

Welcome Hometown Australia

Joint Managing Directors Message





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As the cooler weather arrives there is plenty of activity happening across Hometown communities. We have some fantastic development projects underway and homeowners have been participating in a number of fun competitions.

Residents across Hometown communities have been busy building up their step count in the Walk, Swim, Dance Across the World competition. The competition has just finished, and we are looking forward to hearing the results. This competition is in its second year and has been a big success with homeowners enjoying the opportunity to make new friends and start on a new strategy for their fitness.

The State of Origin Bowling Competition has been extremely popular in the Hometown communities. Teams have been formed, preliminary rounds are being held and we're all looking forward to seeing who will take out the State of Origin title for 2023 at Sunrise on Saturday, the 10th of June.

As well as the official Hometown competitions and events, communities have also held morning teas, lunches, had food trucks visit, undertaken fundraising, hosted Easter celebrations and ANZAC remembrance ceremonies. It is great to see so many homeowners enjoying and getting involved in these activities.

We are looking forward to the completion of new community facilities for our homeowners at Jacaranda Grove, Lorikeet and The Pines where construction is well underway. At Jacaranda Grove in Grafton the new swimming pool was completed earlier in the year and homeowners have been enjoying an Autumn dip.

Construction activity at our eagerly anticipated new community, Glenfern in the Port Macquarie area, is coming together with roads and landscaping nearing completion, and community facilities construction underway. We will be welcoming the first new homeowners during July as well as launching the display village to the public.

Final homes will be completed at Newport, Orianna, and Hazelmere during the next six months, and we are welcoming our new homeowners to the communities.

Not all our communities are new, in fact we are celebrating the 30th birthday of Rosetta in South Australia in this issue with stories from homeowners sharing their memories of the community from its early days. It's fantastic for the homeowners who are the heart of this community to celebrate this milestone.

We hope that everyone stays happy, healthy and active over the winter months and recommend the recipe for Lemon and Garlic Chicken on page 15 for a tasty meal to share with friends on chilly winter evenings.

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Kind regards,

Kevin Tucker & Stuart Strong Joint Managing Directors







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An Update on our New Community, Glenfern

Glenfern is a new Hometown community being built in a peaceful bushland setting just ten minutes outside the thriving hub of Port Macquarie, NSW. This new community is designed to create an exceptional over 50s living experience for people looking to downsize without compromising on style and comfort.

Glenfern homeowners will enjoy first-class amenities including a 25-metre lap pool, bowling green, cinema, clubhouse, sports bar and grill.

Single and double-storey homes in Glenfern have been designed with raked ceilings, highlight windows and an open plan layout to create a feeling of light and space. Each home is fitted with quality appliances, air conditioning, ceiling fans, garage, internal laundry and an alfresco entertaining area to create a successful blend of style and functionality.

The homes at Glenfern have been well received by the over 50s looking for an active retirement – or semi-retirement lifestyle. Our deposit holders and other interested buyers are eagerly anticipating the first stage being completed. The construction process at Glenfern has been moving along at a good pace thanks to the favourable weather conditions of late. It's been an exciting time to see the developments taking place at the site each week.





Amenities

The Clubhouse is starting to take shape, the slabs are down and the structural steel in place. The shell of the swimming pool has been put in and the tiling of the pool has been completed.

The final bitumen coat has been applied to the roads in the stage 1 area of the community which is a great step forward for accessibility within the site.

Homes

60 homes are under construction now, including the first 2-storey homes. The first residents will be moving in during July and we're looking forward to welcoming them to the community.

The Site

Now that the landscaping on Glenfern Avenue and at the front entrance near the koala protection area have been completed the plantings will have time to grow and flourish.

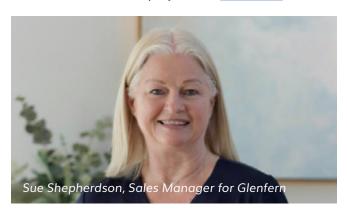
Everyone is welcome to come along to Glenfern on **Saturday 22nd July** when we will be showing people through the stunning new display homes. For more information about the open day click here.

