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DECEMBER 2021–FEBRUARY 2022



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Again, COVID has set us another challenge in the form of the Government Health Order announced on the 9th of November by the Premier in relation to opening up the borders on the 17th of December 2021, or, when the State reaches the 80% fully vaccinated level.

By now you all would have received my letter setting out the Club and the Member's responsibilities in relation to the Health Order in that only FULLY vaccinated members, guests, staff and volunteers can enter the Club after the 17th of December 2021.

Just to refresh your memories and to be perfectly clear - the Government has mandated that only the **fully vaccinated** can enter a club, restaurant, café or hotel from December 17, 2021 or when Queensland reaches the 80% double dose milestone. This mandatory regulation will also apply to hospitals, aged care facilities, theatres, nightclubs, concerts, indoor live music venues, bars, taverns, pubs, museums, art and music festivals.

The Government has also placed the onus on the individuals and has imposed a penalty of \$1,358.50 if a person refuses to leave the premises when lawfully asked to do so. If a person refuses to leave when asked, we are to call the Police and, believe me, this is absolutely the last thing we want to have to do so if you are not fully vaccinated please respect our staff and volunteers and respect the Health Order and the position the Club has been placed in.

Hopefully this will be resolved sooner rather than later and we can all get back to normal. In the meantime, our priority is the health and wellbeing of the members, guests and staff and we need to ensure the Mt Gravatt Bowls Club is a safe venue for everybody. If you are not vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible.

On a more positive note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for agreeing to play on Saturday mornings in November and December to allow the Club to take advantage of Barefoot Bowls bookings for Xmas Party groups during the afternoon. From the first day this has been an outstanding success and is providing wonderful essential revenue for the Club. It appears everyone is enjoying playing on Saturday morning and as a side benefit, because we are still in the middle of storm season, at least we are all home with our cars in the garage when storms normally strike. However, I also know there are many members who now don't know what to do with themselves on Saturday afternoon – LOL!

On Wednesday 6th of October, Reg Walls, Alan Dick and I met with Senior Officers from the Brisbane City Council to discuss the car park situation.

During this discussion it was made abundantly clear to us that the changes to the leased area were here to stay as a safety measure for the movement of traffic and the safety of the school children. It would not be a good look for the Club if we fought that. The only problem

with this is at no time were we formally briefed and we did not receive any formal advice from Council apart from informal discussions with Cr Huang. While a safety plan was developed and implemented for Carson Lane it all stopped at the border of our lease and this is totally unacceptable. During the ensuing discussions we made the Council Officers acutely aware that there were major safety issues on our leased area and that Council had no right to impose changes without formal notification and a safety plan. Following further lengthy discussion the following points are to be implemented:

- A portion of our lease is to be annexed for the public driveway. This will follow a line from the entry from Carson Lane and east along the brick path to the front driveway entry.
- The car park spaces opposite the Club Building adjacent to the Community Hall down to the Carson Lane entry will become public car parks but we will also have access to them.
- The existing Disabled Car Parks will be re-located to outside our Club Building to conform to the current Safety Code.
- While the full re-development plan is being completed and included in the next Budget, interim safety measures are to be installed including (but not limited to) speed limit signage and effective speed bumps to slow traffic.

Continued overleaf We have been



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *continued*

advised that a safety audit has been completed and we will be advised shortly on the implementation of the interim safety measures. School finishes mid-December so I suspect little will be done before Christmas.

It has been a very challenging and interesting year but I am looking forward to a fantastic year in 2022. To each and every one of you, and your families, I wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Take care everyone

Graham Chatten

Board Chairman



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee for their support.

A big thank you to the Ladies and Gentleman who have assisted in preparing the breakfast on Saturday mornings which will also run in December.

Wishing all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Kind regards,

Henry Gauci

President



LADIES' PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A brief look back at 2021 shows a year in which our club was able to carry on as a result of management. Our thanks to all those who were involved in keeping our club a haven for the bowlers where we all felt safe.

