



THE SCOOP

DOUGHERTY APARTMENTS NEWS



Virginia Howard, Mayor Tanya Taylor & Kelvin
Pictured here with Colin and Mavis Crabtree

Greetings to all,

We are already well into the published refurbishment works you have all been seeing and happily working through many aspects across our community's eight floors. We have all welcomed your many positive contributions and comments seen as noted by many of you, while you may visit, live here or work here.

Thank you for the support and feedback as you see the vision of what levels 3-8 will potentially look like as we conclude the works. Pleased to share here a before and after shot of the refurbishment work to display the uplift within our independent living common area corridors. As we progress further, more photos along these lines will be seen in this, our proud community newsletter.

May you all keep well.
With gratitude, Kelvin.

BEFORE



AFTER



WELCOME: Mick Patel – New Residential Manager RACF L1&L2

Mick has hit the road running, getting to know everyone, working to accommodate the New Aged Care Standards while managing around the current renovations. Mick brings extensive knowledge of aged care to Dougherty and is deeply passionate about working with the residents, relatives and staff. He holds two degrees in Science and Nursing with an associate diploma in Business Management, with extensive experience within the sector.



Mick Patel -Residential Manager

Mayor joins Dougherty for Special Day:

How nice it was to see Mayor Tanya Taylor with us again recently. She is always very happy to attend our community and on this occasion in celebration of a resident couple for their 70th Wedding Anniversary, presenting a special letter and flowers to Colin & Mavis Crabtree. They arrived at our Independent Living Units 17 years ago, where Mavis still lives. Colin now resides with us in our Residential area, and the couple continue to meet each day to continue their relationship. (see photos further on in this edition) Kelvin.



**Platinum Wedding Anniversary
Colin and Mavis Crabtree
Celebrated 70 years of Marriage
on
10th March 2026
Congratulations from all of us at
Dougherty Apartments**

IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:

Chatswood Oval Sports – Field Renewal Works Update

We have received an update on the building works and upgrade of Chatswood Oval from our local Council Officer Moh Shahzaib. Even though the oval is looking amazing, the drainage lines were only recently installed.



The grounds will need time to settle and recover, to ensure the turf is strong enough to take the wear of sports and recreational use. The reopening date is expected for late April. The fencing will stay up until then so please be careful when you take a walk around the perimeter.



LEST
WE
FORGET

ANZAC DAY – 25 April 2026

The 2026 Chatswood ANZAC Day Dawn Service will take place on
 Saturday, April 25
Commencing with a march at
4:45am from the corner of Albert Av and Victor St, followed by a
 5am service at the Rose Garden (Garden of Remembrance) in Albert Av. A morning tea for attendees will be hosted by Chatswood RSL Club afterwards.



BEHIND THE SCENES

– Hotel Services

A few friendly reminders to help keep our building running smoothly:

Garbage Chute

- Please put your rubbish into **small kitchen bags** and tie before using the chute.
- For recycling, put **small cardboard and plastic items** in the trays provided. Larger boxes (like TV cartons) should be taken to the **recycling bins in the basement**.

Parking

Refurbishment works are well underway. Unfortunately, there is currently **No Parking** for visitors in the basement carpark, this includes spaces reserved for **Contractors, Willoughby Council staff, and Doctors**. Rangers will be called if these spots are used incorrectly, and fines or towing could follow, at car owners' expense.

Stairwells – Not for use

Please note the stairwells are Fire Escapes and for **emergency use only**. Please do not use them casually.

Wipes and Cleaning Products

A gentle reminder that **wipes of any kind** (including antibacterial wipes) **must not** be flushed down the toilet. They cause major blockages and can damage the sewage system.
Put in the bin.



SPOTLIGHT :

DOUGHERTY RENOVATIONS UPDATE



Stage one – Levels 3-8 - The refurbishment of these areas is nearly complete with new carpet, electrical, and painting, as mentioned by Kelvin earlier.

Stage two – Level 1 RACF Nurse's station

The nurse's station and offices on level 1 have been relocated temporarily, as previously communicated. This area is currently being renovated and extended, due for completion in late May.

The nursing staff and managers will be moving back in this week. Thank you for your patience. Lara will remain in the Ground Floor Admin office for Visitor and Staff enquiries, until approx. late May.

