

RANFURLY CARE E-NEWS

"Be curious, not judgmental" - Walt Disney



Zoë



Julie and Brielle



Brielle

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JUNE 2022

with Linda Nelson

Dear Friends of Ranfurly,

A warm congratulations go out to Melissa Durbin and her husband Russell who welcomed their baby Zoë Claire Waller into the world on Friday 17 June at 2:38 pm. Melissa is taking maternity leave to spend some much-needed time with her daughter.

In Melissa's absence, Cindy will produce a monthly newsletter that will include news and highlights from all our sites. If you have anything you would like to share especially photos with a description please send it to Cindy at office.secretary@ranfurlycare.co.nz

I want to thank all our wonderful staff for their loyalty and input to keep our residents and students safe through the ever-changing rules and regulations of the past few months. The Activity Centre has been in constant touch with you all via phone calls, Zoom, or newsletter. The homes were staffed by doing extra shifts or longer shifts.

In the last outbreak, we were fortunate ten residents could stay either in their unit or in isolation at the beach house at Arkles Bay. In the past year thirteen residents, fourteen students, and twenty-four staff have had COVID-19 with the Mews leading the staff numbers.

We now have forty-eight staff either full or part-time with Melissa and Julie on maternity leave, enjoying motherhood. Julie Pascion's daughter Brielle Taleigha born on the 12th March 2022.

Finally, the staff is now able to take holidays to catch up with their own friends and family especially overseas families now that the borders are open.

We certainly are living in times of change, and we are only halfway through 2022. The sector news is currently in the throes of change with many pending law changes that could impact the sector. The Pay Equity Law, Immigration Accreditation registration, and the Fair Pay Agreements will involve compulsory unionism, and the Incorporated Society act.

The positive news is the Ministry of Disability officially opens as a new entity. We will have more information on some of these topics, especially after the 1st of July when the new Ministry for Disabled People is introduced as part of the recent reforms of the Health System.

With nationwide staff shortages in the health and disability sector, it has been challenging to get staff. Ranfurly Care is in the process of becoming an Accredited Employer. It means if we cannot find suitable New Zealanders for the role we can apply to hire overseas workers. This aims to meet employment standards and not exploit our workers, something we are proud of. Let us know if you have friends or family that may be interested in working at Ranfurly.

The Board is to establish a long-term plan to take Ranfurly into its 4th decade. We will shortly be surveying Ranfurly members for their thoughts on the best way forward to enable good lives for the Ranfurly family. Please take some time to share your thoughts so the successes of Ranfurly may continue into the future. The survey will be sent out early next month.

Blessings to you all

Linda Nelson



Linda Nelson and Ranfurly House staff
Chrissy, Kiona, Safa, and Cecilia

NEWS FROM THE CREW

June 2022



ACTIVITY CENTRE

Introducing baby Zoë Claire Woller. Born Friday 17 June 2022 at 2:38 pm. Melissa, Russell, and baby Zoë are doing well.

Get to know our new staff members - Olivia Walton & Melissa Peacock on page 4.

CORNWALL PARK

Not to jinx anything but we have been fortunate with our staffing levels, so much so that we have been able to do more one-on-one outings this month, long may it last!

DUNCAN HOUSE

There are a couple of exciting changes ahead for Duncan House. One of the changes will make life a little more cosy and warm in the winter months, and the other will provide better access to the top floor for some of our people. Can you guess what those changes might be?

RANFURLY HOUSE

Residents with the support of staff celebrated Queen's Birthday with a lovely High Tea. They had fun preparing the food and setting the tables. The highlight of course was eating all of the yummy treats!



Ranfurlly Residents enjoying High Tea

THE MEWS

We have celebrated four birthdays this month, each one a buzz for all the residents! It's always great to see everyone celebrating each other's milestones and successes, sharing those moments with each other is great for morale and social interaction.

Some of our residents are glad to be back at Ten Pin Bowling which has been a highlight on the social calendar.



Let each star in the sky shine its own light

Tukua kia tū taki tahi ngā whetū o te rangi

MATARIKI

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster most commonly known as the Pleiades. Traditionally Māori used the rising of Matariki as a marker for the New Year.

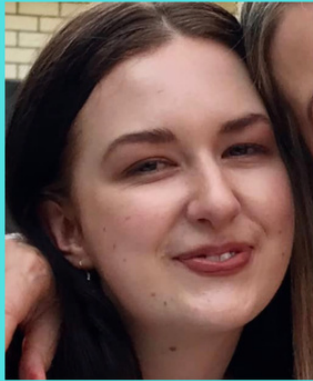
However you choose to celebrate Matariki we hope you keep safe, warm, and dry out in the elements especially if you're planning to do some star gazing.

How to find Matariki, click [here](#)

ACTIVITY CENTRE NEWS

Introducing...

GET TO KNOW: OLIVIA WALTON



Tell us a little bit about what else you are doing this year as well as coming to join the Activity Centre Team?

I'm super excited to be starting at the Ranfurly Activity Centre as one of the art teachers. This year will be spent working on all sorts of fun projects with the students. Outside of the class I will also be working on my own art in hopes of putting together an art show by the end of the year.

What attracted you to the job?

I love people and I love playing around with all sorts of art supplies so it made perfect sense to join the Ranfurly team.

What kind of art/creative things do you like to do yourself?

I love getting messy and making things with my hands. From kneading dough for a pizza to making my own paint from pigment I found in my backyard. I just love to make things.

Who is one of your favourite artists and why?

One of my favourite artists is Kanye West. I love how he tries everything and does not confine himself to just music. Experimenting in fashion, architecture and even Opera. I love seeing people passionate over their projects. A quality I also see in Quentin Tarantino who is my other favourite artist.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to watch movies, paint, cook and hang out with friends and family.

What is your favourite guilty food pleasure?

My favourite guilty food pleasure is extra buttery and salty popcorn. With or without a movie, popcorn is the best snack ever

GET TO KNOW: MELISSA PEACOCK



Tell us a little bit about what else you are doing this year as well as coming to join the Activity Centre Team?

As well as joining the Activity Centre team, this year I'm also studying Psychotherapy at AUT.

What attracted you to the job?

After high school, my first qualification was in Art and Design and I have been looking for a way to incorporate this into my working life by supporting others on their creative journey - this job seemed like a wonderful way to do that.

What kind of art/creative things do you like to do yourself?

My main creative passion is sewing and working with textiles, but I also love photography and watercolour painting.

Who is one of your favourite artists and why?

One of my favourite artists at the moment is Kristin Moore. She is a landscape painter based in Dallas, Texas. I love her paintings of urban landscapes because they feature huge expanses of sky. She makes blending the colours of a pastel sunset and painting clouds look effortless.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I like to sew, read and do aerial silks!

What is your favourite guilty food pleasure?

My favourite savoury food is pizza and my favourite sweet food is chocolate!



High tea at Ranfurly House



Warren, Peter, Craig, and Keith



Steven, Russell, Filia



Helen



Bobbie



Frances and Linda



Christie, Aimee, Filia



Andrea's Birthday