

OLD S'COOL CLUB



Spring 2021 Newsletter



Welcome AND
Congratulations

This month we welcome new team members to the Home Care team!

Please make our new staff feel at home; Case Managers Lydia Wharrad, Sara Fatemian and Client Service Officer Amanda Todd. Also, in recognition of his dedication to clients, staff and his team, John Bogoevski has been appointed as Home Care Operations Manager.

Our new case managers join us in response to growth in our home care services and John's new management role has been created so we can continue to provide the best possible services to our clients. Each has a passion for aged care and enriching our clients' lives.

Welcome and congratulations!



New team members Amanda (left), Sara (right) and Lydia (inset) with John, our new Home Care Operations Manager

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*"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance,
you must keep moving."*

ALBERT EINSTEIN

JUMP INTO Spring

After a cold winter, like me, I'm sure you will welcome the warmer days of spring!

Spring is about renewal and growth, two things we are very familiar with at Catholic Homes.

I am pleased to advise that we have been successful in securing government support and are now extending our services in Perth and in regional WA to those needing short-term care to stay at home longer.

You can read more in this edition about how our Short-Term Restorative Care program can help if you are waiting for a package or just need a little support to get back to what you love.

Like life, the seasons are full of change and promise. We love what we do together with our clients, so they can realise their goals and enjoy life!

With this in mind, everyone in the home care team wishes you and all our clients, family and friends the very best. Please enjoy this edition of Old S'Cool.

Kylie Steele

Executive Manager Home and Community Care



Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? They work on many levels.

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Home Care client Ivan celebrating his birthday thanks to carer Trish!



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Misha getting into the party spirit with the balloons!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ivan

We wished our client Ivan a very happy birthday recently when we arranged a lovely birthday surprise for him.

Carer Trish helped celebrate with Ivan that night and he was over the moon!

Here is a lovely photo of Ivan and his beloved dog Misha.

Misha loved the party and the balloons too!

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary, we wish you all the best!

INTRODUCING Sara

Our newest Case Manager Sara Fatemian is a strong advocate for older people's rights.

"When I came to Australia 13 years ago with my husband and two children, I was amazed by the community services here," she said.

"I just fell in love with aged care, I love that generation."

"I am very passionate about rights. I believe we need to fill the gap between the young and old created by technology, so that older people do not feel left out or abandoned."

After immigrating from Iran, Sara took up a residential care role with another provider and then progressed as therapy assistant and coordinator, case manager and aged care advocate.



New Case Manager Sara ready to get down to work.

Sara said she was attracted to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Catholic Homes.

Adding to her impressive resume, she has a Cert. III in lifestyle coordination and a Cert. IV in community services.

Outside of work, Sara is very creative, and she enjoys painting and sewing, and cooking with her husband.



GONE TO THE DOGS

"This is what happens when your gopher breaks down and we have dogs in the back of car. Walker on trailer, lol!"

Home Care client Helen sent this photo saying her walker is on the trailer because two large Labradors needed to be in back seat of the car.

A few heads turned, for sure!



MAIRE'S COFFEE OUTING

Maire and Gem from Home Care enjoyed coffee and a good time together at Hillarys. Maire loved our social support service so much she said "I can't wait for next week"!

We help many clients get out and about. Call our friendly team to find out more.



Regain your health WITH OUR NO COST PROGRAM

Short Term Restorative Care (STRC) provides free convenient supports to help you retain and maintain your independence so you can stay at home longer.

This program is suitable for older people having difficulties at home with daily living and who are not wanting to receive long term home care or residential aged care.

Our services can help you regain or recover at home and get back to things you enjoy with the people you love, at no cost to you.

You may be eligible for short term restorative care if you are an older person experiencing things such as:

- Changes to your health, mobility or memory
- Difficulty getting about or doing daily tasks
- Changes to your care arrangements.

Catholic Homes offers this service to everyone regardless of their age, beliefs or circumstances.

STRC is also available if you are waiting for a Home Care Package.

Get the help you want, it's easy to access STRC from Catholic Homes.

Contact Linda, Catherine or Zoe on 1300 244 000 or homecare@catholichomes.com for more information and assistance.

Website made easier

Catholic Homes has improved its website to ensure visitors have better access to information.

Website visitors can now access a wide range of accessibility and language support tools to improve their online experience using 'Recite Me' technology.

The Recite Me toolbar includes screen reading help plus a translation feature that boasts over 100 languages including 35 text-to-speech and viewing options.



Accessibility is extremely important and Catholic Homes is committed to ensuring everyone can access the information and services they need.

To explore our accessibility support tool, visit the Catholic Homes website and click the accessibility button at the top right of the website.

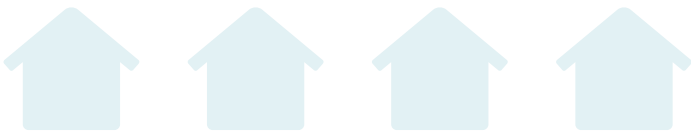


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 LIKE US ON Facebook

We all love a laugh and we are always on the lookout for fun stories and photos. You are invited to share yours too on our very own Facebook page. Like and share with us @catholichomesaustralia.



MORE RETIREMENT Options

Catholic Homes has four independent living villages that are attractively landscaped and well maintained all year round.

Our fully self-contained villas bring a choice of one, two and three bedrooms, each with spacious living and dining areas, built-in wardrobes, well-appointed kitchens and plenty of parking.

And if your needs change and you want to stay at home, residents can access our home and community care services.

To find out more about our retirement living services, call Carmel on 1300 244 333 or email retirementliving@catholichomes.com



SHARE YOUR stories

We'd love to share your news and bring people together!

If you have a story, ideas, photos, jokes or anything else that will brighten the day and put a smile on a face, you can do it through this newsletter.

Text should be concise and photos (in focus and high resolution) by email. Please note submissions may be edited to suit this lovely little newsletter. Drop us a line at homecare@catholichomes.com

Compliments, complaints and continuous improvement

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