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# THE BLAIRLOGIE BULLETIN

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 13 Feb National Sorry Day
- 14 Feb St Valentine's Day
- 16 Feb TimTam Day
- 17 Feb Mardi Gras
- 17 Feb Random Act of Kindness Day
- 17 Feb Lunar New Year
- 18 Feb First day of Ramadan



2026  
YEAR OF THE HORSE



## MONTHLY UPDATE

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break, filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. As we return to work and step into a new year, it's a great opportunity to refocus, set fresh goals, and build on the momentum we created in 2025. January often brings renewed energy and a clear sense of direction. Let's use this time to reconnect, realign our priorities, and continue working together toward our shared objectives. I'm confident that with the same dedication and teamwork you consistently demonstrate, we'll make this year a successful and rewarding one. In this month's newsletter, you'll find important updates, upcoming plans, and key highlights to help us start the year strong.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CLUB HOUSE JANUARY - JUNE 2026

MONDAY MOVIES	RELAX AT BLAIRLOGIE WATCHING YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIES.	\$Free
TUESDAY BOWLING	COMPETE IN OUR WEEKLY TEN PIN BOWLING COMPETITION!	\$1
WEDNESDAY SWIM	TAKE A SPLASH IN BLAIRLOGIES SWIMMING POOL! ALL alternative activities will be \$Free	\$Free
THURSDAY ACTIVITIES	A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND GAMES WITH FRIENDS AT BLAIRLOGIE.	\$Free
FRIDAY DINNER	END THE WEEK WITH DINNER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT A LOCAL EATERY!	\$32

Costs to previous 18+ & above with a disability. Participants will be dropped here (Covers charges not applicable). All out of pocket costs will be provided.

### RESIDENTIAL SDA VACANCY

ABOUT: Blairlogie currently has a vacancy available at a lovely 100m<sup>2</sup> SDA situated in a convenient area we are on the look out for a couple of applicants for one of our clients. This site is made up of 17m<sup>2</sup> bedrooms, wash with their own ensuite along with shared living spaces. Blairlogie provides supports for participants, including in shared spaces. The site is located close to the local shops and public bus services. For any enquiries about this job please contact us via the link below or by phone.

NECESSARY FEATURES:

- Washing Machine
- Stove
- Refrigerator
- Shower
- Laundry
- TV
- Internet
- Electricity
- Water
- Gas
- Heating
- Security
- Storage
- Accessibility

CONTACT US: 08 9278 7200 / info@blairlogie.org.au

### Meet Me @ Blairlogie JAN - APRIL 2026

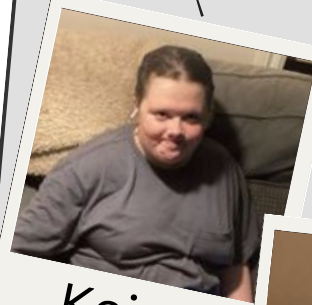
CAPE CRUISE	A SCENE CRUISE AROUND BEAUTIFUL CAPE MELBORNE. IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH YOU MAY EVEN SEE SOME GREAT alternative activities will be \$Free	\$60
DINNER & DISCO	ENJOY DINNER OUT WITH FRIENDS AND THEN DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE HALLAM DISCO. Dinner + Disco entry included in cost.	\$48
VALENTINES BBQ	JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S BBQ CELEBRATION AND GREAT DAY AT BLAIRLOGIE. BBQ Lunch included in cost.	\$20
EHU PLAINS MARKET	SHOPPING MELBOURNE AND THE PHINILLA'S BEST BAKERS AND CREATORS.	FREE
MELBOURNE ZOO	A DAY OUT ENJOYING SOME OF THE WORLD'S AMAZING ANIMALS.	\$48

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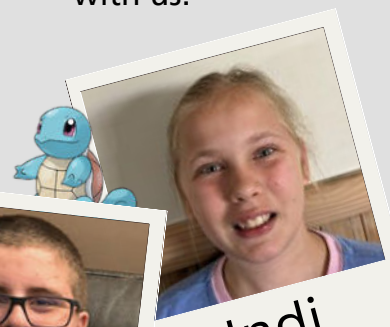
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HUMAN NATURE	Join Human Nature as they continue the HUMAN NATURE CELEBRATIONS. BBQ Dinner or Honey to purchase.	\$95
MEET THE LEGENDS	GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE HALLAM HORSE RACING CHAMPIONS.	\$25
MCG TOUR & AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MUSEUM	GO BEHIND THE SCENES AND IMPROVE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORY OF THE MCG AND PCS TOUR AND EXPERIENCE THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MUSEUM.	\$31
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## WELCOME TO BLAIRLOGIE

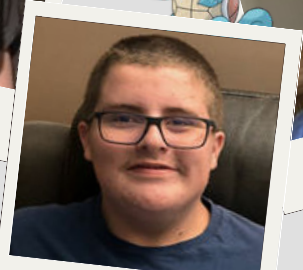
Welcome to all who have recently joined our Blairlogie Community. We hope you enjoy your time with us.



