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Dear Friend,

As we approach Christmas, we reflect on the enormous work, dedication and resilience of our residents, clients, their families and advocates and our team throughout the year.

There have been some wonderful learnings and positive results from this year as we adapted our business and care models by implementing flexible ways of working and using technology like never before.

As part of these learnings we held three successful Zoom meetings with Resident Families and Advocates during October, November and December. The feedback from these meetings has been terrific and we are planning more Zoom meetings in 2021 as a way to continue to connect to families. The topics for discussion will not only include any COVID-19 updates and general MCT news but we will introduce other team members to come along and talk about the services we are offering to your loved ones.

Throughout Spring we also celebrated Father's Day, RUOK Day and Tasmanian Seniors Week. We also celebrated two 100th birthdays - at Fred French and Manor Gardens. We were also delighted to join Max and Josie in celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary earlier this year - congratulations to you all.

With border restrictions easing and interstate visitors coming back into the facilities, it has been wonderful to see families being re-united with their loved ones in time for Christmas. Please be reminded that all visitors are still required to have a flu vaccination, complete the wellness declaration on arrival and adhere to all COVID-19 precautions in place in the homes.

We are also excited to be welcoming our Volunteers back as they have been dearly missed by both Residents and staff members.

I hope you enjoy reading the last edition of *News & Life* for 2020 and I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas and a safe and peaceful 2021.

Jackie Howard
CEO, Masonic Care Tasmania



▲ Our Zoom meetings were a wonderful success and more are planned for 2021. Stay tuned!

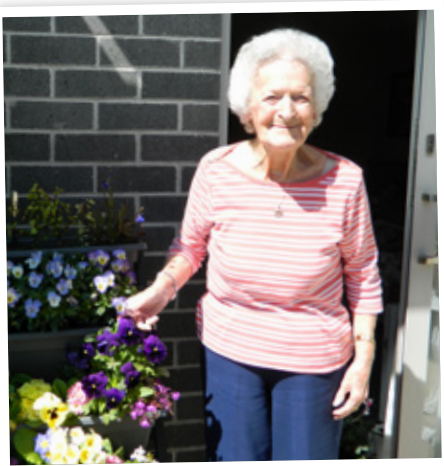
Welcome...



▲ Our new Manor Gardens client Ashton enjoyed getting to know team member Luke's dogs - Priscilla and Poncho.

70th Anniversary

Fred French residents Max and Josie Pearce celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary earlier this year and in November they were delighted to attend the wedding of one of their Grandchildren. Congratulations to you both on achieving such a wonderful milestone.

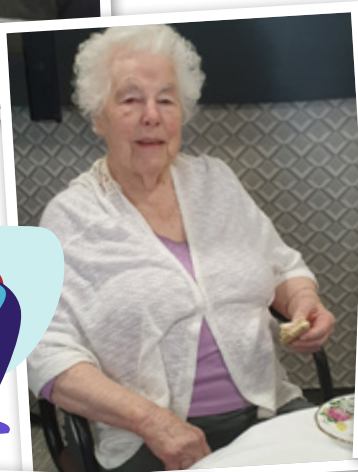


Spring time gardening at Freemasons

Margaret, Rae, Bob and Raylee have been enjoying the beautiful Spring weather spending some time gardening in the courtyard.

Seniors Week Celebrations

This year's Seniors Week theme was 'Who we are. What we do'. We encouraged people to join us in celebrating our older Tasmanians living in our communities and their contributions to our wonderful state. Residents enjoyed wine and cheese afternoons, luncheons and a wonderful game of 'Get to know us'. It was a terrific week full of fun and a chance to recognise and celebrate our older Tasmanians.



Remembrance Day 2020



Residents across all our sites paused on November 11 to remember the many Australians who selflessly fought for freedom and never came home.



Lest We Forget



Happy Fathers Day



Peace Haven and Fred French gents gathered to celebrate and catch up for a chat on Father's Day.



RUOK Day at Day Therapy Centre

The Day Therapy Centre team held a lovely lunch for RUOK Day on 10 September. The theme was yellow daffodils to welcome in Spring and there was lots of wonderful singing and an impromptu guest performer.



Peace Haven's Mens Group



Peace Haven's new men's group started their first project - making home brew. Danny – one of our maintenance team members - joined Robert, Colin, Bob, Kryn, Les, Charlie and Philip around the 'Man Cave' table to plan and discuss the process.

100th Birthday Celebrations!

