



### MEET THE STAFF

**NAME:**  
Vicki Hill (Receptionist)

**BORN:**  
1956 Bulli Hospital

**YEARS WITH DIGGERS:**  
10 years

**FAMILY:**  
Husband Ian, 2 children Jacqueline and Richard

**FAVOURITE FOOD/RESTAURANT:**  
Baked Dinner. The Lagoon

**FAVOURITE ALL TIME MOVIE:**  
Dirty Dancing (particularly Patrick Swayze)

**FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM:**  
East Enders

**BEST PLACE VISITED:**  
London (White Hart Line)

**HOBBIES**  
Gym

**MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT**  
Falling over in Woolies car park

**BEST THING ABOUT DIGGERS**  
Residents and great colleagues.

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Friday 24th January**  
Diggers Australia Day celebrations
- Sunday 26th January**  
Australia Day
- Friday 14th February**  
Valentines day
- Monday 17th March**  
St Patricks day celebrations



Christmas Party



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# JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2014



### CEO'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2014 and the fifteenth year of the millennium. It's so hard to imagine that it's 14 years ago that Sydney hosted the Olympic Games.

I hope that Christmas brought everything that you wished yourselves and that it was a time you were all able to enjoy with whatever meaning is dear to you.

As we approach this year we are filled with excitement for Diggers. We hope to have in place final plans very shortly for our new extension which we are confident will commence construction about the beginning of the year. The project will consist of a major upgrade of the older section of the building and will include the addition of a new wing to the north of the administration block and which will be built over new car parking. Our acquisition of the two properties to the east will enable us to improve care parking facilities of the street.

In addition, we will be faced with a major change to the aged care system which is being introduced over a few years by the Commonwealth Government. A major change will commence on 1 July and the Government has made it clear that those who can afford to pay will pay more for their care. The changes will apply to those admitted after July 1- it will have no effect on those who are already residents at the time.

I should return though to the celebrations prior to Christmas. We shared a fabulous afternoon tea with many residents and relatives on Saturday 21st December, a beautiful Christmas Dinner, again with residents and their families, whilst residents enjoyed a night of carols, trips to view the Christmas lights.

We also had a fabulous concert, presented to us by the residents' community singing group. This was a

very special concert put on by residents with over twenty participating in the rendition of so many favourites. Absolutely brilliant.

All of the above activities involved a tremendous amount of work by many, in particular the Lifestyle staff of Denise, Debbie and Chloe and our wonderful volunteer, Marie. However, there are many others who go beyond the call of duty, not only at Christmas but also throughout the year. We are blessed with a committed staff who are determined to do the best they can for residents and I would like to publically thank them for all that they do.

Enjoy the photographs in this edition which provide many memories of the times.

May 2014 be a wonderful year for all of you.  
Rex Leighton

### GENERAL NEWS

We wish everyone a happy 2014. Here we are with another year over and a new one just begun.

December was a buzz with festivities for all to enjoy from our Diggers Christmas party to the residents' community choir group performing - well done, you sounded amazing!! We even had a visit from the jolly old fella in red, Entertainers and Church groups joined in the spirit with Christmas carols and good will, our residents enjoyed the beautiful displays and seeing the children out and about during the Christmas lights' tour.

We had a Christmas afternoon tea for residents and their families with another visit from dear old Santa and his Elf helpers. The dining room was overflowing and all had a lovely afternoon, Carols by twilight with Susie J - what a wonderful night was had by all - the recreation room was again packed with residents, families and staff all joining in with candles glowing the room was full of Christmas cheer, Everyone commented on how great it was.

Christmas raffle winner: Resident K Johnston congratulations, We hope you and your family enjoyed the goodies.

New Years Eve- Diggers celebrations in the afternoon went off with a bang drinks/music/ dance/lucky door prize/ party blowers and party poppers. Again the recreation room was overflowing and full of good cheer and laughter.

The January program is out so don't forget to collect a copy. It's now time to pack away our Christmas decorations and prepare for Australia Day celebrations.

That's all folks, take care God bless from your Lifestyle crew.

Quote: *There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved..*

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



22.12.13

