

Summer Edition 2018

Open Door

We had ourselves a
Merry McKenzie
Christmas

**Our residents rolled up
to join the circus**

You've got talent
and plenty of it

**Taking a drive down
memory lane**

All these and more
inside this first issue
for the new year!



McKenzie Group CEO
Andrew Newton.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2018!

The festive season is a time for family to gather together. It's our chance to revel in the joy, reflect on the past 12 months and also to look forward to the new year and all it promises.

I joined McKenzie half way through 2017 and it has been wonderful to hear from our Residents, families and friends about the many special activities they have shared.

Inside this January issue of Open Door, you will see just some of the many highlights that happened as part of the holiday season.

Please enjoy all the memories we have created together in the past three months, with many more to come throughout this next exciting new year.

McKenzie remains one of the largest Australian-owned, family owned Aged Care providers. We are currently caring for more Residents than ever before and enjoying the involvement of families, friends, volunteers and staff members. We have an additional home under construction (our 17th) which is scheduled to open in 2019 and enable us to welcome even more Residents to our growing community.

Best wishes for 2018 and the opportunities it brings for more special times with family and friends.

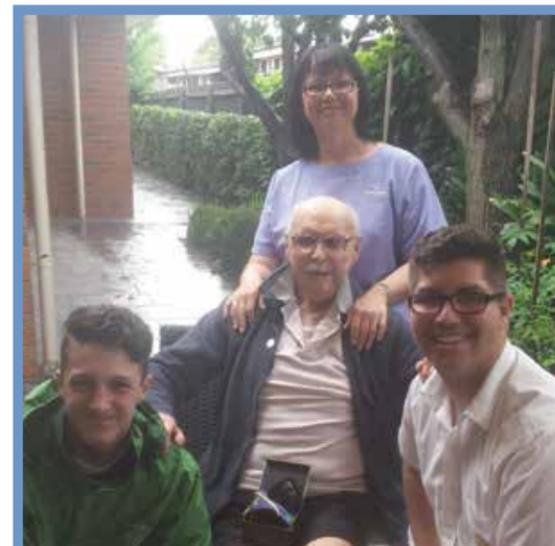
The Ashley on Parade

Students from Parade College, a boys' secondary school in Bundoora, have been visiting The Ashley for six weeks as part of their community project.

In particular, teenagers Jackson and Tommy have enjoyed spending time with our residents, participating in many different activities such as playing cards, bingo and gardening.

Today was extra special as the students presented Kevin McCarthy with a commemorative tie and cufflinks celebrating 100 years of Parade. Kevin is an old Paradian himself and was delighted to receive this gift. In return, Kevin has shared many wonderful stories with the boys highlighting the years he himself spent at Parade College.

Nicole Hopkins, from our Lifestyle team, has helped the students settle in each week and co-ordinated the activities. It has been a pleasure having the students visit.



Students, Jackson and Tommy, present resident, Kevin, with this commemorative Parade College keepsake. Lifestyle coordinator, Nicole, looks on.



A moment to treasure.



Amanda Price being awarded.



Kaye Hart from Raffles with her award.



Angela Wirihana from Buderim Views with her award.



The McKenzie partners attend the 2017 Awards.

Congratulations Cornerstone Award Winners

It's a McKenzie Aged Care end-of-year highlight. The annual Cornerstone Awards. These recognise staff and volunteers for going above and beyond in their daily tasks and roles, as nominated by their peers.

As with previous years, 2017 saw many wonderful candidates and the judges were once again faced with some tough decisions.

The Northern and Central regions had their awards evening on Thursday, November 23 at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast. The lovely Julie Wolsey and Keith Cameron Smith were the MCs and surprised the crowd with an impromptu song break, before announcing that region's winners.

