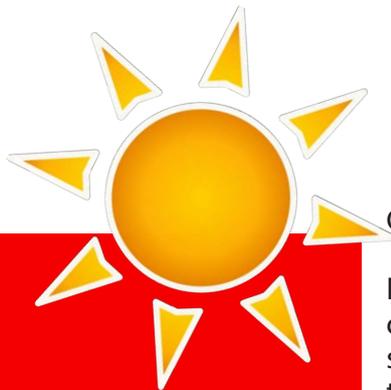




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Things Are Heating Up

As the weather begins to warm up over the Summer season remember to stay cool, drink plenty of water, and avoid long periods out in the sun.

From the CEO's Desk

Greetings everyone,

It's hard to believe that 2017 is coming to an end. Christmas is such a joyful time and a good time for us all to count our blessings. We live in the most wonderful country in the world, one that is peaceful, tolerant of diversity and respectful of individuals' right to live the life they choose.

Our second grandchild was born this year making our family Christmas celebrations even more meaningful. I recently took my granddaughter to visit Santa, and so the next generation of Christmas traditions commenced, next year she'll be old enough to go to the pageant! It's a joy to watch the wonder on their faces when they're in the magic cave surrounded by Nipper and Nimble along with

all the traditional decorations signifying Christmas.

Our year is ending on a busy note. One of our three major projects this year, has been the review of our three year Strategic Plan. This has involved a lot of input by our Board of Directors, Office Staff, Support Workers and Sector Stakeholders. The reforms that the Government has implemented in the Community Aged Care Sector over the past 3-4 years has meant that we have had to reconsider how we deliver our services to ensure that our organization is sustainable well into the future.



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Happy Birthday To You!

Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc. would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday during the Summer season a very special Happy Birthday!

Do you need help securing your Home Care Package with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group?

Our Service Consultants will assist you in the My Aged Care Referral Process.

Book a free appointment now on (08) 8532 2255



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From the CEO's Desk (cont.)

The second major project this year has been the expansion into Metropolitan Adelaide. We have thirty clients in Adelaide receiving in home support and twelve people who attend the social group, Al Mio Club with Murray Mallee Aged Care at Findon.

The third major project that has taken much energy, time and resources has been the achievement of Planning Approval to build fifty single bedroom units at Warner Road, Murray Bridge. The next step will be to get Building Approval, with the goal of 'breaking ground' in February/March 2018. Listen out for the updates in the newsletters next year. If you have any interest in hearing beforehand, please call me on 8532 2255.

As our organization continues to grow, communication becomes an increased challenge. For those of you who have been with us for some time, you will have participated in the Consumer Survey that we circulated in September. Where issues were raised we immediately sought to remediate them. We can only improve the quality of our services

by learning from the ideas and feedback we receive. Having said that, we were honoured by some of the positive feedback provided, particularly relating to the exceptional care and dedication demonstrated by our Support Workers. There's no need to wait to receive the annual survey to contact us though. I am always happy to hear directly from anyone that has suggestions for improvement. Our purpose is 'To provide services that enable people to live the life they want'.

In closing, I'd like to thank our esteemed Board of Directors, Office Staff, Support Workers and the Volunteers for their tireless work and contribution toward making the organization the success it has been for 23 years.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy festive season and prosperous 2018.

Warmest wishes
Anna Howard



Al Mio Club Con Murray Mallee volunteers
Jenny Bozzon, Saveria Arena, Raffaella Pollaccha

Home Care Packages

Over the past month or so we have been working on a Strategic Planning process and undertaking a series of stakeholder consultations. Leonie Boothby and Maz McGann are the consultants we've engaged to lead the discussions and we have highly valued the input from our Support Workers.

We consider our Support Workers to be an extremely important part of our team, if not, the most important members of the team and we appreciate their thoughts in terms of the organization's direction and the values we should be living by.

In October we gained a new addition to our office team with Registered Nurse Debbie Cotter now working in the office 3 days per week. We welcome Debbie with great excitement.

- Di Graetz, Community Care Manager

iPad Classes



Did you know that Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc. offers iPad Classes? Not only that, but we loan you an iPad for the duration of the course!