November has been an extremely busy and successful time for our ladies. Our Championship Fours team of Cathy Lewis, Ann D'Ámbrosia, Gail Pratt and Cheryl Lindfield won their way through the District and Zone to represent us in Mackay at the State Champion of Club Champions Titles. We are very proud of their effort in winning the Bronze medal. Their only defeat was at the hands of the winners. In the District Novice/Open event Cathy Lewis and Bev Montgomery finished second. They won three games to make the semi-final, which they won, and were beaten in the final by Cleveland.

Congratulations Ladies.

To finish the month we held our annual 6-a-Side Day. How wonderful to see full greens and a special thankyou to Anne Beliveau for the magnificent effort in obtaining entries from so many clubs. The hard work put in by our ladies in the preparation and running of the day was magnificent and you all have my thanks. Thanks also to the men who had the greens and surrounds looking magnificent, our umpires, those who worked behind the bar, the chefs in the kitchen and so many who made the day special. A GREAT TEAM EFFORT.

Club competition is winding down and we have completed our Consistency singles with Gail Pratt 102, defeating Cathy Lewis 98. It doesn't get much closer than that. Club Selected Fours have reached the final stage and many thanks to all the ladies who have competed in this event.

Lastly, our Tuesday is now Open and we have welcomed some gentlemen to our day and I sincerely hope they are enjoying the fun we have on Tuesday.

To our ladies who are experiencing health problems themselves or with family members, you are always in our thoughts.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish management and bowlers alike a very Happy Christmas and my wish for all is that 2022 will see a return to "normal" life and most importantly that families can be together.

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other"

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Bev Geldart

President





MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT

Hi All,

As this is my first report, I welcome the opportunity to inform you of any membership changes and give you up to date information.

Membership totals for November 2021...

Bowling Members: Female: 75 + Male: 171 = 246

Social Members: Female: 476 + Male: 704 = 1180

Financial Members Total: = 1426

Name Badges (bowling members only)...

Any member requiring a new Name Badge, forms are available at the bar. The cost is \$8.00 for existing members. When I receive the receipts, I will add your names to the order. Please allow up to 2 weeks for the badges to be made.

Many happy returns for the following birthdays...

DECEMBER 2021

Brian Dutton, Albert Chan, Noel Eaton, Dianne Girvan, David Cunningham, Carmel Feeney, Nina Kung, Eric Reardon, Nicholas Smith, Denis King, Terence Cronk, Beverley Geldart, Brian Prescott, Brian Andrews, Clinton Hicks, John Gamlin.

JANUARY 2022

Jan Moore, Trevor Lewis, Reg Walls, Malcolm Ferguson, Joan Jackson, Ross Abberfield, Patricia Henry, Ken Woodward, Warwick Gordon, Mei Mew, Mervyn Dawson, Alan Palmer, Bruce Cox, Leslie Davis, Neil Smith, Marlene Stemm, Andre Van Deventer, Gail Oliver, Marg Valentine, Marjorie Clauson, David Collins, Helen Nobbs, Barry Hyde, Cheryl Lindfield, Rosemary Reardon.

FEBRUARY 2022

Maureen Stevens, Roger Piasecki, Val Chappel, Brenda Wilson, Matti Laitala, Leo Blumkie, Gary Bretherton, Leon Lam, Greg Walls, Shirley Shaw, Nigel Vallette, Branko Petrovic, Henry Gauci, Michael Smith, Suzanne Svensson, James Barnes, Denise McPhee.

Wishing all members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheers,

Gary

SEASONS GREETINGS

Not long now before 2022 is here.

We started our Christmas functions at the beginning of November and it'll be full on until the weekend before the 25th. It's so much fun to see everyone enjoying themselves and getting involved with bowls. I hope that we'll see a few new members joining the club.

With Christmas Eve being Friday 24th, we will not be opening for dinner that night, as we will close at 5pm, so our usual Friday night fun will be on Thursday night

Club hours during the Christmas period will be as follows:

Monday 20 th	9am – 5pm	no kitchen
Tuesday 21 st	9am – 5pm	lunch available
Wednesday 22 nd	9am – 9pm	lunch & dinner available
Thursday 23 rd	9am – 9pm	lunch & dinner available (raffles)
Friday 24 th	9am – 5pm	lunch available
Wednesday 29 th	9am – 5pm	lunch available
Thursday 30 th	9am – 5pm	lunch available
Friday 31 st	9am – 9pm	lunch & dinner available

Remember Trivia is still on the first Friday of the month.

