

# Grapevine

From the Editor



We all have one. We get another one when we get married. Many residents of OCR are one, and grand ones at that. Many people have just become one or are about to become one.



Ray Cooper

## From Your Residents Committee

### May Grapevine Article

April has been a busy time for the Residents' Committee. Please read on to see what we have been up to:

#### Visit to OCR by Local Federal MP and Deputy PM

On Tuesday, 15 April 2019, the residents of Ocean Club Resort hosted the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, and our Local Federal Member of Parliament, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP. The primary purpose of the visit was to announce the new Pharmacy licence for Bonny Hills. This new pharmacy will be owned and operated by Karen Pickett and her team, as is the Lake Cathie Medical Centre Pharmacy.

Both Michael and David were extremely generous with their time, taking a number of questions from the floor. As you would all be aware, there is a Federal election occurring in the near future which meant that the Deputy Prime Minister was only with us for a short period; the campaign trail beckoning. David remained continuing to take questions from the floor. The event was well received by the residents and for those in attendance hopefully some of those pressing questions were answered.

The Residents Committee is in the process of sending both Ministers letters to thank them for their time and attendance at Ocean Club Resort.



Left local Federal Member of Parliament, the Hon Dr David Gillespie MP and right Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP



The Deputy Prime Minister talking with some of OCR's residents

#### Survey Funds

As advised in the April Grapevine. submissions were received for the distribution of the money granted by management in response to the 2018 survey completed by the residents. With only \$830.00 to share and submissions totalling \$1303.00 received from 11 different activity groups, dividing the available funds equitably was not an easy task. It is with pleasure that the Residents Committee is able to announce that each of the 11 activity groups received all or part of their submissions.

#### Community Rules

A sub-committee (Jenny McGill and John McMullen) of the Residents Committee has been set up with the view of amending the Community Rules. This is a significant body of work that will only be completed once Management has had the opportunity to review and comment. The sub-committee will be providing an update of their progress at the next Residents Quarterly Meeting.

#### Meeting with Management

The Residents' Committee has met with OCR Management. Details of the outcomes from this meeting will be available in the near future.

At this meeting a letter from a concerned resident relating to the insurance requirements for golf buggies owned by OCR and privately by some of our residents. The committee approached management to clarify the requirements with

management responding with the following advice:

- Conditional registration of the OCR buggies is not required as the roads are private roads and OCR insurance covers any liability for OCR owned and operated buggies.
- Management of OCR recommend all resort home owners who have golf buggies extend their home insurance to cover any liability while driving their buggy within the resort.

Further, management received an email from King & Campbell confirming that the roads within the resort are private.

- "The roads within Ocean Club are private roads and are not covered by the Roads Act or governed in any way by Council or the State.
- The public road finishes at the entrance gates to Ocean Club."

Save the date for the next quarterly residents' meeting

Date: 31 May 2019

Time: starts at 4:00 PM

**Glenda Thomas**  
**Chairman, Residents Committee**

### **Upcoming Events at OCR.**

#### **Meet 'n' Greet is back!**

On the 3rd Friday of each month in the Clubhouse starting at 4:00pm.

What to bring?

A small share plate of nibbles and your own drinks, plus a few gold coins for the Easter Basket Raffle which will be drawn on the night, and the 100 Club.

The Lucky House draw also begins again with a Jackpot of \$100...be there or miss out!

### **Monthly Sunday Lunchtime BBQ.**



#### **The BBQ list is up!**

For those who are not participating in the 70.3 Ironman 🏍️🏍️🏍️, you may as well come and enjoy the monthly BBQ lunch at OCR because Ocean Drive is closed from around 6:30am to around 5:00pm. So we're stuck!

When: Sunday 5th May.

Time: 12 noon for 12:30pm lunch.

Where: The Clubhouse

BYO: Drink, meat/chicken (hot or cold)/quiche etc, and a dish to share with other residents, i.e. salad or dessert. This dish should be big enough for 6, or more, to share.

The attendance list is now on the bar in the Clubhouse and will be there until noon Friday 3rd, which for set up purposes, is our cut off.

