

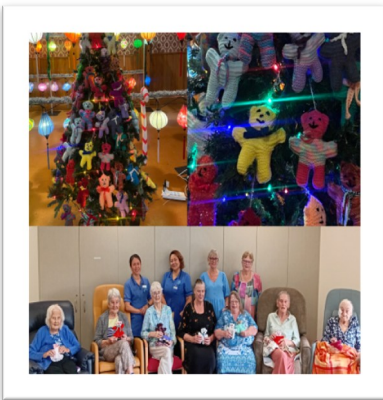
Welcome to the six new residents who joined CHT Waiuku during December and January.

December was, as always, a busy and enjoyable month, with many Christmas entertainers visiting the home to share the festive celebrations with our residents.

One particularly memorable Saturday was spent with members of the Papakura Fijian Church group. More than thirty members attended, bringing music, singing and dancing, as well as sharing a lunch with residents. Each resident was also presented with a colourful lei.

Congratulations to our knitting group, who were awarded first place in the Waiuku Christmas Wonderland Competition. You can see the certificate proudly displayed in Reception.

Activities and Celebrations



Decorated Christmas tree and our knitting group.

Residents at Waiuku have enjoyed a wide range of activities and outings, bringing plenty of energy and connection to life in the home.

One memorable highlight was the Waiuku Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Competition.

Our knitting group created many handmade teddy bears to decorate the tree, which looked spectacular on display. A group of residents enjoyed a bus trip to view the competition entries, and we were delighted when the Waiuku tree was awarded first place.

After the competition, the teddy bears were donated to the Waiuku Family Support Centre so they could be passed on to local children.

The Centre's CEO later visited to thank residents personally for their generous contribution to the community.

Sharing festive moments

Residents have also enjoyed visits from a variety of entertainers, including the children from View Road School performing with their kapa haka group and the Spud Union singing group. Santa even made a visit, presenting each resident with a personalised gift.

Another highlight was the Christmas celebration lunch, where the kitchen team prepared a delicious festive meal that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our volunteers were also thanked with a special afternoon tea in recognition of their ongoing support. The final bus outing for 2025 was a trip to the Operatunity Show's Christmas Spectacular, and the popular bus trip picnics resumed again in February.



Well done to our kitchen team for delivering a memorable Christmas lunch enjoyed by all.

Improvements and Initiatives



New dining chairs add a stylish upgrade to the dining experience.

Extra sensor security lighting has been installed around the building and in the rear car park to improve safety and visibility, particularly overnight.

The main reception entrance has also been enhanced with outdoor solar lighting.

Dining and sitting areas have been refreshed with new blinds and dining chairs, helping to create comfortable spaces for residents to gather and relax.

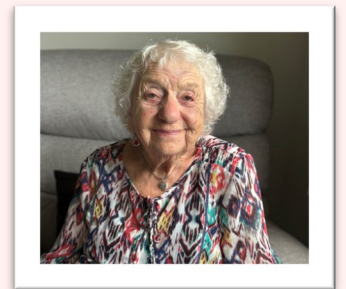
Our gardens continue to be a colourful feature, with seating placed throughout so residents and visitors can enjoy time outdoors.

Resident Profile: Eunice

Eunice was born in Lancashire, UK, and worked as a tailoress for a high-class tailor in Rochdale. At the age of 20 she married Alan, an engineer, and before long they welcomed three lovely children. Eunice devoted many years to being a full-time mum while raising their family.

Once the children had grown up, Eunice and Alan followed their youngest daughter to Adelaide after visiting her there several times. However, they found the climate a little too hot. When their daughter later moved to New Zealand, they came to visit and quickly fell in love with the country, deciding it was the perfect place to settle. They eventually made their home in the Waiuku area.

Eunice began volunteering at the local Op Shop in 2007 and continues to help there each week. She remains a valued member of the community and enjoys staying active and involved. At the home, Eunice is known as a fun-loving resident who brings joy and cheer to those around her. She is also a respected member of the knitting group and is always happy to help others, often offering to do a little shopping for fellow residents who are unable to go themselves.



Note from the Care Home Manager

As always, a special thank you to the Waiuku Lions Club. Member Barry kindly delivered tables and crockery from the Waiuku Town Hall for the residents' Christmas lunch. Residents also enjoyed a slice of the Lions' Christmas cake with their cuppa, generously donated each year.

A special mention also goes to Rose Scents Waiuku. Residents appreciate the many colourful flowers and posies that brighten the home and their rooms during celebratory weekends.

On 27 January, a spot audit was undertaken. Thank you to the residents and families who shared their positive feedback during the visit. I'm pleased to report that no adverse findings were noted – a great result for the whole team.

Best wishes,
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