



Greetings from the DON

Thank you all for welcoming me to Hillview House.

It has been a very busy first month for me and I have certainly hit the ground running.

You will have all noticed that there has been a lot of support from the team at Head Office and I appreciate all the assistance that they have provided.

We are still actively recruiting staff across all areas and our Open Day on 23 November was a success with 15 new recruits.

We are preparing for our Accreditation, and this could be at any time. Please let us know if you would like to speak to the Assessors when they come on site. We will provide them with a list of names of residents and family members that wish to speak with them.

I am really looking forward to expanding and refining our capabilities as an Aged Care Facility. We are taking on more admissions. We are hoping to open Level 3 in the New Year.

I would like to wish you and all your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns or feedback.

Sally Martin

Director of Nursing.

Activity Highlights

Poppy Day School Visit – November 10

Residents were delighted to receive a visit from the Mini Vinnie's of St John the Baptist Primary

School. The children presented them with hand-made poppies for Remembrance Day.

Children had the opportunity to listen to personal accounts of war time experiences – one resident sharing the story of her husband's rescue after his plane was shot down over Italy.



Residents were delighted to receive a visit from pupils and teachers from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School as part of Remembrance Day celebrations and our Intergenerational Program.

Wildlife Encounter

A baby joey was a very popular visitor with staff and residents alike. The little kangaroo had been rescued following the loss of its mother and discovered lots of new friends here at Hillview House.

Thank you to Marilyn Caruana for bringing the joey to visit. We would also like to thank Marilyn and her young volunteers for their wonderful job in helping put up our lovely Christmas trees – it is much appreciated by all the residents and staff.



Celebrations

Remembrance Day

Wearing the poppies presented to them by visiting school children, residents at our Remembrance Day Ceremony listened to fellow resident Wes Weir give an address and lead the ode.



Queens High Tea

Residents enjoyed a performance from the Piano Man Alan French, followed by a delicious high tea in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.



We wish a happy birthday to those residents who celebrated a birthday over the Spring season, and all the best to those who will celebrate a birthday in the coming months.



Special Moments

We've captured a few of the many special moments here at Hillview House - Residents getting creative in our Art & Craft Coffee Hour, cementing new friendships in the Low Tide café and enjoying a visit from Frank, the little long-haired dachshund.





Music, Music, Music...

We look forward to visits from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School pupils when the band and choir perform in the New Year.

In December, we had hoped to see our pianist Lonny return to Hillview House – and bring a choir for a very special Christmas performance. We now look forward to being able to have them perform at some time in the New Year.

Notices

CAFE CLOSURE: We advise that the Low Tide Café will be closed from Friday December 23 and re-open on Wednesday January 3, 2023.

RESIDENT CHRISTMAS LUNCH: We are unable to have residents dine with their relatives in the dining room on December 15.

VISITING OVER CHRISTMAS: We ask that friends and relatives continue to RAT before entry (test kits are provided at the entry for your convenience and our residents wellbeing), wear a mask at all times, please only have 2 people at a time come to visit, and remain in the resident's room during your visit.

Upcoming events

Resident Christmas Lunch and Dance Show December 15

Our Head Chef Dorothee and her wonderful team will be preparing a very special lunch menu on December 15 for our resident Christmas Party. Following lunch, we had hoped to welcome back 'The Gals' tap-dancing show – great music, spectacular costumes, and original dance routines, unfortunately due to increasing Covid-19 cases within the community we have made the difficult decision to postpone the performance under our Covid management plan.