

Living Gems* Thrive

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Grand adventures *The joy of grandparenting*

A grand love
The grandparenting
experience

Elevated living
Amber's new two-storey
homes

In full bloom
Green thumbs
bear fruit

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to the October issue of *Thrive! With Grandparents*. Day coming up, this month's magazine celebrates the important contribution grandparents make to families and the special place they hold in their grandchildren's lives.

Children's interactions with grandparents are often their very first with older people. High quality relationships between grandparents and young people help create and foster positive attitudes toward ageing and older people, and combat ageism. Many grandparents are also primary part-time or full-time carers for their grandchildren, safeguarding family connections. And in return, grandchildren enrich their grandparents' lives in a myriad of ways, bringing them great joy and love.

In this month's *Thrive*, we share stories from some of our Living Gems grandparents about what they cherish most about the relationship they have with their grandkids and what they enjoy doing when visiting their grandies' resorts. For inspiration, on page 13 we also include a great guide of things to do with your grandkids to celebrate Grandparents Day together.

In Logan Village, at our beautiful Amber by Living Gems resort, the commercial construction team has been making great progress on the magnificent two-storey Country Club. The team looks forward to completing level one sheeting this month as well as commencing internal fit-out works and flooring. It was also great to see the new vehicle wash bay open for residents to use last month. With the spring weather now upon us, I'm sure this terrific facility will get plenty of use.

The Amber by Living Gems sales team is looking forward to hosting an Open Day at the resort on Saturday, 25 November. With Stage Two selling quickly and the release of three fabulous new double-storey home designs, be sure to save the date if you're ready for a simply lifechanging move to Living Gems.

From happy hours and an activity expo to fun-filled outings and musical performances, it's been a hive of activity across all our resorts this past month. Be sure to check out *Thrive's* Resort Round-up (page 18) for a taste of what's been happening at Living Gems.

I hope you enjoy the October edition of *Thrive* and I look forward to bringing you more news and updates next month.



Adrian Puljich
CEO



Amber releases new two-storey designs

Amber by Living Gems' first-ever two-storey homes have been unveiled, with three stunning design options available.

The two-storey homes are the latest innovative design offering from Living Gems, with only one other two-storey design having been built by the group in the past.

Amber by Living Gems Sales Manager Tameeka Manson said there were just five homes in total, each boasting three bedrooms and between 230sqm to 233sqm of living space.

Located in Stage Two, just a short walk from the Country Club, the double-storey homes – the Bowen, Stanley, and Archer designs - start from \$830,000.

"Amber by Living Gems aims to match high quality with affordability for our over-50s buyers and these homes are no exception," said Tameeka.

"All day-to-day living needs are met on the main level which features a spacious master bedroom, complete with walk-in wardrobe and double vanity ensuite bathroom, powder room, a designer kitchen, and open-plan living areas opening onto a good-sized alfresco, perfect for embracing indoor-outdoor living," she said.

A contemporary elevator and stairs lead to the upper level of the home where there are two additional bedrooms – one with a second walk-in wardrobe and double vanity ensuite, and a central bathroom, ensuring plenty of space for overnight visits from friends and family.

"Also on this level is another large living area, and one of our designs also has a handy study nook. Our designers have thought of everything," Tameeka said.

"We're excited to release these beautiful designs for those looking for something extra special. These homes come with the huge range of fantastic standard inclusions for which Living Gems is well-known, including high-quality energy efficient appliances."

The residential construction team commenced building the homes with the first expected to be completed by early 2024.

For more information, contact our friendly sales team on 1800 317 381.



A grand love

Grandkids add a precious new dimension



Fay and Bob Brodhurst-Hill are the epitome of doting grandparents, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

The couple, who live at Amber by Living Gems, say they are available 99 percent of the time to care for their nine grandchildren who are spread from Eagleby and Redland Bay to Cairns, and aged from five months to 22 years.

