



Maranatha Newsletter

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*"A life without love
is like a year
without Spring"*

- OCTAVIAN PALER

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

We certainly have experienced some cold winter mornings, and I am looking forward to the rays of sunshine with the Spring season approaching.

As a facility we continue with RAT testing for staff daily, with families, visitors, and friends of Maranatha, attending a RAT test prior to entering the facility. We appreciate the support of everyone following this request, and I will continue to give updates if any changes to RAT testing occur.

We have given residents the Spring Menu Choices Survey to complete and have spare copies at reception. We would greatly appreciate if all completed surveys could be returned to reception.

On Saturday 14th September, we will be having the Maranatha Fair, this is a great event and if anyone would like to volunteer, please let us know.

We are still in the process of finalising plans for the renovations in Acacia Wing and I met with the residents in Acacia Wing to give an update on the renovations on the information received at present.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, with all our updates and exciting activities coming up for you to enjoy. May I encourage everyone to share your feedback through our feedback forms, for any concerns, comments, or compliments, which we are happy to address and acknowledge areas of improvement.

We have had positive feedback and support for our Cafe on Saturday mornings and will continue providing this service on Saturdays from 10am–2pm. I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy a hot or cold beverage, with a selection of cakes, slices, biscuits or muffins.

Thank you all for your support to our staff, may we continue with our values, of peace, love, joy, patience, gentleness, self-control, goodness, kindness, and faithfulness, sending many blessings.

Kind Regards, **Melanie Grace**

- *Director of Consumer Care & Services*

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Father's Day
- 2 Resident/Relative Meeting - 2pm
- 3 Father's Day Men's BBQ - 12pm
- 4 Card Making, Coffee & Cake Morning @ Dell's Café - 10am
- 4 Concert w Rick - 10.30am
- 5 High Tea - 10am
- 11 Armchair Travel to Africa - 10.30am
- 12 Garden Train - 10.30am
- 18 Bus Trip - Side 1 - 9am
- 19 Talk like a Pirate Day / Ormiston Pipe Band - 10.30am
- 25 Bus Trip - Side 2 - 9am
Bus Trip - Azalea - 1pm
- 26 Birthday Party w Denis - 10.30am
- 26 Bus Trip - Azalea - 10.30am

OCTOBER

- 2 Paint & Supper Night - 6pm
- 4 High Tea - 10am
- 7 Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- 10 Concert w Ken - 10.30am
- 16 Bus Trip - Side 2 - 9am
- 17 Garden Train - 10.30am
- 23 Bus Trip - Side 1
- 24 Birthday Party w Rick - 10.30am
- 30 Bus Trip - Azalea - 1pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 Resident/Relative Meeting - 2pm
- 5 Melbourne Cup Race
- 6 Bus Trip - Side 1 - 9am
- 7 High Tea - 10am
- 11 Remembrance Day Service - 10.45am
- 13 Bus Trip - Side 2
- 14 Concert w Brian & Marg - 10.30am
- 19 International Men's Day / Men's Group - 1.45pm
- 20 Bus Trip - Azalea - 1pm
- 27 Glenda's Fashion - 9am
- 28 Birthday Party w Sharon



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
3 Ray L	4 Alan P	2 Lorraine K
4 Fia T	5 Jim C	2 Shirley S
6 Ailsa M	6 Margaret P	4 Edith W
6 Margaret P	6 Graham A	6 Jan T
8 Elaine S	7 Mavis R	7 Jo A
20 Val B	15 Shirley N	8 Ruth G
22 Auriel R	20 Rhonda M	11 Poppy C
24 Frank D	24 Dell H	14 Dot W
24 Lorna L	25 Cecilia W	16 Pat T
29 Ralph B	26 Nancy C	17 Merle F
	26 Phyllis C	27 Margaret C
	31 Carol S	29 Kel J
	31 Ellen H	
VILLAGE	VILLAGE	VILLAGE
4 Mark W	1 John B	5 Beth A
5 Margaret B	1 Maureen W	4 Leonard F
11 Joan M	3 Theresita M	15 Carmel W
18 Len M	7 Geoff A	20 Faye H
	9 Rosemary W	
	18 Jenny W	
	28 Peter C	

Bereavements

Our deepest sympathies have gone out to the families who have lost their loved ones over the Winter period.

Vic V, Trevor L, Margaret B, Ernie McC, Irene G, Kevin T & Kay P



We welcome the following new residents into our care:



- Joan T
- Del H
- Henry T
- David H

As the days grow longer, we look forward to spring with anticipation here at Maranatha. Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and our gardens are coming to life with new flowers and lush greenery.