Awarded were Angela Wirihana from Buderim Views and Kaye Hart from Raffles. Their dedication to their roles as Kitchen Hand and ACFI coordinator is seen on a daily basis. But it's the smaller things that tend to result in nominations. For instance, Angela will jump on the reception and answer the phones if necessary. Also show people around on tours if the Client Relations Team are busy. Kaye goes above and beyond by making decorations

and presents for special events. These have included making cards for residents on mother's day, baking them birthday cakes and also giving out chocolate eggs at Easter.

The Victorian awards were held the following week at Crown, where Amanda Price from Rosebrook took out the top honour. Amanda is such a dedicated RN, known for always having her ducks in a row. When she stepped in as Acting Care Coordinator, however, her team management skills also came to the fore. One of Amanda's initiatives has been the five-minute dance party to boost morale and press refresh on those particularly stressful days.

Thank you to the winners, the planners, the nominators and everyone who attended these two events. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

A trip down memory lane

Recently the residents of Seabrook were invited to journey back in time with the appearance of two vintage camper vans. They had been driven into the community for the Seabrook Men's Club but the ladies were very keen to check out the vehicles as well.

Instantly the women gathered around the 20 year-old Bongo Camper, a far cry from the rough and ready camping trips many of them would remember from their youth.



Ninety years old and still going strong.



Seabrook resident, Patrick Moriarty at the wheel.



Now it's resident Norman Wilkinson's turn.



Seabrook resident Lola White makes herself at home inside.

The 1927 Chevy Camper also created much interest and not just for its automotive appeal.

According to the camper's owner, the Chevy had clocked up a long history of Bible Service starting with its use by an outback preacher. At some time during the 1950s, the van became a Sunday School bus. Then once retired, was displayed as a memorial to Australian Bush Missionaries.

Today, this 1927 Chevy Camper resides at Mueller Community Church in Rothwell, which is just a seven minute drive from Seabrook in Deception Bay.

Hold your horses

It is the race that stops the nation and McKenzie Aged Care.

All of our communities tuned in to watch the Melbourne Cup, with many staff and residents jockeying for position, or dressing in their hat-wearing best to celebrate.



The winning jockey.



Our Master of Ceremonies.



Watched by race goers from CapellaBay and Glasshouse Views.



Fashions on the field.



CapellaBay's Christmas Challenge

It was all in the name of spreading Christmas cheer when the residents of CapellaBay entered this competition.



Rudolf and the gang sparkled.



Does anyone have a bale of hay?



Frosty the Snowman got into the spirit.



Knock Knock, who's there? Santa.

CapellaBay goes Country

Residents of CapellaBay made themselves at home among the gum trees, with a coach out the back, a veranda out the front where a delicious lunch was served.

It was all part of an outing to Clandulla Cottages, a real-life farm and wildlife sanctuary in Boyland, inland from the Gold Coast.

Just an hour's drive from Capalaba, residents were treated to a rural haven complete with chickens, horses and sheep. But the favourite, by far, was the Australian wildlife and, in particular, the orphaned joeys who were given more than their fair share of cuddles.



Sharing the love.



Cuteness overload.



Till next time.



All aboard.

The circus comes to Rosebrook

“Roll up, roll up, roll up, ladies, gents, boys and girls for the greatest show on earth under our own big top.” That’s how Luigi the Ringmaster announced “Rosebrook’s Circus Day Extravaganza” to the gathered crowd.

First act was Missy Moo the star dog and her many tricks, with handler Matilda.

Next Esmeralda, the mysterious fortune teller was on stage, looking into her crystal ball and predicting that staff member, Michelle, would meet a tall, dark, handsome stranger. In a flash, he appeared with a pot of gold. The man of her dreams and money, how could she resist?

Now sooner had true love been found than it was the lion tamer’s turn to take the big cats through their paces, complete with her wonderful assistant Carol. Rest assured no animals were hurt during this performance.

Up next was David, the strongest man in the world. First he tackled 200kg, then a bevy of beautiful women, encouraged by cheers and clapping.

Without missing a beat, clowns took over the stage. Babs wowed the audience with her tight rope balancing act, finishing with splits. Others impressed with their amazing juggling. Even manager, Leonie, transformed into a clown, while Raechelle suddenly went bald, much to the initial shock and then the delight of everyone watching.