December 3rd will have a Christmas theme.

The Club will return to normal trading hours from Wednesday 5th January, 2022.

If you have a function or event happening next year, don't forget to check out our website for all our details. Never too early to book ahead.

www.mtgravattbowlsclub.com.

Whichever way you celebrate Christmas, or just the end of year, stay safe and enjoy the madness with friends & family, and also the peaceful, quiet moments.

Merry Christmas,

Julie Simkin





BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Sponsors

2022 Bowls Calendar has been commenced. Framework has been put in place with contact with majority of sponsors. Should be complete by late December.

Some advertising and sponsorship changes have occurred;

- Stellario Realty Group is now known as Century 21 Stellario with a new sign erected to replace the previous.
- Reside Communities who came on board mid year as a sponsor have also erected signage designed to advertise Brookland Retirement Village.
- Bare Cremation is a new sponsor with signage erected. Please see this issue of Sponsor's Specials to view their offer to members. Please also visit their website for more information.
- Brisbane Markets Limited has erected some very colourful signage advertising fresh produce.

Grants

A grant opportunity has arisen, which if approved, will enable us to replace the base, underlay and carpet on the undercover green. The Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Grant is aimed at providing funding to improve, develop and maintain Community Facilities. We have applied for \$150,000 plus GST to complete the work. Application lodged prior to deadline which was 1st November. Decision time is late January. I have projected the work to be carried out during April 2022 allowing for time required to transport the carpet from Dales in UK.

Retirement & Lifestyle Village Bowls Days

The most recent scheduled day in November unfortunately had to be abandoned due to inclement weather. The first time in 11 years this has occurred.

Numbers attending have decreased since COVID, so I have completed a survey of the Villages asking who will be attending in 2022 and how many teams they believe, on average, they will have. The responses have been good, however have confirmed my feelings that we need to recruit more teams from possibly villages who have not previously attended. I will do this over the next couple of months so we are ready to go in February 2022. I thank all the volunteers who assist on these days. Without them, the days would not go ahead.

Friday Night Raffles

Friday Night Raffles continue to run well with pleasing returns on a weekly basis and consistent with the level of guests on any one night. Again my thanks to the volunteer ticket sellers who operate on a roster basis and make the raffles possible.

Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter issued on a bi monthly basis. The next newsletter will issue in March 2022 and quarterly thereafter. This has been done to ease the burden on everyone with bi monthly sometimes meaning a search for news by contributors.

You will note that the Bowls Calendar is for December only. January and February 2022 will be emailed to you once completed as a separate item.

Seasons Greetings

I would like to wish all members, sponsors, staff and community partners a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year and look forward to a great 2022. If you travelling over the festive season, please do so carefully.

Reg Walls

Business Manager



SPECIAL EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Sub Committee members Margaret Valentine, Kelly Perkins, Hazel Locke and Reg Walls.

Melbourne Cup

The Sub Committee responsibility was centred on arranging sweeps and the raffle. Great results all around;

25 sweeps in all comprising 16 x \$2.00 sweeps and 9 x \$5.00 sweeps.

Raffle total income \$591.00

Very little expense as the two major prizes comprising hampers were donated by Henry Gauci.

Many thanks to Henry for sweep selling and to Jane Chattin for helping with recording and payouts.

Thanks to Greg Walls and Ian Svensson for raffle sales.

General comment was that of a great day in all respects which I am sure the Club Manager will agree with.

Christmas Open Triples Event.

Nomination for this event were strong from the start and the event is full with 28 teams well ahead of the event date.

All organised as far as possible with John Fealy again agreeing to run the day with some assistance and catering plans are set in place. Sponsored by Club Southside. Should be a great day.