"We feel so blessed to have grandchildren with whom we share such a special bond. They make our day, brighten up our lives, keep us young and give us this unbelievable adrenalin to go out and enjoy activities together. My heart just bursts at the seams when I think about our beautiful grandchildren," said Fay.

The couple, who are both 68 and have been married for 47 years, care for their grandchildren at every opportunity.

"Now that we are retired, we have plenty of time to devote to our grandkids and we couldn't think of a better way to fill in a day," said Bob.

With Amber by Living Gems ideally located close to shops, parks, and facilities, there is always plenty of options when it comes to keeping all ages happy and engaged in something they love doing.

"We are never short of ideas with popular activities including table tennis, cooking, and playing UNO, snap or snakes and ladders. We also love to walk to the park, play basketball and have a swing in

the playground. When the resort's new Country Club is completed, there will be even more fabulous options for us all including favourites such as ten-pin bowling, swimming, and watching movies in the theatre," said Fay.

Each of their grandchildren are different from each other, according to the grandparents who added:

"We love that about them and always treat them as individuals," said Fay.

One of the grandsons is shaping up to be a great cook too.

"We taught him how to make pancakes when he was just a toddler and it's something he is really good at now. Mind you, all our grandkids get great enjoyment out of making cakes together too."

Fay said that having grandchildren also helps them to see a different aspect of life.

"While we are able to teach them about our life experiences – which they find quite amusing - they have taught us so much about the internet and new technology. We learn from each other all the time," said Fay.

Bob and the Cairns-based grandkids also share a special handshake, and the boys are often inquisitive about cars he has owned and any fishing tips he might have such as the best lures or rods to use.

One of the best things about having grandchildren visit, according to Fay, is having kids and babies around again.

"We had four children and were always surrounded by our kids as well as all their friends as they grew up. When they moved out, we felt so empty and lost, so having our grandchildren around now is just heaven. We love them so much and share such a special bond!

"And, do you know, life only gets better from here as we watch them blossom and grow. We are so proud of each and every one of them and will always love them more than life itself."





Family, friendliness and fun

*Downsizing has opened
up something big*

When Bryan and Karen Thompson's son and daughter-in-law were ready to take a well-earned break, they knew where their two children would feel right at home - at nana and grandad's place at Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront!

"Our grandchildren spent five and a half weeks with us when their parents cashed in their long-service leave and hitched up the caravan," said Brian.

"We got the boys up for school, prepared their lunches and made the 50km round trip to take them to school and back. My wife was quite the butterfly, flitting back and forth



“There’s everything you could ever want to do here. There’s even a ukulele group who use the music room.”

a few years considering their rightsized move.

“We weren’t ready then,” said Bryan. “We weren’t sure whether it would be the right move for us because we had a lovely large family home at Narangba. But we did our homework and looked at six or seven villages and thought they were overpriced, then we came to look at Living Gems and that rekindled our desire to make the move.”

The couple bought a resale home after selling their property and have now called Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront their own since April.

“We have lovely neighbours and we’re a one-minute and fifteen second walk away from the Country Club,” says Bryan. “That makes it especially handy after enjoying the events in the evening!”

He said he was astounded to learn that there were 60 different groups at the resort.

“That’s incredible!” he said. “There’s everything you could ever want to do here. There’s even a ukulele group who use the music room.”

In addition to the great things to do at Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront, there is one thing that stands out from the rest.

“Well, you can’t go anywhere in the resort without having a conversation or two,” said Bryan. “Not long after we moved in, our eldest grandson Josiah said, ‘wow, everyone is so friendly here’. Now isn’t that something remarkable for a young man to notice?”

looking after the boys.”

“I loved it!” added Karen.

It’s fair to say that Josiah, who is about to turn 14, and Elijah who is 11, are no strangers to the resort.

“I’ve taken up lawn bowls since moving into Living Gems and when Elijah stays over, he plays with me on the greens and he’s very good at it,” said Bryan. “The older guys are enthusiastic about having a young one join them.

