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You may already have made your resolutions for 2021, but let's ensure that family and relationships are prioritised, especially in light of what we have learnt. At Senior Living, we are optimistic about the new year. In spite of what 2020 threw

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The Oppenheimer Jewels

On the night of 5 December 1955, an assortment of jewels belonging to Bridgett Oppenheimer, Harry Oppenheimer's wife, was stolen from Little Brenthurst, in Parktown, Johannesburg.

The most valuable item taken was a pure-white diamond ring estimated to be worth £35 000. A number of other exquisite pieces were also stolen. The total collection was insured for £250 000. It transpired that, sometime between 7.15pm and 10.30pm on the night in question, the thieves walked into the grounds, made their way up to Mrs Oppenheimer's bedroom, removed the jewels which were kept in a safe concealed in a built-in cupboard, and then walked out again. They needed neither sophisticated cutting tools nor explosives to get at the valuables, since they were able to use the safe key which Mrs Oppenheimer had left in a little box which she kept nearby.

None of the servants heard or saw anything. When Mrs Oppenheimer returned from her dinner engagement that evening, she didn't bother to return the jewellery she had been wearing to the safe. Although she did notice that a pillow-slip was missing from the room, she didn't attach any particular significance to the fact.

It wasn't until she opened the safe the following morning that she realised she had been robbed. She first phoned the police, then her husband's office, then she summoned the servants. "I told them what had happened," she said, "that my jewels had apparently been stolen. But they knew nothing about the robbery."

Police-Colonel Ulf Boberg, Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer for the Witwatersrand, took charge of the investigation, and a large team of police officers were on the scene. An exhaustive search of the grounds proved fruitless. Given the ease with which the crime had been carried out, it was suspected that the robbery had been an 'inside job', involving one or more members of the staff. However, it quickly became apparent that this was not the case.

Photographs of the jewels were dispatched to Interpol, Scotland Yard and the FBI, and police and customs throughout the country were ordered to be on the lookout. Carried by



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newspapers and radio services, news of the theft quickly spread worldwide.

On 9 December, a reward of £20 000 was offered for information leading to the return of the jewels. The valuables were insured by the London & Lancashire Company, and one week after the robbery, a firm of adjusters which represented the insurers, sent their own chief investigator, Mr Dudley Strevens. On his arrival, Mr Strevens immediately contacted the firm of John Murray & Company, the South African representatives of the London insurers, and on 13 December, he met with one of their insurance assessors, Mr A.D. Cook. It emerged that Mr Cook had been approached by an Australian named William Lindsay Pearson, who claimed to have information regarding the missing jewels: he maintained that he knew not only who had them, but also where they were, and he was prepared to arrange their return - in exchange for a reward

considerably higher than the £20 000 offered.

Shortly after Strevens' arrival, the two insurance men went to meet Pearson at his room in the Old Carlton Hotel in Eloff Street. The Australian stated his case in no uncertain terms. "Gentlemen," he began, "I've been a swindler and trickster all my life, and I've no intention of changing now. I've got information, but you're not going to get it out of me for the reward offered. You're going to have to pay a lot more before those jewels are back in Mrs Oppenheimer's safe."

Pearson was undoubtedly a cool customer, but Dudley Strevens was no fool either. "Mr Pearson," he replied sharply, "my company is not in the jewellery business. We have no intention of buying back the jewels. We are looking for information that will lead to their recovery." Pearson nodded. "Yes, I quite understand. Unfortunately, the thieves will not consider returning them for less than £75 000, but I may be able to persuade them to drop this figure to £50 000."

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"That amount is out of the question," Stevens replied. "In England, the reward paid is normally 10% of the value of the stolen articles, which in this case means £20 000. We might raise this figure to £40 000. Furthermore, any negotiations with the robbers would have to be conducted through official police

channels." At the mention of the word 'police', Pearson took fright. One of his concerns was that if the police became involved, they would investigate his shady background and deport him. It was at this point that he came up with a second scheme.

