



MEET THE STAFF

NAME:

Annette Lord (Kitchen)

BORN:

1953 Bolton, Lancashire, England

YEARS WITH DIGGERS:

7 years

FAMILY:

Father, 2 Sisters, 1 Brother

FAVOURITE FOOD/RESTAURANT:

Lobster - anywhere

FAVOURITE ALL TIME MOVIE:

Beaches – cried my heart out

FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM:

Coronation Street

BEST PLACE VISITED:

My home town Farmworth

HOBBIES

Walking

MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT

Breaking my ankle at home

BEST THING ABOUT DIGGERS

Beautiful People

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Wednesday 18 December 2013

Rec Room Christmas Festivities
1.30pm

Saturday 21 December 2013

Christmas Afternoon Tea
for residents and relatives.
3.15pm
RSVP PLEASE by 2nd December

Monday 23 December 2013

Rec Room Carols by Twilight
with Susie J
6.30pm

Christmas Day Lunch

12 noon
RSVP PLEASE by 2nd December.



The letter from the Queen was proudly shown at a morning tea to celebrate Diggers resident Cath Ackroyd 100th birthday. Cath, who was a prominent businesswoman in Corrimal for decades, attributes her longevity to a lifetime of music, dancing, golf, bowls, a balanced diet and a "drop of whisky". Photo: Cath with her brother Ken Bracken, God daughter Pauline Woods (front left), and Step daughter Jan Callender.



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CEO'S MESSAGE

As you are all aware, November 11 was Remembrance Day and this issue carries a series of photographs reflecting on our commemoration of this most significant day in our history.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the success of the commemoration service,

in particular our guests, volunteers and staff who played their part in ensuring the significance of the event was properly observed.

We also had the privilege recently of celebrating with resident Cath Ackroyd, her 100th birthday. There are some memorable photos of the occasion in this edition. Those of you who are long term residents of the Illawarra will remember the Function Centre at Corrimal known as Shalimar. Cath and her late husband were the proprietors of Shalimar along as well as a number of other Corrimal business houses. Congratulations from all of us to a wonderful lady whose love of music continues today.

It is hard to believe that, as I write this, there are only four weeks till Christmas. It is difficult to think of where the year has gone. So much has happened and is continuing to happen.

As you are aware we are planning a major extension and upgrade to the facility designed to improve the standard of accommodation for residents both current and into the future. We have been setting aside funds for some years now to enable this to occur.

Design has yet to be finalized although it is very near. We hope to be submitting an application for DA to Council in the next few weeks. The development will consist of a new wing on the northern side of the building as the first stage followed by progressive refurbishment of the older wings of the building.

We are extremely conscious that, during construction, which we expect to begin in the middle of next year,

we need to continue to ensure a safe and comfortable living environment for residents and a healthy and safe workplace for staff. There will be challenges during this time but with the proper cooperation, communication and discussion on issues I am sure that we will achieve our goals satisfactorily.

We are also faced with a major funding reform being implemented by the Commonwealth Government as from July 1 next year. This will necessitate a considerable amount of work in preparation for its introduction.

The Government has made it clear that increasingly those who have the means will be required to pay more for their accommodation and care in order to ensure that the country can continue to afford the demand that the ageing of the population is creating.

Despite this, the Board remains committed to ensuring Diggers continues to provide the best possible quality of care to Veterans, their families and the broader community who entrust themselves to our care.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff to the Diggers' family, so I hope you make them very welcome and I should also offer a very big welcome to those residents who have recently joined us. We hope your life with us is all you would wish it to be.

Recently the staff embarked on their own little project of beautifying the central courtyard with the garden bed around the aviary and a few other pieces of improvement. I would like to thank them for their efforts and congratulate them on the results. Talk to you soon.

Rex Leighton

GENERAL NEWS

Hello everyone!

We would like to welcome all our new residents. We hope you find comfort, happiness and friendship in your new home.

We have had a very busy year this year and residents have participated in special activities out or in house with various community groups, always enjoy the socialising and involvement with others. We are very grateful to have many social and community groups coming to visit and entertain us here at the Diggers!

Most recently, the residents were enthralled with the North Sydney Girls High School performance. It was a really magical day, and many happy memories were made.

Residents were in high spirits on Melbourne Cup day. Sweeps were run all morning and the kitchen put on a very special lunch, which the residents thoroughly

enjoyed. In the afternoon, we celebrated with a lucky door prize, drinks and games in the recreation room and all watched the race together. Congratulations to all our winners! It was a great day!

The Friday Corrimal shopping bus now has 2 runs due to the amount of people wishing to go. This seems to be running smoothly and residents have voiced that it is working well! This will no doubt continue to be successful as we draw nearer to Christmas.

In the last week, we have had two computer terminals set up in the library, which will give residents the opportunity to explore the world wide web. We also plan to set up Skype accounts for interested residents to enable communication with family members that aren't close by.

We have been busily planning for Christmas, and hope that all residents will enjoy the festivities we have planned!

Don't forget you need to ensure you let us know as to whether you will be attending the Christmas afternoon tea on Saturday 21st December and whether you will be going out with family for any meals over Christmas and also whether family wish to have Christmas or any other meal (eg Boxing Day) over the period with us.

We do need that information as soon as possible to ensure proper catering. We don't wish to disappoint because you haven't told us and we haven't catered.

That's all till next time folks so keep well and don't forget to collect a program, check notice boards for upcoming events/flyers.

Take care, God bless from your lifestyle crew.

Quote:

Today's mighty Oak is yesterday's little nut that held its ground.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

