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BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays this month included:

In Citrus Grove we celebrate the birthday of

- Lindsay Burrows
- Lee Pond
- Mary Jauncey

In Olive Grove & Jacaranda we celebrate the birthdays of

- Pat Wyss
- Joy De Burgh Morrison

In Magnolia we celebrate the birthday of

- Marjorie Thunder
- Merle Marriot

NEW ADMISSIONS

We would like to extend a very warm Rosewood welcome to our new residents:

- John Rogers
- Jenny Jenkins
- Lola Tsolakis
- Michael Tsolakis



*Happy Birthday
to you all!*





STAFF UPDATES



Chrisanthi Koutsoukos – Catering Service Manager

Chris is our new Catering Service Manager she has an extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Catering she gained trade Certification - chef and a Diploma in Nutrition. Her cooking career has mostly been in aged care – 5 years at Swan Care Group, Bentley park as a chef, 6 Years with Aegis Aged care and recently worked in the UK for 2.5 years as an Executive Chef for a contract catering company that serviced Primary & Secondary colleges.

In her spare time Chris loves to make food for people, whether at work or home. She was 9 years old when she cooked her first ever roast dinner at home and she hasn't stopped since! Apart from cooking Chris loves to roller skate she's known at skate ramps and is even a part of a member called CIB - Chicks in Bowls. She also enjoys travelling anywhere that is not cold. She likes to go Mediterranean countries – Spain, Portugal, Italy & Greece.

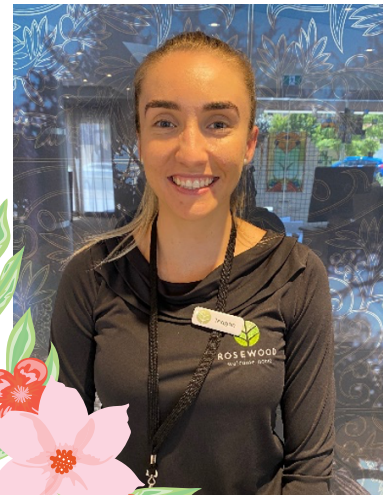
Welcome to the Rosewood Family Chris!

Teagan McGrath – Receptionist

Teagan is our new Receptionist and commenced with Rosewood at the start of February 2021. Her duties include greeting family and friends that come into the facility and guiding them through the sign in process, answering the phone and other varied administration tasks.

Teagan was born in Geelong Victoria she grew up in the area of Torquay. Her previous job before working for Rosewood was a Strata Manager. In her spare time, she likes to play netball and cuddle with her cavoodle dog Louie.

Please welcome our newest member to the Rosewood family Teagan!



PARKING



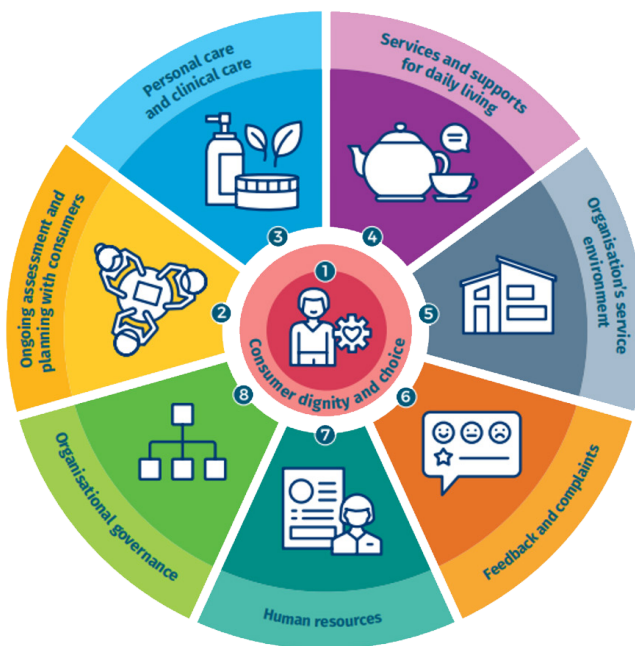
We have recently received some requests for people to park more considerably in the street. On Wavertree Place, if the first-person parking stopped right at the line, three cars could fit in that space. The situation is similar on Britannia Rd. Please consider your fellow visitors and park considerably.



