



Message from the CEO

It's that wonderful time of year when we all start making a list and then checking it twice. Here at Maroba, we too have the joy of creating a new Maroba Christmas card, recheck our list of recipients so that they are ready for me to write a message with heartfelt Christmas blessings. On a personal note, I have already done my Covid Safe shopping and even completed the wrapping so that if my wheels fall off at the last minute, at least the gifts will find their way to my friends and loved ones. How about you?



There is plenty of time to buy or better still, create a unique gift for that special person. It might be a handmade card that reflects your artistic flare, it might be a decoration or handmade ornament that only you could put together. In a world where we have so much, there is something very special about a gift no one else can make or duplicate as they are unique, having been thoughtfully and lovingly created by you.

If you are like me, you might enjoy some craft time or colouring in time to help you unwind. So why not put that to good use and make some gifts? Gifts are a wonderful gesture to show our love, our care and our generosity to others - yes even if we keep giving and don't receive a thing in return. Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Surely this teaches us that there is real joy in the act of giving and let me add, especially when it is done with pure motives.

That is what Christmas is about,
God gave us the greatest gift
of all - His only begotten Son,

Heaven's darling, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. John 3:16 tells us 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' This is why we proclaim that it is Jesus who is the reason for the season, and it is the gift that He offers to humanity that is the cornerstone of our Christian Faith.

We are at a time in history where things are looking very challenging. Indeed, Covid has shaken up everything that the world called 'normal', took for granted and depended upon, and now, nothing is like it once was. Climate change too is challenging the world eco systems and in our lifetimes, we are seeing the extinction of many vulnerable species that future generations will only see pictures of. There are wars and battles over territories and riches and we are left wondering where we will find Hope.

So, when you give or receive a gift or a card this Christmas take a moment to reflect on the Hope that is on hand through the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Look for the opportunity to reach out to others to share the good news of Christmas, and make sure you share the eternal hope that Jesus brings to a world in turmoil. Most importantly share that hope and love with all those who are such a vital and rich part of the fabric of your life. This love... the message of love Christmas brings, can be with or without wrapping! Let's all try to be the Love we are looking for.

- Viv



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Covid Booster Shots

A friendly reminder

We are now holding regular Covid Booster clinics. We asked for Consent forms to be completed last month and just over half of our residents have so far consented to receiving a booster shot.

With new variants of Covid emerging, the low uptake in Booster shots is concerning as it does put the whole of our Maroba community at risk.

So, we are calling out once more to our family members and those who would normally consent to medical matters on behalf of their loved one. If you have not already consented for your loved one to receive their Booster shot, can we encourage you to please complete the Consent form as a matter of priority so that when the recommended time for the Booster shot is due we are able to administer the shot without delay.

The Consent form is available on our website under 'Contact Us'.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Message from the Spiritual Care Team

Christmas is upon us.. at least that's what the TV and shops are telling us! Quite loudly at times. You may absolutely love the hype of Christmas or you may be dreading the complexities of family gatherings and Covid restrictions.. but whatever your view, it really is a special time of year. And for Christians it has so much meaning packed into it.

I'm sure you all agree we need something to celebrate after the last few years. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of a baby, which is always a wonderful event to celebrate. But this baby

called Jesus, happened to bring something unique into this world. God clothed in humanity, offering hope, peace, joy, faith and new life. Now that

is something worth celebrating.

We asked a few of our residents what Christmas means to them.

Ziggy said there is a Polish tradition of giving presents and having a celebration supper on Christmas Eve. It ends with a midnight mass and night cap drinks afterwards.

Jean and Verlie said it was all about family – the one special day of the year when everyone gets together.

Lorna said it is all about holidays at the beach.

However you spend Christmas this year, whether it is as you planned or not, we pray that Christ's gift of joy, peace and hope enriches your time together with family and friends.

Spiritual care team.

Jo and Annita



▲ Jo

► Annita

Christmas Visitation arrangements

To assist with staffing over the 4 day period we have a Christmas Intention Form for families to complete. This form accompanied Update #72 emailed on 11 November 2021. This form lets us know intentions for in room visits, visits in the grounds of Maroba and video chats. If families are planning on taking their loved one out of the facility, we ask that the Day Excursion form (available on the

website under Contact Us) also be completed.

We are aware the current NSW Health recommendations may change between now and Christmas and if they do, we will advise and amend our visiting arrangements accordingly. Meantime, we do need a plan for this busy 4 day period and this information will greatly assist us to manage the high

number of visitors expected over this period, in particular on Christmas Day.

Thank you once again for your co-operation.

The Maroba Connect will return in February 2022.

Remembrance Day 2021

11 November 2021

A day to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have died since World War 1.



SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Last month residents participated in a range of activities that included Melbourne Cup celebrations, Armchair Travel and an evening of craft making Christmas decorations.



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