

*Welcome to the December
Edition of;*

" On the Grapevine "

*The Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care
Residents and Representatives
Monthly Newsletter*



*Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year from
Management and Staff of Myrtleford Lodge*

Each month we are profiling some of the expected outcomes of the Accreditation Standards. This month we focus on Expected Outcome:

STANDARD 2.5 – SPECIALISED NURSING CARE NEEDS

This expected outcome requires that:

Residents specialised nursing care needs are identified and met by appropriately qualified nursing staff.

The home ensures that residents' specialised nursing care needs are identified and that assessment, care planning and review are undertaken by appropriately qualified and skilled nursing staff.

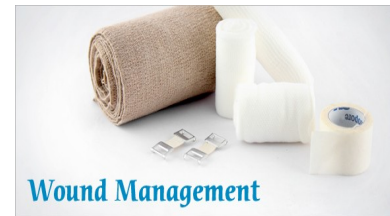
- The home is staffed by a Registered Nurse - 24 hours per day.
- The home accesses the following specialised nursing care consultants:
 - Wound consultants
 - Palliative care team
 - Aged psychiatry assessment service
 - Continence care nurses
 - Aged care assessment service
 - Diabetic Educator



The home currently supports residents with the following specialised nursing care needs

- Wounds
- Catheters and stomas
- Dietary supplements

- Diabetes
- Mental health illness
- Contenance management issues
- Complex care needs
- Oxygen therapy
- Palliative care
- Infection control and management of infections.



In addition to monitoring strategies specialised nursing care is also supported by the following process:

- Completion of assessments as documented by the Registered Nurse.
- The Registered Nurse documents care plan changes and consults with residents or representatives and specialist consultants in response to changing needs.
- The Registered reviews specialised nursing care management of residents.
- The Registered Nurse activates new referrals/reviews as required.
- Weekly medical clinics are coordinated by a Registered Nurse.
- Residents and representatives provide feedback regarding their satisfaction with the specialised nursing care provided through surveys and Resident of the Day consultation.

- There are many assessments, referrals and consultations held by the Registered Nurse with many specialists.
- This information is included when decisions about care and treatment options are being considered. You will be made aware of these consultations and options, however if you would like further information please speak to the Registered Nurse.

Marita Seamer

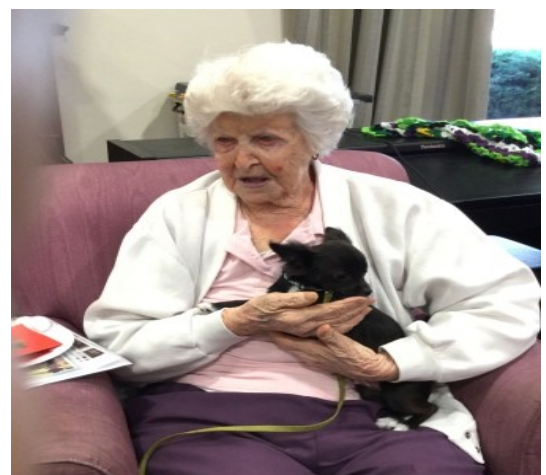
Director of Nursing.

Activities at Myrtleford Lodge



Giovanna Tollardo enjoyed a Birthday during November and is pictured with the most beautiful orchid that she received as a gift from family.

Molly love is pictured enjoying a cuddle from one of the very cute puppies that came to visit.



Activities at Myrtleford Lodge



Students from the Myrtleford P-12 College have continued to visit Myrtleford Lodge weekly assisting us to provide a wide and varied activities



program.

Many friendships have been formed between students and Residents and we thoroughly enjoy the company of all of the students and thank the College and staff member Rosemary Bunge who coordinates all of the visiting groups and activities.



Activities at Myrtleford Lodge



Residents and Staff have enjoyed lots of fun and laughter together as we decked the halls, put up the Christmas trees and generally prepared for Christmas.

Lorna Fallon and Gwen Keat were pictured together enjoying each others company, Beryl Morgan provided some music whilst we worked and Kath Evans and Thelma Jones decorated one of the many trees adorning the facility.

Well done everyone, the decorations look beautiful.

