

The Crighton Connection

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New Year's Celebrations



Water Lilies Country Club was the place to be for Hermitage residents on New Year's Eve. A large number of residents gathered, all bringing a plate of food along. Of course the bar was open, and

the four gentlemen who manned the bar for the evening, did a superb job, keeping up with the pace.

There was much laughter as residents enjoyed the opportunity to mingle, on what is traditionally, a fun night, where great moods and big smiles are a must!

Jokes and stories were told, food was enjoyed, as were the beverages, and throughout the course of the evening, some took to the billiards table for some light hearted competition.

A number of residents ventured down to the local RSL Club to watch the fabulous fireworks display, an annual highlight for locals and visitors to the area, returning to 'their own' Water Lilies Country Club shortly after.



It was a great evening, celebrated in style. Some were a little slow to start on the first morning of 2012, but I am sure that had nothing to do with the night before.

"...found the total package here far superior"



Not only was the staff friendly and helpful, but the residents made us feel most welcome when we visited. We decided to make our home at The Hermitage, Tea Gardens .

We had looked at other retirement villages, but found the total package here far superior.

Meeting and mixing with most of The Hermitage residents prior to moving in certainly helped us to quickly feel at home.

Exciting things are planned for The Hermitage and we feel so fortunate to be part of it, hopefully for many years to come.....unless tennis kills us in the meantime!!!!

Geoffrey Muggleton & Lorna Hopcraft

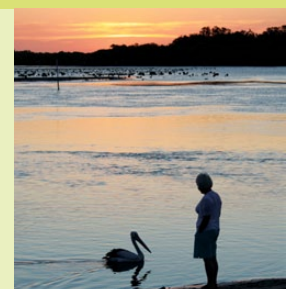
Although we have only been here for a reasonably short period of time, we know the decision was right for us.

Having lived on the South Coast for 20 plus years, we had moved to Medowie before discovering Crighton Lifestyle Resorts.

Note from the Editor

The final month of summer is here and although it may not have been the warmest summer we have experienced, it sure has been enjoyed.

Many have made the journey to the area for their summer holiday. The stunning waterways, kilometres of beaches, laid-back lifestyle and absence of traffic lights and stress, make the area so inviting. Being just over two hours from Sydney, it is not too far, but far enough!



It was heart-warming hearing the laughter of children in the village, staying with their grandparents for the school holidays. It is hard to tell who enjoyed it most, the kids or the grandparents!

We hope you too, enjoyed your summer.

Size Isn't Everything!!

... a quality home, in a first class village, amidst amazing people, is!!

Just another reminder about The Hermitage Lifestyle Resort's latest home design called "THE MATISSE". This absolutely superb home has been designed as an alternative to the duplex design known as The Rembrandt, allowing you a stunning, freestanding home, with a strong focus on quality - quality that we have become well known for - just within a smaller package

The MATISSE offers 2 bedrooms, both with built-in-ropes, a study or third bedroom, open plan living, a delightful courtyard area, a modern façade and so much more, at a very competitive \$428,600. This new home design appeals to those who

liked the size and layout of the duplexes but preferred a freestanding home with a DOUBLE GARAGE.

A flyer featuring The MATISSE floor plan and artist's impression of the façade is available, as is a price list highlighting this design and other homes available For Sale – just free call us on 1800 016 669 and we will happily post one out.

The first MATISSE will be built in Stage 6a and there is an opportunity to place a Deposit on this home, or place an Expression of Interest (EOI) on any others to be built in future stages.

The advantage of an EOI is that you have the opportunity of reserving the home of your



choice in a future stage, which best meets your future plans. It also allows you sufficient time in which to market and sell your current home. How many times have we heard people say they had found

the home of their dreams but have missed out because they couldn't sell their own home in time?

An EOI provides the perfect answer!

Movie Magic



Thirty five Hermitage residents enjoyed their first 'Socially Coordinated' outing for 2012 with a trip to the cinema at Maitland, after enjoying lunch at East Maitland Bowling Club.

Twenty two boarded the village bus and the rest car pooled, to see the movie War Horse, a story about loyalty, hope and tenacity set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during World War I.

War Horse begins with a unique friendship between

a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him.

When they are separated the film then goes on to follow the horse's amazing journey as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring the lives of all those he meets, before the story reaches its emotional climax.

A satisfying afternoon tea was enjoyed before heading back home to Tea Gardens.

Look what's happening...

