

May/June 2026

The Tattler

The bimonthly newsletter of Beauraraba Living ~ for residents, members and wider community



Official presentation of the Cuddle Bed was held on Friday 17th April. The beautiful quilt presented alongside the cuddle bed was thoughtfully created by the talented ladies from the Pittsworth Women's Shed.



May / June in this issue
Executive Team Report, Board News,
Lifestyle Resident Activities, Residents' Charter of Aged Care Rights
plus all your regular features.



Please note, we are currently not accepting any new patients, at this time. Clinical hours may be reduced on Wednesday & Fridays. We thank you for your understanding.

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A big welcome to everyone for another issue of the Tattler. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Beauaraba Living over Easter and Anzac Day activities.

Wonderful to have representatives of Qld Ballet attend and conduct an interactive seated activity with residents.

The amazing young people from St Stephen's school are now visiting with Beauaraba Living residents each fortnight and the intergenerational benefits to both cohorts are almost incalculable.

In early June the next meeting of the Consumer Advisory Body is scheduled. This group is continuing to grow in numbers and feedback provided, wonderful to see the participation as many organisations struggle to get buy in from residents and families. Please enquire at reception if you would like to join this group.

A big Thank you to all our volunteers, including our amazing volunteer board of directors. We took time out to thank our volunteers during a well-attended morning tea for volunteer's week, thank you for all that you do to support the residents of Beauaraba Living.

A reminder that the Aged Care Act brings with it strengthened accreditation standards, statement of rights, code of conduct along with revised complaint and whistleblower policies.

It is important to remember that when considering residential aged care everyone's circumstances are different, please reach out to us to make a time to run through the process and what aspects may or may not be relevant to your unique situation, please don't just accept what you hear in the media or see on social media.

A reminder that Beauaraba Living is a for purpose organisation and an Australian registered charity. All donations to us over \$2 may be tax deductible for you (please get your own advice). Your support through donations and bequests helps us to continue the work of providing local residential aged care services, enabling our local seniors to remain in town and continue enjoying the benefits, personal and business relationships that they have established in the amazing town of Pittsworth.

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Trish Weber (Enrolled Nurse) - 25 years
Susan Uebergang (care staff) - 10 years
Stephanie Bowden (care staff) - 10 years
Catherine Lyons (Enrolled Nurse) - 20 years

Top Right -

Colleen Shepherd (care staff) - 5 years

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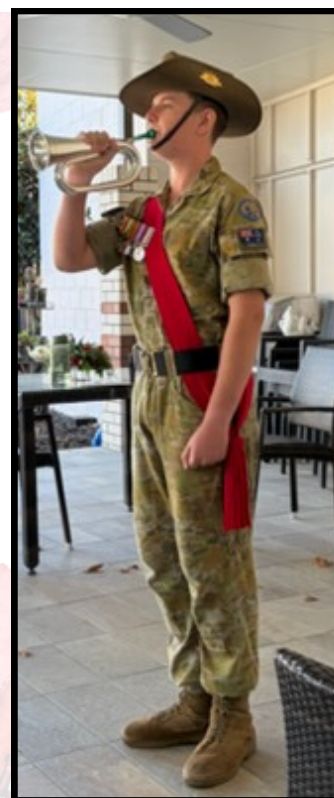
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This is Your Life - Charlie Uebergang — **Tattler**

Imagine someone 6 ft 7 inches tall or 1.98cms and 154 kilos in weight. He cannot be ignored such is his stature. Charlie Uebergang played basketball for the Toowoomba Mountaineers, under the guidance of coach, Harry Spencer. Charlie is really Kenneth, but somehow that didn't fit his image. The name Charlie was more fitting somehow. We will delve with greater detail into his basketball career later on.

