

Open Door Magazine

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**CELEBRATING
OUR NURSES**

**THE ORMSBY
TURNS TWO!**

**LAUNCH OF
NEW WEBSITE**



McKenzie
AGED CARE GROUP

CEO Message

At the time of writing this, we are nearing the completion of our resident COVID-19 vaccinations. The roll-out has been a success so far, with our Gold Coast homes, The Terraces and SandBrook being among the first aged care residents in Australia to receive the vaccine.



SandBrook resident, Joyce after proudly receiving her vaccine.

At McKenzie, it all starts with people. These last few months, we have certainly celebrated the significant contribution of our McKenzie People.

McKenzie residents and the teams that contribute to our facilities chose important International and National events to mark these celebrations.

We cannot thank our nurses enough for their ongoing dedication to our resident's care and wellbeing. Residents chose to share a few heart-warming words on International Nurses Day to show their appreciation for our hardworking nurses.

More than 88% of staff at McKenzie are women. On International Women's Day, we applauded the many strong female leaders and staff; from our Directors, Sally and Mary-Ann, to our Managers, Frontline workers and Volunteers.

Last but not least, we celebrated National Volunteers Week across all our homes to show our heartfelt appreciation for our selfless and wonderful volunteers. Their gift of time to help us support residents is a priceless community contribution.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer



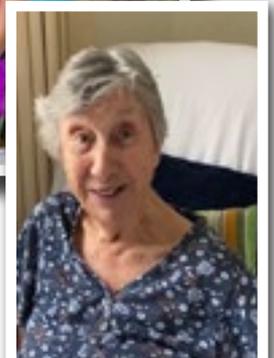
'The Nurses here are wonderful, and they all deserve a medal!' - Adele



'I am very happy here, the nurses are really very caring and I feel like it's home to me.' - Jean



'The staff are so lovely, always ready to help you in every way possible.' - Maureen



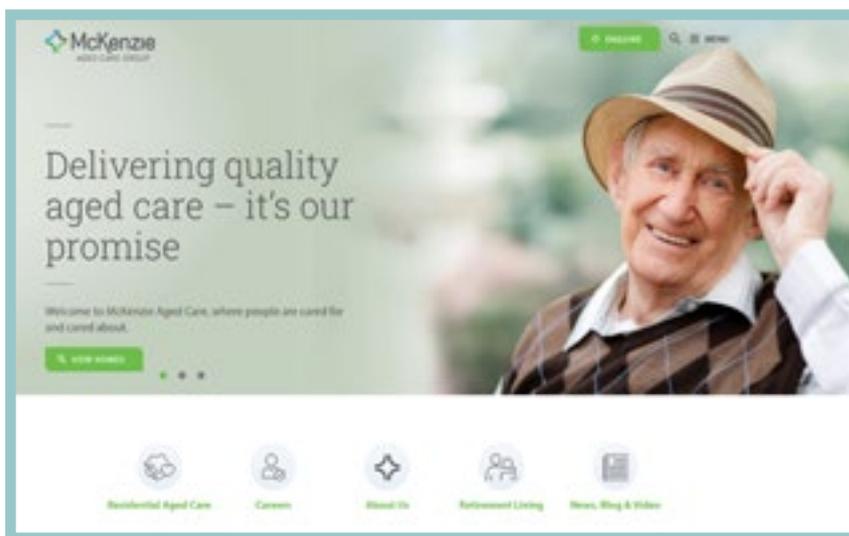
Launch of new McKenzie website

We are very excited to announce that we have launched a new McKenzie Aged Care Group website. The website has been completely overhauled, with a focus on improving the site's look and feel, and making it quick and easy for visitors to the website to find what they need.

We are delighted to share the new platform with you.

This update is an important part of our commitment to making it easier for families and prospective residents to interact and connect with us.

Head to www.mckenzieacg.com to check it out!



Centenarians of CapellaBay

At CapellaBay (Capalaba), Ron recently celebrated his 101st birthday. Ron has achieved a great deal in his life, with much travel behind him. In 2015, Ron was the eldest Australian to attend the dawn service at the Centenary Service of the ANZAC Campaign. With his daughter and two grandsons, he then followed on to the Western Front, and onwards to Villers Bretonneux, finishing in the UK.

He walked and walked, and at the age of 95 he was the envy of many he travelled with.

In 2017 Ron was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his voluntary services to lawn bowls, umpiring for 45 years. He also previously umpired an amazing 400 games of VFL football for 20 years.

