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GREETINGS

Sister Ellen Flynn



Greetings to you all and welcome to this Newsletter!

Recently I have been reflecting on the marvel which we call the Vincentian Family to which the contributors to this Newsletter belong. It is necessary for us to become absorbed in our own work, our own project, and to be completely dedicated to those we support. From time to time it can be a hope-filled inspiration to remember the worldwide Vincentian movement which exists in many parts of the world which currently suffer from climate change, war, financial crisis, corruption, shortages of food and clean water, injustice – to name but a few. The Province of Rosalie Rendu itself spans the hemispheres uniting us in common bonds and the sharing of the charism of the Daughters of Charity and our Vincentian Values. In May this year we held our first face-to-face Province Meeting in a centre near London to which a number of Daughters travelled from Australia, together with our Vincentian Director in Australia. This

was a source of great joy, sharing, energy and commitment. At this moment there are three Daughters who live in Britain visiting Australia. Sisters Maureen, Margaret and Bernadette left London for Sydney on 5th August and arrived amidst great excitement early on the 7th met by Sister Therese! Bernadette is exploring the Archives in Australia and Margaret and Maureen are visiting the incorporated works and exploring Vincentian formation.



You will see from this Newsletter that Sister Jo-Ann from Australia spent six months in Britain launching our ecology team. So all of

you who contribute to this Newsletter are already global thinkers, enriching one another from one side of the world to the other! Indeed, we are great together!

Meanwhile, members of the Vincentian Family all over the world collaborate where they are most needed. We have members in Syria and Turkey still struggling with the aftermath of the earthquakes; we have members in India, the Philippines and Indonesia where climate change is ravaging their way of life; we have members in all the war zones of the world. These are just a few and it is true that, as the reports of every news broadcast name global issues every day, so we know that it is almost

GREETINGS CONTINUED ...

certain that Vincentians are there at the front line. A recent report from Depaul International stated:

Our response to the war in Ukraine demonstrated the collaborative capability and impact of the Depaul Group and the Vincentian Family.

Our shared values and commitment to support those most in need gives great confidence for the future.

So although we wish all these causes of poverty were eradicated, let us also rejoice that, wherever in the world there is hardship our brothers and sisters stand in solidarity with those most in need.



One of the ways in which we celebrate this is through our annual **Vincentian Values Week** in September, during the week of the feast of St Vincent. The week is an opportunity to celebrate, reflect and deepen the Vincentian charism that has inspired thousands of people to offer a caring and compassionate service to those most in need for over 400 years. For around an hour each day on Zoom there will be a presentation on Vincentian aspects of a theme with various

speakers. More information will follow but please do make a note of the dates. So we journey on together, continuing to develop the collaboration between us, holding each other in prayer and concern and whilst we remain devoted to our own work, once more enjoying the pages of this Newsletter in appreciation of each other, we also look over the horizon and remember all our brothers and sisters in this great global Vincentian movement. May God be with us all.

THE LOUISE PROJECT

Staff and volunteers at The Louise Project always enjoy a visit from Daughters of Charity who have travelled from abroad. In April, Sister Joanne visited all the way from Sydney, Australia, and staff enjoyed sharing all the wonderful work they do at the project.



In recent years, The Louise Project has supported many families with their European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS) applications, and ensuring their rights are protected. Late applications and complex cases are still in process and the staff still see

many enquiries coming through the door. On the 9th of May - Europe Day - Project Worker Michelle and Project Manager Ellie attended a conference hosted by Citizens Rights Project on EU Nationals in Scotland. It was an insightful day and the project is delighted to partner with Citizens Rights Project's and have their support. One young boy who was supported with his EUSS account said:

"Thank you, thank you, without all your help I could not work, I didn't know where to go or what to do. I can work now, thank you, God bless you"

Also in May, students who take literacy classes at The Louise Project visited the University of Glasgow. The visit was planned to encourage mothers of young children to better understand what it means to study at a university. The students were given the opportunity to meet with staff and undergraduates to find out what life would be like as a university student. They also had the opportunity to view lecture theatres and were given a tour of the university's buildings and grounds. Most importantly, the trip demonstrated to the women that people from the ROMA community are welcomed at the University too.



