



# 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 5147 0100.

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

## What's happening at McDonald Wing?



### Easter Celebrations

Easter was celebrated throughout the week with residents and Diversional Therapy Staff making No Bake Easter Egg slice.

Pastor Janet Wallis provided a pre-recorded Easter Sunday Service for those that wished to attend.

Our in house Easter Bunny visited all residents.

### 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 resident's made homemade Anzac biscuits to be enjoyed by all.

Resident's created poppy's from recycled materials to display around the facility.

Lest We Forget.



### 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.

Resident's have participated in the Rainbow Trail and Going on a Bear Hunt. The aim of these programs are to enable social interaction with the community whilst in lockdown.

Resident's have been enjoying carpet bowls, mini gold, bingo, arts and crafts, karaoke and cooking.



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### Virtual Visitations

An additional device has been installed at McDonald Wing 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 5147 0100 for assistance in accessing this service.

### Mother's Day Celebrations

Mother's Day was celebrated on Sunday 10 May 2020.

Although visitation restrictions were still in place, residents were able to celebrate with friends and family in person and via virtual visitation.

### Happy Birthday

Loris Hawkins celebrated her 100th Birthday.

