



From the C.E.O. - Mark Zentgraf

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. It is hard to believe that the 2019 calendar year is over with Christmas and New Year upon us.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. Samarinda had its full accreditation audit conducted by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. Samarinda passed the accreditation having achieved all 44 outcomes and has been accredited for another three years until 2022. I would like to thank our staff and quality team for their hard work to ensure that Samarinda continues to deliver quality services.

Our Community building located at 296 High Street has now been demolished and the new building is well under way. The builders are making good progress and we expect that the first floor slab will be in place by the end of January 2020. We have had to relocate many of our community service programs during this time. Meals on Wheels is now operating out of the Ashburton Bowls Club kitchen and many of our social support programs are being held in a portable in the north western carpark of the bowls club. I would like to extend my thanks to both the Ashburton Bowls Club and the Boroondara City Council for their support of Samarinda during this time. I also want to thank those in our community who attend our programs in the new locations for their patience whilst we go through the rebuilding process.

Our Home Care Package and NDIS programs continue to flourish with an ever increasing number of people approaching Samarinda to deliver their services. In the second half of this year Samarinda worked in partnership with Ashwood School to implement and run a social club for their students during the school year with some social club activities being run in the school holiday break as well. This program has been a great success and we look forward to strengthening our working relationship with the Ashwood school, their students and their parents.

Finally, I want to wish you all a very safe and merry festive season from the entire team at Samarinda.

Samarinda hosts Japanese Delegation



For many years now, Samarinda has had a special working relationship with the Japanese No Lifting Association. This association is involved in looking at ways to reduce care worker injuries in Japan by the use of lifting equipment and introduction of policies and procedures.

Usually twice a year Samarinda welcomes some Japanese delegates from the No Lifting Association to look over our facility and to see how Samarinda manages the care of residents.

In November however, Samarinda was host to a special Japanese delegation which included Mr Kenya Akiba who is the special advisor to Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Shinzō Abe and also Mr Kazuyoshi Matsunaga who is the Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne. Both Mr Akiba and Mr Matsunaga were especially interested in Samarinda's lifting equipment with Mr Akiba trialling one of our lifting machines.

Top from left: Dr Elizabeth Lanyon - Vice Chair, Samarinda Board; Bob Stensholt - Chair, Samarinda Board; Katie Allen MP - Federal Member for Higgins; Mr Kenya Akiba - Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan; Mr Kazuyoshi Matsunaga - Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne; Brian Bergin - Member, Samarinda Board and Mark Zentgraf - CEO, Samarinda.

Left: Mr Kenya Akiba getting a personal experience of some of Samarinda's lifting equipment.



Some of the Lifestyle Activities enjoyed by Samarinda Residents

Grand Final Day

“Carn’ the Tiges”! How else do you spend grand final day than in front of the TV with a meat pie and your mates.



Halloween

The witches and warlocks of Samarinda were out and about for a rocking good time on All Hallows Eve.



Kinder Visit

Everyone looks forward to the kinder kids visits. Some residents also had the opportunity to visit the kids at their kindergarten. The visit was spent doing many activities including bowling, music, painting and puzzles.



Oaks Day

Everyone dressed in their best for a lovely afternoon tea on Oaks Day. Ladies showed off their finery in a fashion parade and everyone enjoyed beautiful cakes and treats prepared by our chef, Charles.



Volunteering Opportunities

Samarinda is a great place to volunteer with multiple opportunities over a variety of programs. Our volunteers are active seven days a week across the organisation in a variety of roles, including:

- Drivers – car/bus (no special licence needed)
- Customer Service
- Companionship
- Hospitality Assistants
- Administration
- Gardening
- Program Assistants
- Entertainment

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about how you could join our amazing team of volunteers.

Just call 1300 591 464.

Op Shop update

“The Ashy” Op Shop is currently gearing up for Christmas with loads of great Christmas stock available for purchase.

We have a wide range of Summer apparel now in store, so come in to snap up some warm weather bargains.

As always, a big ‘thank you’ to our staff and volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome - just talk to one of the staff for more information.

Please consider the Op Shop if you are moving home and have some unwanted goods that you may not want to move with you.

What can I donate?

Our Op Shop accepts quality clothing, accessories, books, bric-a-brac, homewares and furniture. If it's good enough quality to give to a friend, then it's something we'd love to accept. We are also happy to take garden equipment such as plants, pots, garden tools and garden ornaments.

It's easy to donate.

Simply drop your pre-loved donations at our op shop or in the donation bins.

If an item is breakable or fragile, please wrap it before donating.

Higgins Community Service Awards 2019

Samarinda was excited to celebrate with six of our volunteers as they received Higgins Community Service Awards presented at the Malvern Town Hall by Federal Member for Higgins, Katie Allen MP.

The evening started with a welcome message from Katie, who mentioned that about six million Australian's volunteer over 800 million hours a year, which is truly amazing! Here at Samarinda we see the wonderful impact of volunteering with our volunteers giving over 2,000 hours per month, thereby ensuring that Samarinda can offer a huge range of quality services and programs to our clients and residents.

We are proud to announce our award recipients:

Holly Brick	Residential Music program
Shelley Lampier	Quality, Risk & Strategy projects
Chris Rodier	Social Support driver
Robert Wilkinson	Meals on Wheels hospitality team
Glenda Watts	“The Ashy” Op Shop customer service team
Glen McKay	Elsie Salter House driver

Right: Samarinda volunteers at the Higgings Awards ceremony. From left: Shelley Lampier, Holly Brick, Glenda Watts, Chris Rodier, Katie Allen MP, Glen McKay and Robert Wilkinson.



Community Centre redevelopment - progress update

As we reported in the CEO's introduction on page 1, the Community Centre building next door to the Samarinda residential facility is being redeveloped by the City of Boroondara. Building work has now commenced and is advancing well, with excavations completed and the ground floor slab having been poured.

With the fencing off of the building site and car park and the erection of the builders facilities, the lane way has now been closed for the duration of the build. Work is expected to be complete in August 2020.



Samarinda staff and volunteers from "296" toasting farewell to the old building prior to demolition.



Demolition well under way!



The official Sod Turning Ceremony. From left: Bob Stensholt - Chair, Samarinda Board; Cr Garry Thompson - Solway Ward, City of Boroondara, Cr Jane Addis - Mayor, City of Boroondara, Mark Zentgraf - CEO, Samarinda



The freshly poured first section of the slab for the ground floor.



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