## Alino



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## RUMBALARA HOUSE

# Alino Living Advocate 

February 2024

## Lifestyle Message

## Happy New Year to everyone!!!

We started this year off celebrating the new year with some amazing entertainment by Evan Haswell. We all played musical instruments and boogied away whilst Evan took us down memory lane with well known and loved songs from our past!!!

Our learning Sign Language with George is a fantastic way of learning a new skill, and his teaching has us all testing ourselves out on each other. The highlight was George teaching us how to say Happy Australia Day. We all practiced and practiced and on Australia Day all the Residents together signed Happy Australia Day to George. A very heartwarming moment and credit to George for inspiring us all and for being such a fabulous teacher whose class always has us in stitches of laughter.

The Gardening Gang was introduced this month and what a hit it has been! Thanks to Fiona and Louise our awesome green thumbed volunteers, who came armed with pots, paints, soil, and plants! Residents selected the pot of their choice, painted them with their favourite colours, then planted
their favourite plants. The results were magical! This will now be a fortnightly activity as it was so well received and most of all everyone had fun!!!

The Hub Club membership continues to grow. Thanks to our volunteers Curly, Graham and Ken for making this possible. Our Residents not only get to mingle out in the community, but they also get to solve the world's problems, all over a cuppa of course.

Our Bus Trips as always are a mind, body and soul treat and January's were no different. With the school holidays upon us - we took the roads less travelled and WOW were we rewarded. Our journeys led us to hidden locations, that saw us enjoying nature at its best...secluded waterfalls, and our very own boat ramp which gave us 360-degree water views. We all relished in the silence and beauty of nature.

Australia Day was celebrated with 6-year-old Bella Mary Ahearn, my granddaughter. She visited every Resident wishing each one a Happy Australia Day and together with all the

Residents attending the activities we all wished George a Happy Australia Day in sign. Bella Mary, our youngest volunteer assisted in all activities, such as Boomer-Bang with your Boomerang and Toilet Roll Toss. It was a great celebration of Australia Day and was so much fun that I thought Bella was going to sign up as a Resident. She didn't want to leave!!!

The 100 Club is now a monthly fundraising event, where all monies raised go to equipment for our Residents. You purchase a number from 1-100 for $\$ 2$ each, as many numbers as you like. When all the numbers are gone, we draw out the winning number and the lucky winner gets $\$ 100$ cash. January saw our first winner drawn out of the hat by Resident Pat HowellSmith and the lucky number belonged to our much-loved staff member, Swapna. We were all so happy for her! If you haven't purchased your numbers for the next draw...hurry as numbers are running out fast.

Our February activities calendar is jam packed - with something for everyone! We welcome the new year
to our growing base of volunteers, who with their help make running activities fun! Thank you so much to the following volunteers who give us a hand, and all with a smile! They are Louise, Fiona, Gloria - Mrs. Music, Bernard, Father Peter, Hillary, Kaye, Judy, Jill, Louise F, Curly, Graham, Ken, and Jean.

We welcome all volunteers with open arms. If you could spend an hour or so, any day of the week helping it would be greatly appreciated. You will also learn new skills, make new friends but above all fun and satisfaction is guaranteed. Check out our Activity Calendar for any activity that grabs you and contact Mary or Loretta on 02 43253 693. We would love for you to join us. Like they say...its always better to give than to receive.

We hope the new year brings you nothing but good health and happiness.

Bring on fabulous February.

## The lifestyle team

## Regular Events

Mondays and Saturdays
Bingo Mondays and Saturdays at 1.00pm
Mondays and Thursdays
UNO every Monday at 10.30 and
Thursday at 1.30pm

## Every 2nd Tuesday

The Gardening Gang 9am
The Wellness Centre 10am

## Every Tuesday

BUS Trips from lpm
Arts and Crafts 1.30pm

## Tuesdays and Thursdays

Exercises with Physio Team from 11:00
Cater Care BBQ Lunch fortnightly

## Sundays

Catholic Service with Interpreter every from 9.30am
Social High Tea from 10:30am

## Wednesdays

Hairdresser from 9:30am
HUB Club from 10am

Every 1st Wednesday
Food Forum Meeting from lpm

## Every 2nd Wednesday

Church services held Catholic 10.30 and Anglican 1.30

## Every 3rd Wednesday

Resident Meeting from 1:30pm
CC Council Mobile Library

## Thursdays

Learning Sign Language with George at 10am

## Fridays

Hand Therapy from 10.30am
Happy Hour with a sing a long with Mrs Music
\$2 PER NUMBER
\$100 prize

## To the lucky number drawn

## See Leisure and Lifestyle or Reception

 to purchase a number*Please note all money raised will go towards Adelene Court Leisure and Lifestyle equipment. Your support is much
appreciated! Thank you!!!

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& \text { THEIR VISITORS!!! } \\
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Ground Floor - Rumbalara House


WINNER OF THIS MONTHS 100 CLUB OUR VERY OWN SWAPNA


## Our January

## AUSLAN



## AUSTRALIA DAY



## BUS TRIPS



## GARDENING GANG



## HIGH TEA



## NEW YEAR'S EVE



## RaNelom HetS of KiNanes Day

On February 17 let yourself be inspired by Random Acts of Kindness Day to bring joy to the people you come across. The day encourages people to do good deeds and celebrate the pay-it-forward mentality. It also reminds us that doing something kind for someone else can have a big impact not only on their day, but also on ours - being kind to others makes us happier and makes us realize we need to be kinder to ourselves too. An act of kindness doesn't have to be a big gesture either, sometimes the smallest
act can have the biggest impact. Being kind to others can increase your levels of dopamine and serotonin. When your brain releases serotonin, this can help improve and stabilise your mood by reducing anxiety, and decreasing feelings of depression.

