

# The Breeze

September 2018

Marmong Waters  
Newsletter

*Happy spring everybody* - and welcome to September's edition of The Breeze.

Wow - what an amazing month we had in August. It was a whirlwind of preparation leading up to our Community Centre Grand Opening, but it was all worth it. (Even so, I am quietly pleased to see things settling back into some semblance of routine!) We finally got hold of some photos of the day, and have included a few in the next couple of

pages. We hope you enjoy them.

In this September newsletter edition you will also find some important dates for your calendars, as well as some submissions from our residents. Thank you – they are always welcome.

Here's to a quieter September!

*Amanda* Village Manager



## NOTICE OF AGM

The Marmong Water's 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held in late October in the Community Centre (date still to be confirmed), so start thinking about any questions or agenda items you would like addressed.

Please lodge your items in writing at least seven days before the meeting. This will give the MW operators the best chance possible of being able to adequately address/resolve your item on the day.

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE GRAND OPENING DAY

I think it's safe to say that August 25's Community Centre Grand Opening defied everyone's expectations. What a day! We really showcased our village to the Newcastle/Lake Macquarie community – thousands of people came through on the day, and their feedback was nothing short of amazing! As well as expressing their admiration for the beautiful village, villas and Community Centre, operators were inundated with praise for the quality and the generosity of the food provided. Thanks to Gen, Sophie and Harmony in this quarter for their outstanding efforts.



Other stand-out features of the day was the ribbon cutting by John Paul Young, Micheal Harvey on the piano and the notable performance by the Blackalls Big Band. Nothing gets people smiling like live music! The exhibition and market stalls added an extra layer of interests to the event, and as well as enjoying themselves, stall-holders reported that day was also a worthwhile venture, business wise.

Once again, many thanks to all residents who gave up their time to lend a hand in the lead-up to the day, and who got involved in the day itself. Special thanks to those brave residents who agreed to be interviewed by 2NURfm! We truly valued your honesty and positive comments about Marmong Waters.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

Now that the bustle of the Grand Opening has died away, our residents have been discovering different ways to use their Community Centre, and it's great to see some routines already establishing themselves.

The first Scrabble day, which was organised by Dawn and held in the conference room, was such a hit that it has been penned in for the last Thursday of every month, from 10:45 - 4:00pm.

Our residents are having fun exploring various ways they can utilise the different spaces, from large social gatherings and entertaining visitors to sharing quieter coffees on one of the balconies, all of which have lovely views. In fact, as the gardens around the Community Centre establish themselves, their outlook will only improve.

Of course the coffee machine is a huge success, and it makes a fine brew! And isn't the bar a pleasant place to enjoy a drink? Friday afternoons at 4:30 pm have been identified as a great time for happy hour, to catch up on the week's activities.

And it's not just gatherings of people who are enjoying the beautiful spaces the Community building has to offer: individuals are continually discovering ways to make little pockets their own, whether for quiet contemplation on the balcony, an escape to the library, or a relax on the lounges.

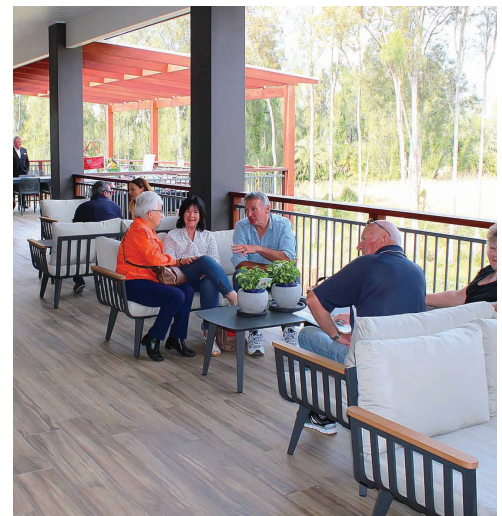
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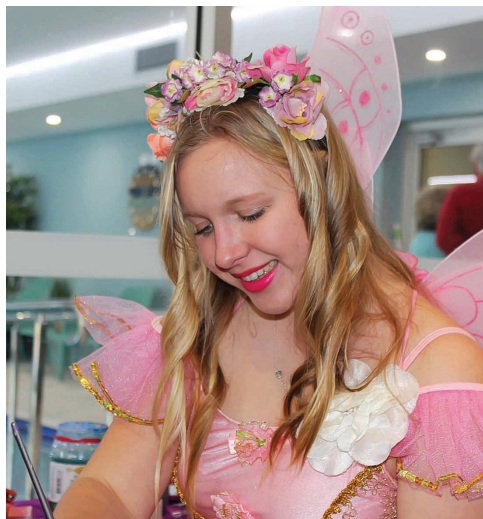
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#### HAVE YOU SEEN OUR SOCIAL HUB?

Last Friday's social committee discussion and happy hour was very productive. One of the many outcomes of the meeting was the designation of a Social Hub, located in the little alcove adjacent to Amanda's office in the Community Centre. In this space you will find calendars (two months in advance) and information on proposed activities.