Keira



Indi



Billy



# SIZZLING SUNSHINE



Sunlight glints off the water like a thousand small promises, turning the Blairlogie pool into something brighter than just a place to swim. Jarvis and Macey, together steady and unhurried, letting the day meet them where they are. Around them, trees stretch into a clear sky, fences fade into the background, and the moment narrows to this simple exchange between skin, water, and light. It's not about swimming fast or getting anywhere else. It's about being seen, and sharing a pause that feels earned. This photo isn't loud. It doesn't need to be. It's a small celebration of comfort, connection, and the calm joy of existing fully in a single, sun-warmed moment.



**JUSTIN GREENLAND**



**CLIENT SPOTLIGHT**



How long have you attended Blairlogie? 17 years

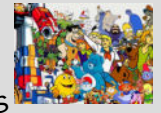
Favourite Colour? **Dark Blue**



Favourite Food? Hungry Jacks



Favourite Animal? Dog



Favourite TV Show? Cartoons



Favourite Sport Team? Richmond Tigers



Favourite Activity? Watching footy

What do you like most about Blairlogie?  
Seeing my friends



We had some amazing pieces of work entered into the 2025 Art Show.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Patrick Sheen and Maria Shreurs

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - Monique Praxmarer

3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up - Maria D'Alesio

Congratulations to our winners.

A big thank you to everyone who entered their work. Planning for 2026 Show has already begun and we look forward to seeing some more talented and creative pieces of work.



## 2025 ART EXHIBITION WINNERS






# GEMMA MATHESON

Intake Officer / Support Staff

How long have you worked at Blairlogie? 3.5 years

What was your job before Blairlogie? retail 

Who is your favourite Singer / Band? Taylor Swift 

What is your favourite movie? Harry Potter 

Favourite Colour? Pink

If you could have any superpower? mind reader 

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

Hawaii 




**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

## BRAIN TEASERS



In this edition of the bulletin we have hidden a number of Pokemon among the pages.

Your task is to find as many as you can - look carefully 

How many can you find??



Answer- 20

Our November Bright Star is Bom Lam. In recognition of his kindness, teamwork, and the genuine care Bom shows in his role. He is always a supportive and dependable team member, consistently going above and beyond to ensure clients receive the best possible care. Bom's compassion and thoughtful way that he supports Anthony and others truly stand out—you lead with heart and make a positive difference every day.



**BLAIRLOGIE BRIGHT STAR**

## ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

# PROGRAMS OF SUPPORT



Programs of Support (PoS) are structured, time-limited group programs designed to build capacity, promote skill development, and support meaningful participation in community and centre-based activities. Under the NDIS Rules, a Program of Support allows participants to engage in a planned series of sessions that run for 12 weeks with consistent goals, staffing, and program structure.

At Blairlogie, our Programs of Support are developed to ensure participants receive predictable, goal-focused support, while providing flexibility, safety, and high-quality outcomes.

**MINI BREAKS 2026** Blairlogie

**FEBRUARY 2 Nights City Break**  
Take in the famous landmarks of marvelous Melbourne! Lots of places of interest to visit on our break, not to mention enjoying the delicious food on offer.

**MARCH 4 Nights Torquay**  
Experience the surf culture of Torquay, the home of Bide Beach and the official start point of the Great Ocean Road.

**MAY 4 Nights Bright**  
The town of Bright, at the base of the Victorian Alps, is renowned for its three-lane streets, local shopping and outdoor adventures. Enjoy the beauty of Autumn colours in this magical town.

**MINI BREAKS 2026** Blairlogie

**JUNE 3 Nights Bendigo**  
Explore gold rush history at the Central Deborah Gold Mine, see world-class art at the Art Gallery or discover cultural heritage at the Golden Dragon Museum. Take a ride in historic trams or relax in the beautiful Botanic Gardens.

**AUGUST 3 Nights Yarra Valley**  
This region is a stunning natural playground of gourmet cafes and farm gates, quaint villages and world-famous vineyards.

