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Winter 2019

Welcome to our winter newsletter. Work is racing ahead on Stage 2 of our building and we are expecting completion of this by mid-October. The outside cladding is nigh on completion and the inside of the building will soon be completed. It will be great to see the completion of the landscaping. The inclusion of a courtyard in between the existing part of the building and stage 2, will give residents a place to sit outside. It is lovely to have such a great building where all of our residents can enjoy views of the neighbouring reserve and Red Beach along with comfortable rooms of a good size. Below are some samples of life at Halldene in recent months.

Visit from Silverdale Fire Brigade



Gladys with Twiddle Mitts



Maureen and Shirley with Nellie



Merv enjoying canine company



Germaine - 1950s celebration



Bubbles enjoying a volunteer visit

Staff News

It is fantastic to see our two registered nurses, Nimmy and Jintu, return from maternity leave and to have had their babies visit. This will help restore some normality to staffing. We have had the good fortune of having the Senate Nursing Bureau assist us while they were away and thank them for their time with us. Megan, who has also been on maternity leave will return to work in a few weeks' time.

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Focus on Care

A reminder that we welcome feedback on the care we provide as we are always aiming to improve our services where we can. Bringing concerns to us early can avoid prolonged angst and hopefully bring about a resolution that will lessen those concerns.

This week we have rolled out a new menu, which I feel will be more suited to our residents' needs. We recently altered our pureed diets with the aim of improving the taste of the pureed meals.

Activities and Celebrations

We recently held our mid-winter event where the theme was the 1950s and residents, family and staff were invited to dress in attire reflecting that period. We had a competition for the best dressed. The resident winning this was Bev and the staff member, Germaine. Thank you to those who attended and made the day an enjoyable experience for all. The Silverdale Fire Brigade brought one of their fire trucks for the residents to see and they gave the residents an insight into what they do. Another welcome activity has been two pet therapy dogs visiting. As can be seen by the photos, the dogs bring a lot of joy to those they visit.

Our usual visits continue to local cafes, the library and the RSA. As the weather warms we will organise trips to the beach and other similar destinations. Any suggestions of other local areas to visit that are suitable for our residents are always welcome, as are suggestions about activities you feel you would like to see included in our programme. A list of upcoming activities is displayed on the noticeboards in all the lounges.



Residents love watching the tuis in the neighbouring park

Residents' Meetings

These will be held on the following dates at 10:00 and you are welcome to attend:

July 23rd
August 20th
September 24th

Housekeeping

When bringing in personal items for residents please remember that we need to keep the rooms as safe as possible for the residents, therefore only small items of furniture can be accommodated. A lazyboy chair, however, may be brought in if you think a resident may be more comfortable in one of these and would like to provide this for him/her.

Best wishes
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