

Moana House & Village

Newsletter April 2020



Making the best of the Beautiful Autumn Days

Warm greetings to all our friends, Resident's families and associates.

We hope that you and your families are well and making the best of the situation that's upon us all in New Zealand and globally.

As you are probably all aware Moana House has been closed to all visitors for the last 2 weeks and will remain so for the time being while we're in COVID-19 lockdown. It's been a mammoth task putting things in place to keep everyone here safe and well. A number of Residents have been finding it difficult not being able to see their loved ones and their regular visitors, but they are accepting of the situation we're in. The staff have been incredible making the activities a lot of fun, keeping the interaction with the residents while keeping a safe distance. Recently a kind local delivered a bin of apples to Moana House. A few of the ladies got stuck in

peeling the fruit ready for the girls in the kitchen to make a couple of delicious apple desserts.

Pictured below is Topsy, Jane, Olwen and Dorothy nattering away while peeling the fruit.



Quantities of feijoas have also been donated to Moana House. It's so good having the fresh seasonal fruit for our Residents to enjoy, helps with their daily dose of vitamin C.



Willson Gardens Update

The Willson Gardens Residents are doing well under these circumstances. Moana House has arranged a grocery ordering system for the village occupants to save them the journey to the supermarket—quite daunting for many. This has certainly made life a lot

easier for them as well as for the people in the rental cottages which is part of the Moana House complex.

Unit 6 has been sold subject to the current COVID-19 issues. There was a lot of interest shown in this unit which has been completely refitted with the addition of an extra toilet in the garage along with a conservatory.

The annual Potato Growing Competition was held back in January. The harvest was not as great as previous years. Apparently the type of



seed potatoes that were planted were not a terribly big variety. However, the harvest was pretty good, with some containers more heavily laden than others. **Pictured here is Christine and**

Karen, Garden Club members, helping with the competition. A good number of 'gourmet size potatoes' were harvested, a great option for a fresh potato salad for the Residents.

Pictured below is Topsy, the winner of the competition with the largest spud weighing in at a whopping 150 grams! Second prize went to Lucy, her spud weighed 125 grams and coming in a



close third was Hazel, weighed in at 120 grams. It was an exciting event

and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the competition. It gets more competitive each year and the contestants said they'll make sure they get the variety right next time!

Many BBQ's were enjoyed over the summer months. In fact some days the Residents needed to eat inside as the outside temperatures were too extreme. Although we're in drought conditions, the weather during this lockdown has been brilliant, but rain soon will be welcomed.

Message from General Manager Anne Watts



The challenges for everyone over the last few weeks have been enormous and on the whole, people have adapted very well. It has made a huge impact on everyone's lives. The residents are adjusting to the strange life of distancing from their friends within Moana House and for some it is difficult for them to remember why. Not seeing their loved ones is a major, so where possible we are trying to maintain that contact with regular technology. The staff are changing their lifestyle significantly with different rosters for safety and prevent fatigue. They are also juggling their homelife to keep that safe. Keeping the safe bubbles is an expected mantra along with the essential message of regular hand hygiene, coughing/sneezing etiquette, physical distancing and surface cleansing. With calmness, kindness and patience we will get through this.

Thank you to one and all for your care. We wish you all a very 'Happy Easter'.