Our New Glenfern Sales Manager

We are pleased to announce that Sue Shepherdson has joined us as the new Sales Manager for Glenfern. Sue has lived in the Port Macquarie area for 9 years after moving up from Sydney. She says moving away from the hustle and bustle of the big city to the mid-north coast was a great decision. "This area has all the charm of a country town with a great sense of community. It's also got everything you need without having to live in a city." Sue says that real estate "is her passion". She has had her own estate agency, loves architecture and interior design, and has renovated and styled homes for sale. A keen dog walker, Sue also loves swimming, socialising, shopping, and visiting any one of the area's 92 cafes and restaurants.

Sue will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Glenfern.

To read more about this fabulous new community or to view the new display homes <u>click here</u>.





Exciting Changes at Jacaranda Grove

The over 50s community at Grafton is refreshing its communal spaces to enhance the relaxed retirement living experience for homeowners.

At Jacaranda Grove, Grafton NSW, a new pool has been a welcome addition to the community this year. A new clubhouse is also being built with an attractive lounge area, bar, café, library and BBQ area due for completion mid-year.

To meet the demand for quality retirement living homes in this desirable country area, Hometown has recently completed a series of brand new two bedroom + study homes. New homeowners are moving in and becoming a part of this vibrant community.

There are also a number of brand new single storey, three-bedroom homes underway. With raked ceilings and an open plan design these new homes have a light and spacious feel. Each kitchen is equipped with quality, modern appliances and alfresco entertainment areas making them ideal for entertaining friends and family. Air-conditioning and ceiling fans ensure year-round pleasant temperatures and there is plenty of storage with walk-in robes in all bedrooms.

To learn more about the Jacaranda Grove community and the new three bedroom homes being built click here.









Clockwise from top left: 'Brewer' brand new model home at Jacaranda; The new pool complex has recently been completed; 'Foreshore' model home; The new clubhouse will be completed in 2023.

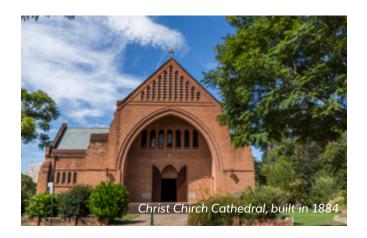


Discover more about historic Grafton's vibrant township

Grafton is a historic country town with beautiful sandstone architecture, large spreading trees, parks and grand old homes.

There is plenty to do and see in Grafton especially in Spring with people flocking to see over 1700 jacaranda trees bursting with lilac buds. Grafton celebrates this colourful time of year with the annual Jacaranda Festival – an opportunity to watch street parades, eat purple ice cream, view art exhibitions, nightly fireworks, markets and a crowning of the Jacaranda Queen.

The Grafton Regional Gallery is definitely worth visiting and hosts regular exhibitions and a monthly 'Walk and Talk' session for people over 60. Grafton is also a comfortable drive to visit some of the regions beautiful National Parks and stunning beaches.



The Jacaranda Grove Hometown community is named after the celebrated trees that line the streets of Grafton. Homeowners in this community enjoy the easy access to local shops, restaurants, cafes, clubs and healthcare services. There are also some popular bushwalking tracks to experience the local flora.



Loving Life in Laurieton

Nestled in quiet bushland and boasting an array of first class amenities, there is something for everyone at Laurieton. We spoke with homeowners to hear about their favourite aspects of living in this special Port Macquarie land lease community.



Laurieton is located on the beautiful mid-north coast of NSW. Homeowners living in Laurieton enjoy first-class amenities including a beautiful swimming pool, gym and wellness centre, lawn bowls green, community centre, library and clubhouse. Carefully planned landscaping has also created lovely areas for walks in the community and direct access to Queens Lake.

