

## Pastorally Speaking

Something a little different! I am writing this devotion from Cunnamulla, a township south-west of Queensland, approximately 1250 kilometres from Melbourne. Such a beautiful country, our Australia, vast in her terrain and ever-changing. I am watching emus gracefully forage for food. They calmly walk by me, not the least bit bothered by my presence in their territory! It is so peaceful. So quiet. It is wonderful just to be still.

I began thinking of the Outlook Gardens Faith Stories group and how we were singing *'Be Still And Know That I Am God'*. That is just what I am doing.

These are powerful words from our Heavenly Father,

**Psalms 46:10**, and

advice He wants us to adhere to. Being quiet, being 'still', allows any worries or concerns we have to rise to the surface and most importantly to wait on the Lord so we can hear His 'still small voice' speak to our hearts.

Acknowledging these matters enables us to then bring them to the Lord and hand them over to Him, asking for His will alone to be done in them, as the Lord's Prayer directs

us to do. The words to the second verse of the hymn are *'I Am The Lord, That Healeth Thee'*. In handing over our concerns to the Lord, and asking for His will to be done, He will bring healing to us. God's will is always for our good; **Romans 8:28** *'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him'*. He strengthens and encourages us in our trials; **Isaiah 41:10** *'I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand'*. He brings insight into our circumstances and opens our eyes to His truth; **Daniel**

**2:22** *'He reveals deep and hidden things'*. He brings transformation; **Romans 12:2** *'... be transformed by the renewing of your mind'*. He brings us healing; **Exodus 15:26** *'For I am the Lord, who heals you'*. The third verse continues; *'In*

*Thee, Oh Lord, I Put My Trust'*. To put our trust in the Lord, is to be obedient to Him and in obedience to the Lord, our faith grows. So be still and trust in the Lord to bring healing, whatever it may be for you, and wait for this in His perfect timing; **Isaiah 30:18** *'Blessed are all who wait for Him'!*... and know that he is God.

*Cheryl Ebsworthy*  
*Pastoral Care Worker*



### *From the General Manager*

As we transition from the cold, wet winter we look forward to the longer days and warmer weather and the new growth that occurs at this time of year.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for the Association has been scheduled for Saturday 18th November, 2017 at 2pm and will be held in the Community Centre. And will be followed by the Annual Village Residents meeting at 3pm.

### **Accreditation**

The Aged Care Quality Agency held an unannounced assessment contact visit at our facility on 17th July. Areas assessed were Continuous Improvements, Human Resources Management, Clinical care and Living Environment. All expected outcomes were met. On behalf of the Board and Management I would like to thank all staff for their care and the hard work they do each day for our residents and the positive outcomes assessed by the Accreditation team.

### **Village**

A warm welcome to our new residents in the Village. We wish you God's Blessings as you transition to a new phase in your lives.

We currently have a few vacancies in the Aged Care Facility, please refer enquiries to our Receptionist on 9795 7566.

### *Dirk Schuurink*

*Bep van Triest visits the facility every second Friday with 'Jaxon'.*



### *From the Residential Services Manager*

This past 3 months has been a very busy period. We've welcomed several new permanent residents and many others have taken advantage of respite in our facility.



We say farewell to our longstanding staff worker

Kasa, who has retired after being with us for 12 years. We wish her all the best as she relocates to Cook Islands and New Zealand .



On that note, we'd like to mention that we are looking for additional nursing staff, particularly ENs. If you know of any suitable applicants, please ask them to get in contact with us.

### **Physiotherapist**



Welcome to our new physiotherapist Lauren from Empower Healthcare. Lauren is at Outlook Gardens every morning during the week.

### **New database**

We are transferring our care and administrative records to a new database called 'Manad' in the near future. We look forward to utilising this current Aged Care record keeping system for the many records we need to maintain!

### **For the Residents families:**

On Tuesday 12th September, 9.30am we have our quarterly residents meeting, where families are also welcome to attend.

If families would like an information session on any subject related to caring for their loved ones, please let me know. We are considering the possibility of offering education topics for families.

And finally, if families have questions about their loved ones care, please do not hesitate to email [nursing@outlookgardens.com.au](mailto:nursing@outlookgardens.com.au) or call us on 9795 7566.

*Inna Emelianova*



# Aged Care Happenings's

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



**Roaring 20's Party**



**Indian Lunch**

**Bollywood day**



Rangoli  
an ancient art form  
practiced throughout  
India



**Bollywood Dancing**





Crosbie & Yvonne  
de Kretser

## Village News

Welcome to our  
new Village  
residents who  
have just  
moved in...  
or are  
about  
to move  
in! We  
hope you  
will be  
happy  
living at  
Outlook  
Gardens.



Adrian & Janny  
van Poppel



Adrian & Ann Fraanje



Cees & Bep van Leeuwen

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Congratulations to Fred Bussittil and Christobel Chapman  
who were married on Friday 18th August. We wish them God's blessings and happiness.

We enjoy wonderful events and activities together as a community. On Wednesday 19th July, about 40 of us enjoyed a mid-winter lunch at *The Stamford*. Film nights are proving very successful with approx. 30—35 people attending each month. We completed the trilogy of Amish series: *The Shunning*, *The Confession* and *The Reckoning*. Bowling continues on a Monday at 1pm and new members are welcome. It's lots of fun!

Barbara B



Every Thursday there is morning tea in the community room ,  
which is attended by the Village Residents and some others....