THE LOUISE PROJECT CONTINUED ...

Every Wednesday afternoon, The Louise Project holds a Ladies Afternoon Tea (LAT) where they put on a delicious spread of cakes, tea and coffee. The project welcomes all women in the community to come along and share their stories, talk about their day and, at the end of the session, get support if needed. The women also choose which activities they would like to take part in each week. They recently completed jewellery-making classes, and have now moved on to gel nail manicures. One young lady said: *"This is my first time getting my nails painted, thank you!"*



In June, The Louise Project celebrated FiBo 2023, an annual award ceremony in memory of beloved staff member Fiona Boyd who founded the project's literacy class. The project celebrated the amazing accomplishments of its literacy class students who all received a certificate. This year's FiBo award winner was student Shabnam, who was presented the award by last year's winner, Margita. Three other students, Anca, Nahida and Zohour, won the highest attendance awards. Well done to all!



Volunteer's Week also took place in June and staff at The Louise Project were delighted to celebrate their wonderful, dedicated volunteers who give up their precious time every week to support the students with a home cooked buffet that the students supplied.

STOP & BLETHER AT THE LISTENING HEART



THE LISTENING HEART

By Sister Maria Robb

The Official Opening

Although we opened our doors on Shrove Tuesday this year, it wasn't until May 16th that we had our Official Opening. We hired St Michael's Church Hall, opposite the Listening Heart. When we opened on Shrove Tuesday, Fr Liam blessed our premises so our Official Opening was more an opportunity to thank everyone who had supported us over the first few months. Our amazing band of volunteers pulled all the stops out; organising the catering, decorating the hall, preparing tables, ordering flowers and helping to get the invitations made and sent out.

With about eighty guests from various local organisations, people we have welcomed in to the project, Vincentian Family members and local people who have supported us, St Michael's Hall was buzzing with chatter. Sister Ellen welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support and interest in the Listening Heart, and Father Paul Roche CM offered a prayer.



The Listening Heart was open throughout the afternoon for people to pop over and look around. It was a wonderful occasion celebrate with so many people who are supporting us. We look forward to the next gathering!



Gaynor and Kelly, Children & Young People's Support Team



OUT THERE

A growing team

Out There was delighted to welcome a new Children and Young People's Support Worker to the team, Gaynor, at the beginning of May. Since her appointment, Gaynor has been working closely with families across Greater Manchester who are impacted by imprisonment and has already made a positive impact to many lives. Gaynor arrived just in time to celebrate the King's Coronation with families. With the help of a local community arts studio, OT creative space, families supported by Out There enjoyed a gathering where children and young people created their own coronation bunting.

Additionally, a new student counsellor has joined the team to offer free counselling sessions at the charity to adults who have a loved one in prison.

Steps towards positive mental health

Providing emotional support to families is a major aspect of the work taking place at Out There. The project marked Mental Health Awareness Week in May by incorporating creative and calming activities into one-to-one sessions with families to help support those who may be dealing with anxiety, which was this year's theme. Additionally, Out There held a well-being day at the centre where women had the opportunity to have a massage, reiki or reflexology. Staff are also distributing 60 pamper packs to family members as a reminder for them to take time for self-care.

In collaboration with a larger charity in Greater Manchester, Out There has taken part in a pilot project where they offer support to men on probation, making further use of the charity's centre and resources. After a successful trial period, Out There hopes the project will continue and is looking to extend the work to provide support for the men's families too.

OUT THERE CONTINUED ...

Summer experiences

Staff at the project have been busy over the past few weeks arranging a variety of activities and trips for the families they support to take part in over the summer holidays. Plans include a day visiting Blackpool Zoo with 55 family members and a family cooking class.

