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Board Brief

The Board continues to work on transitioning Sundale from an Incorporated Association to a Public Company Limited by Guarantee as approved by members last year. The delay is due to the changes in the Queensland Government and associated Ministerial responsibilities which always result in a change of focus with the new Ministers and their teams. We are confident that this will move shortly. We have also very reluctantly accepted the resignation of Lionel Ash, our Treasurer, who has been on the Sundale Board since June 2001. As you may be aware Lionel is a very active member of the community and he has resigned from Sundale and is taking on new and additional responsibility in his Church and service club. We are all very grateful for the superb job he has done for Sundale, and wish him all the very best for his future.

McGOWAN LODGE

We have several of our residents who are enjoying expanding their talents on a regular basis by painting to their hearts delight. "Hospital Art" have been wonderful by donating the canvas and paints. There has been an art exhibition where the governor attended. This has been an important event in our residents lives as they do activities that give them a great feeling of self worth and usefulness. The art work is displayed around the hostel for you enjoyment.



After a lot of hard work by many of our team members, all our Villages have now achieved another three years accreditation. Well done and thank you to everyone involved for all your hard work.

Who's new in IS

"Information Systems - Team Update"

Information Systems have undergone quite a few changes in the last couple of months, with more to come.

In order to provide the necessary level of support and service to our customers (all Sundale Team members), it has become necessary to add additional members to our team. Some of these roles are to replacing outside contractors and be more cost efficient to Sundale.

Tony Roberts and Lance Knight have moved on to other endeavours.

Our team (with a very brief description of their roles) now consists of:

- After much deliberation, Gavin Tomlins will be taking over the challenging role of CIO.
- Noel Harrison will be replacing Lance as System Administrator making sure our systems run smoothly. Big shoes to fill there Noel!
- Carl Grant will continue to look after Phone systems, Nurse Call and backup systems. He is now the longest serving IS team member!
- Kyle Damento and Trent Kelly are now manning the Help Desk, both have hit the ground running and are learning fast.
- Michael Tucker will continue in his role of BI (Business Intelligence) to talk to you about your requirements and improve our processes and reporting requirements.
- Sharon Cox has started as our Applications Administrator. In this role she will be maintaining, supporting and improving applications on our Sundale Systems. She says she is a cool groovy chick, and sure to fit in nicely.
- I will be continuing in my role as Project Co-ordinator. Some people just won't go away.

Belinda Noordijk has been helping out with projects for a short while on our XaptCare implementation.

A couple of new faces are expected in the reporting and development areas in the near future.

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?'

The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'



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Just look at us now!

Recently Nicklin was fortunate enough to have new vinyl laid throughout the communal areas- lounge, dining, kitchen. The old carpet was disposed of and the new floor surface has made such a difference. Altogether it took 3 weeks and during that time there was major upheaval to elders, team members, visitors, volunteers, routines- the whole day to day living. I never heard one complaint until the last day and by then we didn't know what was up and what wasn't. The Nicklin team were fantastic. They got on with what had to be done and did it. Some people came in their own time to help out. People stayed way after their knock off time to get the job done. To those people -your dedication to the job and elders shone through. Thank you.

Meal menus were adjusted and challenges were met with out of the square thinking. Everybody enjoyed the sausage sizzles, ice-cream in a cone, fish and chips in paper bags, finger food etc. Things got very hairy when the kitchen was being done and we were certainly challenged to our limits as to how to serve 62 elders and keep the flow going. Just a note that very few elders went on vacation at that time because they may have missed out on what was happening. We did have extra bus outings.

I need to say thank you to those people who came to the rescue when assistance was needed.

To Bowder for lending us their brand new hot-box. Even they hadn't used it. To Air-rite for the coolroom. That was a freebee. To the maintenance, grounds-people who shifted all the heavy furniture, freezers, fridges etc out and back again. Your help was much appreciated. To the guys who actually did the work. It was very much appreciated how they worked through each day with us making the least upheaval possible. To the girls who ogled the guys doing the job, put your eyes back in your head and remember you are married women. And last but not least, the people who made all this possible, thank you to the Executive Committee for signing the Capex in the first place. If I have missed anyone here it is unintentional. We really did appreciate all the help we got.

The Nicklin Team.



BOWDER NEWS...

Hi from all the Bowder folk.

Here in Bowder we have been busy fundraising for the cancer council. We had a trivia night and now we are having a BMT (biggest morning tea).

