

Welcome

Summer 2025

A warm welcome to everyone. As we step into 2025, we're focused on building strong relationships, based on trust with our residents, their families and our dedicated staff. We're committed to providing exceptional care as always, in a warm, supportive environment for everyone we serve.

On that note, we will prioritise sun safety, ensuring our residents stay protected and comfortable outdoors. Together, we are looking forward to a year of growth, connection and well-being. Here's to a bright and safe 2025!

## Activities and Celebrations

### *Outdoor Summer BBQ*



We kick off with our annual summer BBQ which is always a highlight to the start of the new year. And this year the Summer BBQ didn't disappoint! Residents gathered in the courtyard for tasty food, sunny skies, and a fantastic atmosphere! Coupled with a fabulous singing performance from the stunning Singing Birds, it was a blast as everyone sang along to classic tunes, sharing laughs and making memories that will last all year long.

And how amazing is it to also celebrate the Chinese new year with our Residents! Our Chinese resident Kai wore a traditional dress, vibrant and colourful. Kai danced with fellow residents, creating a festive atmosphere as we celebrated the Year of the Snake. We were

also lucky to have the local Chinese Librarian visit us and share the meaning behind the Year of the Snake. To wrap up the week, everyone enjoyed a fun game of Chinese New Year BINGO!

Every Friday, we organise van trips for both mobile and non-mobile residents on a rotating schedule. The outings often include visits to local cafès for a cuppa or trips to the Navy Museum. Residents enjoy exploring Devonport, a place many have worked or lived. For non-mobile residents, we provide a relaxing morning tea stop at the beach, enjoying the sea breeze, or take a scenic tour around the city to admire the skyscrapers.

*Kai dressed in traditional clothes for Chinese New Year!*



## Improvements and Initiatives

*Drain improvement underway*



Drainage upgrades are in progress, which include cutting through the concrete, removing the old drains, and installing new pipes. You'll see that there are many projects happening around our care home. Max, our maintenance technician, has been busy water blasting the planter boxes to enhance the space for families and residents to unwind. There will also be some painting and decorating projects coming up. New hot-boxes are being installed to keep food at the right temperature. Additionally, Carika has been working on creating a Staff Appreciation board at Reception to showcase positive affirmations about our colleagues!

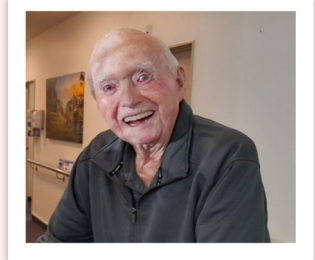
## Resident Stories

Brian is a new resident at CHT Onewa and has a passion for boats, yachts and the sea! Brian has always been a seafarer and spent most of his adult life sailing around New Zealand and Australia. In his youth, he raced his yacht to Fiji and won his boating division. Then in 1993 sailed to Noumea and in 1996 Vanuatu with his wife Dot and other friends.

When Brian retired he took up Yachting full time and lived with his wife Dot on their yacht for the next 16 years!

During this time they took 14 trips to Australia, stopping off for several months each time to go gem hunting!

*Brian Hilt*



## Note from the Care Home Manager

A big shout out to thank all of our residents and staff for the warm welcome you have given me since starting my role here at CHT Onewa! It is a privilege getting to know you all and listening to what you want and need from our care team.

You may notice we have a few new faces amongst our Nurses, I would like to give a warm welcome to, Anjana, Jithin and Deepika, its great to have you part of our team!

Ngā manaakitanga

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