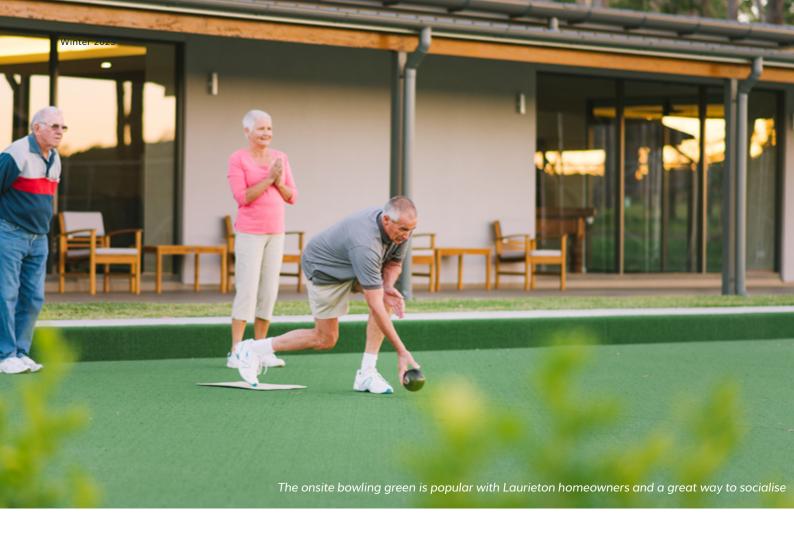


One homeowner, Jean, explained what makes Laurieton so special to her.

"I love the atmosphere we live in, surrounded by bush. It is a very friendly community and if you're not feeling well there's always someone who'll offer to collect shopping for you or look after your dog."

Jean has a busy week planned out in the community playing card games in the Lounge Room, tap dancing, yoga, and pilates. She also enjoys going to Social Club functions in the community.

Jean also commented on the community's facilities saying, "I use the indoor pool and have used the bowling green. I visit the clubhouse for cards, exercise classes and happy hour. I also love going for a coffee and a chat at our coffee bar. I participated in the Pub Games, and really enjoyed them. I loved the atmosphere and watching everyone happy having a great time."



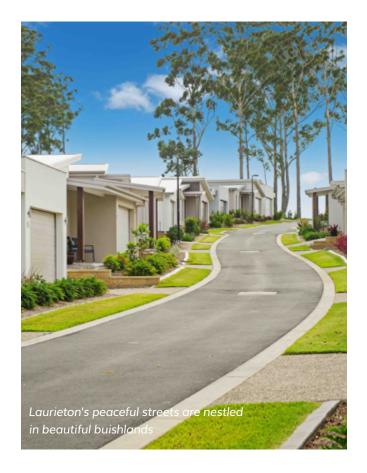
Karen and Mark are another couple who enjoy the opportunities for socialising at Laurieton.

"We've made so many wonderful friends at Laurieton and we have a regular happy hour in our street which is always a great time. The way people pitch in to help one another is just wonderful."

Mark also commented that they love the community's location saying, "basic shopping is in walking distance which is great! The bush, the water, more shops, clubs, cafes are all close by. And it's not far to the hospital for comprehensive medical services, and larger shopping options when they are needed."

Mark commented about the facilities at Laurieton, "We've used the pool, gym, bowling, the clubhouse for lots of social club functions and events and the movie theatre with family. It's also a very pleasant walk around the streets in the community. We've also been on the walking trail which is great in all seasons."

If you'd like to find out more about living a fabulous life at Laurieton <u>click here</u>.





Making a Difference in Port Macquarie

Almost \$10,000 has been raised by homeowners from the Newport community for hospitals in the Mid North Coast NSW Local District!

Newport resident, John, has lived in the community for the past 5 years. As a semi-retired nurse, and entertainer in his past life, John has made it his mission to run fundraising events for much needed equipment and patient comfort items for the Mid North Coast Health District.

His passion for making a difference is infectious and a dedicated group of volunteers from Newport who, along with management, help with preparing and planning events, decorating the Clubhouse and cleaning up before and after events. Local businesses and the Newport community also contribute donations and raffle prizes.

Each year around 4 charity events are organised by John and the community volunteers. John works with the local health district Corporate Relations Coordinator to ensure all money raised is directed to specific projects in local hospitals in the area.

The recent St Patricks Day Event raised \$1,600 for the Wauchope Hospital's Stroke and Rehabilitation Unit which will fund an ergometer to help restore upper-body mobility and strength in stroke patients.

The Rock'n'Roll Charity Function raised an amazing \$1,750. These funds went to the Paediatric Unit for a lifesaving backpack carried by medical staff moving young patients around the hospital for x-rays, surgeries etc.