“And at our Christmas in July party, it happened to be Elijah’s birthday and he received a special mention and a clap. It was wonderful.”

Bryan and Karen had spent quite





Light of our lives

Couple rejoice at sharing time with grandkids

Life would feel lonely without grandchildren, according to Opal by Living Gems homeowners Desley and Vic McMullen, who between them have 13 grandkids and one four-month-old great grandson.

“We were married 30 years ago, a second marriage for both of us, and have quite a few grandchildren, aged from eight to 25, who are the light of our lives and all so precious to us,” said Desley, who never misses an opportunity to spend time with them.

Minding the children gives the couple great joy.

“We see my son’s three daughters, eight-year-old twins and a ten-year-old, more often than the other grandchildren these days and have never been short of ideas when it comes to keeping them occupied,” said Desley.



The over-50s lifestyle resort has plenty to interest the girls including a great swimming pool and heated spa in the Country Club.

“They are like ducks to water when it comes to the pool and always come equipped with their swimming goggles. Often, they can swim with other children who are visiting the resort as well and while it takes them a little time to sum up the courage to say hello, it usually isn’t long before they are all happily playing together. I’m always there to cheer them on as well,” said Desley.

Opal by Living Gems is ideally located to provide many options for the couple (nanny and poppy) and

their grandchildren.

Desley says she often takes her granddaughters to the park beside the Logan Village library, which has a skate park and playground with swings, slippery dips and more, and the shopping centre is also nearby allowing them to buy drinks and ice creams for a special treat.

“At the back of our resort we also have a big area of parkland with tennis and croquet courts where it is also great to go on walks together.”

The grandchildren also have plenty to do at the couple’s home where activities such as drawing, playing games, jigsaws and cooking cakes

are favourite pastimes.

Desley and Vic love all their grandchildren as well as their newly arrived great grandson and say they share a special bond with each and every one of them.

“We have watched and been a part of their lives as all 13 have grown and matured and couldn’t be prouder of them. They keep us young and while they are a bit too big for us to pick up these days, we just adore spending time with them and hearing about all their different interests and life experiences. We consider ourselves so blessed to have them as part of our lives.”

Hard work bears fruit (and vegetables)

Spring brings bounty to Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront

Spring is always a blooming marvellous time at Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront and nowhere is that more evident than in the fabulous vegetable gardens and fruit trees around the over-50s lifestyle resort.

Homeowner Barbara Petrie, head of the gardening group, says that the group is ready for the warmer months with the end of the winter vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and planting underway for the summer vegetables including cucumber, beetroot, spring onions and zucchinis.

"It's all looking good," she said. "We have 15 active members in our group and a Monday to Sunday watering roster.

"On Sundays we go out to buy new seedlings and have a working bee on Mondays to plant them."

Barbara says the group likes to keep things as natural as possible and does not use pesticides on the crops.

"We've planted marigolds which are said to be good for keeping insects away and we use slug pellets but that's all. The only other thing we do is put shade cloth over to stop the white moths."

The four large and two smaller raised garden beds are the pride of the community after having been submerged in the floods of 2022.

"We're now back to where we were three years ago," said Barbara.

"We have an abundance of crops which we harvest every Monday and sell at the Country Club with all funds raised going back to buying more seedlings and equipment for the garden group."

In addition to the resident-run vegetable garden, Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront has an avenue of fruit trees that was part of the initial resort plantings.

Resort Manager Maureen Johnson says there are 50 fruit trees including lemons, limes and oranges for the residents to enjoy.

"At the moment they are in different stages - some are in flower or just budding while others are already in fruit," she said.

"The citrus trees attract a lot of bees, particularly when they're flowering, which helps pollinate all the rest of the beautiful gardens, including those established by our hard-working gardening group!"

Don't delay!

