

Welcome Note

Winter 2021

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter and a big hello to all our residents and their families. I trust everyone is well and staying warm in these cooler months. It's incredible how quick this year is going and before we know it Christmas will be here. I hope everyone is enjoying our lovely new facility and having a positive experience while residing or visiting here.

With the worldwide COVID pandemic still very much an issue we continue to have measures in place to keep our residents safe. We remind everyone about the importance of signing in when you visit to ensure we are all doing our part in keeping us all safe.

Mona and Hazel



Activities and Celebrations

It is always a perfect combination connecting our residents with children. One of our residents, Mona, is having a lovely time with one of our staff's granddaughter 5 year old Hazel. Mona and Hazel have built a delightful bond together after Hazel visited the facility one day.

Hazel even offered to take Mona away on holiday with her and her family which Mona gladly accepted however this wasn't able to happen so instead the two of them now chat every time Hazel visits. The photo shows the lovely relationship that has formed with the pair of them holding

hands, chatting about holidays and enjoying a juice together.

Visits from Canine friends are very popular with our residents. Pets are a great way for our residents to stay connected with something they have often enjoyed in their own lives.

Our resident Lewis is seen in photo with Lily the dog from Canine friends and it is clear from the photo that Lewis is delighted to receive a visit. Lewis had a dog before coming into the facility that his family now take care of.

When they visit Lewis they bring his dog Milo too which Lewis thoroughly enjoys. As many of our residents enjoy having a cuddle with a pet we continue to encourage these visits.

Lewis and the dog



ANZAC Day



Improvements and Initiatives

Next ANZAC day we plan on having a service onsite here at facility. I have been working with the ANZAC committee in Omokoroa to facilitate a service at 11:00am on ANZAC day to ensure our residents have the opportunity to attend this special day. In the past it has been difficult for our residents to attend the dawn service that is held each year at Omokoroa Point therefore we felt it was important to recognise this and put a plan in place that allows our residents to be part of something that a lot of them hold close to their hearts.

I will let you know more about this as time progresses.

Resident Stories

Joan was born in Croydon, Surrey. As a young woman Joan came to New Zealand with a friend after sailing from the United Kingdom via Sydney Australia. Joan worked as a shop assistant after arriving in NZ and then after meeting her husband, John, they went sheep farming. Joan expressed how much she really enjoyed the farm life. Unfortunately Joan wasn't able to have children of her own so they adopted a boy and a girl which allowed Joan and John to have the family they always wanted. Joan has been at CHT Acacia Park for the past 5 years.



I would like to thank my staff for all their hard work and the commitment they continually show towards our residents. We are all very lucky to have such an amazing team of compassionate people to ensure our residents are well cared for.

To all our residents and families thank you for your ongoing support and hope you are all enjoying our fantastic new facility. We can all look forward to some great planned events once the weather warms up again and we can take advantage of our beautiful outside areas. A residents and families barbeque will definitely be on the cards. Thank you.

Aroha mai, aroha atu

Best Wishes
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