

Welcome

Winter 2026

Kia ora everyone

A warm welcome to our latest newsletter. Every day at Haldene, our dedicated team works together to ensure residents feel safe, comfortable and well supported, creating a caring environment where connection and compassion remain at the heart of everything we do.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities, celebrations and memorable moments we've shared over the past few months.

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

**Pop-up op shop event**

Our in-house pop-up op shop was a wonderful success, bringing a vibrant shopping experience to the care home. Thanks to generous donations from St Stephen's Op Shop and Orewa Community House, residents enjoyed browsing clothing, accessories, books and other treasures at their own pace. The event encouraged independence, sparked conversations and raised funds for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Mother's Day celebration

Residents celebrated Mother's Day with a special high tea featuring freshly baked scones, crêpes and beautifully decorated cupcakes. The room was dressed in soft shades of pink as residents shared memories and stories before receiving a scarf and bracelet as a small token of appreciation.

**ANZAC Day memorial service**

Residents and staff came together for a special ANZAC Day memorial service, with many residents proudly wearing their medals and poppies. A resident-led wreath laying and a moving performance by the Hibiscus Coast Pipe Band made the occasion especially memorable.

Improvements and Initiatives



Our colourful courtyard garden continues to flourish thanks to our resident gardening club and the support of the Activities Team. For many residents who have enjoyed gardening throughout their lives, tending the garden brings a sense of purpose, joy and the opportunity to share memories while working together.

We're delighted to welcome our new chef, Krishnel. His meals have already proved popular with residents.

Resident Stories: Meet Anna

Born in Longford, in the heart of Ireland's midlands, Anna grew up surrounded by music, dancing and a strong sense of community. Encouraged by her father, she developed a lifelong love of dancing, with Saturday nights at the local dance hall becoming treasured memories.

At 18, Anna moved to England to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. There she met George, whose love of travel matched her own adventurous spirit. Together they built a life in New Zealand, where Anna continued her nursing career before managing a small rest home. Along the way, they raised three children and created a life grounded in care, resilience and love.

Today, Anna still enjoys staying active with daily walks and taking part in activities around Haldene. Known for her warm nature and willingness to help others, she's always ready with a smile or a kind word. And if you happen to meet Anna, don't be surprised if she asks you to dance.



Note from the Care Home Manager

Thank you to our residents, families and staff for your continued support. Your involvement helps make Haldene the welcoming and caring community it is.

A reminder that our resident meetings are held monthly, usually during the first week of the month. Families are always welcome to attend, and meeting minutes are available to read in the black folder located in the lounge beside the Activities Office.

We look forward to the many activities and events planned over the coming months. As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak with a member of the team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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