

# BlueWave Living

October Newsletter



## A Message from our CEO

Australia appears to be winning the battle against COVID-19 as a whole, in so far as keeping on top of community transmission, and we remain fortunate that we live in country where we have managed to control the spread of the virus relatively successfully. Of course, the sad outcomes of community spread has hit our industry the hardest in Victoria, and our thoughts continue to be with those impacted by COVID-19. There are still a high number of facilities in Victoria which are dealing with positive COVID-19 cases.

At time of writing COVID-19 had recently passed the very sad milestone of One Million Deaths internationally, and this figure is largely acknowledged as being under reported. Whilst the rest of the world continues to grapple with increasing spread of the virus, we appear to be heading towards a more promising prospect of the spread of COVID-19 coming under control and minimized. However we do have to remain mindful as to how infectious this virus is, and how quickly it can spread should there be any unknown cases circulating within our community.

We have been continuing to wear masks (staff and visitors alike), and will continue to do this until we are well clear of any community spread in our region, coupled with advice from NSW Health. The use of masks has been proven to be one of the more effective means of reducing the spread of COVID-19, and we would prefer to err on side of caution with this relatively simple requirement.

Of course we continue to undertake other tasks as previously outlined to ensure our infection control processes are strong and continue to minimise risk to our Elders in care.

I would like to highlight our activities team, who have continued to work hard in providing innovative ideas to engage with our Elders in care during these challenging times. Their role made all the more important as we have worked through various visitor restrictions. For those who are not aware, you may like to follow us on FaceBook to see all the wonderful work our team undertakes in this important aspect of care – which is a key part of managing mental health in the current environment. A novelty item has been the newly built Ice Cream and Drinks cart which has been very popular! Thank you to all our Activities team for helping keep the spirit of BlueWave a positive one for our elders.

And our clinical team continues to work tirelessly to provide high quality care, in what has been an exceptionally challenged environment for the majority of this year. The BlueWave's team commitment to our Elders in care is something special, and I thank all staff working through this year in their efforts.

We are very happy to be supporting the second Workforce Bonus payable to staff who work in our industry. During October, all our valued staff will receive this second bonus (not just the limited number of staff the Federal Government is paying the bonus to). We firmly believe we are all one team, and all our staff have done a wonderful job through these times, and they all deserve to be recognized for it.

For those visiting recently, you would have encountered our new electronic sign in and auto temperature monitoring system. Whilst it is largely working as intended, it is very new, designed specifically for our industry, and we are one of the early adopters of the technology. As such, it hasn't been perfect. We are aware there have been times where it hasn't worked as intended, and the company behind the system continue to work hard to improve and evolve the software to get it right. It is important we do capture this information for all visitors, for any potential contact tracing, but also very important we are screening all visitors to BlueWave correctly. Thank you all for your patience whilst we steadily bed in this new process.

I am also pleased to say we are steadily working through the detailed construction documentation of our new master plan. This will continue to evolve over the coming months, with the aim to be in a position to go out to tender by late this year, or early in 2021. It will be an exciting next step for BlueWave Living in the evolution of the site, as over the coming years, we progressively build towards a household model, and continue to update the environment in which our Elders live in, with the right support in the built environment to continue to provide very high quality care.

Till next time, take care, Matt.



## The end of World War II

Norm was a recipient of a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration acknowledging the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Thank you Norm for your invaluable contribution.

**To find out up-to-date information  
regarding our visiting policy please visit  
[bluewaveliving.org.au/covid-19/](https://bluewaveliving.org.au/covid-19/)**

## Farewells

We would like to acknowledge the following residents who are no longer at BlueWave Living: Stan Donellan, Nel Schilds and Sylvia Helliwell.

# What's ON!

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## Resident Activities!

At present all activities will be carried out inhouse by our staff. Each area has a calendar which lists daily activities!

You can view the calendars here: [bluewaveliving.org.au/residents/](http://bluewaveliving.org.au/residents/)

## Key dates this month....

### 7th October

Octoberfest with Showtime and Themed Lunch



### 31st October

Halloween Theme Day



We had a wonderful time testing out our new handmade, upcycled IceCream Trolley! We played Greensleeves as we walked around, and the residents were delighted to remember the familiar sound of the ice cream truck.



# September at BlueWave Living