Out There has also gained funding from Mothers' Union for the Diocese of Manchester for three families to enjoy extended summer holidays. Two families will be journeying to the seaside town Prestatyn in Wales, and another very excited family is preparing for a holiday in Blackpool. The trips will provide families with the opportunity to take a break from their daily stresses and relax as they make positive memories together and enjoy experiences they would not otherwise be able to.

Uplifting stories

In June, Out There supported a family to make their final important journey to prison for their dad's release. Shortly after, the team were delighted to receive a call from the man who thanked them for the support they gave his family, and expressed how it had reduced his anxiety during his sentence knowing his family were supported.

One hard-working mother was struggling to afford a new bed for her children who had outgrown their current beds. Out There partnered with an online charity, Acts 435, who help connect those who want to give with those who are in need of support. With the help of some very kind donations through Acts 435, Out There was able to provide financial assistance for the new beds. The lady was overjoyed.



Well-being day with staff and volunteers



Gaynor and Kelly at a volunteering fair promoting opportunities at Out There



HUTT ST CENTRE

By Chris Burns CSC, Chief Executive Officer

One giant leap for manKIND

In June, Hutt St Centre was proud to introduce a new initiative; to provide specialised support, resources and opportunities for men at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

The program, dubbed 'manKIND', was launched during Men's Health Week, with activities and guest speakers on topics like mental wellbeing, respectful relationships, health and fitness.

This initiative was inspired by the resounding success of our monthly IGNITE event, which has helped to empower 131 women at risk of or experiencing homelessness in its first year.

An average of 25 men took part in the program each day and all initiatives were co-designed based on their input and ideas. Around 60% of men are rough sleeping when they first seek our support, and nearly half are experiencing mental health issues, so this tailored support is vital.



The men who took part shared some highlights from their experience:

*"I've got this new feeling of belonging and acceptance... from being with people who know my story and don't judge me." - Marcus**

*"Now I know there are other guys out there like me. The social interaction has boosted my confidence and helped me learn more about myself." - Colin**

*"The best part of this event was seeing everyone around me so happy." - Sam**

HUTT ST CENTRE CONTINUED ...



Looking ahead, manKIND is set to run on a monthly basis on the third Wednesday of each month. Future speakers will include representatives from Cancer Council, Relationships Australia's Gambling Support program, Adelaide Men's Shed, and the Diamond House community mental health program.

Innovative programs like manKIND and IGNITE are made possible by the kindness of Hutt St Centre's community.

We're grateful to have the support of so many people who share our belief that everyone deserves a safe place where they belong.

Kind regards,

Chris Burns CSC

Chief Executive Officer
Hutt St Centre

ST JOSEPH'S

The people at St Joseph's have welcomed a number of visitors over the past few months. In May, Sister Ellen Flynn visited the project during her trip to Scotland. St Joseph's Board of Advisors presented their new governing document to Sister Ellen before joining her for lunch. The day was finished off with a sing song which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Jim O'Connor, Trustee of Daughters of Charity Services, also visited the charity in May. Jim had the opportunity to spend time with some of the people that are supported at St Joseph's services within their homes and was able to learn more about the support provided.



Once spring had sprung and temperatures began to rise in Edinburgh, the people at St Joseph's used their green fingers to plant fruits, vegetables and flowers in their gardens. Everyone has enjoyed watching their produce grow.



The summer holidays are now in full swing at St Joseph's. A variety of outdoor activities have already been enjoyed, from visiting a safari park, The Kelpies and Haggerston Castle, to days trips to Portobello, Blackpool, Rhyl and London.



ST JOSEPH'S CONTINUED...

Fundraising for St Joseph's Centenary ***Taking to the skies***

St Joseph's will be celebrating 100 years of service in 2024. In the lead up to the centenary, the people at St Joseph's have number of celebrations and fundraising activities planned over the next year.

Two support staff, Margaret and Chantelle, are braving a tandem skydive to raise funds. Everyone at St Joseph's is so proud of Margaret and Chantelle for putting themselves forward for this daring and exciting challenge - we're all behind you (and about 1000 feet below you!). The money they raise will make sure that St Joseph's centenary year will be particularly special for all of the people St Joseph's Support.

