Recently, I attended the LASA-Q State Conference, where there were many great presentations, including about the latest developments in dementia care. One of the presenters is an experienced aged care consultant, who has agreed to visit Gunther Village in May to provide us with advice. During her visit, we will ask her for her ideas for the rejuvenation of the Allawah outdoor area, commonly referred to as the “Train Station”, which is currently in planning stages in consultation with the Board. The Dementia Care Group will also have input into these plans, which will improve this area for residents and their families to enjoy outdoor activities.

I continue to be excited by the amazing range of ideas which have been brought to the table by staff at the monthly meetings of the group. Many of these are simple ideas which have the potential to continue to improve the daily lives of those of our residents who have a diagnosis of dementia. I’m confident that we will soon see some of these ideas being put into practice.

STOP PRESS

As I am writing this article, we have had an unannounced visit to Gunther Village from two assessors from the Aged Care Quality Agency. They have spent the day investigating our systems, speaking with residents and staff, observing our activities and reviewing our documentation.

I am delighted to report that the outcome of the visit is that we are continuing to meet the Aged Care Standards. The assessors provided really positive feedback at the exit meeting this afternoon. They said that it is clear to them from their discussions with residents that they are very happy living here at Gunther Village. They also made particular mention that they had observed how respectful our staff were in their interaction with the residents.

It is always tremendous when we receive this external validation of how well we are providing care for the residents. It is a great pat on the back to everyone who contributes so much every day here at Gunther Village. Our challenge of course is to maintain these high standards and continue to seek ways of improving everything that we do. Congratulations everyone!

Bruce Bryan
Gunther Notice's

Gunther Gumnuts Play Group

Reminder to All Staff & Visitors Families

Gunther Gumnuts playgroup will be held at Gunther Village every Wednesday from 0930am to 1130am. Different Activities are set up by our Lifestyle Staff each week. The Coffee Shop is also open if you are wanting to get yourself or the kids a treat.

Hope to see you there!

Welfare Committee Mothers Day Raffle

The Welfare Committee is Holding a Raffle for Mothers day. Tickets are available to purchase from Gunther Village. Tickets are $1 Each or 6 for $5 Will be drawn Wednesday 4th May

Looking To Buy

Rose Bernie is looking for a wooden oar from row boat, for decoration purposes. If anyone has one or knows where she can obtain one could they please contact her via 07 4161 3699.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Gunther Village is holding Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on the 22nd Of June at 10am in The Hub. Morning tea will be provided. Gold Coin Donation

If you have any suggestions or any notices that you would like to see in the newsletter, please do not

Policy for this Edition!

POLICY: ELDER ABUSE

All staff are responsible for ensuring the safety of the residents who live at Gunther Village. Any staff member who witnesses an incidence of elder abuse, as defined below, or suspects an incidence of elder abuse, must report the incident as described in the following guidelines. This policy and guidelines ensure that residents, their families and staff can feel free to raise any concerns they may have about the abuse or suspected abuse of residents, and to have those concerns dealt with appropriately.

DEFENITION - For full definition please see policy

Elder Abuse is the mistreatment or exploitation of an older person by someone they know and trust. It includes:

Physical abuse – Sexual abuse – Psychological abuse – Financial abuse – Social abuse – Neglect

Gunther Village is an organisation that is engaged in care of the elderly and related services, and therefore staff are obligated to report any incident of elder abuse, suspected or otherwise, in accordance with the following procedure.

