

## Welcome

Winter / Spring2024

Nau mai, haere mai! So nice that everyone kept themselves cosy during the gloomy weather and I hope everyone will be looking forward to more vibrant colours for the upcoming season.

A very warm welcome to all our new residents, whānau and friends. It is heart-warming to see all of you settling well into our home.

We also welcome the students who were having their placements and whom the residents are getting acquainted with. Our residents are always delighted to see new faces.

## Activities and Celebrations

*Staff in Cultural dress*



During the cold days, it has been nice to sit inside and participate in singing and chair dancing. A popular band is the ukulele group who play and sing all the songs that the residents know, followed closely by Dionne who is a vibrant act. Just what you need to wipe the winter blues away and lift up spirits.

We had two cultural days of entertainment where the staff took part in showcasing their culture. Residents participated in the events with dancing and food tasting and like to see the staff dressed in their cultural outfits, enjoying the vibrant colours and laughing, happy faces of all taking part.

Father's Day was celebrated with presents and 'Dad jokes'.

*Murray with his Father's Day gift*



The men were treated to happy hour with drinks, food and good conversation.

*Ruth engaging with a resident*



Each month we enjoy an afternoon with the Messy Vintage team making craft and talking about life. As the last Messy Vintage was in September, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Ruth Dewdney of Te Puke Anglican Church, for her efforts with this, and the monthly church service. Our residents love the afternoon's activity and Ruth and her helpers will be sadly missed.

## Improvements and Initiatives

### Meter Board Upgrade



With the recent upgrade to our electric power system, this will enable us to be able to install heat lamps in some of our bathrooms.

We welcome back Caz, our maintenance man. He brings such positivity to his role and really enjoys fixing and maintaining our facility at a high standard.

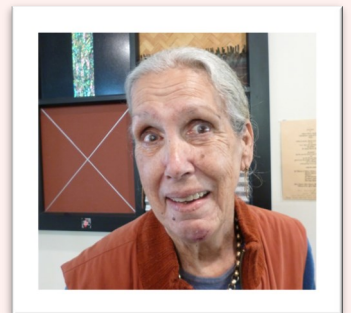
## Resident Stories

Bridget was born in Rotorua, the second eldest of 10 children. Bridget says she had a beautiful upbringing and never left Aotearoa to travel. Her whānau had their own business and that is where she met the father to her three tamariki.

Bridget worked at Inland Revenue for a while, but did not enjoy this so left to work at the local hospital where she felt her mahi was more rewarding.

Bridget has a cat called Meow and a dog Bella who comes to visit with her sister. Bridget has a love of baking, knitting and chatting, she enjoys daily activities with the other residents.

Bridget Scally



## Note from the Care Home Manager

I am sincerely thankful to all our residents and their whānau for their support to the staff and myself. All the motivational words and gestures that you've given and shown the team make a huge difference in how each one of us is able to continue to the good work.

Please continue to bring any concerns and feedback to help us identify the areas that need improvement. We will constantly thrive and do our very best to deliver our values (care, comfort, compassion, connectedness and companionship).

Ngā mihi nui.

Best Wishes  
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