Open Door

Family Fun Day at Seabrook

EKKA Week

Introducing The Ormsby

Father’s Day at McKenzie
You would all be aware now that our newest member of the family has a name – The Ormsby. We had lots of community engagement and we received some fantastic name suggestions.

Our winner, Janet Newby, is a local resident with 4 very keen grandchildren hoping to make use of the Village Park Passes she won as a prize. Janet lives very close to the Burnett St site and was thrilled to win our naming competition. The name Ormsby was chosen to keep the local family connection in the community as the Ormsby-Neuendorf family previously owned the site. Other name suggestions have also been chosen as wing names and features of The Ormsby.

In June, we held a ‘Topping Out’ BBQ at The Ormsby for the construction team to celebrate the roof being completed and inside works commencing. Andrea Rose, The Ormsby’s Facility Manager, was there to view the progress to date.

If you would like to be informed of any of The Ormsby’s updates, sign up for our newsletter on our website, or like our Facebook page!
Congratulations Keith Cameron-Smith!

Keith is a very familiar face at all of our McKenzie communities as our Resident and Support Officer. He is an instrumental part of McKenzie and helps families and residents through the journey of aged care. Keith was nominated for an award for Individual Distinction at the HESTA Aged Care Awards 2018.

Keith was invited to attend the HESTA Aged Care Awards 2018 held in Canberra. There he was presented with his nomination trophy, acknowledging all of the dedication, care and compassion he brings to the industry. Many staff know Keith and all that he does to support our staff and residents, particularly during memorial ceremonies and at times of emotional need.

McKenzie’s now traditional ‘Guard of Honor’ was introduced by Keith and is a lasting legacy of his time being part of the McKenzie team.

Keith recently decided to semi-retire, but he will still be a familiar face to our communities. We hope that he takes some well deserved time for himself. Congratulations Keith!

Our Memorial Rose Garden was officially opened by Keith Cameron-Smith. Keith planted a rose in memory of Dan Teka, and several roses were planted in memory of some other very special people.

The garden was initially suggested by residents in the Coochin Community and grew into what we have today. Families can place a plaque along the edge of the garden in memory of loved ones if they choose.
Happy Father’s Day

Father’s Day at McKenzie is always a special time where our communities get creative to celebrate all of the special men in our families. This year some of our communities arranged some very special celebrations that included motorbikes, BBQ’s, raffles and many more activities.

CapellaBay went all out and had some very special visitors from the Ulysses Motorcycle club along with their very noisy bikes! They even paraded through Reception on bikes, delighting onlookers!

Seaton Place and The Terraces had a BBQ in the sunshine which was hosted by their Circle of Men group. Special presents were also handed out as well to help mark the occasion.

A big thank you to the Ulysses Motorcycle club for visiting CapellaBay and entertaining everyone with their impressive bikes!

Motorcycle parade at CapellaBay

Presents all round at Seaton Place

A BBQ and beers in the sunshine
It's not often that these very cuddly and cute farm friends visit SandBrook, but when they do they get plenty of attention! Staff and residents at SandBrook got to spend an afternoon with lambs and other baby animals, and they were very spoilt.

Residents helped feed the animals and gave them plenty of pats. We can’t wait till they come back and visit us again.
Special Birthdays at McKenzie!

Some very special birthdays have been celebrated in the past couple of months!

Joy at SandBrook celebrated her 100th Birthday with friends and family and had many deliveries of flowers and balloons to celebrate.

Heritage Lodge celebrated Elsie’s 106th Birthday! Yes, 106!

Gladys at Lynbrook Park also celebrated her 100th Birthday surrounded by family and friends. Federal Minister, Anthony Byrne, presented a certificate for this amazing milestone.

Happy Birthday everyone!

Cosy Pyjama Day

Who doesn’t want to stay cosy in Pyjama’s?! Staff at Heritage Lodge dressed up in some very creative and cosy outfits and raised money for Asthma Research Australia. They even treated themselves to some breakfast favourites at lunch. Can’t wait to see what your next themed day will be.

Art of the Heart

Art can be a very powerful and healing therapy. At Newmans on the Park, our residents have been painting artworks that will be displayed at the Art of the Heart exhibition, North Melbourne, in October. This is a collection of paintings and artworks that express hardships, grieving and healing. Well done to everyone who has been participating.
Handmade Blankets at SandBrook for a good cause

It was a proud day today when members of the knit wits group at SandBrook handed over 9 beautifully made blankets to representatives of the ‘Walk With Us’ group from Burleigh Heads to be distributed to the homeless. Thank you to everyone who helped participate in making the beautiful blankets.