St Joseph's would particularly like to thank Scotia Security for their very kind support of the skydive by agreeing to pay for the costs of the jump. This fantastic donation will enable Margaret and Chantelle to undertake this tandem jump.

Chantelle said:

"Hi my name is Chantelle I have worked for St Joseph's for nearly two years. I have always wanted to do a parachute jump and when St Joseph's decided to fund raise for the centenary celebrations in 2024 I thought this is a great opportunity to raise funds. I would like to thank Scotia Security for sponsoring us. I am excited and a little scared but looking forward to this. I have great support from my work colleagues and from the organisation. If you can spare a few pounds to sponsor me I would be really grateful. Thanks, Chantelle."

Margaret said:

"It's always been something that I've really wanted to do so I'm very excited for it. The reason I'm doing it is because I was thinking of ways to raise money and thought what could I do? Since I've always wanted to do a skydive I thought this would be a perfect way to raise money for our centenary."



Chantelle



Margaret

ST JOSEPH'S CONTINUED...

Fundraising for St Joseph's Centenary ***Walking to the end of the Earth for St Joseph's***

Angela Carlyle, St Joseph's Pastoral Co-ordinator, is undertaking a week long sponsored walk whilst on a long 84 mile pilgrimage from Santiago to Camino Finisterre and then on to Muxia. Finisterre derives from the Latin finis terrae, meaning 'end of the earth', so Angela is literally walking to the end of the earth for St Joseph's.

When asked what was her inspiration behind this, Angela said:

"This pilgrimage is an amazing opportunity to find spiritual peace, meet different people with whom to share this incredible experience. I wanted to combine this experience with contributing to the superb fundraising efforts that has been happening for St Joseph's Centenary. I know how special an occasion this will be for everyone involved in the organisation that I feel very privileged to be a part of."

Everyone at St Joseph's would like to wish Angela the best of luck with her pilgrimage and for undertaking this amazing challenge. We'll be with you every step of the way (and have a foot spa ready when you get home). If you would like to support Angela's journey please visit our just giving page:
<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3012753>



Activities Co-ordinator

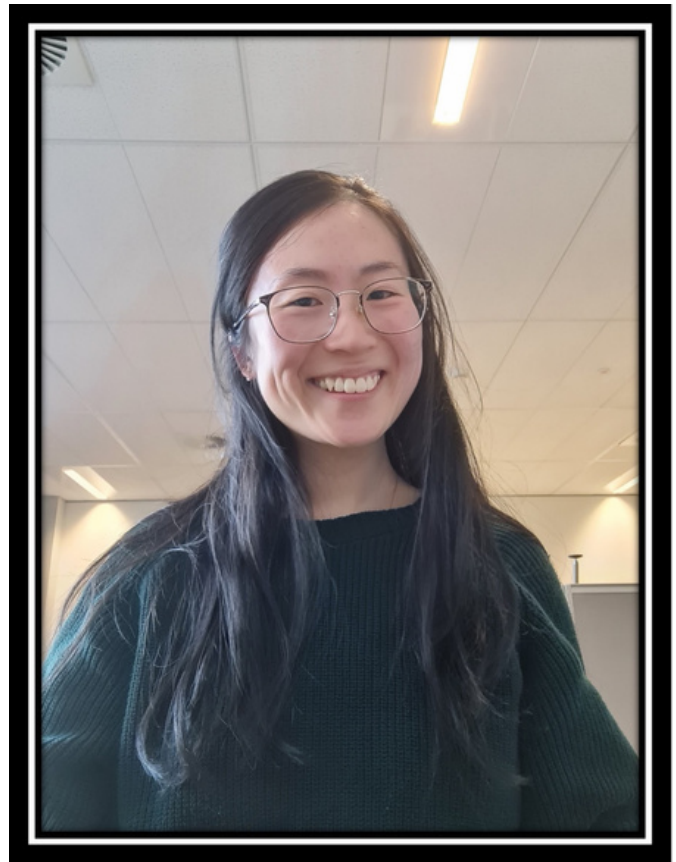
St Joseph's is now recruiting for an Activities Co-ordinator. This is an exciting new role at the charity and the first post in recent years to be funded entirely by trust funds. The post-holder will design and deliver a programme of meaningful activities that will make such a positive difference to the lives of everyone that St Joseph's supports, and hopefully benefit the community too.