Reg Walls

Chairman, Special Events Sub Committee



BISTRO HOURS

LUNCH:
Tuesday – Sunday
11 – 2pm

DINNER:
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All-day barista available.

TRIVIA

Trivia is held on the first Friday of each month commencing at 12.00 noon.



Your festive season family action plan



As we approach the end of another year many people will be looking forward to the festive season, the chance to slow down and catch up with family, particularly elderly parents. Busy lives, distant homes and COVID can make it easy to feel out of touch. Sadly, it might be a time when you notice changes in an ageing parent, but it can provide an opportunity for planning as a family.

Signs someone needs help

- Missed appointments
- Appliances left on
- Unclean house
- Unexplained dents in the car
- Fridge empty/not eating
- Changes in personal hygiene
- Forgetting to take medications
- House and garden appears neglected
- Loss of interest in hobbies and activities
- Depressed mood or behaviour changes

Making a family decision

Addressing the looming issue of how to support and access care for a loved one either now or in the future, may ensure they don't have to face planning in crisis mode to give greater control and independence.

Why have a family meeting?

- Explore priorities and preferences and help the family share a common view
- Understand how aged care works and the options available
- Understand the costs of care and what you might need to pay
- Consider the role of the home in funding care
- Review cashflow needs
- Ensure estate planning reflects your parent's wishes

Your action plan

- Be observant
- Talk to your family about problems
- Talk to your parents about their future and what they feel is important
- Understand care options and start research
- Check current wills and powers of attorney are in place and appropriate
- Learn where all the important documents are kept

We can help

Advice is important to help navigate your way forward. Arrange an appointment today.

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CORRINE MCMILLAN MP

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

As we reflect on the year that has passed and we celebrate our successes, I want to say thank you for being part of all that we have achieved for our community in 2021.

This year I have focused on delivering the improved infrastructure and services we need as a growing community. I have secured \$434,340 for the Mount Gravatt Community Centre to combat social isolation and loneliness, \$4.47 million to upgrade the Upper Mount Gravatt Busway and much more.

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy time together over this holiday season, and I look forward to working with you in 2022.

PS Please call or pop into my office if you would like my 2022 calendar.



