



Honeysuckle  
Regional Health



# HONEY SUCKLE HERALD

## VTBNC EDITION

### Communication's from the CEO

The months are flying and there are a number of things happening in the background to maintain and improve our infrastructure. New floor coverings have been completed in Grevillea which has not only improved the area cosmetically, but ironed out some lumps and bumps which were a trip hazard. Bain Marie has been purchased for main dining area in River Gum. Some works need to be completed before we can introduce this new dining experience but we are getting closer.

After years of applying we have finally been able to secure another 40 funded beds

for Bentleys in Bendigo. This is been a vision of previous Board Members and current and will certainly ensure the long term financial viability of both facilities. Board members past and present need to be applauded for their vision. We have also been awarded 2 extra beds for Violet Town.

I am still working with the Medical Clinic to get the best possible outcome for the community. This is not a simple process however the level of service and cost to residents, within the facility, will not change.

All the best

*Barry Hobbs*

CEO

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## Friends Of The Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre

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This group was formed back in the 1920's and was originally known as the Ladies Auxiliary. We had a name change about five years ago and became known as the Friends of the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre. This group of locals meets once a month to discuss, in conjunction with the CEO and the Lifestyle Officer, how best to use raised funds to make the life of residents in the Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre an even happier experience.

Money raised by the Friends at the Violet Town Market Tin Rattle and Mother's Day and Wood raffles has gone towards the purchase of items which enhance the residents activities and general day to daily life. New members are welcome and should you wish to attend contact the VTBNC . The next meeting is to be held in the Honeysuckle Room on Tuesday 30th April at 10am.

Kristine Brown  
President

### Quality Coordinator



Steady progress continues towards implementation of the new Aged Care Quality Standards. To facilitate consumer engagement we have had location changes within Violet Town Nursing Home. The Lifestyle Team have relocated to Grevillea utilising the office at the end of the east corridor as a store room and the small sitting room as here activity centre. This seems to be a positive move with residents from Grevillea, River Gum and Blue Wren sharing the space and getting to know one another well. The office space vacated by the Lifestyle Team is now a consultation room for residents and family and/or their representative to have admission interviews, care planning review discussions and consultation with Nursing Staff regarding residents' health and well-being. This room is also able to be used for family members during end-of life vigil for time out to collect their thoughts and have a cup of tea/coffee. The store room vacated by the Lifestyle Team has reverted back to an overnight stay room that can be utilised by family, staff and students.

Our Care Recipient Information Book has been reviewed and updated to reflect changes to the standards and Home Care and Community Care are making steady progress towards updating their respective information books.

A resident focus group concerning Meal Satisfaction was commenced earlier this year and continues with monthly meetings with a resident representative reporting back to resident meeting.

The flu season is here again with an increase in the number of confirmed cases of influenza Australia wide. Both staff and residents are being immunised across both campus and we ask that family and friends who are feeling unwell do not attend the facility if feeling unwell. Remember that the best way to stop an outbreak is by prevention. Hand hygiene is the first step in prevention. Please use hand gel provide in entry foyers on entering and leaving the Nursing Home.



## Quality Coordinator (contd)

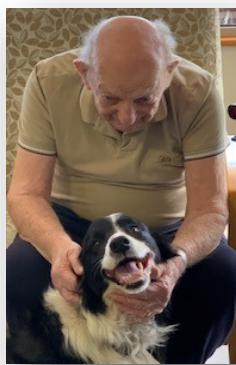
Education of staff continues with a recent Dementia Essentials course held in April. Our life-style/activities Coordinator has recently attended a 'Cameron Camp Masterclass Engaging residents and staff using the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle' which is incorporated in to the activities plan. Our registered nursing staff and activities staff are attending CPR and first aid training on site in May and End of Life Care education in May.

Violet Town Nursing Home is currently hosting a number of students from GOTAFE and La Trobe University. The students are undertaking Certificate IV in Lifestyle and Well-being and Batchelor of Nursing Transition to Registered Nursing placement. We also have a traineeship in Certificate 111 in Individual Health and student placement through Euroa Secondary College.

Our volunteers for the Tuesday morning wheelchair walking group are still doing a wonderful job wheeling our residents around Violet Town. The facility have recently purchased orange safety vests for the safety of our volunteers and residents

**Arlene Collins**  
Quality Coordinator

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## Day Therapy Centre

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After a hot couple of months Daycare is now enjoying the cooler weather. Our courtyard is lovely and we often have morning tea and lunch out there.

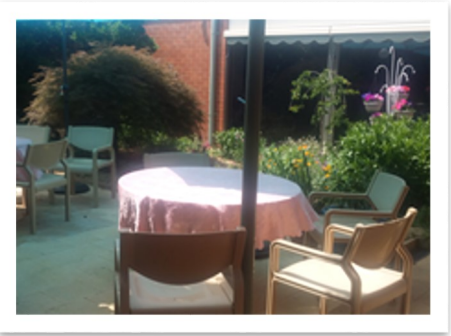
Thank you to the Friends of VTBNC for our new Pizza oven—we are ready to cook pizzas for lunch now!

Our Craft group on a Tuesday are currently making aprons.

We have been out and about to Murchison, Euroa, Seymour and recently enjoyed a visit to the Benalla Wall Art, and also the silos around the district.

Men's Mob have enjoyed a trip to the Machinery Shed in Euroa and to the Vintage Car Museum in Corowa—followed by lunch at the Aussie Hotel.

Girl's Day Out went to Longwood to The Rockery with an interesting talk by Maurice Brody.



## Home Care Packages

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We currently hold 16 Home Care Packages and provide in-home services to some of these clients. The waiting lists for a Home Care Package are becoming longer and it can be a wait of up to 2 years or more before you will be offered a package, - in most cases people are offered a lower package first. Four of our current Level 2 packages are on the waiting list for a higher package and have been for some time.

We advertise through local newspapers and Community sites and continue to do community talks on Aged Care as required.

## Leisure and Health

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The lifestyle Activity Program started the year with hesitation as the weather slowed our regular bus trips and much enjoyed walks in the community and wet lands. The heat also slowed several projects we have been working towards such as our "Garden", the change in seasons provided a much welcomed burst of energy and further progression in the works. Stone Mason Mick Frewin has constructed a conversation wall (a center place to perch and contemplate) as a feature to compliment the area that will eventually be one that will be interactive and engaging. The next stage will involve the construction of an outdoor bowling green. Our

"Men's Meet" group facilitated by one of our maintenance men work predominantly on this project on Thursday's weekly. The expected date of completion is June. So watch out for an invitation to the official opening.

Constant opportunity to have "cake and coffee" frequent our calendar so with the addition of Easter we just added Chocolate! And a visit from the Easter Bunny...

Pet news—Max our Budgie has had a birthday turning 6 years old. He has a long way to catch up to resident Janet when celebrated 100 years recently—more cake!

With much appreciation the local branch of the RSL who provided residents with opportunity to commemorate ANZAC day with an in house service on the 24th of April. Residents who wished also attended the community service at the local Cenotaph on the actual day.

The Lifestyle Team have moved! This came with apprehension (change is such a hard thing to handle) but fortunately it's worked out well. We now have a working area for the Lifestyle team and residents. Lifestyle will be using this area for programs as it is spacious and bright.