



Mutkin Messenger

April 2024

What a fantastic month is has been! With so many activities taking place both within our Aged Care Residential facility and in the Community, April has flown by far.

A number of our employees have completed training in a variety of subjects, including human resources, operating and maintaining chainsaws and small motors, and in-service meetings with the Service Development Assistance Panel team (SDAP). These meetings covered topics like feeding consumers, defensible reporting, reporting incidents and SIRS, complaints management, and manual handling.



The SDAP team were on-site during 9-12 April providing support in improvements to our operations and service delivery. The SDAP team is a panel of qualified and experienced professionals funded by the Australian Government.

The SDAP team also met with Mutkin Board of Directors at the Strategic Planning Workshop on 12 April 2024.

NDIS Personal Care Workers Esmay and Brittany have been busy regularly working with clients. On a weekly basis they take clients on outings into town and within the Community. They enjoy working alongside clients and loves sharing fun and memorable moments with them.

Residents Sandy Cannon and Zena Sands had the opportunity to sight see at the Rex lookout and Wangetti Beach. This was a particular request of Zena as she always talks about schooling at Wangetti Beach as a girl. On their way back to Cairns, they stopped and dined at Smithfield Shopping Centre. Fish and chips were the main meal on their menu.











Upgrades have left our facility and grounds appearing modern and tidy. The Facility Supervisor and Residential Gardeners have painted the dining room and small kitchenette, maintained and cleaned our gardens, and made other renovations to the staff offices and resident dwellings.



Training with ProSaw Australia has provided six of our staff members a Statement of Attainment of competencies that are part of Certificate II in Forest Operations and Conservation and Ecosystem Management. Our guys achieved:

- AHCMOM203 Operate basic machinery and equipment
- AHCMOM204 Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
- FWPCOT2254 Maintain chainsaws
- FWPCOT2273 Trim and cut felled trees
- FWPCOT2274 Fell trees manually

Congratulations to Jason Thomas, Shane Thomas, David Sands, Larry Major, Ramirez Burns, and Cameron Fourmile.







BECOME A MEMBER OF MUTKIN

Being a member of Mutkin enables eligible individuals the opportunity to contribute towards the governance of the corporation. This is further supported through the nomination of Directors to fulfil corporation aims and objectives. To become a member, individuals must complete a nomination form. For information contact Linda Thomas, CEO.







Cleaners have an important role in keeping our facilities clean and sanitised. Debra, Stanley and Moira do an amazing job. We are lucky to have such wonderful people working with us. Their commitment and integrity to maintain cleanliness and excellence provides a clean and healthy environment for our Residents to live in.

If you are interested in being a cleaner at Mutkin, you can forward your resume and cover letter to hr@mutkin.org.au

Outings are beginning to pick up momentum for our Residents and Community Clients since the weather has started to improve. Participants enjoyed a day out at Babinda Boulders with Personal Care Workers Lyle, Esmay and Colin as part of Community Access Activities. Participants are keen on planning for the next outing.







Meals on Wheels is a service provided to community clients under the Community Home Support Program (CHSP). Lunch is provided daily Monday to Friday to support the nutrition and diet of our clients. We welcome feedback and improvements to the menu and service. Clients and their representative are encouraged to speak with the Community Services Team Leader Lenore to address concerns they may have or to simply compliment the great work our team is doing.





Lest We Forget

This year we held our very own ANZAC day service for Residents and staff to commemorate our service men and women. Residents were honored to be part of an event held at Mutkin and paid their tributes to our former soldiers who fought in World War II. Our Events Committee set up a display of local service men and women who have served or are currently serving in the Australian Defence Force. Yarrabah has officers serving and working in the Army and Marine services. The event was closed by a morning tea and playing of old time music.





















Congratulations to the newly elected Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council body: Mayor, Darryl Sexton and Councillors Michael Sands, Amy Neal, Brian Underwood and Hezron Murgha. Mutkin looks forward to working with you for better and improved outcomes for our people.



Clinical Nurse Manager, Julie Straton (pictured below left), has been with Mutkin for the past 6 months. She brings a wealth of clinical knowledge and expertise to our team. She oversees the management of our clinical team supporting and providing daily care to our Residential clients. Previously, Julie managed the emergency department in Julia Creek. Since coming to work here, she has assisted a number of Residents palliate and continues to provide best practice clinical care for each and every resident at Mutkin.



Employee of the Month, Moira Murgha, is described as an individual committed and passionate in providing quality care and services to Residents at Mutkin. Undertaking dual roles such as cleaning and kitchenhand, Moira has what it takes to step up to mark. Congratulations Moira on achieving this award!



"I like coming to work to do the job for the old people. I especially look forward to the little yarns with the Residents about their old days. As a cleaner I like to keep everything clean for them. As a kitchenhand, I like feeding them up. I enjoy coming to work early because I love working with the old people. It is also lovely seeing family come and spend time with them". Moira Murgha