

# THE Woodend Gem



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# Director's Message



Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter! If you haven't seen the news already, I implore you to visit either our Facebook page or website blog so you can see GemLife Woodend's first aerial footage!

The video is a fantastic opportunity to see how the civils work is continuing to boom at the resort, moving us closer to upward construction. We will continue to keep you regularly updated with drone footage as time moves on. If you have

any questions about the stages of construction, do get in touch with our knowledgeable Sales Team. If the Internet isn't quite for you, stay up-to-date in our monthly newsletters where we will be posting all the latest construction news and reviewing social events.

From all of us here at the GemLife team, we wish you a happy and restful Easter with your loved ones.

**Adrian Puljich**  
Director & CEO of GemLife



## Sales Manager's Message

We have welcomed several more deposit holders into our fold this month, and with all the activity and building onsite, everything is really coming together! Over 33% of Stage One has been sold to date!

The most exciting news is that our brand-new bus has arrived. This will be fantastic for residents to utilise in the future for anything from weekly shopping trips, to outings to the surrounds of Woodend.

We have been very busy here at the Sales Office organising several events for the near future. So do keep an eye on your mailbox for the invitation to our get-together in Kyneton on the 23 March.

**Julie Cahill**  
Sales Manager

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



*Ken & Beryl Atkinson at the New Wall of Remembrance in Woodend. Originally printed in Macedon Ranges Leader, October 2017. Picture: James Ross.*

# Couple takes the reins

**Woodend RSL members hope to inspire appreciation of the Light Horse Troop with fundraising efforts.**

Dedicated members of the Woodend RSL, Ken and Beryl Atkinson organised a visit to the Creswick RSL Light Horse Troop to commemorate the anniversary, laying a wreath for the fallen.

An ex-merchant navy man, Ken came across some striking woollen scarfs, socks and rugs three years ago during a visit to the Pascoe Vale RSL.

After selling a few, he later met the East Brunswick manufacturer and ever since has sold them across the Macedon Ranges. His persuasive techniques have been in action in front of supermarkets and bank branches across the shire, and at nursing homes.

"My father and uncle fought and Beryl's grand uncle was in the Light Horse, so it's the least I can do," said Ken.

Ken has raised about \$12,000 from his

endeavours, with \$7500 handed to the Creswick group on Sunday. Ken said that he felt it was vital to support the work of the living history troop.

"It's very important for young people to get an appreciation of what the Light Horse and all Diggers went through," he said. "I went to meet them and learned about the work they do getting all the gear and the horses to events, not to mention the horrendous costs they have in transporting and feeding horses."

Creswick Light Horse Troop coordinator Gary Chandler said that the volunteer group was appreciative of the Atkinsons' efforts. "We are all volunteers and funding us, and what we do, seems to fall through the cracks," he said.

"We think our work is vital as a living history group for it is very powerful for people to see us on horseback with the actual gear the original Light Horse brigades would have had." ■



## Did you know?

Our front gate entrance systems include number plate recognition – making your resort more convenient, safe and secure!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



# Pipe dreams

Groundwork and piping are moving along swiftly at GemLife Woodend. These are important stages of the civil infrastructure to ensure good drainage of the area. ■



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



## Is it a Bird? Is it a Plane?

No! It's GemLife Woodend's latest drone footage!

For those who haven't seen the site in all its glory in person yet, well here's your opportunity. Civil works are firing away on all cylinders as you can see here from above. In these images, you can see the first concrete pour - very exciting! We will continue to update you from the skies as time goes on! Watch this space! ■

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



## There She Blows!

Our civils team have recently been conducting test holes on the GemLife Woodend lake. This is an important stage of the civils work which involves doing soil tests of the lake floor so that engineers can design the country club footings. ■



# What's On March



## Werribee Gorge Walk and Rock Climbing

Sunday 4 March, 9am-5pm

Explore the length of the Werribee Gorge by following a disused water channel built around 1926 to supply irrigation to the local area, then up over escarpments before plunging back along the river bed itself. Werribee Gorge retains a wild, rugged natural beauty, and the very interesting walk even includes some tricky chain sections – exciting!

\$80.00



## The Clan Jam

Saturday 10 March, 8am onwards  
Phoenix Park, Ballan

Get down in the great outdoors and groove amongst fellow funky families. Bring your clan (and an instrument if you like) to a safe, relaxed, yet festive environment. Music, games, sport and art will add to your family adventure at this all ages event!

\$23.00



## Woodend Lions Art Show

Saturday 10 March, 4pm onwards  
Templeton Street, Woodend

An array of talented artists from near and far will be demonstrating their work. Now in its 43rd year, funds raised by the art show are put towards a variety of community projects and supporting other local not for profit groups.

FREE



## Reconnect Yoga Festival

Saturday 10 March, 10am onwards  
Rowallan Scout Camp  
Riddells Creek

Immerse yourself, nourish your soul and reconnect with Mother Earth. This is an excellent way to develop stronger relationships with friends and meet those like-minded in spiritual growth. Reconnect with yourself and self-discover with the traditional values of yoga.

\$100.00



\$23.00

## Night Walks at Hanging Rock

Friday 16 March, 7pm onwards  
Hanging Rock, Woodend

Experience the mystery of Hanging Rock at night, with a guided tour of the reserve. This is a superb opportunity to see and explore Woodend's most famous landmark in a unique way. Even locals should experience this natural beauty in a completely different light – pun intended.



\$5.00

## Romsey Antiques, Vintage & Collectables Fair

Saturday 17 March, 9:30am-4:30pm  
122 Main Street, Romsey

The Romsey Mechanics' Institute and the Ramsey Neighbourhood House will hold its annual fair. There will be a range of items for sale including clothing, furniture, glassware, tools, die-cast cars, china, books plus much more. Morning and afternoon teas and lunches are also available for purchase.



TBA

## Holgate Easter Golf Classic

Friday 30 March

This two-day golf classic stableford event, with a six-hole shootout for grand prizes sponsored by Holgate Brewhouse is open to golfers with a Golf Australia handicap. Have a fantastic day on the green with like-minded others.

## Beep Beep! All Aboard!



Our resorts are always placed close to shops and local amenities and what better way to visit them, than in total luxury! GemLife is now offering a state-of-the-art Mercedes Sprinter shuttle bus.

This 12-seater bus will be available for our residents to book whenever they want. To be a driver of the bus, all you need to do is fill out a few forms and await a short approval period, and from that point on, you can drive the bus whenever you wish. We've got two approved drivers already!

Say a group of you decide you'd like to go on a shopping trip together, simply book the bus and it'll be at your service – all you do is split the cost of diesel – it's that easy! The bus will run weekly shopping trips to local precincts and regular expeditions – getting out and about has never been simpler!