

RANFURLY CARE NEWSLETTER

May 2009

Dear Friends of Ranfurly

Doesn't time fly! Here we are already half way through the year so I thought it was timely to give you an update of the last six months events.

During the Christmas holidays, we were able to purchase a 10 Seat Nissan Caravan Coach 2003, with a genuine very low mileage all for a very reasonable amount. It is a purpose built for people with disabilities, therefore perfect for the Activity Centre community interaction 'out and about' and the resident's weekend outings. We acquired the Nissan to replace the red Hiace van that was stolen last year. We now have an excellent fleet of comfortable vehicles having purchased a new Previa van when we sold the old Bongo, 'our wonderful old workhorse'.

As you are undoubtedly all aware George Butler is now working at the Activity Centre, and as part of our restructuring plan we recruited a new coordinator - Emily Conway - for Cornwall Park Avenue. Emily has worked in the disability sector for twelve years, in the field of Education, Health and Social Care and is a qualified Social Worker. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge having recently arrived from England commencing with us on 16 February 2009. This restructure has been most successful for both employees (George & Emily) and our residents and students.

Several staff members have reduced their hours at the Activity Centre. Shirley is now only working one half day a week, Tom four days and Joy three. Dagmar Simon (who has been and is currently working one day a week at the Ranfurly residential flat) has a similar background to Emily. She is now working three days a week at the Activity Centre - continuing Shirley's activity groups.

A group of residents participated in a five day holiday at Papamoa Beach 23 March to 27 March - beautiful weather and lots of fun was had by all. Louise Kiely invited a group to holiday in Queenstown during the last week in April from the April 27 to

the 1 May 2009. Once again many thanks to Louise for her wonderful hospitality. Everyone had a great holiday.

Influenza vaccinations were given to all residents (whose families had consented to) and those staff wanting to - on 30 March 2009.

Special Olympic Indoor Bowls started again on the evening of the 23 March at Ranfurly's Activity Centre hall. Four residents attended the Whangarie Regional Games held over Queen's birthday weekend. Yes and there were plenty of medals came home as evidence of their success.

Now to the really exciting news that we are absolutely thrilled about..... we are in the process of completing the purchase of a holiday home for Ranfurly Care. We feel privileged we have been able to do this due to the extremely generous legacy gifted to us by our friend the late Gwynn Duncan. We know that Gwynn would be very happy that we have used her legacy to purchase a holiday home as her family's life revolved around their Pauanui holiday home and the beach. Settlement of this property is on Friday 5 June.

