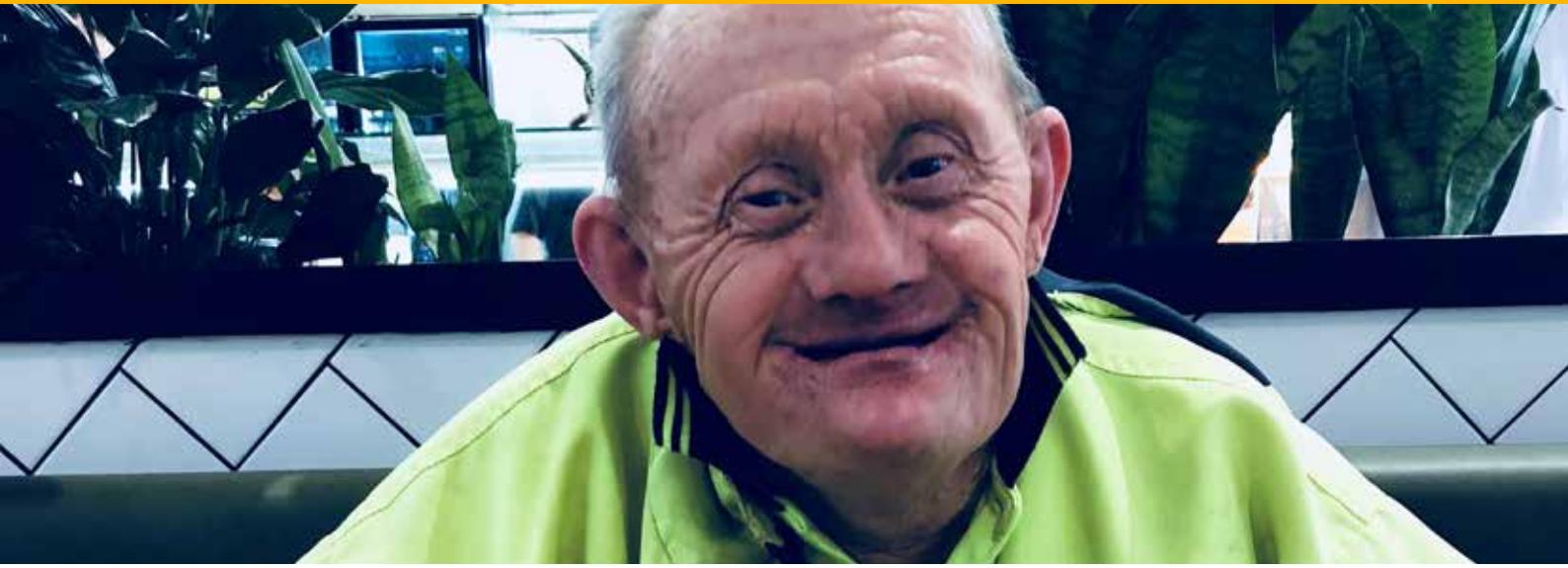




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WINTER 2020 UPDATE

Farewell Our Friend

With sadness we said goodbye to Mr. Terrance Warburton, affectionately known as Warby after he passed away peacefully on the 24th June 2020.

Warby has called New Haven Farm Home his home since he was just 16 years old.

Celebrating his life, the New Haven Farm Home team gathered for lunch wearing Warby's very favourite, fluro work wear, listening to the songs he loved to dance to at Zumba each week and sharing so many happy memories of our friend and client.

Warby loved nothing more than to work outside his home from sun up to sun down, made all the better with music playing from his radio and a cold coca-cola on his bench.

He loved breakfast. In fact, Warby could often be found joining in breakfast with his friends and every morning enjoyed a coffee and toast with the admin team.

Warby was always smiling, unless it was raining as this put a dampener on his work day, and always made everyone else smile with his charm and cheekiness.

We can share our happy stories of times with Warby forever, and he is missed. But we are honoured to have shared his life with him.

Our sincere condolences to Warby's family and friends and thank you to all of the New Haven Farm Home team members who have supported Warby to live life his way for so many amazing years.



A NOTE FROM THE ACTING CEO:

Hello,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr Jacques Stap for his service and dedication to our organisation over the last 6 years. During this time, many changes occurred with new service delivery models and new funding models (just to mention a few) being implemented and I would like to both acknowledge and thank Jacques for his dedication and efforts throughout his time with the organisation.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Annette Allen. I have been associated with New Haven Farm Home for many years now. During this time I have been fortunate to be able to establish relationships with all our clients and their families as well as many of our supporters and I am very grateful for that. If we haven't met as yet, please reach out and introduce yourself, I would love an opportunity to meet with you. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board of Directors for the opportunity to act in the capacity of CEO as we continue to work together to both support and grow our organisation.

I trust you will enjoy the content of this newsletter and thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to New Haven Farm Home.