GUIDELINES: For full Guidelines, please see policy

Procedure for the reporting of abuse (suspected or otherwise)

Step 1: Inform RN/EN on duty immediately, who must inform the Facility Manager

Step 2: Ensure safety of residents

Step 3: Investigation of the allegation of abuse

Step 4: Report allegation if necessary

Step 5: Actions following investigation

Our Values

Trust, Respect, Honesty, Integrity, Dignity & Professionalism
Resident Birthdays

May & June

Happy Birthday to the following Residents:

May
Ken
Harry
Ellen
Adriana
Doris

June
Elva
William
Bruce
Norma
The Gallery

Virginia & David enjoy a BBQ Lunch in Burnett Wing Garden Area

Crystal Display at the Men’s Memorabilia Shed

Elva enjoying her time out at the Gayndah Show—Holding one of the animals from the Animal Farm Display

Noel, Norma, Kath and Ken with the owners of the Men’s Memorabilia Shed

Verena & Bessie have a cuppa while enjoying a game of Jingo

Bill & Merle enjoying the Saint Patrick’s Day Activities
Lifestyle News

The Residents have been very busy with lots of outings and culture packed activities. We enjoyed a lovely morning tea with some light entertainment from our very own Oonagh on Saint Patrick’s Day. They enjoyed a lovely outing to the Coulston Lakes Shop where our hosts put on Tea and Cakes for our residents – they enjoyed sharing stories and laughs.

The Residents also enjoyed a trip down memory lane when they ventured to Darryl Heatheofes Memorabilia Shed, followed by a lovely morning tea. Residents also enjoyed a lovely day out to the Gayndah Show on April 9th.

On ANZAC Day, residents will attend the Morning Service and lay a wreath on behalf of Gunther Village to remember the fallen service men and women.

Getting to know staff

**Name:** Michelle Humphreys  
**Position:** Assistant Nurse  
**Time worked at Gunther:** 4 Weeks  
**Best thing about working at Gunther:** Residents  
**Family:** 3 Boys  
**Favourite Food:** Lasagne  
**Best Holiday:** Fiji  
**Special Interests:** Horses
What’s Cooking!

ANZAC Biscuits

Ingredients

- 1 cup (150g) Plain Flour
- 1 cup (80g) Desiccated Coconut
- 1 cup (90g) Rolled Oats
- 1/2 cup (110g) Caster Sugar
- 1/4 cup (55g) Brown Sugar
- 125g Butter
- 2 Tablespoons Golden Syrup
- 1/2 Teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda

Method

Step 1: preheat oven to 180C. Like 2 Baking trays with baking paper. Place flour, coconut, rolled oats and combined sugar in a large bowl and stir with a wooden spoon to combine.

Step 2: Place the butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan over low heat and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes or until butter melted. Set aside for 5 minutes to cool slightly.

Step 3: Combine 1 & 1/2 Tablespoons of boiling water and the bicarbonate of soda in a small bowl. Add to the oat mixture along with the butter mixture. Stir until well combined.

Step 4: Roll tablespoonfuls of the mixture into balls and place on the lined trays, allowing space for spreading. Gently press each ball to flatten slightly. Bake for 15 minutes for crisp biscuits. Set aside on the trays to cool completely. The biscuits will harden as they cool.
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The first resident to hand a completed puzzle into the administration office wins a prize!

Congratulations

Winner of the Welfare Committee Easter Raffle: Belinda Kennedy

Thank You to all who bought tickets in the Raffle, your support is greatly appreciated!
As part of our commitment to Continuous Quality Improvement, we genuinely value your ideas and suggestions. Whether you have a concern you would like to raise, make a suggestion that may improve services or simply acknowledge the good things we do, we encourage you to tell us. I am very aware that due to the fact that we promote a culture of open and transparent communication, many suggestions or issues raised, are done so verbally. However, it is important that we have options and that there is a system that enables people to put something forward anonymously, should they wish to do so. (keeping in mind that this will prohibit feedback at a personal level)

Regards,

Bruce Bryan
Facility Manager

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FEEDBACK

In line with our policy, we are committed to providing feedback in relation to issues raised within 10 working days, however please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required, following reply.

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Signed: ........................................ Date: ........................................

Please attention completed forms to – Executive Manager, Gunther Village  P.O. Box 134 GAYNDAH, 4625