

OLD S'COOL CLUB

Spring 2022 Newsletter



BEAR AND HIS GUITAR

Our client has reignited his passion for playing blues music thanks to our Home and Community Care team and a local music store.

Bernard, or Bear to his friends, received his first guitar for Christmas as a 12-year-old and has been playing ever since.

"I've always been into the blues, players like Buddy Guy – I've seen him five times. He's my hero, I'd like to go to his nightclub (in Chicago) one day," he said. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5**



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"You'll never fail until you stop trying."

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JUMP INTO Spring

September is the start of Spring, the season symbolising life and renewal.

It's a great time to highlight our lovely clients and our staff, as together we celebrate our successes.

Each year Aged Care Employee Day on 7 August recognises the 360,000 aged care staff who care for older people in their own home or in residential care.

I deeply thank all our staff for your dedication and compassion for the people we care for.

You make such a difference to the lives of our clients, their friends, and families.

It is also my pleasure to congratulate Operations Manager John Bogoevski and Clinical Manager Zoe Heron who have taken out aged care awards for their dedicated service. Their efforts reflect the positive spirit and values at Catholic Homes.

I also warmly welcome our new staff members who recently joined us and introduce our Support Worker Team Leader Tiffany. Each month we will endeavour to feature a staff member so everyone can get to know us.

Please enjoy reading our latest edition of Old S'Cool!

With love and best wishes,

Kylie Steele

Executive Manager Home and Community Care



Congratulations TO OUR NEWLYWEDS



Partners for life, Bevan and Kath have tied the knot!

Meeting through their work and a mutual friend, Bevan has now married his sweetheart Kath after nearly four decades together.

"We had to make sure we were right for each other," said Bevan, "it's only taken 35 years!"

Bevan, a trained chef and former bar manager at the Inglewood Hotel, came to meet Kath through her job assisting people managing alcohol addiction and they hit it off.

Marriage for them tops many years of travelling and adventures which has included trips to the UK, and North America, and caravanning in Australia.

It sounds like a whirlwind honeymoon is already taken care of – the retired couple are enjoying time together.

"We're going to take it easy," Bevan explained.



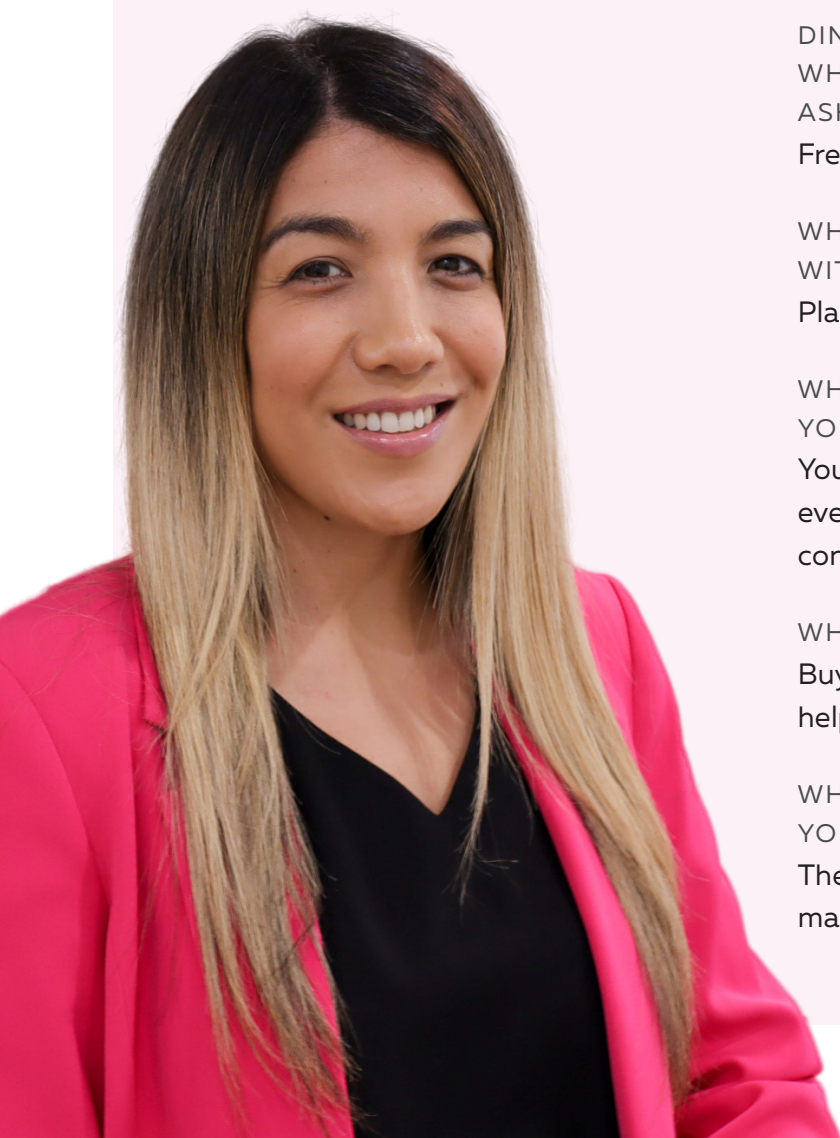
*Bevan and Kath with their
wedding certificate*

INTRODUCING Tiffany

So that we may get to know them better, we ask our staff to answer some hard-hitting questions.



