



NEWSLETTER

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TO OUR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND CARERS

We wish to thank you for your continued support and understanding of our facility during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Effective from Monday 27 April 2020 restrictions to visitations have lessened, however strict guidelines have been implemented to ensure the health and safety of our residents and staff.

Changes to the Visiting Arrangements include:

- Partners, parents, guardians or care and support people over the age of 16 years can visit residents between 1.00pm to 3.00pm only. Visits will only be permitted in resident rooms, outside garden or courtyard areas.
- Palliative care visitation is reviewed on an individual case basis, there are some exemptions and compassionate considerations.
- Residents will be allowed one visitation of up to two people, but only within the new two-hour visiting period.
- Visitors are not permitted in communal areas of the facility and social distancing recommendations will be expected to be adhered to.

All visitors will be screened on entry and cannot visit if they have:

- been overseas or travelled on a cruise ship in the last 14 days
- been in contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- close contact with or caring for someone who is currently unwell
- currently or within the last 7 days been unwell or been aware of any of the following symptoms:
 - fever, night sweats or chills
 - cough
 - runny nose
 - sore or scratchy throat
 - shortness of breath

We understand that this is a challenging time for you and your loved ones, however we encourage that you continue to use the technological solutions provided to enable virtual visitation. Should you require any assistance accessing this services please contact our staff on 03 5139 7979.

Once again we appreciate your support implementing these changes as they are in place to protect us all.

What's happening at Laurina Lodge?



ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is a very special day of remembrance, in which we are able to honour and acknowledge those who have served in military operations.

This year at Laurina Lodge a flag raising and minute of silence was held whilst listening to the last post.

A traditional morning tea of Anzac biscuits was enjoyed by all.

Lest We Forget.

Easter Celebrations

A special scones afternoon tea was held on Thursday 9 April 2020 to kick off Easter Celebrations.

An Easter hat parade and trivia session were held for resident enjoyment.

A delicious fish lunch was provided on Good Friday.

Each resident received a chocolate bunny with their breakfast trays on Easter Sunday.



Activities

In response to COVID-19 restrictions the Diversional Therapy team have been working hard to develop a modified activities calendar to suit the needs, abilities and preferences of residents.

In this months 'Arm Chair Travel' residents visited New Zealand.

Netflix has installed for resident use. Should you require any assistance in accessing this resource please contact our administration staff.

LATEST NEWS

Virtual Visitations

An additional device has been installed at Laurina Lodge to ensure that you are able to remain in contact with your loved one.

We understand the importance of maintaining social connections for the health and wellbeing of our residents and their families.

Please contact our administration staff on 03 5139 7979 for assistance in accessing this service.

Garden Club

The Garden Club in collaboration with the Heyfield Community Resource Centre will be generously donating pots of plants to the victims of the East Gippsland Bushfires. The hope is that from this small act of kindness they will be able to bring new life to gardens and instill a sense of hope in the community.

The Garden Club have also created some pots of colour to welcome a new resident to the facility.

Gazebo

Construction on the Gazebo has commenced.

We look forward to this space being available for residents to enjoy.

