

WELCOME to the seventh edition of ***Moving Forward***.

Spring is here and the sun is starting to get some warmth in it.

I extend a warm welcome to all new residents, families and new staff. I trust your stay with us will be a happy and enjoyable one.

Since the June Moving Forward we have been very busy and I trust this newsletter gives you a summary of where Clayton Church Homes is heading.



Board

Many hours are being given by the members of the Redevelopment Committee to progress our building projects.

Plans are being developed with our Project Managers and Architects for submission to the various local Councils for approval.

The original nursing home site at 165 Beulah Road, Norwood has been sold and was purchased by a development company.

Ms. Katherine O'Neill has resigned from the Board after 14½ years service and the Board and myself would like to thank Katherine for her input into Clayton Church Homes. Katherine contributed greatly to the Board of Management and her knowledge provided valuable support to both Clayton Church Homes and myself as Chief Executive Officer. We wish Katherine all the best for the future.



The Annual General Meeting is programmed for Sunday 29th October 2006 in the Joy Oliver Room at the Norwood Hostel, 148 Beulah Road, Norwood. Afternoon tea will be available at the completion of official business.

Sites

Planning development projects, Accreditation visits and most importantly the ongoing care for our residents has kept all sites busy.

Our Prospect and Elizabeth sites have both recently participated in full Accreditation visits.

I am very pleased to report that both sites received compliance in all 44 standards and achieved three years accreditation.

Both Norwood facilities underwent Accreditation visits in 2005 and also received the full three years accreditation.

Thank you to all staff, residents and family members for your continued support and work within our vision.

Staff

Several changes have occurred within our senior staff structure. They are:

Ms. Christine Paull resigned as Prospect Site Manager in June.

I am pleased to advise that Ms. Di Walkley has been appointed as Prospect Site Manager.

Di has been employed by Clayton Church Homes for a number of years with her most recent positions being Clinical Nurse and during 2006 has acted as Site Manager at our Norwood and Prospect facilities.

Ms. Jane Grigson has resigned from her position as Norwood Site Manager and will finish in early September. Jane has decided to move within the aged care sector and has obtained a management position.

For an initial period until the end of November, Ms. Alison Nicol has accepted the role as Norwood Site Manager along with her current position at Park Village.

Alison has considerable experience in care and senior care positions both within Clayton Church Homes and externally.

To both Alison and Di I offer my best wishes for your new appointments within Clayton Church Homes.

We currently have up to 28 staff participating in Certificate 3 and Certificate 4 training courses provided through an external training provider.

Providing appropriate, ongoing training for our staff is very important and I wish all staff who are participating every success.

Safety

Items in Resident's rooms:

It has been highlighted recently the need to restrict certain items residents can use, for safety reasons.

Our Resident Handbook lists items NOT permitted in resident's rooms. These items include electric blankets, fan heaters, kettles and other cooking appliances.



Heat bags:

Another item causing concern and therefore NOT permitted is heat bags which are filled with wheat. If over heated they can smoulder and catch on fire, putting the residents at severe risk.

It is our intention to replace all existing wheat heat bags with the gel type, therefore reducing the risk.

Residents are asked to speak to the Site Manager if they have any questions.

Fire

In the interests of resident, staff and visitor safety, regular fire training is conducted for all of our staff.

To evacuate an area, residents and visitors are asked to remain where they are until directed by staff.

By following this request, orderly and safe evacuation will occur if the need ever arises.



General

As we grow older and frailer it does not mean our competitive spirit wanes. A recent indoor bowls tournament between teams from Park Village and Norwood Hostel saw a very competitive but friendly rivalry. On the occasion the coveted Arthur Smith trophy was won by the Norwood Hostel team, but I am sure a rematch will occur in the near future.

I am very pleased to advise that we also now have our own website – www.claytonhomes.com.au

Ms. Antara Debnath spent many hours building the site and along with the assistance of our IT provider Mr. Scott Kuhlmann we are now on the web.



Profiles

This is the second issue to feature profiles of Board and staff members.

Featured in this edition are Rev. Allan Shephard, Board Member and Redevelopment Committee member; & Helen Trussler, Care worker at Prospect.

ALLAN SHEPHARD

Occupation: Retired Minister of Religion (U.C.A)

How long have you been at Clayton: Currently six years & previously also six years.

How did you come to be on the Board: Minister at Clayton Church in the 1970's and retired member of Clayton-Wesley Church 1994 – present.

General info: Married to Val for 53 years & have six children (several over 50) who give us pride and joy. We have eight grand children, however they are a bit slow on the great grandchildren front! We have lived and worked in NSW, NT and SA (since 1969). We have spent several months in South India and many months in the UK. We like Adelaide best of all!

Where were you born: Sydney, NSW.

Where did you go to school: Newcastle, NSW, Hay, NSW (1 year) and Camden Theological College, Sydney.

Hobbies: Reading, Gardening, Walking, Tennis, Voluntary work.

Favourite Food: Sausages (from Glen the butcher) and chips.

Favourite Wine: Occasional glass of Banrock Station White Shiraz.

Favourite Music: Classical – Bach, Mozart and Church Hymns.

Favourite Colour: Green.

Most memorable Clayton moment: Discovering we have to make a significant addition in the development of Independent Living Units.



HELEN TRUSSLER

How long have you been at Clayton: 30 1/2 years.

General info: My partner and I have three children each and ten grandchildren.

Where were you born: I was born in London in the same hospital where Princess Diana's children were born.

Where did you go to school: My school was just down the road from Lord's Cricket Ground, London.

Hobbies: I go to the Gym four times a week but my real hobby is playing the pokies on the weekend.

Favourite food: I don't have a favourite food, however any food that someone else cooks for me is good. I have to say my friend Lyn makes a lovely rice pudding.

Favourite wine: I do not drink. I prefer a good English cup of tea.

What kind of music do you listen to: Classical music or relaxing tapes.

Favourite colour: The colour I seem to go for is green – I suppose as my mother is Irish.

Most memorable Clayton moment: There have been lots of memorable moments over the years but what stands out the most is the big move of the Residents from Norwood to Prospect.

Thank you Allan and Helen.

Our Vision is always our goal:

“Quality aged care in a loving, sharing environment through mutual respect.”

Senior Staff

For your information I have listed our senior staff members and their contact details.

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Your comments are appreciated and assist us within our continuous improvement process. Please feel free to contact me direct or complete the form provided at the reception area within each facility

Andrew J Case
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