Autumn 2024

cht Onewa

newsletter

There are many beautiful sights to behold as we enter the Autumn of 2024. The scatterings of leaves of burnished reds, browns and yellows remind me of years gone by when we used to rake the fallen leaves into a pile and spend hours jumping among them or kicking them around the garden.

Simple fun, simple memories; these create what many of us reminisce about as we get older. The stories that unfold within the walls of Onewa continue to demonstrate what a wealth of knowledge, fun and ability we have among our residents and to enrich the lives of those who look after them.

Activities and Celebrations

Mothers' Day Gifts

Welcome



This Mothers' Day, we treated our female residents with a gift and they were also able to partake in a high tea. Mehri, one of our lovely Activities Coordinators, has a passion for crochet and made these lovely floral arrangements (see photo) to adorn the trolley that the gifts were given out on. Mehri has crocheted poppies for Anzac Day and even little cupcakes for other celebrations.

We have celebrated many occasions in the last few months, recognising those who do the caring as well as those who are cared for.

We have had International Nurses' Day and a day to celebrate our lovely maintenance man, Max, who does a wonderful job at keeping everything in working order.

We are lucky to be able to enjoy the laughter of local pre-

schoolers as they come to visit our residents.

The little ones spend time

chatting and bringing the biggest of smiles to the faces of our elderly. It is so heart-warming to witness the joy these children bring as they share activities such as completing their puzzles while helpful eyes look on. We look forward to having another visit from them later in the year. Children visit from the local Daycare centre





Improvements and Initiatives

Max diligently water blasting



Max has given our building a fresh look after waterblasting away all the tell tale signs of the effects of heavy rain and living near the bush. We have a wealth of birds that like to visit and leave their mark after emerging from the beautiful Le Roys bush that surrounds us.

The kereru are especially beautiful with their iridescent green and purple plumage.

Some spiders were also sent scurrying to find new abodes as their current creations were swept away to ensure we had a sparkling clean building and surrounds.

Resident Stories

James has a passion for motorbikes, having been an enthusiast since he was a young lad. As a young man, he moved to London and bought his first Triumph Bonneville, a sporty bike that was a British icon and manufactured between 1959 and 1983.

James recently attended the Trust Arena motorbike show in West Auckland. This show included motorcycle displays, rider training, accessories, and motorcycle parts as well as food and live music.

The last bike James owned was a Harley Davidson, a bike he has a particular interest in.

Note from the Care Home Manager

We continue to be blessed with a colourful mixture of residents and their families from all walks of life. We are fortunate to have a variety of cultural backgrounds amongst both residents and staff and we endeavour to meet any special needs anyone may have. Please let us know if there is anything special you require related to your culture and we will endeavour to satisfy these requirements to the best of our ability.

Thank you all for your continued support and for the many compliments we receive. We aim to support our community and those neighbouring us by caring for those who have contributed so much during their lifetime.

Best Wishes Care Home Manager, Sue Pronk <u>Sue.Pronk@cht.co.nz</u>

