

Murray Haven Murmurs

Murray Haven Homes Ltd December 2022 Newsletter



The past couple of years with Covid have certainly set some challenges and many changes for the Residents of Murray Haven, as I'm sure with many other industries, but like troopers we have adjusted and continued to embrace the change and live life to its fullest.

The month of November saw the introduction of more visitors coming to visit, which meant entertainers were back in the swing of things, we enjoyed Melbourne Cup day with all Residents pulling out their best outfits for the day. We celebrated with the annual tradition luncheon of cold meats and salad followed by pavlova and of course many glasses bubbles. It was so lovely to see all the Residents and staff mingling and enjoying each other company.

Our first entertainer back was the infamous Kerri Nicholson who is very familiar with the corridors of Murray Haven. Both her parents have once lived here the beautiful Faye and Macca McLean. Kerri took us all back in time with melodious tunes of yester year.

We also enjoyed the dulcet tones of Johnny Doyle. Boy oh boy were the Residents happy to see our mate again we chatted and to think it had been over 12 months since his last visit. Paddy Hare showed us he has more talent than farming and got up and sang a duet with John a great Aussie classic "The Pub with No Beer"

We also enjoyed several visits from the Barham High school students as part of their curriculum. They venture out in the community and visit people and places they may have never been, the Residents enjoyed these visits immensely and we look forward to having them back in the new year.

Once again we welcomed the Barham RSL for Remembrance Day as we sat silently and listened to Christine Dartnell's moving speech.

We have just met all eight standards of the Aged care commission accreditation with flying colors, which is a great start for the new year.



Resident Services Table of Costs

Phone Hire - Per month	\$40
Phone Hire - Per week (respite)	\$10
Labeling - Clothing (once off fee)	\$50
Vehicle Usage Fee – per KM	\$.60c

The month of December started with a bang as the busiest month of the year for many of us. Christmas quickly approaches and everybody is busy shopping, decorating, celebrating, drinking, eating and by the end of the month lots of resting is required.

We started the month with a trip to our favorite Barham eatery Don's Kitchen at the Club and like always the meal and atmosphere never disappoints with the Residents rating it a 10 out of 10.

We all enjoyed the vocal harmonies of Murrabit singing group called HUM & STRUM with new Resident Max Molloy as one of the founding members. This orchestral masterpiece entertained us with their musical prowess and also tickled our funny bones with their banter and humor. We all wait in anticipation for their return in the new year.

Late November through to early December we extended our Murray Haven family. It was with great pleasure we welcomed 5 residents from Edward River Gardens in Moulamein who were affected by the floods surrounding their home. Moo, Dot, Tiger, Alan and Macca were a delight and we thoroughly enjoyed their company, we will be definitely be heading to Moulamein for a visit in the near future.

Towards the end of December, the Barham Club once again treated us to the inaugural senior citizen's luncheon with the club packed to full capacity. All enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch followed by an afternoon of singing and raffles, it was such a treat.

We finished December with the Residents Christmas party on 23rd December. Although our entertainment was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we finished off the year with traditional carols, a splash of beer, wine and champagne. The most delicious BBQ cooked by Les and Colin, lots of laughter and of course a visit from Santa. Here's hoping next year sees Covid restrictions changing to a more family friendly situation and we can welcome you all to our home.

Well that's good-bye for the year, wishing you all a safe and prosperous 2023.