Ron is joined by 4 other centenarians at CapellaBay.



SEATONS GREATEST SHAVE



Team members of our Seaton Place facility in Queensland participated in the World's Greatest Shave. With six staff members and one resident all volunteering to have their hair shaved to raise money and awareness for blood cancer. The **SEATON SHAVERS** raised over \$1300, smashing their original goal of \$200.

The Ormsby celebrates their second birthday!!

Residents and staff gathered together to celebrate The Ormsby's second birthday on April 30th.

A performance by The Ladies in Red prompted extra special interest for resident Margaret, whose daughter is the talented piano player for the group. Margaret's smile was beaming as she sat right up the front, looking very proud. Our fabulous team in the kitchen catered with some tasty finger foods and punch, finishing off with a delicious Belgium chocolate mud cake.



The Ormsby's very first residents, James & Lynette enjoyed the celebration together.

They all sang 'Happy Birthday', and Facility Manager, Andrea cut the cake and wished the community love and best wishes.

It was lovely for staff and residents to all join in to celebrate this momentous occasion together.

We are all looking forward to another fantastic year!

Bribie Cove Retirement Village

Hosts BIGGEST Morning Tea

The social committee at Bribie Cove Retirement Village have been hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in their clubhouse for eight years.

This year they raised \$2,767 - bringing the total money raised by the village for the Cancer Council to more than \$27,000!

All raffle prizes are donated by local businesses and residents of the village.

The entertainers – Harmony Singers and Chris Doyle, generously donated their time for this event.

The residents worked together to make this event successful by decorating the clubhouse and preparing the morning tea. The result is testament to their hard work.



McKenzie Movers

A group of our wonderful Sales Managers in Victoria formed the 'McKenzie Movers' team and stepped out onto the city streets of Melbourne for the Dementia Australia Memory Walk and Jog. This annual event raises awareness and funds for those living with dementia.

The team had a great time, looking fantastic in their McKenzie hats and tees.

Our Queensland team will be participating in mid-June - keep an eye out for their fundraiser!



THE INCREDIBLE STORIES OF OUR ANZAC'S

At the age of 20, **Bribie Cove** resident Phillip, a professional parachute instructor at the time, was approached by the army to enlist during the Vietnam War.

After Philip was promoted to Sergeant, he was designated the role of 'Free Fall Parachute Instructor' - training recruits to jump out of the planes. He explained that training was hard back in those days. He would strap them up, give them instructions and out they went. Philip said he would do around eight trips in a day and had trained many young men.

He gave seven years of his life to the service and expresses the importance of remembering our diggers, "they fought for us, we are here today because of them".



After experiencing a life-changing event during the German bombing of London, Pansy, a resident of **Sutton Park**, chose to enlist into the Royal Artillery as a range finder and target plotter.

At the time of the bombing, her husband Harry had come home from Dunkirk after fighting in France and Belgium. They shared only three weeks before Harry was sent to Burma. Pansy served for several years before Harry finally came home from Burma. Pansy and Harry proudly march on ANZAC Day, alongside Returned and Services League (RSL) in Rye, where they had retired.

Keith Stanley Rae: A true Australian hero

This is the incredible story of Rosebrook's former AFL star who – in the prime of his sporting career – went off to war to serve his country.



Keith Stanley Rae was a talented midfielder whose playing career for the Carlton Football Club was significantly disrupted by World War 2.

In his early twenties, Keith was invited to try out for the Carlton VFL team. He played his first senior game of football in 1939, becoming the 550th player to pull on the navy blue jumper.

Keith played in two memorable games for the Blues in 1939 before the outbreak of the Second World War. Given that Keith was already serving with the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve, he was quickly called up to serve his country.

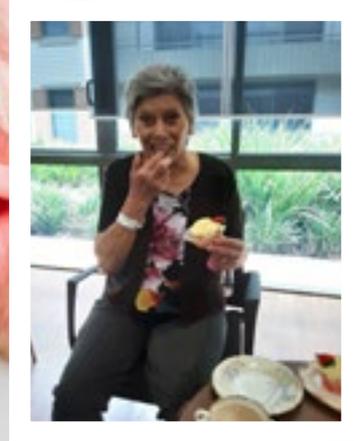
In 1943 he returned to Melbourne and quickly resumed his playing career at Princes Park under coach Percy Bentley. It was to be short lived however, as the Navy called Keith back in 1944 where his football again took a back seat to his national service.

