

# Moana House & Village

December 2019 Newsletter

## Let the Summer Begin

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

With the year almost over and Christmas day fast approaching, you're left pondering how quickly the days go by and if time does indeed speed up the older you get.

The month of November produced some amazing weather with blazing hot, clear blue days. The above average water temperatures saw the more hardy enjoy an early ocean swim or two.

With December also continuing to remain warm and dry an early influx

of holiday makers are making the most of it. We could be in for an epic, memorable summer—bring it on!



Christmas is a special time at Moana House with the staff and Residents working together hand making cards for sale along with Christmas decorations for display. The lounge and hallways are adorned with colourful Christmas decorations giving the place a homely welcoming feeling while the sound of Christmas carols fill the air.

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## Willson Gardens Update

The Willson Gardens Retirement Village is looking a real picture at this time of year. The flower gardens are in full bloom. The roses are just stunning with their beautiful colours and fragrances. It's so pleasurable strolling around the village seeing all the lovely gardens and smelling the perfumed air.

We have 14 Occupation Licensed units. Thirteen are occupied and one unit, which has been completed refitted, is now ready for sale. This unit has an additional toilet in the garage area, along with a conservatory leading off the lounge, double glazing, gas water

heating and stove top, heat pump and air conditioner. You are most welcome to view this smart modern unit. Contact Moana House for more information.





The Residents family and volunteers Christmas party was held recently. It was a huge day and thankfully the weather was absolutely brilliant. Entertainment was provided by pianist Lynne Robinson, accompanied by a group of residents and staff singing many good ole favourites and traditional Christmas carols. Next up was a musical couple from Coromandel called Celtic Heirs playing toe tapping Irish themed songs on the guitar and piano. Anne, the General Manager, welcomed all those present, thanking all our wonderful volunteers for the time they give to Moana House and also wishing everyone a happy Christmas. Anne also acknowledged those affected by the traumas of Whakaari/White Island and the recent storms down the South Island. Refreshments and a tasteful Christmas luncheon topped off a wonderful day.

**Pictured here is Brant Robinson,** our amazing resident, soon to be 102 years, who took the honour of cutting the Christmas cake. Brant lives independently in one of the apartments. He's incredibly smart and agile for his years and gets involved in



the many activities on offer at Moana House.



The Sensory Garden project is progressing really well. Pictured here is Chris Robinson and Louisa Carlisle



manning the Sensory Garden stall held recently at the Lions Market. The Moana House Garden Club have been busy helping fund raising for the sensory garden. They've been raising plants, making garden ornaments and many other items. If you wish to purchase any of the items they are available at Moana House. Also a stall will be set up at the 'Weekend Market' which is held at the Island View Road reserve over the Christmas New Year period. Come along and check out what's on offer and support this exciting project.

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

