

## Welcome Note

Winter 2021

It is officially Winter, weather changes are prominent and extreme. Let's hope it's a mild one. A warm welcome to our new residents. We hope your stay with us will be like home away from home. It's lovely to see all the new families visiting with children and pets.

Just about all of our residents have had both of their COVID-19 vaccinations and flu shots! The organisation responsible for administering the COVID-19 vaccines will be back shortly to administer the vaccines to our new residents.

## Activities and Celebrations

### Lynette and Kirandeep with our lovely ladies



Baking is a favourite with our residents. Earlier this month, they made pizza.

Today they baked cookies. On both occasions the staff were given samples to approve.

Lynette Dudley, who is the Diversional Therapy Advisor for CHT was down from Auckland for the day.

She and our awesome student nurse, Kirandeep spent a lovely afternoon with some of our ladies. Laughter was heard all the way to the reception area.

The library bus is always a big hit with our residents.

New books! It's a wonderful service and there's always something new.

They have printed books as well as audio books so if your loved one is sight impaired, they can still be entertained through books.

### Library Bus Trip



## Vistab sign in tablet



## Improvements and Initiatives

We know that some visitors and residents have found the sign in process challenging with our electronic sign in register-Vistab.

Vistab is our way of recording who is on site in case there is an emergency and also for performing health checks in terms of COVID-19. Please can you continue to sign in using this process as it is one way we can ensure everyone is being kept safe.

If you are having trouble with the signing in process please ask one of our staff for help.

## Resident Stories

Doreen and Kemp McGechie, who joined the Bernadette family in February 2021, celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last month. To mark the occasion, they received a beautiful card from the Queen and another from our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. The TV morning show and the Bay of Plenty Times interviewed them. Kemp's advice for a happy marriage he said with a twinkle in his eye is to say "Yes to everything". Doreen's advice was to be tolerant.

The couple have been blessed with two sons, six grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

## Doreen and Kemp McGechie



Welcome back to Raman, our Clinical Coordinator who has been away managing another CHT site for us. Thank you, Gianella for your wonderful job in her absence.

Congratulations to the McGechie's on their marriage milestone. Your love for each other is admired by us all.

You will notice students join us periodically to share our life here with our residents, learn the art of communication and perfect their bedside manner. They reap the rewards of our wonderful residents' and families' humour and stories.

Remember to wrap up warm. Look after yourselves and feel free to join in the activities and joyous times with your loved ones.  
Take care and until next time.

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