



St Vincent's Care Services Mitchelton

Message from the Facility Manager — Adam Priest

Welcome to our new residents of St Vincent's Care Services Mitchelton and their families and friends.

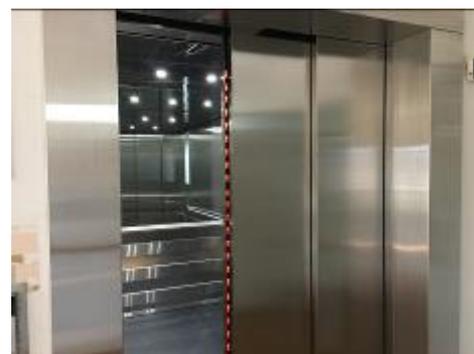
Firstly, I wish to welcome our new Shannon House Clinical Nurse Ineke Baillie-van der Kraan. Ineke comes with a wealth of clinical experience and will be a great benefit overseeing all of the Shannon House responsibilities. She joins Chinchu Sherine as Clinical Nurse in St Josephs Villa and James Simson as Clinical Nurse in Madonna Villa.

We are pleased to have the renovation of the Madonna Villa lift completed last month. A thank you to residents, visitors and staff for their co-operation during this time.

We have ongoing work in St Josephs Villa with an upgrade occurring within Kerry and Tralee. We thank residents and relatives for their patience and await completion shortly.

Lastly, we thank all the residents, relatives and staff who provided feedback in regards to the laundry location review for the Monastery. This feedback will be taken into review and we will notify you shortly of a decision.

Warm regards,



Adam Priest

Facility Manager

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Independent Living news

The ILU residents attended the monthly Independent Living Community (ILC) meeting on Tuesday 7 August in the community room. The meetings are also attended by Facility Manager, Adam Priest and the Maintenance Manager, Stephen Foley. These meetings provide the residents with an opportunity to hear directly from management as to what is happening at St Vincent's Care Services, and residents can share any feedback they may have.

At last month's Happy Hour, Fr Seamus McMahon pumped the accordion and lead the Independent Living residents in song with some wonderful tunes. The bi-monthly Happy Hour is held on Sunday afternoons in the community room. Nibbles and refreshments are provided which makes for a very enjoyable social afternoon with a sprinkling of Irish songs and joke telling. We invite all ILU residents to attend.



Group ILC Meeting



Fr Seamus on the accordion



Brian Webber with a joke contribution

Event reminder

- The residents' meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Irish Room. The next occurrence will be on **Tuesday 2 October 2018**. We hope to see you all there.
- The Christmas Fete will be held on **Wednesday 5 December** from 9.30am until 1pm. All are welcome. Anyone interested in having a stall at this year's fete, please contact Joanne in Lifestyle on 0401 137 814 or email joanne.moore@svha.org.au

Leisure and Lifestyle News

In August, we held an art exhibition to celebrate the artistic talents of our residents. Recently, we won prizes in the Samford Art Show and wanted to share these art pieces with everyone at St Vincent's Care Services, including staff, families and residents. During this art exhibition we had voting open to anyone who wanted to nominate their favourite piece. The People's Choice winners were:

- Eunice Taylor from Madonna Villa for *Landscape Painting*
- Anne Crowley from St Josephs Villa for *Sunset at the Beach*
- Maree Cooper from Shannon House for *Aboriginal Flag*
- Sharlene Putt for *Peacock Diamante*. Sharlene is a staff member who on many occasions volunteers her time to spend with residents.
- Pat Dwyer from Madonna Villa was nominated Highly Commended for his jigsaws that he tirelessly assembles. We really appreciate the completed works and Pat's generosity to share these with us all.



Joyce showing off one of the art pieces. Isn't she an angel!



Art exhibition opening night



June Padgett with her winning painting from the Samford Art Show



June Cox with her winning painting

The opening night for the art exhibition was a roaring success. Families and residents shared a laugh with champagne and nibbles, admiring the art pieces that have been created throughout the year.

In August, we also got to enjoy the talents of Ye Ol' Brass Band, Sherrie and Friends, Serenada Singers, Nathaniel, Romio, Mr Baritone and John Cornelius. So many great performances and as always received with gratitude and enthusiasm. September will be just as full of talent and enjoyment so keep an eye on your calendars to keep up to date.

On Friday 31 August we celebrated Father's Day for all the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures we have residing with us at St Vincent's. We had a lovely time sharing stories and laughs.

A reminder to residents that we run poetry reading in both Madonna Villa and St Josephs, have a Historical Society in Madonna Villa, profiles in St Josephs (discussing famous and infamous people in history), and choir where everyone is welcome. Please see someone in the 'red' shirt (Lifestyle team) if you have any questions – we would love to share these activities with you all.

With love and support,

Lifestyle team

Change Futures

Change Futures provide counselling support services for residents, families and staff. If you are experiencing difficulties or require support, please contact our office on **3857 0847** to arrange a confidential appointment.



Pastoral Care News

I will be with you

“Love is patient and kind, it is not jealous or conceited or proud... Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.” (1 Corinthians 13: 4, 7)

Most of us consult Facebook or Twitter every now and then. I once witnessed a very personal post on Facebook when Christine, a grandmother, wrote “My six-year-old grandson and I are incredibly close and even the mention of me getting old, let alone dying, absolutely terrifies him. I'm always upbeat about it, and never let him even sense my fear of not being with him. I tell him he won't be able to see me but I will always be right next to him, and he will see me again someday. I almost fear his pain of losing me more than my fear of death.”

A writer replied, “Christine, your fear for his suffering is human and natural because you love him. You want to protect him. You don't want to hurt him and you know that you will hurt him. That's the deal we make with love. Love always arrives with its twin, grief, hiding nearby. We never get one without the potential of the other. This imperfect world is made with almost equal parts of the light of love and the darkness of suffering. This darkness isn't evil, only painful, and temporary. For our physical world just to exist it must be imperfection, less than perfection. This world is a mix of brokenness and beauty. Comforting your grandson as you do is true because love knows no bounds of space or time, love is eternal, was, is, and always, and present now.”

In our life journey, in moments of fear or grief, we all need that comforting thought that someone – or maybe God – would offer us peace and assurance of being always there.

Pastoral and Spiritual provides safe space for residents, families and staff to seek that comfort and assuring presence.

Teresa Dickson (0411 357 158)
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Pastoral Care team

At St Vincent's Care Services, we make you the priority — and we welcome your feedback. If you have compliments or suggestions about our services, or wish to raise a concern, please fill out a feedback form at reception, or email the facility manager:

adam.priest@svha.org.au | 07 3355 8100

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www.agedcarecomplaints.gov.au | 1800 550 552



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