Our Annual Spring Fair is just around the corner, and we're thrilled to invite you to a fun-filled day of entertainment and community spirit. Join us for a variety of family-friendly activities, including games, live music, and delicious food. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy quality time with loved ones and celebrate the season together.



A very warm welcome to our new residents Larry and Margaret in Hakea Court.

Kind Regards, **Kerry Kennedy** - Village Manager/Resident Services

Village Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Father's Day / Men's BBQ - 12pm
- 4 Card Making, Coffee & Cake @ Dell's Cafe - 10am
\$12 entry - All Welcome, Limit 20
- 9 Morning Tea @ The Zest Lemon
- 19 Ormiston Pipe Band - 10.30am

OCTOBER

- 2 Paint & Supper Night - 6pm
\$10 entry - All Welcome, Limit 15
- 14 Morning Tea Bus Trip
- 28 Day trip:
 - Morning tea @ Port
 - Central Café
 - Port of Brisbane tour
 - Lunch @ The Island Port Cafe

Regular Activities Timetable

All activities held in Rec Room unless Men's Shed

Cards (500)	Mondays & Fridays	1.30pm
Chair Yoga	Mondays	9.30am
Mah Jong	Tuesdays	2pm
Mens' Shed	Tuesdays (<i>work</i>)	2pm
	Thursdays (<i>social</i>)	2pm
	1st Tuesday / Month	3pm Mobility scooter tyre inflation service & Wheelie-walker checks/adjustments
Ladies Group	1st Wednesday / Month	10am
Social Morning Tea	3rd Wednesday / Month	9.30am
Craft Group	Thursdays	10am
Garden Railway	Thursday 29th August	10.30am



NOVEMBER

- 11 Morning Tea @ The Bay Café, Sandgate
- 19 International Men's Day - Men's Group - 1.45pm
- 27 Glenda's Fashion - 9am

On July 30, Renee Bloomer started as the 'Maranatha Village Wellbeing Coordinator'.

Renee hosted a meet and greet afternoon tea in the villages' recreation room to meet the village residents and share ideas on recreational activities they may enjoy in the future.

She looks forward to assisting to facilitate their monthly program and start up any additional activities they may like to engage in.

Renee has lengthy experience in Aged Care support and works full-time as part of the Wellbeing Team in the hostel at Maranatha. Renee will work on Tuesdays in this role.

Renee is contactable on Tuesdays:

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e: rbloomer@chomes.com.au



Staff Profile

Renee Bloomer

WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

My name is Renee, I am a mother of five beautiful children Jessica (27), Jai (26), Georgia (19), Jamieson (17) and Lakyn (5). I also have a granddaughter Isla (6) and another granddaughter due any day now. Oh, I can't forget my Golden Retriever Loki (10) who really thinks he's human. I have always enjoyed camping and love cake making and decorating, but now my daughter has taken over the reins. I started working in aged care after my dad became ill and I took care of him - I always saw it as an honour to be with him until the end. I then started volunteering in an aged care facility which led me to study for my AIN. Once completed, I got offered a full-time position at the facility where I was volunteering. Over the years, I started working in the Leisure and Lifestyle areas. I applied for a position at Maranatha and have been so happy to be a part of such an amazing place. Now here I am with the opportunity to work as a Wellbeing Coordinator for the Independent Living Units.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel very welcome and I look forward to getting to know you.



Hello Spring



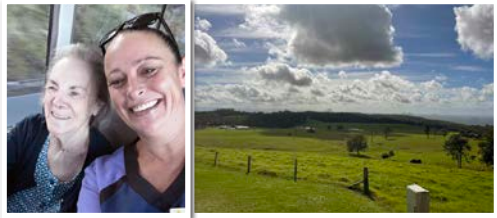
Activity Reviews



BUS TRIP - Residents embarked on various bus trips, one being to the Anahata café, across the road from Maranatha. The service at Anahata was wonderful and the food was very enjoyable. There was an interesting range of crystals and rocks for everyone to peruse.



Glorious weather was had at Mt Mee in May. The bus drive was fun with residents joining in a trivia game on the way to fill in the time. Everyone enjoyed their morning looking at the beautiful views of the Glasshouse mountains.



The June Bus trip to Pine Rivers Park at Strathpine was a very pleasant outing. Residents made new friends as they chatted and reminisced about times gone and enjoyed the beautiful morning weather.



CULTURAL MONTH: India - On Tuesday 11 June, we began our journey to immerse ourselves in the Indian culture. We indulged in the smells of cooking traditional Indian biscuits Nankhatai.

On Wednesday June 12, we armchair travelled to India and experienced the culture and beauty of the country and enjoyed the traditional Nankhatai biscuits with Chai tea.



