

## Welcome Note

Winter 2021

Kia Ora,

This past week has provided evidence that winter is upon us if we needed any convincing along with white frost in our internal gardens up to 11am in the morning, most days for the past week there was a great reluctance of our resident cats Six and Flick to leave the facility from 4pm onwards. On the positive, the sunny days allowed all of us to take advantage of the outdoors and the sunroom.

I would like to welcome new staff members Glen, Brenda, Jane and Maryann to our team. Sadly we fare well Louise Dilly our receptionist of just over two years. Louise has taken up a senior position with the SPCA head office. On the bright side they are relocating their head office in Lincoln Road so she has promised not to be a stranger. A very warm welcome extended to our new receptionist, Grace Harley.

**Mr & Mrs Curtis celebrating the Queen's birthday with their family**



## Activities and Celebrations

Apart from the weekly outings, regular entertainers and weekly visits from the students of 12 St. Dominic. We also celebrated several events like the Queen's Birthday with a special morning tea, Mexican day and French day with music to reflect their cultures and Matariki was celebrated by a nice display and the offer of learning some Te Reo.

Gift of art from Corbans Art Centre.

We were pleased to welcome and accept the donation by the art Centre of a painting consisting of 24 panels each one the work of an individual artist.

During the special morning tea, one member of group shared how her first visit to Carnarvon was as a child to come with her dad to pick up her mother and new brother from the Carnarvon Private Maternity Hospital.

As an integral part of the West Auckland Community I look forward to welcoming other groups to Carnarvon.

**Welcoming the Corban artist to Carnarvon for the presentation of the artwork**



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### Improvements and Initiatives

I am pleased to say our Activities Coordinator Hine Dalleston has now been joined at weekends by Maureen How as acting Activities Coordinator so that we can have activities seven days each week. We are currently recruiting to this position.

Heni has introduced live music on Fridays to coincide with the bus outing so that those remaining in facility have the opportunity to listen and interact with professional musicians.

### Resident Stories

Campbell Commiskie and his wife Margaret came to NZ from Greenock, a town on the Clyde in Scotland, in 1958 settling first in Christchurch but after a tour of NZ they settled in Auckland.

Both Campbell and Margaret have always been keen sports people, Campbell marathon running and cycling and Margaret, cycling and badminton and it was through a shared love of completeive cycling that they first met.

Campbell completed 15 cycle races around Lake Taupo and was awarded a silver plate in recognition of this achievement. Along with this, Campbell has completed the Auckland City Marathon twice, Rotorua Marathon twice and as demonstration of his dedication to the Marathon he even went to its home in Greece to complete a marathon there.

Campbell came to Carnarvon in August 2018 and has kept up a daily exercise programme, in fact you could set your watch by his adherence to his plan which includes walking several kilometres a day, rain or shine. Apart from this Campbell enjoys time spent with Margaret as they complete jigsaw puzzles and on his iPad.

**Campbell Commiskie**



If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or you are welcome to make use of the Complaints / Compliments forms on the notice board opposite reception and in the Oratia Lounge.

Best Wishes  
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