

### Welcome Note

Summer 2022

A warm welcome to you all and hope you are all having a great Summer. We have certainly had some awesome weather here in the Bay of Plenty and hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break, enjoying all the sunshine. We are already well into the New Year and we all continue to make the best of things despite the restrictions put on us due to the ongoing pandemic. Let's hope we can see an end to it in the near future and get back to some normality in our lives. We appreciate everyone's effort in keeping our residents as safe as possible.

### Activities and Celebrations

#### Go Bus



#### Weekly bus trips

It has been great to start up our twice weekly bus trips again for our residents. These trips are very popular with many residents and we often find them an hour before the bus is due to come waiting by the front door in anticipation. Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to have these trips for some time, so it has been a well-received activity for the residents. The bus trips are a good way for our residents to spend an hour going for a drive to one of the many beautiful spots that our wider area has to offer. One popular spot is down at our local beach where many residents have spent time at over their years.

#### Residents Christmas Party

Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to have our usual residents Christmas party where we usually have all our families come as well. This was very unfortunate for our residents not to have their families with them, however all the staff tried to make this day special for them.

We had a great day with most residents sitting down together for a special Christmas lunch at beautifully set tables. There was a lot of chatter and laughs between the residents and it was great to see them come together.

Santa also made an appearance and went around to every resident with a special Christmas present which brought many smiles to our resident's faces.

#### Christmas Party



### BBQ Lunch



### Improvements and Initiatives

With our outside area now completed and the garden growing, we are taking the opportunity to have days when our residents can enjoy lunch out in the courtyard.

Our residents enjoyed a barbeque lunch out in the courtyard recently and we would like to continue utilising this lovely area with its stunning outlook. We have some outside furniture however we will be investing in some more outside furniture and umbrellas so all of our residents have the opportunity to enjoy time outdoors in a comfortable environment.

Spontaneous meal times outside are always a huge hit with our residents.

### Resident Stories

"I like to be called Marjorie. I was born in Takapuna, Northshore in 1932 and attended Campbell Square School. I left half way through my schooling and worked at a typing office for a year. I then went and worked at a jewellery shop for a while. I met my husband Gordon Holmes in 1956 and we had two children, Lesley and David, and I have three grandchildren. My husband passed away in 2013".

"I moved to CHT Acacia Park in May 2021 as I required 24 hour care. I am very happy here and the staff are great. I have always preferred my own company so I enjoy spending time in my room doing things like watching TV.

### Marjorie Holmes



Lastly I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support as we continue to work through these difficult times with the ongoing COVID pandemic. It has been a trying time for us all but I appreciate your cooperation with the guidelines we have in place to ensure we minimise the risk of COVID entering our facility and to keep our residents safe.

I would also like to thank my staff for their ongoing support and hard work to ensure our residents are well cared for and kept as safe as possible. We are lucky to have such a caring group of individuals.

Aroha mai, aroha atu

Best Wishes  
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