Charlie lost his father when he was 12. This precipitated a decision after working on the farm at Yandilla for 45 years to sell the family farm and to move into town. His earliest schooling was at Millmerran before moving to become a weekly boarder at Concordia College in Toowoomba. The pastoral journey all began for Charlie some years ago. He was ordained in 2023, but he had to work hard to reach that goal. "I was nominated as a candidate to be a Lutheran Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP). Then when we sold the farm, things slowed down. I had some friends involved in pastoral care, so I did my first year in clinical pastoral education in 2016. I did 200 hours in clinical care visiting at the Toowoomba Base Hospital. I did the second unit in pastoral education, and I asked if I could do that in aged care. My mentor at the time was the late Pastor Dave Larsons who organised it with the then CEO Alex Metcalf at Beauaraba Living, and Janet Newlands, Director of Care Services." he said. Charlie also studied part time at the Australian Lutheran College in Adelaide with ordination to follow.

Pastor Charlie's great-great grandparents emigrated from Prussia to Victoria. Soon after arrival, the great-great grandfather died. His wife is now buried in Tabor cemetery. The strangest coincidence now unfolded. In the course of this conversation, Charlie now asked if (Pam) my wife's family name "Ruhle" was related to the Uebergangs? "We have Ruhles here in Pittsworth" he said. I said." Pam is related to some who are the relatives of the late Walter & Wynn Ruhle." Charlie then said "A Ruhle married my cousin - Lindsay Ruhle married Lenore Mengel". The penny dropped. According to Charlie, the Pierces and the Uebergangs are now cousins-in-law. I don't think that will fly Charlie.



Charlie's Ordination

L-R: Rebekkah Uebergang, Madalyn Mulungi, Pastor Charlie, Mia Mulungi, Caitlyn Uebergang, Diamond Mulungi, Susan Uebergang.

Story by Resident Brian Pierce



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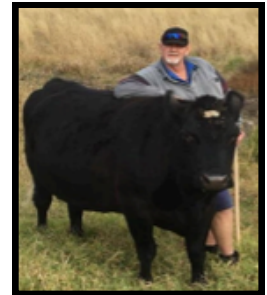
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Charlie's family of five comprises a wife named Susan and three daughters. They are Rebekkah, who works in Toowoomba, Madalyn, who is married to Diamond, a Ugandan, and Caitlyn who is now working at the Pittsworth Sentinel. Madalyn has spent some years doing missionary work in Uganda. Pastor Charlie said Diamond had been doing some counselling work and study since his arrival. He is still adjusting to the Australian lifestyle, whereas Ugandans were more likely to be living on one meal a day. The couple have two daughters, Mia and Nina. He said Diamond is very musical and has produced a recording company called "Clean Music."

Pastor Charlie founded a men's breakfast which now runs every two months at the church. The breakfast is free. Speakers have included Police Sgt Tim Hoffman, champion boxer Stoneleigh Jackson and Pittsworth veterinarian Stephen Fogarty.

As has been said, Pastor Uebergang carved out an impressive career in Toowoomba basketball in the 1980s and 1990s. Ricky Brunner knew him as a mate and fellow player and said he was reliable, and better than most in his position of centre. Ricky said that temperament-wise Charlie was pretty calm most times and always ready to help young players, even on the opposing teams. "Always there in case...". We played in Pittsworth together from 1984 until 2020. Ricky Brunner gave Charlie Uebergang one of the best accolades a player could wish for "You could not find a more deserving player". Both players represented Wests and Toowoomba Eagles in the 90s before playing with the Toowoomba Mountaineers in the State League. They were now part of the team that was runner up in 1989, the year Charlie retired from representative basketball. Charlie played with Pittsworth since 1975.

Charlie and Ricky played for Toowoomba Mountaineers in 1987 to 1989. In 1990 and 1991 Mountaineers won back-to-back titles with Harry Spencer as coach." Ricky rated Harry as one of the best coaches around. Ricky Brunner said you always knew what you'd get with Charlie. Charlie was inducted into the Toowoomba Mountaineers Hall of Fame after he finished playing. He recalls one incident when he jumped up to reach a ball which landed in another court only to have the overwhelming presence of Charlie bump the ball from Ricky's hands. I was only 1.8m or 6 ft whereas Charlie was 6ft 7inches or 1.98m, and with a lot of weight behind that. I've played with Charlie since 1984. He was always looking out for people which is why he's a man of faith today." At the time of writing, Charlie works two days a week at Beauaraba Living and three days in the Pittsworth Lutheran Parish as their Pastor.



