



MEET THE STAFF

NAME:

Debra Walker (Lifestyle)

BORN:

Bulli 25th April 1957 (an Anzac Baby)

YEARS WITH DIGGERS:

7 years

FAMILY:

Two daughters, one son, one grandson

FAVOURITE FOOD/RESTAURANT:

Sweets – my own profiteroles (recipe stolen from Terrace Restaurant in Wollongong many years ago) – does anyone remember The Terrace?

FAVOURITE ALL TIME MOVIE:

Shawshank Redemption

FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM:

Game of Thrones

BEST PLACE VISITED:

Wilson's Promontory

HOBBIES

Recycled material crafting

MOST HUMILIATING MOMENT

Filling this out

BEST THING ABOUT DIGGERS

The residents and I love my job.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Friday 23rd May

Australias Biggest Morning Tea

9.40 till 10.30am
in the
Main Dining Room
Any donations appreciated

Friday 20th June

Country Day

Promote Aged Care
Join us for fun and merriment
10.30am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd July

Christmas in July Festivities

10.30 - 11.30am and 1.30 - 2.30pm
in the
Main Dining Room



Front Page: Leah Watchirs with 99-year-old World War II veteran Matt Allen. jc



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MAY NEWSLETTER 2014

CEO'S MESSAGE

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April 2014

Welcome to our 2014 Anzac Day edition of the Newsletter.

You can see from the photographs that the service was a reflection of the significance the Day is to us here at Diggers' and the country as a whole.

We are extremely thankful to those who assisted us on the day, including the Wollongong Army Cadets who provided a catafalque party, John Simpson, President of Corrimal RSL Sub Branch who gave an address, Bob Challinor our Vice Chair Ron Overs the bugler, Fiona Hamilton, the Piper, Gwen Frederici pianist and Rosanna, Stephen Dunn of the Salvation Army, Rex Palmer our Flagmaster residents and staff who laid wreaths, Ken Dawes who led the Ode.

I would also like to thank Denise, Debbie, all the staff and Maree Bishop our fabulous volunteer who assisted in ensuring the day was observed as it should be.

So much is happening at Diggers' at the moment. We are finalising plans for our major development of a new wing and refurbishment of the old wings to ensure that ultimately everyone will have their own bathroom and the facilities will be upgraded and improved.

It is expected that, subject to Council approval, construction will start late this year.

We are also participating in a national Day of promotion of the aged care industry.

On Friday June 20th we will be conducting an Open Day with a country theme, with Bar B Q and entertainment between 10.30 and 1.30. Visitors will be welcome and we look forward to seeing you. (A gold coin donation for the Bar B Q would be appreciated.)

In addition we are preparing for implementation of the

Government's major reform of the aged care sector which is scheduled to significantly impact on all new residents admitted after July 1 this year.

Residents admitted before that date will not be impacted.

The Government has determined that, as from July 1 all those admitted will be charged fees that are means tested not just income tested. We cannot do anything about this - we need to charge the fee assessed by Centrelink. You should be aware that any fee they assess as payable by the resident over the basic fee as a result of the resident's means, is deducted from subsidy we receive for the provision of care.

Diggers' does not get any extra income, it simply means the government will give us less to care for those residents with means to pay themselves.

You can be assured though that we will continue our commitment to provide the best possible care we can with the resources we have.

Hope to see you on June 20th.

Rex Leighton
Chief Executive Officer

GENERAL NEWS

Hello everyone,

There have been many events/activities since our last newsletter.

We all have enjoyed festivities on Australia day, Valentines Day, Seniors week, St Patricks Day, Easter and most recently, Anzac Day which is always a busy and significant event for the Diggers.

Residents have enjoyed bus trips to many venues over the last few months.

The weather will be cooling off so outings will mostly be indoor venues until the warmer months return.

Welcome to our new residents. May you find comfort and friendship in your new home.

Mother's day is fast approaching, the raffle is out and will be drawn on Friday 9.5.2014.

Please remember to collect a program and check what is on during the month.

That's all folks; take care from your lifestyle crew.

Make sure you put 20th June in your diary for our big Promote Aged care Day.

Quote: *Its not the number of breaths you take, but how many moments take your breath away!*

ANZAC DAY



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