



## Happy 97th *Plus*

*Celebration was in the air on Thursday March 5th when Blue Cross held a big birthday party for our 58 residents aged over 97.*



David Eccles, Blue Cross Director, cuts the cake.

The party, held at Broughtonlea, was a great success with 107 staff, residents and relatives in attendance. The oldest attendee was 104.

The day brought together three or four generations and gave the younger guests a chance to learn from the Blue Cross "living library".

Memories, stories, laughter and love were shared and all who attended were delighted and honoured to be part of this celebration of life. Carol Allen, Director and CEO of Blue Cross said, "It was a great event focussed on engaging the residents and celebrating their wonderful achievements."

Here's a snapshot of the fascinating lives of two of our 97-year olds, George Crane and Trixie Moore.



### GEORGE CRANE *Blue Cross – The Boulevard*

*George was born in Rutherglen in 1910 and remembers the end of the First World War with people shouting and bells ringing.*

His family moved to Collingwood where his mother had a delicatessen in Smith Street. George remains a fanatical Magpies fan to this day.

After meeting his wife Nancy at a dance in 1939, the couple moved to Alphington where they raised their son Russell. George trained greyhounds as a pastime, producing several champions.

After a career as an aircraft mechanic, George retired at 60 and spent many years touring the country with his caravan and continued to drive well into his 90s.

### BEATRICE 'TRIXIE' MOORE – *Blue Cross Autumdale*

*Trixie was born in Burwood in 1909.*

At age 18 Trixie embarked on a nursing career, training at the Old Melbourne Hospital.

Following a brief stint in midwifery, she became an army nurse for six years including two years in charge of the Internment Camp Hospital at Tatura, North Victoria.

Her work then took her to Manilla, Borneo, London and Aberdeen.

In 1951 Trixie became an Industrial Nurse at the Brockhoff biscuit factory and remained there for the next 24 years.

While Trixie was engaged several times, she chose travel and an outstanding career over marriage and has no regrets.

# Denis invites MP to *tea*

*When Denis Moore received a 90th birthday card from the Member for Mordialloc, Janice Munt M.P, he replied with an invitation to afternoon tea at Autumdale.*

Denis was very excited when Ms Munt accepted his invitation and came to Autumdale on Thursday 20th of November 2008.

Denis made the arrangements for the day himself including the afternoon tea menu, seating arrangements and the order of events.

Denis also invited Blue Cross CEO Carol Allen and his daughter Cathy.

The guests arrived at 3pm and Denis escorted them to a table

in the dining room where they were joined by Sharon Taylor, Autumdale's new residential manager.

Smiling from ear to ear, Denis happily chatted with his special guest as they enjoyed scones with tea and coffee.

Later he presented Ms Munt with a portrait he had painted of her along with a beautiful flower arrangement from the Autumdale staff and residents.

Ms Munt was overwhelmed with the hospitality and her gift



L-R: Sharon Taylor, Carol Allen, Janice Munt M.P, Denis Moore and Cathy, Denis's daughter.

from Denis and expressed her gratitude to all who attended. "No one has ever painted a portrait of me," she said.

Following afternoon tea, Ms Munt was invited to watch a news snippet of Denis's daughter Diane, nicknamed, 'The Flying Nun', arriving at the Royal Children's Hospital by helicopter dressed as an angel. One of Denis's seven children, Diane was a hospital chaplain for 18 years.

The guests were then treated

to a display of artwork by Denis and other Autumdale residents. Denis also showed the guests his photo albums and war memorabilia and told some of his war stories.

It was a special day for Denis and one he will remember forever.

**NORELLE SENSCHÉ**  
Regional Lifestyle  
Coordinator

# This year's event a star *turn*

*Following the success of 2008's Olympic-themed event, which was won by Western Gardens, Blue Cross is planning another spectacular day for residents. This year's will be based on Dancing with the Stars.*

Preparations have already begun with residents and staff practising dances and designing costumes.

Of particular note are the efforts of residents and staff at The Boulevard.

Three residents and three community volunteers regularly staff the kiosk which raises funds for the Lifestyle Program to organise various

activities. They have decided to dedicate all funds during this period to go towards hiring a dance therapist.

Congratulations to Meg and the Lifestyle team for making this happen.

Clients from community care can also participate in the Dancing with the Stars competition. All staff, residents, friends and relatives

are invited to come along for lunch and enjoy the show on 1st October at Camberwell Civic Centre, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

Event sponsorship packages are available. For more information on the packages or the event contact Monique Wiessner on 9828 1227.

