



ABEL TASMAN

NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MANAGER



As we head into the end of the Autumn season, we hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. There are a number of important updates and activities to share with you this month:

We are pleased to report that there are currently no active cases of COVID-19 at our facility. Although we did have a bit of a scare just before the Easter long holiday where 3 staff members tested positive within a 24hr period. Measures by the team were put in place to reduce any chances of spreading. However, we continue to remain vigilant and follow all recommended infection control protocols to ensure the safety

and well-being of our residents and staff. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in this effort. The OMT has downgraded the PPE to goggles and surgical masks for staff.

Mother's Day celebration: On Thursday, May 11th, we will be hosting a special Mother's Day celebration to honor all the wonderful mothers and grandmothers in our community for both staff and residents. There will be delicious food and gifts for our female residents and staff as well as live entertainment by Tony Mazzell, a great Italian entertainer who will "woo" the ladies in the audience with his charismatic presence.

We will be holding the Dutch Remembrance Day on Thursday, 4th May at 10.00 am and will be concentrating on Titus Brandsma, a famous Dutch Carmelite friar, Catholic priest and professor of philosophy. Brandsma was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before the Second World War. Following that on 5th May it's Dutch Liberation Day and will probably be celebrated during Happy Hour.

With autumn upon us there will be a Dutch cooking session in the Coffee Shop on Monday, 15th May at 10.00am. Residents will be making delicious Dutch "Appelflappen" (Apple Turnovers) and I'm looking forward to having a taste test.

Remember to tune in to watch the King Charles the third coronation this coming Saturday 6th May on ABC TV from 5.00pm.

The ABC coverage schedule is listed below:

- 5pm: Preview coverage
- 6pm: Arrivals
- 7pm: Arrivals continued
- 7.30pm: The King's Procession
- 8pm: Coronation Service
- 10pm: Procession from Westminster
- 10.30pm: Buckingham Palace Balcony

There has been considerable amount of work done into improvements in food service at ATV, together with Peter Welfare (consultant) and senior management team, a **food focus meeting** will be held initially weekly to discuss these improvements. This will not be the forum to provide individual feedback, this will be an opportunity for all residents to collaborate with management to implement changes to lead to greater satisfaction in dining experience. We would encourage you to make a commitment to attend every week to get the best outcome.

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Finally, we are looking at celebrating International Nurses Day on Friday, 12th May with a fun morning in the hall and inviting nurses to come and join us for morning tea and present them with a small gift.

ATV has yet to find a replacement for the Catering Supervisor, but the workshops with Peter Welfare (our ATV consultant) have identified improvements that are now in the process of implementing. In the meantime, Maria is happy to assist with other administrative duties. Peter is in the process of reviewing the 'Winter Menu' with the Senior management team. Once it has been finalised together with the dietician, we are hoping to roll it out at the end of May.

On a positive note, I would like to introduce you all to our two additions to the ATV family and please welcome Rea and Sangita. Both RNs are very experienced with extensive knowledge and skillsets in Aged Care settings.



Please welcome,
Rea (Left)



Please welcome,
Sangita (Right)

I would also like to welcome new staff who have joined the team in the last few weeks as well as welcoming back students completing their placements at ATV. To the GSO team, we welcome Dean and Sarah.

Another reminder to encourage all staff and families to also have their vaccination as mentioned in last month's newsletter, you can get your vaccine from your local pharmacy as well as your local GP. As flu vaccine is not mandatory for entering an Aged Care facility this season, you are not required to send a copy of your flu certificate through to ATV but as mentioned, we highly recommend to anyone eligible, to help keep our staff and residents safe.

I would like to extend our welcome to Mrs. Thi Tran and a welcome back to Mrs. Judith Davenport to our ATV family. We hope you enjoy your respite stay with us here at ATV. Our condolences to William Foller's family and friends he will be missed, may he rest in peace

On a final note, ATV will finally open up its gates to our HCP consumers who are invited back to the facility for a "Meet and Greet" information session on the 5th of May, followed by a lovely afternoon tea. All HCP consumers and their representatives are welcome to join. For those who have not RSVP for the event, please either call the office at (02) 9645 3388 or please send an email to - office.mgr@abeltasman.com.au Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Sophia Markwell

Morning Tea will be served in the Hall from 10.00am to 10.30am followed by activities commencing at 10.30am to 11.30am

The only exception will be on Wednesday when morning tea is at 10.30am

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HEMOCARE
HOMECARE



ABEL TASMAN
A culture of care



Happy Mother's Day

Welcome to you all to our May 2023 article,

The Autumn weather has begun with crisp, cool mornings and lovely sunny days to enjoy.