This is your last chance to make a simply lifechanging move to Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront. There are only five homes remaining on premium sites overlooking the Caboolture River. These three-bedroom homes feature luxurious inclusions including kitchens with premium appliances and walk-in pantries and spacious alfresco areas with green views.





Never bored!

Ideas to bring families together

Grandparents often share a special relationship with their grandchildren. Despite the difference in ages, there are plenty of activities these generations can enjoy together.

Fun and games

Playing board games and card games are a great way to get the kids away from screens and the whole family involved in doing something together. The idea of family games' nights has increased in popularity over the years and there's no reason why grandparents shouldn't get involved too. There are plenty of games to suit all ages and skill levels. Bluey Monopoly is bound to be a favourite with young players, while teens and adults might enjoy role playing board games such as Dungeons & Dragons or ones inspired by Star Wars.

Kids in the kitchen

What could be more fun than creating a scrumptious savoury snack or a decadent sweet treat? Spending time together in the kitchen teaches children valuable life skills with a very tasty result. The type of cooking or baking involved will depend on the age of the grandchildren. Kidspot has plenty of great recipes to give you inspiration - bit.ly/3RmpY26

Magical movie moments

Lights, camera, Jaffas! Introduce the family to the movie experience you recall from childhood. Give the grandkids the big-screen experience by viewing it in Country Club cinema and include plenty of popcorn, Jaffas and choc tops to enjoy. Disney titles are always popular, but why not consider some classics from throughout the decades such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Karate Kid* or *The Princess Bride*?

Teach and learn a skill

When you have a lifetime's worth of experience, then why not share it with the next generation? Best of all, it could be anything. Knitting, crocheting, sewing, woodwork – even basic home and vehicle maintenance are important skills to pass on. In exchange, why not be open to learning something new yourself? Whether it's mastering the internet, learning to play a video game or hunting Pokémon, you and your grandchildren are bound to have lots of fun together.

Bowl them over

Enjoy a bit of healthy competition over ten-pin bowling. This game suits players of all ages and abilities, so get the whole family involved at the local ten-pin bowling lanes and, when combined with a day at the movies, you're bound to strike the right note without a moment to spare.

Go on a picnic and a hike

Explore the great outdoors and discover new places to enjoy together. Most local areas have parks with plenty of spaces to run, play and picnic. If you're the adventurous type of grandparent, introduce the young ones to the joys of camping which will create enjoyable lifelong memories they'll want to share with their own grandchildren.

Amber

Sales Managers' Message

Fourteen residents settled into their new homes at Amber by Living Gems in the month of September, with another ten happy homeowners ready to move in throughout October.

Further progress to our Country Club at Amber this month will see the continuation of painting and plastering, which will move from the ground floor to level one. Joinery works will commence with cabinetry to be installed along with stone cladding to the exterior of the building.

Our Amber wash bay is now completed for residents to use and will see their cars and caravans looking their best. Please see the opposite page and take a peek at the new wash bay.

Our in-house designer, Frank, has been working hard to ensure that we have completed plans for every

site remaining at Amber. This is an exciting milestone for all involved in our beautiful resort!

If you are curious to know which home designs and sites are available at Amber, now is the best time to call us to arrange an inspection of our stunning display homes. With limited sites remaining and an Open Day coming up, get in quick to secure your favourite site before it is too late by phoning our Sales Team on 1800 317 381.



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Good clean fun!

The recently opened wash bay at Amber by Living Gems has certainly made a splash with homeowners.

This brand-new facility is a one-stop shop for cars, caravans, boats and motorhomes. In addition to the hardstand area for cleaning, the wash bay also includes a gantry to make it easier to reach the roof of caravans and motorhomes.

And making the inside spic and span is no hardship either with convenient access to an electrical point to plug in a vacuum cleaner for a professional-level vehicle detailing.

“The design of the new wash bay makes car washing just so convenient,” said Amber by Living Gems Sales Manager Tameeka Manson. “Many of our homeowners are regular travellers and they are keen to keep their caravans and tow vehicles looking good for upcoming journeys.”