Corrine **McMillan** MP
Member for Mansfield

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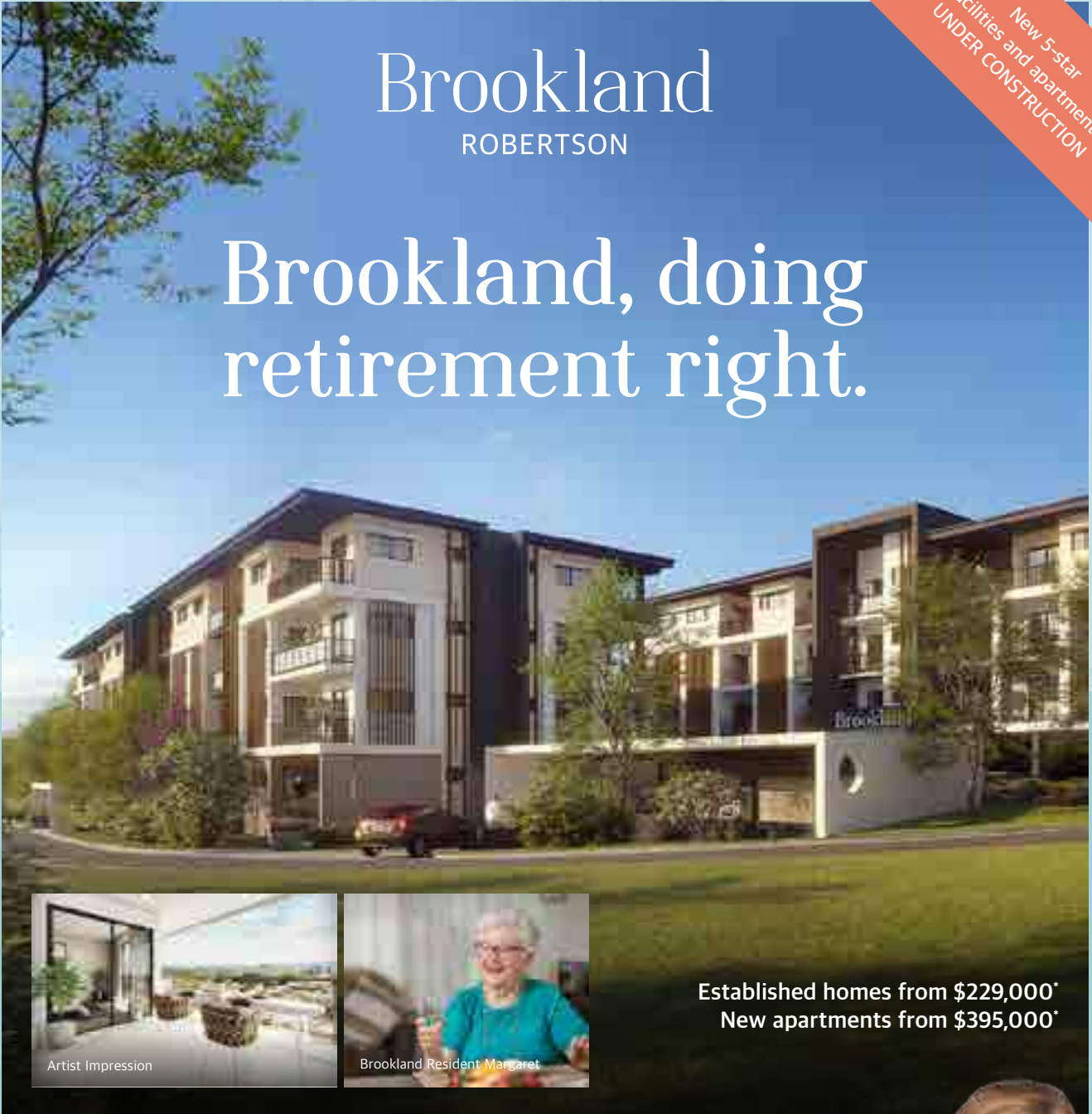