Our resident Hazel M got to enjoy memories of her homeland. Hazel and the wellbeing staff looked lovely in their traditional outfits.

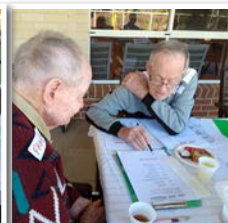
GROUP & MENTAL HEALTH WEEK -

June 10-17 saw us acknowledge Men's Mental Health week. On Tuesday 11 June, Journey childcare came to spend time with our men in the monthly men's group. It was an enjoyable afternoon with the children doing portraits of our men and sharing their creativity. The children played with Lego and a variety of games put out for the men to enjoy the children's interactions with each other.

Then on Wednesday 12th, the men enjoyed a Men's Mental Health week BBQ. Men from the nursing home, independent living units and some of male staff came together to give each other support. Jon, our volunteer, brought in his motorcycle and residents got to chat and reminisce.



Thanks to our maintenance staff for cooking the BBQ - the food was wonderful.



Activity Reviews



DELL'S CAFE - Four generations of the Charrington family meeting at Dell's Café.



DONATION THANKS - Thank you to the Landsdorf family for organising a Bowls mat to be donated to Marantha.



PYJAMA BINGO - On Wednesday June 19 at 6pm, we held 'Pyjama Bingo' in the Activity room. Residents enjoyed seeing each other in their pyjamas and being with friends.



Congratulations to Lucky Door number winners Auriel and Trish.

Thanks to everyone who joined, it was a fun night.



LUCKY NUMBER DRAWS - Congratulations to the winners of the **June Lucky Number** draw: -



- 1st Dot W - \$30 Gift voucher to Dell's Cafe
- 2nd Margaret Ru - \$20 Gift voucher to Dell's Café
- 3rd Fay H - \$10 Gift voucher to Dell's Café

Congratulations to the winner of the **June Winter Warmer** Lucky Number draw: Gavin T



COMFORT/DOLL THERAPY - can be used to provide comfort, engagement, and quality of life for residents with a variety of medical conditions, such as Lorna L.



GARDENING - Joane T and Allan S love working in the gardens.

HIGH TEA - Residents at Marantha enjoy having High Tea where they enjoy yummy food and great company.



DELTA THERAPY PETS - Ian with Tri Colour Collie 'Gibson'

On July 2, residents enjoyed their first visit from volunteer Ian of Delta Therapy Pets with his beloved Tri Colour Collie 'Gibson'.

This is their first visit into an aged care facility. Gibson also supports children in schools during storytelling sessions,

providing comfort for those children with learning difficulties which greatly helps with their learning and development.



We look forward to seeing Ian and Gibson each Tuesday over the coming months. Our residents enjoy visits from our Therapy Dogs each week. Our residents experience love and comfort at Marantha which brings out the biggest smiles.



FLOWERS - Thank you to Sonya H, daughter of resident Libby W, for the beautiful donation of flowers. It was very much appreciated.

Activity Reviews



ICE CREAM - It may be Winter, but our residents still look forward to having an ice cream cone.



Milkshakes and ice cream cones are a favourite activity here at Maranatha.



FEED THE HOMELESS -

Beau from Nourish St came to collect boxes of food, money raised, blankets, rugs and beanies to Feed the Homeless of Kallangur.

On Sunday, June 30 staff from Maranatha went to Cruice Park at Woodford. There was cooked breakfast, and boxes full of toiletries and non-perishable foods, plus rugs, beanies and scarves made by our wonderful Maranatha residents were given out.



Thank you to Journey Childcare

for their contribution. All up we were able to give 11 boxes to the Homeless in Woodford and 15 boxes to Nourish Street in Kallangur. Thank you to everyone who contributed you have made such a difference in their lives.



AUSSIE CHRISTMAS IS JULY - On Sunday 28 July, we celebrated Aussie Christmas in July. Residents enjoyed a Christmas roast dinner of ham/chicken and vegetables with steamed pudding and custard.

The dining rooms were decorated in the 'Aussie Christmas' theme with Christmas music playing in the background.

Thank you to the care staff who assisted on the day to ensure our residents had a wonderful lunch.



Activity Reviews



MARANATHA OLYMPIC GAMES - During the Paris Olympics, we had our very own Maranatha Olympic Games in the Activity room on Thursday, August 1.



Residents played 'Thread the Noodle' and 'Seated Soccer'. Residents won lucky door prizes and were given chocolates. In the afternoon, we had documentaries on Paris and the origins of the Olympics with a trivia quiz.



