



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear friends,

A newsletter at this time of the year gives everyone at Ranfurly the opportunity to wish all our many friends and associates a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year for 2021.

It is a reflective time of year to reminisce on a unique year governed by COVID-19, one of uncertainty and constant change especially for the residents and students. The technology and communication with zoom meetings added a new dimension to the ongoing changes and connection.

The recent detailed 2019/2020 Managers Annual report recorded an overview of the year (copies available) preceded by many Activity Newsletters. As the news is up to date this newsletter will be a compilation of all services provided for the residents and students. They love photos to reflect on and remember special occasions spent with friends.

As I write several residents and students are visiting the RSA for lunch which has been changed twice due to COVID. Tomorrow the Chamber Music New Zealand (CMNZ) musicians Julian, Sid and the group are providing entertainment with the incredible Saxophone quartet 'Saxcess' to give what they term as a 'Relaxed' lunch time concert at the Centre. This is kindly funded by the IHC Foundation as CMNZ are a not-for-profit charity that needs the support of passionate music-lovers to ensure they can continue to offer unique musical opportunities to New Zealand communities. We are indeed very fortunate to be included in their musical performances, with this being the third year of their student therapy workshop.

This time twenty years ago. For something different with this update and out of curiosity I looked at the December 2000 newsletter to see what was happening in the life at Ranfurly twenty years ago. How could we forget the new millennium and the year of Y2K, a phenomenon causing anxiety to us all at the turn of the 21st century. Computer users and programmers feared that computers would stop working as we struck midnight on December 31, 1999. We were well prepared, but thankfully there were no Y2K problems.

This time, back then in December Ranfurly was in countdown mode for the December production of "Cinderella", a very successful play directed by Paul Kelly Moore.

There were major changes taking place to disability services. The Government Chief Advisor wrote to the Auckland Disability Service Providers group to confirm that, Disability Service Sector (DSS) funding will no longer be delegated to the DHB Health Boards. When the new Health Funding Agency (HFA) and the Ministry are merged it will be administered by the Ministry of Health. Following the sign-off on the NZ Disability Strategy, the Government will decide, how disability funding will be administered." So, we now await 2001 to see the outcome of the new NZ Public Health and Disability Bill, when the HFA will cease to exist, and the public funder will be the Ministry of Health.

2000 was the year when we purchased the 45 Cornwall Park avenue IHC property including 123 Great South Road. To make the acquisition of the ex-motel units affordable we subdivided the Great South road half of the property which was sold in December 2000 to an Accounting company. How appropriate that an accountant's address would be number 123.

Desperate for a solution I took a steering group of five major service providers to meet with our supporter and friend Christine Fletcher in her Auckland City mayoral office to discuss our Auckland disability sector problems and our own funding frustrations.

The next week the problem was aired on the front-page of the Auckland City publication Auckland Scene, which highlighted some of the Disability sector problems including the new plan of transparent funding methodology. Fortunately, the meeting provided a platform for our funding to be addressed which was sorted a few weeks later.

In those early years we were so fortunate to have amazing community support when there was so much upgrading work required to our buildings, compliance and vehicle requirements. 2000 was yet another year of extreme generosity of financial donations: A dear friend May Harvey gave a further donation of \$6,000.00, the generous Mollie Carr and Sir Ernest Davies Trust the sum of \$50,000.00, Les Ambridge and the Royal Oak Trust who had done so much to help us donated a further \$19,946.00 for smoke detectors and fire compliance, plus a further \$19,840.50 to meet the expense of upgrading the laundry and bathroom equipment at Cornwall Park Avenue, the Mc Kenzie trust \$4000, and Pauline Brooks Estate donated a further \$22,548 lounge refurbishment and furnishings.

On that note I will revert back to the present and leave you to ponder on some words of wisdom from an article by Dr John Langley at the time he was the Dean of Auckland University. He speaks of caring for a person with a disability, these words acknowledge your dedication, love and care.

He wrote. Being a parent (or caregiver) is not easy under any circumstances and being the parent of a person with severe or profound disabilities, or other disabilities takes something in the nature of superhuman effort. To those involved the road must look like an endless road, the fact so many walk that road daily makes them some of society's heroes.

They get little recognition for their effort, all too few resources and, often, precious little support. Yet they do it. Why?

Because there is something universally precious about our children, regardless of whom they are or what level of ability. They bring out the best and worst in us, the most joy and the most sadness, the most pride and most frustration. That is why.

To select the pictures when creating the collagues I have looked through hundreds of happy smiling photos. I might add what I have chosen is only a small amount of the vast selection. I have tried to include everyone in recording the daily activities that include daily life or events through the year of 2020. Some are during the COVID-19 lockdown, many in the homes, on outings, visiting Duncan house, attending the Activity centre etc. The gardens have been stunning thanks to the creative work of Michael, he is also popular with the local residents who in the weekends stop to chat with him full of praise for his beautiful gardens.

