



OTWAY HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Serving our communities in Apollo Bay, Beech Forest, Forrest, Glenaire,
Holdern Vale, Kennett River, Lavers Hill, Separation Creek,
Skenes Creek and Wye River
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IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER!

During the busy holiday period (from Boxing Day to Australia Day) we cared for over 220 people in our Emergency Care Unit. This was a great effort by all our nursing staff, well done to you all - and many thanks for the support from our para medics and Volunteer Ambulance Officers.

FAREWELL TO HELEN PINI MANAGER OF CLINICAL CARE

Helen Pini, Manager of our Clinical Care Division, is retiring from Otway Health after five years in the role. We farewell her and thank her for her diligence and commitment.

What does the Clinical Care Manager's role involve? As a Multi Purpose Service, Otway Health provides a range of flexible aged, community and health services designed to best meet people's needs. When care is no longer appropriate or effective in the home, or an emergency occurs, clinical care can be provided to meet particular needs, including:

- Acute Care (severe short term conditions requiring hospitalisation)
- Emergency Care
- Respite Care
- Nurse Clinic

As well, Otway Health offers fulltime Residential Aged Care to 22 people, home delivered meals to around 15 people every day, a Needle Exchange Program, and Aged Care Residential Accommodation in the community at Sea Mist Villas.

Helen was responsible for the smooth running of this operation - no mean feat!

And there is more - on taking up the position in 2005, Helen set to work, organising refurbishment in Aged Care which included new carpets, curtains, furniture - and the relocation and updating of the Beauty Room, offering residents and community members the opportunity to pamper themselves with manicures, pedicures and hairdressing.

A continual advocate for her staff, Helen was also instrumental in arranging funding for many projects including lifting equipment, a Nurse Call system and refurbishment in the Emergency Care Unit and at the Nurses Station (installing a screen to ensure safety, particularly at night).

Respected by the nurses, Helen was an enthusiastic supporter in all areas of further training and staff development. She also had an eye for seeing the potential in people and encouraged many skilled nurses to come to live in the region and work at Otway Health. She was a great supporter of integrating Home Care Workers with Personal Care Attendants, thus nurturing and offering structured training to these important staff members.

Helen's work in the community is also highly valued; she encouraged young people by creating part time jobs in the hospital kitchen which have helped many students enter the work force. Her Nurses' Quilting Group has been popular and productive, with many quilts brightening the hospital.

So, farewell Helen, we wish you all the best in your retirement and thank you for your many years of hard work and support. We will doubtless see you on the golf course and at bowls - hope you have time to rest a little in between your commitments!

WILL YOU GET BEHIND OUR KITCHEN CREW?

Our amazing crew in the kitchen have decided to be brave and shave for Leukaemia Research. Steve, Megan, Toni and Bill are trying to raise as much money as they can for this great cause. Would you like to join them? They will be losing their luscious locks on Thursday 11th March. Call us if you would like to sponsor them, or if you would like to join in! If you're not brave enough to shave, you can still raise money by getting people to sponsor a hair colouring. Call Jess for details - 5237 8500



MARRAR WOORN COURSE GUIDE IS OUT!!

"There are simply loads of activities and courses on offer this term, with some excellent teachers. If you have any ideas for classes that you would like to see, or if you have a special talent to share, please do call me."

Karen Washfold, Adult Ed Coordinator - 5237 8590
(The guide is at the back of the News Sheet - we thank everyone at the News Sheet for helping us to distribute it in this way.)

ARE YOU DESPERATE FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE?

Our Children's Centre is able to offer a few places in the Seahorse Room to children up to 12 years old. If you would like to use this service please call Marie Sinclair for details - 5237 8560



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC RELATIONS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER THREE DAYS PER WEEK

A fantastic opportunity exists for a person with experience in PR and fundraising.

Duties include:

- Preparing written and electronic materials (brochures, Annual Report, website etc);
- Advertising (employment; services etc);
- In-house communications;
- Liaising with community groups and promoting services and community participation;
- Seeking opportunities to raise funds through events and grant submissions.

Call CEO Linda West for more information.

Further details and position descriptions are available on our website.

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'EYE CARE TO YOU' 26th FEBRUARY - CALL 5237 8500 FOR AN APPOINTMENT