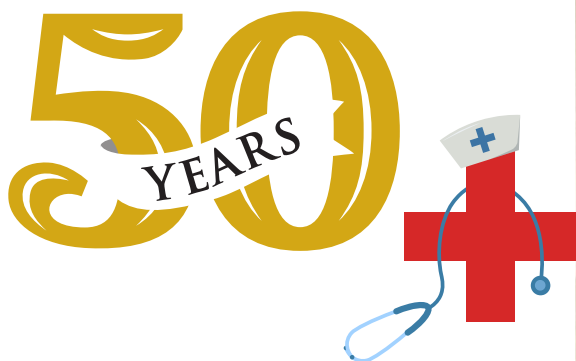


The Tattler

November/December 2025

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



We celebrated Director of Care Services Janet Newlands on reaching an incredible 50 year milestone in her nursing career. Staff, family members, and board representatives came together to honour Janet's dedication, compassion, and lifelong commitment to caring for others. (More pg.3)



November/December 2025
in this issue



Executive Team Report, Board News,
Lifestyle Resident Activities, Residents' Charter of Aged Care Rights
plus all your regular features.



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Janet Newlands - 50 Years of Nursing — **Tattler**

On Tuesday, 21 October, colleagues, residents, and family gathered to celebrate an extraordinary milestone.

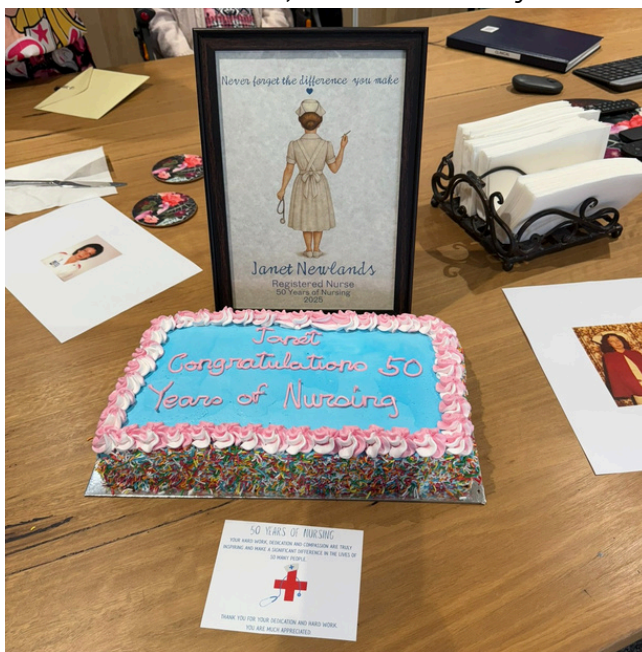
The surprise event was a heartfelt tribute to Janet's remarkable career and her lifelong dedication to caring for others. The boardroom was filled with warmth and appreciation as team members, friends, and loved ones shared stories, laughter, and memories from Janet's five decades of service.

Adding to the special occasion, four generations of Janet's family joined the celebration, including her mother, daughter, and two of her grandchildren.

Janet's career is an inspiration to all in the nursing profession. As a highly respected Registered Nurse and healthcare leader, she has spent her career making a lasting difference in the lives of residents, families, and colleagues alike. From roles in acute care to residential aged care, Janet has always been recognised for her patient centred approach and passion for continuous improvement.

Her unwavering commitment to excellence in aged care and her genuine compassion for others have left a profound and lasting impact on everyone she has worked with.

Congratulations, Janet, on 50 incredible years of service. Your dedication, leadership, and kindness embody the very best of nursing and we thank you for everything you have contributed, and continue to contribute, to our community.



CEO and Leadership Team... ————— **Tattler**



As we move into the “silly season” there is nothing silly in the flurry of activity that saw the revised effective date for the new Australian Aged Care Act on the 1st November 2025. The new act brings with it strengthened accreditation standards, statement of rights, code of conduct along with revised complaint and whistleblower policies.

The new act places recipients of aged care services at the very centre of the sector, a place that they have always occupied at Beauaraba Living. Those who have been onsite will remember the words that are prominently displayed on our wall, The residents do not live in our workplace, we work in their home.

The very best care and attention is delivered by stand-alone, not for profit, charitable organisations such as Beauaraba Living and each year this becomes more difficult due to the compliance, financial and reporting challenges. The Beauaraba team continue to rise to these challenges to deliver outstanding levels of care, attention and kindness each and every day.

The Catering team are hard at work planning for special Christmas day meals and we saw an early taste of summer as trays of mangos were purchased for everyone to enjoy. We held a very successful AGM with members and guests in attendance, and it was wonderful to connect and run through the challenges and opportunities that the last year presented.

Through December we hosted a number of musical groups from the community and local schools, and it was wonderful to see the dancing, singing and joy on the faces of those who attended these special events. At the time of writing we are awaiting the results of the annual Pittsworth & District Alliance Christmas Lights Display competition. The team spent many hours creating our display and fingers crossed that we can replicate the success of last year’s comp.