EXERCISES WITH STUART - Held on Tuesdays and Fridays, these classes are a huge hit with residents from Side 1 and Side 2 coming together to participate in seated exercises and relax-exercise.



DIAMOND ART -

Residents from Living Gems in Caboolture came on August 6 to donate diamond dot paintings they had created in the art group. Thank you for thinking of Maranatha.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In the month of October, we will begin this drive again - shoe boxes will be sent to children overseas. Last year it was sent to places such as Ukraine, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, and the Pacific Islands.

At the end of October, our residents will assist in packing the boxes ready for Samaritan's Purse to send overseas.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR 2-4 YEARS OLD & 5-9 YEARS OLD

- Doll, stuffed animal, balls, air pump (so that the ball can be reinflated)
- Small musical instrument, skipping rope
- Blanket, toothbrush, washcloth, wet wipes
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), comb/brush, adhesive bandages (non-medicated)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (consider filling any empty containers with non-liquid items to maximise space.)
- Outfit of clothing to wear: dress/t-shirt/top/pants, hat/scarf/mittens, socks/shoes, underwear, Tote-bag/purse, sunglasses, hair accessories (bows, ribbons, elastics etc.)
- Friendship bracelets, pencils, coloured pencils, pens, markers, pencil case
- Colouring books, exercise books, watercolour set, board or cloth books
- Small manual sharpener, small adhesive tape, stickers, crayons, glue stick (not liquid)
- Cars, trucks, boat, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra pre-packaged batteries), building blocks, finger puppets, plastic tools, etch-a-sketch
- Glow sticks, plastic toys and figurines

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Food: lollies, chocolate, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid)
- Toothpaste, shampoo, aerosol cans, medicine, vitamins
- Liquid paint, bubbles, glass, porcelain
- Used clothes, old toys
- War-related items: toy guns, knives, military figures, skull and crossbones
- Halloween items, play money, tracks and Bibles (children are given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event).



Gifts will need to be in by October 19.

A Shopping Trolley will be coming around with items for residents to purchase to donate or you can donate \$10 towards the postage of the boxes. *We also need shoe boxes A4 size.*

Upcoming Activities



MEN'S FATHER'S DAY BBQ - For men only! This will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September** at **11.30am**. Singer Trevor Anthony will be entertaining us for an hour. Please contact Elissa on 0477 538 794 by 29th August 2024 if you wish to attend - *this includes Staff, Nursing Home residents and ILU residents.*



DELL'S CAFE : Cardmaking, Cake and Coffee -



Join us for a cardmaking, cake and coffee morning in Dell's Café on **Wednesday 4th September** at **10am**. Cost is \$12 a person, paid at cafe.

Please contact Elissa on 0477 538 794 if you would like to attend - all are welcome! *This includes residents and their families, ILU residents and Staff (RAT tests to be done). Limit 20 people.*

PAINT & SUPPER EVENING - On **Wednesday 2nd October** at **6pm** we are having a Paint and Supper evening. Cost is \$10 a person.

Please contact Elissa on 0477538794 if you would like to attend - all are welcome! *This includes residents and their families, ILU residents and Staff (RAT tests to be done). Limit 20.*



GLENDA'S FASHION - Will be happening on **Wednesday 27th November** on the Poinciana Veranda. Side 1 at 9am and Side 2 at 10am.

All are welcome. *ILU and Staff are welcome to come and look from 11am.*

If you would like more information, please contact Elissa on 0477 538 794. Glenda has EFTPOS by phone - you can use your card or phone to pay.

MARANATHA'S NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET -

This will be held in **December** and we are asking for donations of gifts, crafts, and toiletries to sell on our stall. All donations are appreciated and all proceeds go towards the residents' activities.

MARANATHA FAIR - SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

We are excited to be able to hold our Anniversary Fair.

Due to Covid restrictions, the fair will be held under the wing at Maranatha Village. This will be an all weather, undercover event.

The Maranatha Fundraising Committee **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The Committee is in need of help in many ways:

1. Donations of Cakes, Sweets, Craft, Jams, Pickles, Trash and Treasure and Second handbooks, Pre-loved clothes
2. Helpers to set up on Friday 13th September
3. Helpers to serve on the Various Stalls
4. Helpers with Food Preparation on Friday and Saturday.
5. Helpers to sell Tickets for the food.
6. Helpers to direct cars to parking
7. Cash Donations to help with the running costs are also very much appreciated.

If you can help us in any way please contact Dawn on 0418 739 325.



Resident Story

Neil and Judith R



Hello everyone, I'm Neil and I was born in Kent, England in 1936.

It was during the early years of World War II when I was six years old when our school grounds were bombed at approximately 8am.

