

Welcome

Winter 2026

Kia ora everyone

While the days may be cooler, there's been no shortage of warmth at CHT St Margarets. Over the past few months, our care home has been filled with shared celebrations, meaningful moments and opportunities to come together as a community, creating memories that continue to strengthen the connections between residents, families and staff.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of those moments and catching up on life at St Margarets.

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



Residents and their families came together for a much-anticipated barbecue, enjoying an afternoon of delicious food, live music and relaxed conversation.

Barbecue favourites and ice cream were on the menu, creating the perfect setting to reminisce, reconnect and enjoy each other's company. As the music played and conversations flowed, the afternoon became a celebration of friendship, family and community.

ANZAC Day was commemorated with a special morning tea and remembrance service, honouring those who served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Residents shared ANZAC readings, observed moments of reflection and sang the national anthems of both Australia and New Zealand, creating a meaningful opportunity to remember loved ones and reflect on their service.

The day concluded with a visit to the library, where Mother's Day was celebrated with a special morning tea featuring live music from Ray from Let's Be Frank Entertainment. Residents, families and staff enjoyed singing along to familiar favourites, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere as everyone came together to celebrate the occasion.



Residents celebrating Mother's Day

Improvements and Initiatives



Table setup at Rutherford Lounge

A consistent table setting has been introduced across our dining areas to create a more comfortable and enjoyable mealtime experience. Consistent placement of crockery, cutlery and glasses helps residents locate what they need more easily, promoting independence, confidence and a calm dining environment.

The new approach also supports staff efficiency while encouraging social interaction and connection at mealtimes.

Resident Stories: Meet Wesley

Wesley completed his apprenticeship as a tool and die maker with Vickers in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, where his skill and curiosity led him into the drafting office, expanding his technical knowledge and design expertise.

He later took his talents to sea, joining the Merchant Navy as a ship's engineer before moving to New Zealand, where he became Managing Director of Cameron Brothers Engineering in New Lynn while raising a family of five.

Outside work, Wesley enjoyed tramping, rock climbing, rock hounding and playing bridge; a game he very rarely lost.



Note from the Care Home Manager

During winter, we all have a role to play in helping prevent the spread of respiratory infections. Simple steps such as washing your hands regularly, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when unwell help protect our residents, staff and visitors. Thank you for continuing to support a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

We're also preparing for our certification audit later this year. This is an opportunity to showcase the high standard of care provided at St Margarets and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to delivering a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for our residents.

Best wishes,

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