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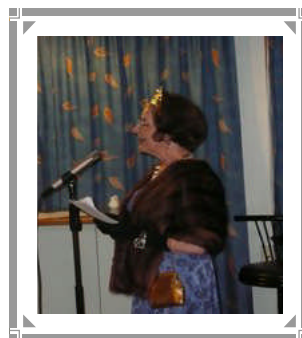


Christmas Celebrations

We seemed to hardly have time to draw breath on the return of the second group from SurferÑ, when it was time to get together to celebrate Christmas and the end of another year at the Laura Fergusson Community.

After an in house Barbeque, friends and family joined us for a Quiz Night. This year we were honoured to have 'The Queen' as our guest. She made a very brief appearance although in the short time she was with us managed to make comments about all of our residents. In recognition of her coming we all managed to find our Diamonds, Crowns and Tiaras from the depths of our wardrobe - so there was lots of 'bling' on show!.

Competition was intense with several quiz teams being very evenly matched. In the end those with the loudest (not always in tune) voices scraped through to be the winners - funny how there always seems to be a lawyer in the winning team!!

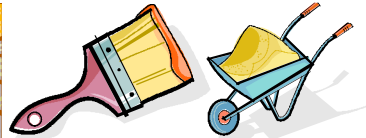
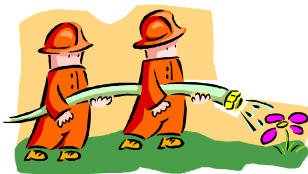


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Carers Day 2008

Laura Fergusson celebrated Carers' Day formally this year by acknowledging the professional attitude and work ethic with a celebratory barbeque lunch. We are fortunate in our community to have carers committed to providing quality care, many of whom are participating in further training. Thank you to the Social Quality Circle and other residents who supported this day in assisting Management to recognize the Carers contribution to the organization.



Maintenance Report.

We are most fortunate at the Trust to continue to have the full support of the Board of Trustees and the Ladies Auxiliary for our maintenance programme. Day to day maintenance is ongoing around the complex. Our buildings and grounds are now a very mature 30 plus and continue to require upgrading. Some of our recent large projects include:

Capital Road-marking came in once again to repaint the road markings in and around our complex to ensure our visiting tradesmen and visitors know exactly where **not** to park their vehicles.

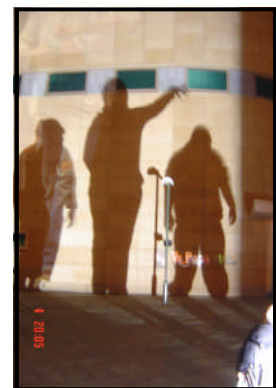
Just in time for the oncoming rainy season, the Buytamol reroofing of our walkway, staff room and cool-room areas have been completed by Scie Construction Limited.

At the moment we are undergoing upgrading of our sprinkler system around the complex by Nationwide Fire Protection to ensure our system is up to the standard to which it was originally installed many years ago.

Thank you to all the residents who have taken on board the concerns Regarding cooking in their breakfast bar areas. Members of the Hazard Quality Circle continue to appreciate everyone's co-operation in Supporting the implementation of our health and safety programme.

Body Moves

A small group of residents and staff were able to go in to Wellington to enjoy Body Moves - a Wellington International Festival event, held in the space between Circa and Te Papa. This was a spur of the moment outing—enjoyed by all those who participated.



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The Australian Trip—November 2007

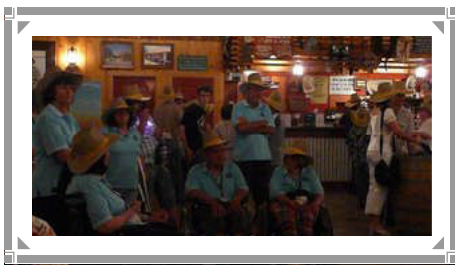


Once again the trip to Australia was a success—we did have a few minor glitches and despite assurances that toilets were fully functional everyone coped with the various plumbing issues that continue to plague the Labrador complex. The three bedroom bungalows allow the opportunity of “family type” living—therefore it is a great exercise in teaching patience, planning and tolerance. We had some quick learners and others who needed a couple of days to get into a different routine.