Save the Date

*Amber by Living Gems Open Day
Saturday, 25 November*

Join us for a special open day event at Amber by Living Gems on Saturday, 25 November between 10am and 1pm.

This is your chance to view 5 stunning display homes and learn more about our exclusive two-storey homes. Stay tuned for registration details in next month's *Thrive*.



Villa 40 | Facade Classic

Snowy

\$639,000



The Snowy is the perfect entertainer. The gourmet kitchen has a large island bench and walk-in pantry, with dining and lounge spaces that flow seamlessly through to the alfresco area. Your generously sized master bedroom, with double vanity ensuite bathroom and walk-in wardrobe, offers a relaxing, tranquil retreat. Two added bedrooms, with a central bathroom in between, offers plenty of space for overnight guests.



Caboolture Riverfront

Sales Manager's Message

Fancy a new home for spring? We only have five brand new homes left, so don't miss out on your chance to make a simply lifechanging move to Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront.

Last month we were delighted to see Living Gems CEO Adrian Puljich personally drop off a brand-new bus to our resort which means homeowners have two buses to get out and about.

There is so much to see and explore in this beautiful area of Moreton Bay. Drop in to see resort managers Maus and Kev with your driver's licence and complete the form to become a designated driver. You only need a car licence.

There are choices galore at the new shopping centre at Bellmere which opened last month. Just a ten-minute walk away from the resort, homeowners are already discovering their favourite new bakery and cafe

as well as picking up something at the bottle shop after completing the shopping at Woolworths.

On Friday, 24 November at 2.15pm, residents are holding a gifts, crafts and food market at the Country Club. Family and guests are also welcome. Come along and experience the talents of our residents with all their home-made goodies.

We also have tremendous interest in purchasing established homes. If selling is something you are considering, do speak with me as we have many interested prospective buyers.

Glenys Lowry
Sales Manager



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Naturally fun

Create lifelong memories with the grandkids as you explore local attractions together. Best of all, these attractions are all less than 20 minutes away from Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront.



Rolin Farms Strawberry Farm

What could be tastier than enjoying delicious sun-ripened strawberries that you've picked yourself? Rolin Farms is a working strawberry farm that gives you the opportunity to pick your own punnet when the fruit is in season – which happens to be right now!

Located on 124-190 Rutter Road, Elimbah, just look for the five-metre-high big strawberry.

For more information:
rolinfarms.com.au



White Ridge Farm

Discover hands-on farming fun at White Ridge Farm. This charming attraction offers plenty to appeal, with farmyard animals to help feed including goats, sheep with their lambs, chickens and ducks. Also meet the llamas, alpacas, horses and even a camel!

This attraction has two adventure playgrounds with one especially for the little ones as well as a putt-putt course and the ever-popular tractor ride.

White Ridge Farm is at 130 Hamilton Road, Elimbah.

For more information:
whiteridgefarm.com.au



Caboolture Historical Village

Take a step back in time and introduce the kids to the way things were before computers, smartphones and the internet!

The historical village is home to eight different museums which will have something to appeal to all ages including the Bracalba Railway Station, the 11th Light Horse Association and Military Museum, as well as the police station and prisons museum.

The Caboolture Historical Village is at 280 Beerburrum Road, Caboolture.

For more information:
historicalvillage.com.au



Villa 309 | Facade Galah

Goulburn

\$890,000



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WIP

Ready to move into now, the Goulburn is a bright and airy three-bedroom home with high ceiling living and dining areas that seamlessly flow out onto a relaxing alfresco area with plenty of room to entertain and create your own private oasis. The kitchen boasts a walk-in pantry and integrated appliances ideal for entertaining. When you're ready for 'you time', enjoy the retreat of a spacious master bedroom with large walk-in robe and double vanity ensuite.



