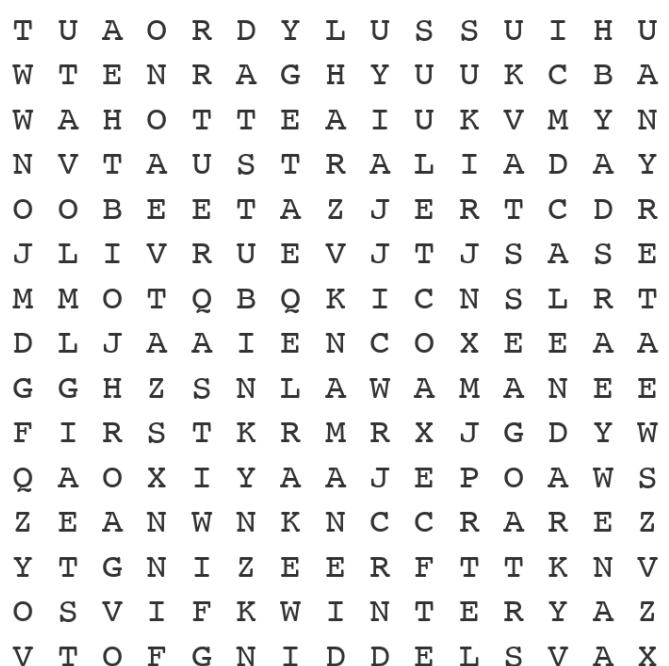


Who's Who at Pinegrove Place

Executive Director – Lori Sidjak (232)
 Director of Care – Niamh Buckley (234)
 Assistant Director of Care – Neelam Nagi (231)
 Recreation Manager – Melissa Moussa (224)
 Support Services Manager – Joy Simbulan (226)
 Finance Manager – Irina Tataru (215)
 Chaplain – Marilyn Chan (233)
 Social Worker – Sam Lerner (249)
 Dietician – Mia Yuan (245)
 Building Services Manager - Andreas Brade 236)
 Administrative Assistant – Sylvia Penner (222)
 Confidential Secretary – Pansey Ng (221)

Searching For January



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 / NEWYEARS DAY / SEAGOAT / SLEDDING /
 SNOWMAN / SWEATER / WATERBEARER /
 WINTER

Mission
 Our mission honours God with holistic care providing compassion, hope and life to the community we serve.

Vision
 Our vision is to nurture the overall well-being and confidence of our community by providing a supportive home guided by Christian values.

Values
Therefore as we have opportunity let us do good to all people - Galatians 6:10
Respect – Each individual is created in God's likeness; our belief in the sanctity of life motivates us to treat all with dignity, compassion and respect.
Community – Rooted in love, all relationships are nurtured by belonging, safety and commitment.
Stewardship – We strive to be faithful stewards, using our resources effectively to serve others.
Quality – We are committed to maintaining high standards to ensure the quality of life of the residents we serve.
Integrity – We exemplify honesty, trust, and confidentiality with ethical and moral principles.



Farewell



Margaret R
 May 15, 1937 – December 3, 2025

Welcome New Residents

Wen Mei X

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This fall at Pinegrove, we will be completing our four year cycle with an Accreditation Survey. Please keep an eye out for info onsite and in our newsletters and calendars for ways to be involved.



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Aussie All Around

January 26 is a big to-do down under. All across Australia, citizens observe Australia Day as the anniversary of the first arrival of British ships on the island continent.

On January 26, 1788, British Captain Arthur Phillip hoisted the Union Jack flag in Sydney Cove—and unloaded 759 British convicts from 11 ships. For the next 70 years, 160,000 felons would arrive in Australia's penal colony and overwhelm the aboriginal Australian population. Indeed, this anniversary seems to mark a rather inglorious beginning to Australia's British-national history. Even former Australian Tourist Commission Managing Director Ken Boundy calls Australia "the only country in the world that marks its national holiday not by celebrating its identity but by questioning it."

From these inequitable beginnings, Australia Day has grown into a day recognizing and celebrating equality. For many, Australia Day means celebrating everyone's right to identify as a "true blue" Aussie—as many Australians call themselves—in whichever way they choose.

Perhaps there's no better example of the Australian spirit of equality than on the sporting field. "Within the story of sport in Australia, the idea of egalitarianism is very powerful," says Australian sociologist Catriona Elder. Sport, she says, is "the key place where equality is practiced." The idea of a level playing field, where talent and hard work make you a winner, seems to embody exactly what it means to be Australian.

