



Seasons

The Latest News & Events at Taralga SUMMER 2025



Happy New Year

Although 2025 is well upon us now, we would like to wish everyone a **safe, happy & joyful new year!** Throughout 2024, we have been busy planning for future upgrades and developments for Taralga. We hope to share some of these exciting plans with you soon!



Australia Day Craft made by residents

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What's cooking good-looking?

Our Cookbook has been carefully created compiling wonderful recipes from our residents, family members, staff, and kitchen favourites! We are selling the Cookbooks as a **fundraiser** and **have already sold over 100 cookbooks**. Thank you to all who contributed and to those supporting Taralga by purchasing our cookbook!



50 years of service



Congratulations Norm for 50 years of service with the Jandowae Lions Club. Your contribution over the years has made a significant difference to the community, and this town would not be the same without yours, Shirleys and your family's service! Also, we would like to share our **thanks to the Jandowae Lions Club** for their \$2000 donation presented to Taralga Retirement Village by Norm Woollett & Brooke Woollett. These funds contributed towards new recliner chairs for our resident common areas.



Thank you!





The Race that stops the nation

Have a look at how we spent **Melbourne Cup Day** at Taralga! We held sweeps, modelled our handmade fascinators, had lucky door and best dressed prizes for residents and staff. The kitchen put on a delicious feast for our luncheon, and of course we sat, watched and cheered for the race that stops the nation. Former champion jockey Jack was reminiscing and his wife Wendy brought in a beautiful display of racing items, historical information and trophies from his career. We all had a wonderful day, especially the winners!



Let's Get Baking! with Jandowae P-10 State School

Our residents got the chance to join and mentor some young, enthusiastic prep students at Jandowae State School. Norm, Shirley & Jean baked up delicious muffins and Banana Cake with Cream cheese icing and sprinkles. Fun day had by young and old, with a big tick of approval from all the taste testers back at Taralga!



Riddle me this:

1. I go when red, but stop when green. What am I doing?
2. People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?
3. A man shaves several times a day but still has a beard. How?



(Answers are on Page 6)

Did You Know?

- 10% of the world's population is left-handed
- The blood of lobsters is colourless
- Honey never spoils
- The Hawaiian alphabet has only 13 letters



Looking back on our Christmas at Taralga

Taralga loves the Christmas season! We held many **Christmas themed arts and craft sessions**, games and activities, and of course Elf on the Shelf riddles throughout the month. Our residents cooked up batches of Apricot Balls, Rum Balls, White Christmas and Rocky Road for all to enjoy throughout the silly season. We hosted a **Christmas Carols and Morning Tea** with Amanda Bassingthwaite and guest who provided beautiful live piano and vocals, with a decadent traditional **Christmas Fruit Cake** made by Anthea. Family, friends and the Taralga Units residents joined us for **Christmas Happy Hour** for some drinks and nibbles. We also had a **Christmas Carols Sing-A-Long** with live instrumentals provided by special guests the Wood family. On Christmas Eve residents went on a scenic **Christmas Lights Bus Trip** to check out the amazing lights displays around Jandowae. Majority votes came in that our Clinical Manager Candice had the most magnificent festive display! Of course, Christmas Day brought some special guests delivering **Christmas presents**, a **delicious festive feast** from the Kitchen and an all-around cheerful day! Thanks to all involved in making our Christmas season at Taralga so special. You're all on the NICE list!





Reshaping Quality Aged Care

Parliament passed the Aged Care Bill on 25 November which means that after Royal Assent the **new Aged Care Act will start from 1 July 2025**. A new Act was the number one recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. It will bring a range of improvements for older people. This includes: **a new regulatory model, strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards (briefly outlined below), and a Statement of Rights** to ensure older people and their needs are at the centre of the new aged care system.

The new Act also gives older people more supports to make their own informed decisions about the care and services they receive, to speak up when not satisfied with a service and helps prepare providers to handle complaints and feedback effectively. Under the new Act, the Government will remain the main funder of aged care. **For every \$1 an aged care resident contributes, the Government on average will contribute \$3**. There will be no new levies or taxes, no changes to means testing of the family home, no one will pay more than \$130,000 in non-clinical care costs over their lifetime.

Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards

FOR RESIDENTS



- Standard 7**
I contribute to the community I live in
- Standard 6**
I enjoy tasty nutritious foods every day
- Standard 5**
I get the right clinical care for me



- Standard 1**
I am valued and have choices over the life I lead
- Standard 2**
I have confidence in my provider
- Standard 3**
My care is based around who I am and what's important to me
- Standard 4**
I feel safe and supported where I live

How you can raise feedback about your care

Handling feedback and complaints is one of our most important responsibilities. We work with you, your family and representatives to address any concerns and to ensure your safety and wellbeing. This includes concerns you might have about your environment, your carers, staff, or ways we can improve your care.

If you feel uncomfortable or have concerns about the care you or another person is receiving, we are here to listen and act.