Activities at Myrtleford Lodge



Residents enjoyed a bus outing to visit the beautiful garden of Sally McDonald at Barwidgee Creek on what was a beautiful sunny morning.

The gardens were a delight to see and very peaceful according to the Residents.



Thankyou to Sally for opening her garden and to Clare Southern who assisted as a volunteer on the day.



December Birthdays

Ila Treloar ~ 5th December

Olga Feltrin ~ 12th December

Anna Dagoli ~ 13th December

Merle Broughton ~ 19th December

Paola Castagna ~ 25th December

We hope all of you lovely ladies enjoy your special day with your family and friends.

Happy Birthday!

Residents / Representatives Meetings



Residents & Representatives meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month @ 3.00pm.

This is a great forum to share ideas, concerns or queries so that they may be discussed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12th December 2017.

Our littlest visitors

Myrtleford Lodge are very fortunate to welcome many visitors on a weekly basis, pictured below are children from the local playgroup who brought their parents along with them to visit and play games.



Their chatter and infectious laughter ensured that we were all left with smiles on our faces.

Family meetings

Jim Piazza enjoyed meeting the littlest member of the piazza family recently, little Jack Piazza came in to say hello and was happy to have his picture taken with his great uncle Jim.



Making Gnocchi

Wednesday 15th November's Italian social morning tea gathering became a feast of beautiful homemade gnocchi.

Two of our very special volunteers, Rita Sguario and Clare



Southern, assisted by Residents, cooked up the most mouth watering luncheon for approximately twenty Residents who were lucky enough to be invited to lunch to enjoy fresh homemade gnocchi along with a

glass of wine or juice and some crusty fresh bread.

Thankyou to our volunteers who assist us in our daily activities at Myrtleford Lodge, we appreciate your time and your friendships.

Bellissimo!





In loving Memory

Olive Green ~ 14th October

Aldo Broz ~ 28th October

Ida Frizzo ~ 3rd November

Harold Jones ~ 4th November

Dulcie Taylor ~ 4th November

Our sincere condolences are extended to family and friends during this sad time.

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Myrtleford Lodge Residents and Staff also remember those we have lost and are no longer with us as we join together to celebrate Christmas.

*“When someone you love becomes
a memory,
The memory becomes a treasure”*

Special Events on the Calendar

2nd December ~ Sing-a-long with Lyn

4th December ~ Scouts choir

5th December ~ Entertainment by Trevor Dawson



11th December ~ D Wing Christmas Party Luncheon

12th December ~ Residents Christmas Party

~ All Residents, Families welcome.

Peter Robbers Entertainment


13th December ~ Stanley Choir

14th December ~ P-12 College choir

20th December ~ Cooking for the Community
Christmas Gift.

Bus drives, garden walks, Happy Hour, Social gatherings, cards, bingo, many additional activities will be posted on the calendar. Residents are welcome to come along to all activities.





An Invitation is extended for you
to join us for the;

*Residents Christmas
Party 2017*

Tuesday 12th December
Finger Food, Refreshments and
Entertainment

From 12pm
At Myrtleford Lodge

Please join with us to celebrate
Christmas 2017 with Residents
And Staff.

RSVP to Administration Staff
prior to December 8th.

\$10.00 per guest.

A note from the Administration Desk

Christmas Planning;

Thankyou to the many Residents and families that have returned the " Christmas Planning " form that was sent out during November. This questionnaire will assist us to gather important information to send to our Pharmacies for Residents requiring additional Webster Packs for any Social Leave along with assisting our Care staff to ensure that Residents are ready to attend family celebrations.

Newsletters and Calendar of events;

Our Newsletter is published monthly, should you wish to receive a copy by email, either leave your email address with Administration Staff or send an email to;

admin@myrtlefordlodge.com.au

And we will add you to our contacts list to receive the Newsletter automatically.

Seasons Greetings;

Myrtleford Lodge Management and Staff wish all of our Residents, Resident Representatives, Visitors and Volunteers a very Merry and safe Christmas, we thank you for your ongoing support and kindness throughout the year and look forward to 2018. As staff members it is always a pleasure for us to play a small part in your every day lives.

