



Goodwin Village

Newsletter June/July 2015

CARE MANAGER REPORT

Sunset Garden:

The cold winter has set in and our gardens are becoming dormant. I am happy to announce that we received Funding through the Buloke Shire "Improving Liveability for Older People in Buloke". This funding has assisted us in purchasing pots, watering system, statues and equipment. The pots are all planted out and now we await the massive blooms we are expecting.

Doctors:

Dr. Maria, Oleg and Talai continue to provide excellent service to Goodwin Village. We appreciate their time very much and the way they communicate with us regarding all the residents. Each resident who wished had their Flu vaccinations this year and the same was offered to staff as well. There have so far been no coughs and colds within our walls. If you are planning a visit to Goodwin Village and have a cold we would like you to think again and just make a phone call.

Hairdresser:

Carmel Jenkins our visiting hairdresser has been very busy lately with attending weekly to 20 Residents hair sets and cuts, as well as becoming a grandmother twice over and a third just arriving last week! All three of her grandchildren were girls and their names are Carly Rose, Isla Maree and Sienna Lily.

Staff Training:

Our computer care system is being upgraded in June / July. All staff will be trained in the updated program. We are the first site to have the upgrade so feel very privileged and excited for it to be happening.

Marriage is a
Workshop.....
where
husband works
&
wife shops....



- Lynne Walsh

BOARD NEWS

UNIT 37

The Board has decided to build a further Unit in Richardson Heights. We are finalising the documentation for the Unit and hope to have the new unit built by Christmas.

FLOOD COMMITTEE

The local Flood Committee continues to meet regularly to coordinate the spending of the Government Grant on the town levee banks. Representatives of the flood committee and Goodwin Village visited Nathalia, which is a town in the Moira Shire that has to contend with flooding on a periodic basis. Quite a bit was learnt about temporary levee structures and their storage, as well as the management of permanent levees.

VILLAGE CALL SYSTEM

The Board has decided to upgrade the Village call system. The current system was installed around 25 years ago. There will be little change in the residential care building, as only the software and computer will be changed. The Units will have some changes that will incorporate some hardware connection to their phone line. DHS unit residents in Units 13 to 22 that have chosen to be connected to the Village call system will have their situation discussed with them over the next month or so.

CARE EQUIPMENT

The organisation will be installing some software and a linked “touch screen” monitor in the next few months, that will make the residential care medication management system more sophisticated and more accurate. The staff have to co-ordinate and administer medication for almost 250 separate medication acts per day. It is expected that it will be a great assistance to the organisations medication management.

The organisation is also currently looking at upgrading some of its manual handling equipment. Some of the current equipment will not give the staff capacity to care for residents into the future, and needs to be improved.

**Unit Resident Happy Hour
5.00pm Fridays in Meeting Room at hostel**



All Welcome



The free newspaper “Seniors” is now available in the hostel foyer for all Goodwin Village residents.



ACTIVITIES

As the days get colder the activities are hotting up at Goodwin Village! While Lynette B is basking in the sun in the Kimberleys... Glenda, Jodie and Tracey are holding the fort and doing a fine job!

The menfolk recently enjoyed a tasty barbeque lunch down by the river with Acky and fortunately they had chosen one of our rare sunny winter days. A few beers accompanied the sausages and lots of tall tales and jokes were shared amongst the gum trees.

The ladies were not forgotten and Mother's Day was once again a day to celebrate all that is wonderful about mothers. Beautiful handmade posies of gorgeous blooms made by Jenny G were delivered to our ladies and brightened the day for everyone.

Marion and Jodie also kindly accompanied several of our ladies to the Charlton Tea Rooms for a scrumptious afternoon tea recently. Antiques were admired, a couple of small purchases made and a delightful afternoon had by all. Day trips such as these are an important part of our activities program and everyone loves getting out and about, enjoying fresh air, new faces and fun times. Even short outings are valuable, such as a recent quick dash down to Wood St to meet up with three horse drawn vehicles and their owners!

Another recent event was our "Tartan Day" and to celebrate this, residents were entertained by Jean Pearse's grandsons, Hamish and Bryce, on their bagpipes. They are both talented young men and we thank them for their time and generosity. All those with Scottish heritage happily donned their tartan kilts, scarves and displayed their memorabilia. There's nothing like the swirl of those bagpipes to get everyone's toes a tapping!

At Goodwin Village we are always happy to welcome volunteers and recently a Thanksgiving Day was held to remind us all to value these wonderful people and their kindness. Gabby Campbell visited us last week and displayed her growing musical talent on the piano. Bev and Frank continue to visit also and entertain us regularly on both the organ and piano. We thank all our volunteers, be they drivers, entertainers, prayer group or whatever...we appreciate them all!



Above: Barbeque lunch down by the riverside enjoyed by our men.



Above: Jean, Lynne and Nancy dressed in style for Tartan Day!



Above: Beautiful posies ready for our ladies on Mothers Day.



Above: Enjoying delicious afternoon tea at the Charlton Tea Rooms.



Above: Hamish and Bryce playing bagpipes for our Tartan Day activities.



Above: Yvonne, Lynne and Pix getting up close with the draught horses.



Above: George Browse ready for Anzac day with his daughters.



Above: Tom, Mary and Will Cantwell with John Howley and the cart.



Families are asked to give any new clothing for residents to a staff member so that it can be named please. We hope this will prevent misplaced clothing. Thank you. 😊



***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

JUNE

- 1st June -Uniting Church Communion 10am
- 9th June – Resident/Relative Meeting 11am
- 9th June – Anglican Church Service 2pm
- 12th June- Biggest Morning Tea 10.30am
- 19th June – Auxiliary Entertainment “Judith Hines” 2pm
- 24th June - Uniting Church Service 2pm
- 25th June - Catholic Mass 2.15pm

JULY

- 6th July – Uniting Church Communion 10am
- 7th July - Resident/Relative Meeting 11am
- 10th July – “Issi Dye” Performance 2pm
- 14th July – Anglican Church Service 2pm
- 16th July - Catholic Mass 2.15pm
- 17th July – Auxiliary Meeting 2pm
- 22nd July – Uniting Church Service 2pm

Please note: The monthly resident activities calendar is always available in the communication folder in the front foyer and also on the noticeboards of the hostel for family and friends to view. ☺

Birthdays

JUNE

- 5th June – Marjorie Hose
- 5th June – Maureen Sheeran

JULY

- 9th July – Frances Drum
- 31st July – Mary Green

Happy Birthday to you all!

