

Love the Belswan Lifestyle

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MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE

Sometimes the decision making process to move to Belswan Pinjarra takes a little time to unfold. Peter and Joan Tait's story illustrates some of the reasons for such a move. Having lived in suburban Shelley for a number of years they were looking to retire and made several visits to the Pinjarra estate in its formative stages. They liked what they saw but thought they would build in Byford to be close to their daughter and grandchildren.

Peter always felt they should have moved to Belswan at that time but being close to their family was appealing. No sooner had they moved in than it became clear that they had made a gigantic mistake. "It was dangerous to cross the road with out of control youths tearing about in high powered cars and on motorbikes. We didn't like to venture out at night and we were very concerned when we saw adults spraying graffiti on new homes under construction. The final straw was when somebody threw a piece of reinforcing steel over the fence hitting our caravan".



Peter and Joan Tait

Peter had spent his life travelling as an electrical engineer working on high security projects around the world and Joan had spent 27 years as a school library assistant. Never had they been subjected to such behaviour. After Peter suffered a serious heart attack and recovered they headed straight to the Belswan Estate in Pinjarra.

Joan gave up work to enjoy the Belswan lifestyle as she says, "This was the right move for us, surrounded by friendly people in a secure environment, an emergency button if required and plenty of parkland to walk the dogs. It's a really relaxing way of living". Peter likes the easy access to the shops and amenities of Pinjarra and tops it off with, "This is the best I've felt about living anywhere".

A RAMBLE TO BALINGUP AND BACK



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After earlier attending the Balingup Small Farm Expo resident social butterfly Pam Morey decided it was a great destination for Pinjarra's social club and other interested parties to visit. Being a consummate wheeler and dealer Pam negotiated a great price for the coach and refreshments along the way. With 40 on board and Ron an obliging driver at the wheel first stop was at Stirling Cottages in Harvey for a Devonshire tea **1**.

"We all loved the garden setting which ran down to the river and of course the home made scones, jam and cream', Pam enthuses. Lunch was enjoyed at the

Mallard Restaurant **2** in the Balingup tavern before the group headed for the Butter Factory to purchase a few trinkets and gifts **3**.

In all the excitement of the retail therapy the 4pm closing time of the Harvey Bridge Winery **4** was overlooked. After an impassioned phone call from the day trippers the winery agreed to extend their closing time and was duly rewarded with some healthy purchases of their wines.

As Pam said "It was a great day and I've had numerous phone calls from participants who want to be included on our next outing. That's what makes it all worthwhile".

Belswan's active communities



Fred Hawkins



Phil Chaplyn and Peter Finn

The Caravan and Motor-home Gypsies

When you see the line up of caravans and motor homes at both the Mandurah and Pinjarra Belswan estates you realise that our residents are retirees who don't like to sit still. Fred and Jean Hawkins, the ones with the most colourful motor home typify the Lucky Starr song "I've been everywhere man". Kalgoorlie, Kalbarri, Wave Rock at Hyden and Dwellingup for the log chop for starters."We travel outside of school holidays and check out the caravan parks. Of course we don't stay anywhere our 2 dogs aren't welcome," Fred states firmly.

Peter Finn has just moved into the Pinjarra village and is just about to test himself on a run to Albany before heading for Queensland. He is lucky to have the experience of Phil Chaplyn to draw on as Phil travels 3 or 4 times a year and winters up north for up to 3 months to get a healthy dose of sunshine. They all agree that's the value of lock up and leave security.

Great Community, Great Performers

The residents at Belswan Pinjarra are an enthusiastic lot whether getting together for an outing, a busy bee at the club house or appearing in advertisements for their retirement village. They are just keen to promote the lifestyle they enjoy and want to share it around with others. They also participate in all the activities they represent in the advertisement and want new residents to know that whatever their interests they'll have someone to share them with.

From left – go bike riding with Terry, woodworking with Tony, gardening with Heather, dog walking with Jean, swimming with Dallas, bowling with Eddy, share a coffee with Dorothy, do quilting with Dianne, golf with Peg or go fishing with Graham.



Mr Fix-it



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RETIRE TO A GREAT COMMUNITY
There is no need to be lonely in the suburbs. Whatever your interest or pastime there is always someone to share it with in the secure environment of the Belswan Retirement Estate in rural Pinjarra. Plus enjoy the added financial advantage of sharing in your home's capital appreciation. You owe it to yourself or a loved one to visit Belswan's Pinjarra Estate. Ring Kathleen Wayte on 1300 055 055 for an inspection. Come and be surprised.

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For eight and a half years Ron Shiner has been the saviour of many a distressed resident. There are over 100 singles in the Village, mostly women in the village who would be lost without Ron. With his kit of tools he is just a phone call away for a little built-in shelf, picture hanging or a stage for the drama group, you name it he can do it. Ron was instrumental in setting up the Mandurah bloke's workshop with benches, dust extraction and steel tool cabinets. Simply put, "He just likes helping others".

in Pinjarra and Mandurah

A Crafty Crew for Charity

As one approaches the craft room at the Mandurah Village it becomes loudly clear why the girls who attend call their get together "Thursday Therapy".