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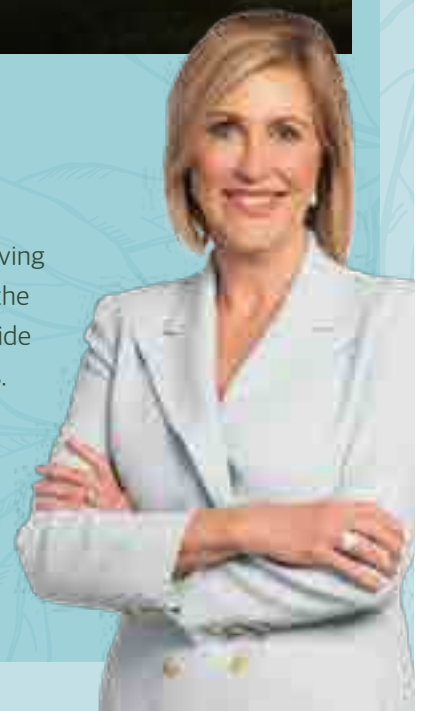
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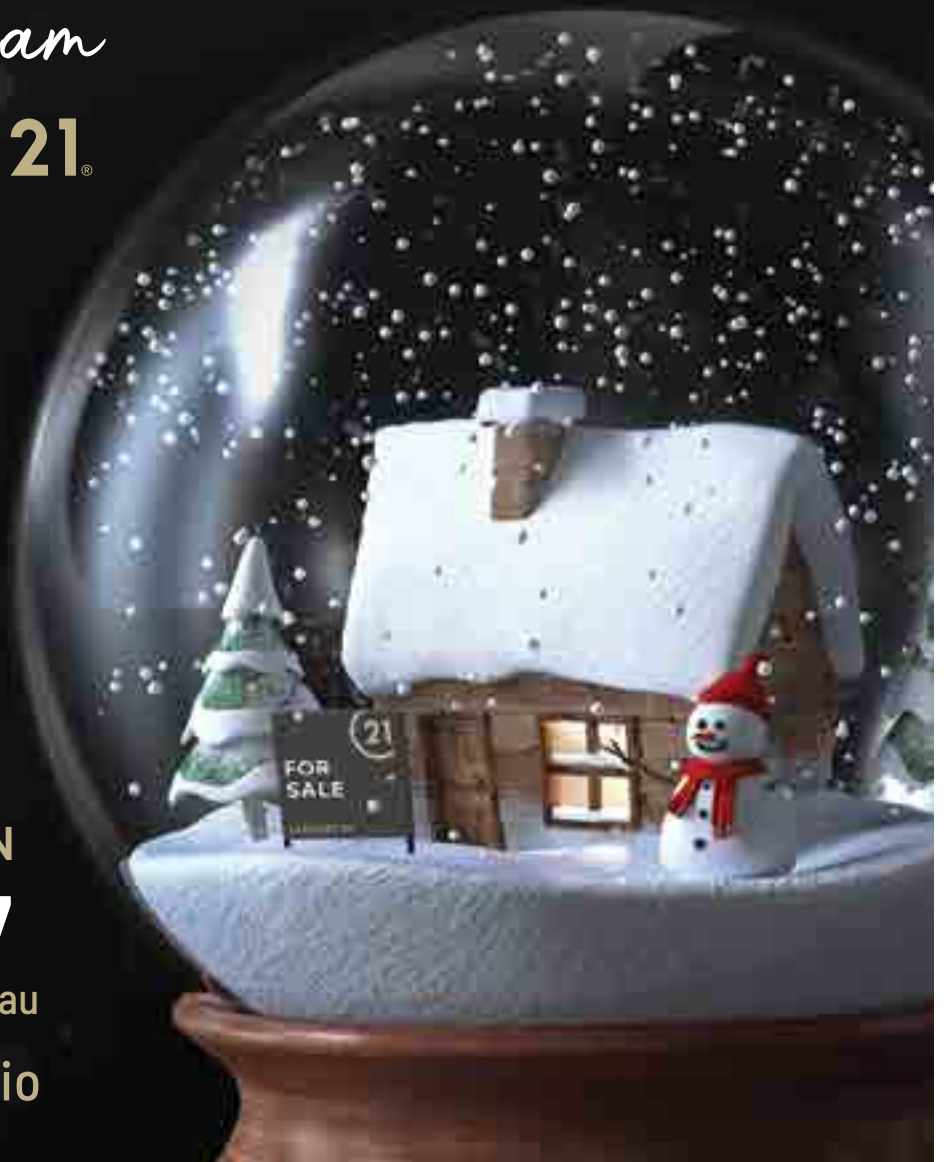


