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"Thank you for your response to our winter newsletter - \$26,311 was received for the purchase of floor-level beds"



We've moved in!



Packing up and moving house is never easy - as any family who has relocated will tell you. Moving a family of 91 people? Now that's a challenge not too many would want to face, but we've done it - our Brighton family is safe and secure in their new home.

Over the past few weeks many hundreds of people have inspected the new facility. On 'Open Day' there were gasps of delight as people entered the foyer and reception area. "It's so beautiful - not at all like I thought it would be," exclaimed one visitor. "It's so open and welcoming", said another. To the left of the entrance is the Mayflower Shoppe with its quality wares lovingly displayed and just begging to be purchased.

The innovative design is carried through to the residential floors where the wide windows looking out to the garden - the sense of space - the blending of bold colours, combine to stimulate the senses. The attention to detail is obvious in the impressive carpet, quality furnishings and accessories.

The dining and sitting room areas exude a warm and welcoming feel that invites the residents to engage with the community beyond their own room.

It will take a little while for residents to familiarise themselves with their new environment, but there is no doubting that they are comfortable and content in their new home.


Thursday 19 August
open day





FROM THE CEO's desk

STOP PRESS: Stage 1 has opened and our residents have moved in! This is probably the most significant event to occur at Mayflower since the opening of the Rennolds Building eight years ago. And there is more to come! As you can imagine, moving 91 residents and their belongings as well as equipment was a mammoth task and I would like to thank everyone involved - as the old saying goes, 'many hands make light work!'

We celebrated the completion of Stage 1 with a Community Open Day for residents, families, volunteers and local people. Over five hundred people responded and enthusiastically took a first-hand look at the new facility.

The responses to the new building as well as the numerous messages of support and goodwill have been a great encouragement.

Stage 1 represents years of meticulous planning, negotiation (with banks, builders, and boards!) and decision-making. Despite the rocky path we sometimes had to tread - the frustrations and setbacks, we maintained the vision of what we set out to achieve. At all times, our thoughts were for the residents and the benefit the redevelopment would bring to their lives.

With all this in mind, I'd like to thank my Executive team for their exceptional dedication to what has been (and will be for some time yet) a massive task. I include our residents and staff whose endless patience and understanding during the very noisy and disruptive construction phase has been greatly appreciated. I assure you it will all be worth it!



In addition to the accommodation, Stage 1 provides a cinema room, new garden areas, hairdressing salon, reception area and foyer.

Our new buildings have dramatically changed and updated the look of the Brighton site, giving us a tremendous 'street presence' to match our state-of-the-art residential care facilities. Even more reason to be proud of Mayflower! There have also been some changes to the Board of Directors at Mayflower. Trevor Martyn, who joined the Board in 2008 has been appointed as interim chairman after the resignation of Peter Norman and will lead the organisation



until the next Annual General Meeting where the roles will formally be determined.

It was during Peter Norman's 7 years as chairman that Mayflower Brighton embarked on its visionary redevelopment and took control of Mayflower Reservoir. On behalf of our management and staff, I thank Peter for his dedication over the years and for continuing to serve as a Board member. I welcome Wendy Bateman to the Board of Directors. Wendy's background as the former state manager of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency and her wealth of experience in hands-on aged care management make her a valuable asset to Mayflower. I'm looking forward to working closely with her in the future.

Frances Mirabelli
Chief Executive Officer

New Chairman of the Board



Trevor Martyn, the interim Chairman of the Mayflower Board of Directors brings to the role a wide experience in the corporate area as well as service to the community.

A career in the trucking industry resulted in Trevor being elected Chairman of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) in 2006. He is also a Board member of DECA (Driver Education Centre of Australia) a Victorian Government appointment, member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and Executive Chairman of GAA (Global Air Ambulance)

Community service has been given through his involvement with three separate Rotary clubs over a period of 28 years. During this time he was President of two of those clubs.

Trevor is married to Judy with whom he has two daughters and four grandchildren. He remains active through his love of golf, and regular sailing, bike riding, walking and swimming.

Frances receives a call from Mayflower

A little more of the speech Frances made to businesswomen gathered at Mayflower Brighton on International Women's Day:

"After working in several different roles in the acute care sector, I received a call from a recruitment agent asking if I was interested in becoming the Chief Operating Officer for an aged care company providing care to homeless people. I told him categorically that there was no way that I was interested in aged care.