Included is a photo of a rather large beehive recently discovered on the front garden. Brett located a beekeeper who we watched with bare hands found the Queen bee to place her and her loyal family into a hive to be moved to a beekeeper on an appropriate site.

The two recent Papamoa holiday photos look fun and maybe even a little sun! I did not have time this year to write a comment on each picture page and apologise for some of the photo quality and clarity. The photos will be a discussion point for you with the residents and students as they recall and tell you the details.

Once again, thank you to all those who have supported us by your thoughts, words, and deeds as we look forward to 2021. God bless.

Linda Nelson

PANDEMIC PLANNING BOARD

DATE: 7 JUNE Tuesday
 UPDATED: [initials]
 STAFF: Ianna, Jo, Diane, Linda, Brett

CURRENT HEALTH LEVEL: DAY: 74 **ONE**

PHASE: PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT TEAM
 JO BOOBYSEN (MANAGER) 0174 85077
 BRET SWAIN (ASSISTANT) 015 341 3409
 MANAGER: Ianna Derobato (ICO)
 LINDA NEWSON
 JENNIFER MUIR (NLT) 02220 7382

PLEASE UPDATE BOARDS DAILY!
PLACE BOARD IN HOUSE/WEEKEND!
PLACE IN HOUSE AFTER 5/6PM!
ALL COMMUNICATION THROUGH OFFICE!

ALL STAFF TO CHECK BOARD

FACILITY Ranfurly Care Society

<p>ACTIVITY CENTRE STATUS: OPERATING Non-Fri - Sun Annus 25/5/20</p> <p>LIMITED OPERATION - limited SLT attention for sessions - services/community - INFECTION CONTROL - FORWARD PLANNING</p> <p>EMERGENCIES "with ambulance" !!! police and water : 100</p> <p>Richard Plumber : 024235 4000 Electrical : 0244935 974 "and wall electrical"</p>	<p>RANFURLY / MEWS STATUS: OPERATING 24/7</p> <p>CONDITIONS: 5-9 June RESIDENTS - VISIT HOME VISITS # 5</p> <p>COORDINATOR: Ianna 8am-4pm STAFF: SHIFT: Julie 8am-2pm Tania 8am-2pm Cecelia 7am-3pm</p> <p>MEWS WEEK 1 RESUR: SA-3pm-12m 5/6 3pm-6pm</p>	<p>CORNWALL PARK STATUS: OPERATING 24/7</p> <p>CONDITIONS:</p> <p>COORDINATOR:</p> <p>STAFF: SHIFT: Kety 6pm-5/6 6am-noon</p>	<p>DUNCAN HOUSE STATUS: OPERATING Monday - Tuesday 8-11 June 4 MEWS RESIDENTS</p> <p>OUTINGS</p> <p>VISITORS</p>	<p>NOTES Tairua Trust: Susane Raithe 0272916999</p> <p>INFECTION CONTROL 1100 1500 2300</p>
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PANDEMIC PLANNING BOARD
 DATE: MONDAY 11 MAY
 UPDATED: [unclear]
 STAFF: Cindy, Laura, [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]

CURE HEALTH LEVEL: 3
 DAY: 47
 PHASE: **GREEN**

PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT TEAM:
 JO BOOBYENT (MANAGER)
 BEET ZHANG (ASSTANT) 015 344 3407
 MANAGER: Ianna Dorobova (100)
 LINDA NELSON
 DUNCAN OLIVE (MGT) 0232701332

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FACILITY: Ranfurly Care Society

ACTIVITY CENTRE STATUS: CLOSED
 Staff: An visit daily - meeting - 7.45am - close

LIMITED OPERATION
 - STAFF ONLY
 - NO STUDENT ATTEND
 - INFECTION CONTROL
 - FORWARD PLANNING

EMERGENCIES:
 Police/Ambulance: 111
 Police non urgent: 105

RANFURLY / MEWS STATUS: OPERATING
 CONDITIONS: ISOLATION

CORNWALL PARK STATUS: OPERATING
 CONDITIONS: ISOLATION

DUNCAN HOUSE STATUS: operating 1/5/20
 House residents only
 X + Residents @ 6M

NOTES:
 TALKING TRUST
 Susan Martin 0232016744
 INFECTION CONTROL
 100 Covid-19
 1500 Covid-19
 2300

RELAX BEANS OUTSIDE SCHEDULED BREAKS
 - "Van/latrine"

OUTINGS:
 Anarchy 12-8pm
 SHIFT: 12-8pm
 2-9pm
 April

VISITORS:

COORDINATOR:
 Ianna 8-4pm
STAFF:
 MARIA 2-10pm
 Charlotte 2-10pm

MEWS WEEK 2 UNIT:
 Richard 023235 4000
 Electrical: 0234931924
 Home & small electrical:
 Linda 130-51pm
 Sports 3pm-11p
 Sleep

BE SAFE!