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He proposed that if Strevens or Cook obtained a gun licence on his behalf, he would hijack the jewels himself. The two insurance men were totally against this idea and pointed out that, besides, it was impossible to get a gun licence. Pearson then presented a third scheme, a compromise of sorts. He would accept the figure of £20 000 on the understanding that he would, in addition, be paid a further £20 000 'retainer' by Strevens' firm, in the form of four annual instalments of £5 000 each, for which he would not have to perform any work. Again Strevens refused. After a long negotiation, Pearson reluctantly agreed to accept a reward of £20 000.

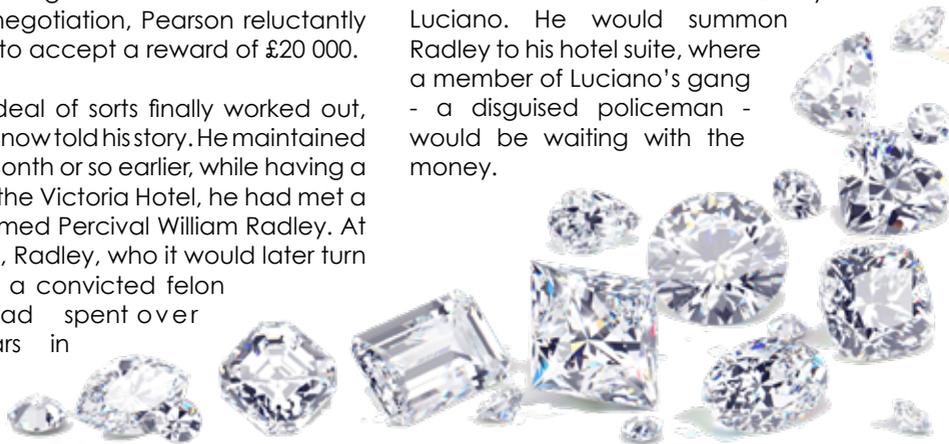
With a deal of sorts finally worked out, Pearson now told his story. He maintained that a month or so earlier, while having a drink at the Victoria Hotel, he had met a man named Percival William Radley. At the time, Radley, who it would later turn out was a convicted felon who had spent over 10 years in

British prisons for a variety of crimes, had hinted that a 'big job' involving jewels was about to be carried out.

Between 23 November and 8 December Pearson had been in London, but, reading of the theft of the Oppenheimer jewels on his return to South African, he immediately realised that this was the 'big job' to which Radley had referred. His suspicions were confirmed when he contacted Radley, and it was then that he decided to make himself some easy money.

On 14 December, the day after Strevens and Cook had met with Pearson, Colonel Boberg learnt of the discussion. He was extremely angry at having been excluded, and soon the three men were on their way to meet with Pearson at the Carlton Hotel.

When Boberg confronted Pearson, the Australian was very cool about the whole affair. Boberg challenged him to produce any item of jewellery to prove his story. Naturally, Pearson could not oblige. However, he did agree to act as go-between in a scheme to get the jewels back. He already had his part carefully worked out: he would claim to be acting on behalf of an internationally famous crime boss named Lucky Luciano. He would summon Radley to his hotel suite, where a member of Luciano's gang - a disguised policeman - would be waiting with the money.



A meeting with Radley was duly arranged for that same evening. A large contingent of plain-clothes policemen descended on the hotel and Detective Sergeant Swart, the man who was to play the role of Lucky Luciano's henchman, hid in Pearson's bathroom. He had with him two suitcases containing £48 000 in cancelled notes.

At about 9.15pm, Pearson received a call in his room. Fifteen minutes later, two men knocked at the door. One was Percival Radley, and the other, a 34 year old former security officer named Donald Miles, who was carrying a box wrapped in Christmas paper. Pearson carried the box into the bathroom, where Detective-Sergeant Swart was hiding. Shortly afterwards, Swart said, "You can tell your men I'm satisfied. I'll buy the jewels." And he handed over the money.

While Radley and Miles were counting the money on the bed, Swart slipped into the corridor and summoned his waiting colleagues. Within seconds, Radley and Miles had been arrested for the theft of the Oppenheimer jewels. The two men were taken to Marshall Square Police Station for questioning.