Please keep an eye on this space as it will be constantly updated. If you are interested in any of the proposed activities, there will be an accompanying Expression of Interest form for you to put your name on. Likewise, if you have anything you would like to suggest, please leave a pamphlet or information.

#### RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report that the Marmong Waters Resident's Committee has been formed. Whilst there are still many roles to be determined, Ed Dawkins is the inaugural chairperson. Thank you Ed!

#### PHOTO SHOOT

Thank you to all our gorgeous models who appeared in our promotional photo shoot last month. You make us look good!



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#### ADVOCACY GROUPS CALL FOR INDEPENDENT AGE PENSION TRIBUNAL

Aging Australians recently rejoiced when Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the government is overturning its own policy of increasing the retirement pension age to 70. However, with this relief came frustration that once again the pension was being used as a trading card to curry political favor.

National Seniors Australia Chief Advocate Ian Henschke, said the age pension had become a prime target for federal budget savings, with an ageing population and the overall cost used to justify cutting the number of people receiving the pension.

In a report on the NSA Website, Mr Henschke said recent public debate about the age pension had become “toxic”, with younger taxpayers being told by government they were bearing an increasing burden to fund the age pension.

In a move that has garnered overwhelming media coverage and public support, National Seniors Australia are advocating the need for an independent age pension tribunal.

“Politics must be taken out of the process,” said Mr Henschke. “An independent age pension tribunal is the first step to a fairer retirement income system that meets the needs of older Australians.”

According to Mr Henschke, the proposed tribunal would calculate a fair and adequate pension rate, along with supplements, based on need and circumstances. Its decisions would be accepted by government without debate in the same way monetary policy was set by the Reserve Bank, with determinations made every November to provide enough time to be accounted for in the May budget.

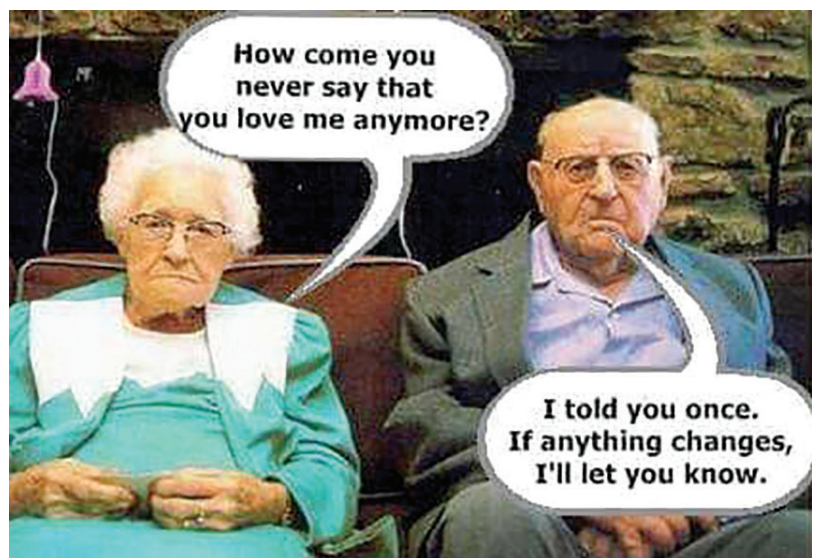
National Seniors Australia has partnered with Australia’s oldest charity, the Benevolent Society, as part of their Fix Pension Poverty campaign.

For more information on National Seniors Australia, go to:

[nationalseniors.com.au](http://nationalseniors.com.au)

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### I REMEMBER

I remember the cheese of my childhood,  
And the bread you cut with a knife,  
When children helped out with the housework,  
And men went to work – not the wife.

The cheese never needed an ice-chest,  
The bread was so crusty and hot,  
The children were seldom unhappy,  
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the billy,  
With yummy rich cream on the top,  
Our dinners came from the oven,  
And not from a fridge in some shop,

The kids were a lot more contented,  
They didn't need money for kicks,  
But a game with their mates in the paddocks,  
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,  
Where a pennyworth of lollies was sold,  
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?  
Or is it I'm just getting old?

(Poem left on Amanda's desk!)

She was delighted to get  
to the bit in the recipe that said,  
"Add red wine and gently simmer for an hour."