ST CATHERINE'S AGED CARE SERVICES

All staff and volunteers at St Catherine's serve with the highest regard for the worth and dignity of residents. Alyssa is one of the valued volunteers who has been volunteering at St. Catherine's for more than two years. Here is what Alyssa said about her experience as a volunteer ...

Hi! My name is Alyssa, and I am currently a student completing my combined PhD and Master of Psychology. I have been a volunteer with St Catherine's for two years, visiting my dear friend Pauline. My objective to contribute to improving mental health enabled me to join this initiative as a means to support a population that struggled with social isolation, but this journey has also quickly become a valuable form of friendship for me. It has truly been a wonderful experience to gain this enriching connection and I look forward to sharing conversation and companionship at each visit.





ST VINCENT'S FAMILY PROJECT

Everything that takes place at St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP) serves to support young families in Westminster. This includes creating a strong community, building healthy relationships and habits, and offering personalised support to families in order to improve the future of children. Over the last quarter, SVFP has put on a number of fun and educational trips around London for families, including outings to Kew Gardens, Battersea Park Children's Zoo and London's beautiful St James Park and Archiship Park. Back at the centre, SVFP has continued to run its usual drop-in sessions, creche, sensory groups, coffee mornings, creative arts therapy and parenting courses. In addition, families have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of classes including cooking, knitting, health and fitness and baby massage, which all contribute to happy and healthy families.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to put pressure on young families across Westminster. SVFP has seen an increase in demand for food banks and has become the largest referral to a community pantry that provides access to affordable food for local people. To support families, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has visited SVFP every Thursday to offer advice to parents. Additionally, the project was awarded a grant from St Marylebone Educational Foundation to help struggling families purchase school uniforms and equipment such as PE kits. South Westminster has also acquired more storage space so families can buy and sell second hand school uniforms to help them save money.

SVFP was delighted to be awarded funds by The Hobson Charity to go towards a screen projector for the project's sensory room. The room is used to support children who might need extra help developing their focus, sensory skills, communication and social language.

SVFP CONTINUED ...

Gearing up for the end of summer term, staff at SVFP have planned a range of activities for children to take part in over the holidays. These trips not only foster vital developmental skills, such as social skills and confidence building, but also enables children to make positive memories and experience joy through activities they would not otherwise be able to afford. The summer programme includes a river cruise on the Thames and a trip to the seaside.

SVFP is also preparing to provide therapy to two new local schools from September. The project currently works with eight schools where it provides provides 1-1 therapy, group sessions and also offers therapy education to teachers.



Milestones

SVFP will soon bid farewell to Larry Harrison who is retiring from the project after working as a finance officer for 15 years. Staff at the project thank Larry for all his hard work and dedication to the charity over the years and wish him all the joy and happiness in his retirement.

Seka Sokic recently celebrated 20 years working at SVFP. Seka originally came to SVFP as a parent and soon took on her first role at the project as a cook. Congratulations on the big milestone!





ST MARY'S HOUSE OF WELCOME

Corporates make the difference

In July one of our corporate sponsors, CANVA, came on site to sponsor a wonderful community BBQ. St Mary's House of Welcome (SMHOW) encourages corporate volunteering with the aim of encouraging companies to donate their time to highlight homelessness and social justice, and make a donation to support the preparation, cooking and serving of a BBQ. These opportunities allow us to highlight the issues of homelessness and connect with our community. Making this a very special event, the CANVA team worked with our service users to design their own hooded windcheaters (hoodies) and then posted out the final products in beautifully packaged boxes. There was great excitement among service users in the unwrapping of the hoodies and showing of their designs. We are hosting 1-2 corporate BBQs each month until December 2023.

