

Welcome

Summer 2026

Welcome to our newsletter. The past few months have been filled with activities, celebrations, and special moments across our home, and we're pleased to share some highlights with you.

## Activities and Celebrations



### Festive celebration

Residents and families enjoyed a heart-warming Christmas party filled with festive cheer. The lounges were beautifully decorated, creating a warm and welcoming space for everyone to gather and celebrate together.

A special highlight was a visit from Santa, who brought smiles, laughter, and gifts for the residents. The celebration was made even more memorable by a visiting choir whose Christmas carols filled the home with music and nostalgia. Residents sang along, clapped to the rhythm, and shared in the spirit of the season.

### Summer Hawaiian BBQ

Residents also enjoyed a wonderful Hawaiian-themed summer BBQ that brought colour, laughter, and a sense of celebration to the home. The space was decorated with bright leis and tropical flowers, with cheerful music creating a relaxed island atmosphere.

Residents gathered together to enjoy delicious food and good company, sharing stories and reminiscing about past holidays. In the afternoon, refreshing tropical mocktails were served in decorated cups with little umbrellas. The Tiki Bar was a highlight, with residents choosing their favourite flavours and enjoying the fun presentation.

Another enjoyable moment was the hula hooping activity, with residents cheering from the sidelines and creating a lively, supportive atmosphere.

### Melbourne Cup

Residents had a fantastic time celebrating the Melbourne Cup with plenty of fun and friendly competition. The lounge was full of excitement as everyone took part in horse bingo and in-house racing games. They chose their favourite "horses", cheered them on, and placed playful bets using chocolates instead of money – adding a light-hearted twist to the day. It was a lively and memorable celebration enjoyed by all.



## Improvements and Initiatives

This quarter, we introduced new items to support resident comfort and safety, including hoist slings, sensor mats, and landing mats.

Our wellness champions have also been busy. They recently delivered lunch to our local firefighters to thank them for the work they do in the community. Our next donation will go to the local police station.

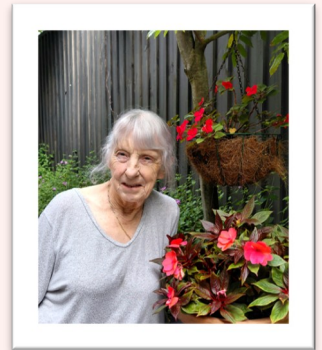
We also held our first staff birthday celebration of the year, with a shared lunch and cake for team members celebrating that month.

## Resident Profile: Christine

Christine was born in sunny Nelson and has always carried the warmth and friendliness of her hometown with her. Her love of horses became a lifelong passion, bringing her joy, freedom, and many treasured memories over the years.

A devoted mother of three, Christine built a successful career as an office administrator before embarking on a new adventure in Australia, where she lived for 24 years. During that time, she embraced new opportunities and experiences while raising her family.

After returning to New Zealand, Christine settled happily into life at Halldene, where she has formed meaningful friendships and become a valued member of the community. She also enjoys sewing, finding comfort and creativity in crafting beautiful pieces and sharing her talents with others.



## Note from the Care Home Manager

As we move into the autumn months, we would like to thank our residents, families, and staff for their continued support and dedication.

You may have noticed the memorial table in the foyer at reception. Residents and families are warmly invited to write a message in the memorial book.

A suggestion box has also been placed near reception. If you have any suggestions, compliments, or concerns, please feel free to complete one of the forms provided and place it in the box.

We look forward to the activities and events planned over the coming months and to seeing everyone around the home. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to speak with a member of the team.

Best wishes,  
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