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ANZAC DAY

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Illawarra Diggers resident Dan Delaney reminisces with one of the Wollongong 26 Army Unit cadets Wollongong at the Anzac Day service.





CEO's Message

Every planned event in the last couple of years has had to be approached with some apprehension and several contingencies. So it was with our 2022 ANZAC service. Our ANZAC service is a significant focal event for Illawarra Diggers as it not only commemorates our fallen service men and women, but also recalls the origins of our home and why we were originally established in 1946. Fortunately, we were able to go ahead as planned, although the perpetual drizzle did try to interfere a bit.

This year we were again privileged to have a large cohort of 26 Army Cadet Unit cadets to form a catafalque party and also to just be part of our service. After the service, the cadets mingled with our residents and staff and helped bring a wonderful sense of occasion to our home.

While it was disappointing that COVID restrictions again prevented us from inviting family and friends to our service, our residents turned out in numbers and it was a very special way to start the day. Perhaps next year we will be back to a new normal.

This edition also celebrates Mothers Day. While we must always honour and appreciate our own mothers, this is an opportunity for us to share that appreciation and recognise the life of service, love and support that mothers all over the world give every day. I hope our Mothers at Illawarra Diggers enjoy the extra special attention.

I will conclude by welcoming our new residents and their families that have joined our home and community since we last published our little glossy mag. I hope we are making you feel welcome.

Take care

Peter
CEO



A Message from the Lifestyle Manager

Hi Everyone,

I would like to send a big thank you to the Cadets of the 26ACU Wollongong and their Commanding Officer Captain (AAC) Wade Priestley for attending Illawarra Diggers Anzac Day Service this year. What

an amazing group of young people. Robert Duggan delivered the Commemorative address, again this year, representative of the Corrimall RSL. To all the staff who helped get our residents ready for the 8am Service, thank you. It was an enormous effort from everyone.

Our Mother's Day event was celebrated without the presence of family or guests, again this year, due to ongoing restrictions for visiting. Nevertheless it was a lovely afternoon, with champagne and an array of treats from the kitchen. Plenty of photos were taken to show off the afternoon. We hope everyone had a nice time.

There are plenty of things planned in the upcoming months and we'll capture them in monthly Diggers Digest. So, keep a look out each month for the latest issue.

Take care

Vikki and lifestyle team Deb, Mel, Will and Donna.



Staff Profile

Donna Fletcher

LIFESTYLE TEAM MEMBER

My name is Donna and while very new to Illawarra Diggers I have been working in aged care for eight years as a Lifestyle Officer.

I am married to David and we have two daughters Rebecca and Emma.

My family is very important to me and even though our daughters have left home, we still do a lot together. Sometimes there can be 25 of us at a gathering. Lilly is our pet French bulldog and I love taking her for walks but she prefers to go out on scenic drives.

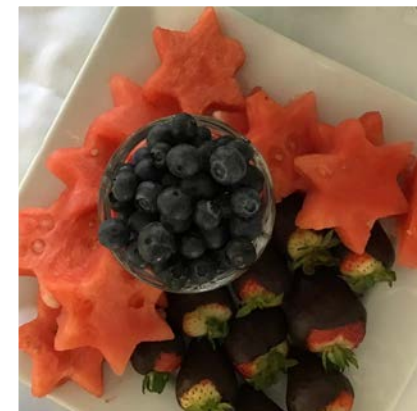
I really love my job and feel very at home at Diggers.

I would like to thank every for being so welcoming and kind. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Donna Fletcher
(Lifestyle Officer)



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