The generosity, hard work and commitment by the residents at Newport have made an enormous difference to their local health service.

Well done everyone!





Rosetta Turns 30!

This year the Rosetta community in Victor Harbour, SA is celebrating its 30th birthday! We spoke with homeowners who have been in the community since the early days about their memories of Rosetta over the years.



Maureen and husband Glen came across a brochure about the new Rosetta Village when they were stopping for icecream one day.

"We decided straight away that it offered everything we wanted, easy access to the beach, shopping, countryside and close to a hospital and medical help. Moving into Rosetta in 1994 there were only five houses in the community and now the village has grown to over 300 houses!"

When the community centre was built, the couple enjoyed happy hour and bingo nights, and Maureen was also a regular at the weekly craft group.

The community also had a workshop where the men made children's wooden toys for Christmas and donated them to the Smith Family and Salvation Army. They received certificates of appreciation which are still in the craft room. Ladies also used the workshop and Maureen still has

some plant boxes she made in her backyard.

Frank and Joan moved into their new home in Rosetta Village in April 1994. They were welcomed to social gatherings in the community, "we set up trestles in the street and sat around on warm nights, having a drink and chatting. When the hall was being built, we had a pig on the spit and management joined and supplied all the drinks. We even had our own golf team."

"The best part of living here is knowing there's always someone nearby to lend a hand, you feel safe and secure in this wonderful place we chose to live in all those years ago."

After emigrating from Zimbabwe without a lot of savings, Maureen and Don were grateful that they could afford to purchase a home.

"We thought house and land prices were beyond our budget. Rosetta was just right for us and has been for nearly 28 years."

The couple enjoy community life and Maureen says, "there are so many fun activities on offer, and physical activities to keep us mobile. I have run a weekly exercise to music class for over 20 years, and produced DVDs so people can keep up their exercise while on holiday. We also enjoy the peacefulness of the village, and the friendly wave or chat as we meet others on our walks. We have made many lasting friendships. Rosetta is a good place to live."

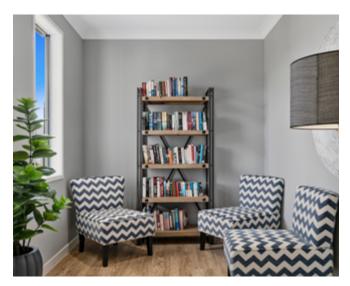
For more information about this warm and welcoming community please visit the <u>Rosetta webpage</u>.



Embracing independence: Single life in an over 50s community



In recent years, over 50s lifestyle resorts have become an increasingly popular choice for retirees seeking an enjoyable, serene and secure living environment. While these communities often attract couples, they can also be an excellent choice for singles looking to embrace independence and enjoy a vibrant and fulfilling life.



Orianna's amenities are tailored for socialising

Living in a Hometown community, such as Orianna at Moreton Bay, QLD offers homeowners beautifully designed amenities specifically tailored to encourage social interaction and engagement including a swimming pool, gym, cinema and clubhouse. Over 150 homeowners live at Orianna, comprised of a mix of couples, single men and women who all enjoy socialising together and in groups. From shared recreational spaces to organised social events and activities, the community becomes a vibrant hub of companionship and support, the perfect environment for single people to connect with others and form lasting friendships.

Orianna's Single Ladies' Group enjoy participating in community activities on offer including line dancing, water aerobics classes, lawn bowls and craft groups. The ladies make good use of the Orianna community bus for outings to lunches at Charlies on Bribie Island and day trips to Maleny. They also visit various shows at QPAC or Kedron-Wavell RSL and are looking forward to seeing the Neil Diamond show at the Redcliffe Entertainment Centre.

Three members of the Ladies' Group have just returned from a three-day trip to Yulara Resort at Uluru and had a wonderful time. The group also recently held a special high tea in the recreational



hall as a welcome to the newer members of the group to Orianna.

Living independently in a retirement community like Orianna offers single homeowners the opportunity to live an enriched and comfortable lifestyle with security, friendship and a sense of community.





Community Connections

Across Hometown communities, there's a common theme. Many homeowners find that socialising and connecting with other community members keeps life fun, and is a key benefit of living in an over 50s community.

