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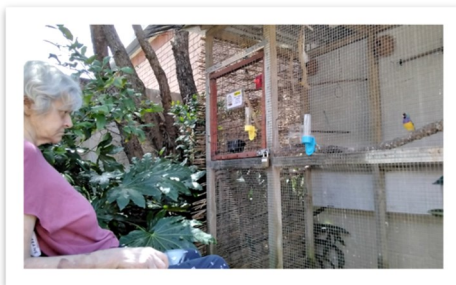
Summer 2025

It has been a joy to see so many visitors and residents enjoying time together over the holiday periods while schools are closed and traffic is more manageable.

While December and January weather was somewhat changeable, we are now enjoying regular days of sunny skies and less wind. This makes it even better for us all to enjoy time outdoors. With this in mind we have restocked our Aviary with both Zebra and Gouldian finches and added a permanent set of outdoor furniture to the Suite 7 Gazebo. Please do make yourselves at home outdoors together in any area with a cool drink or a cuppa.

Activities and Celebrations

*Louise Evernden enjoying the sunshine
and the birds on the Patio outside
Suite 1*

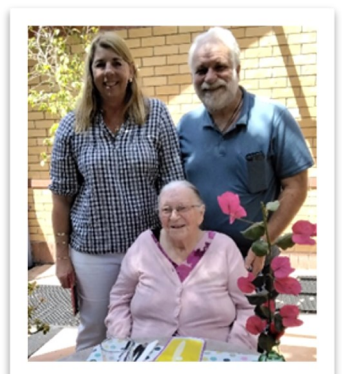


We are pleased to confirm that we now have a full complement of Activities staff on board. DT Elizabeth, AC Cheryll and AC Isabel have been planning around your feedback and ideas to restructure some of our Activity Programs and bring a new twist to Special Events and Group Activities. Please keep an eye and ear open on our Bus Trips as there will be some exciting changes with the schedule of these Outings as we are working towards making these more accessible for Visitors and Whānau. If you are keen to join us, do see Elizabeth to book your seat.

In the past few months we celebrated our end of year Open Day, had Christmas together and saw in the New Year, Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi Day. We aim to make Christmas inclusive for everyone and the gifts from the Trust for all our residents and the efforts of the care staff in decorating the Suites, made a lasting impression for many. Special thanks to Resident Maurice Martin for helping decide on the winner and runners up for Best Decorated Suite and congratulations to those who won the Christmas Raffle.

The AC Team arranged for added entertainment and music for our Summer Barbeque. The weather played along and we were able to set up tables outdoors for the meal. The Compass Team provided summer salads with sausages and kebabs followed by fruit salad and ice cream all of which proved very enjoyable.

*Phyllis West & Family at the
BBQ*



Improvements and Initiatives

Temporary Kitchen set up for Renovations on Main Kitchen



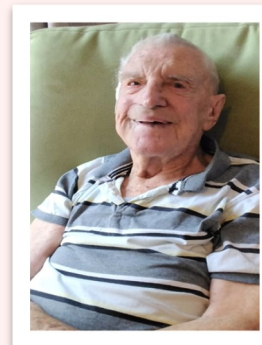
Both staff and residents are enjoying the benefits of filtered cold water and air-conditioning units set up in some of our lounge areas to combat the Summer heat. This temporary kitchen was set up in the car park to enable us to commence work on a number of upgrades and renovation to our Main Kitchen. The Compass team have been outstanding in adapting to their new temporary kitchen where they continue to deliver our food service. Thank you for your patience in working around the limits on our parking spaces, this should be resolved mid-March 2025.

Resident Stories

George Tooman was born and bred in Dunedin where he fondly remembers attending the first Catholic Convent School in the city.

He met his wife to be in 1950 when they both attended the Teachers' College in West Otago and they were married in 1962 at St Josephs Catholic Church. They both worked as teachers, had 4 beautiful children and many grandkids. George has a strong interest in horses and loves placing a bet or three. George has some great stories, he likes to keep himself busy reading the Daily Herald, his Bible and talking with many whānau and friends. Keeping both physically and mentally active is important to George and his wellbeing and he is often sharing a joke, a story and a laugh with his care givers and the Activity Team.

George Tooman



Note from the Care Home Manager

A big thank you to you all for your patience with the limited onsite parking for our "kitchen reno". It is great to share that all our shifts are fully covered with permanent staff their photos are on hand on the Primary Care Giver signage. While you may notice that some staff are away on well-deserved holidays, I can assure you we have regular team members keen to cover all these hours across the care home. I know many of you lead busy lives or are living at a distance. Do let us know of any concerns or ideas, we are just a phone call or an email away and welcome your feedback.

Ngā manaakitanga
Best Wishes
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