

Welcome

Summer 2026

Welcome to the CHT St Margarets newsletter.

We're pleased to share some of the activities, events and everyday moments that have brought enjoyment to our care home. From outings and creative activities to shared meals and time spent together, it has been wonderful to see residents connecting and making the most of each day.

Our residents continue to inspire us with their enthusiasm and spirit, helping to create a warm and vibrant community here at St Margarets.

Activities and Celebrations



In December, residents enjoyed an Operatunity concert, *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*, filled with classic festive songs that brought back fond memories for many.

Residents also took an evening trip to see homes decorated with Christmas lights, singing carols together and sharing plenty of laughter along the way. Generous donations of knitted blankets and toys were also gifted to some residents during this time.

The Christmas celebrations continued with the annual Christmas lunch, where festive decorations and sparkling lights created a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Residents and families sang carols together and everyone received personalised chocolate gifts. We thank the hardworking staff and Compass kitchen team for helping make the day so memorable.

In January, residents enjoyed a visit to the Franklin Butterfly House, where they learned about monarch butterflies and explored the colourful gardens.

Many residents also enjoyed spending time with the bunnies, adding an extra sense of happiness and connection with nature.



Residents and a family member sharing Christmas lunch together.

Improvements and Initiatives



New ventilation systems have been installed in both the visitors' and staff toilets to improve air circulation and comfort.

The upgrade provides better airflow, reduces humidity and helps maintain a fresher environment for everyone using these spaces.

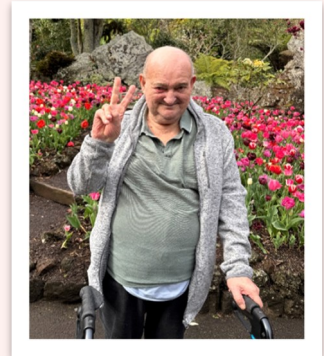
Improvements like this support good hygiene and contribute to a safe, comfortable and healthy environment for residents, staff and visitors at the care home.

Resident Profile: Barry

Barry was born in Whangārei, where he grew up with his parents, two brothers and a sister. After his father passed away, the family moved to Thames when Barry was 11, and his mother later remarried, welcoming more siblings into the family.

Barry enjoyed watching his brother and stepfather play rugby, going camping and watching Elvis Presley movies. He remembers his childhood as a happy one, surrounded by family and friends.

He also loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, often sharing playful moments and plenty of laughter. His family is grateful that he is now living in a safe and caring environment, surrounded by supportive people.



Barry, a valued member of the St Margarets community.

Note from the Care Home Manager

I'm pleased to share some of the many moments of connection and enjoyment our community has experienced recently. From celebrations and outings to everyday activities around the home, it has been wonderful to see residents spending time together and making the most of each day.

I am incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff for their continued commitment to providing a safe, caring and supportive environment for our residents. Thank you also to our families and visitors for the encouragement and involvement you bring to our community.

We look forward to continuing to create meaningful moments together and ensuring St Margarets remains a place where everyone feels valued and at home.

Best wishes,

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