CLINICAL CORNER: YOUR CHOICE

The current focus of the current Aged Care Standards is on resident choice. At Rosewood we strive to be able to cater to the choices that you make, even if it poses some risks to your health and safety. The standards highlight the importance of your sense of self. They also highlight the importance of you being able to act independently and make your own choices. These are all important in fostering social inclusion, health and well-being in the facility.

Simple things such as being able to enjoy a specific brand of food or being able to play activities like table tennis are all examples of individual choice that we try to promote at Rosewood. As relatives you can also advocate for your loved one's if you are aware of their preferences. If anything comes to mind, do let the nurse know and we can try and integrate it into your care plan. You can read more about the Aged Care and Quality Standards on the ACQSC website.



RISK



All of life involves risk – in fact, we all take risks every day. Driving, walking on the footpath and even eating all involve some risk. At Rosewood, we understand the “dignity of risk”, and recognise your right to take risks if you wish to. Some of the common risks taken in aged care include:

- Choosing to wear unsafe footwear such as high heels, which increases the risk of falls
- Smoking
- Drinking alcohol in excess of government guidelines
- Undertaking an activity that could result in injury, such as carpentry
- Going out of the facility unaccompanied

In this situation, we may ask you or your loved one to sign a Risk Acknowledgement Form. One of Rosewood's clinical staff and your General Practitioner will also complete and sign the form.

We will do all that we can to mitigate the risks inherent in the activity you wish to undertake, but we want you to live your life and enjoy it as much as possible, so we accept your choices.





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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES

3 February 2021

Update on Australia's COVID-19 vaccines for residential aged care facilities

The Australian Government has a strategy to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to everyone living in Australia. The [vaccine roll-out roadmap](#) outlines the staged roll-out of the vaccine to priority groups, which is expected to commence from late-February 2021.

A COVID-19 vaccine is just one part of keeping our community safe and healthy. It is important for everyone to continue and maintain COVIDSafe practises, such as hand hygiene, physical distancing and wearing masks when required, particularly in residential aged care facilities (RACFs).

Residential aged care workers and residents will be among the first people who can choose to receive the vaccine in the first roll-out phase (Phase 1a).

More information about the roll-out is outlined in the [Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#) and the [COVID-19 Vaccines National Roll-Out Strategy](#).



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Vaccine safety and effectiveness

The Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) rigorous assessment process of potential COVID-19 vaccines will ensure approved vaccines are safe and effective.

All vaccines are thoroughly tested for safety before they are approved for use in Australia. This includes careful analysis of clinical trial data, ingredients, chemistry, manufacturing and other factors.

The Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has been provisionally approved by the TGA for people 16 years and older. The approval is subject to strict conditions, and Pfizer will be required to continue providing information to the TGA on the safety, efficacy and quality of the vaccine. More information on this approval is available on the [Department of Health's website](#).

Provisional approval of the University of Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is currently anticipated in February, subject to approval by the TGA.

How the vaccine will be distributed to RACFs and administered in the first phase

The Australian Government is responsible for leading the implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program for the large majority of RACFs in consultation with peak bodies and state and territory governments. However, NSW, SA and VIC state governments will have responsibility for leading the vaccine roll out to their state run RACFs.

RACFs have a key role to play in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

Administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to residential aged care workers and residents will be done by an in-reach Commonwealth vaccination workforce. This means an additional skilled vaccine workforce, separate to the RACF workers, will work in partnership with facilities and be trained to visit RACFs and administer the vaccine to workers and residents. More information on this workforce is available on the [Department of Health's website](#).

NSW, SA and VIC state governments will provide further information on the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to residents and workers in their state run RACFs.

More information on consent and registering people for vaccination will be available soon.

COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary, but strongly encouraged

COVID-19 vaccines will be safe, free and voluntary for everyone living in Australia.

While the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) strongly encourages COVID-19 vaccination, at this time AHPPC has not recommended mandating COVID-19 vaccination for the aged care workforce. The AHPPC will continue to monitor the situation and update its advice accordingly.

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Keep up to date with trusted information

The Department of Health will continue to provide updates.

You can find information, including translated information, on the Department of Health's [COVID-19 vaccines website](#). You can also subscribe to receive the [COVID-19 Vaccines Update](#).