If we had been there at that time, we would have probably been injured or killed.

My family came to Australia in early November 1948. It was in Australia I met Judith through tennis, and this turned out to be a wonderful partnership. We have three daughters and when the youngest was six years old, we started on our travelling adventure during each school holidays to various parts of NSW, VIC, and QLD.

By this time, Judith and I had become enthusiasts of the Australian bird life and after our daughters had flown the coup, Judith and I started our overseas travelling. Our first holiday was back to my homeland of England to visit family and see the sights of the United Kingdom. We hired a campervan and began our road trip through France, Andorra, Spain, back to France, along the Mediterranean coast to Italy and to Switzerland, back to England and over to Ireland. All the while endeavouring to see as much bird life as possible.



We then decided to go on specialised bird watching trips - Guyana, Argentina, Peregrin Tours to Africa, starting in Namibia and Madagascar, then to South Africa, we then went with a British travel company to Kenya, Alaska, Japan, and Spain. With an American company, we visited Colorado and saw the famous faces of the past presidents carved out of the rock cliffs - a magnificent sight. Other trips we have done were to Trinidad, Tobago then to Mexico.

In the early 90's, we did two trips to the USA, visiting and staying in pre-booked National Park accommodation.

On our First Trip, we stayed at Anaheim to visit Disneyland and other L.A. attractions. We then drove to San Diego and onto Lake Havasu, where London Bridge was rebuilt across the Lake, onto the Grand Canyon and on the other side Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park. Next, we travelled north to Yellowstone National Park where the "Old Faithful" geyser is situated. Travelling further south we passed through the Grand Teton National Park and onto Yosemite National Park.



From there we went to San Francisco and back to L.A. There is so much more to tell.

On our Second Trip, we stayed in L.A. and then onto New York. From there, we stayed in Ithaca, a University Town. Lots of new birds to see. The next stop was Niagara Falls - what an amazing sight! From there we travelled from Erie on the shore of Lake Erie through Georgia and eventually to Florida - we went to see and visit the Disney World "Epcot Centre"; the whole area is huge.

I couldn't find the right entrance and finally found one. The attendant there said park your car and a bus will pick you up where we wanted to go. It is one of the most spectacular places to visit. We travelled west to follow the coastline through all the other states to Texas.



From Texas we then flew back to Sydney. Another wonderful trip with no major problems.

We have enjoyed a great life travelling around the world, and out of the way places in Australia.



Staff Profile

Tanya H

ANACC OFFICER/ENROLLED NURSE

Hi, my name is Tanya and I was born in Launceston, Tasmania. I was married in 1993 to Steve and we have two sons, Taran (28) and Caleb (25). We moved to Brisbane in August 1998. We are also fortunate to have two grandsons Theo (2) and Hudson (9 months).



I have worked as an AIN for 6 years at the Wesley Mission and during this time I studied to be an Enrolled Nurse. I commenced working here at Maranatha Aged Care as an Enrolled Nurse in August 2016. Recently I obtained the position as ANACC Officer/Enrolled Nurse in June 2024.

My favourite things to do are family time, music, watching movies and looking after my zoo of pets.

Congratulations to Tanya for her new position here at Maranatha.

Puppy Cuddles

Carmel Hayden, our Spiritual Care Coordinator brought in the last of her seven-puppy litter for the residents to enjoy soft, fluffy puppy cuddles before he headed off to his 'farm' home the following day.



The residents at Maranatha were besotted with him.



By doing
what you
LOVE, you
INSPIRE
and awaken
the hearts
of others.





SPRING REFLECTIONS

Our awareness of the chilly winter mornings is now behind us as we feel the temperatures beginning to rise. The days start to be brighter and longer. Flowers begin to bloom in the garden and we see a mix of vibrant colours. Sweet aromas heighten our senses filling our minds with new energy and vitality.

In Spring we tend to be more excited and want to be out in the community with friends and family and enjoy time together outdoors. Spring to me is a time to start afresh and a time when I reflect and make new goals and plan more than I do in other seasons.

Spring can also represent a time of reflection, growth, and potential change by looking at things differently, and evaluating our lives and our hopes and wishes in a renewed light. It can also be a time of new opportunity and for making change no matter how small it may be in our life. Change may first appear as difficult and can bring emotions of fear and worry to the surface if unexpected. Often it can be seen as rebirth, success, and new life through the power of prayer and the grace of God.

If we manage change correctly and listen to God and embrace His guidance, we can adapt easier to change. One passage which stands out in the bible is from Jeremiah 29:11. *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

So even if change may feel hard initially it is an opportunity to grow in our faith and learn to embrace it. When we trust in God's plan and seek His love as His followers, He transforms each of us every day with His blessings. Let us all welcome spring and see the opportunities it may provide us with.