2025 has been another challenging year and we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed in small or big ways to the amazing work of Beauaraba Living where the residents remain at the centre of everything that we do.

I hope that you have the opportunity to rest and recharge your batteries as we head into 2026 and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Remember that a community working together can achieve anything.

Brad, Janet, Sarah, Sue.



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In November, we said farewell to Gavin from Hubinger Electrical here in Pittsworth, as he hangs up his tools and steps into a well earned retirement.

To celebrate his years of dedicated service to Beauaraba Living, we held a small BBQ with our maintenance team to thank him for all his hard work and commitment over the years.



Our residents, staff and visitors gathered together to honour Remembrance Day with a heartfelt service, reflecting on the bravery and sacrifice of those who served our country. We welcomed Anne and Michael Vogler as well as our Pastoral Carer Charlie Uebergang to host the service with the Last Post played by Lachie Summers as well as a poem read by Helen Windsor and the Ode read by Gary Alexander.

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This is Your Life - Jozef Van Der Hulst

By Brian Pierce – Irongate Resident

Jozef Van Der Hulst was one of 16 Dutch siblings to arrive in Australia during World War 2. He grew up in the Netherlands (Holland), attended Limberg and Venay schools. He was supervised by the German Army until the war came to an end.

One of his memories of Holland is the use of Friesian horses for ceremonial occasions. Unlike black and white Friesian cows, Friesian horses are pure black with a long, thick mane and tail. They are good natured animals. They have feathering on their lower legs around their hooves. They stand 15 -17 hands high.



photo courtesy of wikipedia

Jozef followed his brother, Jakob, to New Zealand and stayed there for 27 years. His brother acted as a sponsor for him, which meant he had a guarantee of a job and sufficient money to last him. He worked as a plasterer and was a hard worker. Before long he had enough money to emigrate to Australia and has stayed here since.

Jozef adapted to a farming lifestyle in Australia, growing mushrooms among other things. He could turn his hands to almost anything. Pigs were slaughtered for small goods such as salami and sausages. He has also done home restorations and brickwork, and for 10 years he made concrete tanks.



One of the concrete water tanks made by Jozef.

He tells the story of a one-day sale of pottery to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of his parents. He was only 6 years old when this happened. The pottery was stacked on a wagon and covered to make it hard to detect. Unfortunately, the German army found out about the pottery and fired a round of bullets into the wagon. The bullets had no impact on the pottery and nothing was broken. The family was rejoicing that somehow the pottery was worth several thousand dollars or its equivalent in Dutch money.



Outside Dutch Pottery- Jozef is the smallest one

Jozef is proud of his family and gives them every encouragement. He plans to sell the family home in Warwick. Jozef reflected on his life, proudly saying he made the most of it and the times were mostly good. "Family ties" covered generations, but the one regarded by Jozef as the most important is the current one, which includes his son Symen, daughter Aimee, and Nancy, his wife of 32 years.



Jozef and wife Nancy

I asked him what was his favourite entertainment. Without hesitation he said Andre Rieu.



The following is a record of Jozef's life, as recounted by him during the interview.

We would like to thank Jozef for his time and sharing his story.

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We have received the results of our recent reaccreditation process and are proud to announce that we have been reaccredited for a further 3 years through to April 2028.

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We will continue to progress our plan for continuous improvement and strive to excel in all areas to be the best that we can be and look forward to you assisting us on this journey.

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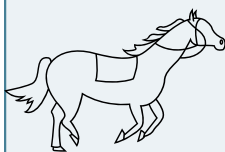
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Lutheran Church — Pastor Charlie Uebergang, General inquiries 0436 428 212 email:

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Church. *Beauaraba 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

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Hello readers,

Summer is here; our racks and shelves are fully stocked, come on in and have a look around. You never know what you might find.

The Op Shop Auxiliary held their end of year Christmas Party, attended by 36 volunteers, on Monday 8 December at the Senior Citizens Rooms. Anita welcomed the volunteers and thanked them for the huge effort with sorting donations, keeping the shop clean, and driving the register, during the past year.

Also joining us for the afternoon, to enjoy the scrumptious array of food supplied by Bottlebrush Cafe, was the Board Chairman Wayne Saal and Board Representative Annie Murphy.



The Shop still has a large range of Christmas clothing, decorations, crockery and lots more to choose from, at very reasonable prices.

Wishing our customers and the community of Pittsworth long with the residents and staff of Beauaraba Living, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Op Shop will be closed from 4pm Wednesday 24 December 2025 and reopen at 9am Monday 5 January 2026.

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Seeing students I once taught grow into confident, compassionate staff members at Beauaraba Living fills me with an immense sense of pride. As a director, I am privileged to witness how their familiar faces bring comfort, security, and warmth to the residents and their families.

There is something special about watching young people you guided in their early learning years step into roles where their empathy, professionalism, and dedication truly matter. It strengthens the entire community when those who grew up here in the Pittsworth district, return to serve the people who shaped them.

