



Sunnyside Snippets

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021

EVA'S 20th ANNIVERSARY



In November we celebrated a huge milestone for a very special employee. Eva celebrated 20 years of working at Sunnyside House Inc.!!!

As a token of appreciation she was awarded a special gift for a night away in the big, big smoke. No, not Geelong but Melbourne. Eva also received a beautiful bunch of flowers from the residents, chosen by Markita. Helen comes in close behind Eva, residing at Sunnyside for 19 years so the two of them are great friends. Alastair takes it one notch further as he approaches his 22nd year at Sunnyside. Once again catering came to the table with another feast enjoyed by all.



PAINTING

On November 22nd we began painting cardboard hearts which Claire had given us to decorate.



We are making them very pretty so they can be sent to St Patrick's Primary who made our "virtual hugs".

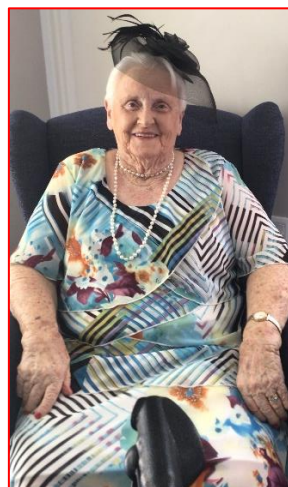


MELBOURNE CUP

All the pretty ladies came out on Melbourne Cup Day. It was a great day celebrated by all. We got dressed up in our fashionable race day attire and had a fantastic day.



Fashion on the fields went as follows:
Lady of the Day – Jean
Gentleman of the Day – Alastair
Best looking nails of the Day – Bernie
Best Men's Hat – Bert



While the prize of Best Lady's hat went to Janice Bateman; she is so lovely that she shared the title with all the other fantastic fascinator wearing women.



Catering put on an amazing afternoon tea to enjoy as we sat down to watch the race which stops the nation.



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held 18th November 2021. Thank you to all members who attended. Jeanette, on behalf of the Sunnyside Op Shop, presented Philip (Chairman) with a cheque for \$65,000.00 raised during 2020/21. What an enormous effort from the tireless and wonderful volunteers at the shop and our community for supporting Sunnyside.



BIRTHDAYS

November started off with a birthday bang! Dot B, who had only lived with us for a couple of days, turned another year older. Dot got to familiarise herself with everyone and there were lots of smiles and laughter.

We had another birthday celebration on the 12th of November. It was a very special couple of days as Phyllis turned the big 9-0! Phyllis was spending the day with her family so we celebrated it at Sunnyside the day before which meant lucky Phyllis got to celebrate her 90th twice.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was celebrated by residents and staff at Sunnyside. Verna laid the wreath, beautifully made and donated by Pam. Michael welcomed all and introduced the service. The rest of the team, including Tim and Claire, read reflections and prayers. Tim read the "Ode of Remembrance" which was followed by the sounding of the Last Post, a minute's silence and then the sounding of the Rouse and the raising of the flag by Glad. A very special morning tea was also a part of the remembrance service.



VALE

During November we farewelled Betty, Dulcie & Glad.

To their extended family and friends, we offer our sincere sympathy and trust we served them well during their stay with us.



VISIT FROM BABY PRAISE

Pratima, one of our Registered Nurses, brought in her gorgeous son, Praise, who is three months old, for a visit with residents and staff.



HOKEY POKEY INDUCTION

Janice was at it again, tricking some of our new staff into an induction dance during resident chair exercises. Emily, Georgia and Akash all took it in their Sunnyside stride and had a laugh and dance, much to the joy of the residents.

VOLUNTEERS

John is back on the scene, visiting every second Sunday. We love when John comes to play his music.



We all bop along, tapping our knees or our feet with great big smiles on our faces. Music is very important to us and takes us back to the good ol' days.

STAFF FAREWELLS

On 26th November we held a farewell afternoon tea for Pranisha, a lovely member of the Sunnyside team.



She will be greatly missed by everyone. She was a very good nurse.

On 15th December we said goodbye to Charlotte who has been with us as a PCW since March 2020. Charlotte is moving to Geelong to undertake her Graduate year as a Registered Nurse. We wish Charlotte all the very best - she will be greatly missed and will make a fabulous nurse.

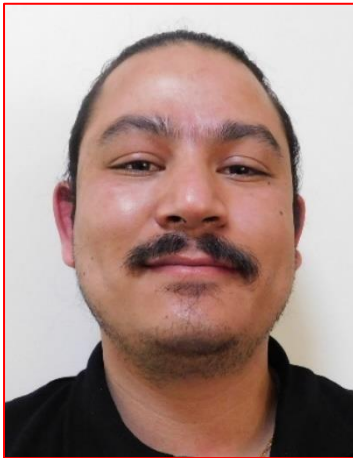


NEW RESIDENTS

During November and December we welcomed Mary C, Gerard and Dorothy B. to Sunnyside. Dawn, Dot, Dorothy D., Barb, Nancy, Suzanne, Audrey & Gwen have also joined us for a short stay. We hope you have all had a chance to introduce yourselves to our new residents and make them all feel very welcome.

NEW STAFF

During November and December we welcomed the following new staff members to our Sunnyside team:



Akash
Personal Care
Worker



Pooja
Registered
Nurse



Skye
Kitchenhand

Please make them all feel very welcome.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Ros joined us in the loungeroom for a Christmas Carol extravaganza, with Santa Claus deciding to come and visit as we have all been such “good boys and girls” the past year. Santa was quite the character.



Ros has exceptional piano skills and belted out some old favourite Christmas carols before we called out some old favourite folk and olden day classics and sang along. It was great fun and lifted everyone’s Christmas spirits. We also received scarves and hats for Christmas which were just lovely, as well as lovely Christmas hangers to scratch to reveal the colors.



MORNING MELODIES

We have been fortunate enough to take two trips to Cobden to Morning Melodies in November & December.



In November, the great Elvis Presley himself sang for us. His voice was as good as he has ever sung and his dance moves were amazing. He was also quite a funny bloke and had the audience very entertained throughout the whole show.



In December we were lucky enough to see The Dalton Gang perform. They were a group of two men and one woman. They consisted of guitar vocals, drums vocals and a bass guitar player who also sang. They pulled off some great country classics. The main guitarist also played the fiddle for a couple of songs and the banjo. The players made up a really good band and put on quite the show.



BERT TURNS 100!



Bert celebrated turning **100** by going out to lunch with his family. Sunnyside then held a special afternoon tea to continue the celebrations. *Congratulations Bert!*

WALKS WITH AUSSIE

A beautiful day to get out and wear our new sunhats. Aussie enjoys being outside with us. He follows and runs ahead and hides. It is quite a laugh!



RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Residents' and Family Christmas Party on 3rd December was a huge success. The food was rated hugely by everyone invited. We would like to say a special thankyou to everyone who came for lunch as well as a thankyou to all Sunnyside staff. It was a great day with lots of smiles and laughter – and not too many masks!



CEO REPORT

A short note to say thank you to our amazing residents who have all faced so many more challenges this year. They continue to support each other and our fantastic staff.

Thank you to the families and friends and volunteers, who have been patient and understanding of the many COVID changes and associated conflicting messages and information. We continue to screen all visitors, meet mandatory requirements such as masks, declarations and visitor opportunities being limited (five visitors per resident per day – two adults & one child, or one adult & 2 children at any one time) until further notice. We need to maintain our hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette – especially with the OMICRON variant in our midst.



Enjoy your time together, stay safe and happy, and see you in 2022.

Claire Schmierer
Chief Executive Officer

SUNNYSIDE PHOTO CORNER