Crossing Paths at Newport

Moving to a Hometown community provides opportunities for socialising and making new friends. It's always interesting when homeowners meet someone that they have crossed paths with in the past. Christine, a homeowner at the Newport community, talks about unexpectedly bumping into two women who shared common experiences to her.

Christine says, "I moved to Newport with my hubby 10 months ago and recently met two ladies that live in the community who I have a lot in common with.

"I met Jan at one of our Friday night happy hours. After chatting we discovered that we'd both worked at the G.J. Coles cafeteria in Wollongong in the early seventies. Although we don't remember each other, we remember mutual colleagues that worked there. "At a recent Newport Ladies' Lunch, Val and I started chatting and realised how much we had in common. Val and I both emigrated to Australia as ten-pound poms in 1970 (best ten quid we ever spent). Val stayed in Sydney while I went to Wollongong."

"Val and I were both on second marriages when we coincidentally entered an IVF program in 1985/1986 at Kogarah Private Hospital. We had the same surgeon and would have been attending appointments at the same time. Unfortunately, neither of us fell pregnant but it was a valuable journey. For Val and I to meet and talk about it knowing what we both had been through, was extremely precious."





Tasty and Convenient Food Trucks

Food trucks have become a popular way for people to buy takeaway in big cities and a couple of Hometown communities have decided to trial this idea as a convenient and tasty treat for their homeowners.

At Newport community in Port Macquarie, NSW, Hometown organised for Sea Wheels, a fish n' chips truck to visit their community. It was a huge success with over 100 orders placed. Homeowners collect their order and on warm nights a large group would have dinner together in the clubhouse. The fish n' chip truck has now become a fortnightly fixture at Newport with a loyal band of customers looking forward to having their takeaway treat delivered close to home.

Renee, the Community Manager at Red Gum on the Gold Coast, QLD, has organised for a fresh seafood truck to visit their community. The 'Mr Fish' truck delivers a selection of fresh seafood on a Thursday every fortnight. With seafood costing almost as much as red meat these days it is a real treat for homeowners to pick up a piece of fresh fish or some prawns and squid to cook for their evening meal. Over the next few months Red Gum homeowners are looking forward to warm wintry bowls of fresh seafood chowder.





Food trucks at Red Gum (top) and Newport (bottom) have been a welcome convenience to the community.



Defibrillation Demonstrations

Henry from SA Ambulance visited both Seachange and Rosetta communities recently to provide demonstrations about using a defibrillator. About 150 homeowners attended these demonstrations and there were lots of questions asked at the end of each session. Rosetta's residents were lucky that their talk coincided with the monthly morning tea, so they had a beautiful Devonshire tea prior to Henry's demonstration!

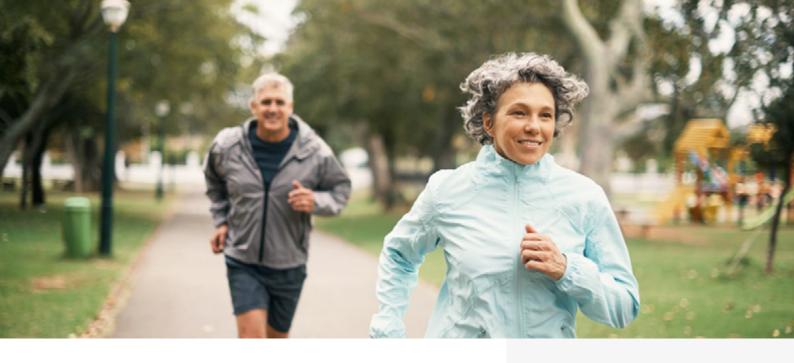




Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Nepean Shores

The Nepean Shores social committee recently held a well organised Biggest Morning Tea, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The community came together in full force with generous donations towards this charity event. Over \$2000.00 was raised and donations are still rolling in.

The social committee coordinated a series of fundraising activities at the Morning Tea including a trash and treasure stall, baked goods for sale and lucky door prizes. Everyone who attended paid an entry fee and was delighted with the range of tasty cakes, lamingtons, slices, sandwiches and cupcakes on offer. The tea and coffee station was in full swing and it was a lovely opportunity for homeowners to get together to enjoy each other's company while raising money for this important cause.