## RESIDENCE PROFILE

# GARDENIA

*Situated in Chelsea, Gardenia has a lovely family feel with a resident cat Megs and two birds.*

Gardenia provides for ageing in place with 44 low-care and 30 high-care beds as well as facilities for low-care respite.

Gardenia opened a brand new low-care wing in December 2008. Some rooms in the new wing have a view of parkland while others overlook the new landscaped courtyard.

Gardenia offers a fantastic range of social events and exercise programs and the enthusiastic staff are keen to engage residents in the activities.

As well as the neighbouring parkland there is also plenty of open space to relax on the nearby beach.

The railway station, bus stop, local RSL and Probis clubs are all close by.

**To find out more contact the Gardenia admissions team on 1300 133 414.**



## STAFF PROFILE



### Katrina George *Learning and Development Manager*

Katrina started her role with Blue Cross in October 2008 and has 30 years experience in aged care. She is a registered nurse with a background in quality management, OH&S and education management.

In her current role Katrina aims to work with all areas of the business to develop and expand staff development opportunities. She will also source funding through various schemes as well as manage traineeships.

Katrina will also aim to develop relationships with preferred providers based on current best practice as well as overseeing special projects like the organisational orientation program and e-learning opportunities.

Katrina sees her new role as a great opportunity to work with a developing company. She wants to build the Learning and Development program into the way we work at Blue Cross and enrich lives through education.

## Blue Cross Willowmeade residence opening *soon*

The new, state-of-the-art, Blue Cross Willowmeade residence will open in August. The residence will offer 50 low-care beds,

18 high-care beds and 12 dementia beds.

As well as the aged care residence, Willowmeade will include a child care centre,

community centre and medical centre. It is opposite a school and a train line is very close by.

There will be an open day

although the date is to be confirmed. For more information contact the admissions coordinators on 1300 133 414.

## Our residences are located at:



### **Anglesea**

5 Weir Street  
Anglesea, VIC 3230  
Ph: 5263 9300



### **Ashby**

25-31 Ashford Street  
Lower Templestowe  
VIC 3107  
Ph: 9852 0967



### **Autumdale**

13 Eagland Road  
Cheltenham  
VIC 3192  
Ph: 9583 7622



### **Broughtonlea**

9-17 Broughton Road  
Surrey Hills, VIC 3127  
Ph: 9856 0999



### **Clevedon Terrace**

405 Upper  
Heidelberg Rd  
Heidelberg, VIC 3084  
Ph: 9458 4619



### **Cresthaven**

1A The Avenue  
E. Malvern, VIC 3145  
Ph: 9573 4100



### **Darnlee**

33 Lansell Road  
Toorak, VIC 3142  
Ph: 9804 7125



### **Gardenia**

87 Argyle Avenue  
Chelsea, VIC 3196  
Ph: 9776 0799



### **Glengowrie**

54 Box Forest Road  
Glenroy, VIC 3046  
Ph: 9358 4600



### **Hansworth**

181 Hansworth Street  
Mulgrave, VIC 3170  
Ph: 9558 7500



### **Highgrove**

79 Stevenson Street  
Kew, VIC 3101  
Ph: 9853 3570



### **Livingstone Gardens**

39 Livingstone Road  
Vermont South  
VIC 3133  
Ph: 9803 9111



### **Monterey**

858 Pascoe Vale Rd  
Glenroy, VIC 3046  
Ph: 9304 5400



### **Riverlea**

57 Intervale Drive  
Avondale Heights  
VIC 3034  
Ph: 9325 4733



### **Silverwood**

105 Porter Street  
Templestowe  
VIC 3106  
Ph: 8846 4200



### **Springfield**

40 Dorking Road  
Box Hill, VIC 3128  
Ph: 9898 9211



### **Tarralla**

9 Jackson Street  
Croydon, VIC 3136  
Ph: 9726 2500



### **The Boulevard**

70 Heaths Court,  
Mill Park, VIC 3082  
Ph: 9407 3200



### **Waterdale**

250 Waterdale Road  
Ivanhoe, VIC 3079  
Ph: 9497 3166



### **Western Gardens**

40 Anderson Road  
Sunshine, VIC 3020  
Ph: 8311 8888



### **Yarralee**

48 Sackville Street  
Kew, VIC 3101  
Ph: 9816 9055