

Welcome Note

A warm welcome to all our new residents and families who have joined our CHT Acacia Park family. We trust you will enjoy your time here with us and make some great memories to hold onto. A big hello to all our residents and families who have been with us for a while now and hope you are enjoying our new facility

Just over a year ago the worldwide pandemic began which created many challenges to a lot of people across the world. Fortunately for us here in New Zealand we haven't had to endure what many countries have faced and continue to face with the spread of Covid. We continue to put measures in place to ensure our residents and staff stay safe.

Conversation Café



Activities and Celebrations

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One of our Activities Coordinator's Maria came up with an idea to start a conversation café. The idea was to encourage residents out of their rooms for a meet and greet with other residents and to enjoy a laugh and conversation. This is being achieved with our residents who have attended. During 'conversation café' time residents are also trying different juices, teas and coffees along with some delicious food which always goes down a treat. On the day this photo was taken they decided to have a mask theme which also

created an atmosphere of fun and laughter.

Unit Manager – Megan Thorne

As a lot of you know I received a kidney transplant in early December which is why I've been on leave for the past few months. Unfortunately I was diagnosed with end stage renal failure which resulted in me having to have dialysis every day and go on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. I had been on the waiting list for two years so I was extremely grateful to have received such an amazing gift from someone I will never know. After a few complications I am now feeling great and have returned to work to continue my role here as Unit Manager. I wish to thank everyone for their support and kind thoughts.

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Stage 3—Completion



Improvements and Initiatives

Stage 3 was completed at the beginning of April which allowed us to move into our grand front entrance, new reception, new kitchen, manager and clinical coordinator offices, nurse's station, treatment room and linen area, and what a fabulous building we have ended up with.

It has been a challenge working through the construction but well worth it with the fantastic result we now have. The completion of the courtyard landscaping is scheduled for mid-May 2021 which will see the whole project complete. We will be having a grand opening and hope everyone can attend.

The date is still to be confirmed and we will let you all know when that has been decided.

Resident Stories

Trish was admitted into our facility in October last year and resides in one of our gorgeous rooms overlooking the Kaimai ranges. Trish was born in Auckland and grew up in an orphanage from age 3. At age 15 Trish started her nursing career in Tauranga and trained at Tauranga Hospital where she became a registered nurse. She raised her family in Tauranga and lived in many places around the country but said she loved Tauranga so much that she ended up moving back. Trish enjoyed playing golf and basketball and so it was fitting that she has ended up residing in a room here that also overlooks the beautiful Omokoroa Golf Course.

Trish Graham



Again I would like to thank my amazing staff for all their support throughout the year and I am delighted we have an amazing new building to work in. To all our residents and families thank you for your ongoing patience and support. Now we can enjoy what we have all been waiting for. I want to say a special thank you to Raman who has covered me while I have been on leave for the past 4 months. You have done an outstanding job and I have appreciated knowing our residents and staff were in good hands...thank you.

Aroha mai, aroha atu.

Best Wishes
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