

# AROUND THE HOUSE



SUMMER 2019

## Happiness blooms at Tenant Spring Party



**By Giselle Robin**

Thebarton Community Centre was again a great venue for tenants and their families to enjoy the 2019 Tenant Spring Party.

There was a lot on offer: health advice and information on community services from organisations including ACH Group, Trinity Medical Centre Pharmacy, and Mind Australia; tempting prizes for the free raffle draw; One Culture Football had a program outside for all ages; and the books and DVD give away section had many takers.

Juggling, hula hoops and ball games with Lolly Jar Circus; face painting; creating your own smoothie peddling a bike; a Tree of Strengths where people wrote their ideas of what inspires them

and keeps them going; and making mandalas and a head wreath of flowers was all a lot of fun.

What took the show away was the plant and cuttings stall where plenty of people helped themselves to free additions for their gardens. In the Kids' Corner, children made their own grass heads from a stocking filled with seeds.

The lunch menu of sausages; chicken yiros meat; chevaps; pies, pasties and sausage rolls; roast veggies; salad; various desserts; assorted fruit; and coffee, tea and soft drinks was a winner for all.

Everybody had a magnificent time and left happy, which was documented by a survey on the way out.

Thank you, Unity Housing!



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We recently enjoyed the eventful Tenant Spring Party at Thebarton Community Centre, which left great memories for all. Now, Christmas is fast approaching with parties planned in Millicent and Naracoorte.

The story about the community spirit within St Andrew's Cottage Homes is a heart-warming example of how a real community works and could inspire ideas for Neighbour Day 2020. A community garden or working together on an interesting project are additional ways for creating a great neighbourhood bond.

You are invited to take part in a review of tenant communications with Unity Housing, with more information to be announced.

Keep your garden alive in summer by applying the ground rules for watering and fertilising (see page 3).

We are very lucky this year, as we will receive a Christmas card featuring the winner of the artwork competition – tenant D.M who expressed her feelings for Christmas and her connection to the art in wonderful colours.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Thank you,  
**Giselle**

Please send your contributions to [editor@unityhousing.org.au](mailto:editor@unityhousing.org.au)

## Getting to know our Christmas card artwork competition winner

WINNER

We interviewed our tenant D.M about her winning piece (pictured), which features on the front of our 2019 Christmas card.



**Tell us about the piece you created – what was your inspiration and how did it come about?** Christmas is all about love and the birth of Jesus Christ. To me a Merry Christmas is filled with colour and joy.

**What is your background with art?** I have been doing arts and craft my whole life. It has been my passion from a very young child. It separates me from life's problems and struggles.

**Are you self-taught?** Some art forms are self-taught yes, but some I learn through a craft group I am part of.

**What is your favourite medium?** I enjoy my patchwork.

**What do you enjoy creating and why?** I love matching colours.

**How did you become a tenant with Unity Housing?** I was a Housing SA tenant prior to 2017 when Unity Housing took over the management. I applied for the waiting list with Housing SA after a series of unfortunate circumstances in life. It was not easy but I am so grateful and thank God for the seven years I have lived here.

**Were you born in Australia?** I was born in Egypt and came to Australia in 1973.

**Do you have a family?** Yes. I have my sister, children and grandchildren here in Australia.

**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?** I love watching my Port Power.

**What are your hobbies?** I love my craft, walking along the river when the weather is nice and I love watching sports (just not the Crows).



2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE



3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE

Please find your Christmas card included with this edition.



# A BIG THANK YOU

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## Tenant Spring Party:

Adelaide Football Club

Adelaide Zoo

Aldinga Carpet & Flooring

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National Railway Museum

Port Adelaide Football Club

Robertson's Glazing Pty Ltd

RTC Facilities Maintenance SA Pty Ltd

SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre

South Australian Aviation Museum

Southern Areas Maintenance Service

The Original Pancake Kitchen

Trinity Medical Centre Pharmacy

UrbanVirons Group

## Morning tea highlights community's strong connection

A morning tea with tenants from St Andrew's Cottage Homes in Strathalbyn was held in September in a beautiful home garden.