The football season has us in its grip and we have state of origin fever, so we have decorated the place in maroon with a touch of blue .

The afternoon little bus tours have been great fun with shopping days and also a day at Flaxton "Ello Ello" French tearoom and the old English Village .

We went on a fishing trip to Tewantin and we caught fish.

We even have the pictures to prove it!!

See you next time

Cathy D.



Above: James Englart

Left: Bus driver Alan and Ned Cooney with their catch.



The Pride of Workmanship Award

Four outstanding Sundale employees were recently recognised with Pride of Workmanship Awards, presented by the Rotary Club of Woombye-Sunrise. Di Ballard (Care Centre & Laundry), Dawn Sinclair (Voller Hostel), Cathy Daveson (Bowder Lodge) and Edith Power (Palmwoods Hostel) received the Awards at a dinner hosted by Rotary at the Nambour Christian College on 15 May 2008.

The Award recognises employees who display outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to their jobs. Di, Dawn, Cathy and Edith do indeed shown these qualities in every aspect of their work and it is with great pleasure that we see them receive this well deserved recognition.



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A last minute team was entered to represent Sundale in the Big Wrap 2008 a fun day held in recognition of Nurses. Race details – bed races with a bed pot filled with water. Get up the hill first without spilling the contents of bed pot.

Many teams were fit, healthy and young, as opposed to ours – not fit, not healthy and not young. Other teams warmed up and stretched - we had one more smoke.

Our strategy – don't win the heat and we won't have to push that bed up that hill through the chicane again. (Our bodies wouldn't have coped, once was enough).

Our strategy worked, we were wrecked but we didn't have to do it again.

Eden team looking very fit and healthy went on to come third. Well done Eden!

It was a fun day, but would have been better if there was a Sundale team capable of putting on a show - training for the 2009 event should start now - volunteers welcome!

As the time comes closer for next years big race, we will be organising heats, so that the Sundale team/s will be as good as the rest.

Start thinking of a team to represent your entity for the run offs that will decide our participating team/s. There are quality entrants throughout Sundale - let's give 'em hell in '09!

Be prepared.



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Have a Giggle



Brain Teaser puzzles...

1. Jimmy's mother had 4 children. She named the first Monday. Named the second Tuesday. The third is named Wednesday. What is the name of the fourth child?
2. Which is heavier? A pound of feathers, or a pound of rocks.
3. A man is looking at a photograph of someone. His friend asks who it is. The man replies, "Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man's father is my father's son." Who was in the photograph?
4. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never speaks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps?
5. You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing finish line you overtake the person in second place! What place did you finish?
6. What are the next 3 letters in the following sequence? J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, __, __, __



Answers:

1. Jimmy. "JIMMY'S MOTHER had 4 children"!
2. Neither. Both weigh a pound!
3. His son.
4. A river.
5. Second Place. If you pass the person in second, you take second place, and they become third.
6. S, O, N The sequence is first letter of the months of the year. September, October and November are the next in the sequence.



OCCUPATIONS

Can you find the occupations hidden in the box? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, frontwards or backwards.

ACCOUNTANT, ARCHITECT, ARTIST, ASTRONAUT, AUTHOR, BAKER, BRICKLAYER, BUILDER, BUTCHER, CARPENTER, CHEMIST, DENTIST, DOCTOR, DRIVER, ELECTRICIAN, FARMER, FIREFIGHTER, GLAZIER, HANDYMAN, JOURNALIST, LAWYER, MUSICIAN, NURSE, PHOTOGRAPHER, PILOT, PLUMBER, POLITICIAN, SAILOR, SCIENTIST, SOLDIER, TAILOR, TEACHER.

News

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Team Member Profile

- Name:** Jan Tunks
Home Town: Born East Coast of Tasmania – Triabunna
Position: Reception – Administration
First Job: At 15 – Ophthalmic Assistant
Favourite Music: Jimmy Barnes, Keith Urban, Paul Kelly
Favourite Food: Thai
Interests: Performance Poetry – run monthly events in Maroochydore for local writers
Likes: Writing, swimming, walking on the beach, coffee in Mooloolaba, spending time with grandkids (two of them)
Dislike: Cold – that's why I live in Queensland now. Also hate being away from my youngest daughter who is still in Tassie
Pets: None of my own – house sit my daughter's dog a lot (Staffie)