If you are out of town but want to attend, please ring Jill on 6585 7320, or email - [admin@ocrresidentsguide.com.au](mailto:admin@ocrresidentsguide.com.au) to advise your attendance and what type of dish you will be bringing to share.

For full details check the [ocrresidentsguide.com.au](http://ocrresidentsguide.com.au) 'upcoming events'.

#### **Mother's Day Luncheon.**



When: 12th May

Where: Clubhouse

Time: 12 noon for 12:30pm



What is included: a cold luncheon, dessert, a bread roll, 1 bottle of champers and carafe of orange juice per table, and entry ticket for lucky door prizes (ladies only).

Payment can be either:

- in an envelope with your name/s and house number to letter box of #57 or #158.
- at this Sunday's BBQ lunch. (Attendance list for this function now in the Clubhouse).

PLEASE NOTE: Cut off for attendance is this Sunday 5th May. As this is a catered event no further bookings will be taken after that date.

## Your Social Committee

**Conversations at OCR in The Clubhouse Theatre  
Hosted by Kevin Lewis #132.**



The first three presentations in the Conversations Series for 2019 have proven to be diverse and most enlightening. The next will undoubtedly be just as diverse and enlightening.

The 4th in the Series will be presented by Guenter Bieniasch who will tell us the amazing story of his father, Alfred, who went from being a chimney sweep to joining a Luftwaffe special unit in WWII, fighting at many front-line battles.

After finally being released as a POW three years after the war and with two Iron Crosses to his name Alfred Bieniasch ended up in Australia.

Come and join Guenter at the Conversations Series on Thursday 9th May 2019 to hear his story.

The presentations are held in the Clubhouse Theatre commencing at 9am and concluding approximately 10am. As seating is very limited, please register early. Registrations can be made on the Conversations Registration sheet in the Clubhouse bar.

The Conversations Series has and continues to provide presentations that are entertaining, enlightening and informative and are all presented by your fellow residents.

If you think that you might have a story to tell please give Kevin Lewis #132 a call or email [kevanddilewis@gmail.com](mailto:kevanddilewis@gmail.com) and we can discuss your story. Each presentation goes for approximately 40-45 minutes with questions and discussions either during the presentation or at the conclusion. time?

Venue: Clubhouse Theatre

## Human Behaviour Seminar



## Why Isn't Everyone Perfect Like Me?

Human behaviour fascinates me to the core and has for at least the past 40 years, so for me, OCR is like being a kid in a lolly shop.

OCR provides the perfect environment for the observation of human behaviour and interaction. For the majority of us our prior lifestyle would have been vastly different to that which we now find ourselves in, however, that does not change the fact that during our life time we have liked, disliked or just tolerated some of our fellow species even if related to them (probably more so).

## Why?

Well, there is one way to find out and that is to accept an invitation to join me in the Theatre Room for an insight into not only on your Personal Behaviour but at the same time your partners, a family member or friend.

Due to the number of bookings for the first night, Thursday 9th May, a second night was added.

Thursday 23rd May at 7.00pm – this evening has also been booked out.

As interest in this topic is high, I may schedule another evening later in the year.

A glass of Champagne, juice, tea or coffee and nibbles provided.

Charlee #200



### The Crafty Sewing Group.

If you are a crafty person and / or a sewing person, come and join the Crafty Sewing Group on Monday mornings from 9.00am to 12.00 in the Art / Craft / Sewing room in the Activities Shed. There are three sewing machines available so there will be no need to bring your own (if you still have one).

Here are some of the items made by us.



Faye Moses



Jacquie Rogers



Pauline Cooper



Di Lewis

**Life on the Farm** – (is kind of laid back).

From Shirley. (For those residents who may not be aware, Shirley ran a farm at Wingham on her own for many years.)

One Easter when my family were staying at the farm, I had to check on a new born calf. I asked my son Brian and my son-in-law Paul to give me a hand. I gave a bucket of grain to Paul to keep the cow distracted. Jessie the cow was a very protective mum and the only one with horns.

All went well until Brian leant over the calf to hold it down. It let out a squeal. Mum looked up and started to run towards us. Paul dropped the bucket and ran away. Brian looked up and saw the cow thundering down. I said to Brian don't worry, it will be OK, but he saw those horns and took off too leaving me to deal with a very anxious mum.

