



Alliance Housing (WA)

*Supporting Affordable Housing
in the South West*

130 Property Goal Reached

So much has occurred for Alliance Housing since our last newsletter in April. 20 units for over 55s have been transferred to Alliance Housing from Bunbury Aged Persons Housing Collective, a further 9 units in Nannup and the management of a private property, making a total of 130 properties now for community housing purposes. We look forward to reaching our next goal of 140.



Welcome

Alliance Housing welcomes new members to our Board of Management.



Jason Shaw



Melfe Greenhalgh



Ben de Chanect

Please also welcome our new part-time Tenancy Officer Jenna Dewar.



Tenant / Resident BBQ

Alliance Housing recently held their second tenant BBQ, tenants and residents were able to meet with staff, board members and other guests. MLA Don Punch was able to make time on his busy schedule to call in and say hello.

We look forward to holding the next one in 2019.



A special thank you to Tony, one of our tenants, who kindly volunteered to do the cooking and to Raelene who brought in delicious fruit cake and also apple slice. It was appreciated by all.



After surgery to rectify her broken foot, Kay called in to socialise. On the right she is talking with Sonya from Don Punch's office.



Affordable Housing Project (Donnybrook)

Alliance Housing was awarded \$2 million to build 11 new independent living units. The state government under the Regional Aged Accommodation Program (RAAP) has made \$2M available as a grant to assist in the construction of 11 units for housing of aged people in the town of Donnybrook. This grant is part of the total of \$3.375M to complete the project. Alliance Housing is contributing \$875,000 and the Shire of Donnybrook/Balingup providing the land and a cash contribution. It is envisaged the project will be completed in mid 2020.



Christmas Break

The Alliance Housing Office will be closed over the Christmas break from Friday 21st December to open again on Monday 7th January 2019.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.





Summer Gardening Tips



Keep your garden in tip top condition with these five tips:

1. Find out your watering days by checking on www.watercorporation.com.au/save-water/watering-days. Remember to only water before 9am and after 6pm.
2. **Fertiliser** - A strong plant can better withstand the stress of heat and dry winds.
3. **Plant perennials** - annuals have shallow roots and are not suitable for summer, so plant perennials instead.
4. **Moat** - digging a moat around plants will help to hold water in the root area.
5. **Mulch** - Helps contain fertiliser and moist on the garden.

This is a good Time to plant: Herbs, Vegetables: Zuchinis, pumpkins, cucumbers, eggplant. Fruit: tomatoes. Flowers: Marigolds, sunflowers



Urgent Repairs (taken from Handbooks)

Each of the following is prescribed by the RTA as essential services and repairs or other Urgent repairs.

Electricity or gas

Sewerage. Septic tank or other waste water management treatment

Water, including the supply of hot water

Tree fallen onto a building

Fire damage

Burst pipes or blocked drains

Flooding

If there is a need for Urgent Repairs during the Christmas break. Tenants or Residents will have to directly contact a relevant tradesman.

Tenants or Residents should keep receipts for any repairs to their home and if justified, Alliance Housing (AH) will reimburse where appropriate. However please note that AH will only reimburse you where there has been a genuine failure of an essential function at the property requiring immediate attention.



Talented Tenants

Recently one of our tenants had their stove replaced. In appreciation for this, the tenant baked us some cake. Our Tenancy Officers Rachel and Jenna enjoyed eating some with the afternoon tea.

Avoid Loneliness this Christmas (Salvation Army)

With celebrations starting earlier every year, and the growing commercialisation of the season, it's easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

For most Australians, it is a time of joy and reflection; but for many, Christmas represents loneliness, isolation and stress.

Loneliness often occurs when we don't receive the contact we crave. It is a common state that affects most people, at least once in a while. As important as it is to recognise these negative feelings in ourselves, the spirit of the season reminds us that we should reach out to others experiencing loneliness at Christmas.

So what simple steps can you take to avoid loneliness at Christmas?

1. Connect with family and friends: Accept an invitation to Christmas dinner or connect with loved ones online.
2. Plan your alone time: Spending time by yourself doesn't mean you're alone. Plan your ideal day. Breakfast in bed, reading then going for a walk or to the movies. It's your day, so make the most of it.
3. Exercise: Exercise is one of the most effective ways to improve mental health. As well as lifting your mood, you'll burn off some Christmas calories.
4. Volunteer: "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38 NIV). Volunteering is a simple way to connect with your community at Christmas. Time is free, and you can give of it freely.
5. Accept help: Whether it's to put up the lights or for assistance in buying food or presents, asking for help is the first step in avoiding loneliness at Christmas.

Friendly reminder



If you are paying into Alliance Housing's Westpac account, the Westpac bank at the Forum is now closed, you will need to go to their bank on Victoria Street.

THANK YOU!!



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