**OCTOBER 4 Nights Appollo Bay**  
Set at the foothills of the Otways and the ultimate road trip with spectacular views. Relax on pristine sandy shores, wander the coast and explore rainforests full of waterfalls, ferns and crystal clear streams.

# 2026

## MINI BREAKS

We have some amazing Mini Breaks and beautiful places arranged for this years destinations. If you are interested in attending reach our to [recreationservices@blairlogie.org](mailto:recreationservices@blairlogie.org) or call (03) 5978 7900 for more information.



### RESIDENTIAL UPDATE



## Anthony's big 50<sup>th</sup>

Anthony recently celebrated his 50th birthday! While he was out with Bom, one of his staff team members, his family were busy at home decorating and preparing a surprise for him. Anthony was so happy and surprised when he returned to see his family and friends waiting to celebrate with him. He enjoyed marking this special occasion surrounded by loved ones, including his fellow residents, Simon and Justin. It was a wonderful day filled with joy, laughter, and great memories.



### REC UPDATE



**WE'RE HIRING!**

**Bus Drivers**

Do you enjoy driving and making a difference in your community?

We are looking for dependable AM or PM Bus Drivers who are committed to safety, customer service, and keeping our clients moving comfortably and on time.

**Requirements**

- Availability for AM or PM bus runs.
- Current Victorian Drivers License
- Working with Children's Check (WWCC)
- NDIS Workers Screening Check
- CPR and First Aid
- Clean Driving History

AM Bus run operating time 6:45-8:45am  
PM Bus run operating time 2:45-4:45pm  
Training will be provided for the right candidates.

**APPLY NOW**

[william.thomas@blairlogie.org](mailto:william.thomas@blairlogie.org)  
[www.blairlogie.org](http://www.blairlogie.org)  
685 North Road, Cranbourne South

In December, Blairlogie's Team Liaisons and Client Experience Officers enjoyed the opportunity to attend a luncheon at Crown, hosted by the Victorian Chamber of Commerce.

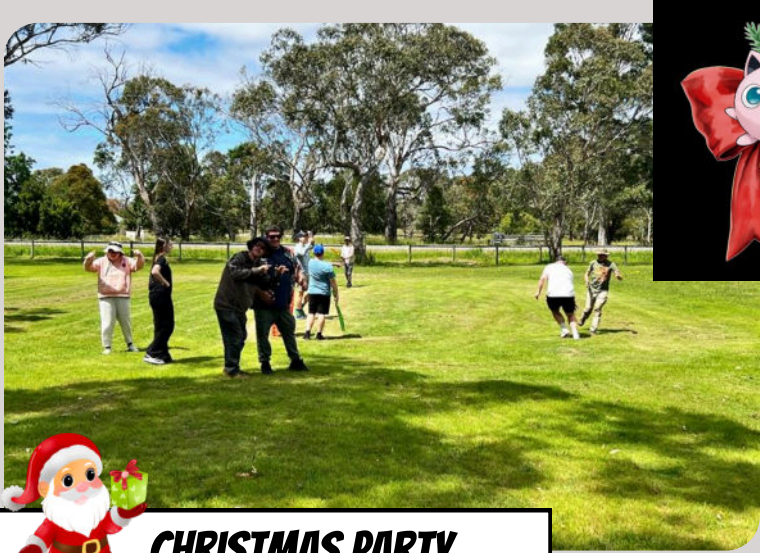
The annual Women in Business Luncheon brought together three of Australia's most inspiring fashion leaders, who shared their stories on leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation. They spoke openly about building meaningful brands, embracing change and continuing to shape the future of their industry.

It was a wonderful opportunity for these women, who play such important roles at Blairlogie, to connect, feel inspired and bring fresh ideas back to their work.



### CELEBRATING CONNECTION





## CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our annual Christmas party brought everyone together for a joyful day filled with good food, great company, and festive cheer. The space buzzed with conversation and laughter as everyone gathered around, shared tables to enjoy a hearty holiday meal.

