

# Open Door

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# Open Door in 2020

## There are a few changes coming in 2020 for the Open Door.

At McKenzie, we're constantly working to improve the content and delivery of our internal communications so that you stay involved and up to date with what is going on in each home and what is happening with McKenzie Aged Care Group as a company. We've reviewed our popular Open Door magazine and we're introducing a few changes to improve its relevance to you and ensure that you are kept in the loop.

The Open Door Magazine will now be published twice a year. It will include recent highlights at McKenzie Aged Care, information about our latest projects to make McKenzie better, while still providing a snapshot of the fantastic activities in our homes.

The magazine will be available in communal areas in each home, as well as digitally on each home's Facebook page and our McKenzie website - [mckenzieacg.com](http://mckenzieacg.com).

## Celebrating Go Beyond Winners!

**OUR ANNUAL GO BEYOND AWARDS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS. OVER 400 OF OUR STAFF AND RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBERS TOOK THE TIME TO NOMINATE OUR MCKENZIE PEOPLE.**

Joyful stories were shared retelling the fun created for our residents. Moving stories told of the dedicated compassion shown to families and residents on their final journey. Most of all, these stories demonstrated how important it is to all of us to work with passionate, honest and hardworking co-workers.

Each of our winners were celebrated at one of three special lunches hosted by members of the executive team and the Partners.

At each lunch, we asked our Facility Managers to talk about their winners and they all had such lovely words to say.



*Brett Rice, Kate Gray, Mary Scott, Andrew Newton and Peter Corrigan, McKenzie's Senior Leadership Team eager to celebrate our well deserving Go Beyond Winners*



## Northern Queensland



*The winners from our Northern Queensland homes.*



*All smiles while enjoying the delicious food and wine.*

## Southern Queensland & New South Wales



*Mary-Ann McKenzie, with our honoured guests and members of our Leadership Team.*



*The winners from our Southern Queensland and NSW homes.*

## Victoria



*Our Victorian Go Beyond Winners enjoying the sunshine.*



*Wining and dining with a magnificent view of Port Phillip Bay.*

# Remembrance Day

At Mckenzie, we recognise this special day on the 11th November, across our homes with ceremonies and events dedicated to honouring our loved ones who took part in the Australian Armed Forces.

Discussions and memories are shared, a single red poppy to mark Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day marks the end of the First World War and is used to remember all our fallen and serving war heroes. In Australia, we pause for one minute of silence at 11am to show our respect.



*Seaton Place gather for their service*



*SandBrook pay tribute to the fallen*



*The Ormsby (above and below) sharing stories on Remembrance Day*



*Raffles (left and right) made beautiful wreaths*



# Lynbrook gents get a surprise this Father's Day

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The gentlemen of Lynbrook had an early Father's Day surprise with a special lunch and drinks in the theatre, followed by a guest speaker.

Ivan, a friend of Janine (Lifestyle Assistant), joined the gentlemen for lunch and then spent time talking cars with the fellows. We enjoyed the 1940 Buick in beautiful condition.

A wonderful afternoon was spent reminiscing and sharing stories of the past. Conversation flowed with the auto enthusiasts in the group admiring the car's beautiful interior and discussing engines and horsepower. They don't make cars like they used to!



*Don appreciated the classic Buick styling.*



*Nelson checks out the cream Buick interior of yesteryear.*

## A Winter Wonderland at The Ashley



*The wonderful decorations, cookies and desserts prepared by our amazing staff.*

### FLASHBACK TO OUR CHRISTMAS IN JULY CELEBRATIONS.

In contrast to the hot weather we have been experiencing over December, The Ashley created a Winter Wonderland for our residents last July. Christmas in July just happened to fall on the coldest day in Melbourne in 2019!

Snowmen made from rice and socks provided a wintery backdrop to the freshly baked and decorated cookies and a mouth-watering dessert of profiteroles with berries, raspberry coulis and whipped cream went down a treat.

It was a collaborative effort from the chefs and Lifestyle Team to deliver such a beautiful and festive event to our residents.

# McKenzie Residences bring the EKKA home

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) is a celebration showcasing the best of Queensland's Agriculture. Offering live entertainment, award-winning food, carnival rides and more.

A few of our McKenzie homes decided to bring the main attractions to their residents with farm animals, puppet shows and showbags.

It was great to see the smiles on everyone's faces. The baby goats were definitely a crowd pleaser.

Thank you to our amazing Lifestyle Teams for organising such a wonderful day for residents and staff, we look forward to seeing you top it next year!



*Seaton residents enjoying thier ice cream & petting the farm animals*



*Glasshouse Views brought out all the props for the occasion!*





*Enjoying a sweet treat*



*The Clown and I*



*CapellaBay residents enjoying their show bags*



*Seabrook - Sideshows and a Haunted House attraction*



*Bribie Cove - Sideshow*



*Bribie Cove - The goats enjoy a pat*



# Spring Racing Season!

When Melbourne Cup comes around each year, it's time to dust off the fascinators and participate in a day full of entertaining games, delicious food and of course, racing!