*Meet our Support Worker
Team Leader, Tiffany!*



DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS

Independent, organised, fun.

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Finland, staying in a glass igloo overnight so I can see the northern lights.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT?

Epicurean

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?

The Notebook

WHAT WOULD YOU SING AT A KARAOKE NIGHT?

I wouldn't, I'm a terrible singer!

DINNER PARTY GUEST, LIVING OR PASSED, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU ASK THEM?

Freddie Mercury, I'd ask him to sing for me.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU BOUGHT WITH YOUR OWN MONEY?

Plane ticket to Sydney when I was 15 years old.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

You were born with everything you would ever need within you; it is the world that convinces us otherwise!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

Buying my own home at a young age without help of a partner or family member.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The colleagues I get to work alongside of and making a difference in our community.

HOME CARE'S Newest stars

Two of our Home and Community Care senior managers who go above and beyond each day have been recognised as All Stars in Aged Care this month.

Operations Manager John Bogoevski and Clinical Manager Zoe Heron have been given an Aged and Community Services Australia "Unsung Hero Over and Above Award" for their dedication to their teams and all our clients.

"John and Zoe are highly dedicated and committed to our clients and the team, always finding time to support staff when needed, anytime day and night, while ensuring high quality person-centred care to our clients,"



Home and Community Care Executive Manager Kylie Steele said.

"In the current COVID environment, Zoe has completed numerous clinical shifts on weekends to support nurses on leave, while John has been completing his Master's in Nursing in his own time to further enhance his care for our clients.

"They make the workplace a happy and supportive place to work, providing support, humour and care at all times."

Thank you, John and Zoe!



"Unsung Hero Over and Above Award" recipients John and Zoe with their certificates, with Chief Executive Paul Andrew

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"I saw Stevie Ray Vaughan in Adelaide just before he died (in a 1990 helicopter crash)."

Inspired by his blues heroes, Bear had his eye on a new guitar and did not know his Home Care Package could help him out.

"I wasn't sure what was available, so I talked to (Home Care Operations Manager) John, and he was so gracious," Bear explained.

A few calls later, his Case Manager Paula organised a trip down to a music store in Wembley assisted by our support worker.

Bear picked out his new instrument, an Australian-made Maton acoustic, which arrived a few weeks later after his package money was approved and paid to the store.

Bear is delighted with the result and could not thank his Home Care team enough.

STRENGTHENING COUNTRY TIES

Regular readers know we are partnering with grass roots governments in the Wheatbelt to bring much needed home care services to the local community.

We recently attended an information session in Merredin to help older people and their families get a better understanding of home care and its benefits.

We warmly thank our team members John, Moutari, Kylie, Tiffany, Natalia, Rochard, Geraldine, Donna, Rominee and Kim, event host Central East Accommodation and Care Alliance and guest presenter Therapy Focus.



STAFF TRAINING IMPROVES SERVICES

We are constantly upskilling our workforce to help ensure you are receiving the best possible services from Catholic Homes.

Staff seen here (left) participated in manual handling, CPR and elder abuse training and had fun along the way – the best way to learn.

Our care and clinical staff are trained in many facets of home care including supporting independence and wellbeing, dementia care, workplace safety, communications, ethical practices and CPR.



AGED CARE EMPLOYEE DAY

To say thanks to our wonderful Home Care workforce, we held a prize raffle for all our metro and regional Home Care staff.

Marta was one of our winners and she came into Head Office to pick up her prize (right).

"It's the first time I've ever won anything!" she exclaimed.

Tiffany, Support Worker Team Leader, presented the hamper full of goodies to Marta.

Aged Care Employee Day on Sunday 7 August is an initiative of the Aged and Community Care Providers Association and acknowledges 360,000 workers.



Its theme of 'Thanks for Caring' recognises individuals and teams involved in caring for the 1.3 million older Australians receiving home care or residential care services.



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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.



Caregivers go through more than they will ever tell you.
They give up a lot and rarely have a social life.
They can get sick and emotionally worn out.
It's a lot for one person and you will never know
until you have walked the road of a caregiver.

*Client Annette quoting
"Lessons Taught by Life"*



SHARE YOUR stories

It's great to share your news and
bring people together!

If you have a story, ideas, photos, jokes or
anything else that will brighten the day

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