



# NEWSLETTER



# NEWS AND CELEBRATIONS AT RANFURLY

A message from Linda Nelson

As we approach the end of another year, I hope 2023 has been fulfilling and joyous for all of you, despite the inevitable ups and downs life throws at us.

As we wind down for the year, I'd like to update you on a few recent happenings.

Firstly, Jo bid us farewell as she embarked on a new chapter in Perth with her husband. Her contribution to Ranfurly was invaluable, and we shared a wonderful celebration to mark her departure. I'm certain they're enjoying the warm sunny beaches.

On a brighter note, our Ranfurly family is expanding! Please join me in welcoming Carly Arghand, our new Service Delivery Coordinator, and Nerys Rolinson, our Registered Nurse. Their skills and compassion will greatly benefit our Residents and Students.

We're also celebrating the achievements of April Sia, now the Assistant General Manager, and Chris Atienza, our new Registered Nurse. Their dedication has earned them these roles, and we're immensely proud. They'll undoubtedly elevate Ranfurly Care.

Special thanks to John Goudge who coached our amazing group of actors and together delivered an incredible performance of "Ranfurlys Got Talent" held at the Corban Art Estate!




Also, credit to our Mews resident Dan Clarke for his impactful work with the Royal Oak Dig It community group.

Before I wrap up, you'll find details about our upcoming Christmas events and the 2024 Activity Centre start dates below.





# DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	<b>Special Olympics</b> 2 Last League Bowling	3
<b>Disabilities Sport Auckland</b> 4 Interactive sport session at Activity Centre	5	6	7	8	<b>Special Olympics</b> 9 Fun Bowling	10
11	<b>Memory Afternoon</b> 12 <i>1:15 pm Remembering our friends &amp; family</i>	13	14	<b>Nativity</b> 15 AND the usual chaos starting at 1:30 pm ish...	16	17
18	19	<b>Student Xmas Lunch</b> 20 All students welcome, last day for many	21	22 <b>Cleaning Day</b> Activity Centre CLOSED	23	24
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# JANUARY 2024

- Monday 15** AC Opens to RESIDENTS ONLY

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- Friday 19** Staff ONLY Day

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- Monday 22** Residents ONLY Day

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- Tuesday 23** Welcome Back Community Students





Hiking in Taranaki

## INTRODUCING APRIL SIA ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

We sat down with April to talk about her journey, motivations, and the path that lies ahead.

April's unwavering passion for our residents and students has propelled her into the position of Assistant General Manager, where she is set to carry forward the meaningful work initiated by Linda Nelson.

With a unique blend of skills, extensive experience, and a profound understanding of individuals with intellectual disabilities, April envisions making substantial contributions to Ranfurly Care. Her clear vision builds upon the foundation of shared values cultivated over the years.

Reflecting on her past roles within Ranfurly, April highlights an environment where offering support has been a driving force. These experiences not only shaped her into the leader she is today but also equipped her with the resilience needed for the challenges of her current role.

Beyond her professional dedication, April's personal life holds a surprising revelation — she's an adrenaline junkie! Whether it's the thrill of hiking, camping, or even bungee jumping, April brings this zest for life into her leadership, promising an exciting new chapter for Ranfurly under her capable guidance.

Congratulations to April as we embark on this journey of change together.



Bungee Jumping, Queenstown



Ruapehu Snow Camping



## CULTIVATING COMMUNITY AND GROWTH

In just four months, Dan has become a cornerstone of the Royal Oaks community garden.

Teaming up with fellow student and volunteer Chris Radley, he played a pivotal role in transforming the neglected garden into a thriving oasis. Together, they cleared the overgrown wilderness, breathing new life into this space.

The garden isn't just about nurturing plants; it's a hub for fostering friendships and community bonds. Volunteers, including Dan, gather weekly for lunch, sharing homemade treats and discussing ways to enhance the garden's beauty. Brendan, the garden coordinator, treats everyone to delightful vegetarian dishes made with ingredients harvested from the garden.

Dan engages in every aspect, from planting seasonal vegetables to caring for the garden. While Dan's journey in the garden isn't entirely new, despite missing old friends, he's forging new connections and becoming a popular figure among fellow volunteers. Dan and Chris's return has transformed the garden into a thriving ecosystem, with ambitious plans for machinery use and lawn maintenance.

Dan's enthusiasm extends beyond the garden. He encourages others to discover the joys of gardening, cultivating both vegetables and flowers for the benefit of pollinators. His dedication embodies the spirit of volunteerism, community, and growth, making Dan a true green hero in our midst.