By David Bridgens - Wellbeing Coordinator, NORTHCOURT & COURTLANDS



Pastoral Care Program



UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Please let staff know should you require assistance in getting to any of these services.

PLEASE NOTE: During COVID visiting restriction periods - these activities may be cancelled or changed at any time.
(please check your programs as subject to change)

MONTHLY BIBLE READING GROUP

When: Tuesday - Friday at 9.15am - 9.50am

Where: Activity Hall

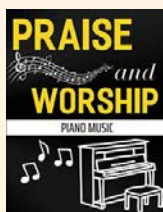
What: Bible readings, hymns & prayer

PRAISE IN SONG - PIANO WORSHIP

When: Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am *See program for date*

Where: Activity Hall

Who: Estelle on piano - ALL WELCOME -



CHRISTADELPHIAN MEMORIAL MEETING

When: Monday Morning (weekly)
at 9.15am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Christadelphian
members

- ALL WELCOME -



CHRISTADELPHIAN
AGED CARE

INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS SERVICE

When: Tuesday (monthly)
from 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Pastor Earle Tonges
- ALL WELCOME -



ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE

When: Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Father David Ruthven
Northpine Anglican Church

- ALL WELCOME -



CATHOLIC COMMUNION/MASS or PRIEST VISIT - Monthly (refer to program for dates & times)
MONDAY PRAYER GROUP - Monday at 9.30am - Side 1 - ALL WELCOME -

RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL STREAMING CHANNEL - 4 Marantha

If you are looking for some inspirational spiritual music or services, tune into channel 4 Marantha Friday's from 10am.



UNITING CHURCH CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

When: Tuesday (monthly)
at 10.45am

Where: Activity Hall
(or via CCTV Channel 4)

Who: Pastors Glen Lang & Jo Hurt
Pine Rivers Uniting Church

- ALL WELCOME -



'Supporting Marantha resident's emotional & spiritual wellbeing'

Marantha offers regular Pastoral Care visits to all residents

Please do not hesitate to contact our Spiritual Care Coordinator at her desk in Sunnyside Room or:

Carmel Hayden on (07) 3482 5333 or chayden@chomes.com.au

Testimony of Faith

RESIDENT - JOANY T



Joany's love of the Lord started at an early age.

Born in Cairns in the 1930's, her Sunday School was just across the dirt road from home. Her sister would head off each Sunday, but Joany was only four. You had to be five to attend Sunday School. Joany was so desperate to have a Sunday School book like her big sister and receive the little stickers in the book each Sunday, so one Sunday she ran across to the church and knocked on the door and said to the lady who answered, 'I want to go to Sunday School.'

It was in her 30s that Joany said she made a deep commitment to the Lord. *'I asked him to take over my life and I really started doing the Lord's work.'*

In the 1980's, Joany was told by a lady at church 'God is going to use you and send you to places you have never been'. She was so excited. She imagined Hawaii would be a great place to go. But no, she was sent to places where people were starving, both for food and for the word of God. She joined a missionary group called 'Intercessors of Australia' and they went to Mozambique (Africa), Latvia, China five times, Tonga, and New Zealand three times.

Joany believes in Jesus with all her heart, mind and understanding. *'The Lord's message to us is to be truthful, to help each other and he wants to bless our lives.'*

Joany shares her Prayer of Blessings. 'May the Angels go before you, behind you, to the left, to the right, under and over you, encompass you about as you do God's work and as you sleep tonight. In Jesus name.'



Testimony of Faith

By KRIS W

PERSONAL CARER

My name is Kris W and I work at Maranatha as a Personal Carer.

My connection to the Lord started as a young girl. I was told by a church elder at age 12 that *'God has a purpose for you, you are going to look after others.'* My life wasn't an easy one, but I was blessed with six children. Someone invited me along to their church where I received another message from a church member: *'You are on the wrong path; God is speaking to you - you need to turn and follow Jesus.'*

It was at this time I heard the Lord's call. And that is why I chose a job in aged care support. I have a strong conviction that there is more to this life than living for ourselves. I now belong to a motorcycle church, as I am a passionate bike rider. We reach out to youth who may be on the wrong track in life. We are ALL called to help others. The Lord leads me and protects me. I hope you welcome Jesus into your life too.