The highlight of the day was, of course, the meal. Plates were filled with traditional favorites, and the room quickly became a place of relaxed enjoyment as people caught up, made new connections, and took time to simply enjoy being together. Staff and clients alike embraced the spirit of the season, creating an atmosphere of warmth, inclusion, and community. More than just a party, the Christmas celebration was a reminder of what this time of year is truly about: coming together, sharing a meal, and appreciating one another. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and to all who attended - The client committee look forward to creating more special moments together in the year ahead. 🎄





Our intake team is ready to share the work we do at Blairlogie Living & Learning Inc.—supporting adults and teenagers to build skills, confidence, and meaningful connections. We have a large number of community and school expos coming up in the coming months. If you're in the area pop in and say hi 🙋

**OUT & ABOUT**



- Stephen Russo
- Kelly Samaras
- Emily Speak
- Chanette Leigh
- Tina Barrett
- Emma Berger

*Happy Birthday* 🎉

**IDPWD - FOSTERING INCLUSION**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**



December 3rd we celebrated inclusion, strength, and the incredible contributions of people with disabilities in our communities.

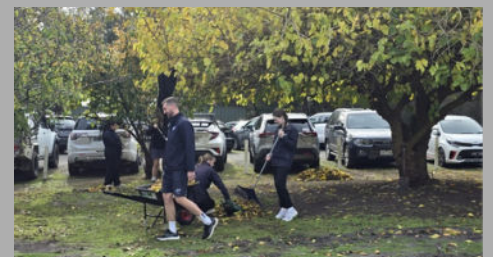
This day is a reminder that accessibility, respect, and equal opportunity aren't just goals—they are essential. Let's continue to challenge stereotypes, remove barriers, and stand alongside people of all abilities. Together, we can build a world where everyone is valued, included, and empowered.

This year's theme is "Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress", and Blairlogie is proud to champion this vision by supporting meaningful opportunities, amplifying voices, and ensuring everyone has the chance to thrive through partnerships with our community organisations — Casey Mens Shed , Bayside Christian College , Marnebek School, We Rock the Spectrum - Berwick VIC and Frankston City Council Meals on Wheels, to name a few. We also celebrate the individual contributions of our clients, like Rom, who teamed up with City of Kingston to help promote their commitment to accessibility and inclusiveness for all.

You can watch Rom's video here ▶

**Watch Now**

Together, by working hand in hand with our communities and celebrating the achievements of every individual, we can create a truly inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to shine.



After taking a break from swimming, Paige is back in the pool ~ She's refreshed her skills, including standing and walking in the water, and has done an amazing job over the past three weeks. Aquatic environments can be uniquely empowering. The buoyancy of water reduces pressure on the body, allowing people of all abilities to move more freely than they might on land. With the right support, even simple floating can become a powerful experience—one that blends relaxation, accomplishment, and joy. This moment captures more than a swim lesson. It reflects connection, encouragement, and the simple happiness that comes from feeling safe enough to let go and float.



**A FISH IN WATER**



# Be Sun Smart!

-  Slap on SPF30 or higher sunscreen and apply every two hours.
-  Slap on a protective broad brimmed hat.
-  Slide on wrap around sunglasses that comply with Australian standards.
-  Slip on sun protective clothing.
-  Seek shade where possible.



Blairlogie Bright Stars - December is Sharon and Anthony Recognised for their tireless dedication and commitment to Blairlogie. Since their arrival, they have driven some of the biggest, most visible, and beneficial changes across the organisation. Their passion, hard work, and positive impact have made a lasting difference for both clients and staff, truly embodying the spirit of a Blairlogie Bright Star. Thank you for choosing be part of Blairlogie



**BLAIRLOGIE BRIGHT STAR**



**ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT**

## ART PROGRAMS



Art and craft activities at Blairlogie take place in our cosy, purpose-built workshop, where everyone is welcome to get creative and have fun. It's a great chance to try out different materials, learn new techniques, and express your own unique creative flair. Each year, anyone who takes part in our art and craft sessions is invited—and encouraged!—to enter their wonderful creations into our annual Art Show





# SUMMER TEEN & ADULT ACTIVITY WEEKS





# Extreme Weather Plan - Enacted

Putting Safety First During Extreme Weather

After experiencing multiple extreme heat days earlier this year, Blairlogie has developed a new Extreme Weather Plan, which was enacted for the first time Tuesday January 27.

With our location in a high fire-risk area and the complex needs of those we support, this plan focuses on what matters most — keeping everyone safe.

For those clients who still attended for what ever reason, it was nothing but fun on the cards and we extend a very big THANK YOU to Cranbourne West Community Hub who allowed us the use of their space to continue to provide supports.

A big THANK YOU also to DM Sports who ran an afternoon of engaging and fun activities - the smiles said it all.

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback, helped shape this important work or was involved in and the lead up to yesterday.

It's amazing what we can achieve when a community comes together