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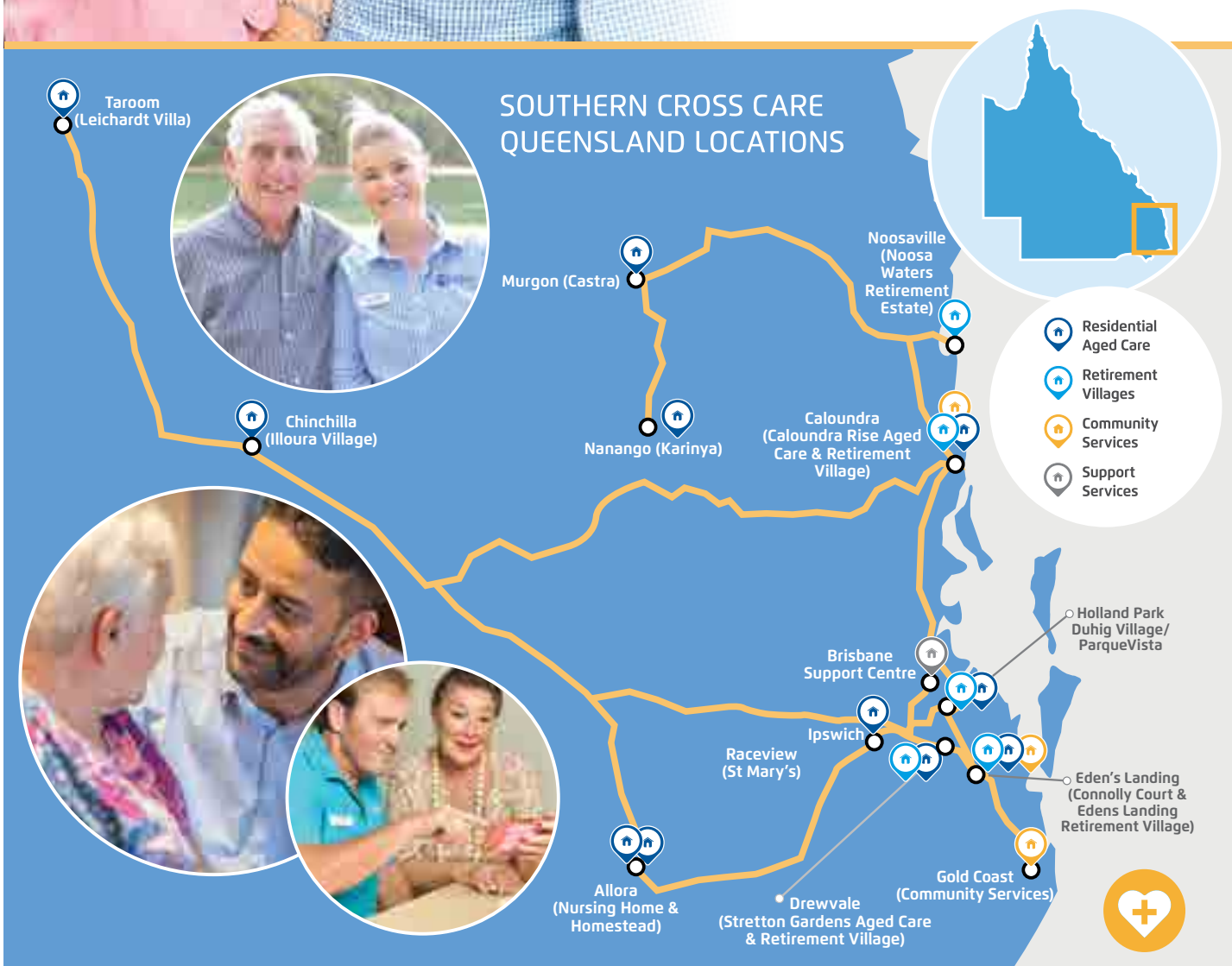
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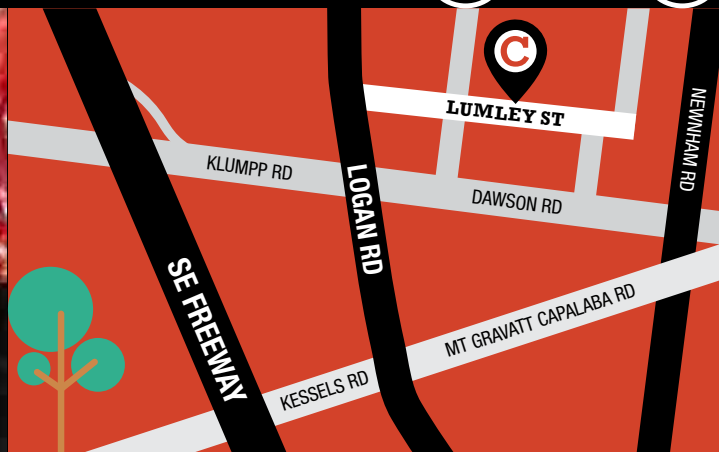