Resort Round-up

Welcome to another edition of our Resort Round-up. There is never a dull moment at our Living Gems communities, with so many activities and fun things happening all the time.

At Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront, the Sparkling Gems Red Hatters, which are part of a worldwide organisation for women wanting to enjoy each other's company through socialising, recently enjoyed their first outing which included a train trip to Geebung, a spot of op shopping followed by coffee, cake and then a lunch at Geebung RSL Club.

Members, who hail from Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront, were also entertained by two Red Hatters who showed what they have learned at their square-dancing lessons in the resort's Country Club. A fabulous day out for all involved.

As always, there is plenty happening at Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront with last month's activities also including a great day out whale-watching on Moreton Bay.

Homeowners were also thrilled to welcome new residents - three young geese, whose parents are residents in the resort's parklands. The latest arrivals prove that the resort offers a fantastic family environment.

Residents at Living Gems Caboolture donned their finery to enjoy an evening of fine dining and dancing at the resort's Country Club, hosted by Gemmers Social Club.

Patrons were picked up from their villas and welcomed with a glass of cool refreshment before being offered an opportunity to have a professional photo taken. Members of the Gemmers Social Club helped out by waiting on the tables. An incredible night was had by one and all.

Residents of Platypus Place at Amber by Living Gems recently held a Happy Hour Event at the temporary clubhouse.

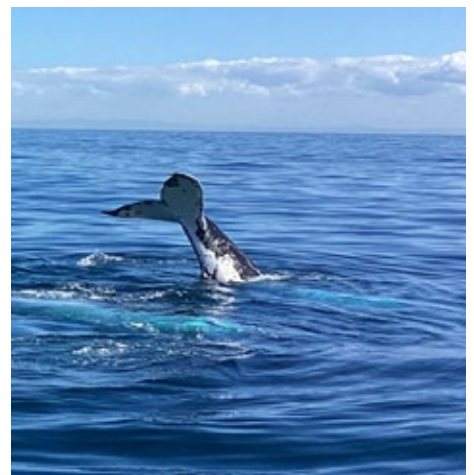
Last month also saw the staging of the Ruby Gardens Activities Expo at Ruby by Living Gems. The day was very informative and a great success, not only for new residents but also for established homeowners. Congratulations to all who attended and helped out on the day.

In addition, almost 200 Ruby residents enjoyed an amazing night of top entertainment by vocalist David De Vito (proprietor of the Vault Bar & Tapas on the Gold Coast and also known as the singing chef) sang everything from music of the operas to popular songs of today. Audience members can't wait for David to return for an encore performance!



Share your photos and news with us!

If you would like to have your photos featured in the *Thrive Resort Round-up* next month, or have a story idea to share, we'd love to hear from you. Send your photos to us before the 15th of each month to ensure your shots can be included in the next edition. Email us at content@livinggems.com.au



Living Gems Travel Round-up

Big adventures on two continents

The Living Gems travel club offers group and package holidays open to all homeowners. These holidays have been curated by retired travel agent and Living Gems homeowner Norman Pressey. Here are two of the trips currently open for bookings.

Indian Pacific plus 8 days in Perth

12 to 25 August, 2024

Cross the country in style and comfort on the Indian Pacific. This holiday sees you fly down from Brisbane to Sydney for a day's sightseeing before embarking on a four-day cross-country journey stopping at Broken Hill, Adelaide and afternoon and evening experiences in the ghost town of Cook and the Nullarbor. After arriving in the west, enjoy sightseeing in Perth and Fremantle along with a Swan River cruise before exploring the Pinnacles and taking in the sights on a four-day South West Tour and capping off the fun with a full day with the quokkas on Rottnest Island before the next day return flight to Brisbane.

From \$6795 per person twin share. Includes economy airfares, transfers, rail, accommodation, breakfast and some dinners.





