



### CARE MANAGER REPORT

The sunset garden has proved to be a wonderful flowering experience with residents enjoying watching it flourish out the dining window. We have some additions to the surrounds of the garden now in the form of farm animals and birdbaths. The hot winds have decreased the blooms in this cart photo and I am sure you would understand this as I am sure your gardens took a bashing too.



The end of the year and Christmas festivities have come across us quickly. We thank the many visitors over this period who call in to sing, act and generally be a good friend to all the residents and staff.

We have been very sad to lose our dearest friends Maureen Sheeran, Lorna Sheridan and Nancy Trask. These delightful ladies had spent quality time at Goodwin Village enjoying all the fun and activities. Our deepest sympathy goes out to these families.

A big welcome goes out to Don Sorenson, Joan Smith and Hetty Cooper who have taken up residence at the hostel. They are sure to enjoy their stay with us as have many residents in the past.

The hostel remains fully occupied and so is the respite. As I always advise, if you think you need to book some respite, please call and enquire as things can change quite quickly in residential care. Remember that future plans are the best plans.

One of our cooks Ros Newell has resigned as from December. We wish Ros well and all residents have enjoyed her very tasty cooking and loving nature. She will be missed by all. Acky and Shiju now have an extra helper in Mick Reekie. I am sure everyone will get to know Mick over the summer period whilst Shiju is away and not be afraid to ask him for that little bit of assistance with maintenance and gardening chores.

**Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy Joyous New Year**



- Lynne Walsh



## BOARD NEWS

### UNITS

We are expecting new residents John Storey and Merle Drum to come into units 1 and 11 respectively this week. Unit 37 will be completed before Christmas. Unit 27 will be available after Christmas as it needs some minor refurbishment. Unit 36 will be open for inspection on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 between 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm. This is for people to have a look at the type of independent living unit accommodation we are building in Goodwin Village.

### MAINTENANCE SHED EXTENSION

It has taken the Board a little longer than expected to get the plans completed for the proposed extension to the maintenance shed. It is hoped that they can be finalised early in 2016.

### RICHARDSON HEIGHTS ROAD EXTENSION

The Board has had the plans for the proposed extension to the Richardson Heights Road drawn up. Consideration must be given now as to the best material to use for the road surface.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting with the new dinner meeting format seemed to work well. As a result of this the Board will be going with that format for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

### FLOOD LEVEE DESIGN

Price Merrett Consulting are still currently working on the levee bank design for the town of Donald. Goodwin Village is particularly interested in the protection they recommend for east and north boundaries of our site. The levee designs are to be finalised early in 2016.

### DENTAL CLINIC

Early in 2016 a dental clinic will be visiting the Village. This service will be available for both unit and hostel residents. More information regarding dates and costs will be available shortly.



*Christmas is approaching quickly and we would appreciate it if families could please advise as soon as possible of Christmas Day arrangements for residents.  
Thank you!*

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

**All Welcome**





## ACTIVITIES

In November Melbourne Cup was celebrated in style with hats and wonderful outfits befitting the best celebrations at Flemington. The Goodwin Village Cup was keenly contested and won by Pixie Crone and her horse “Toora”. A wonderful luncheon of chicken and champagne alongside scrumptious finger food followed by amazing desserts. Everyone enjoyed watching the “almost local” horse, Prince of Penzance with its amazing victory celebrations.

Another enjoyable afternoon was a visit by Gerry Hazelwinkle and his fantastic Fergie tractor. Many of our male residents spent much time reminiscing of days gone by and discussing the many hours spent working as well as repairing their own similar machinery.

The last two months were busy months for bus travels. The first one was a bus trip to the Botanical gardens in St Arnaud. It was lovely to see the ducks in the pond and a delicious afternoon tea amongst the gardens in perfect weather was enjoyed by all.

Our next outing in the bus took us to the Grampians on another glorious spring day. We stopped at Zumsteins for a tasty picnic lunch, then onto Lake Bellfield to inspect the reduced water level. Our final stop was for a round of taste tempting ice-creams for everyone for the long journey home.

Music of many forms is an important part of hostel life and we have been fortunate to enjoy many visitors over the last two months. Well known entertainer, Izzy Di, returned for a Christmas themed show. Unit residents and PAG friends visited us for his recent show and everyone really enjoyed his wonderful music and all the sing along tunes. Our local talent, Bev Gilmour and the Village singers are also appreciated and we always look forward to their next visit. St Mary’s students have visited us on several occasions, entertaining residents with their shadow puppet plays, a music review and dancing. We thank these students for allowing us the opportunity to interact with our next generation of performers!

Well the Christmas season is now upon us and we wish everyone seasons greetings as we all await the arrival of the jolly old man from the North Pole!



Above: Residents enjoying an afternoon tea break in the beautiful St Arnaud gardens while on their bus trip in November.



Above: Sing Australia performing at the hostel.

Above: George and Babs Browse celebrating 66yrs of happy marriage!



Above left and right: Enjoying the beautiful flora and fauna at the Grampians as well as a tasty picnic lunch.



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



**Goodwin Village now has its own website - “[www.goodwinagedcare.org.au](http://www.goodwinagedcare.org.au)”. All residents, families and anyone else interested in making use of our services on offer are invited to check out our site!**



**\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\***

**DECEMBER**

- 7<sup>th</sup> December -Uniting Church Communion 11am  
8<sup>th</sup> December– Resident/Relative Meeting 11am  
4<sup>th</sup> December – Unit Residents Christmas Tea  
11<sup>th</sup> December – Auxiliary Christmas Entertainment 2pm  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Anglican Church Service 2pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December - Catholic Mass 2pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Resident/Staff Christmas Lunch  
23<sup>rd</sup> December – Uniting Church Service 2pm

**JANUARY**

- 4<sup>th</sup> January– Uniting Church Communion 10am  
12<sup>th</sup> January - Resident/Relative Meeting 11am  
29<sup>th</sup> January – Unit Residents Tea  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Uniting Church Service 2pm



**Birthdays**



**DECEMBER**

26<sup>th</sup> December – Lorna Bradby

**JANUARY**

9<sup>th</sup> January – Tom Cantwell  
10<sup>th</sup> January – Joan Basset  
12<sup>th</sup> January – David Gilson  
19<sup>th</sup> January – Kath Onley  
21<sup>st</sup> January – Dick Walsh

*Happy Birthday to you all!*