These girls are really talented producing blankets for Anglicare, garments for premature babies at King Edward and warm clothes for the Joseph's Coat Charities which are despatched to central and eastern Europe. Resident Kirsty is a doctor who saw the

hardship and struggle of people in Africa, and explains "We have two groups which can each number up to 18 persons. They all have skills which they love using for such good causes and as you have noticed, it is a chance for a chat. We collect for the Addis Ababa fistula hospital our last contribution being \$400 and every year we have a morning tea raising money for cancer research".

Great effort girls, keep up the good work.



A happy group of "Thursday Therapy" girls – L-R Freda, Pat, Marlene, Barbara, Betty, Helga, Val and Kirsty.

Escape to Freedom



Ray and Kay Gunn in their easy care garden

Here is a story we hear often – Lovely 4x2 house with study and activity room, large 800m² block, big shade house and 86 varieties of rose bushes that need regular watering and weeding.

There are only 2 occupants in the house who end up with a heavy work load and all the expense of maintenance.

The alternative – is a modern 2 bedroom 2 bathroom home at Belswan Mandurah, with a patio overlooking a lovely bird filled garden that's cared for by the estates' gardening team. Match that with cleaning that can be done in 2 hours or less and a small personal garden that is watered by reticulation and you have heaps of time for other activities.

That's the choice made by Mandurah Estate residents Ray and Kay Gunn who would, "recommend it to anyone".

No Time to get Bored

Just sitting and listening to Peter and Shirley Garrett describe their activities can leave you breathless. They thought they had a great lifestyle with a big comfortable house and living on the beach at Watersun. That was until they went on holidays only to return to blown down fences and their home broken into.

They inspected retirement villages from Busselton to Dongara but none offered the greenbelts and well maintained gardens of Belswan Mandurah. The home they chose has distant views with hardly another home in sight and when they socialise with friends over 4 o'clock drinks on the patio they can keep an eye on the dog walkers and others in the park. On a regular basis they alternate lunch with friends throughout the village. "It's a community thing," Peter advises. Of course that's when they are not travelling in England for 6 weeks, off to Busselton in their caravan or taking the boat out from the Mandurah Ocean Marina for a spot of fishing.

Shirley sums it up for them both "We never stop we're always busy, and that's the way we like it".





From left to right – Georgina Yapp with dog Daisy • Jack and Dorothy Lalley with dogs Bonnie and Penny • Jean and Andrew Brown and Pat and George Punnett with dog Goldie Brown • Mickie Drayton with dog Ricky • Jan Whitby with dog Scobie • Chris Earnshaw with dog Prince • Marj Doran with dog Popsy • Isabella Cornelisse with dog Lucky • Pat Swanson with dog Aussie.

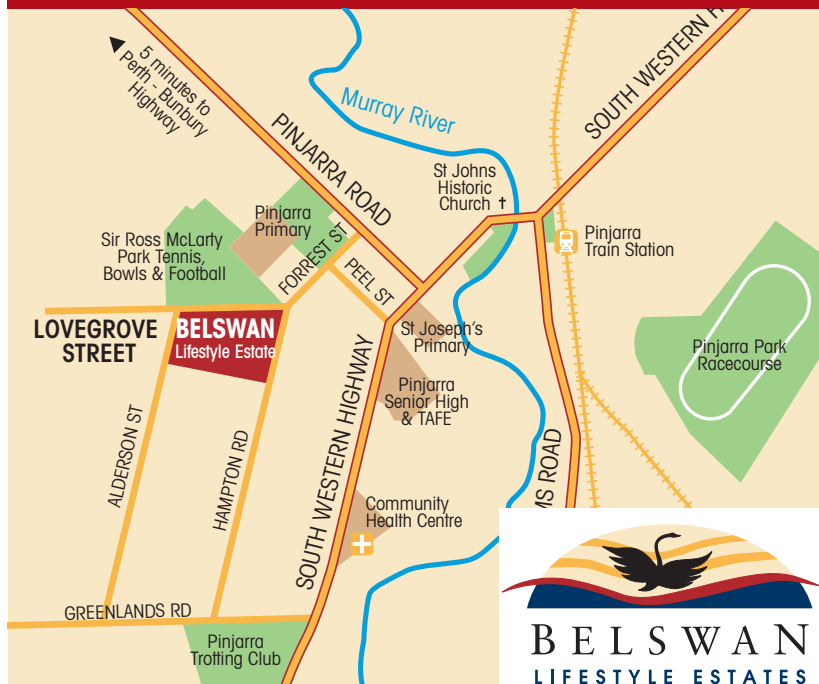
Pets on Parade

When a photograph of pets was suggested at Belswan's Mandurah Village they all came and brought their owners with them. They say owners and their animals have the same recognisable features. We'll let you be the judge.



Staff member Stewart Brown with his dog Ace and Joyce Draper with her dog Laddie.

Come visit and be surprised.



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