➤ Two special 100th birthdays were celebrated during November at Masonic Care Tasmania. Doris has been a resident at Fred French for 15 years and had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends. Dot at Manor Gardens was delighted to receive her special letter from the Queen. Happy birthday ladies.



Dogs' Home Donation

▲ The Creative Corner group at the Day Therapy Centre decided to support a wonderful community group - Dogs' Homes of Tasmania. Tracey Moran was part of the group who kindly donated their time to making gorgeous bandannas for the dogs using donated fabric from the DTC.

Thank you to all the Creative Corner ladies and our Day Therapy Assistant Jo who spent many hours making the bandannas - it was wonderful to visit the Dogs Home to deliver the goodies.

Visiting Pipe Band



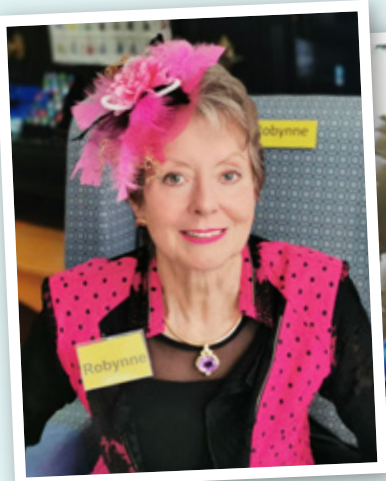
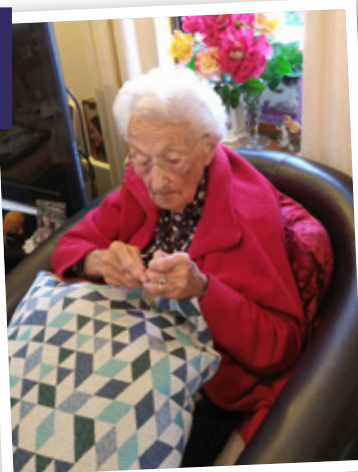
▲ The Pipe Band visited Fred French in November. It was wonderful to hear the bagpipes throughout the home.



Day Therapy Centre Sewing Group



The Day Therapy Centre (DTC) sewing group meet every Tuesday. They have provided the DTC with some wonderful items to sell to raise money to support ongoing activities.



◀ **Robynne and Joan joined in the Melbourne Cup Day fun at Manor Gardens.**

▼ **Freemasons staff and residents had a wonderful day dressing up in their finery and fascinators ready for the running of the famous race. Lots of beautiful roses were picked from the facility gardens to display on the tables and brought a touch of spring to the event.**



Melbourne Cup Carnival fun

Manor Gardens Activities



▲ Gordon Hammond celebrated his 96th birthday and John Pastoor turned 90 during October.



▲ Ian and Isabel thoroughly enjoyed making some sweet treats.



▼ Manor Gardens often have some very interesting visitors. Peggy was fascinated by the stick insect that staff member Luke brought in.



▲ Manor Gardens clients enjoyed painting spring flowers during their art classes. The concentration and creativity has resulted in some beautiful artworks.



◀ Scottish Week was celebrated with Scottish songs, learning about famous Scottish people and history, Scottish poetry, trivia, photos and Scottish music and dancing the Highland Fling of course!

Day Therapy Centre Activities

Our Day Therapy Centre clients have been able to get out in some beautiful spring weather recently and enjoy some local attractions.



▲ Diane and Kath enjoyed a visit the Copper & Metal Art Gallery in Carrick recently while Najiba and Margaret visited the Low Head lighthouse.

▼ Our Day Therapy Team hosted an art exhibition for the retirement residents living in Garden Village during September. It showcased the wonderful artworks by the Fluid Art participants with many pieces being sold prior to the opening of the exhibition. All money raised goes back into supporting our Day Therapy Centre programs as well as providing supplies for the art program to continue.

▼ Keith and Noel visited Sheffield recently and enjoyed all the wonderful murals.



Knitters & Natters busy at Freemasons



The Knitters and Natters group at Freemason's have been busy making squares to make into larger blankets. Janine, our Leisure and Lifestyle team member, baked a delicious lemon meringue pie for the ladies to enjoy.

Happy Hour at Peace Haven

Peace Haven Resident Ruth enjoying Happy Hour with Katrina and Chantel.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



➤ Margaret and Claire have done a terrific job decorating the Christmas tree at Manor Gardens. They thoroughly enjoyed bringing the festive spirit into the club for all to enjoy.



◀ Merryl Evens helping staff with decorations at Fred French.

▼ Ladies at Freemasons have been busy cooking beautiful Christmas treats.





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