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The 2023 Winners of the Walk, Swim, Dance Competition will be announced on Facebook and on the Hometown Australia website this month.

Last year we invited residents to take part in living an active and healthy lifestyle by forming teams within their community to try and take the same number of steps as the length of Australia. This year we invited our communities to join us in taking the same number of steps around the world - 40,075 kilometers!

Community teams have participated in their exercise of choice, with the aim to create as many steps as possible!

All teams results will be received and tabulated in early June with final results announced shortly after.



Do you have Facebook?Be sure to follow Hometown Australia!

PRIZES

300

First Place

The team who is awarded first place will receive \$300 to the community social fund.

\$200

Second Place

The team who is awarded second place will receive \$200 to the community social fund.

Stay tuned to learn about prizes!

Please contact your Community Manager for further information.



Four Beautiful Homes for Sale





Jacaranda Grove - Grafton, NSW

At Jacaranda Grove, you have the freedom to organise your day, your way. Enjoy a relaxing time by the pool, or host a BBQ for your friends and family – either on your deck or in the landscaped community areas.

Foreshore

This bright and airy home has a spacious openplan living and dining room with raked ceilings. Main bedroom and guest room have built-in robes and ceiling fans. Multi-purpose room ideal for study or craft/sewing room. Separate toilet and internal laundry. Alfresco entertaining area.

Features

- · Double carport
- · Air-conditioner and ceiling fans.
- · Outdoor entertainment deck
- · Large master bedroom with ensuite
- · Multipurpose room/study



Orianna - Sandstone Point, QLD

Wake up with the sea breeze greeting you every morning at Orianna, a first-class community located in Moreton Bay. Orianna is surrounded by natural beauty, pristine waterways and friendly locals. It's the perfect place to experience life at a slower pace.

Duke 1

The large hallways in this design create a flowing feel from the front patio all the way to the large back terrace, perfect for entertaining. The Master with ensuite is positioned to the rear of the home with large sliding doors that open onto the terrace.

Features

- · Well laid out Master suite with dual basin ensuite
- · Guest suite with built-in robe and private bathroom access
- · Open plan living, dining and kitchen with breakfast bar
- · Single 'extra wide' lock-up garage





Riverside - Evans Head, NSW

Come and experience the magic of Riverside. Surrounded by National Parks, with onsite management, peaceful gardens, and conveniently connected to the centre of town with a scenic walking track, Riverside is a retiree's dream come true.

Wallaby

The Wallaby offers a modern kitchen and living spaces that flow seamlessly to an outdoor entertaining terrace. There are two generous bedrooms, complete with built-in robes, and an additional multi-purpose room that can also be used as a study:

Features

- · Spacious entertainment deck
- · Undercover carport
- · 2 bedrooms plus multipurpose room
- · Internal separate laundry
- · Ceiling fans & A/C



Newport - Port Macquarie, NSW

Get more from life. Spread across 20 lush acres in Port Macquarie, Newport is the ultimate in over 55's lifestyle living. With a welcoming community, first-rate facilities, a range of activities and nature on your doorstep, life at Newport gives you more.

Jarrah

Step inside the Jarrah and discover the kind of practical luxury that defines living. The Jarrah's large rear deck has column-less corner sliding doors which creates an open plan feel. The sitting room can be utilised for a number of different purposes - as a study, home office or media room.

Features

- · A/C lounge/dining
- · Community amenities
- · Raked ceilings
- · Separate laundry
- · Deck, fan & downlights



Honouring our ANZACs

For many homeowners in our communities, ANZAC Day is a solemn day of remembrance - a time to connect as a community and honour the service and sacrifice of veterans who have served our country.

River Terraces, Goodna QLD

On ANZAC Day each year, the community at River Terraces gathers to march and remember Australian service men and women who served in conflicts across the globe. It is particularly poignant in this community as there are nine veterans at River Terraces who served in the forces and several that went to Vietnam. The morning service was then wrapped up with a communal breakfast.