Last but not least, the audience was invited to join the circus with our water bombing competition. Residents, children and staff eagerly lined up to see if they could hit the target. It was the grandest of finales ensuring fun and games for all.



A McKenzie Christmas Tradition

Every year Mary-Ann McKenzie and her Christmas Elves visit some of our communities. This festive season they travelled far and wide to call into as many McKenzie Aged Care Residences as they could, completing 25 Christmas trees in the process.

The dressing of the trees has become a McKenzie tradition. “It’s always a highlight for us to see residents getting into the Christmas spirit and joining us for carols,” Mary-Ann told us. “And this year was extra special as we were able to put up our very first Christmas trees at Seaton Place.”

A big thank you to Mary-Ann and her helpers; Casey, Hayden, Kearly, Claudia and Jane. We heard that next year they will be visiting even more residences!



Singing along.



The first ones up.



But others quickly followed.

They outshone themselves at The Terraces

Carolers were greeted with a stunning display of Christmas lights at The Terraces.

Julie Wolsey and the Maintenance Team certainly turned on quite a show, by hanging the lights and organising yet another hugely successful carols event.

Residents, their families and staff all came to admire the Christmas bling and sing, with some even taking to the floor and kicking up their heels.

A video camera caught all the action for The Terraces’ Facebook page. In the meantime, check out these photos.



Everyone joined in.



A sight to behold.



Julie Wolsey (right).



What a joy!

McKenzie Christmas

There were smiles all around at **CapellaBay** as residents feasted on traditional fare and got into the spirit.



Even Santa himself called into **Charlesbrook** to join in the celebrations.



Move over Rudolf. At **Glasshouse Views**, Santa used some other four-legged helpers to spread cheer.

McKenzie Christmas

The big guy did the rounds at **Lynbrook Park**. Residents, family and staff enjoyed the day.



At **Seabrook** everyone had a hand in cooking up a treat for residents.



Seaton Place celebrated its very first Christmas. Going by all these photos, they've set the bar high for future festive seasons.



The staff and residents at **Sandbrook** were dressed in their best.



McKenzie Locations

Queensland

Bribie Cove

199-213 Goodwin Drive
Bongaree QLD

Buderim Views

383 Mooloolaba Road
Buderim QLD

CapellaBay

260 Old Cleveland Road East
Capalaba QLD

Glasshouse Views

96 Peachester Road
Beerwah QLD

SandBrook

10 Executive Drive
Burleigh Waters QLD

Seabrook

15-29 Bonton Avenue
Deception Bay QLD

Seaton Place

111 Smith Street
Cleveland QLD

The Terraces

74 University Drive
Varsity Lakes QLD

Victoria

Charlesbrook

1 Innisfallen Avenue
Templestowe VIC

Lynbrook Park

42 Olive Road
Lynbrook VIC

Newmans on the Park

33 Newmans Road
Templestowe VIC

Rosebrook

441 Waterfall Gully Road
Rosebud VIC

Sutton Park

126-134 Exford Road
Melton South VIC

The Ashley

17-21 Ashley Street
Reservoir VIC

New South Wales

Heritage Lodge

194 Byangum Road
Murwillumbah NSW

Raffles

Peregrine Drive
Tweed Heads South NSW

Terraces Got Talent 2017!

There wasn't an empty seat in the house and the entertainment was exceptional.



In fact, the talent was so great, the judges decided to split the \$250 prize pool three ways.

Hula dancing Dorellen was declared the 2017 Terraces Got Talent Winner. Aloha!



Runner-up was guitarist and singer Adam who performed a rousing rendition of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'.

Delighted resident Jeanne took out the "Best New Talent" award.

Thank you to everyone who participated in organising the event, and we look forward to seeing all the new acts next year. Better start practicing!



Giving us a song.



Sharing her dance moves.



Also tinkles those ivories.



Preparing to take a bow.


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