A meet and greet invitation has been delivered to all clients and representatives by snail mail and SMS. We are looking forward to see you Friday, May 5th from 10 – 12 pm. This will be a great session to attend to meet the team and also hear about the Aged Care Reforms coming in the homecare space.

There are changes coming as part of the Aged Care Reforms in aged care:

1.- **Consumer Advisory Body:**

One of the changes in the homecare environment is the requirement for homecare providers to offer the establishment of a **Consumer Advisory Body**. For Abel Tasman Village (as we have been an approved provider prior to 1/12/22), offers to establish a consumer advisory body must be made at least once a year from 1 December 2023. There will be more information coming to you over the next few months regarding the role and responsibilities of the Consumer Advisory Body. We will also be discussing this reform at the Meet and Greet on 5th May 2023. Stay tuned for more information!

2.- **The Work Value Case and the implications this may have on pricing of services:**

On 30th June 2023 the wage increase decided upon by the Fair Work Commission for aged care workers will be implemented. The increase to staff wages is 15% on award rates across most classifications in residential and homecare. The entire 15% may not apply to all our workers as our staff work under an Enterprise Agreement and some rates are already above the required increase. These changes may lead to a review in pricing for services as obviously our operational costs will increase. At this stage, the Federal Government has not fully committed to funding the entire increase. We will keep you updated as information comes to hand.

Margaret Russell, is supervising the accounts and billing information coming to you. We know the errors in statements have caused some frustration for you but we are hoping that you may have seen an improvement in the March 2023 statement. Margaret has advised she is available at any time should you have any issues or wish to speak with her. Please call the office on (02) 9645 3388 to speak with Margaret or to make a time for her to visit you.

Ongoing: The Homecare model regarding inclusion & exclusion items. It is important that you consult with me before purchasing items as your care plan needs to be reviewed for this and no reimbursement will be provided unless prior approval has been given. Included & Excluded items can also be found under your **Home Service Agreement, part F pages 30 – 33**. In addition, extra information can be located on:

<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-01/operational-manual-for-home-care-package-consumers.pdf> pages 60 - 73

Reminder to clients and representatives to check smoke alarms, heaters and all warming appliances as days are cooling down. If you need assistance with this please contact me.



Welcome to Dolores O'Halloran, Margarita Olivera and Edna Hulme to our pool of clients. Goodbye to our long standing clients Cecilia Segarra and Johanna Claassens. We wish them all the best in their new homes. Our best wishes to Bernie Smith and Mies Van Florestein, Alan Woodhouse, Catherine Johansen & Judith Davenport who are on a respite leave at present.











Happy birthday to Margarita Olivera who celebrates her birthday this month.

Warm regards, *Elizabett Fernandez*


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DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Monday	1	Tennis/Volleyball Competition Table Games with Bill	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Tuesday	2	Exercises with Physio Mother's Day Craft Bingo with Corey	Hall Hall	10.00am 11.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday	3	FOOD FOCUS MEETING Catholic Mass Coffee Get Together Executive Meeting Ladies group with Noreen "Create your own Vase"	Coffee Shop Hall Hall Coffee shop Hall	9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 2.30pm
Thursday	4	DODENHERDENKING Morning Tea Dutch Memorial Service Dutch Board Games	Dining Area Hall Hall	9.30am 10.30am 1.30pm
Friday	5	BEVRIJDINGSDAG Make your own healthy juice Dutch Liberation Day Happy Hour	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Saturday	6	Yahtzee with Effie Teacup Flower Arrangements with Effie King Charles Coronation	Hall Camellia Individual Rooms	10.00am 2.00pm 5.00pm
Sunday	7	Family and Friends Visit Braintrainer Plus	Individual Rooms Tulip Room	All Day All Day
Monday	8	Exercises with Physio Creating Kings Coronation decoration and decorating	Hall Hall	10.00am 1.30pm
Tuesday	9	KING CHARLES CORONATION King's Coronation Activities BBQ Lunch Bingo with Corey	Hall Hall Hall	10.00am 12.00pm 1.30pm
Wednesday	10	Hairdressing Service FOOD FOCUS MEETING Communion Service Coffee Get Together Residents' Meeting Musical Afternoon Music Bingo	Hairdressing Salon Coffee Shop Hall Hall Hall Individual Rooms Hall	9.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 2.00pm 1.30pm
Thursday	11	Mother's Day Concert with Tony Mazzell Volunteer Appreciation Gift Making and Preparations	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm

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Friday. 	12	INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY Special Morning Tea and Nurses Day Activities Happy Hour	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Saturday 	13	Bingo with Marja Mothers' Day Craft	Hall Camellia	10.00am 2.00pm
Sunday 	14	MOTHERS DAY Braintrainer Plus Friends and Family visits	Tulip Room Individual Rooms	All Day 2.00pm
Monday 	15	Making Apple Turnovers Carpet Bowls with Bill Target Putt Putt	Coffee Shop Hall Hall	10.00am 10.00am 1.30pm
Tuesday	16	Exercises with Physio Bingo with Corey	Hall	10.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday 	17	Catholic Mass Coffee and Chat FOOD FOCUS MEETING Pampering session	Hall Hall Hall Tulip Room	10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 2.00pm
Thursday 	18	Volunteer's Appreciation Day Morning Tea with Residents Walking Group and Collecting Autumn Leaves	Hall Front of Coffee shop	10.00am 2.00pm
Friday 	19	Non-Denominational Service with Rev Dennis Muldoon Tablet games Happy Hour	Hall Hall Hall	10.00am 11.15am 2.00pm
Saturday 	20	Yahtzee with Effie Coffee and Chat Pampering and Relaxation	Hall Hall Individual Rooms and Camellia	10.00am 11.00am 2.00pm
Sunday	21	BrainTrainerPlus Friends and Family visits	Tulip Room Individual Rooms	All Day All Day
Monday	22	Dutch Activities Table Bobs Corn Hole Game	Tulip Room Hall Hall	10.00am 10.00am 1.30pm
Tuesday	23	Exercises with Physio Bingo with Corey	Hall Hall	10.00am 1.30pm

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Wednesday 	24	Hairdressing Service Catholic Mass with Father Maurice Coffee Get Together FOOD FOCUS MEETING Gelato Bar	Hairdressing Salon Hall Hall Hall	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00AM 02.00pm
Thursday 	25	Monthly Birthday Party with Herman Herman Concert Sjoelbak	Hall Camellia Hall	10.00am 2.00pm 1.30pm
Friday 	26	Non-Denominational Service with Rev Muldoon End of Autumn Celebration	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Saturday 	27	Bingo with Marja Juicing Friends and Family visits	Hall Camellia Individual Rooms	10.00am 2.00pm 2.00pm
Sunday	28	Friends and Family visits BrainTrainerPlus	Individual Rooms Tulip Room	All Day All Day
Monday	29	Target games with Bill Memory games with Effie	Hall Hall	10.00am 2.00pm
Tuesday	30	Exercises with Physio Bingo with Corey	Hall Hall	10.00am 1.30pm
Wednesday	31	Online Mass Comedy Afternoon and a cuppa	Hall on Screen Hall / Individual Rooms	10.00am 1.30pm

Breakfast: 8.00am
Morning Tea: 10.00am
Lunch: 12.00pm
Afternoon Tea: 3.00pm
Dinner: 5.00pm

Pension Days: 4th and 18th May 2023
Podiatrist: Wednesday, 2nd and 16th May 2023



MARINUS VERMUNT 8TH

IRENA WASZCZUK 22ND

JEANNETTE SEQUEIRA 24th

ADRIANA VERMUNT 25TH

ALFRED BORG 28TH

LIUDMILA IZOSSIMOVA 29TH

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EASTER



We grew easter grass, painted and decorated eggs, held an Easter Raffle spoon race and finished with an Egg and Spoon Race.

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We held our annual ANZAC Service in the hall on Thursday, 20th April and commemorated 50 years of the ending of the Vietnam War. There was also an inaugural ANZAC Service in Camellia.

In attendance were General Manager (Sophia), Business Manager (Margaret), Office Manager (Michelle), residents and volunteers Bill (Bugle) Marius (photographer) and the Lifestyle Team. Wonderful participation by residents bringing the Symbols of War and Marjory for reciting a poem.

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