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Liz Hefren-Webb
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The terminology has now moved to being a registered provider of Australian Aged Care Services.

For Beauaraba Living this registration period is now 1st November 2025 to 28th December 2028.

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I call down to Beauraraba from 10:30 - 11:30 am on a fortnightly basis.

Lutheran Church — Pastor Charlie Uebergang, General inquiries **0436 428 212** email:

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Church. *Beauraraba Living Services held 3rd Friday Monthly.*

St. Andrew's Anglican Church — Parish Priest :Father Tony Swansson Phone **0439 876 110**.

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Uniting Church — Rev. Willie Liebenberg Phone: **0477 888 185** email: willie@wkuc.org.au

15 Briggs St, Pittsworth 4356. Willie doesn't visit at a set time, but is always available if someone wants to see him.

Uniting Church: Worship times: Sunday 9:00 am in Murray Street, Pittsworth Uniting Church. Days could visit: Tuesdays – Fridays contact details in the Tattler: Rev. Willie Liebenberg.

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Hello Readers,

As I write this, winter is a week away. Lots of warm clothing is hanging on racks waiting to be purchased, Lady's, Men's, Children's and Baby's. Also scarves, beanies, gloves and slippers, blankets, doonas and flannellette sheets. No need to be cold. All in very good condition and well priced.

Don't forget to keep the pets in your family warm, we cater for them as well. We also have the odd electric blanket or heater, but be quick they sell fast. All have been electrically tagged and tested.

A big thank you to Brad and the team at Beuaraba Living for the lovely morning tea that was had for volunteers on Monday 18 May during National Volunteers Week. A great morning of laughter and good food was enjoyed by all.

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From the Op Shop volunteers



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Hello to the Tattler Community,

It is hard to believe that it has been over two years since you last heard from me. I have had the privilege of being on the Board now for three years.

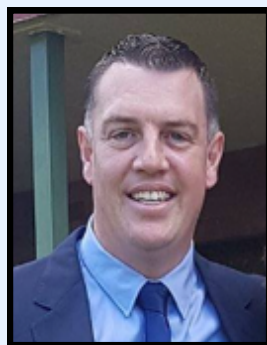
I have learnt a lot about the aged care sector and seen some changes in the Board during that time.

I'm no longer the new kid on the block. We welcomed Gail Black to the Board after Ben McIntyre's retirement, following his significant period on the board. Gail brings a wealth of legal and corporate governance expertise.

We recently celebrated the many volunteers that support the Beauaraba community. It was great to express our gratitude and appreciation for their efforts as they each contribute to the team in their own way.

I hope everyone stays warm as we enter into the Winter period and I'll hopefully be back in touch sooner next time.

Regards, Craig Drew



Thank You!



Thankyou to our Dedicated Board of Directors -

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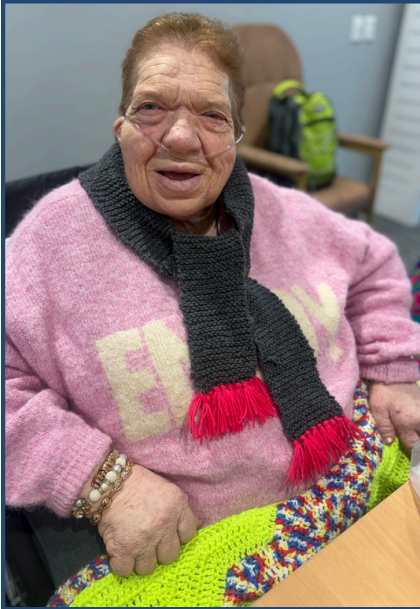
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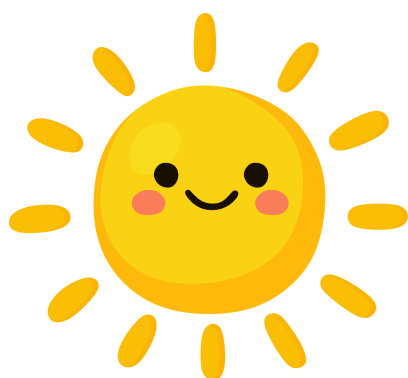
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