

## JANUARY PLANNER

- 1 All the best for 2016
- 2 **10.30-11.30am Rec Room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list  
**1.30pm Rec Room** Movie/Icecream
- 3 Austar and Table games available in Rec room
- 4 **9am Shopping bus Westfield Figtree** back for lunch  
**2pm Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list
- 5 **9am Hairdresser**
- 6 **Bus Trip 11am** Collegians Club Wollongong for lunch  
Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 7 **10.30am Rec room** Residents Meeting  
**1.45pm Rec room** Word Puzzler
- 8 Barber  
**9.30am Shopping Bus to Corrimal**  
**1.45pm Tea room** Bingo
- 9 **10.30-11.30am Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list  
**1.30pm Rec room** Movie/treat
- 10 Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 11 **2pm Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list
- 12 **9am Hairdresser**
- 13 **Bus Trip 9.30am**  
Morning outing to Wollongong Harbour  
Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 14 **1.45pm Mens drive**
- 15 **9.30am Shopping Bus to Corrimal**  
**1.45pm Rec room Happy Hour**
- 16 **10.30-11.30am Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list  
**1.30pm Rec room** Movie/Ice cream
- 17 Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 18 **2pm Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list
- 19 **9am Hairdresser**
- 20 **Bus Trip 11am** Seascape café for lunch  
Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 21 **10.30am Rec room** Bounce game
- 22 Barber  
**9.30am Shopping Bus to Corrimal**  
**1.45pm Rec room** Mini Golf
- 23 **10.30-11.30am Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list  
**1.30pm Rec room** Movie/treat
- 24 **1pm pick up for Bulli Church**  
singalong independent people only
- 25 **2pm Rec room**  
Come see staff to put your name on interested bus list
- 26 Happy Australia Day, BBQ lunch  
**1.30pm Rec room** Come join in the celebrations
- 27 **Bus Trip 1.30pm Bulli Tops**  
Enjoy the views with a gelato or cuppa  
Austar and Table games available in rec room
- 28 1.45pm Ladies Drive
- 29 9.30am Shopping Bus to Corrimal  
Afternoon tea January Birthday Celebrations
- 30 1.30pm Rec room Movie/Ice cream



### MEET THE STAFF

**NAME:**

Tomeeka Ward

**BORN:**

27/4/87

**YEARS WITH DIGGERS:**

1 year

**FAMILY:**

3 brothers and a partner of almost 5 years.

**FAVOURITE FOOD/RESTAURANT:**

Thai Food

**FAVOURITE ALL TIME MOVIE:**

The Labyrinth

**FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM:**

Investigation Discovery and Criminal Minds

**PERSON MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH:**

Shemar Moore – Actor on Criminal Minds

**BEST PLACE VISITED:**

Bundaberg (when I was younger). I would like to go there again

**HOBBIES:**

Shopping, cooking, dancing. I like to collect True Crime books as I've always been interested in forensic science.

