



Good News Ahead!

How much fun can we have between now and Christmas? It's hard to believe another month has gone by since our last Connect. The year is going so very quickly and it's now less than three months until we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thankfully, community transmission of Covid is decreasing and we can look forward to enjoying some Covid safe events leading up to Christmas day. We are starting to look to the future and plan just what the 'new normal' may look like for the Maroba Community.

Even though it has been rather chilly lately, with the commencement of daylight saving last weekend, there will soon be more opportunity to take advantage of the warm weather and extra daylight. We look forward to our residents being able to take more walks in the grounds and remember too, that you are welcome to enjoy a stroll or simply enjoy a quiet sit outside in the sunshine when you visit your loved one.

Our Social and Engagement team organised a surprise function on Thursday October 1, 2020 with Daniel entertaining our residents on Zoom. Whilst this is not quite the same as a face to face experience, we are all looking forward to having a form of in house music again, as it undoubtedly provides for a wonderful atmosphere at the function. Of course, festive outfits, beverages and treats too will also add authenticity and flavour to the occasion. We continue to have regular conversations with the Public Health Unit and look forward to being able to invite our regular entertainers back to Maroba when it is deemed safe to do so.

By the way, have you heard that residents who return from hospital no longer have to isolate for 14 days? Isn't that great news? This Public Health Unit decision was amended after we advocated on behalf of our residents who have really struggled with this requirement. Residents will now only have to isolate if they have cold/flu like symptoms and are waiting on Covid-19 test results.

Now that the borders are starting to open up in some states and limited interstate travel is again an option, some of you may have already activated plans for the October long weekend and school holidays. If this is the case for you, please remember to stay Covid and Travel safe so that you return well, refreshed, and ready to share your getaway stories with us.

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How wonderful? Maroba is a finalist in the Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award, part of the 2020 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards. The winner will be announced on 20 November 2020.



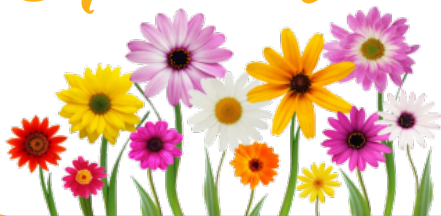
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SOUL CAFE - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING

Soul Café Newcastle has a bare cupboard of basic hygiene products and is calling for donations. They give out 80-100 packs a week to locally disadvantaged community members and provide free meals. We love to help our community and are calling on donations of products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc (preferably travel size) that we can donate to this worthy charity. A box will be at Reception for the month of October. Thank you for your support!



CURRENT VISITATION ARRANGEMENTS

- ♦ Visiting Monday to Friday 10-4.30pm
- ♦ Social distancing in place
- ♦ Remember to practice good hand hygiene
- ♦ Maximum 2 visitors allowed in the facility at any one time
- ♦ No masks are required to be worn
- ♦ All visitors must show proof they are vaccinated for influenza. This is a legislative requirement. If we don't have a copy of your certificate on file please ensure you bring one with you, either e-copy or a hard copy.
- ♦ Visitors are able to use the coffee machine, however please do not congregate in the Café areas. Please go straight to your relatives rooms, or find a sunny spot outside in the Maroba grounds (BYO chairs is encouraged)
- ♦ Outbreak areas change regularly. Currently there are areas of concern in Western Sydney. If you live, have visited or have friends who have visited you that live in Western Sydney, please ring Reception to check the area and if you are able to visit. Please do this prior to visiting Maroba to avoid disappointment

Please note that we receive guidance from NSW Health on a regular basis. Outbreak areas can change suddenly. If in doubt as to whether you can visit, please ring Maroba Reception to enquire further.

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

1st prize \$150 Visa card

2nd prize chocolate basket

\$1 each or 3 for \$2

Tickets are available at Reception

*Drawn 13 October at our Staff
and Resident Pink Day*



New electronic sign in system installed

If you have visited Maroba recently, you will have noticed some changes to our sign in procedure. We have recently installed Coolgard to streamline our screening processes at the entrance to the Manor. It won't be long until we can roll this out in The Lodge so please check in first at The Manor. On your first use you will be asked to set up an account (you won't have to remember a password!) and then you will be prompted to answer some questions whilst your temperature is taken automatically. Please read all questions carefully and answer to the best of your knowledge, as they will be updated regularly as per the Health alerts.

Please be assured the information captured on Coolgard will only be shared with Hunter New England's Public Health Unit at their request for the purpose of contact tracing should there be an outbreak of Covid-19 at Maroba.



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Aloha! Residents of Waratah recently enjoyed an Hawaiian themed morning.

Eric and Val Nicolle celebrated 65 years of marriage with a lovely lunch in a corner of The Junction Cafe.



The Dad's were spoilt for Fathers Day.
Thanks to staff member Helen Majdandzic and Rotary, Waratah for the lovely gifts.