Keith was still on duty when World War 2 ended in August, 1945 – meaning he served his country for the duration of the war.

Last year he celebrated his 103rd birthday and is currently the oldest surviving VFL/AFL player.

Keith is an amazing man who has lived an incredible life of service and sacrifice. Importantly, he still proudly supports his beloved Blues!

Love is in the air



Tina & Pat enjoyed cupcakes and crafts at **SEATON PLACE**.

With the help of our wonderful volunteer, Sharon, Desley & Noeleen created some beautiful floral centrepieces for **SANDBROOK'S** Valentine's Day tables.

Celebrating 60 years together

Fiona met Gavin's parents on a cruise in 1956 before being introduced to Gavin shortly after - we think there was some matchmaking involved in their meeting.

To celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, their grandson Jahan came in and played his harp for them.

It was a magical moment that filled **The Ormsby** with love.

To add to this beautiful celebration of love, they received a letter of congratulations from the Queen, much to their delight.



Elizabeth & Malcolm were spoilt with a lovely high tea at **SEABROOK**.



Margaret & Gwen at **BRIBIE COVE** tell us what love is to them on Valentines Day.



Thank you to our wonderful Mothers



Residents at **CHARLESBROOK** indulged in a high tea.



CAPELLABAY held a beautiful morning tea out in the garden.



Gwen & Margaret were the lucky prize winners at **RAFFLES** and Doreen enjoyed a visit with her daughter on this special day.



We had a very HOPPY Easter at McKenzie



At **CHARLESBROOK**, Anastasia & June are enjoying the Greek tradition of cracking the red eggs, with volunteer, Tom and Lifestyle Coordinator, Annette.



Joyanne at **THE TERRACES** and Maureen at **SANDBROOK** with one of the Henny Penny hatchlings - always a favourite time of year in our homes.



Cheryl & Judy enjoyed another festive photoshoot at **ROSEBROOK**.

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

GlasshouseViews

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 Ormsby

112 Burnett Street
Buderim 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

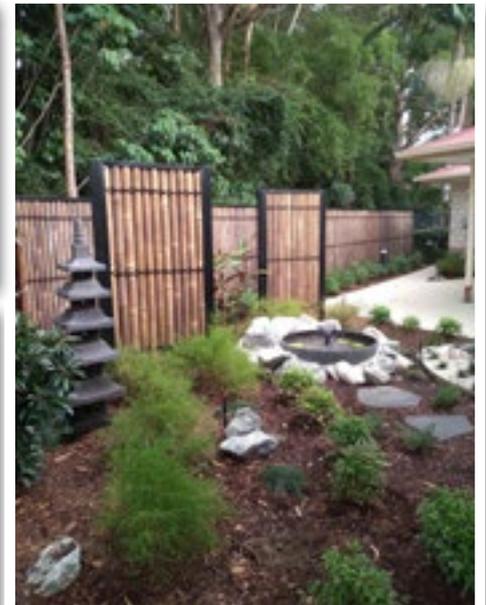
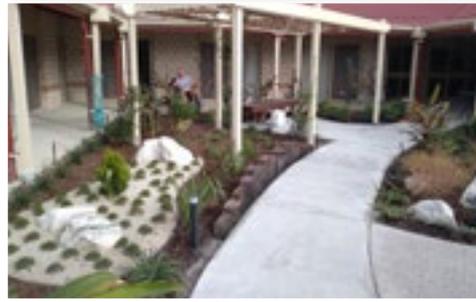
Raffles

Peregrine Drive
Tweed Heads South NSW

The gardens at Raffles get a refreshing new look!

The staff and residents at Raffles are very pleased with their new garden.

After some unpredictable weather causing delays to the landscaping, Raffles can finally show-off their much anticipated garden renovation. The new courtyard features a Japanese garden and beautiful private spaces to sit and relax or spend time with family and friends.



Find us on Social Media

At McKenzie we love sharing what we do with you. The best way to keep in touch, connect and engage with us is through social media. All our residences have their own Facebook page and we are also now on Instagram sharing some terrific photos and videos.

Make sure you follow us and join our online community.

Facebook: Search 'Facility name - McKenzie Aged Care Group'

Instagram: @mckenzieagedcaregroup

LinkedIn: Search 'McKenzie Aged Care Group Pty Ltd'

YouTube: Search 'McKenzie Aged Care Group'



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