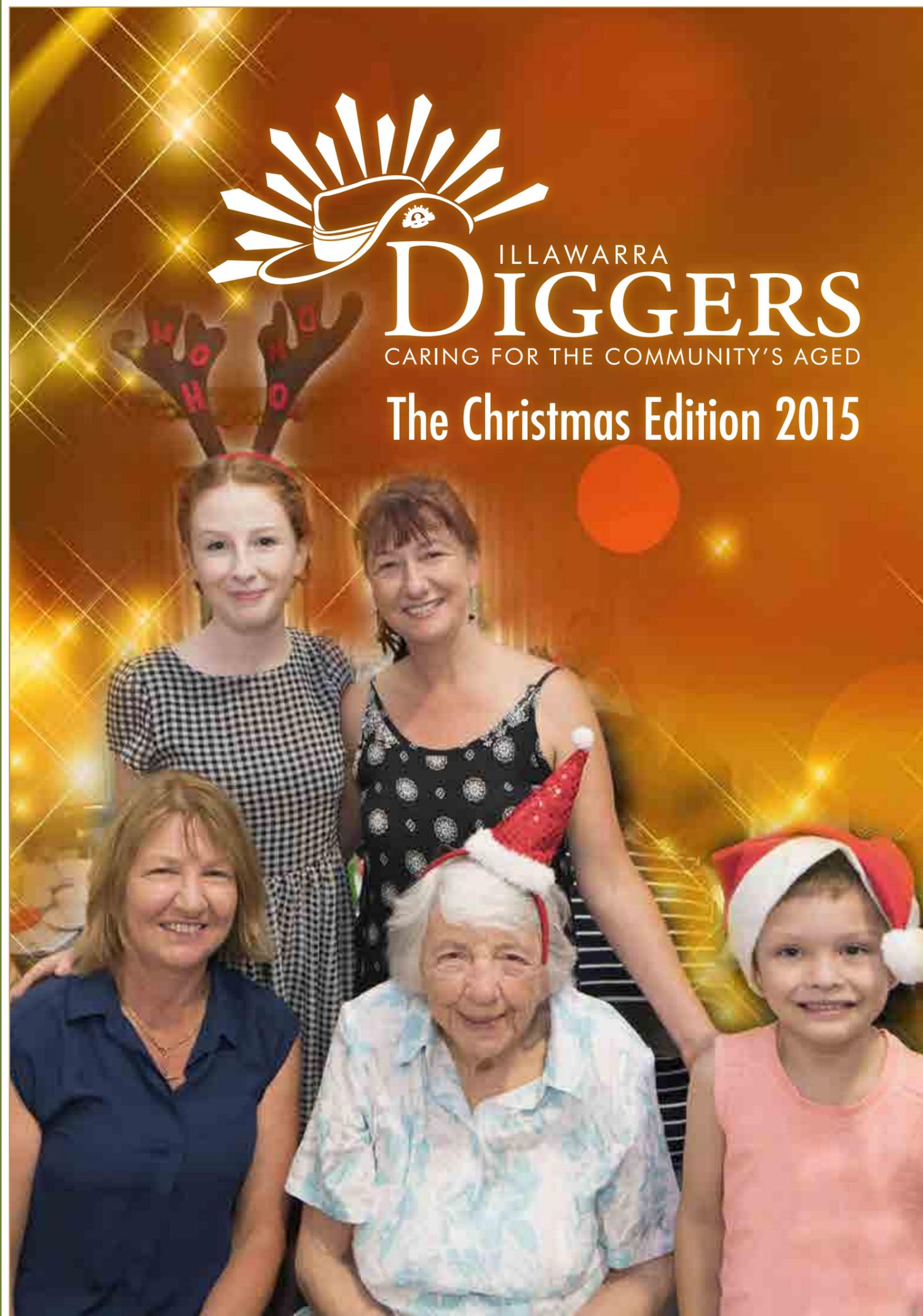
**MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT**

probably going up to someone thinking I knew them and started to have a conversation, only to find out that the person didn't know me from a bar of soap.

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## CEO'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to all our residents, their families and friends.

I have really been enjoying the lead up to my first Christmas at Illawarra Diggers this year. The Lifestyle Team have done a great job in decorating our home and in organising numerous events and outings for our residents. I can hear carol singing from my office regularly and am often drawn to go around and sing (poorly) with the residents. We have been graced with a number of singing groups and school children, including Holy Spirit College, and St Columbkille's who have given their time to share the spirit of Christmas with us.

I would also like to thank the women's auxiliaries of the RSL who have given generously of their time and labours to bring Christmas gifts for every one of our residents as well as kindly donate funds to the running of our home. Their support is always greatly appreciated. We also receive gifts and support from some of the RSL sub-branches for our residents which are also greatly appreciated.