Annette Allen
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Shane loves to cook and he has some fantastic skills in both meal preparation and as a barista at a local cafe. Shane recently made his own pasta which is very impressive!



Congratulations to Therese Domoney who has been part of the New Haven Farm Home team for 20 years! Therese, thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication in supporting the people who call New Haven Farm Home their home.



Shaun did a fantastic job baking cupcakes to share with his housemates for morning tea. The berry decorations look great Shaun!



Congratulations to Kevin Low who has been part of the New Haven Farm Home Team for 10 years. Kevin thank you for all that you do in supporting our clients.



Well done Ziggy! Ziggy submitted some of his pottery work to the Blacktown Show judging panel and was very excited to receive both a 1st and 3rd prize for his work.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Like everyone today, New Haven Farm Home has been significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In the height of the pandemic clients, families and friends and staff were impacted in differing ways.

In the interest of maintaining everyone's health and welfare, clients were unable to attend many of their usual programs and practices including having to temporarily cease their employment and community interactions. A number of planned events and gatherings had to unfortunately be cancelled whilst staff continued to provide high quality support and services to our clients despite the uncertain and ever changing environment.

I would like to thank all staff for their tremendous efforts in this. As both State and Federal restrictions ease, and clients are able to return to some of their former practice, I would like to reassure you that the health and safety of all is of paramount concern. As an organisation, we continue to implement social distancing practices with increased staffing as necessary to also support clients in maintaining this practice, strong hygiene practices and utilisation of PPE for all. Furthermore, we continue to require all staff and any visitors to not only sign into a premises but to have your temperature taken and declare that you have no knowledge of interactions or symptoms that relate to Covid – 19. We acknowledge that this is a slight inconvenience but appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we work to ensure the continued health and safety of all.

Annette Allen

A green and black informational poster titled "HEALTH WARNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)" under "INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS". It features five circular icons with corresponding text: "ISOLATE YOURSELF", "CALL YOUR DOCTOR", "LIST TRAVEL HISTORY", "COVER YOUR COUGH", and "WASH HANDS OFTEN". Below these is a large "STOP THE SPREAD" graphic. At the bottom left is the Australian Government Department of Health logo, and at the bottom right is the website "www.health.gov.au".

Taking care of your mental health during COVID-19

A horizontal poster with five blue boxes, each containing a small icon and a tip:

- Stay connected**: Keep in touch with friends and family via email, social media, video conferencing or telephone.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle**: Establish a regular daily routine, get plenty of sleep and eat nutritious meals, engage in exercise and physical activities that you like.
- Stay positive**: Remember that this period of self-isolation or quarantine is temporary and follows expert advice to help contain the virus.
- Stay informed**: Obtain accurate information from reliable sources like the Australian Government and the World Health Organization.
- Seek support**: Mental health services are available if you're feel anxious, worried or overwhelmed.

At the bottom left is the URL "healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-and-wellbeing" and at the bottom right is the "healthdirect" logo.

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH KESSLER



Congratulations to Hannah Kessler who was awarded the Autumn 2020 Staff Recognition Award!

Hannah has been a Disability Support Worker at New Haven Farm Home for 2 years and is committed to actively contributing to the growth and development of our services for both the people we support and other staff.

Ensuring people living with a disability have freedom; choice; respect; inclusion and feel uplifted to be themselves is important to Hannah

She is passionate about helping clients explore new and different ways to look after their health and wellbeing and supporting them to continuously learn how to make healthy choices.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment Hannah!

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD

On behalf of the Board of Directors of New Haven Farm Home can I please pass on our sincere thanks and gratitude to family and friends of our clients at New Haven Farm Home for your understanding and patience over the last few months as we face this ever-changing period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was intended and hoped that 2020 was going to be an exciting year for the organisation, with a number of events being planned, not least of all the celebration of the significant 60th Anniversary of the organisation along with two family and friends days and the launch of a 60th Anniversary book kindly authored by Mrs Ann Hair.

Unfortunately, due to the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic which still continues, as our main priority is supporting everyone's health and safety along with meeting government regulations and recommendations, a decision has had to be made to postpone these events. Please rest assured however that these events remain on the agenda and when we are able to do so, we will most certainly gather together to celebrate these things. As the current situation continues to evolve, we will continue to monitor and adjust our plans accordingly however, it is fully intended that Christmas celebrations will proceed, albeit in an alternative format to previous years.

Thank you again for your understanding and patience. New Haven Farm Home staff and Board look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Warren Chalker
Chairman of the New Haven Farm Home Board of Directors**



Doug is being supported to grow his skills and independence in cooking. He is always keen to learn new recipes and happily shares the meals he makes with his house mates.



Tony really enjoys art, in particular painting. While his classes were suspended due to Covid-19 Tony continued his art at home, but is happy to now have the opportunity to return to classes and continue learning.