

Merry  
Christmas

# Moana House & Village

Newsletter December 2020

## Bring on some Christmas Cheer

Seasons Greetings to all our friends, Associates and our Resident's families.

After such a turbulent year it's time to bring on some Christmas cheer! 2020 will surely go down in the history books as 'the year that changed the world'. The Corona virus has taught us to live in the present, re-evaluate and re-prioritize, recognize the value in the people around us and mostly to appreciate the 'value of freedom'! Moana House would not have functioned without the dedication and commitment of our wonderful and caring staff! Despite the uncertainty they faced, they maintained a positive and cheerful atmosphere during these times. This was especially important for the wellbeing of the residents who

were unable to physically interact with their families and friends. So a huge 'thank you' for a job well done!

Most of us are really looking forward to this Christmas and the holiday season. It's a special time bringing our loved ones together, sharing happy memories down on the beach and around the barbeque. Visitors coming to our town



will enjoy the sight of the Pohutukawa trees at the moment—a visual symphony of red. Just beautiful this time of year especially the new WW1 Memorial Forest Park in Moana Point.

The last few weeks have been busy and eventful at Moana House in preparation for Christmas. It's an especially busy

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## Willson Gardens Update

The Willson Gardens Retirement Village looks a real picture this time of year with the gardens in full bloom. The roses in particular are just stunning with their beautiful colours and fragrances. Park benches have been put in place recently around the village making it nice and restful for people just to sit quietly taking in the

lovely picturesque vista of the village. Early in the New Year two units are being refurbished ready for the new occupants.

If any people are interested in future units or apartments we would welcome your comments or registration of interest to assist with planning.



time for the activities team making decorations in the craft sessions, decorating 'the halls', the numerous Christmas trees around the House and arranging entertainment for the Residents for the festive season.

**Children from Rainbow Cottage** entertained the Residents recently.



They were a real delight all dressed up in festive clothing dancing and their merry little voices singing Christmas songs.

The annual **Family and Volunteers Christmas Party** this year was combined with the 'Grand Opening of the Sensory Garden'. Scott Simpson, National MP for Coromandel, and our amazing resident Brant Robinson,



almost 103 years young, took the honours of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the garden. It was a grand day with a large crowd and the weather was absolutely brilliant making it pleasant for everyone to mix and mingle, and meander through the Sensory Garden.



This special garden has been a labour of love by many of the people involved. The garden is aimed to engage all the senses, providing exercise for the body, mind and spirit while also providing a calm, serene space for everyone.

*Pictured here is Craig Scaman, our General Manager, & Maureen Kingham taking the honours of cutting the Christmas cake before everyone enjoyed a beautiful Christmas luncheon.*



From all the team at Moana House we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.