In January I will have been at Illawarra Diggers for 12 months and I continue to be impressed with the sheer pleasure that our staff get from our residents and I hope that feeling is reciprocated.

Throughout the year we have welcomed new residents and some new staff and we are getting to know them well. We have also farewelled some residents and staff who had become part of our family during their time

with us. The constant through those changes is the feeling of home and the love, safety and security that a true home gives us.

In the October newsletter I gave a detailed update of the new building programme with the expectation of a December start. Things are still moving forward although we have decided to delay commencement until January to avoid congestion for our visitors over the Christmas period, with all its comings and goings.

So we are now planning to commence the demolition of the two houses at 5 and 7 Blundell Parade from 11 January 2016. This will not cause too much congestion.

Subject to getting our construction certificates on time, we intend to commence demolition of the main car park from about 27 January 2016. From then there will be no off street parking on site until construction of the new car park and new wing are complete later in the year. We will maintain emergency and services access to the site through the drive between the main building and the Woonona/Albion Park. Until we start renovation of the front administration area it will remain the main front entrance to the residence and residents and visitors can still use it. Once we start renovating the administration area, towards the middle of the year, the main entrance and reception will temporarily move but that will all be well communicated throughout the process.

Unfortunately we can't get a new cake without breaking some eggs so I ask for your understanding and forbearance during the construction programme. If any residents or visitors ever want any more detail on the building programme or an update on progress please come and see me.

I will also post a work programme in the foyer regularly for general information.

In November we held a very memorable Remembrance Day service in our recreation room. We were very pleased to have the students of Edmund Rice College join us. Some of the boys provided musical and poetic accompaniment to the actual service and the jazz band

provided some wonderful entertainment for us all following the service. Thankyou to all our guests and volunteers who helped make the day special for all involved.

In November the Aged Care Quality Agency, the government agency that does the accreditation of residential aged care facilities, visited us for an unannounced inspection. I am very pleased that we received a fully compliant report with no areas of concern expressed by the inspectors in regard to their review.

In closing I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy start to the New Year. 2016 will be an exciting year for Illawarra Diggers and we will do everything to ensure minimal disruption to our residents and visitors.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Peter Whittall  
CEO

## THE LIFESTYLE CREW

Hello Everyone

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Decorations all around.

There have been two special events since the last newsletter

Melbourne cup day was celebrated with lots of fun, dabbling on sweeps, lucky door prizes, drinks watching the race to see who the lucky ones for the day were.

Remembrance Day service at the Diggers is always very moving and a day to show our respects and was well attended with special guests including the students from Edmund Rice College made a special tribute with hymns and music from the past which many residents recalled of their dancing days.

Its all happening now lots of festivities leading up to Christmas with Christmas Church services, entertainment, school choirs, Christmas lights tours, Family Christmas afternoon tea, Carols by candlelight with Susie J, Christmas cheer and Christmas raffle draw

and final celebrations for the year 2015 our New Years Eve party.

Many thanks to all who contributed in their own way to enhance the lives of our residents.

Also thanks to the lifestyle staff for their dedication and hard work to brighten the day conducting activities and on outings. It does take a lot of patience energy and constant thinking to piece it all together and they do a great job!

It won't be long before we are pulling down the Christmas deco's and getting ready for Australia Day 2016 celebrations and gearing up for the events activities for the year ahead.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe happy New Year.

QUOTE - FRIENDSHIP

*Some paint lovely pictures, others write good books, some make peaceful gardens, others are fine cooks. But the talent that endureth, that matters in the end, is the tenderness and caring that makes a faithful friend.*

Take Care, God Bless from the Lifestyle crew

## UPCOMING EVENTS....

**Tuesday 26 January 2016**

Australia Day celebrations

**Sunday 14 February 2016**

Valentines Day

**Thursday 17 March 2016**

St Patricks Day





# Illawarra Diggers Christmas Party



*Lest We Forget*  
REMEMBRANCE DAY 11.11.15