Stewardship and mission

We were thrilled to have Sister Debra McCarthy DC on site to share a mission formation program with nine staff. Our staff love Debra sharing stories of our Founding Sisters' work and the connection to our mission and values in our programs and service.

At SMHOW we have been working to ensure that governance and stewardship of our resources is central to everything. We were thrilled to land the year with a small operating profit after an initial deficit budget was approved. Our National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) program continues to strengthen, and we are taking on many of our service users through NDIS packages to support service coordination, group programs and individual skills development. These packages are life changing and support the building of housing security and key living skills. We are now running a cooking program two days per week with service users cooking their own dinner and dessert to take home.

SMHOW CONTINUED ...

Robina Bradley, CEO, has been appointed as Chair Yarra Zero by the local Council. The project commenced in July 2023 and is a cross agency collaborative project working for three years focused on ending rough sleeping in the City of Yarra with a collective impact approach. The project methodology has been applied in 89 communities across Canada, USA, Australia, Denmark and UK. Already SMHOW has referred 15 rough sleepers to the project.

Student placements

SMHOW is continuing to support the placement of both social work students (final year) and Community Development Worker placements. These placements allow our workers to share their knowledge and skills and offer potential workforce pool. We are working with La Trobe University, Australian Catholic University and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University.

Client stories

We are thrilled to have worked to get permanent housing placements for three service users and another two chronically homeless service users through suitable transitional housing. We will continue to stay connected with the service users and offer support. This outcome is a reflection of the skills, persistence and focus of our homeless team in a system that is seeing a housing crisis, increasing demand from cost-of-living pressures and a very visible face of homelessness in our streets.

Kitchen news

Our much-appreciated Chef Ryan Stewart has collaborated with our Volunteer Coordinator to develop a rotation of trainee chefs to work on site. This is a wonderful opportunity to share skills, increase job satisfaction and industry reputation. Each day our community sits at the table, receives announcements of programs and activities, shares the menu for the day and thank our wonderful volunteers and staff. We give thanks and grace for our food at each meal and ensure a sense of connection and community.





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VINCENTIAN CARE PLUS

By Field Care Supervisor, Michelle Harris

A couple of weeks ago we found ourselves in the office late on a Friday afternoon trying to arrange food for one of our service users. After weeks of trying to determine who did this man's shopping we had hit a dead end. We were mindful and concerned that we were going into a hot weekend and our lovely gentlemen did not have sufficient food in his flat. The burden had fallen on our care workers using their own money each day to buy necessities and food professions for him and then the office refunding them. We knew it was not sustainable for much longer.

While the team were looking at every option, I decided to start looking at food banks and reaching out in the hope that someone could assist us. I found Charity Begins at Home, a charity that has served food, clothes and life-essentials to less fortunate and disadvantaged people since 2016, and made the call. It went to voicemail so I carried on making calls. Within a couple of minutes, I received a call back from the gentlemen who runs this amazing charity, Muhammed. I explained the situation and he agreed to help us out straight away. We



worked quickly to move care workers calls around so we could free up a care worker to go down and collect the food parcel.

While Muhammed and I were chatting about food poverty and the crisis in Westminster he offered to work with us. Since then, we have been in contact and I look forward to having our first proper telephone meeting this week to discuss how we can work together to ensure no one goes hungry, especially the old and vulnerable.



the marillac
neurological
care centre



THE MARILLAC NEUROLOGICAL CARE CENTRE

The Marillac Neurological Care Centre is never a place that's short of smiles and laughter. Residents were thrilled to have a band named 'The Pearly King & Queen' entertain them on St George's Day on the 23rd April. The performers dressed top to tail in pearly buttons and treated everyone to East End classics such as 'Maybe It's Because I'm a Londoner' and 'My Old Man's a Dustman.' The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance whilst waving their flags. The Marillac's chef, Marta, provided homemade pie, mash and liquor in true East End tradition, which everyone said was delicious.