Stage 3 - Refurbishment of the Ground floor reception area – currently delayed.

The refurbishment of the ground floor admin offices has been delayed.

When it does go ahead the Victor street entrance will be closed from 7am -4pm Monday to Friday. At that point Reception will be moved to the back door at the Orchard Rd Entrance.

All visitors, care workers and couriers are to use the Orchard Rd entrance at the back of 1 Victor St, during working hours. A new intercom is already in use. All large deliveries must go through the basement loading dock.

Admin staff and Management are still located on the ground floor, see reception to contact Kerrie Bradford and Jill Drake. Our CEO Kelvin Neave, the Finance team, HSM Graeme and Maintenance team have not moved and remain in their offices, as this goes to print. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.



RESIDENT ROUND UP:

What a way to start the year with a Summer Concert by a talented Clarinet Quintet. They entertained the ILU residents with works by Mozart and Weber. The first afternoon tea of the year saw a wonderful array of treats shared for a new year catch up. Australia Day was celebrated with poetry and pavlova. Easter Afternoon tea this week.

Kelvin hosted his first CEO Happy Hour for the year with a cruising theme, honouring and celebrating Colin and Mavis Crabtree's 70th Wedding Anniversary, who were avid sailors taking 80 cruises over 30 years.



Our Major Tanya Taylor was a special guest with her Willoughby Council photographer. Colin and Mavis were treated to a special photoshoot with Mayor Tanya Taylor, Chair Virginia Howard and CEO Kelvin.

Glasses were raised, hor d'oeuvres were shared and celebrations were enjoyed by all. Congratulations Colin and Mavis.



All the usual events will continue, until further notice, in the residents' lounge. The popular movie sessions are on the first and third Sundays of the month.

All Church services for ILU and RACF, will now be held in the ground floor residents lounge, until further notice.

Please check the ILU Community Notice Board for all activities and keep an eye on the lectin for current details.

Welcome to our new residents.



FACES OF DOUGHERTY: Jennie Keller – ILU Resident and Committee member

Jennie: “ I have always loved live theatre, movies, art, singing and dancing. I recall as a child going to the movies with friends at the local movie theatre, which was in the shopping centre at Lane Cove. It was called “The Rio”, a snappy name and was well known in those days. We were very proud of it.

We looked forward to Saturday afternoons. I went with my friends from my street who I knew well, and it was like being let free, we were privileged to be able to go.

Having seen the likes of Cowboys and Indians, they were popular, Tarzan (a favourite), serials, and many musicals and dramas with our favourite actors and actresses of the day.

From these I would delight in play acting different parts I'd seen, danced and sang all around the back yard, which was my stage. I loved it! Always looking forward to the next Saturday afternoon. The desire I had to love the arts as a child, enabled me to study them, which led to my profession in later life.

When I came here to live, Ruth Norton was looking for people to suggest activities for Dougherty. I was really happy to suggest having “Movies” for anyone who was interested to come. I find I prefer movies, apart from musicals, that tell interesting stories and I am hoping other will enjoy the choices too.”

Movies run the first and third Sundays of the month .

Pictured: Jennie in her professional life- as a regular on the Barry Crocker's “Say it with Music” TV Show with the Clare Poole Singers. And on stage in productions such as My Fair Lady which she toured with around Australia.





March of the COO-EE

I heard the call — COO-EE — pass my gate,
Lean and keen, they said the pay was good.
There was a man, Captain Bill Hitchen,
Led the march from Gilgandra — Struth, what a man.

I packed my swag, kissed kin and friends,
and marched for the city.
Within months I learned to stand and shoot,
Trained to be a soldier, ready for the Empire.

Billy and I were always rummins'
No day went by without a laugh or a lash.
I wrote home; they wrote back with pride,
Their letters warm against the cold of camp.

Word spread: the nation called; with New Zealand mates
We sailed for Gallipoli across a trembling sea.
I feared the voyage, born of open land,
But nothing readied us for that first cruel dawn.

Boats were lowered, guns cracked the air,
Bombs tore the morning; I did my duty —
For my mate, for my country, for the call that bound us.

COO-EE was our cry; we served with pride; we gave our all.
Now when you walk the fields remember,
Listen for the call that rises from Flanders' field
COO-EE.

By our very own Graeme Obeirne HSM 13/4/26