

Welcome

Summer 2025

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. It is often said, In Summer the song sings itself. It's the time for sunshine and beaches and for making memories with loved ones.

Activities and Celebrations

We started off Summer with our big carnival to celebrate 10 years of CHT Halldene this year. We had participation from our residents, families, staff and the community. We had a clown, an ice cream truck, carnival games and BBQ for everyone. Special thanks to our CEO, Carriann Hall and members of our Board of Trustees for joining in.

As we made our way into Summer, we took advantage of the sunshine and warmth by going to beach for ice-cream or fish and chips. We had a resident favourite trip to the Puhoi Pub, which was so popular that we had to go back once again.

Halldene Carnival

Our residents joined in the Melbourne Cup fun by placing their chocolate bets on our very own horse race. The races we had were intense and undecided until the very end (neck and neck).

In December, we were wrapped up in the Christmas Spirit. We enjoyed our first outdoor Christmas Lunch which was enjoyed by all our residents and families, complete with Santa Claus dropping by with presents for everyone.

Our residents were treated like VIPs visiting a private home transformed into a festive wonderland. Shiny baubles, twinkling lights, the trees created a warm and festive atmosphere. Each ornament told a story. From handmade crafts to delicate glass pieces evoking memories of past holidays.

Our Activities team have been working hard in order to bring more variety into our activities at Halldene. We had a blast at a puppet show that was organised on site. It was so much fun, it made the residents remember their childhood. There was a lot of laughter and singing along throughout the show. It was an absolute hit!

Resident and Family Christmas Lunch

New Wheelchairs**Improvements and Initiatives**

We have replaced our whole fleet of 12 wheelchairs with a new and improved version that is a lot more comfortable for our residents and much easier for staff and families to manoeuvre.

Resident Stories

Rae Brook was born 87 years ago at Glams Hospital in Auckland. She spent her childhood on the Great North Road, but soon after, around the time of World War II, she moved in with her grandparents in New Lynn.

She married her husband from Queensland, Australia, who had worked in large construction projects. Rae married at the age of 25 and had two children, a boy and a girl. Rae also has 5 grandchildren.

Rae is one of the CHT Haldene residents who actively participates in the daily activities held. We can easily find her walking around the hallways, visiting other residents for a chat or just to spread some positive vibes. She gets other residents excited about participating in activities. And she is very grateful to the staff and management who have helped her along the way.

Rae Brooks**Note from the Care Home Manager**

We are pleased to let you know that we had our Ministry of Health audit early February and got through it with flying colours. Thank you to our amazing team for all their hard work and dedication. A special thanks to all of our lovely residents and families for your unwavering support, it is much appreciated.

We would also like to formally welcome our new Activity Coordinator, Rizki into our team. Rizki is already carving out a space for himself by introducing interesting and varied activities and for always being a team player. Welcome Rizki!

Best Wishes
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