The following day I separated the calf into another paddock and all went well.



## Let's Dance.

Starting on Saturday 4th May at 3.00-4.00pm we will meet again to get down and boogie some more. The class will then continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's every month. All welcome.



**A new partnered dance class starting Saturday 11th May at 2.00pm.**

Rhythm Dance - learn to dance to almost any music, from slow romantic songs to upbeat rock and roll music.

Designed for couples who think they can't dance or have two left feet! If you can walk forward, sideways and backward and can count to 8, then you can succeed in this dance. Charlee and Tracey promise to take it real slow, adding a new step each week, or when you are ready for it.

It is most suited to beginner dancers. However, the more experienced dancers can use it and make it more interesting.

It's Free so if you love music, you could at least come and give it a try. Every Saturday for 7 weeks from 2.00-3.00pm. Starting the 11th May. We go for 4 weeks then a week off (due to the garage sale, long weekend) then continue for another 3-4 weeks depending on needs.

If you would like to know more have a chat to Charlee or Tracey #200.

## Handy Hints

### Invasion

Seems as though some residents are experiencing an invasion – of tiny fruit flies. Where they come from no one knows, they just appear!

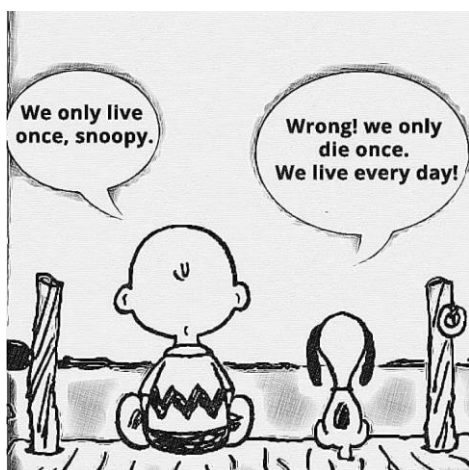


However, there is a solution, courtesy of Jenny McGill.

Take one eggcup. Pour in a splash of water, a splash of black vinegar and one drip of washing detergent. Give it a stir and place on kitchen bench near your fruit bowl. Sorry to be vague with



quantities but the aim is to half to three quarters fill an eggcup. This absolutely works. When you have collected enough dead, little black bodies, empty out and start over.



Traveller's Tales.

Cycling in Costa Rica – Garry Buxton.



In March this year my family and I undertook another 'Exodus' 400 km cycle tour of Costa Rica (no electric bikes!!). The country is blessed with an absolute abundance of wildlife – sloths, monkeys, crocodiles, snakes, lizards, scarlet macaws, toucans, herons and parrots.

We checked out beaches on both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts, walked through national parks, took excursions by boat along narrow channels of the flooded forest, visited an organic coffee farm, lounged in natural thermal waters drinking pina coladas – an incredibly exciting experience (the whole journey, not just the pina coladas).

On return to Sydney we saw "West Side Story" on the Harbour – another wonderful experience and highly recommended.



I'm Ready



Intrepid Cyclists



Cycle Bus

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**It's Just A Log**



**Lazing Around**



**Nice Teeth**



**Helping Hand**



**One Of The Locals**

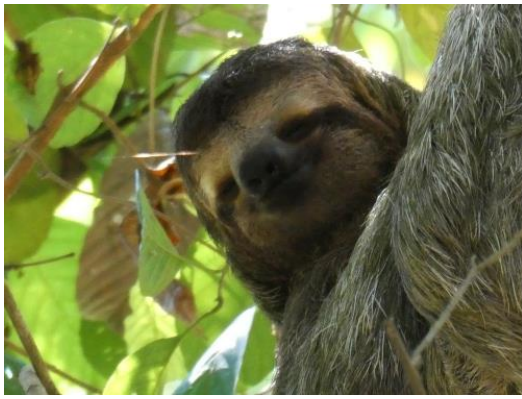


**Toucan**



**Time For A Rest**





**Hello**



**Pina Colada By The Fire**



**West Side Story on the Harbour**



**A Little Wet**



**Journeys End**

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