

Welcome Note

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. Thank you to everyone for helping us keep safe by sticking to our rules around visiting and using the booking system. Our main priority is to keep residents, staff and families safe while still ensuring you are able to visit your loved ones.

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle of items donated by staff to raise funds following the volcanic eruption in Tonga. We raised \$350 which was donated to the Red Cross in Tonga. One of our residents Jackie was the lucky first place winner and features in our Residents Stories this newsletter. Our staff and residents all enjoyed giving back to the community and supporting our Pacific neighbours.

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Some of our wonderful night staff receiving recognition on CHT Foundation Day



Activities and Celebrations

CHT celebrated our 60th year of caring this year in March. We took the opportunity to thank all the staff and both staff and residents enjoyed a special day.

We were so privileged to have a visit from the Front Yard Festival during a recent temporary suspension of visiting. This wonderful volunteer group entertain outside no matter what the weather. Our residents enjoyed watching them perform from inside and we were able to seat people in their bubble groups around the windows.

St Patricks Day was another event enjoyed by residents and staff . Everyone wore their best green outfits and enjoyed a special St Patricks Day lunch.

The men enjoyed a drink of Guinness and for the ladies we had some Baileys, although many of our residents chose to have a glass of wine or soft drink instead of the traditional Irish drinks.

Front Yard theatre performance



Easter Memory Game



We try always to incorporate theme days into our activities and this year Easter bingo was a great event and we also had an Easter memory game. Along with hot cross buns and Easter eggs, there was also a special Easter lunch.

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Improvements and Initiatives

We continue to work on maintaining our lovely facility to a high standard. Also important is to make sure that staff have safe working equipment and this is continually being checked and where needed repaired or replaced. Please do let us know if you notice anything requiring attention in your loved ones room so we can get this repaired as quickly as possible.

Resident Stories

Jackie came to live at St. Margaret's in May 2018, a few months after her late husband Maurice came into our care. She was born in Dannevirke, but had lived in different places across the country as her father worked for the New Zealand Defence Air Force. She is the youngest among her siblings, with an older sister named June and brother Peter.

Although she grew up as a shy girl, it did not stop her from honing her skills in roller-skating, which paved the way for her to compete in the Auckland Championship in 1952 and bag third place.

Jackie also had an immense love for indoor basketball and go-kart racing and was awarded with the Powder Puff Trophy in 1961. Around 1970s, she once again competed in the Auckland Amateur Go Kart Club and was awarded the first place for the Ladies Championship Cup 100cc.

At the early age of 16, she landed her first job as a fulltime shop assistant in a chemist store and her last occupation was working as a credit controller.

She remarried to Maurice at 28 and adopted two children, Dennis and Sue. Her children are in constant communication with her as she owns an iPad to ensure they get to talk anytime. Believing that swimming is an essential life skill, she made sure her children learned how to swim at an early age.

Jackie enjoys reading romance novels and watching her favourite TV show such as Shortland Street and is also a huge fan of crime and mystery shows. She keeps herself updated by tuning in to 1News at six. Although not a bingo player growing up, at St. Margaret's she is having a blast! Perhaps, it is never too late to discover a new hobby.

Jackie with the winning hamper



Note from Unit Manager

Until next time thank you everyone for the wonderful support we continue to enjoy from our families. Please continue to contact me for any queries, ideas or issues you wish to discuss. We look forward to being able to have a residents meeting as soon as it is safe to be able to.

Best Wishes
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