



St Vincent's Care Services **Mitchelton**

Message from the Facility Manager – Lisa Guiver

Dear residents and families,

I am excited to join the team here at St Vincent's Care Services Mitchelton. Over the past two weeks, I have met many residents and family members and I am very grateful for the honest feedback and suggestions that you have made.

A little information about me: I have been a manager in aged care for over 30 years and I have a passion for providing quality care in a home-like environment. I am really looking forward to working with the Mitchelton team to improve your home.

I hope you will soon see how we have implemented changes across the facility in response to your feedback, to provide the highest quality of care and support.

You can phone me on 07 3355 8103 or email lisa.guiver@svha.org.au.

Warm regards,

Lisa Guiver
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**Facility Newsletter
October 2018**

Independent Living news

The Dorrington Indoor Bowls Club kindly donated their Indoor Bowls equipment to the Mitchelton Independent Living Community. The equipment was transferred to the Community Room and Dorrington members Patrick Tierney and Alan Moore are seen sharing the 'know how' to some of our residents below. Pat only hopes we have as much fun and entertainment as they did at Dorrington!



Dorrington members and residents playing Indoor Bowls.

Christmas Fete

This year's Christmas Fete will be held on Wednesday 5 December from 9.30am until 1pm. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in have a stall at this year's fete, please contact Joanne in Lifestyle on 0401137814 or joanne.moore@svha.org.au.

Event reminder

The residents and relatives meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Irish Room. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 November 2018. We hope to see you all there.

Leisure and Lifestyle news

Another busy month has passed us by and we are now that much closer to Christmas.

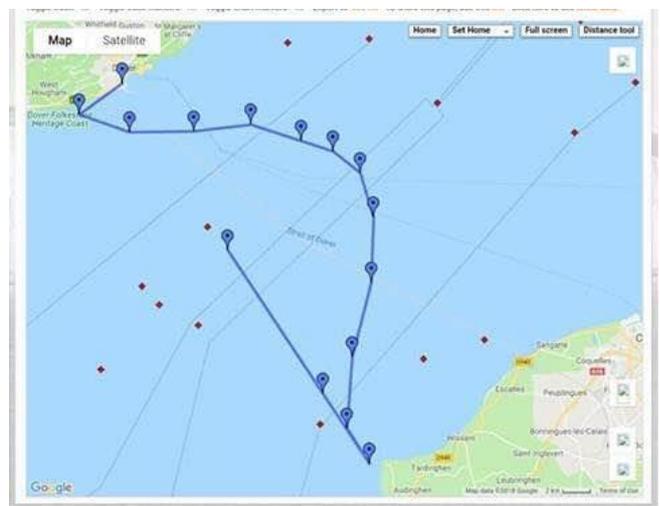
With our Christmas Fete coming up, our residents are busy with their hooks and needles making something very special for Christmas. A big thank you to those residents. Only 11 weeks to go!

In September we celebrated Father's Day and "Talk Like a Pirate Day" – congratulations to the Red Beards who successfully sunk the Black Beards Ships.



Congratulations to Julie for becoming a grandmother for the first time, and welcome back to Kerrie from her holiday overseas. Also, a special mention to Claire Keane – after two years of dedicated training and commitment, she has succeeded in swimming the English Channel in a team of four swimmers. They swam the Channel in 11 hours and 40 minutes. We welcome her home and we are very proud of her.

Below is a picture of Claire in action and a map of her route.



In October:

- We will be celebrating Oktoberfest.
- Dr Springfield will be coming in to give a talk for Mental Health Week.
- We will be fundraising for Pink Ribbon, with a morning tea on the 24th.
- Gifts Galore will be in the Irish Room on the morning of the 25th.
- The local preschool children will be joining us on the 29th at 10am in the Irish Room to show off their Halloween costumes.

We hope to see you all at the activities and have a great October.

With love and warmth
The 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

September was a busy month with one of the highlights celebrating Father's Day. We honoured fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers and all men who are or have been a father figure in our lives. Fathers have an important role in our lives. All of us have been influenced by our father or father figure. Hopefully this has been in a positive way.

In the last Sunday of October, we celebrate Grandparent's Day. Similar to Father's Day, we take the time to reflect on the influences that our grandparents have had on us but also how many of us as grandparents can positively impact on the lives of our grandchildren.

Being a father (and grandfather) is an enormous responsibility. It is a great honour and privilege to have that responsibility. Sadly, in some situations fathers (and grandparents) don't take this responsibility seriously. Others unfortunately can be estranged from their children due to various circumstances.

God is often described as a father in the Bible. Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying "Our Father..." Jesus spoke of the goodness of God as a father. Jesus said "if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly father give good gifts to those who ask him" (Matthew 7:11).

As we journey in life together, let's remember those who have touched our lives and thank God for their love and guidance in our lives. No matter what happens in life, we know that God will never abandon us. We can trust Him to be with us in every situation. "Be satisfied with what you have. For God has said I will never fail you I will never abandon you" (Hebrews 13:5b).

God Bless you
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:

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