

Outlook Gardens Newsletter

Winter 2017

Devotion— A Devotion of Thanks Giving

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. Ps 100:4

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, His love endures for ever.
Ps 136:1

Give thanks to the God of gods, His love endures for ever. Ps 136:2

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, His love endures for ever. Ps 136:3

To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures for ever.
Ps 136:4

We give thanks to God for Corey's many years of service at Outlook
Gardens

We give thanks to God for the new wing at Outlook Gardens Aged
Care Facility

We give thanks to God for the beauty and maintenance of the
gardens both at the aged care facility and the village

We give thanks to God for all the staff and volunteers who work
and contribute to our community

We give thanks to God for the residents of our community

We give thanks to God for our community at Outlook Gardens.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, His love endures for ever.
Ps 136:26

We give thanks to God as he leads and guide our community at
Outlook Gardens

We give thanks to God for the Board and Association of Outlook
Gardens

We give thanks to God for the retirement village and Christian
Reformed Church of Dandenong -the minister and members for
their love, care and support

We give thanks to God as we enter into a new era in his presence

We give thanks to God for Dirk's new leadership role

We give thanks to God for new team/staff members and we
welcome them aboard

We give thanks to God for all his goodness and blessings.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Heb 13:8

As we walk together in faith and partnership with the Lord, we can
stand firm and claim from his promises of hope, encouragement
and strength for the future of our community at Outlook
Gardens...

'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to
prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and
a future' Jer 29:11

Thanks be to God...Praise the Lord...and ...Glory to His name and
Kingdom!

John Nicholson

reading at our

Anzac Day Service
held on the 24th April



ANZAC DAY

**They shall grow not old, as
we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.**



From the Clinical Care Coordinator

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your patience and diligence with hygiene practices during our recent gastro outbreak. The care taken was greatly appreciated and we managed to keep the outbreak to a minimum. As winter has now arrived we ask that if you are feeling unwell with a cold or flu to stay home until you are feeling better. Please remember that there are hand washes available as you enter the facility and it is a good practice to use them when you arrive and as you leave.

Inna Emelianova our Residential Service's Manager is currently having a well deserved break and hopefully enjoying her time away.

Family Functions

Family and friends are most welcome to get together and celebrate resident's milestones. If however you are planning such a celebration we ask that you consider the other residents and book one of our lounge areas. You are most welcome to book one of our rooms with Reception who will also provide you with guidelines for the use of these facilities.



If you wish to book the community centre please ring Nel Steunenberg on 9795 4946

Dental Services

As some of you are aware we recently commenced with Alpha Dental who are providing dental services in the facility. We do understand that their charges are quite high and we will keep looking for an alternative mobile service.

Although the time frame could be lengthy, the Royal Dental Hospital can also be contacted to visit residents free of charge.

Continence Products

We have changed our supplier of Continence Products from Hartmans to Ontex. They supply products of a similar quality with reduced costs, better service and they will also provide education to our staff.

Staff

We have been able to employ more Registered Nurses (RN) and at the end of May we have been able to have a RN on all shifts including night shift.

Pharmacy Accounts

At this time of the year many of the residents will be reaching their Medicare safety net. If partners of residents are able to provide me with a print out of their expenses from their pharmacy I will be able to combine them with our residents' expenses and the safety net may be able to be reached earlier.

Gym

We are looking into the possibility of providing a gym for our residents. In the mean time we are endeavouring to source suitable equipment that residents can use in their rooms. If you have any gym equipment lying around that would be suitable and are willing to donate please let me know.

Anna Sheran

Aged Care Happenings's

Residents continue to enjoy the various happenings provided by the Leisure Lifestyle Staff.



Anzac Day Service



Mother's Day High Tea



A very belated congratulations
to Anna and Stan Lesnjak who celebrated their
60th wedding anniversary back in January.



Mexican Fiesta



Wanted

- If you or your family are updating your **iPad** or **iPod** please consider donating your old one. These would be gratefully accepted and be used to download individual songs/playlists for residents to listen to.
- We are still seeking additional **Volunteers** to come and assist with the various activities we organise for the residents.

Georgina

Leisure/Lifestyle



Pastorally Speaking

As our community grows and changes, we welcome all of the new residents to both the aged care facility and retirement village. We hope to see all of you transition as smoothly as possible into your new home and our prayers are with you as you adjust to your new environment.

We also warmly welcome our respite residents as they spend some time within our community, we hope you will be refreshed and rested as you meet new friends and community members.

For all those who are ill and struggling with on going health issues in both the aged care facility and the village, we continue to pray for you and ask God's blessings and mercy to be with you. May his presence give you the strength to face each new day and his peace comfort you.

Over the last few months, many of our residents have journeyed on beyond death; it is a time of sadness and sorrow for their love ones, families and friends. Our deepest sympathy to all who are on the grieving journey and our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you be comforted by God's love and peace.

Our condolences to the following families and friends of our residents in the community: Keith Kloester, Reginald Jordan, Ron de Kretser, Muriel Smith, Quincheen Chung Kok Lun and Gwen Downing.

Chew Nang



From the General Manager's Desk

This is the first report in my new role as General Manager.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Neil Morgan who has taken on the role as Deputy General Manager/Finance Manager, Sue Boonstra in Reception and Systems Administration and Monica Huntly in the administration area.

To improve the level of Spiritual and Pastoral Care for our residents we have increased the hours for our Pastoral Care Team. We will now have two full days per week in the Aged Care facility and continue with one day for the Retirement Village.

We are constantly monitoring and adjusting our care staffing profile to match the needs of our increasing number of care residents.

The lavender room is undergoing a refurbishment with the installation of new LED downlights and is currently being repainted with warmer colours. The area now looks much brighter and more homely.

We warmly welcome several residents from the village who have moved into the facility for ongoing care.

Vacancies for residents are still available, so if you know of any people requiring permanent or respite care, please refer them to our facility, contact Reception on 97957566 for any enquiries.

Dirk Schuurink



Neil Morgan
Deputy General
Manager/
Finance Manager



Sue Boonstra
Systems
Administrator/
Receptionist



Monica Huntly
Administration

Village News

We had a special morning coffee for Corey's farewell to wish him all the best in his retirement with a presentation and flowers for Helen.



Our outing in April was to Noojee where we enjoyed a meal at the Tool Shed in the grounds of the Outpost Retreat.

Film nights are very popular with some of the films shown including 'Lion' and 'The light Between the Oceans'

Hilly Efring turned 90 in May and had a party in the community centre with relatives and friends attending. Congratulations Hilly.

Happy Hour is once a month in the Community Centre and is a good time to get together for a chat, nibbles and a drink.

A reminder that the Podiatrist will be available for Village Residents on the 13th June at 11.00am at the aged care facility. Please let reception know if you wish to attend.