Sanctuary, Lennox Head NSW

At 6am a dedicated group of residents and some of their relatives (the youngest being four years old) gathered as the sun was rising. The dawn ceremony was solemn and respectful. A military history of Australia was read out, covering the early 1800s militia, involvement in the Boer War, World Wars 1 and 2, through to the Vietnam War.







John performed the flag duties, Vicki recited an extract from For the Fallen, including the military ode. Paula made a wreath which was laid at the base of the flagpole.

Following the ceremony, the traditional Anzac Day breakfast was held, bacon, eggs, sausages and warm cups of tea and coffee. Anzac biscuits were made by Janet and her great-granddaughters Frankie and Poppy. The BBQ chefs Jacko, John, Brad, and Tim kept up the hot food.

Teraglin Lakeshore, Chain Valley Bay NSW
It was wonderful to see over 60 homeowners
attend the Teraglin Lakeshore ANZAC service
to pay tribute to those who served in WW1, and
the brave servicemen and servicewomen who
followed in their footsteps. John ran the service
and Kevin, President of the Doyalson RSL, was an
invited guest. The Social Committee organised
the morning and the chefs whipped up a fantastic
breakfast of bacon and egg rolls.





An ANZAC Story and a New Life at Newport

Edith created this beautiful wall hanging for ANZAC Day in memory of her late father, George Athol Smead. Mr Smead served in the army in Cape York where he cleared the ground and operated the search lights. Edith says, "he was a wonderful caring father who kept in constant contact with his army mates throughout his life." He had a very long working life at Mackelly's department store, in Grafton from the age of 15, up until he finally retired at 75!

Mackelly's was an important part of Grafton's history and Athol Smead was their



longest serving employee. In fact, Edith's family all had connections with the store over the years. Her mother worked there as did her brother, her two sisters and Edith also did alterations for the store.

A new chapter in Newport

Edith moved to the Newport community six years ago from Yamba where she'd lived with her husband for 20 years. After her husband passed away, she decided to move closer to her son in Port Macquarie and her other two sons in Sydney.

Edith has embraced life at Newport, "I still drive a little, but I like being able to catch the community bus on a Thursday and going to the ladies' lunches." She also commented, "I have good neighbours and I'm happy that people keep an eye out for each other". The location has also been a bonus, "I've got more visitors in Port Macquarie than I ever had before because the community is just off the highway and only a few hours from Sydney and from Brisbane in the other direction."

The wall hanging

Edith's wall hanging was created in several stages. After sewing the squares together, she used an overhead projector to project her father's photo onto a wall. She traced the image on to butcher's paper and pinned it to the patchwork. Then using the big stitch on her sewing machine did the outline finishing it off using 12 ply black wool. It's a great likeness of her father and a lovely way to remember his life.



Lemon and Garlic Roast Chicken

A healthy, tasty meal to share with friends.

Cooking time: 30 - 35 minutes Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large lemon, juiced
- 3 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Cracked black pepper to season
- 4 (about 125g each) skinless chicken breast fillets, trimmed of fat
- 4 Desiree potatoes, unpeeled
- 2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped
- Salad leaves or steamed vegetables, to serve

Method

Combine the oil, lemon juice, garlic and honey in a bowl.
Season with pepper and whisk to combine. Place the chicken on a large plate. Pour over half the lemon mixture and turn to coat. Cover and place in the fridge for 10 minutes.

Pierce potatoes with a fork four times. Microwave for five minutes on High/100%, they will still be firm. Remove from the microwave and wrap together in foil. Set aside for 10 minutes.

Preheat oven 220°C (200°C fan-forced). Cut potatoes into chunks and place into large roasting pan lined with baking paper. Drizzle with the remaining lemon mixture. Roast for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a large nonstick frying pan over high heat until hot. Add two chicken fillets and cook for 2 minutes each side until golden. Repeat with remaining chicken.

Place chicken into the roasting pan with potatoes and roast together for a further 5-8 minutes, turning the potatoes occasionally until chicken is cooked through and potatoes golden and crisp.

Sprinkle over the parsley and serve with salad or vegetables.

Recipe inspired by the Heart Foundation.





STATE OF ORIGIN BOWLING

Winners will be announced on Facebook and on the Hometown Australia website.

