

## Local business profile

*C Wallis & Sons - a long tradition*

C.Wallis & Son Chemists was established in 1870 and has remained a family run business for nearly 150 years providing service and advice to many local generations. These days not only does the pharmacy have a wide range of medicinal products, but also a wide range of giftware, skin care, and fragrances for all ages and occasions.

Since 2016 Rhodri Jones and his wife April have owned the business, retaining the staff that locals have grown to love over many years, and creating a friendly, and helpful environment. Being a boutique pharmacy, service and a friendly chat are the order of the day, with the convenience of being opened 9am to 9pm 7 days per week and offering free delivery service to The Benson residents.

*Rhodri Jones and his wife April at their Pharmacy.*



## Exquisite ending is nearing completion



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## A dream coming to fruition

*Our October - November construction update.*

If you travel along Toorak Road, you now have a good appreciation of how The Benson will enhance the local environs. Our architects, Demaine Partnership, have designed an outstanding building of charm that fits well in the neighbourhood and complements the parish church which adjoins it. Construction is well advanced and the builder, Buxton Constructions, expects to achieve completion before Christmas.

An inspection of the interior discloses the progress being made to complete the spacious apartments with their large balconies. It is easy to visualise how these will provide the base for gracious living for the residents who will be fortunate to occupy them. An attractive feature of the development is the individuality of the apartments; no two apartments share the same plan.

The communal areas are generously proportioned, where residents will be able to relax in the lounge alone or with friends, enjoy a drink from the well-stocked bar or a coffee. The dining area will be available for meals with friends or fellow residents, or go outside to the informal dining area with its barbecue facilities. Landscaping will start soon, including that of the garden where residents will be able to enjoy the sunshine and read a book or the newspaper, as the mood takes them.

There is a growing sense of excitement among those involved in the project as we see dream being fulfilled.



*Construction with Church along side.*



*Dr John Shirley and his wife Jill.*

## Meet Dr John Shirley and his wife Jill

*Both John and Jill are looking forward to their new home at The Benson.*

Dr John Shirley and his wife Jill reserved their apartment at The Benson in May this year. So excited with their decision, they have influenced others to look and even buy at The Benson.

Having lived in Kooyong for the last 9 years, and previously in South Yarra, they were keen to stay in the area, close to their sons and their families.

John, originally from Hobart, held senior positions in large companies in the Resources sector. He and Jill, a Canberra girl, have lived in different parts of the world including a stint in Japan for 12 months.

Jill, having raised their sons, developed an interest in local planning which resulted in her gaining further qualifications and becoming Victoria's first Heritage Planner with the City of Melbourne. Jill feels very comfortable with the design of The Benson and believes it complements the architectural style of St Peter's Church.

Their sons are delighted and very supportive of their decision to move to The Benson, believing the opportunity of social contact in a development of like-minded people will be a positive move. Both Jill and John are looking forward to living in a smaller boutique project which will offer services such as a concierge, some facilities such as a library, lounge and occasional dining in the area they are familiar with, close to friends and family.

## A gathering of The Benson Community

*Progress Event held on Monday 18 September 2017 at*

Future Residents gathered at Kooyong for an informative opportunity to hear the latest progress on The Benson, meet with other future neighbours and enjoy a delightful afternoon tea over a coffee or glass of wine.

John Ralph, the Chairman of St Peter's Renewal Committee spoke about the advancement of the apartments, and completion planned for just prior to Christmas, and most occupancies in the New Year, depending on our future Residents' requirements.

The Benson has been designed to be the most prestigious high quality retirement living project, and looking at it's progress it is clearly, on track to achieve this.

Following John's presentation, he introduced Margie Bromilow our Interior Designer who spoke of colours, furnishing choices, and the great opportunity the Benson has, being a new, elegant project in a most desirable location. Margie described the look as being of warm elegance yet providing a homely ambience. Furnishings will be of a pale colour palette encompassing beautiful textured cushions with accessories hand chosen for that special position be it in the lounge, dining area or bar. She is especially excited about the art work which will adorn the walls of the Residents communal area as well as the hallways on each level.



*John Ralph and Margie Bromilow at the Progress event held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Centre.*



*Sorrento Golf Club interior design by Margie Bromilow MBA Design Group.*

## Meet your Interior Designer

*Margie Bromilow is passionate about interiors, architecture, fashion and design.*

MBA Design Group was founded in 1975 by Margie Bromilow who entered the world of interiors through the fashion industry. She learned the business in Flinders Lane and took her flair and energy to South Yarra where she opened FIG. She was the first to bring Yves St Laurent to Australia. Margie also developed the retail design concept that made Sheridan a brand leader including visual merchandising throughout the world.

Since developing MBA Design Group, Margie has managed retail, commercial and residential projects. Her expertise includes, but is not limited to high end residential projects. She is passionate about interiors, architecture, fashion and design.

Margie's aspirations for The Benson is to ensure the elegance of the interior remains paramount, whilst creating a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.

Having completed the interior design for many well-known projects in Melbourne such as St Joseph's Mews, The Sorrento Golf Club, Rylands Group and various residential interiors Margie's focus is to provide modern interiors that are fit for purpose, be the need be for warm elegance, sumptuous formality, clean utility, or luxuriant comfort MBA is well versed in what enhances our living spaces.