

Welcome

Autumn 2024

Kia Ora and welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. A warm welcome to our new residents and families.

Temperatures have started to drop and daylight times are shorter as we prepare for winter.

Our residents and families are enjoying the lovely autumn colours of the trees with orange, red and yellow. Autumn brings an abundance of tasty fruit and our visitors have been sharing their feijoas with everyone.

Activities and Celebrations

St Patrick's Day



We celebrated St Patrick's Day with green themed decorations, hats and yummy food.

We played Irish music and our Irish Dancers entertained our residents with rapid foot movements and precise steps.

CHT Foundation Day (1962) was celebrated in March with a delicious cake and pot luck afternoon tea. Our resident Cathy joined in with the festivities and afternoon tea!

CHT Foundation Day



CHT Bernadette Resident- Dawn



Our residents have been replanting our garden pots and enjoying the process of going to the garden centre, buying, planting, watering and keeping the weeds at bay! Dawn is very happy showing off her gardening skills.

Improvements and Initiatives

Just a friendly reminder that any new clothes for residents need to be given to reception for labelling. This is to ensure that clothes get returned to the correct residents.

Please write the name of the resident on all items of clothing with a marker pen to help identify who they belong to.

Some of our residents enjoy doing their own laundry and use our domestic washing machine and dryer. We have set up a schedule for their days and times and this works well.

We use Go Bus for our residents outings to local parks, beaches, airport and garden centres. These outings are very popular with our residents getting out in the community.

Resident Stories

I was born in the Isle of Man and left at 17 to join the British Merchant Navy. I boarded my first ship from Liverpool, sailed with a company that primarily traded to the east coast of South America. I remember the first Port of Call was Uruguay where, in WW2, the "Graf Spee" German battle ship was scuttled, rather than be handed over to the British. It was in shallow water, sank, and landed on a sand bank and stayed there. I spent five years working that coast, 3 months at a time. It was hard work, we weren't sailors and we weren't officers. We had to work as cadets for five years before we could sit exams for our "Second Mates Foreign Going Certificate".

I was still at sea when I got married and I was in Bluff loading frozen lamb. I applied for a job in Bluff and got the job! My wife and I had recently bought a house in Sunderland, but it was only towards the end of the trip that I could send my wife a letter, telling her to sell up, we were immigrating to NZ which we did in November 1961. We lived and worked in Bluff for 7 years. Bluff is an isolated little community and very friendly. There was a saying - "I'm rough, I'm tough and I come from the Bluff"! In 1968, I came up to Tauranga and as I sat in the boardroom at the port, I looked out the window at the beach and Norfolk pines, I thought I would move here whether I got the job or not!

Derek Sayle



Note from the Care Home Manager

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and kindness.

We welcome feedback and ask that you bring any concerns to our attention as soon as possible in order for us to address them in a timely manner.

Best Wishes
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