing services for us and we thank them and the many volunteers who add to the day with their presence.

This year at Acacia House, the entire Berry Street School attended their first ever ANZAC service. The students from Berry Street have a wonderful connection with Acacia House and have learnt much about the War from their weekly trips to visit with residents at Acacia House.

The blokes are keeping busy at the Men's Shed

A massive shout out and thanks to Boyd Dainton (Director of Commodore Australia) who hosted a morning tea and a tour of his workshop in Callister Street for the fellers from the Men's Shed last month. Boyd also gifted caps for the blokes to wear and they were pretty chuffed with the day.

An invitation from Richard Murrell, the president of the Nathalia Men's Shed also saw a bus load of our blokes head over to Nathalia for a barbecue lunch and look around the very impressive set up. The trip was a huge success – Kevin had trouble getting our blokes home as none of them wanted to leave! Thanks to Richard for the invite and for hosting a fantastic day.

It's invitations and involvement from our community that really does enrich the lives of our residents. Many, many thanks.



Giving Tree Update

OUR GIVING TREE APPEAL HAS REACHED **\$129,183.55!!**

Launched only last year, these donations comprise the small \$10 and \$20 donations from residents and individuals, as well as substantial group donations from clubs and organisations.

We are extremely grateful to all our donors – and we are well aware that we keep asking of our community and are so humbled

that the community just keeps on giving.

We share all our successes with the community as none of it is possible without the generosity we so often see.

Many thanks to each and every donor, we are grateful beyond words.



Tax time appeal for gym equipment

We are currently raising money for special gym equipment for the new gym being built at Maculata Place.

The gym is a vital facility for our ageing residents – both from a health perspective which allows physiotherapists and occupational therapists to work with residents on general health, rehabilitation and prevention, but also from a lifestyle choice perspective.

We will all want the opportunity to take part in daily activities that we

choose as a result of the lifestyle we want to live – those in aged care are no different. Our residents want to choose their daily activities and for many, going to the gym is part of their day.

We have incorporated a lovely north facing gym into the new building – but now require around \$10,000 of specialised equipment to fully fit it out.

We'd like your help to purchase this much needed equipment.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via our website, www.sheppvillages.com.au or you can complete the form below and return it to us in the supplied reply-paid envelope. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to discuss a private donation, please contact Jo Breen at Shepparton Villages on (03) 58 320 800.



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