

Welcome Winter / Spring 2024

Welcoming new residents and families to CHT Waiuku and hoping you will enjoy your time in this vibrant community.

In July we had our Ministry of Health Certification Audit across 2 days. Feedback from residents and families was positive about the care and the services provided. We were delighted to have a 'Continuous Improvement' awarded, in recognition of the implementation of the activity program. No issues were identified by the auditors.

A celebratory staff lunch of fish & chips and pizza was enjoyed by many to celebrate our wonderful results.

Daffodil Day



Activities and Celebrations

The main focus over winter has been the success of our Daffodil Campaign. Resident Dianne T knitted 160 daffodil brooches with the knitting group and staff assisting, making around 220 in total.

Activities Coordinator Sarah attended a function where the PM Christopher Luxon was present and proudly gifted him one of Dianne's Daffodils.

Thank you to residents, families and the wider Waiuku

community who purchased Daffodil brooches, \$650 was donated to the Cancer Society.

Residents enjoyed a trip to the Operatunity Show at the Hawkins Theatre to watch The Gatsby Era. Ladies & gents were dressed in their finest 'Gatsby 'attire for the occasion.

The residents enjoyed their personalised Fathers Day gifts of their photos, which were taken at a photo shoot with Activities Coordinator Fernanda. A fabulous morning was enjoyed by residents and guests at The Kentish Hotel morning tea. Many sandwiches, scones and cakes were dispatched with the residents for others to enjoy. Thank you to The Kentish for making our residents feel so special.

Father's Day and Operatunity's The Gatsby Era







Improvements and Initiatives

Makeover on the roundabout



Jeanette from our maintenance team has been busy refurbishing and replanting the entrance roundabout. The next area to receive a makeover will be the entrance side at the top of the driveway. Pots and planters have been replanted with spring/summer flowers to brighten up the courtyards when they bloom. Sun blinds and air-conditioning has been installed in the main lounge which has been welcomed. A work in progress is the 'Nemo' mural being created on the fence surrounding the generator. This is a community initiative between a resident and local students. Thanks to Resene for the donations of many coloured pots of paint.

Resident Stories

Mick was born in Middlesex and grew up in London. At 15 years old, he lived on his own in a hotel while doing all kinds of jobs. He joined a sea school for a 6-week training, which made way for him to work with P&O. He started as a Bellboy and later became an Assistant Steward. At age 19, he joined a different shipping company and he "travelled the world while getting paid", as he proudly said. He went to Canada, USA, Panama, Fiji, New Caledonia, Australia, and New Zealand. He was 25 when he decided to move to Bluff and then to Auckland, got married and had 3 children. His hobby was building model ships and planes.



Note from the Care Home Manager

We farewelled HCA Loveleen with a shared lunch last week. Loveleen has been part of CHT Waiuku for 5 years. We wish her well as she prepares to travel to Canada to be married. Health Care Assistant Dee requested a quiet departure after 3 years due to ill health but a signed card and gift was hand delivered. Get well soon wishes are sent to Activities Coordinator Sarah who will be missed for the next 6-8 weeks.

Forward Planning: MP Andrew Bayly - 25th Nov @ 1400. Andrew will visit the residents and share his fundraiser success in aid of Cancer. Afternoon tea will be provided by the Electorate Office. Christmas shared family lunch 13th December @ 12 noon. Pencil this in your diary as spaces are limited.

Best Wishes.

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