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Thanks, Liz, for keeping the Montecillo gardens looking so fabulous. We have received so many compliments. 🌸 We love your visits; you are always so cheerful and passionate about the plants.

Pictured below is Frank with his feet free from footwear, feeling the grass. Frank celebrated his 100th birthday in December 2023. Sometimes, it's the little things that can bring so much joy! 🌱

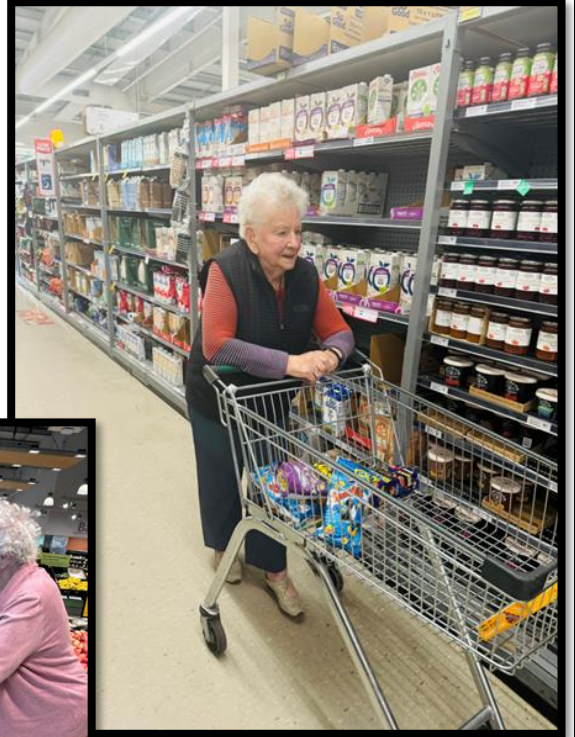




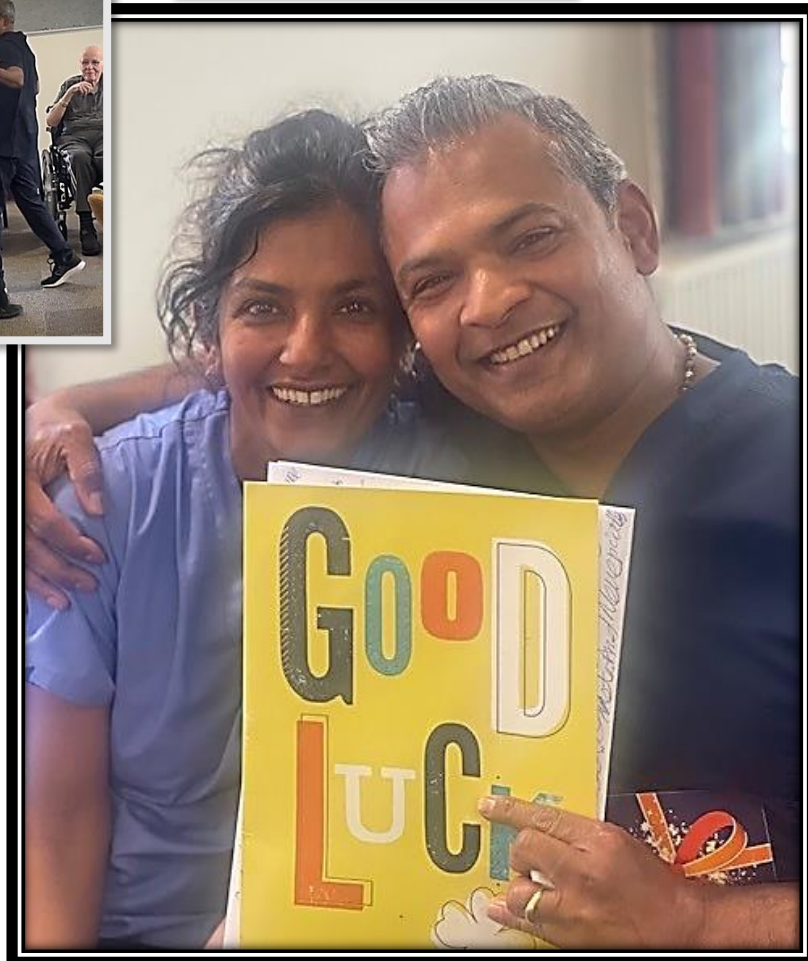
Indoor Broom Golf was enjoyed immensely.



Out & About



Best
Wishes
Sachin





HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY



Rhythmix Entertainment Group



Thank you, Roy, for this wonderful Velcro Dart Board





Here is our trip adventuring today!
We went to Tunnel beach, Brighton for an ice cream and out to visit Mosgiel.

Everyone was in good spirit's coming home. It was lovely taking out some residents that don't often get to go out.





Maxium (Max) Cedrick Campbell Cuthbertson. (pictured on the right, with fellow resident Les Ramage).