Our iPad classes provide fantastic mental and social stimulation and allow participants to jump into the 21st century. In addition to this, iPads are a fantastic tool for keeping in touch with family and friends.

Spaces per class are limited so book your spot for 2018 by calling Linda on 8532 2255.

What's Happening at Kaleidescape?

Wow, Christmas is here already. What a Year!

Its been a busy few months and I still can not believe how quick it has flown by. October saw the groups attend special outings with lots of happy clients and smiles all round.

November was a little laid back with a more relaxed approach. Taillem Bend requested they have a Melbourne Cup race day at their group with a lot of laughs and enjoyment in decorating their own horses and silks ready for the horse races. Mypolonga, Mannum and Murray Bridge got their hands stuck into some games and paper origami folding.

December, we celebrated our last groups for the year with Christmas lunches at each group. A raffle was put together by our

wonderful volunteers to help raise some funds to continue with our bingo box and raffles throughout the upcoming year. Everyone that attended the Christmas lunches enjoyed their day and the festivities.

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas raffle; Judith Quast, Rene Lynch, and Marlene Dunthorne.

Tanya and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

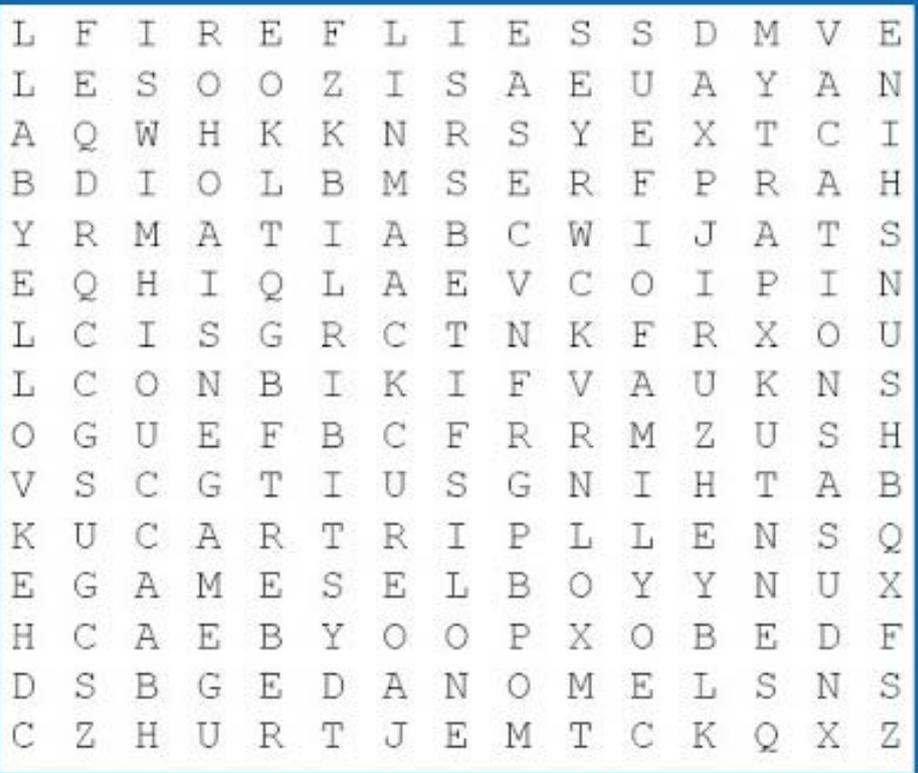
We look forward to seeing you all in 2018, until then take care and please remember to drink plenty of fluids.

Stay healthy and cool,
Linda

Kaleidescape attendees enjoying a trip to the Coonalpyn Silos.



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Meet the Councils who represent Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc:



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 Andrew Baltensperger
 Tod Cusack
 Karen Eckermann
 Airlie Keen
 Clem Schubert
 Fred Toogood
 Theo Weinmann
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Mayor:
 Dave Burgess

Councillors:
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 Mardi Jennings
 Kevin Myers
 Brenton Schmitt
 Jeff Hall
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 Morris Terrell
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 Jeff Arthur
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 Vern Leng
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 Kevin O'Driscoll
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