

The latest news and updates for residents

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MASKS REQUIRED IN ALL COMMON AREAS

While masks remain mandatory in common areas and the rules for the gym and pool remain the same, the Covid-19 restrictions are being regularly eased.

These have been challenging times and the way that the residents of Clarendon Towers have done what has been asked to keep each other safe, has been fantastic.

Introducing Kumodya P. Don (aka 'Don')

Let's take a closer look at the man who runs Clarendon Towers. Don is originally from the beautiful country of Sri Lanka growing up mainly in the western province. He came to Melbourne for his studies and has lived here for 20 years. What he loves most about Melbourne is its diversity.

Don has a younger sister and brother who he misses a lot and planned to see them last year but Covid had other plans. He used to follow cricket but now boxes as a hobby. He first met his wife Malinka in Mangalore in India (and tells me that's a story for another day). They got married a year later. Malinka is a physio and their little boy Ryan is 4 and loves kindergarten.

Don began work at Clarendon Towers in 2003 and took on the position of Building Manager in 2006. The **worst thing** he says about the job is dealing with intruders - the people who slip in when others enter the main foyer. In protecting the residents Don (and the other building staff) are sometimes physically attacked. Here's where the boxing comes in handy I guess.

Don says the **best thing** about the job is the people he deals with every day.

The residents of Clarendon Towers are pretty happy with the work that Don does and we congratulate he and Malinka on the birth of their second son.

GOOD NEWS - The buzz is back...

Residents can now access the intercom system to buzz up visitors, carers, and trade persons. BUT please make sure that prior to allowing access, visitors have signed in using the QR Code in the front entrance.

Take Away Food Deliveries are not to be allowed up to residents' floors.

Don't miss Don's delicious traditional homeland recipe for dahl, go to the online version of this newsletter on our building website - <http://www.clarendontowers.com.au/>



Meeting room for resident use

Did you know that Clarendon Towers has a recently renovated meeting room that is available for resident private use?

The ground floor room, located behind the building manager's office, can be booked for private entertainment functions, such as personal celebrations, book groups and/or other social or ad hoc professional needs.

Crockery and cutlery are available for use subject to residents' ensuring that the room is left in the same clean state it is found.

To make a booking contact building management.

Regrettably, the meeting room facility is not available for use for children's birthday parties.

Committee Update and Thank You

Your Committee has been kept busy over the past year, updating CT residents on government COVID-19 restrictions and overseeing the completion of key maintenance projects such as the replacement of boiler unit, installation of new CCTV cameras, replacement of a section of the rubbish chute, repairs to compactor unit and all ongoing maintenance requirements.

We thank Don and his team for their support in making CT a great place to live, despite the challenging times we've all experienced.

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Gym & Pool Opening Hours

While COVID-19 restrictions have largely eased, in order to continue to protect the health and safety of our residents, your Committee is committed to maintaining a twice-daily deep-clean schedule for our building leisure facilities. Therefore, the current daily opening hours will continue until further notice:

7 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 10 pm

The Committee acknowledges that these hours may not suit all residents but asks for your understanding in the interests of protecting our entire resident community.

Resident library

A little-known gem of Clarendon Towers is the Resident Library.

Established with a significant donation of books from former and current CT residents, the library is free to use and operates on an honour system, whereby residents may borrow whatever they wish to on the expectation that books borrowed will be returned.

The library is currently being re-sorted and residents will be advised when open for borrowing!