

Dear residents and representatives

As we start to see the sunshine emerge from what has felt like and incredibly long winter, we are pleased to note that we currently remain COVID free at Boneham. We are preparing for our usual influx of COVID cases however over the Christmas/New Year period which is fast approaching. Please remember to avoid visiting if you have any cold or flu symptoms to keep COVID at bay for as long as we can whilst we continue to build our stocks of PPE and Rapid Antigen Tests over coming weeks.

We have come down a little from our recent high spirits over our successful grant application to contribute \$9.5 million of the \$11.5 million dollar cost towards the construction of a dementia specific extension to our current premises. Our Board is currently reviewing the requirements of the grant offer and completing due diligence prior to negotiating a final commitment with the Commonwealth. In the interim Boneham is seeking out additional grant support to assist with staging of works and updating our financial models and strategic plans to incorporate the new addition. Exciting times ahead indeed.

Meanwhile we continue with business as usual with lots of bus trips for an ice cream by the beach in such lovely spring weather. We remain incredibly appreciative of our community and sponsors support which paid for our new bus and can testify that it is getting a lot of usage by our grateful residents. Remember to give us a wave when you see us on the bus around town.

In other lovely news one of our fabulous cleaning staff, Roxanne Motley, has been awarded with the SA Cleaner of the Year Award by Diversey. Well done Roxy in winning this highly competitive award, you are a star!

Next week we will also be celebrating our volunteers who provide countless hours of unpaid support to our residents and staff. We are highly appreciative of all that they do, they are the unheralded heroes of aged care who give without everyday reward.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our service and we hope you enjoy some of the sunshine that we have all been waiting for.

Regards

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