

TOOWOOMBA AUGUST 2023

Christmas comes early

Forget December, July is always a good month to celebrate Christmas, right? It's the closest us Queenslanders will get to enjoying a 'white Christmas'!





Jingle **bells**









Pictured: With festive decorations, a traditional lunch feast and even a visit from the big man in red, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was December 25. Big thanks to our favourite, Cathy Drummond, for bringing the entertainment.

Service Manager's note

Firstly, thankyou to Eleanor for sitting in my place while I put my feet up for a few weeks. Everyone loved seeing a fresh face in the Manager's seat with positive feedback being received from the staff through to the residents.

Our Christmas in July event was a big hit in the community recently with the Lifestyle Team continuing to kick some serious goals with the activities on offer for our residents. For such a large community, it is both a challenge and ultimately an achievement to provide quality activities for all. During the week beginning August 7, our community will be celebrating International Aged Care Employee Day - but for the week! We are planning activities for the week and I hope you will join us in thanking our employees during this time for their continuing dedication and care for our residents.



















Pictured above: We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Kreate It' painting workshop recently. What a fantastic morning we had and, as you can see, the residents were concentrating their hearts out while painting the lesson's theme: a parrot, on canvas.

This activity has so many instant benefits that can improve our residents' mental health and wellbeing. And, of course, it stretches their creativity and imaginations. One of our residents decided she didn't want to paint a bird, but a picture she had designed herself of a waterfall in Fiji - and so she did!

Leanne LIFESTYLE TEAM LEADER

Key local personnel

Service Manager: Tony McKenzie toowoombacaresm@palmlake.com.au Service Manager Support: Edward Townsend **Customer Experience:** Fran van Riet Admin: Louise King Clinical Manager: Jodi Harms Clinical Nurses: Pranita Tamang and Karynne Paull Lifestyle Team Leader: Leanne O'Rourke Housekeeping Team Leader: Tiann Opperman Maintenance: Jason Schwerin Chef Manager: Larry Fernando



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