FOR TARALGA STAFF

Find out more 
agedcarequality.gov.au/older-australians

- Standard 1**
I understand the people I care for and support them in making choices
- Standard 7**
We work together to build a connected residential community
- Standard 6**
I make sure the people I care for enjoy tasty and nutritious foods every day
- Standard 5**
I understand the clinical needs of the person I am caring for.



- Standard 2**
I feel empowered to do my job well
- Standard 3**
I understand who I am caring for and what is important to them
- Standard 4**
I create a safe and supportive environment for the people I care for

Find out more 
agedcarequality.gov.au/standards-guidance/intro

You can speak to Candice or Donna, a staff member you feel comfortable with, write a Feedback Form, or ask your family or a representative to share your concerns with us.

Candice: cm@taralgarv.com.au
Donna: fm@taralgarv.com.au

Alternatively, you can contact the **Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission** at the below details:

Phone: 1800 951 822 (free call)
Email: infor@agedcraequality.gov.au
Online: Submit a form through website
Mail: Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission, GPO Box 9819, Brisbane QLD 4000



Chinchilla art show

A few of our residents recently took a trip to **Lapunyah Art Gallery** in Chinchilla to view the **Australian Masters - Graham Brandon Collection**. This exhibition presents a curated selection of works from the Graham Brandon Collection created by world renowned artists who have deeply influenced the Australian art scene and contributed to its rich cultural landscape. We had a wonderful afternoon enjoying some incredible and inspiring artworks and lovely scenic views and discussions on the road trip.

APUNYAH ART GALLERY
 HOLIDAY CLOSURES
 FROM 21 DECEMBER 2024
 AND REOPENING ON 7 JANUARY 2025

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS THE GRAHAM BRANDON COLLECTION



17 DECEMBER 2024 - 6 FEBRUARY 2025
 A curated exhibition of significant artworks of world renowned Australian artists

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| JACK AEGALOM | JOHN GUY | KEITH NAMATIURA |
| ARTHUR SCHIFF | PRO HART | GABRIEL NAMATIURA |
| DAVID ROYD | HANS HEYSEN | STEPHEN PATERSON |
| CHARLES BLACKSMAN | NORMAN LINDSAY | JOHN PERCEVAL |
| CLARKE COE | KENNETH MACCULLOUGH | JOHN W PICKUP |
| RAY CROOKE | MAX MELDRUM | TOM ROBERTS |
| ROBERT DICKERSON | ERIC MINCHIN | HUGH SAWREY |
| DORCY DOYLE | JOHN MORRISON | HUGH SCHULTZ |
| WILLIAM EYSON | ALBERT NAMATIURA | TIM STORRIER |
| TONY GRANT | | ROBERT TODDMAN |

On loan courtesy of the Brandon Family
 Lapunyah Art Gallery
 80-86 Hooney Street, Chinchilla, QLD
 Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 3pm
 www.lapunyahartgallery.com.au



Gary with a painting by Albert Namatjira



'The Tugboat' John Percival



'The Sawmill' Darcy Doyle



'Steel Masks' Pro Hart

JANDOWAE
 & District Show
 EST 1948 SOCIETY INC
Sat 22 March
 JANDOWAE SHOWGROUNDS



The Jandowae Show will be held on March 22nd. Entry schedules are available for anyone wishing to enter items in the show in cooking, baking, photography, fine-art, woodworking or horticulture categories.

"Let's get involved and support our local show!"



Words Out West
 WESTERN DOWNS READERS & WRITERS FEST
 MARCH 2025
 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

STEPHANIE THE THERAPIST
 HOLLY BRIDGLAND
 CHRISTIAN OWEN
 HAYLEY BORNHEUER
 MATTHEW COOSON

Taralga Mural

Come check out Taralga's new Mural inspired by our logo and native wildlife. Painted by local artist **GrazArt** (Graeme McCullough) from Dalby this mural now joins his famous murals and power poles around Jandowae.

The artwork has been generously commissioned by the Gersekowski family in memory of Eric & Muriel Gersekowski.





PHOTO ALBUM



COMING UP

Podiatrist Visit	7 FEB
Residents & Menu Meeting	11 FEB
Chinchilla Melon Festival	13-16 FEB
Cammie & Charlie Live Music	13 FEB
Valentines Day	14 FEB
Hairdresser	25 FEB
Fishhooks Footy Game	22 FEB
Bus Trip	27 FEB
Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)	5 MAR
St Patrick's Day	17 MAR
Jandowae Show	22 MAR
Dalby Show Holiday	11 APR
Good Friday	18 APR
Easter	19-21 APR
Anzac Day	25 APR
Men's Shed continuing on Thursdays	9AM
Tai Chi fortnightly on Mondays	9AM
Physio Visit weekly on Thursdays	
Bingo weekly on Sundays	9AM



Have a laugh!

I told my physical therapist I broke my arm in two places.
He told me to stop going to those places.

What do you call the wife of a hippie?
Mississippi

When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up.
When you're 80 and you drop something, you decide you don't need it anymore.

Riddle me this:

Answers:

1. Eating a watermelon!
2. Cutlery
3. He is a barber!

We value your feedback!

We value your feedback, both positive and constructive!
Please feel free to speak with us about your care, concerns or suggestions.