

Dear residents and representatives

We hope you are all restored after the Easter break and that most of you managed to have some time with family and friends.

As we look towards the future, we said farewell to our outgoing CEO, Michael Filsell, this week as he moves to a full time role at a large aged care provider in Adelaide. We wish him all the best and thank him for 15 years of service to Boneham and the community.

With winter approaching, we are currently working towards flu vaccinations for our residents. Residents will shortly be asked if they wish to receive the annual over 65's flu vaccination through our in-house program which will commence early in May (once the over 65's vaccine becomes available). We strongly recommend vaccination to help mitigate the impacts of what can prove to be a severe disease.

We have also received recent feedback through our monthly resident's meetings that not all families are aware of their timing. Our residents (and representatives) meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month in our DIVA room at 10.30am. Residents and their representatives are encouraged to attend, we greatly appreciate your direct feedback. The next meeting is Thursday 7th of May

Through this meeting our residents mention improvements they would like to see, issues with their care, their food or the environment. As an example, at today's meeting residents identified that some of our team do not wear their name badges in a prominent location so that residents can see them. We will follow this up with a reminder to our team so that residents can see their name as they care for them.

With ANZAC Day approaching please keep your eye out for our weekly lifestyle activities schedule so that you can see the service planned for the day. Federal MP Tony Pasin will be presenting a new flag to Boneham on Friday this week for use at our ANZAC Day service and to fly as a permanent fixture thereafter and we thank him for his upcoming visit. We will be open for visiting as normal on ANZAC Day for family members to commemorate with the residents.

Finally, we welcomed our first visit from Walter Brooke architects just before Easter. Walter Brooke have been contracted to design our new 16 x bed extension. They were impressed with the current premises we have and will ensure that the new extension is in keeping with our care requirements and becomes an essential asset for our community. It is the start of a very busy but exciting project.

Thank you to all in our community for your continued support

Stewart Blyth

Interim Chief Executive Officer