The recruitment agent was persistent and scheduled an interview without my consent. I went to the interview under duress and surprisingly was invited back for a second interview at one of their sites. As I walked into the facility and started speaking with the residents, I had an epiphany and realised that I did want to work in aged

2004 Frances joins Mayflower



care and to become an advocate for better services for the aged and the homeless.

While I was with this company, it doubled in size and with my team we achieved the highest results in the country through two rounds of accreditation. During this very busy time, I married Dean and we had two children. After almost six years in this work, I was approached by the Board of Mayflower to consider the role of Chief Executive Officer."

Reverend Bonnie retires

With the retirement of Reverend Bonnie Bradley, Mayflower has lost a much loved pastor who had a deep commitment to minister to the needs of residents. Bonnie was a part of life at Mayflower for almost 30 years, serving with compassion and concern for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of residents.

Her leadership of chapel services was always appreciated as were her sermons which brought a mixture of comfort and challenge. Bonnie's pastoral care of residents and their families was exemplary and her weekly afternoon tea was an event not to be missed.

Bonnie served on the Board of Directors for 27 years.

Everyone connected with Mayflower extends their deep appreciation to a much loved pastor who gave many years of devoted service to countless residents and their families.



"I'm a blue girl!"

Prior to moving to their new dwelling, residents, and in some cases their families, had an opportunity to view the facility and to short-list their room preferences in the hope that we would be able to make one of their choices available to them.

The surprise and delight registered by residents upon entering the facility made all the previous months of hard work worthwhile.

To avoid stress to her mother, Diana Gillespie was one family member who made an initial visit to view the rooms and chose a room that she felt would appeal to her mother. When Barbara accompanied her daughter to inspect her choice, she was so impressed by the blue toned room, she excitedly exclaimed, "I'm a blue girl and this is my room!"



Pets on the move..

The visit of the mobile pet farm to Mayflower gave Margaret Beynon residents a wonderful opportunity to play and express themselves creatively. The loneliness, aggression and disorientation sometimes experienced by people with dementia was forgotten as they happily engaged with a parade of assorted animals.

The delight on the faces of the residents was unmistakable as they touched, nursed and spoke soothingly to these beautiful creatures.



Bulldogs fight and Bulldogs roar

There was no fighting over the Western Bulldogs membership tickets recently offered to Mayflower by Louise Asher, MLA for Brighton, but there were roars of approval from the two grateful recipients who were personally presented membership tickets.

Pat Bruce, an avid 'red, white and blue' supporter for sixty years who has not been to a game for a very long time, could not believe her good fortune.

With a grandson currently playing for the 'sons of the west', Alan Wood was overjoyed to think he would now be able to watch Easton in action.

Louise, an Essendon supporter, extended her visit to include a chat and afternoon tea with the fifteen residents of John King House.

Welcome to new staff & residents

New Residents

Wally Dowley
Audrey Bramwell
Beryl Fookes
Joyce Stooke
Johanna Dri
Marjorie Goodwin
Beryl Hayes

New Staff

Daniela Kostovski
Marion McNeill
Abigail Munene
Guoning Hu
Mathew Wright
Vikas Varg
Andrew O'Connell

Now for Stage 2

With the residents now settled into their new home, plans to start on Stage 2 of the building scheme are now well in hand with work expected to commence in November.

The second stage of our building program will focus on community activities and enhancing the quality of life for residents through the provision of wellbeing programs.

Wellbeing is a word commonly used by Mayflower to describe our aim to concentrate on the welfare, health and happiness of each resident.

Some of the features of Stage 2 include 60 apartments for independent living, 13 additional rooms for people requiring high-care and a community centre. Features of the community

centre will comprise an all-purpose hall that will seat 150 people. In keeping with the past community hall, the name of Helen Macpherson Smith Trust will be retained in recognition of the generosity of the Trust.

Other features of the community centre will include an aquatic lap pool, gymnasium, billiard room, library, café and a reflection room which will be used as a multid denominational chapel.

Of importance to the Bayside region will be a day respite centre, which will care for 30 people who require additional assistance during the day who live at home with their families.

Biggest Morning Tea

More than \$500 was raised for the Cancer Council Victoria when residents and volunteers joined together for the 'Biggest Morning Tea'. Residents from Brighton and Reservoir were among the 1,500 invited guests who enjoyed the third Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund 'Christmas in July' function.

For the first time, Reservoir residents travelled to Brighton to share in a 'Christmas in July' party attended by 123 people.

The Tuesday Art Group proudly showcased their work in the new facility on Open Day.

Reservoir residents came close to nature when 'the zoo comes to you' team visited.



Biggest Morning Tea



Tuesday Art Group



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