

### Welcome Note

Autumn 2022

A warm welcome to all our new residents and families who have joined our CHT Acacia Park family. We trust you will enjoy your time here and feel comfortable in your new environment. As we all continue to work through COVID and the challenges we have all faced I want to thank you all for supporting us in keeping our residents safe throughout this time.

It hasn't been easy for anyone with all the restrictions in place but I am truly grateful for all those who have ensured they follow our guidelines and have been able to spend some quality time with their loved ones.

### Activities and Celebrations

#### Ladies playing scrabble



#### Game Day

We welcome our new Activities Coordinator Gwen who started recently and is getting to know our residents and their interests. It is evident that our residents are enjoying the activities Gwen is organising for them.

A good game of Scrabble is always a favourite and some of our gorgeous ladies enjoyed this on one of our game days. It is a great way for residents to come together for some social time and who doesn't enjoy a bit of rivalry? The game days are proving to be popular and we look forward to having more residents involved.

#### St Patricks Day

We like to recognise days of the year that we can have fun at the facility. So on St Patrick's Day we did this with our residents and staff.

We decorated our lounges with a green St Patricks day theme, this included our dining table settings and lunch, and encouraged staff and residents to dress up for the occasion.

Lots of green clothing and hats were worn and this created some laughter and smiles all round. It is important to us that our residents can participate in our theme days and have the pleasure of being part of our "Acacia family".

#### Maureen and Denise



### ANZAC Day Service



## Improvements and Initiatives

### ANZAC day

It has been a dream to hold an ANZAC service for our residents at our facility for some time however with the construction going on 3 years ago and then COVID lockdowns it was put on hold. So I was so pleased to finally make this happen this year with some amazing help from staff and community members. Our ANZAC community service was held out in our courtyard and we were blessed with a beautiful day to mark a memorable moment. It was very special to be able to have our residents be a part of this day and acknowledge those who lost their lives to give us our freedom. LEST WE FORGET.

## Resident Stories

Harry was born in 1933 in Wimbledon, South London. Harry attended school to the age of 16 and then went to work for a short time at a quantity surveyors office. He then went on to train at the School of Military Intelligence when in time he achieved the rank of Lance Corporal.

After meeting his future wife Harry joined the Police force in 1955 in Central London in order to have sufficient income to marry Rita. They had four children and relocated to NZ in 1965 where Harry joined the NZ Police. He has been at CHT Acacia Park for the past 6 months and we love having him here.

### Harry Figgest



## Note from Unit Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to you all as my time at CHT Acacia Park draws to a close. I want to thank all the residents and their families for the great memories I take away from here after nearly 21 years. I will cherish these memories close to my heart.

I would also like to thank all my staff for supporting me throughout my time at CHT Acacia Park and for the love and care you continually show our residents. I will miss you all very much and wish each and every one of you all the very best for the future.

Aroha mai, aroha atu

Best Wishes  
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