- **Where were you born?**
- **Down the road at the maternity home on Prince Albert Road.**

- **When were you born?**
- **1945**

- **Navy reserve -**
- **What made you chose the navy?**
- **I built boats and was around boats as a young buck. I was riding a dingy down the river at Brighton at 4 years old so it made sense that I do something meaningful around Boats.**

- **Where did you serve?**
- **Toroa - I was based in Dunedin as there weren't any wars in my day.**

- **How old were you when you joint the navy?**
- **I joint the navy at 16 it was around 1962.**

- **What is one achievement in your life you would like to share with the Montecillo community?**
- **My Family. I am so proud of them all.**

Thanks to Bruce Malcolm and Port Otago For the Defibrillator



At a family meeting, it was discussed that it would be good to fundraise for a defibrillator, for the facility.

Bruce kindly offered to approach Port Otago and in very little time at all, he was in touch to inform Lynley & Jane that yes, Port Otago were happy to donate this to Montecillo.

The defibrillator is now showing on the AED location app, for the local community to have access to it if required.

Margaret (wife of Bruce) enjoyed flower arranging, with several residents along with Chevonne.

We are always grateful for donations of low scented flowers & foliage, to keep the dining area looking fabulous.



Poolburn Reservoir – one of Richards favourite spots.

(Photo supplied by volunteer Roy – a very good friend of Richards)



As always, a huge thank you to Richard (and Dana) for all you do @ Montecillo. Daily newspaper readings are thoroughly enjoyed.

**Farewell
and
Good Luck**
Miriana



Cherie – Music Therapist



Robyn Entertainer



Cherie comes in approx. six weekly & hands out an assortment of instruments for the residents to play, while she sings and strums the guitar. All songs, very familiar.

Robyn, Sue, Trevor, Graeme & Ben, Rhythmix, Over 60's group, & Ian have all been entertaining at Happy Hour on Fridays. It is wonderful to see the lounge full of residents singing to words of songs that they know so well. Some residents enjoy a wee alcoholic beverage and some just a wee lemonade, with the wonderful food supplied by the kitchen.

Thanks for Welcoming me

I joined the team here @ Montecillo at the end of August. I am enjoying my role as Activities Coordinator.

I am a Mum of 3 children. My husband and I have a golden retriever & a pug.

I have previous health care assistance experience and have always enjoyed trying to brighten someone's day.

I am always happy to be offered new ideas for activities and welcome all support from family and friends of residents. We have a few family members & volunteers already contributing to activities and we can't thank you enough for all you do.

Kind regards

Chevonne



Residents enjoy their visit to Amanda for a Haircut.





The last couple of weeks we have been lucky to have students from Queens high school come to speak to groups of our ladies speaking about the cost of living, the different ways of living and how food was brought/grown back in the day.

The ladies have enjoyed speaking of the "good easy days" and being able to reminisce.

Many residents enjoyed seeing the '54 Chevrolet Impala



Our Very Own Runaway Girl – Good Luck in your New Adventures Lydia !



Welcome to Angel



Kia ora! My name is Angel and I'm excited to be joining the team at Montecillo as an Activities Coordinator. I was born and raised in Dunedin and currently live with my family and 4 dogs out in Mosgiel.

In my spare time I love to teach myself all sorts of crafts. I particularly enjoy cake decorating, macrame and creating things with my Cricut machine. I am very excited to be able to share these skills with the residents here at Montecillo and look forward to getting to know everyone!

Hello residents, family & friends of Montecillo,

We are genuinely very proud of the wide range of activities on offer. There is just too much to include it all in this newsletter, but some of our most enjoyed activities would be the ladies having their one-on-one manicures, choosing from the large range of nail varnish; Housie on Tuesdays and Thursdays, outings in the car & van with Chevonne & Angel, including an ice-cream at Brighton dairy. Friday Happy Hour is popular with a variety of wonderful entertainers, most weeks. Arts & crafts and cooking & flower arranging feature often on the planner.

We are very grateful to our volunteers, Richard (& Dana), Cecily, Roy & Anne, for all you do.

One resident has been enjoying folding laundry every weekday, and another has enjoyed occasionally preparing vegetables.

Please join us on Thursday 25th @ 1100hrs for our Anzac Day Service in the carpark at Montecillo. We welcome all family and friends to attend. We hope to have the livestream available for residents to view from the lounge or from their own tv in the bedrooms. Channel 39 is no longer available, so we believe the ODT online site will stream the dawn service.

The images on the following (last page of the newsletter) are of the Remembrance Garden. (This acknowledges residents that have passed away between April 2023 – April 2024). Image 2 is of the wonderful mural created by the residents and activities team, with cupcake liners and pipe cleaners. Angel added the finishing touches with her Cricut machine.

Well, done to the team here at Montecillo. We all chip in to support each other. That's what makes Montecillo, such a great place to be.

Thanks so much to all the families, residents & staff that have contributed to our activity's fundraiser recently, by donating prizes or purchasing tickets. We raised approx. \$450.00.



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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

