

Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- HRT welcomes new staff members to the team and a new Board member
- Updates from Residents Homes
- Jill Proctor, Family Rep shares a few words

Welcome—From the Operations Managers desk

Kia ora, Greetings

These past few months have just flown by since I started in the role late January. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting residents, families and staff who welcomed me with a brilliant powhiri. This was a very humbling process and sits in my most memorable life experiences basket.

We have welcomed some new members to the team and have farewelled others and building on the recent good work this is an exciting year for the Trust. We have welcomed Angela Roberts into the Support Lead role who comes to us with a wealth of experience and full support from IDEA services.

Some of the upcoming changes you will see this year include:

- Refining the values we operate by and fine tuning of our person centered practice because when we put people at the heart of everything we do we can only get it right
- An office move to a new premise
- Web presence through an HRT website
- Computers in homes for staff and residents
- Organisational restructure

Support Lead—Angela Roberts

Hi all,

I have been working in the area of service provision for people with Intellectual Disabilities for over 25 years both in the UK and NZ. Prior to working at Hamilton Residential Trust I was a Community Services Manager for Idea Services Waikato/King Country managing both residential and vocational services.

It's been just about a month now since I took up the challenge of the position of Support Lead here at Hamilton Residential Trust and have to say have been made to feel extremely welcomed by all. In the short time I have been here I have met some really fantastic enthusiastic people both staff and clients who have inspired and excited me in

- Resident information evenings & family get together
- Building on what is working well and letting go of the things that aren't.

To assist HRT in moving forward, a few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to attend the inaugural NZ Disability Support Network conference in Nelson, where nationwide successes were showcased for us to learn from. The Ministry of Health Disability Support Services provided an update of their work plan for this year, there were specific provider forums and opportunities to learn from experts in the field.

Thank you to those of you who recently participated in our family interviews conducted by Jill Proctor. Your feedback will be invaluable to the organization and our developments this year. To those of you who I have yet to meet my door is always open and I am happy to chat over a cup of coffee anytime. I hope you enjoy this issue of our HRT communiqué and if you have anything you would like to contribute to for future issues, I'm sure Raakel would love to hear from you.

Onwards and upwards

Simone Molenaar

moving forward into the future with the Trust. I am passionate about working alongside people with Intellectual Disabilities and their families and will be working together with them in the planning of service delivery in the future.

I have a real hands on approach to managing services and intend to have an increased presence by management in the services to help coach and support staff and also being available for Clients if they need to discuss any important issues with me. Your thoughts and concerns are very important and I welcome you contacting me at any time.

Look forward to meeting with you

Angela Roberts

Resident Homes

Introducing 1B Argyle Street...

Introducing 10 Palmerston Street...

Introducing 15 Bremworth Avenue...

Introducing 43 Ravenscourt Place...

1B Argyle Street

Clients at 1B Argyle are keeping busy. Kym has been training for a running event that will take place next year. Kym is still working for HAIP, YMCA and Hukanui Primary School after School Care. Adele is still going to Interactions and is very proud of her mosaics she is making and achieving her goal—saving up for a digital camera. Jason goes to the Marae every

10 Palmerston Street

Last month all clients from 10 Palmerston Street went to Raglan for an outing with two staff members.

Everybody went window shopping in Raglan then ordered a meal of fish and chips which we ate while enjoying the breath taking view of Wainui Reserve Beach.

Imraan said “it’s the best view ever”. To end an amazing

15 Bremworth Avenue

The clients at 15 have been doing plenty of exciting things this year.

Graeme has recently gone on a weekend excursion to New Plymouth, he stayed in a lovely holiday home right beside the beach.

Shane has been helping staff with errands, coming along to the Main Office and to the supermarket which is keeping him

43 Ravenscourt Place

43 Ravenscourt is plodding along nicely thanks to a great team, thanks everyone for going that extra mile when asked. Everyone is doing well. Merlene wants to do a correspondence course on literature.

Claire is doing an English and Math course every Monday through Pinfold.

Claire catches the bus to and from Pinfold to Wintec and back

78 Palmerston Street

Well its been a very quiet month for everybody at 78 however we did go to the movies.

As a group everybody went and watched Yogi Bear.

Harry was in fits of laughter right through the movie so we know he absolutely loved it.

Lashkar and Viviane also had a few laughs.

Introducing 78 Palmerston Street...

Introducing 90 Lake Road...

Introducing Home Base Support...

day where he mows the lawns and cooks on the BBQ. Jason enjoys spending the weekends with family. Ross loves walking everyday for two hours. Ross attended his brothers engagement party last month which he really enjoyed. Melissa is part of the cast for the movie the Hobbit which will be filmed in September so she has been reading the book in preparation.

outing everyone walked on the beach. A great time had by all.

**Wainui Reserve—
“it’s the best view
ever”**

very busy. During the weekend Shane goes out for coffee with staff and other clients.

