

Welcome Note

After a long sunny summer, autumn is now with us. Our residents have enjoyed many outdoor walks exploring the neighbourhood and collecting fresh flowers to display in reception.

The many courtyards and flower beds are enjoyed by residents and families. Thanks to the many family gardeners who take time to care for the flower and vegetable beds.

Outing to Botanic Gardens



Activities and Celebrations

Many residents participated in the bus trips and visited new locations.

The Auckland Botanic Gardens were visited in January meeting up with the residents from CHT Royal Oak.

The friends of The Botanic Gardens provide a small motorised train to transport less mobile visitors around the gardens.

A picnic lunch was shared between all residents.

After much planning and dependant on high tides residents and families embarked onto the Te Ratahi to enjoy a river cruise on the Waiuku estuary. The scenery out to the Manukau heads is stunning.

Unfortunately on one of the few rainy days over summer the river cruise was cut short due to rain. Hopefully this trip will be repeated in the future.

Residents had requested visiting the Sandspit reserve for a picnic lunch. On a beautiful hot summers day in January this was facilitated.

Twenty portions of fish & chips were provided from the local chip shop with everyone present enjoying the outing and lunch.

Sandspit Reserve



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Improvements and Initiatives

The renovation project is nearing completion with some areas still to be carpeted. All outdoor lighting has been replaced with LED lights providing a brighter environment for the staff and residents once it is dark.

The outside areas are next to be refurbished. As requested by residents, a paved walkway is to be constructed around the rear of the building. This will allow residents to do a loop of the building when out for their walk. The paths that have cracked concrete will be replaced for safer mobilisation of residents. A pergola is planned for the grass area overlooking the Waiuku Estuary. Forward planning to include painting of the outside of the building and following many requests rain protection above the front door to prevent residents getting soaked when accessing in and out of transport and into the building. The activity program has been revamped. Residents now enjoy different themed days, e.g Social Wednesday. This is to assist the Activity Coordinators to provide one-on-one time with residents who prefer or are unable to leave their rooms. Thank you to the family members who continue to volunteer and to those who recently put their hands up to assist. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by staff and residents.

Joyce



Resident Stories

Joyce enjoyed celebrating a special 91st birthday with family and friends over Easter weekend. Due to COVID-19 lockdown last year, Joyce's birthday celebrations were cancelled.

Fortunately a great afternoon was enjoyed by twenty people in the riverside lounge. Noel and Irma both celebrated their 98th birthdays this month with their families and friends.

RN Navdeep safely delivered a baby girl in February. Navdeep and baby are doing well although Navdeep is missed by many as she was a constant happy face for everyone each morning.

Kripa, our Clinical Coordinator will be leaving by the end of May as she relocates closer to Auckland for her husband's work. Kripa has worked tirelessly to ensure residents are well cared for and families are kept well informed regarding their loved one. Kripa will be missed by the residents and staff. Please come and enjoy Social Wednesdays with our residents over a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Best Wishes
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