

# Press Release

## Painting a Picture of Community



Pictured above: Residents of Graceford Residential Aged Care Facility Iris and Ray Greaves with their granddaughters Allanah and Paige Fawcett, student artists. Photograph courtesy of Paige Somerville.

The community of Serpentine Jarrahdale have come together through the painting of a mural and the donation of a bus for the residents at Baptistcare's Graceford Residential Aged Care facility.

The students from Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School have recently completed a mural of an Australian outback bush scene for the residents at Graceford with paints which were kindly donated by Linda Branley. The residents have also been fortunate enough to receive a bus, which was purchased from Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School with funds generously given by Bendigo Bank.

The Serpentine Jarrahdale students were invited to a congratulatory morning tea at Graceford on Wednesday December 7 to celebrate the unveiling of the mural with the residents. They were joined by Principal Lorraine Scott, volunteer artist Rebecca Shelton, Kim Petersen from the Bendigo Bank in Byford and Linda Branley who donated paint for the project.

Manager Residential Care, Zofia Graham expressed the meaningfulness of the project to the residents of Graceford as they welcomed the local students into their home.

"The relationship between Graceford Hostel and Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School has brought together an intergenerational bond between residents and students,"

“This bond has provided the opportunity for residents to follow the growth of the students and remember their own school years.”

The mural has been placed in a corridor leading to Beenyup, the Dementia section of the Graceford facility.

Thanks to the spirit of community at Serpentine Jarrahdale, the residents will now enjoy a spectacular bush scene in the comfort of their own home. The Graceford residents can also look forward to many comfortable rides in their newly acquired bus when they go on regular outings.

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