It was at this point that things began to go wrong for the police. Both Radley

and Miles denied vehemently that they had had anything to do with the robbery. Radley claimed that he had been invited to Pearson's room for a drink, and Miles declared ignorance of the whole affair. He maintained that he had been given the Christmas parcel by a 'Jewish chap' and asked to deliver it to suite 641, Pearson's suite. "I've been taken for a ride," he said.

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To make matters worse, Pearson suddenly developed cold feet; whether he was suffering pangs of conscience, or was concerned about his reputation among the criminal fraternity is impossible to say. Without his testimony, however, the police had no case. Help came from an unexpected source. On the day following his arrest, Percival Radley declared that he was prepared to co-operate with the police if he was guaranteed immunity from prosecution. The police agreed.

In his statement, Radley admitted that he had originally been prepared for involvement in the robbery. He also confessed to entering the grounds of Brenchurst with Miles and 'casing' the house. However, on the night in question, he had been at the cinema with a girlfriend. It was Miles alone, he claimed, who had broken into Little Brenchurst and stolen the Oppenheimer jewels.

A preparatory examination was held at Johannesburg Magistrates' Court in January 1956. Miles was charged with theft and housebreaking, with intent to steal. Pearson, whom the Crown



alleged was in no way involved in the actual theft, was to be charged with accessory before and after the fact. Radley, a colourful character who gave the public vivid glimpses of the underworld, was the prosecution's chief witness.

On 16 March, the Attorney-General announced that he would not prosecute Pearson. Miles, however, was committed to trial on the charge that, on the night of 5 December 1955, he had stolen from the home of Harry and Bridgett Oppenheimer: 16 rings, 9 bracelets, 17 brooches, 5 necklaces, 6 watches, 1 evening bag, 2 Buddha set in platinum with diamonds, 1 powder case, 1 festoon ornament, 1 platinum-and-diamond bag, 2 tie pins, 1 buddha without stones, 50 to 60 Rhodesian bank

notes, 1 wallet containing notes, safe keys, 3 jewellery boxes, a number of badges and cigarette holders, and 1 pillow slip.

Perhaps the best summary of the whole affair appeared in the Cape Times shortly after the trial had closed:

We now know of three men who did not steal the jewels. But this does not help us to know who did. Perhaps we never shall and the whole affair, except for a small dent in the profits of an insurance company, will be forgotten.

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Bridgett Oppenheimer



William Lindsay Pearson



Police-Colonel Ulf Boberg



Percival Radley



Mr Dudley Strevens



Donald Miles



Mr A.D. Cook

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Here are a few things you can try to keep yourself and your family safe:

- **Think like a burglar:** The more security measures you put in place, the less accessible you make your property.
- **Alarm systems:** Burglar alarms are a great deterrent and can emit both sound and light when they go off, which is often enough to prevent any burglar from trying their luck.

- **Automatic lights:** Burglars prefer to operate under the cover of darkness - which makes putting them in the spotlight an effective deterrent.
- **Locks and doors:** Securing doors and windows with high-quality, modern locks is an absolute must. Also ensure that your doors are locked at all times, with keys removed from the keyhole.

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Collector's Corner

With Daryl Kriel,
from Kensington Bond

What makes some medals worth thousands and some medals worth very little?



gallantry. When it comes to value, the latter gets the lion's share. The Victoria Cross awarded for valour, would be the holy grail for medal collectors. The value would therefore be determined by the rarity of a medal or medal group. However lately, with the easy access to military rolls, some seemingly insignificant medals are finding value. It is the story behind the medal that has lifted the value of these medals.

Q: My Father left me his military medals. How do I know if they are worth anything?

- Brenda

A recipient who has a good story, and any paperwork to back it up, will be far more valuable. Sometimes the story will even surpass the condition. Beware of unscrupulous dealers who buy medals for low prices, when they are worth a whole lot more.

