

## Welcome Note

Autumn 2022

As the leaves fall from the trees, let us hope that the remnants of COVID-19 senesce (wither away) and leave us with the hope that we will see the rebirth of the world as we knew it some years ago now. Regardless, nature will continue to herald its beauty and continue to give us small pleasures to look forward to.

In that vein, we are looking forward to growing CHT Onewa as restrictions ease and to providing an environment that is homely and where residents feel comfortable and content.

## Activities and Celebrations

Wall of poppies made by Onewa residents



Denise and Lusi continue to provide a comprehensive programme within the current restrictions. Our residents have been on van trips to Cornwall Park, to Devonport, to Auckland Domain and to see other local sights. A new reading programme called Reading Revolution has been commenced and participants are engaged in readings via Zoom and discussions are held.

We are gradually building up supplies to facilitate a gardening programme where residents can grow their own plants. Contributions of large pots/raised planters, soil and plants would be most welcome if anyone has any of these they no longer have any use for.

ANZAC Day was remembered respectfully with an in-house remembrance service where The Ode was read and The Last Post played. Beautiful poppies were handcrafted and display boards made.

Easter saw the hiding of eggs in the garden for both residents and staff to locate, the winners receiving a chocolate bounty. Many were found during daily walks which continue to be encouraged around the grounds.

St. Patrick's Day saw the drinking of green beer (non-alcoholic) and the singing of Irish songs with the walls bedecked with shamrocks, flags and other Irish paraphernalia.

Anne and John celebrating St. Patrick's Day



## Improvements and Initiatives

We are gradually tidying up various aspects of the facility with walls being touched up where they have taken a few knocks, and quotes done to replace those curtains that are in need of replacement.

The remaining photos of local scenery have been placed on the walls and inspire reflection and comment from those passing by. It is great to see photos of the local area which many residents will have visited over time and that can stir up memories of picnics, swimming, boating, fishing and the like. We are lucky to be in a coastal area where beauty abounds.

## Resident Stories

Around the time of the Second World War, one of our residents, Anne, worked as a very young woman at ICI in Scotland making warheads and explosives. This was one of the many jobs women did to help with the war effort, something to be valued as we remember our ANZACs and as we think of those in Ukraine as they fight to save their country and families. Such contributions are what have helped those of us here today.

ICI is also known as Imperial Chemical Industries and during the war was involved with the United Kingdom's nuclear weapons programme codenamed Tube Alloys.

Anne, who  
contributed to  
WWII's war effort



## Note from the Unit Manager

It has been great to come to CHT Onewa and to meet all the residents residing here. People who attain the ages we see in our vocation, have colourful pasts and so much to tell and to learn from.

There is so much history in our people and so much to be learned from conversing with them. It is very rewarding to hear both of achievements and memorable moments related to our people. If you do have stories to share we would love to hear them. The warmth of a place is in the people and what we can learn from them.

Best Wishes  
Unit Manager,  
Sue Pronk  
[Sue.Pronk@cht.co.nz](mailto:Sue.Pronk@cht.co.nz)