Check out  
Dig It  
Socials





## A SPRINKLE OF VIBRANT ENTHUSIASM

Ian Miller, a wizard of colours and creativity, led the charge in setting up the awe-inspiring InterACT art exhibition! His masterpiece, a stunning mixed-media painting, brought to life the tranquil serenity of a sun-kissed beach, captivating every onlooker with its vivid hues and dreamy details. Through his artwork, Ian not only adorned the gallery walls but also painted a world of imagination, leaving everyone in wonder!

Meanwhile, the ingenious Chris Radley, with his artistic finesse, played an integral role in preparing the magical InterACT art exhibition. His painting, a testament to his boundless imagination, stood tall among the array of inspiring artworks. Chris's piece exuded a unique charm, radiating joy and boundless creativity. With every brushstroke, he shared a piece of his vibrant spirit.

Ian and Chris didn't just exhibit their art - they created an experience. Their dedication and passion not only adorned the walls but also brought a sprinkle of magic into the hearts of all who visited. Their artworks, each a masterpiece in its own right, mirrored the unlimited potential and joy that artistic expression brings, proving that through creativity, barriers fade and pure joy shines through.



**Ranfury Care presents:**  
In association with Interact Disability Arts Trust -

**RANFURLY'S GOT TALENT**

a hilarious spoof on the famous TV show  
Ranfury Care's Tuesday drama class - directed by John Goudge

**11.10am, Thursday 2 November 2023**  
**Corbans Estate Arts Estate Te Pou Theatre**  
**2 Mt Lebanon Lane, Henderson**  
following a dance at 11am from *Mystic Beginnings*

part of Interact Disability Arts Festival 2023 -  
Free Entry - info at [www.interactfestival.nz](http://www.interactfestival.nz)



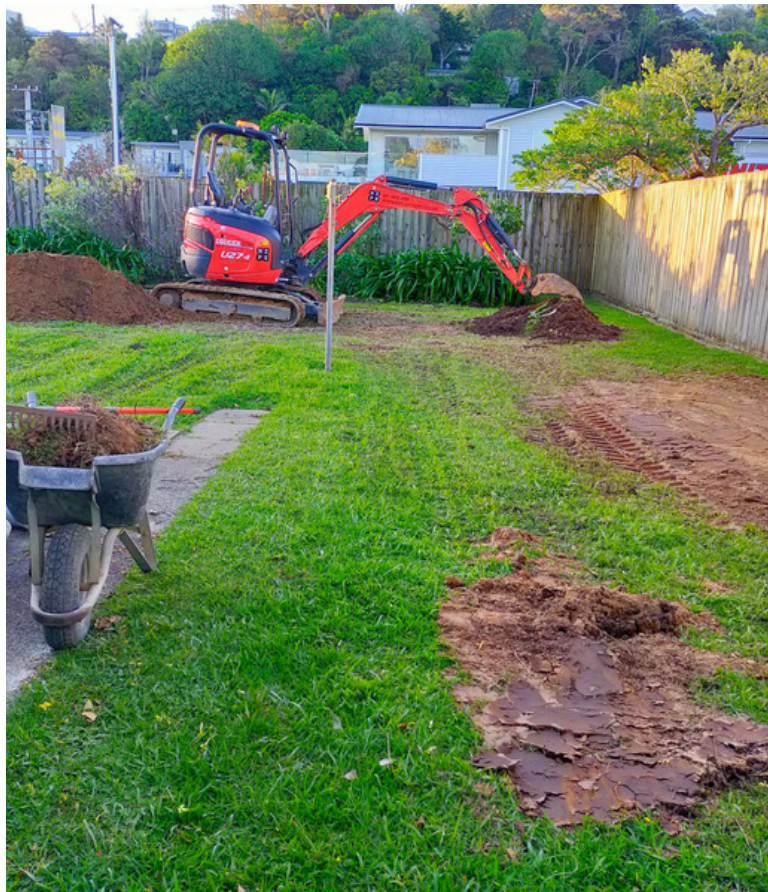
## RANFURLY'S GOT TALENT

Our drama students loved performing on stage. They enjoyed the rehearsal process, navigating actions and marks, and they approached it with the gravitas befitting true thespians. With a nod to the classic "break a leg" the standard pre-show jitters were a buzz and that drove the performance to an outstanding show!

## ELEVATING COMFORT AT DUNCAN HOUSE WITH A NEW LIFT AND EARTHWORKS

Our new state-of-the-art lift has enhanced accessibility and brings newfound joy to more of our residents. This enhancement enables easier access to the entire house, allowing residents to explore upstairs and enjoy the view of Arkles Bay from the verandah.

There is also an earthworks project happening at Duncan House which involves excavation for the installation of a new drain. This work will drastically improve the infrastructure of our property and alleviate the flooding we had earlier in the year.



# OUT & ABOUT







# Farewell — PARTY —