The King of Rock ‘n’ Roll!

The staff and residents at The Terraces were treated to a very special visitor, the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll himself, Elvis!

Elvis performed a number of songs and had some help from some very keen ‘hip swinging’ residents. There was plenty of dancing and singing, and maybe a serenade or two. Keep an eye out in The Terraces activities calendar to see when he will be appearing again.

Crocs, Owls and Turtles at Charlesbrook

‘Feathers, Fur and Scales’ visited Charlesbrook in June and brought along some of their most interesting animals.

Most residents were more than happy to touch the visiting fury friends. Some were a bit more reluctant to pat anything from the reptile family, in particular the python and crocodile.

The show was a hit with many remarks from the residents saying how much they enjoyed it, and everyone is looking forward to what will be visiting next!

Well done everyone who was brave enough for a pat!
EKKA Week 2018!

Ekka week is one of the highlights of the event calendar for our residents and staff in Queensland. The Royal Queensland Show, otherwise known as Ekka, is a time to celebrate and have a bit of fun!

Ekka usually means that some very cute and cuddly friends come and visit our communities as well as other creative activities for everyone young and old to enjoy.

Seaton Place held their very own carnival which included Popcorn, Strawberry Ice Cream, Show Bags and plenty of laughter. Many residents donated items for display in our pop up pavilions, while Elaine from Fantasy Metamorphaces’ made balloon hats, headbands and bracelets for everyone.

Glasshouse Views celebrated all week with major activites held nearly every day. We think everyone’s favourite day was either the vintage car day, or clown day where residents were treated to a carnival while staff dressed in clown outfits.

Every year Ekka at McKenzie continues to get bigger and more creative, with the help of all of our amazing team of staff and volunteers.

We can’t wait to see what creative and fun things appear at our communities during the next Ekka!
It was all games and laughter at Seaton Place.
Fun & Games at Seabrook

Large crowds filled our lovely home at Seabrook to help us celebrate the completion of our beautiful refurbishment.

The day was full of excitement and lived up to the name ‘Family Fun Day’ with entertainment by Eric Read, a sausage sizzle and face painting for the kids. Even some of our residents and staff got a new look...

With market stalls full of knitted teddy bears, scarves and gorgeous colourful rugs, we raised over $700 for our farmers. Thank you to everyone who purchased something on the day to help support our farmers struggling in the drought.

We were so pleased to see residents and families enjoying themselves, we are considering holding a regular market day to continue our involvement with the community. We will keep you posted!

The Roaring 20’s came to The Terraces!

Feathers, jazz and a lot of fun could be found at The Terraces during their Roaring 20’s dinner dance! Residents, staff, family and friends all came together and made this dinner dance a night to remember for all.

Fascinators of feathers and some very creative outfits were assembled and the men looked very handsome in smart in their jackets and bow ties.

Well done to everyone who helped the event become a huge success, and we can’t wait to see what the team at The Terraces comes up with next!

To keep up to date with all of their activities, make sure to follow The Terraces or our other residences on Facebook where our activity calendars are posted.
Christmas is most people’s favourite time of year, and that’s no exception at McKenzie. So much so that some of our communities like to celebrate it twice in a year!

The Christmas decorations are bought out of storage and dusted off, so we can switch the fairy lights on and enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Christmas lunch was prepared by our fantastic chefs, and the lifestyle and activity teams made sure that there was plenty to do to make it feel like Christmas had come early!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff who helped with organising Christmas lunches and decorations, we can’t wait to do it all again for the real thing in a few months time!
Introducing The Ormsby at the Buderim Street Party!

On the 4th of August, Kim Hunt, Andrea Rose, Fiona Bamberry and other McKenzie team members introduced The Ormsby at the Buderim Street Party. Thousands of locals came out to support local businesses whilst having some fun. Many people were excited to hear about The Ormsby and its planned opening next year. Thank you to the team who went along and gave out balloons and sweet treats to everyone!

Find your residence on Facebook

Did you know McKenzie Aged Care Group and all of our residences now have their own Facebook pages? It’s a great way for residents and family members to stay in touch. Also for staff to share photos of our many and varied activities. Make sure you friend us to see all our updates. There are plenty more photos and videos of the fun we get up to.

Just search for ‘Facility Name – McKenzie Aged Care Group.’

Give us your feedback!

A feedback form can be found at the reception of all residences. We’d love to hear from residents and families.

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