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The web site has proved difficult to add and amend over the past 18 months so we are currently in the process of transferring files in to an html format which should make additions and updates easier. We hope that we will have a more user friendly operational system by the New Year, which will mean for those of you with email we will possibly just advise you by email that there is a newsletter / notice posted on the website, which will reduce our carbon footprint!

Photography



Sally and Josie have been learning the art of taking , and then cropping photographs. It is hoped to offer this opportunity to other residents.

It was evident from some of the holiday photographs taken that some people needed to improve their skills.

Sally and Josie have produced some lovely photos of the surrounding area and its wildlife. They have produced some cards—with the assistance of two Occupational therapy students, and I hope to also produce a portfolio of their work over the holiday period.



Land Purchase:

As you are aware the Board has expressed interest in purchasing land adjacent to the existing property. As we go to print the final payment for the land will be being transferred. The Board members have spent a considerable amount of time this year in consultation with various stakeholders in order to develop a strategic plan and also to consider options for new land use.

Residents, family, staff, as well as the wider community have had the opportunity to put forward their ideas, which have been many and varied. The strategic plan document has been finalised and is enclosed with this Newsletter.

As well as looking at the possibility of new services the Board is committed to maintaining the current residential facilities.



Laura Fergusson Community

Newsletter



The Sound Of Music

Thank you very much to the Trust Board for subsidising the outing to the Sound of Music stage show held recently at the Opera House. A large group of residents, family and staff thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, and the evening meal afterward.

We are already thinking about a couple of shows for next year. We are aware that some shows are quite costly and not able to be subsidised, so people need time to save for the occasion.

Comings and Goings

Sue Byers, who has worked for the Trust in several different capacities over the past 30 years, recently resigned from the Board of Trustees and from her position on the Management Team. Sue will become a contractor, overseeing our gym every few months so we will still see her from time to time. Sue's outstanding service to the Trust over so many years was acknowledged by the Management Team with a gift and card. Sue's retirement marks the end of an era for this community.

Over the past couple of years we have been fortunate to have Louise, the German Shepherd from the American Embassy visit us on a regular basis. Sadly she is to move to America when her owners return next month. We have really appreciated the commitment of Embassy staff and Gail, her owner, in continuing the visits each month. We hope all goes well for Louise and her family in the States.

We have also said farewell to Carol Rodley who has been our front office person for the past eighteen months. Carol has moved to greener pastures with the DHB, so hopefully we shall still have some contact with her — her distinctive lime green car will also be missed!!!!

We welcome several new staff — Eleanor Singleton, Maxine Wright, Linda Little, Rena Rosvall, Cecilia Finau who have joined our support workers team. Stephanie Carr has returned to assist with front office duties whilst formal interviews take place.

Since the upgrading of the respite flat and studio we have had several short term residents — those who have been in the flat “absolutely love it”, enjoying the extra space and the opportunity to be supported to make some of their own meals. Our last visitor in the flat seemed to have expanding belongings on a daily basis — we were wondering if it would all fit in the car on her return home!!!! We already have several bookings for next year.

Congratulations to Nathan who recently graduated from his Weltec Course.

Early in November we were visited by about fifteen people from the tertiary education sector. They represented the Ministry of Education, TEC, and other adult educators and funders. They were interested in how, as an organization, the Trust plans and implements its various training programmes. We were able to explain the good relationship that we have with Careerforce who assist us with training resources and NZQA approved unit standards. I believe they were also quite impressed with the facility. Congratulations to Linda Moore-Taylor on receipt of her framed certificate in Human Services—Level 4, and also to Lee Hancock who has become an approved / registered assessor.

Vivienne and Piri from Pukeora Trust, Waipukerau, also visited for the day to discuss training opportunities. Life seems to have been busy for everyone — residents and staff.





Christmas celebration

This year the Laura Fergusson Community Christmas celebration is to take place at Kaitoke gardens, north of Upper Hutt on Tuesday the 16th of December between twelve and two.

Residents and staff would be happy for you to join us. We are to have a barbeque lunch — with extras! There is a charge of \$20 for each adult family member, \$5 for children aged ten to fifteen and children under ten are free.

Father Christmas will be in attendance, with his assistant, and they will be available to hand out gifts to children under years if families wish (Gifts should be under ten dollars value, wrapped and clearly labeled).

We hope that the weather will allow us to make use of the gardens for activities, otherwise we will have access to inside facilities for an end of year quiz. We will plan for all weathers!!!!

It is extremely important for catering purposes that we have confirmed numbers by Thursday 11th December 2008.

Please let Stephanie at the Reception know if you will be joining us.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Social Quality Circle