COVID-19

Protect YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM GETTING SICK
Wash your hands
 - after coughing or sneezing
 - when caring for the sick
 - before, during and after you prepare food
 - before eating
 - after toilet use
 - when hands are visibly dirty
 - after handling animals or animal products

LEVEL 2 VISITOR PROCEDURES

Protect rooms/facilities affected, probable or suspected COVID-19

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Stay home if you are sick

STAFF AND ALL VISITORS

1. Please sanitize your hands
2. Take your temperature
3. Please sign in
4. Please follow safe guidelines

THANK YOU

Ranfurly Care NATIONAL ALERT LEVEL: 3

Ranfurly Care RESPONSE PLAN PHASE: GREEN

Ranfurly Care NATIONAL ALERT LEVEL: 2

Ranfurly Care RESPONSE PLAN PHASE: GREEN

Washing and drying your hands kills the virus

Cough or sneeze into your elbow

Clean and disinfect all surfaces and objects

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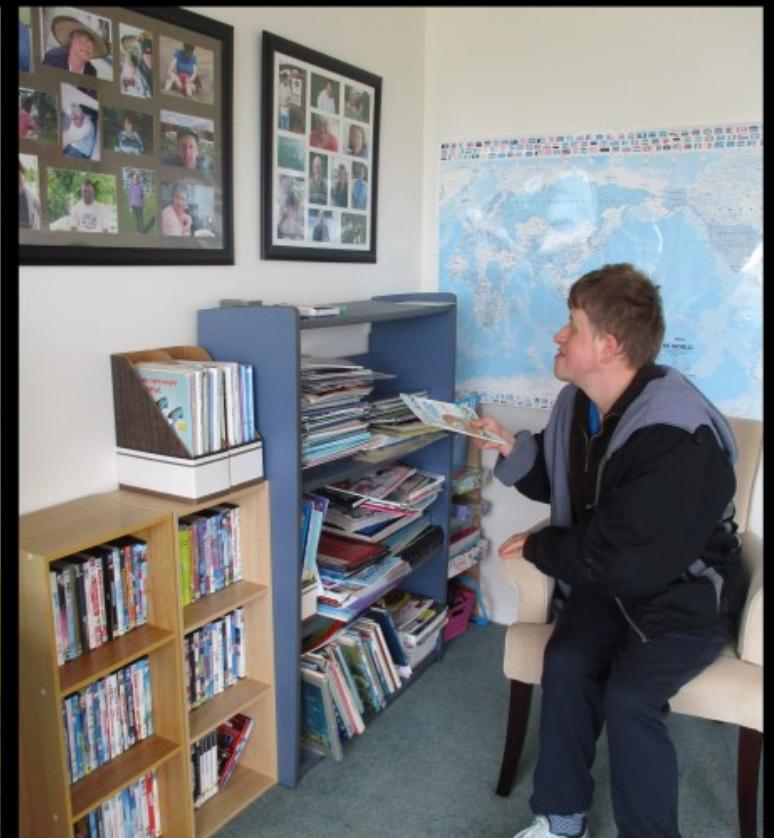


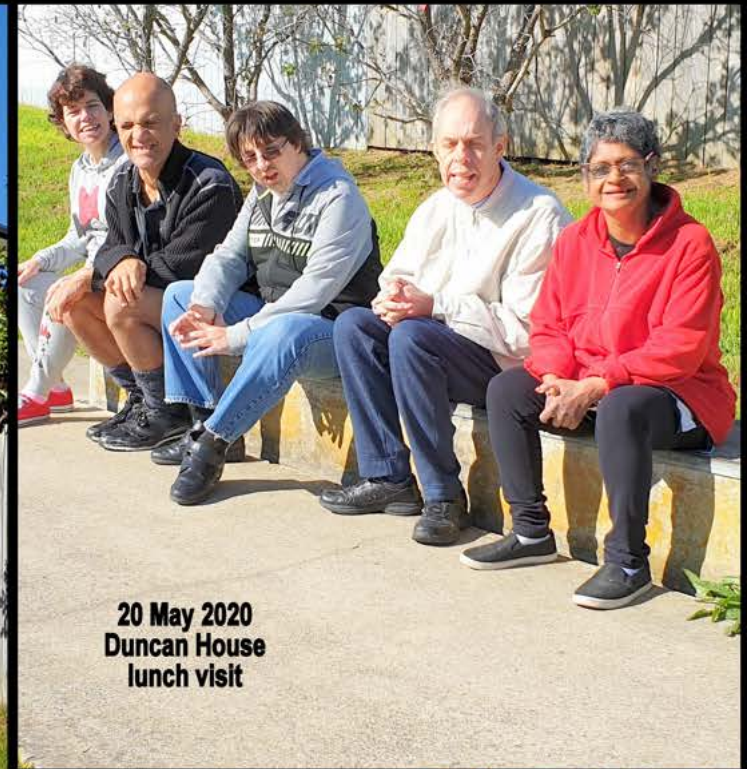
22 October 2020





28 July Duncan House visit





20 May 2020
Duncan House
lunch visit

































