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Staff Flu Vaccinations

The flu season is imminent and Meercroft will again be organizing flu vaccinations with Terry White Pharmacy. The Pharmacy will be at Meercroft Care in early May, dates to be advised. If you are unable to attend at Meercroft, you will be able to book on line.

Meercroft will again fully cover the cost of the vaccinations. Staff must present your Meercroft ID Badge to the pharmacy. The

pharmacy will provide a list of staff who have received the flu vacs. If you have the flu vacs elsewhere, please let Wendy Shearer know so that it can be recorded on the staff flu vacs register.

Auxiliary Mother's Day Stall

The Meercroft Auxiliary will be holding the Mother's Day stall on May 8 in Seaview Lounge commencing at 9.00am.

The Auxiliary has received great support from the community and have received many donations of fruit and vegetables and cooking ingredients. There is a fantastic raffle with many prizes. All money raised is donated to Meercroft Care to provide nursing care equipment. Last year the Auxiliary donated \$20,000, which was an amazing fete.

Volunteer Appreciation Guide



A Membership Knowledge Hub resource from Wild Apricot

Appreciation to the Volunteers

We will be celebrating Volunteers Week with our fantastic Volunteers in May. Our Volunteers are an absolute asset to Meercroft and contribute to improving the quality of life of our residents. We would be lost without these beautiful people. Thank you



Aged Care Approvals Round Results

The Aged Care Approvals Round results have been announced with Meercroft being advised that we were unsuccessful for the requested bed licenses and capital grant.

We will reapply when the next Round is announced and continue to progress the Meercroft Care Masterplan.

Building Program 2018



Stage 1 of the building program is almost complete with the handover date expected to be mid-April 2019. Stage 1 includes the building of two new residents' rooms, so that the two current two bed rooms will become single resident rooms.

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Stage 2, the building of 4 new resident's rooms in Banksia has commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of May 2019. Stage 2 will also include extending the size of the drug room and reconfiguration of the space from the Nurses station and Drug room.

It is expected that stage 3 will commence whilst stage 2 is being completed. Stage 3 is the refurbishment of the eight rooms in Seaview.

Discount Terry White Pharmacy

Just a reminder to staff that Meercroft Care staff are entitled to a 10% discount from Terry White Pharmacy. In order to access the discount staff must present their Meercroft ID Badges.

Devonport Park Fun Run

On Sunday March 17th Meercroft staff and residents participated in the 5 kilometre Devonport Park Run. Residents were transported in wheelchairs and had a great opportunity to be a part of this community event. Each participant had a wonderful time and we plan to participate Again next year.

DCC Bluff Precinct Plan

Meercroft has been in communication with Devonport City Council concerning the urgent need for improved curbing and a pedestrian crossing across Bluff Road for our residents, staff and families. I am pleased to advise that a pedestrian crossing has been included in the Council's Bluff precinct plan and it is envisaged it will be installed in the very near future.

Munnew Day Centre and Oceanview.

We are slowly implementing some recommendations because of the Report from Terri Preece from the University of Wollongong about Munnew and Oceanview. We have painted the doors in Oceanview, in colours selected by the residents and implemented some other suggestions to improve the environment for people living with Dementia.

Munnew Day Centre will have the lounge area painted and the doors painted in colours, which again support an improved environment for people living with dementia.

Munnew Carer and Client Dinner

Munnew staff hosted a Dinner for carers and clients last Wednesday Night March 20. Staff prepared the meal and the tables were set for Fine Dining. This was a special evening and enjoyed by all who attended. Several staff volunteered their time to assist with waitressing, washing up and generally preparing for the evening. Congratulations to Munnew.

Montessori Training

Two staff from Oceanview recently attended a 2-day workshop in Adelaide. Leanne and Fiona have returned with many exciting ideas, are developing a power point, and will provide education to staff.

Montessori is an innovative method of working with older adults living with cognitive and/or physical impairments, Montessori has the potential to change the lives of people in residential care and enhance the lives of people in their own homes. Montessori for Dementia is based on the educational philosophies of famed childhood educator Dr. Maria Montessori. Research has provided clear evidence of decreases in responsive behaviours and

increased levels of engagement and participation in activities when Montessori approaches are implemented.

New Standards Training

Four senior staff attended a 1-day workshop with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (Formerly the Quality Agency) about the new standards commencing July 1 2019.

Training sessions will be provided to staff in the near future.

Generator

Meercroft has purchased a generator, which will be installed after Easter. The generator will ensure that if we have a power outage we will continue to be able to operate all electrical equipment as normal. In order to install the generator the switchboard is being upgraded to accommodate the generator. This is a wonderful quality improvement for this organisation

Extra Government Funding for four Months

Minister Wyatt has announced an increase in funding for a 4 month period to assist Aged Care Organisations prepare for the new standards. The funding will commence on March 20th and cease on June 30th 2019.

Compliments to Staff

Meercroft has received some beautiful and positive comments from families about the high standard of care and services provided to their loved ones in our care.



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