Melbourne Cup is celebrated by all our homes in their own way - Photobooths, viewing parties and this year Glasshouse Views swapped horses for dogs and entered them into the big race.

There were prizes for best dressed, best hat and everyone who entered the sweep had their eye on the big screen hoping to take the win!



*The Terraces prize winners & residents pose with handmade frame prop*



*The race is on at Buderim Views.*



*The race that stops a nation had everyone's attention at The Ormsby.*



*Glasshouse Views decided to race some of their furry friends for their very own Cup.*



*Champagne and hats at CapellaBay to celebrate the race.*

# FOOTY FEVER & FINALS!



*The game is on at Raffles*



*Beer and Pies at SandBrook*

Footy season is an exciting time of the year, bringing our residents together to watch the big games.

With the Richmond Tigers taking the win for the AFL and the Sydney Roosters our NRL champions, we had some happy residents and staff out there.

We had beer, pies and footy tipping across some of our homes. At McKenzie, we love any excuse to get together with great company and yummy food, thanks to our wonderful chefs!

## Harmony & Greenery at The Terraces

Recently, The Terraces opened their newly renovated level 2 Garden. Neil Sproule (Facility Manager) and one of our beloved residents, Josie officially cut the ribbon.

Whilst relaxing in the garden, we took a moment to quiz Neil and other fond gardeners on the types of plants used within the garden. We have some real green thumbs at The Terraces. When you take a walk through the garden you'll see an array of beautiful plants and a new water feature that represents Harmony.



*Josie cutting the ribbon*



*Our Harmony water feature*



*Neil and Josie*



# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Every year, McKenzie Aged Care communities across Australia are visited by a select group of Santa's Elves to help decorate Christmas trees and kick off the festive season.

This tradition sparks the Christmas Spirit across our 17 homes with residents, staff and families joining in activities throughout December. Some of our many events include Carols by Candlelight, visits from Santa, Christmas crafts, decorating competitions and the resident favourite - Christmas Light bus tours around the local area.

At McKenzie, our residents are like family, we invite their families and loved ones to join ours for Christmas celebrations, including a traditional hot lunch and entertainment. Some families choose to take their loved ones out on Christmas Day and it's always heart-warming to hear how different families celebrate together when they return home.



*Some of our amazing McKenzie Christmas Elves who help put up our special Christmas Trees.*



*SandBrook residents happy with their amazing Christmas Tree and gingerbread houses*



*The Terraces show off their festive hats*





*Early Christmas Lunch at Charlesbrook (above and below)*



*Sutton Park puts their best festive baking skills forward*



*The Ormsby's first Christmas Trees*



*Sally McKenzie (pictured on the right) helped with the tree decorating at Lynbrook Park*

## McKenzie Locations

### Queensland

#### Bribie Cove

199-213 Goodwin Drive  
Bongaree QLD

#### Buderim Views

383 Mooloolaba Road  
Buderim QLD

#### CapellaBay

260 Old Cleveland Road East  
Capalaba QLD

#### GlasshouseViews

96 Peachester Road  
Beerwah QLD

#### SandBrook

10 Executive Drive  
Burleigh Waters QLD

#### Seabrook

15-29 Bonton Avenue  
Deception Bay QLD

#### Seaton Place

111 Smith Street  
Cleveland QLD

#### The Ormsby

112 Burnett Street  
Buderim QLD

#### The Terraces

74 University Drive  
Varsity Lakes QLD

### Victoria

#### Charlesbrook

1 Innisfallen Avenue  
Templestowe VIC

#### Lynbrook Park

42 Olive Road  
Lynbrook VIC

#### Newmans on the Park

33 Newmans Road  
Templestowe VIC

#### Rosebrook

441 Waterfall Gully Road  
Rosebud VIC

#### Sutton Park

126-134 Exford Road  
Melton South VIC

#### The Ashley

17-21 Ashley Street  
Reservoir VIC

### New South Wales

#### Heritage Lodge

194 Byangum Road  
Murwillumbah NSW

#### Raffles

Peregrine Drive  
Tweed Heads South NSW

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# NAIDOC Week at Buderim Views



On the 7th July, Buderim Views welcomed a teacher and two aids from Chancellor College who gave up their time to come and share the art of Dot Painting. The residents used this experience to develop their very own beautiful art piece in conjunction with NAIDOC Week.

The residents were a bit shy at first, however once the guests shared some Aboriginal stories and homemade wattle seed fudge, they soon warmed up for the activity.

Buderim Views residents had an amazing time and were so very proud of their artwork.

The artwork now proudly hangs in the piano lounge for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy!



## Find your residence on Facebook

Did you know McKenzie Aged Care Group and all of our residences now have their own Facebook pages? It's a great way for residents and family members to stay in touch. Also for staff to share photos of our many and varied activities. Make sure you friend us to see all our updates. There are plenty more photos and videos of the fun we get up to.

Just search for 'Facility Name – McKenzie Aged Care Group'.



## Give us your feedback!

A feedback form can be found at the reception of all residences. We'd love to hear from residents and families.