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Autumn in the Canadian Rockies and Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise

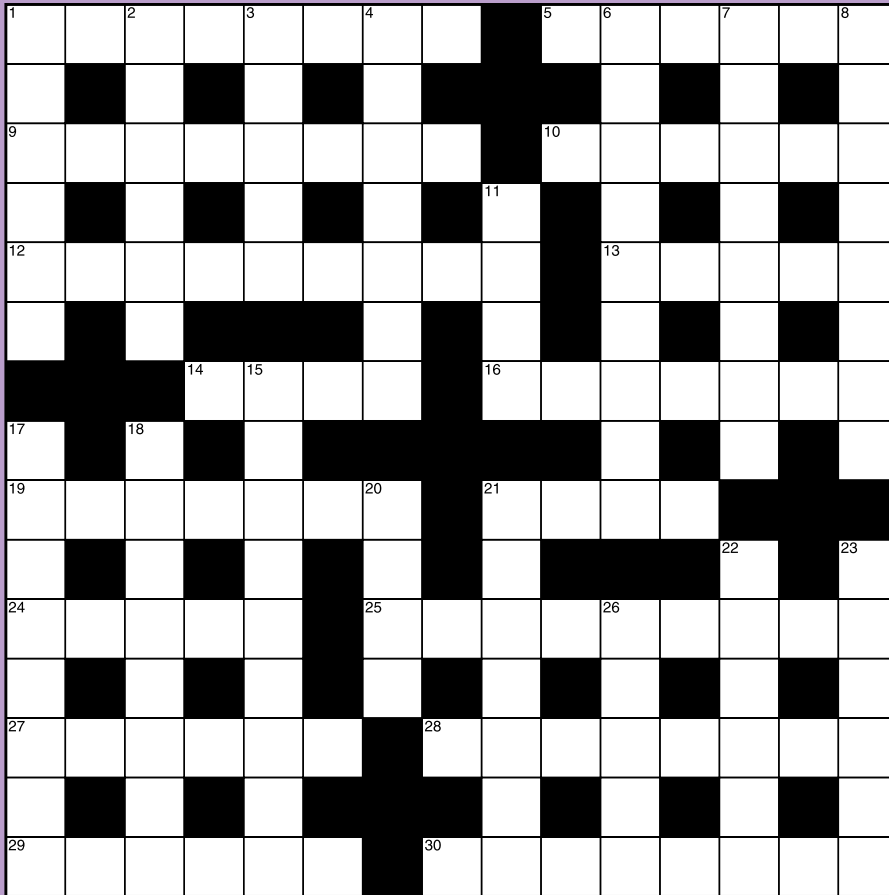
9 September to 1 October, 2024

Experience Canada and Alaska at a gorgeous time of year. Starting in Vancouver, discover the natural splendour of British Columbia with visits to the iconic national parks of Banff and Jasper and an overnight stay in the stunning ski resort of Whistler, home of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Take a ferry to Victoria on Vancouver Island to enjoy a walking tour of the city or an optional whale watching tour. Then it is across the border to Seattle in Washington State to board the NCL cruise ship that takes you to Juneau, the historic gold mining settlement of Skagway, then to the stunning Glacier Bay before returning to Victoria via Ketchikan's breathtaking wilderness. Return flights to Australia depart from Seattle.

From \$8675 per person twin share. Includes economy airfares, transfers, cruise, accommodation, breakfast and some dinners.

If you're interested in knowing more about these holidays, contact Norman Pressey on **0413 891 536** or email: Nwpressey@gmail.com with full names, dates of birth and preferred phone number to make a booking.