 THE
HERMITAGE

15 Bluebell Grove, The Hermitage

\$505,000

This beautifully presented, light filled 2 bedroom home, offering internal access from the double garage (which offers a nook for your study) with automatic panel lift door, boasts space, open plan living and a modern kitchen that overlooks the tiled living areas. Some of the many features

include a main bedroom with ensuite and walk in robe, a large 2nd bedroom that opens onto the main bathroom, ducted air conditioning, a ducted vacuum system, ample storage space, blinds and curtains throughout, a dishwasher and Smeg appliances in the kitchen and a



large, tiled courtyard area with pergola for summer shade. This stunning home is conveniently

located within a stone's throw from the impressive country club, lake and tennis court.

38 Jonquil Grove, The Hermitage

\$542,700



This lovely home design boasts two bedrooms and a study, so there's always room for family and friends to stay.

The large main bedroom offers an ensuite and a walk-in-robe, with bedroom two offering ample built-in-ropes.

The generous formal lounge is separate to the modern kitchen which overlooks the family room. The family room then flows out through sliding doors onto a beautiful, tiled, north facing courtyard which is gated and pet friendly.

The double garage with remote controlled, panel lift door has internal access via the laundry. Ducted air-

conditioning provides year round comfort and the ducted vacuum system makes cleaning this low maintenance home, that much easier. With solar hot water, 9 solar panels for electricity savings, a security front door, verticals throughout and fully optioned with top quality fittings, there is nothing to spend.

12 Bluebell Grove, The Hermitage

\$485,000

Immaculately presented, this duplex boasts two generous bedrooms with built-in-ropes and the main bedroom, conveniently opens onto the large main bathroom.

The formal lounge room is open plan, flowing from the tiled entry, through to the dining room and kitchen.

Downlights add class, ducted air conditioning adds year

round comfort and the ducted vacuum system ensures that the cleaning of this low maintenance duplex, is that much simpler.

The courtyard is simply divine! The tiling is stunning and the view is arguably the best in the village.

Imagine entertaining your family and friends, overlooking Waterlily Lake and the Country



Club, or just relaxing on your deck chair with a good book. Add to this, a single garage with remote controlled panel

lift door and internal access, delightful neighbours and you really couldn't wish for more.

And don't forget, once a resident at The Hermitage, the facilities, like the tennis court, lake and Country Club, are there to use at your leisure.

If you would like an obligation free inspection of any of our homes, free call us today on 1800 016 669 and set up an appointment. We hope to hear from you soon.

Introducing....

This month, we would like to introduce Mr. Adam Tumes.

Adam, the youngest member of the village management team, started with the company two years ago. He ably assists with maintenance issues and looking after the lawns and gardens at The Hermitage Lifestyle Resort.

Adam, formerly a South Australian, lives in Tea Gardens with his fiancé Nicole and their three young children. They made the move to the area approximately 5 years ago, and along with Nicole's parents, opened BT's for Fashion, a speciality clothing store situated at the Myall Quays Shopping Centre.

Adam takes pleasure in



spending time with his family and enjoys playing sport, particularly soccer, and is a valued member of the local soccer team.

Adam has recently enrolled in a Commerce course at University and hopes to major in Economics. He will study part time so he can continue to work at The Hermitage.

Move-in Extras



Moving can be a massive task, especially if you have lived in the same house for many years. There is the packing, there are decisions to be made calmly about what to keep and what to discard, the mammoth task of cleaning the house you are leaving, and then of course, there's the unpacking at the other end!

That is why it is gratefully appreciated when residents move to The Hermitage, into a newly cleaned home and receive, from management, a

fresh bunch of flowers in a gorgeous vase, a voucher for dinner at a local restaurant (no need to find the frypan on the first night!), chocolates and more.

It is not uncommon for a neighbour or two to offer assistance, whether it be help assembling a bed, or grabbing a few items from the supermarket, dropping off a baked treat, or even organising a 'stage party' to introduce you to your new neighbours.

It is at times like *this*, that the 'Little' things DO count!

Thought of the month

Establishing goals is all right if you don't let them deprive you of interesting detours.

~ Doug Larson ~

Move-ins

It is with much pleasure this month, that we announce another two 'move-ins', into The Hermitage village!

Both couples have left behind the hustle and bustle of Sydney suburbs, with Rod and Carol Ivison moving from Kareela and Kevin & Bev Dunne moving from

Forestville.

On behalf of the management, staff and the residents, we would like to extend a big 'WELCOME' to our newest residents.

We are confident that these two delightful couples will settle in well, make wonderful friendships and further enhance the wonderfully rich sense of community at The Hermitage.