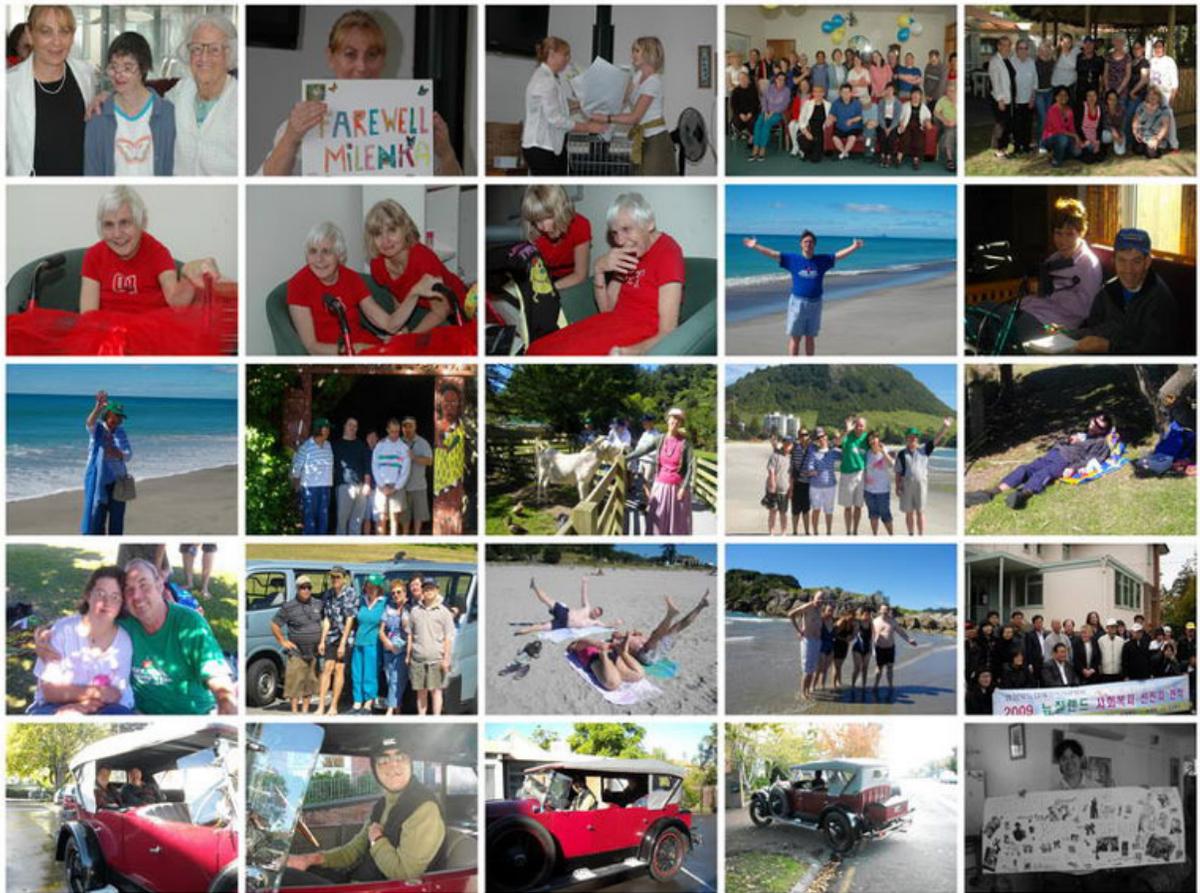


On Saturday 6 June we can all celebrate! You have an 'open invitation' to visit the house - so drop in for a cup of tea sometime between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm - the address of the house is 15 The Strand, Arkles Bay, Whangaparoa (on the waterfront!). I am unable to join you as I will be leaving for America on that same day but Jan Mitchell will host this 'Open Day' of celebration.

In gratitude to the memory of Gwynn and Ian, Jan has suggested (and I heartily agree), that we name the property 'Duncan House'.

Back to reality and what is happening at Ranfurly House - we are in the process of lining and gib- boarding all the bedrooms. So if you are visiting the house over the next few weeks this will explain to you what is going on down the hallways!

It has been a fun filled year already with so many activities, outings and trips to shows, television recordings of shows, visits to beaches holidays and so much more. To provide you with just a small insight into the life of the students and residents at Ranfurly we have prepared a collage of photographs (not chronologically).



From left to right - Milanka's Farewell Party, Susie's Sixtieth Birthday Celebration, Papamoa Holiday in March, the Korean group of visitors, the Yong-ju Disability Centre visiting the Activity Centre, (this is now an annual event!), Stephen Cathie achieving his Goal of a ride in a Vintage Car, and R CPA's Welcome Home to Rena from holidaying in China with her family.



From left to right - Clive and a Group of Students on a Trip to Wellington visiting the Beehive, meeting Jason Gunn and Sonya Gray at the recording of Wheel of Fortune, Brett Boreham achieving his Goal to ride in a Truck, the Queenstown Holiday staying at Louise Kiely's boutique hotel, the Fair Trade Day at the Activity Centre, the 'Hippies enjoying dinner at CPA, and finally the Students Sketching at Cheltenham Beach. And it is only just six months into the year!

In order that you can plan the next six months we have prepared the following schedule of Activity Centre events:

Wednesday 10 June at 10.30 am We are delighted to have the Odyssey House Kapa Haka group provide us with a 'Cultural Performance'. This will be followed by a 'Sausage Sizzle' casual lunch. Hope you can join us

Friday 10 July at 10.30 am Mid Christmas Dinner - Beat off those winter blues and join us for an evening of fun and friendship. Be in early to book your tickets at just \$5.00 each (you know the drill bring a plate and B.Y.O.!).

Thursday & Friday 15 & 16 October at 7.00 pm Instead of our usual end of year drama production - this year we are doing something different - the Ranfurly players are producing a series of video productions featuring 'skits' which include advertisements, interviews and short documentaries. Tickets are \$5.00 each and this includes Wine and Cheese.

Friday 4 December at 6.00 pm Art Expo - a wonderful evening of art and crafts produced by Ranfurly students. The evening will also include an 'Art and Movement' performance. Join us for the end of year chance to catch up and enjoy a glass of wine and mince pies.

Kind Regards and look forward to seeing you at some of these special events

Linda Nelson, Manager