The presence of staff members who are already known and trusted creates a deep sense of safety within the facility. Families feel reassured when they recognise the people caring for their loved ones, and residents respond positively to the continuity of relationships. This shared history builds a foundation of trust that cannot be manufactured and is perhaps missing in facilities in larger towns and cities. It reinforces the idea that aged care is not just a service, but a community commitment with one generation caring for another.

To see former students become valued colleagues reminds me why education, mentoring, and connection are so powerful. I am reassured that the residents of Beauaraba Living are in excellent hands as these young people carry forward the values of respect, kindness, and responsibility into their work, enriching the lives of everyone in our care.

Regards, Annie Murphy

Congratulations to our AIN, Gracie Lightfoot, on her outstanding participation in the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Award.

Gracie delivered an insightful speech raising awareness among young people about neurodegenerative conditions such as dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Issues that may impact many in the future and are especially meaningful to her through her role here at Beauaraba Living. We are delighted to share that Gracie was awarded the Public Speaking Award winner (tied), a wonderful recognition of her passion and knowledge.



We also celebrate another AIN Linda Logan who throughout the year has entered the Queensland Equestrian of the Year 2025 in the endurance category. Linda's horse Willow Valley Jumanah Pearl won the Shardell Arabian Stud of the Year award. Endurance riding can vary in distance from 5km rides for children up to marathon rides of 400km over 5 days. Endurance riding is a discipline in which horse and rider must navigate a designated course within a set timeframe across diverse terrain.



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Resident Don Saal marked his 94th birthday on Sunday, 30th November. Just days earlier, his youngest great grandson, Tripp Ashton, celebrated his 4th birthday on 24th November. Tripp visited Beauaraba Living to spend some time with Don, and the two enjoyed a chat about cars. A heartwarming moment between two relatives with a remarkable 90-year age gap.



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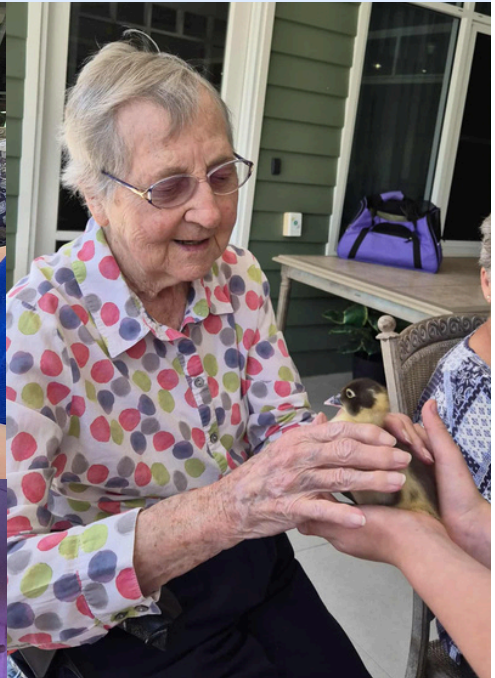
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By resident John Walter

This is a story that occurred sometime in 1951 at a place near Portland, Victoria, a very classy place. I had just left school, and I was working as a Jakaroo (Shepherd) on a Corriedale sheep stud, and I was warned by the station owner to be careful as it was a warm northerly windy day, and to look out for snakes when going down to the creek. On the creek bank there was a commotion among the sheep. The rabbit trapper come snake catcher was laid out on the ground with his head resting on his bag of gear. He was screaming for his wife, who had been with him down the paddock and I ran to the homestead for help from the Portland Ambulance.

It was a surprise on this day, especially after having been warned by the station owner, to in fact see snake's heads squirming around in the snake catcher's bag; one of which had bitten the snake catcher while he was putting it in the bag. It certainly wouldn't have been something I would have done.

As it turned out in the end he survived and continued to catch rabbits and kill snakes and this little memory was recalled when a snake was seen between Brookstead and Pampas at Beauaraba Living as well as my wife having spotted one near the lodge a few years ago.

Having lived the first part of my life living in an area with many snakes, although a long time ago, my memory is so clear that any mention of snake sightings brings this memory back as though it was yesterday.



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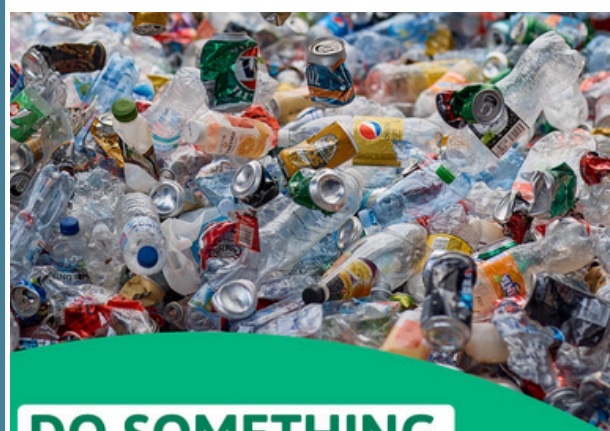
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