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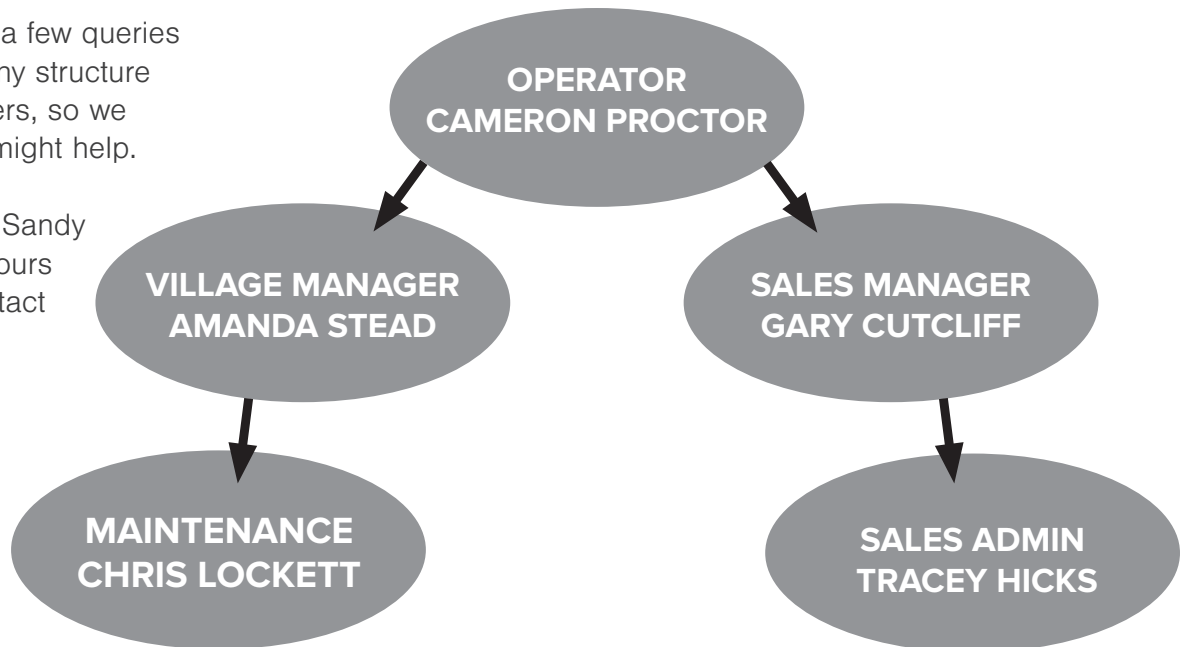
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## Marmong Water's Company Structure - Summary

There have been a few queries about the company structure of Marmong Waters, so we thought a visual might help.

(Please note that Sandy Bell is the after hours maintenance contact for Marmong Retirement Services.)



*Snapped...*



*Marmong Waters maestra Rose, snapped entertaining the masses on the Community Centre's Grand Opening day as part of the amazing Blackalls Big Band.*

### Construction update

Stage 5 civil works has started and we have moved all on site vans to further down the property. Residents are to please address any issues about construction directly to Amanda.

### Sales update

As you can imagine, there was a huge amount of interest in Marmong Waters after the Community Centre Grand Opening Day – everyone wants to live at Marmong Waters!

Tracey and Gary have been run off their feet. **Stage 7 is now ¾ SOLD** – and people are still flooding in!

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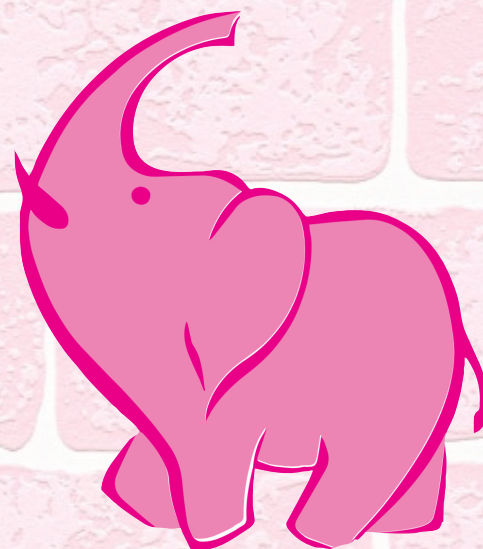
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You are invited to LRMC's Women's Health

## ***Pink Elephant Day***



*What's your pink elephant...?*

September is Women's Health Month at Lake Road Medical Centre and we would like to invite you attend our Pink Elephant Day.

Don your best pink outfit and come along to share lunch and giggle with other ladies in our little HVC/LRMC/ELSS/MW community.

LRMC's Women's Health nurse, Kathy, will discuss why and how we should all face our Pink Elephants, to ensure we are living our best healthy lives – now and well into the future.

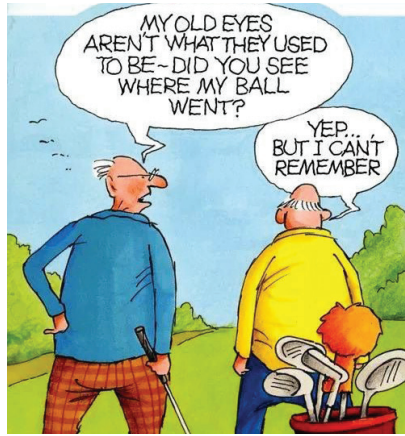
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### CALENDAR

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 1:30 Art Group - MWCC	4	5 1:30 Games/Cards MWCC	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 1:30 Games/Cards MWCC	13	14	15
16	17 1:30 Art Group - MWCC	18 8:00 Aqua Aerobics (Proposed TBC)	19 1:30 Games/Cards MWCC	20 1:00 Pink Elephant Day - LRMCC (see Amanda)	21	22
23	24	25 8:00 Aqua Aerobics (Proposed TBC)	26 1:30 Games/Cards MWCC	27 10:45 Scrabble MWCC Conf. Room	28 4:00 Social Discussion & Happy Hour MWCC	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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