Volunteer Corner

By CARMEL HAYDEN

SALVATION ARMY CONCERT: 29th May 2024

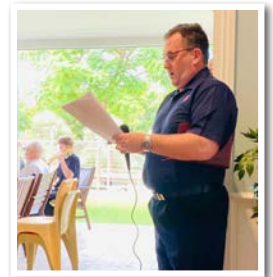
The Redcliffe City Salvation Army Band gave us a lovely Autumn Day concert. We welcomed for the first time Captain Dean Clutterbuck who MC'd the concert and also gave a lovely and encouraging talk to the elderly on their 'Purpose in Life'. Songs played included 'The Lords My Shepherd', 'What a Friend We Have in



Jesus, 'He Found Me, Count Your Blessings' and many more classics.

There were 11 musicians in total with the following instruments being played: Tuba, BB Bass, Cornets, Euphonium, Baritone, Bass Trombone, EIB Bass.

It was lovely to have some of their young members join us for the first time and Melody did a Tenor Horn solo called 'Midnight in Tobago'.



THANK YOU KEVIN - This year we honoured our retiring long-serving volunteer Kevin Brockhurst. Kevin has given 28 years of his time volunteering here at Maranatha. Kevin started out working in establishing our gardens and during extension builds he was a wonderful worker. In fact, at this time, he was offered a wage by then, manager Marilyn, but he would not accept and was simply happy to come here as a volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Kevin later went on to help with internal maintenance and later running card games and social interactions with the residents. Maranatha Manager Mel remembers Kevin's dedication to his cards group for many years.



Past staff members Dave Hallmark and Bradley Watson spoke so highly of Kevin's dedicated support alongside them both. And past Manager Kathy Hallmark remembers Kevin way back from when she first started at Maranatha in 2000. Kathy said Kevin was so very kind and caring - he will be missed by staff and residents alike.



We have sincere appreciation for the years Kevin gave to Maranatha and wish him the best with his health and that God bless him in the years ahead. We certainly will miss his face at Maranatha. He is an inspiration to other volunteers and staff alike for his dedication.

Kevin accepted a commemorative pen and gift card - our appreciation from Maranatha.



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Volunteer Corner

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LADIES SOCIAL MORNING TEA - A few ladies from Side 1 who love to socialise and chat like to enjoy morning tea together in the Café Garden area. Volunteer Robyn will support this social group each month.



MARANATHA 2024 VOLUNTEERS LUNCH - On May 23, our volunteers enjoyed a thank you two-course roast lunch at the Petrie Heritage Hotel in Old Petrie Town historical village.



We all enjoyed the company shared with speeches by the CEO Ross Peden and QLD Chair member Phil Pooch in recognition of our volunteers' valued service. Volunteer Brian sang to us 'Whispering Hope'.



Volunteering Australia theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 in May 2024 was 'Something for Everyone'. A theme to recognise the

diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering.

At our luncheon, each volunteer received their annual volunteer's badge in the gift bag provided with this theme shown thereon.



The keyring in the giftbag they received was engraved with 'Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched'. We certainly thank our volunteers for enriching the lives of those at Maranatha.



At Maranatha, we can see the type of people our volunteers are. Not only do they consistently offer their time and skills with others, but they bring smiles to the faces of the elderly in our homes. They really go out of their way to make older people happy. They show kindness in small ways, and this means so much to our residents. They are not just a volunteer; they are a friend and a companion to many. Volunteers put others before themselves. They share messages of hope and encouragement. They add something so valuable to our resident's daily life and for that we are so grateful. We thank our volunteers for their time and their love.

They really do add a special dimension of care at Maranatha - supporting our residents to live a more contented life. Maranatha is a better place with volunteers. The candle symbol SEEN around MARANTHA is highlighted by the biblical quote 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.' And don't they shine! They certainly show love through their good deeds.



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Volunteer IN THE Spotlight

LYN CRUMP - Let me introduce myself. My name is Lyn and I have four adult children and twelve grandchildren, who are an absolute joy. I am widowed, as my husband was killed in an accident, leaving me to raise my children as a sole parent. I enjoy travelling, having travelled around Australia and overseas. I have been to Africa and Egypt and more recently Norfolk Island and the Cook Islands. Now I am retired, there are more holidays planned in the future.



I also enjoy doing craft work. Knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking and card making. My most recent hobby is diamond dot painting - highly addictive!

I have a very strong Christian faith, and I am actively involved in my local Uniting Church taking on leadership roles. Although my faith was tested with the death of my husband, I drew my strength and comfort from my Lord, Jesus Christ. He has never let me down, as I continue to walk daily with Him.



I first became involved at Maranatha when my son-in-law Dan mentioned that Carmel was looking for someone to help the monthly 'praise in song' singing sessions. So, I organised a few members of my church family to come along. We have been doing this for twelve months now and it is a highlight of our month. We all look forward to this time of sharing with some of the residents. It is wonderful to sing the old hymns with them and to see their faces light up and toes start tapping when we sing ones they know.

