



## MEET THE STAFF

**Name:** Kelly Hearn

**Born:** 9/10/1981 Wollongong Hospital

**Years With Diggers:** 73/4 years

**Family:** Mum, Dad, sister Sarah & nephew Keegan

**Favourite Food/Restaurant:** Chef's Choice in Wollongong- Singapore noodles with extra chili – I don't even need to order now.

**Person I would most like to have dinner with:** Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam

**Favourite All Time Movie:** The Lion King – I'm a big kid anyway.

**Favourite TV program:** Orphan Black on SBS – betcha don't know it.

**Best Place Visited:** Westminster Bridge, House of Parliament and Big Ben in London – can't wait to visit Egypt one day .

**Hobbies:** Music and playing my drums.

**Most Humiliating Moment:** Spilt a litre of milk in kitchen at afternoon tea one day with everyone waiting for a cuppa.

**Best Part about Diggers:** Love creating smiles in people.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Monday 26.1.2014**

Australia Day  
10.30 Rec room

**Saturday 14.2.2014**

Valentines day  
10:30 Rec room

**Tuesday 17.3.2015**

Saint Patrick's Day  
1.30 Rec room



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# THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2014



### CEO'S MESSAGE

December and Christmas 2014

Hello and a very, very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

As we approach the festive season, it is always a good time to reflect on so many who are not as fortunate as we are.

Australia is indeed lucky to have one of the best aged care systems in the world and, whilst things can always be improved, there are many across the world who have so little and much, much less than we do here in our very lucky country.

That also causes us to pause and reflect for those who have made it so, including those who have fought for our country, the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy, again that so many others do not.

Sometimes we do not take that time and perhaps lose sight of the need to fight hard to retain those freedoms that we need to value so dearly.

At this time Christmas is very dear to us and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for whatever it means to you, whether that means very solemn or spiritual, whether it is one of joy and merriment or whether it is one of reflection, may it bring you all you wish.

May 2015 be very kind to you. We live in an uncertain world filled with many challenges. In facing those challenges, we must consider the legacy we wish to leave our grandchildren and generations to follow – we don't inherit the earth we borrow it from future generations.

On a good news front, we have been successful in our Accreditation Audit achieving 44 Compliant outcomes out of 44. This is a great result but one that doesn't make us complacent. We need to be continuously focused on how we can improve.

Our residents deserve the best that we can give and we have a responsibility to ensure we continuously strive to improve all that we do.

To those of you who supported us through the Audit, many thanks. I would also like to pay tribute to the staff who work very



hard every day to ensure that residents are well cared for.

We still have major plans for redevelopment and refurbishment and are waiting to hear from Council on our Development Application.

2015 looms as an exciting year and may it be a good one for all of you – residents, staff, volunteers, relatives, families and friends.

Best wishes. Till next time.

Rex Leighton  
Chief Executive Officer

### GENERAL NEWS

Here it is the end of 2014, that year has flown.

The residents have joined in many festivities with Christmas concerts/carols/family afternoon tea/ Christmas cheer will be finishing with our New Years Eve party. All have had a lovely time.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year 2015.

Thanks to all the staff who have assisted Lifestyle with events during the year.

We would like to offer a very big thank you to all the volunteers for their dedicated service to the Diggers.

An extra special thanks to our dear volunteer, Maree, who gives so much of her time to residents and staff with compassion and commitment.

A huge thank you to the lifestyle crew who work very hard to bring happy days and support to residents/families - their work is much appreciated.

The beginning of New Year will start with pulling down our Christmas decorations and up with Aussie decorations. There will be a range of activities for January so don't forget to collect a program and check out what's happening .

As we close the books on 2014 lets hope that 2015 brings peace to all.

*Quote: It is better to have a rich soul than to be rich!and closing dates for confirmation.*

