

# Newsletter

August 2023

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## WHAT'S ON

### Resident Activities

Each area has a calendar which lists daily activities and can be viewed at [blueweliving.org.au/residents/](http://blueweliving.org.au/residents/)

### What's on in August

1st	Horses birthday	10.30am	Golden Oldies with Dave
2nd	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	
	1pm	Afternoon Tea Bus	
3rd	9.30 am	Morning Tea Bus	
7th	1pm	Residents Meeting	
8th	World Indigenous Theme Day	9.30 am	Morning Tea Bus
		1pm	Afternoon Tea Bus
10th	9.30am	Shopping Bus	
	9.30am	Anglican Service	
11th	9.30am	Catholic Mass	
15th	Indian Independence theme day	1.30pm	Dance with Jita
16th	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	
	1pm	Afternoon Tea Bus	
17th	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	
	1.30pm	Pop up shop with Divina	
18th	10.30am	Sing along with Lonnie	
23rd	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	
	1pm	Afternoon Tea Bus	
24th	9.30am	Shopping Bus	
26th	1.30pm	Nearly Vintage	
30th	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	
	1pm	Afternoon Tea Bus	
31st	9.30am	Morning Tea Bus	

## Welcome

to our new residents

Dorothy Bird, Liz Davidson, Marilyn Doolan, June Eason, Fred Leake, Joyce Smith, John Sturla, Brendan Walsh & Vivien Wareing.

## Farewells

We would like to acknowledge the following residents who are no longer at Bluewave Living

Jose Carretero



During July we undertook our safety training at the Hydrotherapy Pool. We can't wait to get back in the pool with our residents!



## 2023 Referendum

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is preparing for the 2023 Referendum on a proposed change to the Constitution (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice). It is important that prior to the referendum enrolment information is accurate for all Australians. All residents are required to change their enrolled address one month after moving into an aged care home. Forms are provided on admission or you can ask at reception if you need another one. You can also contact the AEC anytime on 13 23 26. More information can be found on the Australian Electoral Commission website

During July we celebrated Bastille Day with a delicious lunch and entertainment.





# A Message from our CEO

July has seen us welcome the first three residents into one of our newly completed areas which has opened up for operations, which has been very exciting for us! We look forward to welcoming some more residents into this space over the coming month. The new space is part of the 'Beachside' Household, in the North East wing of The Shores building. All residents can access and use this space now, and our activities team is looking at some opportunities to also use this new space – in particular the wonderful new kitchen area.

Our other works on the western side continue to progress well, and we remain on track for building works for Stage One to wrap up in September, with occupancy to the new areas occurring sometime through October. This will see us fully complete our first entire 'household', providing us with access to sufficient new bedrooms to allow us to invite the existing residents in The Shores two southern wings into the new rooms. This process will occur over the months of November and December, to allow us to commence Stage 2 works early in 2024. This new House Hold will be Aqua House – and is the North West Wing in The Shores building.

Monday Aug 7th is Aged Care Employee Day – a day the industry specifically recognises the invaluable work all our Aged Care Staff undertake in supporting and providing care for our Elders living in Residential Aged Care. BlueWave Living will be undertaking activities through the full week from Monday to thank and recognise our wonderful staff.

Our new staff from overseas will be arriving in August – a few weeks later than we had originally anticipated and commencing officially from 14th August onwards. They will add much needed additional support to our team

of dedicated staff and allow us to continue to grow and expand as we bring additional beds on-line. Whilst we continue to recruit at a local level (and this will be on-going), there is a significant shortage of available staff to work in our sector, which continues to place pressure on all providers of Residential Aged Care. The initiative BlueWave Living has undertaken to support the intake of some qualified Overseas workforce enables us to ensure we have the resources to open up new/ additional rooms over the coming months/ years, and to avoid decreasing capacity which is the step some other providers have had to take. Staffing resource challenges, coupled with finance pressures in our current high inflation environment continue to remain significant concerns for our industry as a whole.

Whilst we are currently enjoying unseasonably warm weather, another reminder that we are still in Flu Season, and it is important to obtain the annual Flu Vaccination and updated COVID booster too if you have not already done so. Also, if unwell in any way, please defer visiting. It is small steps we can all take to continue to minimise risk to our Elders in care.

Till next time, take care,

*Matt*



This month we welcomed our very first resident, June, to our new wing, Beachside!



## Winners of the Winter Raffle

Nola Currie

Sharon Healey



### Hot Tip!

IF new clothes are purchased make sure they go straight to the laundry to be labelled.



Looks like these girls were having a lot of fun with their puppeteering skills.

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