The residents had fun painting union jacks and crowns in preparation for the King's Coronation on 6th May. Some of their artwork was laminated and hung up around the sensory garden for everyone to enjoy. The day before the coronation, the Marillac held its own street party with an entertainer and afternoon tea. The party was attended by residents, staff and families who all had a great time.

In June, residents took part in a craft session where they painted blank and patterned hearts, showing their different levels of abilities and styles. The beautiful artwork has created a bold display on the railings of the centre's sensory garden.

THE MARILLAC CONTINUED...

Pastoral Care at The Marillac

By Sister Rosalie Crowley

Where has this time gone as it seems no time since I was doing my last report. They, say time flies by when you are enjoying yourself! Easter week was a very busy time for us, and it was so lovely to have many residents with us for the Easter Celebrations.

It amazes me week after week to see the progress our residents make, and I congratulate all the disciplines involved including the wonderful hands-on care of our wonderful teams. On speaking with the families, they are overjoyed to see this progress which goes far beyond their expectations. This is such a joy for me to get this very positive feedback.

We have had many residents in Hospital over the past months for various conditions and tests and it is with sadness one of our residents from St Louise's unit went to God. K was awaiting surgery but as her condition worsened, she was admitted to Hospital and died a few days later. K died peacefully with her family around her. Fr Michael and I have been involved in supporting the family and attended the funeral. May K rest in Peace.

Our resident L from St Catherines unit was admitted to hospital and when there was nothing more medically could be done for her, at the request of the unit, she was discharged home for end-of-life care. L had no family to help care for her so the staff team at The Marillac took on the role of Family. The end-of-life care given by the team was second to none, and as I spent some time sitting with L, each evening I was in awe of the love and support being given to her by each member of the team as we awaited her time to come to an end. Although I am sure this was difficult for everyone it gave the team time to grieve and say goodbye to a very loved resident. L has gone to God, may she RIP.

As ever our activities team have put on various displays for residents, families and staff, and the most notable were St Georges day, entertainment by the Pearly King and Queen. Celebration of King's Coronation with a large cut out of King Charles where residents and families had photographs taken with him. It was such a joyous occasion, and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to our chef Marta with her team, who put on a beautiful display of homemade food 'Fit for a King'?



SETON VILLA

The past three months have been a very exciting time for Seton Villa! We have commenced construction on our seventh new Specialist Disability Accommodation Improved Liveability house, which is the final stage of our three-year Asset Redevelopment journey. In line with our Strategic Plan, this last house will welcome new male residents to Seton Villa. We hope construction will be completed during November 2023, and we will commence operations early in 2024, once the four new residents have been signed up.

On 3 April 2023, we assumed responsibility for providing NDIS Supported Independent Living services to the 15 male and female residents living at Ryde Area Supported Accommodation

for Intellectually Disabled (RASAID), just around the corner from our Rosalie's Place home. After a challenging few weeks with staff rosters and clarification of NDIS funding, the residents and families are now quite settled and enjoying the improved structure and professionalism of Seton Villa. I continue to meet with the families' representative body on a fortnightly basis to address any emerging issues before they become problematic.

SETON VILLA CONTINUED...

Residents are also very thankful to Seton Villa for our commitment to enriching their participant experience at RASAIID. We recently arranged a visit from Fire & Rescue NSW and the Rural Fire Service to speak with everyone about fire safety and the use of extinguishers. By all accounts they had a fabulous day!

So.... what is next for Seton Villa?

The NDIS has just released new pricing guidelines for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA), which is likely to spark fresh interest from positive impact

investors to build more new houses. This will be an opportunity for Seton Villa to explore expanding our Supported Independent Living services even further in properties owned by other SDA providers – two of whom are planning construction of apartment-style accommodation in Macquarie Park – just down the road from Seton Villa.

I look forward to sharing progress with this new initiative in our next update.

Peter Gardiner

Chief Executive Officer