I am now doing the pastoral visitors course, and I look forward to sharing on a more personal and spiritual level with some of the residents.



We thank Lyn for her support at Praise in Song each month and we look forward to receiving Pastoral Care visits from her in the future.

Spiritual Article

A farmer sent his boy into the field to prepare it for sowing, reminding him to till straight lines. "Select an object on the far side of the field and plow straight at it."

Later, when the farmer checked on his boy's progress, there wasn't a straight furrow to be found. Every row was uneven and wavy. "I thought I told you to select an object and plow towards it," the Farmer said. "I did" the boy answered, "but the rabbit kept hopping"



A straight line, like a good life, requires an unmoving target. Set your sights on the unchanging principles of God.

Let the words of God be your life guide. Meditate on them day and night.

Things to remember...

- God is at the helm not you. Talk with him often. Ask him to show you clear directions.
- Anxiety is based around lack of control - but God is in control, so all will be well
- Don't try to control everything or anyone they will always do what they prefer to do in the end
- Take a step back and relax. You can influence people with kindness and love - you cannot control them
- Let people be themselves. They will love you more for this.
- Be upbeat and happy. Be gentle and humble. Be Jesus to those who do not know him.





1. Take it one room at a time

Don't bite off more than you can chew. Focus on deep cleaning each room individually before moving to the next.



2. Set tasks for each family member

Spring cleaning isn't a solo project. List tasks for each member to take and play to people's strengths.



3. Don't shy from moving furniture

You may not move the furniture during normal cleaning. Do move it during spring cleaning and get to the hidden places.



4. Declutter as you go

When you're moving things around, take stock of what's necessary. Donate or recycle items you no longer have a need for.



5. Stick with simple cleaners

You don't need everything in the cleaning aisle. Focus on a good multi-purpose cleaner, and a couple niche items, such as toilet and glass cleaner.



6. Spend some time on the windows

Give your windows some TLC. Clean inside and out, and don't forget to pop the screens and give them a wash.



7. Get into the cabinets and fridge

Spring cleaning is ideal for clearing out the cupboards. Toss outdated food and consolidate spices, baking supplies, and sauces.



My Dad quit his job as an archeologist. Now his career is in ruins.

Did you hear about the father who cut off his left leg? He's all right now.

My dad said he wanted something groundbreaking for Father's Day. So I got him a shovel.

I never liked my dad's facial hair. But now it's starting to grow on me.

My dad bought a pair of camouflage pants. Now I can't find him.

The last time my dad played baseball he got arrested. Apparently he tried to steal second base.

My father doesn't like trees. He thinks they're shady.

I got my dad a book about glue once. He couldn't put it down.

My dad won't play cards in the jungle. He says there are too many cheetahs.

My dad wanted to listen to music while we were fishing. So I put on something catchy.

My father used to be afraid of hurdles. But he got over it.



Raspberry Coconut Slice



Prep: 25 min

Cook: 40 min

Ingredients

- 100g butter, softened
- 3/4 cup caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup self-raising flour
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup raspberry jam
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 3/4 cup shredded coconut

Serves: 16

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 3cm-deep, 20cm x 30cm (base) lamington pan. Line with baking paper, allowing 2cm overhang on all sides.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat butter and 1/2 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Add 1 egg. Beat until combined. Sift flours over butter mixture. Stir to combine. Stir in buttermilk. Press mixture over base of prepared pan. Spread jam over mixture.
3. Whisk remaining eggs and sugar together in a bowl. Stir in coconuts. Sprinkle mixture over jam. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until light golden. Cool in pan. Cut into pieces. Serve.






Puzzle Page



WACKY WORDS BRAINTEASER

Can identify all these well-know sayings in the puzzle below?

1 Get it Get it Get it Get it	2 Jack	3 Somewhere 	4 DOOR	9 once 	10 Egg Egg HAM	11 Try Stand 2	12 T O W N
5 READ	6 Blood Water	7 Beeeeee	8 CANCELED	13 Nl bumpGHT	14 Aid ← Aid Aid	15 Mill1on	16  3.14

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 11 differences between these two images? *Warning: These are tricky!*



WACKY WORDS ANSWERS: 1. Forget it 2. Jack in the box 3. Somewhere over the rainbow 4. Back door 5. Read between the lines 6. Blood is thicker than water 7. Bee line 8. Cancelled cheque 9. Once upon a time 10. Green eggs and ham 11. Try to understand 13. Downtown 14. Bump in the night 15. First aid 16. One in a million 17. Apple pie