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1 clove garlic (crushed)
1 small knob of ginger (crushed)

Pink sauce (mix all ingredients together)

4 tablespoons of mayonnaise
2 tablespoons of tomato sauce
1 teaspoon sweet chilli sauce
2 drops of Tabasco sauce

METHOD

Step 1:

Heat a frying pan and add a blob of butter and a splash of olive oil.

Step 2:

Add a clove of garlic, a small knob of ginger and a pinch of salt, and simmer for a minute over a medium heat.

Step 3:

Add the prawns and fry for two minutes until they turn pink. Remove from the heat and cool.

To serve:

Line two cocktail serving glasses with thinly sliced cucumber and a bed of finely sliced lettuce. Add the prawns and drizzle the pink sauce over, garnish with a sprig of parsley and a slice of lemon. Enjoy!

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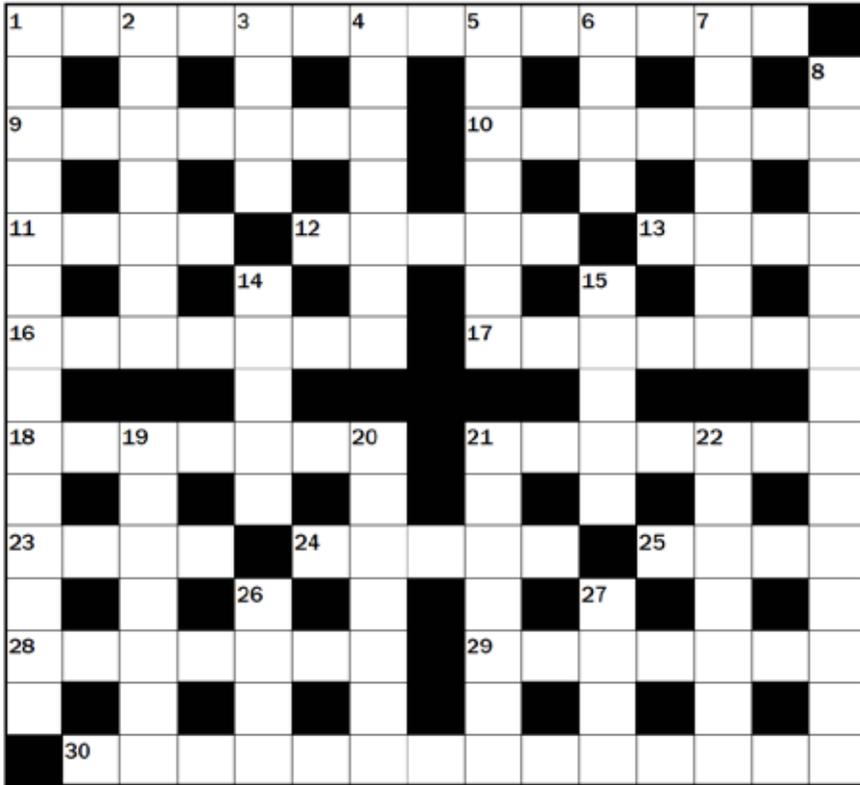
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4. What has an eye but cannot see?
5. What is always on its way but never arrives?

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ACROSS

1. Mostly training and skill show how easily something can be done (14)
9. Admires new weapon (7)
10. Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
11. A fool rejected Turner perhaps (4)
12. Transaction includes black fur (5)
13. Endlessly show respect by going down on one?(4)
16. Cut head off...cut head off exotic flower first (7)
17. Get together for prayer (7)
18. A very short dance? (3,4)
21. The weather worried Tim and Alec (7)
23. Transport for vagrant mostly (4)
24. Embargo on nobleman (5)
25. God whose reflection is seen in canal (4)
28. Spoke but spoke indistinctly first off (7)
29. He worked with vicar to keep records (7)
30. Deborah started changing act (5,3,6)