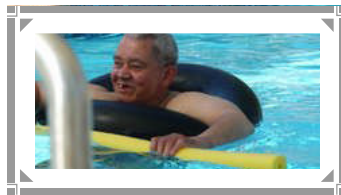
Last years trip took place at a much later time of the year which meant that temperatures were that bit warmer—both groups were fortunate to have only the occasional shower during the day, though we were treated to stormy weather at night. Everyone had breakfast together where we were advised of any changes to the listed programme, after which we would be “out and about”. It was possible to allow for a few at home times which meant that the pool at the complex had plenty of use—see photos.

We managed to visit some favourite haunts—Sea World, Dreamworld, as well as going to the Australian Outback show, Australia Zoo— plus the opportunity for shopping (always a favourite activity).

Thank you for the Board, Ladies Auxiliary and all our sponsors who contributed to the holidays. Attached photos speak for themselves.



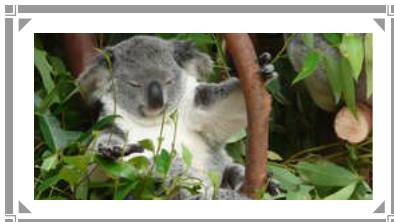
In the gear ready to enjoy the Outback Spectacular.



Hot weather meant that the Pool was put to good use!!



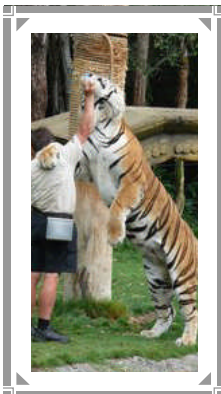
“I enjoyed the “Tower of Terror” - Lindsay



A natural Australian.



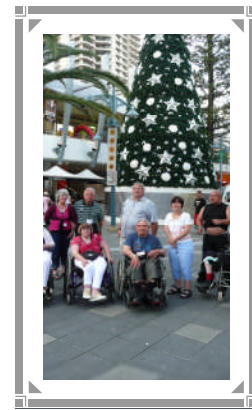
We enjoyed the improved aquarium at Seaworld.



Raja at Dreamworld.



Boatride checking out possible sites for a Surfers LFT.



Shells and starfish decorations

It was very, very hot in Brisbane. We all had fun and we all thought that every day was a lot of fun. All of us went to just about everything! Casinos, Restaurants as well as the Zoo. The Zoo was first and it had just about every animal. We all had to wear hats every day and everyone had a good time.—Nathan

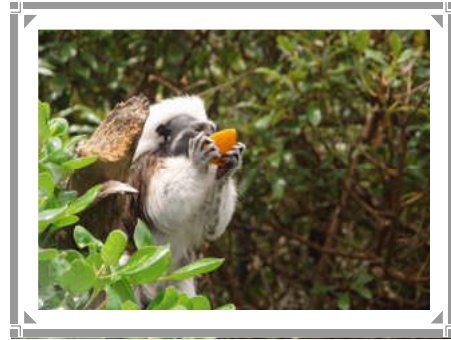
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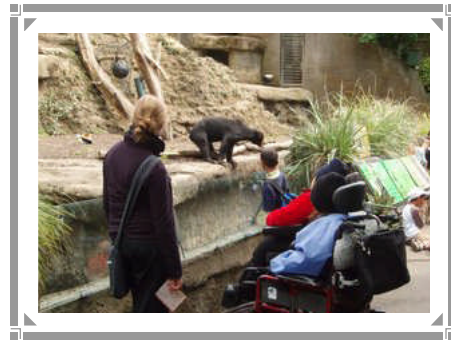
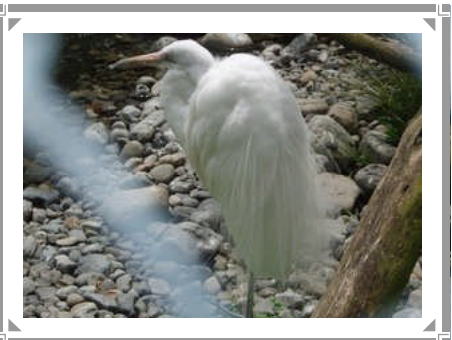
We chose to stay in NZ, and did other activities instead!



*Wellington Zoo
November.*



Those that visited the Zoo late last year were pleasantly surprised at the improvements to the Zoo and surroundings since their last visit.



Boys and their Toys!!!

The Guys chose a trip to Southwards— followed by a meal and a wander around Lindale! Of most interest were the many splendid vehicles at Southwards.

Comings & Goings

