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## Welcome Note

Happy Autumn everyone. Being next to our picturesque reserve we are able to witness all the autumnal changes in the trees and enjoy the wildlife they attract. The tui's often keep the residents amused at different times of the year as do the swallows who build nests in the carpark hatching their fledglings. Now we can witness the pretty amber and scarlet hues of the falling foliage.

It has been great to see so many new faces in recent months and to meet the families of new residents. We welcome you all to Halldene.

### Bowling Competition



## Activities and Celebrations

Over the last few months we have had a bowling competition and celebrated Valentine's Day and Easter. As part of our Easter festivities children from a local child care centre visited and participated in an egg hunt with the residents.

Great to see the joyful faces, both young and old, as they shared in this age old tradition.

Different entertainers have visited Halldene, these include a popular ukulele group and a lady who plays the harp.

A new visitor to the facility is Mr. Whippy. This proved successful with many of the residents, they enjoyed the nostalgia associated with his ice-creams and we hope to have him back in regularly as you are never too old or too young for ice cream.

Our van trips have now resumed following the various complexities associated with isolation and lockdowns. The residents recently had a great time visiting the Lunch Club at the local Masonic Hall.

More trips are planned as we realise how lucky we are to have the freedom to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

### Athol flower arranging with daughter Nicky



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## Door on the same level of reception



## Improvements and Initiatives

Soon work will begin on our new wind lobby which will be in front of the current reception doors. Constructing this will afford those in reception more comfort from biting winds and cooler temperatures. While this is being built, foot traffic will be redirected to the door up the footpath to the left of reception, looking up the driveway. This is the door on the same level of reception not the one at the top of the driveway.

You will also have seen the Vis-tab on the reception desk, which is the tablet where everyone must sign in and out as they visit.

## Mavis Harris and Michelle at Lunch Club



## Resident Stories

Mavis Harris returned to visit the Orewa lunch club in recent weeks. In her younger days, Mavis was an active member of the group that arranged and coordinated the Lunch Club service to older adults in the community. Mavis is well known for her love of music and the members of the club enjoyed the many hours that

## Bubbles and Pearl at Lunch Club. Bubbles has won a bag of goodies



she volunteered to entertain them during the Lunch Club dates. Everyone was happy to see Mavis visit the club again and Halldene residents enjoy listening to the cheerful tunes Mavis plays on our piano.

The start of the year heralded a few lockdowns, COVID unfortunately overlapping an outbreak of gastroenteritis. These times are always difficult for all concerned but your understanding and patience is always much appreciated. Flu vaccines will be given soon and will be followed by the COVID vaccination. The date is still to be confirmed but will be in the not too distant future. This is all part of the aged care sector's endeavour to keep our residents safe. I wish you all well until next time.

Best Wishes  
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