So maybe it's no coincidence that the Australian Open tennis tournament falls from mid- to late-January, or that so many Australians celebrate Australia Day by lighting up the barbecue and playing national sports like rugby, cricket, or Australian Rules Football, that curious mishmash of American football, soccer, and rugby, played with an oval ball on an oval field. No matter what you play, there's no one way to be a "true blue" Aussie.



Robbie Burns

When it comes to Scottish poets, the logical place to start is with Robert Burns, the beloved national poet of Scotland celebrated "Rabbie" Burns, the eldest son of tenant farmer William and his wife Agnes, was born in Alloway, Scotland, in 1759. Despite their modest status, his parents insisted on his being educated and encouraged reading from an early age. At the age of 27, his first collection of poetry, *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, was published. It was met with immediate success, and Burns quickly achieved celebrity status. Despite the acclaim, financial security did not follow, and he had to take a job as an exciseman (tax collector).

He also began to collect and edit hundreds of Scottish airs for several publications. While doing this, he began writing his own songs, including perhaps his best-known song, "Auld Lang Syne," which is still sung today, especially on New Year's Eve. Written in a mix of Scots and English, his work, rooted in love, nature, and the common man, had a universal appeal. And so apparently did he, with 12 known children—nine with his wife Jean and three with three other women. He died at the age of 37 from a rheumatic heart condition, which if diagnosed today could have been successfully treated. Tragically, on the day of his funeral, his wife gave birth to their last child, a son named Maxwell.

Despite his untimely death, Burns wrote some 716 known works, including poems and poems set to music as songs. In Scotland, his birthday (January 25) is commemorated each year in what is known as Burns Night, complete with a Burns Supper. Essentially a national holiday, it is celebrated with songs that are sung, poems that are read, whisky that is imbibed, and haggis that is eaten in a nod to his popular poem "Address to a Haggis."



Chaplain's Corner: New Beginnings

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor. 5:17)

How do you prepare for the New Year? Here are some interesting New Year's traditions from around the globe:

- In Siberia it is tradition to dive into a frozen lake while holding a tree trunk, which is placed underneath the ice.
- In a traditional festival from Burma, people splash water on one another to start the New Year with a purified soul.
- Armenian mothers bake special bread which they knead with good luck and good wishes.
- In the Philippines homeowners open all their doors and windows on New Year's Eve in order to allow negative energy to leave and good energy to enter.
- Spanish tradition holds that eating 12 grapes just before the clock chimes midnight will bring good fortune for all 12 months of the upcoming year.
- One New Year's custom in Russia is to write a wish for the upcoming year on a piece of paper, then to burn the paper and place the ashes in a glass of champagne, which needs to be consumed right before the New Year is rung in for the wish to come true.
- Residents in Johannesburg, South Africa throw old appliances and furniture out the window, representing the old adage "out with the old and in with the new."
- Brazilians wear white clothing, a custom meant to bring good luck for the upcoming year. This is often accompanied by a trip to the beach to throw flowers in the sea while making a wish.

When you closely look at these different traditions, there seems to be a common theme of letting go of the things that weigh us down and making room for something new and good. It's probably why many of us make resolutions at the

Happy Birthday January Baby!

Mei Hing C.....January 1
Ben P.....January 30

beginning of a new year. We want to be free of those habits and practices that impede or stifle our growth and adopt behaviours and routines that will help us to flourish.

Most of us, however, will fail to follow through with these well-intentioned resolutions within a few weeks of the new year, but the good news for all of us is that we serve a God of New Beginnings. The Bible is full of beginnings that are a delight to explore and reflect upon: Creation, Covenant, the Cross and the "new heaven and new earth" that await us at the end of time. Over and over and over again, in the midst of our sinfulness, in the midst of our wandering, in the midst of our fear, in the midst of our failure, this God of new beginnings begins with us again.

So as we stand with our back to the old year and look forward to the new one to come, we can have hope in the promises of God. We will certainly face both trying and joyful times ahead, but we can rest assured that God will "never leave or forsake us." And even more amazing, God promises us his grace which gifts us with a fresh new start, not just on New Year's Day, but every day. We don't have to wait until New Year's Eve to turn from wrong paths. We simply come to our Father, confess our sins and then receive freely from mercies and love which are new every morning. So let us embark upon this new year with freedom and confidence knowing that the God of New Beginnings walks steadfastly beside us every step of the journey ahead of us.

Jesus, thank you for the gift of a new year – a fresh start. Give me faith to know that no matter what last year looked like, you're still with me and you're still for me. I thank you for the new thing you're doing and the path you've set before me. Help me to walk with you in 2026. Amen.