

Welcome

Winter 2026

Kia ora residents and whānau

Over the past few months, our care home has been filled with shared experiences, laughter and meaningful connections. Whether through group activities, family visits or special celebrations, there have been plenty of moments to enjoy together.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of those highlights and catching up on life at CHT David Lange.

Winter reminder

As we move through winter, please help protect our residents by postponing your visit if you're unwell, practising good hand hygiene and following any guidance from our team. Thank you for helping keep our communities safe.

Activities and Celebrations

Jewellery-making

Residents embraced a new jewellery-making activity with enthusiasm and determination. Everyone created two beautiful bracelets, but the real highlight came when some residents exchanged their creations, affectionately calling them "friendship bands". It was a lovely example of creativity, perseverance and friendship.

Easter celebrations

Easter brought plenty of fun with a care home-wide Easter egg hunt organised by the Activities Team. Residents enjoyed searching for hidden Easter eggs throughout the care home, with smiles, laughter and a little friendly competition making it a memorable celebration.

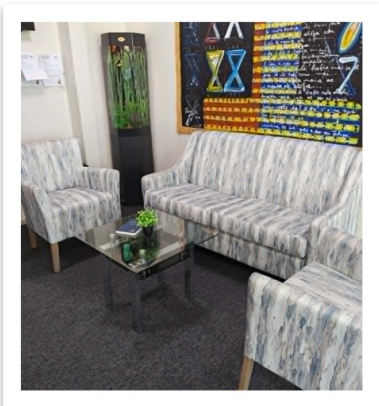
Mother's Day

Mother's Day was a special opportunity to celebrate the wonderful mothers, aunties, sisters, nieces and female friends in our community. Each female resident received a heartfelt card and a box of Roses chocolates from our staff, creating a day filled with gratitude, appreciation and many happy tears.

Music and togetherness

Combined bingo continues to be one of our most popular activities, bringing residents together for plenty of fun and friendly competition. We also enjoyed a special performance by the brother of one of our residents, whose selection of classic favourites inspired singalongs, smiles and fond memories.

Improvements and Initiatives



Several refurbishment projects are underway to further enhance our care home. Repainting of shared spaces has already begun, with new furniture, carpets, curtains and blinds to be introduced over the coming months.

The care home's lift will also be replaced as part of these improvements. We understand how important lift access is and want to reassure residents and whānau that alternative arrangements will be in place throughout the replacement to ensure continued access.

These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a comfortable, welcoming and well-maintained home where residents can continue to enjoy a safe and supportive environment.

Resident Stories:

Kia Orana, kia ora and hello! My name is Haedon Ngatae, and I'm originally from the beautiful Cook Islands, with family roots in Aitutaki and Mangaia.

When I first arrived at CHT David Lange, I didn't know what to expect and felt very nervous. Thankfully, my sister reassured me that I would fit right in, and she was absolutely right. The kindness of the staff, the welcoming atmosphere and the people around me have helped me feel relaxed, settled and at home.

Music has always been a big part of my life. I come from a family of musicians and dancers, and I love hearing music played during activities. Even when I'm relaxing in my room, I can hear it drifting down the hallway and often find myself singing along. Seeing fellow Pacific Islanders also gives me a wonderful sense of connection and belonging.

My message to everyone is simple: "Life is too short, so enjoy it. Sing and dance whenever you can!"



Note from the Care Home Manager

I'd like to thank our residents, whānau and staff for helping make CHT David Lange such a welcoming and caring community.

We've already shared many memorable moments together, and I look forward to the activities, celebrations and everyday experiences still to come. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our care home.

With warmth and gratitude,

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