So, on Random Acts of Kindness Day, do kind things for others. It is easy, free, and will put a smile on everyone's face.

## LOVE IS...

## Several children aged from 4 to 8 years were asked to define LOVE, look at their adorable answers....

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day" (Tina-age 7)
"My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."
(Clare-Age 5)
"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."
(Billy - age 4)
"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." (Rebecca-age 8)
"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
(Chrissy - age 6 )
"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
(Terri-age 4 )

"Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."
(Danny - age 7)
"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."
(Tommy-age 6)
"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore. That's love"
(Cindy -age 8)
"Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."
(Elaine-age 5)

## ALL ABOUT CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year is a holiday that celebrates the beginning of a new year according to the lunar calendar. It is considered to be one of the most important holidays for Chinese families.

## 12 Ways to Get Lucky this Lunar New Year

We could all use more luck in our lives. And with the Lunar New Year right around the corner, now's the perfect time to up the good fortune ante. Here are 12 dos and don'ts to get you started.

DO: Clean the house But before New Year's Day. Any cleaning done on New Year's Day washes away good luck.

DO: Deck the halls After you're done ridding your pad of dirt and demons, spruce it up with some good luck decor. Flowers are also a must have around the house. Orchids stand for fertility and abundance, peach blossoms for prosperity and growth, plum blossoms for endurance and courage, and peonies for richness and peace.

DO: Wear red Red is a good luck colour in general in Chinese culture, and you'll see it a lot of it during the New Year. In addition to luck, it symbolizes happiness, vitality, and long life.
DO: Give out (or receive) red envelopes Called lai see in Cantonese and hong bao in Mandarin, red envelopes full of crisp bills are a big part of Chinese New Year.

DO: Eat lucky food What better way to up your luck than to ingest it? Lots of tasty eats are considered lucky, whether because of their names, appearance, or nature. "Long noodles symbolise a long life while dumplings are made to resemble gold or silver ingots, a unit of currency in ancient China. Seeds represent fertility. Sweets signify a sweet year.


DON'T: Eat unlucky food Namely porridge for breakfast as it symbolises poverty. Be safe and opt for some toast.

DON'T: Bathe And especially don't wash your hair. "Hair" in Chinese, fa, is the same word in the phrase fa cai, meaning "to become wealthy." Shampoo on New Year's Day and you'll be washing that luck right out of your hair.
DON'T: Sweep Sweep the floor and you'll be sweeping away possible wealth. Don't take the garbage out either. You'll only be dumping good luck.

DON'T: Run with scissors Of course you should never do so, but an accident involving a sharp object on New Year's Day is said to bring bad luck for the year.
DON'T: Use unlucky words Such as death, dying, ghost, or the deadly number four.

DON'T: Cry There's no crying on New Year's Day. Tears on the first day of the spring festival mean tears for the whole year.

DON'T: Give unlucky gifts Invited to a New Year dinner? Great! But be sure not to bring:
Sharp objects. Forget about that set of Ginsu knives. Sharp items imply the cutting of ties.
Handkerchiefs. Another symbol of "goodbye forever" since they're typically given out at funerals.

## Anything to do with the number four.

 Have we mentioned that four sounds like "death"?Shoes. The word for shoes (xie) is a homonym for "evil." Besides, what a weird gift.
Clocks. The phrase "give a clock" sounds a lot like "attend a funeral rite." Clocks are also a reminder that we're all running out of time, and no one needs that.

## 2024 IS A LEAP YEAR History

Leap Year has been the traditional time that women can propose marriage. In many of today's cultures, it is okay for a woman to propose marriage to a man. Society doesn't look down on such women. However, that hasn't always been the case. When the rules of courtship were stricter, women were only allowed to pop the question on one day every four years. That day was February 29th. It is believed this tradition was started in 5th century Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick about women having to wait for so long for a man to propose. According to legend, St.

Patrick said the yearning females could propose on this one day in February during the leap year. There is a Greek superstition that claims couples have bad luck if they marry during a leap year. Apparently one in five engaged couples in Greece will avoid planning their wedding during a leap year.

## VINTAGE ADVERTISEMENTS

Would we allow this today?


How times have changed!

## FUN AND GAMES

## BAMBOOZABLE



## COMMONYM

1. May - Bean - Flag
2. Lamb - Pork - Karate
3. Road-Weather- Treasure
4. Penguin - Kiwi - Ostrich
5. Bad T.V. Shows - Stamps Checks
6. Sheets - Books - Rolls
7. Chips - Sweet - Spears
8. Right - Love - Bermuda
9. Buck - Baby - Wisdom
10. Crab-Caramel - Candy

## FUN AND GAMES

## Wordsearch VALENTINES DAY


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FUN AND GAMES
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## fun and games ANSWERS

## Wordsearch

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## Sudoku

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## Commonym

1. Poles
2. Types of chops
3. Maps
4. Birds that don't fly
5. They all get canceled

## Bamboozable

1. Flip Flops
2. The last straw
3. Chicken Dinner
4. The first noel
5. Blue in the face
6. Cabin Lake

## Just Joking


"Don't even think about it, buster!"


## February <br> Calendar



