



St Vincent's Care Services Gympie

Message from the Facility Manager - Leigh Harney

Happy Windy August,

Well the August winds have certainly hit us this week; make sure you dress warm as it is very cool with this wind around. We all still need to be aware of the flu season which is still hanging around, so get lots of fresh air and don't forget to wash your hands.

The month of August is the Gympie Muster time and what a fantastic fundraiser for the Gympie community it is. We contributed by dressing up in our cowboy outfits for the day and we had our very own singing cowboy in the Green Room.

On 4-5 September we have our re- accreditation audit. You may have noticed that you have a letter on your noticeboard in your room. If you would like to meet with the auditors, please let us know and we can arrange this for you.

We have now finalised the refurbishment of McAuley dining room and kitchen. Over the coming months we will set a start date and residents and families will be informed on the

progression of this large project. How exciting will it be to see a freshly painted dining room in a lighter colour, some new art work on the walls and maybe even a new bigger TV for everyone to watch.

I am starting the countdown to my first grandchild, my daughter Olivia is due to have her baby boy in six weeks. Wow how fast the time has gone. I did suggest a wonderful name for this baby boy (Gus) but it wasn't very well received. Perhaps we should come up with a competition on guess the baby's name? Let's talk to Mandy and organise this!

Well that's all for now, till next time.

Leigh

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**Facility Newsletter
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Lifestyle report

Hello everyone, I don't know about you, but I am glad to see the back of winter and all the cold frosty mornings we have had. No doubt in true Gympie style, we will slip straight into summer with very little spring! Hopefully, we will see some rain soon as everywhere is looking very dry and dusty. A big thank you to all our Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade who have been working tirelessly attending to the many fires that have started in the area.

Well, what have we got happening in September? In the first week, we have been invited to the Zion Lutheran's Springtime Morning Tea. This is a great opportunity to socialise with residents from our neighbouring aged care facilities and also members of the Zion Lutheran Village. The ladies there will put on a wonderful morning tea and there is also entertainment, a Lucky Door Prize and some raffles. We usually go every year and it is well worth attending. If you haven't been yet, come along and join in the fun.

We have also been invited to the Art Gallery for

a tour through the exhibitions. Morning tea is provided and there is the opportunity to be involved in an art activity. This will be in the middle of September, so it will be on the September activity calendar and I will come and see everyone to get numbers for catering.

We also have our Friends of the Villa Morning Tea on the last Monday of September and Enid Carroll will be playing the piano for a sing-a-long.

I am thinking of a trip to the Duck Ponds in September, depending on the weather. It is nice to go before it gets too hot and as we haven't been for awhile, a visit to check out the swans and feed the ducks would be fun.

Any feedback or ideas for outings is always appreciated and welcome. September's themed lunch will be pizzas with a tropical theme, so drag your floral shirts out of the cupboards and dress up for the lunch!

Til next time,
Mandy

Art activities

For an art activity we tried our hand at bubble art. Using paint mixed with detergent the aim was to make patterns

by blowing the paint onto the paper with a straw. The results were unexpected and hilarious!



Birthdays

Hip hip hooray for our September Birthdays:

Lorraine Boxsell
Margaret Barker
Beryl Bushel

Library days

Thursday 13
September
and

Thursday 27
September

Newspaper Reading

The reading of the daily newspaper in the sun of a morning has proved popular with many residents, who come along to warm up for the day.



Seniors Week Concert

In celebration of Queensland Seniors Week, our residents were invited to a concert and morning tea at the Gympie Civic Centre. This is something we attend every year and it's always well enjoyed.



Welcome to the team

By now you may have noticed a new face around the facility. We would like to welcome Greg to our team as our Physio!

It's good to see he has settled right in and the residents have given great feedback on their interactions with him.



Muster Lunch

In the spirit of the annual Music Muster we decided to put on a meat pie lunch. Staff were encouraged to dress in their best jeans and flannos for the occasion. We look for any excuse to do things a bit different and the Muster is a favourite!



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