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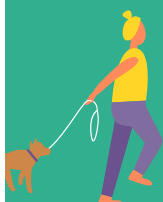
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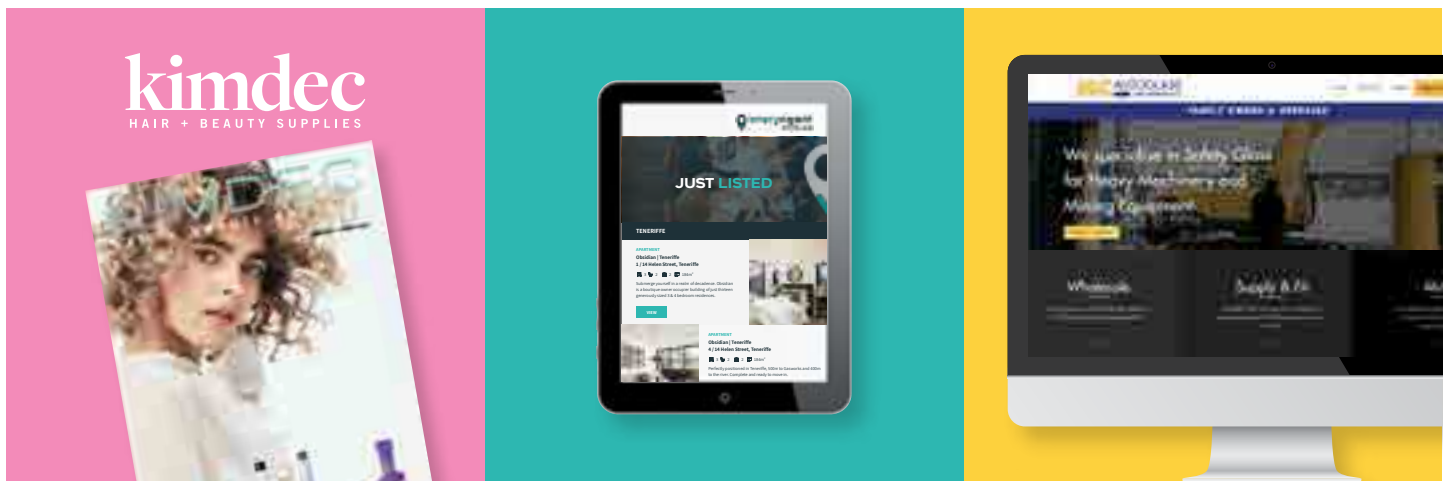
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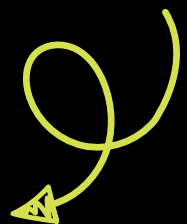
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December		Time	Event	Sponsor
Wednesday	1	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	1	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	MyCare Physiotherapy
Wednesday	1	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	2	12.30 pm	Open Triples	Elements Retirement Living
Friday	3	9.00 am	SEQ Tri Services Bowls Association Bowls	
Saturday	4	12.30 pm	Social Bowls	
Sunday	5	9.30 am	Mt Gravatt Christmas Open Triples	Club Southside
Monday	6	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	7	9.00 am	Ladies Bowls	Anonymous Member Donation
Tuesday	7	6.15 pm	Corporate Bowls Season 4 Concludes	
Wednesday	8	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	8	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	Stellario Realty Group
Wednesday	8	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	9	12.30 pm	Open Triples	Audika
Friday	10			
Saturday	11	12.30 pm	Social Bowls	
Sunday	12	10.30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday	13	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	14	9.00 am	Ladies Christmas Function	
Wednesday	15	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	15	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	Peter Donovan Cert Fin Planner
Wednesday	15	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	16	12.30 pm	Open Triples	David Cunningham & Cenzo's Cafe
Friday	17			
Saturday	18	12.30 pm	Social Bowls	
Sunday	19	10.30 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Monday	20	10.00 am	Barefoot Bowls	
Tuesday	21			
Wednesday	22	8.30 am	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	22	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	22	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	23	12.30 pm	Open Triples	
Friday	24			
Saturday	25	Christmas Day		
Sunday	26	Boxing Day		
Monday	27	Christmas Holiday		
Tuesday	28	Boxing Day Holiday		
Wednesday	29	8.30 am Open Pairs		
Wednesday	29	12.30 pm	Open Pairs	
Wednesday	29	6.30 pm	Open Bowls	
Thursday	30	12.30 pm	Open Triples	
Friday	31	New Year's Eve		



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