DOWN

1. Launch sailing vessel and celebrate lavishly (4,3,4,3)
2. Composition by an Italian poet (7)
3. Melt some of the path away (4)
4. Announcer on the radio for match (7)
5. Rustic leaders of British union get tummy ache (7)
6. Permit takes time for Latvian (4)
7. Apprentice from Aintree messed up (7)
8. Again advanced smaller sum to head, showing persistence (14)
14. Damp has to destroy finally (5)
15. The King lives - that's crazy! (5)
19. One demands former thespian (7)
20. I put lad off with praise (7)
21. Piece of music for choir at end of performance (7)
22. Studio is refurbished late - that's right (7)
26. River associated with a waste product (4)
27. Copy Spain and Switzerland, love (4)



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*Reasons why***SUCCULENTS MAY NOT THRIVE**

OVERWATERING: Excess water in the soil leads to succulents' storage cells becoming overfilled, making the leaves look discoloured and sometimes a little translucent. Unless action is taken quickly, the succulent will rot and die. Ensure that you always plant succulents in a porous, sandy, well-draining potting soil. Look for succulent potting mix, or ensure that you add coarse sand to your soil. Succulents require sandy, nutritionally poor, fast-draining soil. Dark, nutrient-rich soil is not a treat for succulents. It holds too much water and too little air, which will result in your succulent roots struggling to breathe. Ensure that you water succulents only when the soil is dry.

UNDERWATERING: While overwatering is one of the most common causes of succulents dying, take care not to underwater them. The clearest sign that your succulents need more water is that their leaves become wrinkled.

SUNLIGHT: Sunlight is critical to the health and well-being of succulents. When succulents are starving for sunlight, they grow very tall, as they stretch to reach the light. Most succulents need at least 3 hours of direct sun every day. However, succulents can be damaged by too much direct sun and become "sunburned," with scars on their leaves. In the summer, in hot climates when the sun is harshest, the shade offered by bigger plants or rocks in mixed habitats provide filtered sunlight, which is best for succulents in hot areas.

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Funny Corner!

- It was a perfect Saturday morning, and Mike was beginning his pre-routine, visualising his upcoming shot, when a voice came over the clubhouse speaker, "Would the gentleman on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee!" Mike was oblivious to the interruption. Again the announcement, "Would the man on the women's tee kindly back up to the men's tee, please!" Mike turned and shouted, "Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot?"

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

- A husband was engrossed in a magazine while his wife was reading the newspaper. Suddenly, she burst out laughing. "Get this," she said. "Some guy put an ad in here offering to swap his wife for a season

ticket to the stadium." Her husband, still engrossed in his magazine, mumbled, "Hmmmmm." Wanting to test him, she asked, "Would you swap me for a season ticket?" He retorted, "Absolutely not, the season's more than half over!"

- A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbour and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbour asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbour arrives and she shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster. Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then, let's put all the Cornflakes back in the box."

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- Assists in the fight against chronic diseases.
- Helps maintain functional independence.
- Makes you happy and healthy.

Whether you are turning 50 or 80, it's never too late to start.

What's the best exercise?

- Cardio works the large muscles in your body (good for your cardiovascular system) and your weight (muscle burns more calories at rest than fat). It also increases muscle and bone strength, which prevents falls and fractures, and reduces heart disease risk.
- Start with walking or swimming, then work your way up to jogging and dance.
- Work the muscles in your legs, hips,

back, abs, chest, shoulders, and arms.

- Walk with friends.
- Bit wobbly on your legs? Sit on a chair, get your friends to put music on, and free dance (knees up, scissor, criss cross etc.). Add light weights to your hands, and strap on ankle weights.
- Start with a combination of cardio and light weight training, to allow your body to adjust.
- Include balance exercises to help prevent falls and use a chair for support when you start e.g. standing on one foot; shifting your weight from one leg to the other.

Whether you are turning 50 or 80, it's never too late to start. Exercise will help you live longer, improve your quality of life and fight the ageing process.

IMPORTANT: Always check with your doctor before you start any form of exercise.

Source: Soo Marsden, Personal Trainer, Fun2Fit, soo@fun2fit.co.za.