The Hometown Australia State of Original Grand Final is being held at the Sunrise, Port Stephens on Saturday June 10th

Competition

Saturday June 10 10am until 12pm

Lunch & Award Presentation

12:15pm until 2pm







Coming Soon!

Hello Spring: Garden Competition

Attention green thumbs! The Hometown Australia Spring Garden Competition returns this September. We welcome all residents to join in on the fun and express yourself through your garden or a garden within your community.

How to Enter

Enter your garden by submitting a registration form to your Community Manager.

Would you like to tell us about your garden? Perhaps you have a special flower or a unique garden sculpture? We would love to hear about it! Please include this as part of your application.

Keep an eye out for registration forms coming soon. The Spring Competition will run from 4 September – 13 October 2023. Winners will be announced shortly after. Please contact your Community Manager for further information.



Do you have Facebook?

Be sure to follow Hometown Australia!

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CATEGORIES & PRIZES

\$100

Community Finalist Best Resident Garden

Each Community will select a Best Resident Garden, with finalists being entered into the National Competition and awarded \$100

\$200

Winner of the National Competition, Best Resident Garden

Each Community finalist will be entered into the National Competition with the overall winner awarded \$200

\$300

Winner of National Competition, Best Community Garden

One lucky Community will be awarded the Best Community Garden and will receive \$300 to the community social fund

At Hometown Australia we strive to provide home owners with a secure and inspiring lifestyle.

We're experts in creating lifestyle communities for the over 50s*. Our communities are vibrant, affordable and teeming with sought-after amenities. Over 10,000 Australians call a Hometown Land Lease community home.

You'll find our communities throughout Australia, with each location close to essential amenity and services and handpicked for its natural surroundings or urban vibe. Our Land Lease communities provide true value for money, without the high entry and exit fees often associated with other retirement living options.

Choose from quality homes, built new or pre-loved, carefully designed to suit your needs and your budget. Our active, amenity rich communities are waiting to welcome you into an exciting new way of living.



No stamp duty

There is no stamp duty payable on the purchase of your home, saving you thousands of dollars to spend on the lifestyle you deserve. This can be a real boost to your budget, considering the Property Council of Australia suggests you can spend up to \$75,000 in stamp duty and other costs downsizing your home.



No council rates

We believe you should get 100% of your capital gain as a cash profit when you sell your home. In many other retirement living options, your agreement may force you to share your capital gains with the community manager. Living in a Hometown Land Lease Living community means that more money stays in your pocket.



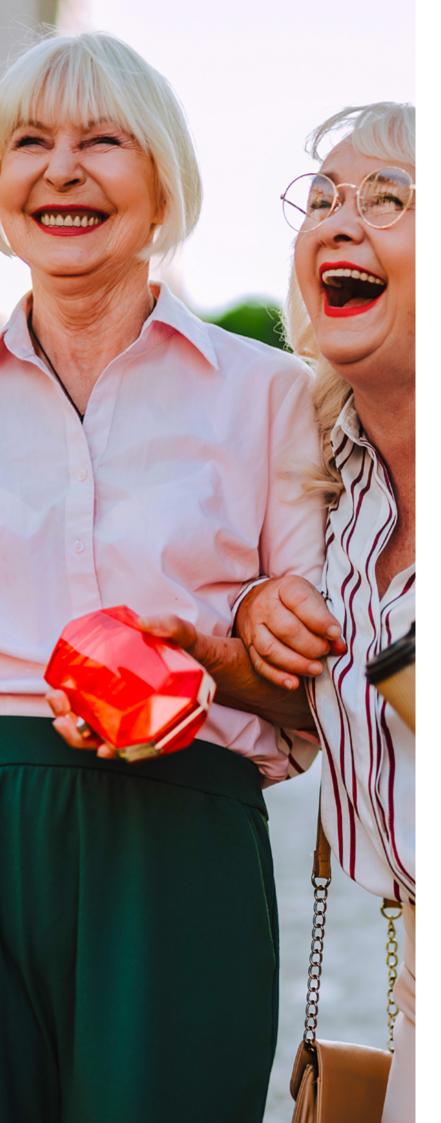
Retain capital gains

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