



WARATAH NEWS

CLIENT & CARERS NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Hello everyone

Summer has certainly hit with a vengeance and I hope you have all managed to keep cool and well hydrated.

This month's newsletter has reminders for:

- Management Committee members
- Client/Carer group discussions; and
- the RED Conference

The Cottage respite beds are starting to fill up so if you would like some overnight respite over the next few months, please contact us as soon as possible so we can book you in.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything at all.

Kindest regards
Judy Bartholomew



Just a friendly reminder...

The Waratah Management Committee would like hear from clients or carers who would like to become a member of the Management Committee.

If you are interested please call Colleen Hull on
0438 533 382

OUR MISSION

To be leaders in flexible respite options; assisting carers & the person they care for to enjoy the best possible quality of life

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INVITATION

Client and Carer Group Discussion

We would love your input into how Waratah Respite Services can better meet your needs and improve our service. Come along for a cuppa and discussion to share ideas.

When:
Tuesday 12 February 2019
Or
Wednesday 20 February 2018

Time:
1.30pm—2.30pm

Where:
Waratah Respite Centre



If you would like to come along please call us and let us know which day suits you best.

Phone : 6648 3610 or email me manager@waratahrespite.com.au

Here's What's Happening!

Waratah Day Program Highlights

- Feb 12, 13 and 15** Fair Trading visiting the Centre to discuss Scams
- Feb 14** Valentine's Day And entertainment from the Misfits
- Feb 18** Betty and Neville Entertainment
- Feb 22** Bus Trip to the Woolgoolga Centre for lunch and entertainment with Lester and Shirley

Seagulls Woolgoolga Day Program Highlights

- Feb 13** Bus Trip to Waratah Centre for lunch and Fair Trading talk
- Feb 22** Host Entertainment by Lester and Shelley with Waratah Coffs Harbour clients.

The RED CONFERENCE

Proudly presented by OMNICARE

A **R**egional
Experience in Practical
Dementia Care

28TH-29TH March 2019 in Port Macquarie

The conference will showcase regionally focused practical and hands-on approaches and practices in dementia care that can be immediately implemented to support people living with dementia in the home and other care environments.

Speakers include: Dr Cameron Camp (An American Montessori for Dementia expert.)
Ms Lesley Palmer (Chief Architect at Stirling University, Scotland)
Professor Joseph Ibrahim (Monash University).

The conference is open to anyone with an interest in the field of dementia, in the care of people living with dementia and for those living with dementia, with the focus on living well with dementia.

The conference attracts services providers, allied health and medical professionals, GPs and Nurses, people living well with dementia and Carers.

For more information contact – Conference Organiser, Kara Nicholson

Email: Kara.n@omnicare.org.au

Phone: 02 5527 8069

Mobile: 0439 502 984

Visit: www.red.omnicare.org.au

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre (CRCC) are an Official Exhibitor at this conference. Should you as a Carer wish to attend this exciting event, CRCC will cover the cost of the TICKET as well as any RESPITE required in order for you to attend, as well as OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION IF REQUIRED due to travel.

If you are registered as a Carer with CRCC mention this when you talk to Kara so she can invoice CRCC, then contact Tina at CRCC on 1800 052 222 to organise your respite and accommodation. If you are not registered and you are a carer, please contact Tina to talk through the registration process.

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

You have probably already heard that there is currently a Royal Commission into Aged Care. Please see below for a brief overview and where to find out further information or how to make a submission.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety was established on 8 October 2018 by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd).

The Honourable Richard Tracey AM RFD QC and Ms Lynelle Briggs AO have been appointed as Royal Commissioners. The Commissioners are required to provide an interim report by 31 October 2019, and a final report by 30 April 2020.

The Royal Commission is looking into Residential and Aged Care Packages services, not other funded services such as our Day Programs.

Information about the Royal Commission, including details about public hearings and the terms of reference, is available on this website – www.agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au

If you have additional questions, you can contact the Royal Commission:

- by email at enquiries@royalcommission.gov.au ACRC
- by telephone on 1800 960 711 (between 8:00am-8:00pm AEDT, Monday-Friday except on public holidays)
- by post at GPO Box 1151, ADELAIDE SA 5001

If you want to raise concerns about the quality of care or services being delivered to people receiving aged care services subsidised by the Australian Government, you may wish to contact the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission

In the December newsletter, we included news about the new Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

From 1 January 2019, this new Commission assumed responsibility and functions of the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner and the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency. This provides a single point of contact for quality and regulation in aged care, including assisting with any complaints you may have about aged care services.

The new Commission can be contacted on 1800 951 822, or in writing to: Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, GPO Box 9818, Sydney, NSW, 2000 (or other capital cities outside NSW).

Further information can be found on the website: agedcarequality.gov.au.



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