New Assisted Living and Frail Care Facility

If retirement is on your horizon, and you're searching for an independent, assisted or frail care lifestyle going forward, then this is it. Newly renovated and Cape-Dutch in style, Rose Ridge Senior Assisted Living recently opened at 93 Villiers Drive, Clarendon, Pietermaritzburg.

Qualified nursing staff and carers are on day and night.

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Qualified nursing staff and carers are on day and night. Sister Cheryl Ford, a qualified Registered Nurse with years of experience and available on 24 hour call heads up the caring team.

The home offers a magnificent garden and pool for the residents to enjoy at their leisure, while the gated community and internal cameras ensure the safety of the residents.

Chef Mandisa cooks scrumptious meals three times a day, with a spot of colonial-style tea in the mornings and afternoons. A voluminous, elegant dining room offers large tables, comfortable seating and oversized folding doors that open onto the garden.

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With your glass of wine or a cup of tea in hand, Rose Ridge endeavours to make your retirement a little easier and rather unique.

Contact Sr Cheryl Ford on 076 213 2064 or email admin@roserridge.co.za or visit 93 Villiers Drive, Clarendon.

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Selling a Property Out of an Estate

Selling a property out of an estate is more problematic than a “normal” transfer, as there are certain formalities which must be complied with. A sale agreement can only be signed by a person with the authority to do so. It’s impossible to merely ratify a sale agreement afterwards, so it’s recommended that a clause be inserted in the sale agreement which states that it’s subject to the Master’s approval.

The sale agreement is also subject to the Executor having obtained the prior written permission of the beneficiaries (consenting to the price, the manner of payment, and the conditions of the sale). Without these additional, time-consuming formalities being completed, there will be no binding sale.

Often the beneficiaries have no choice other than to sell a property, especially when insufficient cash/assets is available to “buy out” other beneficiaries (via a redistribution agreement). With this, comes the risk that a reasonable price won’t be obtained, due to a hasty sale, and the beneficiaries actually suffer a “loss”.

To wait it out would delay the winding up of the estate even more, which in itself can be problematic. Fortunately, an estate does not have to be finalised prior to the sale of a property, as the

Master is able to make provision for a sale.

Each situation is unique e.g. for some people, selling a property before death, is not an option.

Should you need any assistance in this regard, please contact Sonia Corris (Sonia Corris Attorneys and Conveyancers) on sonia@corrisattorneys.com.

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Continuing the Legacy...

A Son's Perspective: Continuing The Legacy Of Customer Service Into The Next Generation - By Josh Gilbert

"I was 3 years old when Oakleigh Funeral Home was started by my parents, and it almost feels as though I have been involved in the family business ever since. What a privilege it has been to grow up in a family where my parents ran a Funeral Home! This experience has certainly taught me the true blessing of life and family.

Growing up, my parents would take my sister and me on weekend camping trips and always placed huge emphasis on family time.

With such a wonderful upbringing, and emphasis on family, it soon became clear to me that I would some day like to follow in their footsteps, working in the Funeral industry.

I often remember sitting around the dinner table with my dad discussing his day at work - I quickly realised from these conversations that if being a funeral director is done properly and with passion, there is no greater honour or privilege than to walk alongside a grieving family, supporting them through their time of need. I have been hugely impacted by observing my mom and dad spend the hours they have, behind the scenes, working hard to improve the small details that have made Oakleigh the special place it is today.

Throughout this journey, I have had the privilege of being mentored by my dad, Dallas. He has spent many days guiding and teaching me ways of problem solving and navigating various challenges. The passion he has poured into this mentorship relationship, has been an inspiration and has taught me the value of perseverance through hardship.

I have come to the realisation that in Christ all things are possible. I have witnessed the creation of a legacy, built by my parents on a foundation of faith. This has encouraged staff members, and myself, to continuously be tender-hearted and gracious toward every grieving family that comes through our doors.

Overall, I would like to use this platform as an opportunity to thank my parents, Dallas and Natalie, for the caring Funeral Home they have created. This has been inspired by the desire to reach out and help people struck by grief, providing a safe space where families are assured of true care."

- Josh Gilbert

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest - Matthew 11:28



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