

Newsletter

December 2021

BlueWave
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A big welcome to our new residents

Mavis Hamilton, Walter Harrison, Val Juratowitch, Dolores May, Dulcie McKeown, Merle Morrow & James Thornthwaite.



Farewells We would like to acknowledge the following residents who are no longer at BlueWave
Ollie Goldsmith, Walter Harrison, Peter Lane, Mary Mooney, Hugo Nann & Jim Pink.



Resident Activities

Each area has a calendar which lists daily activities!

You can view the calendars here:
bluewaveliving.org.au/residents/

December 2021

1st 9.30am Morning Tea Bus N/H
1pm Afternoon Tea Bus T/S
2nd 9am Shopping Bus
9.30am Morning Tea Bus T/H
4th Bluewave Auxillary Christmas Stall at
Empire Bay Progress Hall 9am to 12pm
7th 1pm The Gals
8th 9.30am Morning Tea Bus N/H
1pm Afternoon Tea Bus T/S
9th 9.30am St Lukes Service
6pm Christmas Lights Bus

10th 9.30am Catholic Mass Christmas
1pm Christmas with Evan
14th 6pm Christmas Lights Bus Trip
15th 9.30am Morning Tea Bus N/H
1pm Afternoon Tea Bus T/S
16th 9am Shopping Bus
9.30am Morning Tea Bus T/H
17th 5.30pm Carols by Sunlight
21st 1pm Afternoon Tea Bus P/S
22nd 10.30am Christmas Elfs
Residents Christmas Lunch
23rd 9.30am St Lukes Christmas Service
24th 10.30am Christmas Concert

Here are some of the items that will be on sale at the BlueWave Living Auxiliary Christmas Stall at Empire Bay Progress Hall. 4th December 9am to 12pm!

Men's Group Handmade

Door Stops	\$5.00
Coat Hangers	\$3.00
Xmas Trees	\$15.00
Naughts & Crosses	\$8.00
Fish Sculpture	\$8.00
Xmas Tree Decorations	\$2.00
Bottle Cap Wreath	\$3.00




HAPPY BIRTHDAY 100TH





A Message from our CEO

As we move closer to Christmas and the festive season, we continue to look forward to family and friends visiting loved ones at BlueWave! Thank you to all our visitors for ensuring compliance and checking in as required.

We believe there may be some further opportunities for visitors by mid December, with the daily number restriction likely to be increased or potentially removed (this is to be confirmed). This will be dependant on what is occurring with COVID transmission within the community, and the emergence of any new variants. What will not change is the requirement for anyone aged 12 and over to be fully vaccinated to enter into Aged Care.

As we continue to monitor and manage risk, we note that the majority of new COVID cases in NSW are now occurring in children. Specifically the largest age group of new cases over the last several weeks is in the 0-9 age bracket, followed closely by the 10-19 age bracket. This essentially represents the segment of our society for whom vaccination is currently not available. As children under 12 who are unvaccinated are now allowed into Aged Care for visits (with some restrictions), we will be requiring those people unvaccinated to undergo a Rapid Antigen Test on arrival and wait outside until the test is clear. This is in line with NSW Health guidelines for visitors to Residential Aged Care.

To enable us to manage this appropriately, if you are planning to visit with unvaccinated children, we do require you book ahead for this, so as we can ensure the Rapid Antigen Test can be completed. More information regarding this process will be sent out in a separate communication.

I am pleased to advise that the majority of our residents received their booster COVID vaccination recently, along with a number of our staff. This continues to offer the best protection for our Elders in care we can possibly provide, coupled with other infection control measures. I believe that there will be an annual booster shot requirement for the foreseeable future to minimise the risk of COVID.

With regards to our major extension works, I am pleased to advise that North Constructions have been awarded the project. We will be working with them over the next few months to finalise the details and the program of works, with a commencement of early February targeted. More information about this project will be communicated in January/February. This is an exciting next step for BlueWave, as we extend the existing Shores building, and create four 'households', each of which will be home to 16-18 residents. Each household will have it's own kitchen/living/dining areas – a little similar to Palm Sails, however on a smaller scale.

I would like to pass my small thanks again all who have become fully vaccinated against COVID– with NSW on track to see over 95% of the 16 plus population fully vaccinated, and the 12-16 age group also rapidly catching up with over 80% vaccinated to date. We are well on track to become one of the highest vaccinated regions in the world. This should help us as we progress towards

next winter, and we will hopefully be in a stronger position to reduce the impact of on-going waves of COVID infections as we are seeing occur overseas.

Finally I would like to pay special thanks to all our staff for their wonderful efforts over the past year. It has been an extremely challenging one, especially through lockdown. Everyone who works at BlueWave has a role to play, and all have been wonderful in helping ensure that our Elders in care living here have been well looked after over this past year. So thank you all!

Till next time, take care, Matt

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THANK YOU!

We were delighted to receive a donation of \$1000 which will be used by our Leisure and Lifestyle team to provide entertainment for our Residents.

Thank you to Umina, Woy Woy and Brisbane Water Rotary Clubs!!!

