

October 2025 Newsletter

Cathy Gill's Report

We are getting to the busy end of the year. The weather is warming up and the days are longer.

I notice that Halloween has hit our Albion Close home.. Great job Kelly.



I am still waiting for our final tick off for compliance from NSW Housing for 2025.

I am busily working on rosters for the year end, the Christmas roster will be made available to staff as early as possible.

Please ensure if you would like to ask for a shift swap that you give ample time to organise the shift swap.

There will be no interruptions to our usual pay days over this period.

Pay dates will Tuesday 23 December 2025 and Tuesday 6 January 2026

No leave will be available from 22 December 2025 to 4 January 2026.

Please check roster and leave availability on sharepoint or speak with Cathy Gill ASAP for leave in 2026.

There are already periods of **n/a** No Leave Available in 2026.

Lichelle will be on leave from Monday 10th – Monday 24th November 2025.

Dates of importance

Staff meeting on **Tuesday 4 November 2025**

Staff Engagement Day will be held on **Thursday 27 November 2025**

Residents Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 18th December 2025 - 11:00am - 1:30pm

at Teralba Bowling Club

Please let Lynn, Lichelle or Cathy know if you would like to attend.

Westlakes Access & Support Inc

32nd Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Thankyou to all past members for your commitment to our service.

Welcome to our new Committee

President: Errol Lind

Vice president: Ian Miller

Treasurer: Errol Lind

Secretary: Kath Gracz

Committee member: Jan Lind & Pam Jacobson



Huge thankyou's to

Leisa G for her amazing work on shirts for all our residents to wear.

Lynn & Lichelle for assisting with all the organizing.

& to all who attended our 60th Birthday celebrations for

Helen, Suzie Stephen & Lisa. We had a great day.



**Amanda, Seeta, Kath, Sharon, Louise, Tanya, Leisa, Deb, Kelly, Leanne, Jenny, Tanika,
Lichelle, Cathy, Lynn & Kabin**



Jan, Errol & Lan celebrate with Helen



Hamish, Pierryck, Narelle, Stuart & Jill celebrate with Stephen,



Jennifer & Cecily celebrate with Lisa



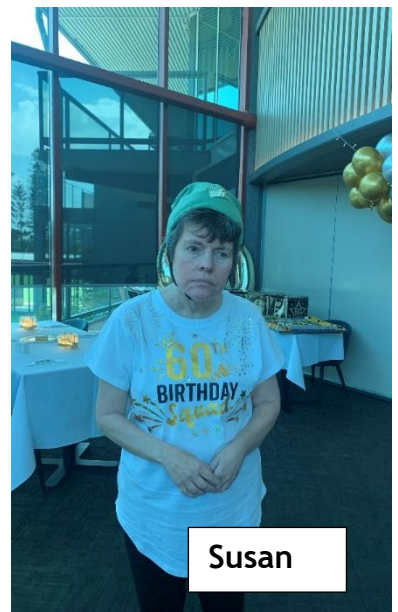
Nancy celebrated with Suzie



Tanya, Robyn & Kath



Donna



Susan



Kath, Amanda, Seeta, Sharon, Kelly & Leanne



Sharon & Raeline

Spotlight on Lynn

Lynn has been working at Westlakes for 32 years, In August Lynn took off to New Zealand for some well deserved R&R with family.

“Kia ora” from New Zealand

What an amazing place the South Island of New Zealand is from its majestic mountains, lakes and glaciers, it is a sight to behold.

I travelled with my husband Garry, brother Colin and sister-in-law Sue-Ellen.

We arrived in Christchurch and picked up our campervans, we were all so excited to get on the road and start this amazing road trip.

Our only expectation was to finish every day with Wine, Beer, Whisky, cheese & biscuits and we were not disappointed.

Words can't describe the southern alps - Mt Cook was a highlight, just beautiful in sun & snow it was breathtaking. The Fiordland's were magnificent again covered in snow, but lucky for us the sun was shining, and the glaciers were stunning. The interior of the South Island is also full of the most stunning lakes, vibrant with turquoise water set against the lush green vegetation, paradise for photography, might explain why I took over 1000 photos.

The campervans were a perfect way to travel, the scenery was amazing and the food sensational! (especially the pies) the South Island just keeps on giving....

Words can't describe it, something you should indulge in. Just Do It.....you wont be disappointed.



Thank you Lynn for sharing your story, what an amazing place to visit. Here is a \$25.00 gift voucher to say thanks... Enjoy



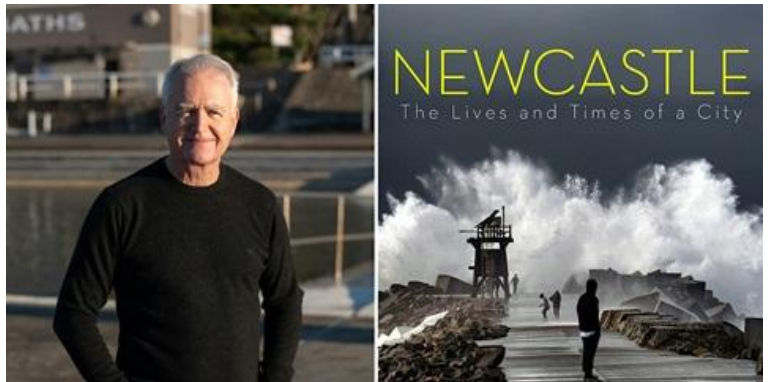
Happy October Birthdays to our staff member Seeta
& also to Narelle & Pierryck Arblaster

[Lake Mac Events- check out lakemac.com.au/events for more events.](http://lakemac.com.au/events)

Newcastle - Scott Bevan

Saturday, 01 November 2025 | 02:30 PM to 03:30 PM

Join Scott Bevan as he talks about his new book, which examines the character and the soul of the city he grew up in.
Gold coin entry.



Windale Hub, bilyabayi, 20 Lake Street, Windale,2306,



Westlakes Community Connect Day

Friday, 07 November 2025 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Join us for Westlakes Community Connect Day, a welcoming and inclusive event designed to bring our community together.

Free services and support will be available on the day to help foster connection, provide practical assistance, and strengthen community ties in the Westlakes region. Looking for support, information, or a friendly face to chat with, this day is for you.

Everyone is welcome — come along, connect, and be part of something special.

Bookings required for vet services Toronto Community Centenary Hub,97 The Boulevarde, Toronto, 2283

Westlakes Access & Support Inc Ph: 49 587 442 a/h Ph: **0409 587 442**

National Disability Insurance Agency Ph: 1800 800 110

NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission Ph: 1800 035 544

Disability Advocacy Service -Hunter Ph: 49 27 0111 / 1300 365 085

Hunter Region Tenants Advice & Advocacy Service (HTAAS)

Free telephone advice, information, advocacy, and (where appropriate) representation at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

Access is via the telephone advice line on 4969 7666 or freecall 1800 654 504.