June is looking forward to a holiday in Auckland City where she will shop, go out for coffee and dine in at the Sky Tower Restaurant. June will be going with staff to Wairewa Hot Pools for a swim and to watch a movie in the Pool Cinema there.

unassisted, the first time she missed the bus so she went to Burger King then ended up at Chartwell.

As for the guys Graeme is still enjoying doing puzzles, word finder puzzles and trains.

John just loves being laid back and enjoys watching DVD’s.

All are enjoying indoor bowls and John 10 pin bowls.

Paul and Chuck were quiet through the movie but they both expressed their enjoyment of the film on the way home.

That is all folks until next time, ka kite.

90 Lake Road

The guys at 90 Lake Road have been keeping busy as usual. Lawrence has just finished refurbishing an old desk. He has sanded it back, painted it black and has put 3 new draw handles on it. The final product looks amazing and he is using the desk to eat his dinner on while his dinner table is being used for his latest 1,500 piece puzzle.

Owen has been busking on Ward Street outside Starbucks

Home Base Support

The Home Base Support clients have been busy this year. One client has renovated his property and has almost completed the outside landscaping—well done Roger. Jimmy was lucky enough to experience seeing the worlds largest cruise ship, the Queen Elizabeth. Congratulations to Andrea who completed a health and safety unit standard at



Paul Wells and Harry Stidder from 78 Palmerston Street. Owen Maraki and Willy Mason from 90 Lake Road enjoying a game of cricket

Family Rep

Hi everyone,

Firstly a special welcome to new Management and staff. Well we are well into the new year and what a busy year so far.

It was great to have contact with some families when I worked on the Family Survey. To the ones who I contacted and who had the time to talk, I found it very interesting.

NEW Hamilton Residential Trust QI Co—Ordinator

Just a small introduction from the new HRT QI Co-Ordinator.

My name is Cynthia Rangitaawa and you can find me at 78 Palmerston Street. I am new to this position and I am looking forward to many new and fresh QI ideas for 2011 from not only the staff but our clients as well, because no idea or suggestion is a “stupid” one, it may just need some tweaking that's all —

and also in Frankton. He is using his lovely voice and guitar skills to make a few extra dollars.

Duane has been working hard on his correspondence studying English and Maths.

Lastly Willy continues to take his daily walks into town, mowing the lawns and going on outings. Last weekend we went to Cambridge for coffee. Was a good day out.

her KFC job. Doreen attended her first Powhiri that HRT held at the beginning of the year to welcome Simone which she really enjoyed. More news to come

Schedule of Events

- Walking with Dinosaurs—3rd July 2011
- Rotorua Luge Trip
- Snow Season is coming up
- MORE to come

Watch the space— Hamilton Residential Trust Website coming SOON!!

To the ones I was unable to reach I will hope to catch up with you next time.

If any clients or parents have any concerns or would just like to chat you are welcome to contact me on 07 843 1941, if I am unavailable please leave a message and I will get back to you or you can email me at: joanddes@slingshot.co.nz

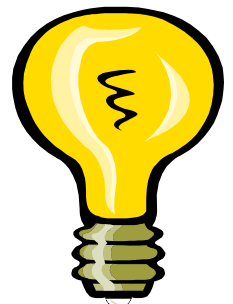
Regards

Jill Proctor

any help from anyone is much appreciated.

Bye for now

Cynthia



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If anyone has something exciting to share in the next Newsletter—Quotes, stories or photo's, please feel free to contact Raakel Pond at Hamilton Residential Trust Main Office

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Until next time, keep warm and well.

A big welcome to new staff that have joined the Team this year

- Litia Downey
- Jenny Johnson
- Stan Joyce
- Rahul Patel
- Angela Roberts
- Louise Williams

HRT has also welcomed Neville Hablous onto the Board and here is his introduction:

"I am Auckland raised and educated, spending some years at Auckland University studying history. I came to Hamilton via Gisborne in 1999 to work off my mid-life crisis by finishing off a long-neglected law degree.

Despite doing so, I continue to work in general management with the Waikato DHB. My interest in the disability sector arises from caring for my "special needs" brother who is a client of HRT and supporting my aged parents one of whom also receives state support.

Completing the family are three children, one of whom lives at home, one of whom doesn't and one of whom can't seem to make up his mind.

I have been impressed by the focus being brought to making HRT an effective and enduring organisation and look forward to helping in this work."

A warm welcome Neville, it is great to have you onboard!

Staff we have said farewell to

- Marlene Buckenara
- Jacob Gauthern
- Carole Looney
- Liz Richards
- Elly Zyp

We also farewell Paul Chin who has resigned from his Trustee role. Paul has been a part of the Trust Board for four years and has provided valuable input in to the vision, direction and governance of the Trust. Thank you Paul for all your input and we wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

Inspiring Quote for the month:

Life may not be the Party we hoped for - but while we are here, we might as well dance