

Welcome

Winter / Spring 2024

Welcome everyone, residents and family. Spring has sprung, it is time to bloom. As the days are warming up we are getting ready for more time outdoors. Our Activity teams are getting garden ready for flowers and vegetables.

We all are eagerly waiting to make best of Spring weather and create many memories together with you all.

## Activities and Celebrations

Different group of students from St Mary's School visited to us our residents had great time with them. It was fascinating to see how residents with impaired communication skills felt motivated and willing to speak to children, participate and to answer their questions. Our residents

*Children visit from St Mary's School*



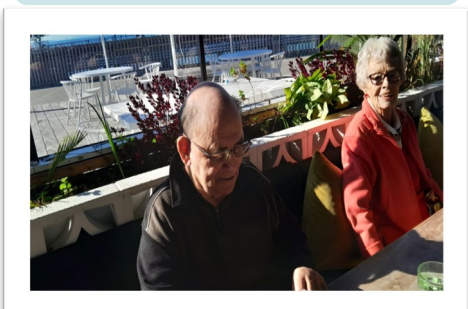
recalled their senior role becoming protective, adjusting their voices for the children, offering instruction and advice, acting like mentors or parents. Many of them live far from their families and do not get many opportunities to see their grandchildren growing up. These visits help our residents reminisce. Moreover, it is a great opportunity to make connection and help the residents feel part of their local community.

We expressed our gratitude and love towards our residents by celebrating Father's Day with special happy hours and presents. Our residents delighted by drinks, food, music and dance. They all had fantastic time together there were lots of fun, laugh and smile around on their faces.

*Fathers' Day celebration*



*Bus Trip to Devonport*



We took advantage of a warm Winters day and took a bus trip to a café on the Devonport Wharf. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the trip as it brought back wonderful memories of when they lived in Devonport. The surrounding views of the city were stunning, giving much delight for the residents as they had their coffee, tea and cake. It was a great time coupled with an opportunity to reminisce.

## Improvements and Initiatives

*From Garden Bed to Car Park*



The garden bed was removed, and we created a new parking area. We had many vehicles damage the garden bed and despite many repairs, it was starting to look gloomy.

Although we will miss our lovely garden, we will have ample space for resident 's family while they visit their loved ones.

We are awaiting for the signage company to re-mark our parking lines with a clear designated area for ambulance parking.

## Resident Stories

Harry enjoys living at CHT Onewa . He likes to reminisce about his days as a Secondary School Teacher and House Master for 120 boys, at Whangarei Boys High. He was also a keen sailor and managed to sail all around the North and South Island. Another of his achievements was to walk the length of New Zealand.

He always loved a challenge and at the age of 21 he took up Sky Diving as a sport . During this time as a Sky Diver he became the New Zealand champion four times.

*Harry Martin-Leverson*



## Note from the Care Home Manager

We are grateful to our resident and staff to bring diversity and be one.

We would like to thank all our residents and their families for believing in us to look after our lovely residents. Having your trust means we all strive at the end of the day to care for our residents.

Ngā manaakitanga

Best Wishes

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