Crossword



Across

1. Chinaware
5. Powder room
9. Outside buzzer
10. Treat unkindly (4,2)
12. Dully aching
13. 16th of pound
14. Regrets
16. Inherent nature
19. Trembles
21. Shafts of light
24. Mindful
25. Avid party-giver
27. Desire for water
28. Gain degree
29. Baton races
30. Adopted (policy)

Down

1. Military trainees
2. Unpleasant whiffs
3. Skewered meat
4. Car club meetings
6. Fatefully
7. Comparing
8. Offered
11. Giant monster
15. Futilely
17. Unlawful occupier
18. Spacious & splendid
20. Passable (2-2)
21. Best-ever times
22. Rolled leaf smokes
23. Slay by guillotine
26. Of hearing

Last months solution



Quick and easy pasta dish



Pasta dishes make a great dinner to feed the family or a fine meal to enjoy with company.

A popular favourite is Orecchiette. It's a small dish-shaped pasta that tastes great and holds its sauce well. This recipe is paired with a saffron cream, seared scallops, crisp chorizo and broccolini. It's a rich but tasty meal and makes a mouthwatering dinner or lunch.

Ingredients

(Serves 4-6)

Orecchiette

Cook less pasta and use half the sauce for smaller gatherings.

500g good quality Italian dried Orecchiette
200g chorizo - diced into 1cm pieces.
16 big juicy scallops
2 broccolini – first 2 inches of tops cut and diced through the stems
200g rocket
Shaved parmesan to top your dish – optional
Lemon cheek to garnish and serve

Saffron sauce base

Make the base first (this can be made a day ahead if needed).

½ tbsp olive oil
½ tbsp butter
1 clove garlic, sliced
2 eschalots, peeled and sliced
1 pinch or ½ g of saffron
1 sprig thyme - whole
1 bay leaf
½ tsp fennel seeds
50ml rice wine vinegar
200ml white wine
500ml vegetable stock
500ml cream

Saffron Sauce Method

1. In a heavy-based pot sweat off olive oil, butter, shallots, thyme, bay leaves and fennel seeds until tender.
2. Add vinegar and white wine and reduce gently by half.
3. Toast and crush saffron and add to the pot.
4. Add stock and reduce by half.
5. Add cream and reduce until it coats the back of a spoon and then strain the sauce.
6. Check seasoning and adjust to suit. Put it back in the pot and set aside.

Method

1. Put a pot of salted water on to boil. Cook the pasta for 12-15 minutes or as per the pack and to how you like your pasta.
2. Put your pasta sauce back on a low heat. Add a spoon of pasta water to the sauce if needed.
3. Add broccolini to the pasta water and cook for 30 seconds. Strain the pasta and add to the sauce.
4. Take a non-stick frypan and heat it up to medium-high. Put in your diced chorizo and pan cook until it starts to colour. Scoop out the chorizo, put half in the pasta sauce and set aside the rest, leaving the oil in the pan.
5. Turn the pan back on the heat to medium-high. Put the scallops on to sear. Chef Matt likes to colour up one side and seal the other side but cook them how you prefer to eat them.
6. Stir the pasta through with half the rocket. Add remaining rocket to the bowls.
7. Spoon the pasta into the bowls. Place the scallops around the top of the dish and sprinkle the remaining chorizo over the top. Add a cheek or wedge of lemon and serve.

Frame that shot

Living Gems has launched a 2023 photo competition to highlight some fabulous destinations, favourite local spots, macro shots, favourite photos, best pet shots and lots more from our homeowners. So, get your cameras and phones ready this year (or dig through your archives)!

As a Living Gems resident, you can submit as many photos of

your choice each month and be in the running to be selected as the month's overall photo winner for the Living Gems community.

Each month, one winning photo will be chosen from across all Living Gems resorts and featured on the back page of *Thrive* magazine and shared on the Living Gems Facebook Page, so get your

exclusive bragging rights ready and share your masterpieces with us.

Send your submissions, with your full name, resort name and where the photo was taken, to

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October Photo Winner

Congratulations to October's winner, David McCormack from Living Gems Caboolture Riverfront for his stunning 'Stars' photo, taken at Agnes Waters, in Gladstone Queensland.

Submission Guidelines

Photos must be:

- Taken horizontally
- At least 2MB in size
- Taken by you

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