

Welcome to the June Edition of  
" On the Grapevine"  
The Myrtleford Lodge Resident's  
Representatives Monthly Newsletter



Winter, a lingering season,  
Is a time to gather golden moments,  
Embark upon a sentimental journey  
And enjoy every idle hour

16th May 2015

Dear Resident and Representatives:

I am writing to advise you that Bentley Wood Health and Aged Care, which consists of Woods Point Aged care and Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care is implementing computerised care planning throughout both facilities. The program is called Autumn Care and it will completely replace the paper based system we are currently using.

As the demand for aged care services care increased providers need to meet the challenges of providing the best possible care whilst increasing productivity and streamlining their processes. Autumn Care has developed the most advanced care solutions available in the Aged Care industry to assist in meeting these challenges.

Up to date records can be accessed from anywhere at any time. Information is available at the click of a button and effective communication of patient information where it is needed is instant.

Paperless care is better care as it increases efficiencies by eliminating the need for the duplication of data and double handling. Information is entered once and is instantly available for all, reducing time, effort and inconsistency of data, and therefore offering cost savings on multiple levels.

These advantages will ultimately improve the management and reporting of clinical care as well as assisting staff to better manage clinical and personal care for residents.

The Autumn Care system searches and extracts clinical notes, care plans, assessments and appointment tasks, meaning virtually anything can be reported, quickly. Reports can be saved for re use at a later date, or modified using a number of search criteria. In addition to the day-to-day reporting requirements, Autumn Care can also be used for statistical reporting - such as incidents and accidents, key performance indicators measuring quality and highlighting staff training requirements, in order to analyse trends and set benchmarks.

We are excited about this initiative and plan to implement in June 2015. We are currently working fervently to enter all residents' data into the system as well as train the staff on the use of the system. I must stress the care provision will not change however we all need to be patient whilst staff learn a new computer based system to capture the data necessary to improve outcomes for residents. Ultimately staff will become more proficient with documentation and less duplication with the aim to provide more contact hours with staff and residents.

We have no plans to reduce staff with the implementation of Autumn Care but improve efficiencies throughout the facility and assist staff with their current workload.

This is a huge resource investment that we believe is necessary to continue to meet the increasing demands of residential aged care.

If you would like to know further details please see Marita or obtain a brochure from reception.

Yours sincerely,

Marita Seamer Director of Nursing

### Bus Outing

Pictured are Residents boarding the bus to tour our very picturesque valley in some autumn sunshine. Molly Love, June Lockwood, Shirley Drinkwater and James Shanks enjoyed the beautiful colours of the autumn leaves.



### Happy Hour

Pictured below are some of the large number of Residents who enjoy the Happy Hour gathering held fortnightly.



## Entertainment

Peter Robbers came in to entertain us again this past month. Peter is always a popular local entertainer singing tunes that take us all on a trip down memory lane.



## Canine visitor

Angela, one of our staff members recently brought in her puppies to meet some residents. Cecelia Benini loved the visit even though they were a little over exuberant enjoying her attention wanting more.



### 90th Birthday Celebrations

Sheelah Jarvis celebrated her 90th Birthday surrounded by some of her very dear friends at Myrtleford Lodge on Wednesday 13th May.

Sheelah was treated to a beautiful "High Tea" by the ladies who each brought in a plate of delicious treats which Sheelah thoroughly enjoyed.



Sheelah is pictured surrounded by her dear friends, who tell me that they for many years joined together every Friday to enjoy morning tea together, the tradition is now to gather for each ones birthday. Happy Birthday Sheelah.

## Out and About

On Friday 1st of May the sun was shining and it was a beautiful warm autumn day. Residents enjoyed the gazebo, playing quoits and enjoying afternoon tea with some of our visiting students from Myrtleford P-12 College before returning indoors before the sun went down.



Have you noticed the library area is undergoing a tidy up. Pat Hogg is doing a great job putting all of the books in order, thankyou Pat, it's looking great.



### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Once again Myrtleford Lodge hosted "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" at Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care as part of the Australia wide campaign to raise vital funds for cancer research.



Colin Rose enjoyed morning tea in the company of his daughter, Lee and friend, Joan Cunneen.

Colin was also the lucky door prize winner, congratulations Colin.



Erminia Vaccaro is pictured enjoying the morning with her husband, daughter, granddaughter and great grandchildren, it was lovely to see the generations together.





Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Pictured are Residents enjoying a morning of chatter and laughter surrounded by family members and many friends who came in to the morning tea helping us to raise funds for such a worthy cause.



### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Raffle winners of some beautiful donated prizes were, Carol Lowen, Ruth Cross, Pam Lewis, Alfa Dwyer, Elvie England, Barb Findlay, Joan Cuneen, Rita Sguario, Elsie Gaylard, Antonio Baldori, Louise Nightingale and Myrna Sella.  
Congratulations to all of our prize winners.



Thankyou to all of our visitors on the day who along with Residents and Staff raised a total of \$378.25, these funds will be sent directly to the Cancer Council of Australia.

Well done to everyone who helped out on the day, special thankyou to our Catering Staff who each year happily make a wonderful contribution providing many many cups of tea and delicious treats.



### Queen's Birthday. June 9th.

Australia is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and the official head of state is the Monarch of the Realms. This is currently Queen Elizabeth 11. She is also the head of state of many other countries and territories. Queen Elizabeth 11 was born on April 21st, 1926, although her official Birthday is celebrated on the second Monday of June in most Australian States.



On the second Sunday in May the Queens honour's list is released. This list contains the names of the new members of the Order of Australia and other honours issued by the Australian Government or the Queen. These are generally for exceptional service to Australians, Australia or Humanity as a whole.



### Festival of the Republic.. June 2nd.

*Republic Day, also known as Festa della Repubblica* in Italian (Festival of the Republic), is a national holiday in Italy on June 2 each year. It celebrates the day when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy in 1946 so their country could become a republic.

### Tight Knit World

Currently our knitting group together with some friends and staff of Myrtleford Lodge have joined in with the "Tight Knit World", fundraiser to knit beanies of various sizes go to a number of charities. Currently our drive is to knit beanies, jackets, scarves and socks to send to Nepal.

We are thrilled with the response to date and our intention is to send our beautifully knitted garments off by Friday 5th June to ensure that they arrive at their destination prior to the commencement of the monsoon season.



Pictured above are just some of the knitted items which have been knitted with much love. Our knitting group really are to be congratulated for the charity work they are involved with.

“Let us love winter as it’s the spring  
of knitting”



**Now Showing**  
**At the Myrtleford Lodge Theatre**  
**Room**

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**Tuesday 2nd June 1.30pm.**

**Anchors Aweigh**

**“Song, laughter and romance”**

**Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson and Gene Kelly**

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**Tuesday 9th June.30pm**

**Home to Roost**

**“ Uncivil War under one roof”**

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**Tuesday 16th June 1.30pm**

**Little Women**

**Featuring Elizabeth Taylor & June Allyson**

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**Tuesday 23rd June 1.30pm**

**Fiddler on the Roof**

**One of the all time classic films**

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**Tuesday 30th June 1.30pm**

**Alaska**

**Spirit of the world documentary**

## ***A note from the Administration Desk.***

### *Residents Guest Books;*

Following on from last month, all of our Resident's now have a guest book in their rooms.

We ask you to use this Guest Book on each of your visits with the Resident as a valuable way of communicating your time spent together.

Our suggestion is as well as including the date and your name to include also a small note of the visit.

Example:

28th May 2015

" So and so " visited today, the winter chill is now in the air so we decided to stay indoors to play a game of scrabble together before having a cup of tea.

We hope that you make the most of this invaluable tool to help the resident reminisce about the visit and day to day activities.

### *Visitors Access;*

Families and visitors to Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care are reminded that the Kitchen is a restricted area.

Access to the kitchen is limited to Catering Staff only.

Myrtleford Lodge is required to adhere to the Food Safety Guidelines and we ask for your full cooperation in meeting these guidelines.

Please ask staff for assistance.



## ***A note from the Administration Desk.***

Facility lounge chairs, coffee tables, other tables;

Not to be placed in individual residents rooms. These items belong in communal areas for the use of all residents. Residents are to purchase own if needed.

Overbed tables are not to be used for storage, TV stands or displays - Use for meals, drinks only.

Wheelchairs, 4WW's, recliners owned by resident

All wheelchairs, 4WW and recliners are to be serviced by the supplier at the resident's cost. The supplier has all of the specifications to enable warranty services /company repair and service.

When a resident is no longer at Myrtleford lodge

All items are to be removed. If family/friends are unable to take all items at the one time - Items can be stored at Myrtleford lodge for 4 weeks and then will be donated elsewhere if not.

Newsletters and Correspondence:

Each month several more families are contacting administration with email addresses to receive newsletters etc which is wonderful.

Should you like to be included in our mailing address please either email; [admin@myrtlefordlodge.com.au](mailto:admin@myrtlefordlodge.com.au) or just call in to let us know.

Our Monthly Newsletters and Calendars are also available on our website. [www.bentleywoodptyltd.com.au](http://www.bentleywoodptyltd.com.au)