Tenants discussed their thoughts about living at St Andrew's Cottage Homes, with all saying they are really happy and enjoy the location of their home and their neighbours. They demonstrated a caring environment through their supportive relationships with one another, and they spoke very highly of the housing support they are receiving from Unity Housing.

The tenants regularly get together, particularly in the warmer months, to share meals or drinks in the outdoor area. They watch out for each other if someone is ill and they help each other but also maintain their privacy. This is a terrific example of friendly neighbours supporting each other.

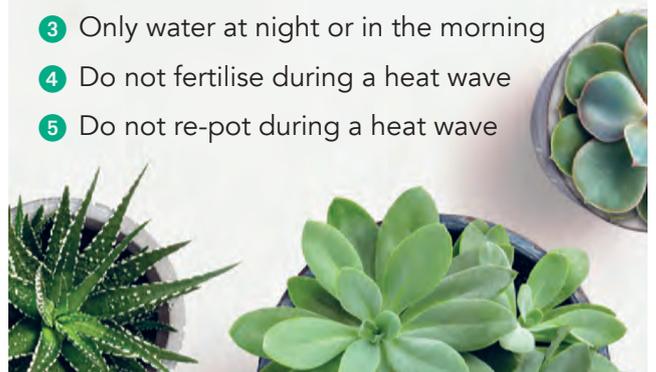


Tenant Sylvia and host Noel

## 5 TOP TIPS

### to keep your plants alive over summer

- 1 Water well and water deeply (except native plants and succulents, which only require a sprinkle)
- 2 Shade sensitive plants from too much sun
- 3 Only water at night or in the morning
- 4 Do not fertilise during a heat wave
- 5 Do not re-pot during a heat wave





# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

## Tenant Communications Review

Unity Housing is reviewing our tenant communications and we would love to hear from you.

The purpose of the review is to identify if we need more effective and efficient methods of communicating. We would like to ensure that our communication, both to you and from you, works in the best possible way.

All tenants will have the opportunity to contribute over the coming months, such as through local discussion groups, individual tenant interviews, a survey (on the 'For Tenants' section of our website), email comments or written feedback.

The review will be completed by early 2020. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Unity Housing's Community Strategy Manager, Michael White, on 8237 8786 or email [admin@unityhousing.org.au](mailto:admin@unityhousing.org.au).

Would you like to be involved?

## GET IN TOUCH!

Unity Housing would like to hear your ideas on how we can continue to provide interesting, informative and creative content in Around the House. If you would like get in touch, email [editor@unityhousing.org.au](mailto:editor@unityhousing.org.au) or phone 8237 8750.



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## Do you have an idea for Neighbour Day 2020?

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood. It is celebrated on the last Sunday in March every year with the aim of fostering strong personal connections that last the whole year-round. The theme for Neighbour Day 2020 is **Social Connection**.

You might like to think about organising a get together with your neighbours to celebrate. Visit [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org) for ideas and to register your event and receive free resources.

You can also contact your Housing Officer or Tenant Engagement Officer for more information or ideas.

**In 2020, Neighbour Day officially falls on Sunday, 29 March.**

## Limestone Coast Christmas parties

### MOVIE EVENTS

**Millicent**  
Tuesday, 17 December  
11am to 2pm  
Millicent Civic Centre  
14 Ridge Terrace,  
Millicent  
Screening  
The Lion King (PG)

**Naracoorte**  
Thursday, 19 December  
11am to 2pm  
Naracoorte Town Hall  
95 Smith Street,  
Naracoorte  
Screening  
Arctic Justice (PG)

**FREE**

Please RSVP by emailing [limestone@unityhousing.org.au](mailto:limestone@unityhousing.org.au) or phone 8724 4100.