

# Homewood Herald

Jul - Aug 2026

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- ✿ Senior Care Manager - Sushma Ghimire
- ✿ General Manager – Tom Pembroke
- ✿ Quality Manager – Prakriti Subedi
- ✿ Clinical Care Coordinator (Gardens) – Ladrini Arrowsmith
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## Message from CEO, Bronwyn Heard

Thank you everyone for participating in the Census this year, and particular thanks to Dyhanne for getting it all and on time. We also received very good results back from the organization who completed a resident survey in June. They asked residents about:

- Being treated with respect and feeling safe, whether people get the care they need, whether they can do things they would like to do, if staff explain things well, and are kind, whether they can ask for activities,
- Whether the place is run well and if staff know what they are doing
- If the food is good



- Whether the residents would recommend Homewood to others.

The report compared this year to the previous two years. The home scored better on every question this year. Thank you for this encouragement! It means a lot to us. We still have a way to go, so please keep telling us where we can do better. We want to provide services that work well for you so that you can live your best life at Homewood Care.

While we are arranging for builders to do the renovations in Homewood, we are going ahead with the wall units in the ground floor large lounge room of Homewood. I am hoping the builders will be available to start the main work as the weather warms up and our residents will be able to spend some time outdoors as sections of Homewood are partitioned off – this will mean that builders can refresh the walls and put new floors down safely and residents can still use some of their living area at the same time. Once that is done, new furnishings and décor will arrive so that our home looks more comfortable and homely. More of that when we get our builders appointed.

In September, you will see Prakriti and JC Yap working with all of our staff to get ready for accreditation in April next year. It's exciting to think we will be showcasing the wonderful work of our team next year. We are all looking forward to spring arriving soon, some beautiful warm weather and enjoying spring gardens.

## Message from Senior Care Manager, Sushma Ghimire

### Thank You

A sincere thank you to all our residents and families for their wonderful participation in our vaccination clinics throughout the year.

Homewood Care has organised several vaccination clinics for our residents this year, including RSV, influenza, COVID-19 and shingles vaccinations, as well as an influenza vaccination clinic for our staff. Your participation and support have contributed significantly to protecting our residents and community from vaccine-preventable illnesses.

### COVID-19 Update

Homewood Nursing Home is currently managing a COVID-19 outbreak on Level 1. We are pleased to observe that, to date, the severity of infections has been relatively low among our residents.

We continue to work closely with our local Public Health Unit (PHU) and are following their recommendations and guidance to manage the outbreak and minimise the risk of further transmission. We thank our residents, families and staff for their continued understanding, cooperation and support during this time.



## Message from our General Manager, Tom Pembroke

It has been another exciting month at Homewood, with plenty happening across both Homewood and Homewood Gardens. We have welcomed two rather unusual new members to the Homewood family – Robbie and Doris, our new cleaning robots! Robbie is our vacuum robot working around Homewood Gardens, while Doris is our floor-scrubbing robot helping out at Homewood. You will see them making their way around the facilities, lending a hand to our cleaning team and keeping our floors looking their best. They have already become quite the talking point!

We are also getting closer to 1 November, when the new HELF arrangements will commence for all residents. The response so far has been fantastic, with almost 40 residents already transitioning early to some or all of their new services. The Personal Nursing Outing



Service has been particularly popular, along with our monthly Showcase and the new Homewood La Première Movie Experience. If you or your family would like to go through the package, make any changes or start your new services earlier, please reach out to us – we are always happy to sit down and go through the options with you.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to heading away with my family to Nelson Bay for a few days. Mila is now two, so she is at a great age to enjoy a little more of the fun. I'm sure there will be plenty of time at the water park and beach and, of course, plenty of ice cream!

I hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead, and I look forward to catching up with you all around Homewood.

## Events and celebrations

*We have celebrated birthdays of few of our residents:*

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 🌻 Charles, Anthony (Tony)        | 🌻 Bray, Paul               |
| 🌻 Coorie, Kevin                  | 🌻 Casarotto, Augusta       |
| 🌻 Glitsos, Vasilios (Bill)       | 🌻 Georgiou, Georgia        |
| 🌻 Stralow, Judith                | 🌻 Lupevski, Dana           |
| 🌻 Tokatlidis, Polikarpos (Paul)  | 🌻 Neason, Kathleen (Kathy) |
| 🌻 Zarocostas, Eleftheria (Effie) | 🌻 Petkovska, Elica         |
| 🌻 Warden, Glenn (Glenn)          | 🌻 Whittaker, Pamela (Pam)  |
| 🌻 Keenan, Kenneth (Ken)          | 🌻 Drysdale, Patricia       |
| 🌻 Mc Ilveen, Amanda (McIlveen)   | 🌻 Duong, Mai Thi           |
| 🌻 Pepper, Lesley (Lesley)        | 🌻 Innes, Joan              |



## Leisure and Lifestyle Update

### July & August: A Celebration of Music, Culture & Community!

The past two months at Homewood have been filled with **music, travel, laughter, delicious food and plenty of fun!**



**July** was certainly a month to remember! We celebrated **American Independence Day** with an armchair travel adventure through some of America's most spectacular national parks. Residents explored the sights, learned about the incredible landscapes and finished the experience with the ultimate American favourites — **hot dogs and Coke!**



Then, the King himself came to Homewood! 🎸 **Elvis was in the house**, bringing plenty of energy, entertainment and rock 'n' roll spirit. Residents enjoyed singing along, dancing and soaking up the atmosphere as Elvis brought his legendary charm to the residence.

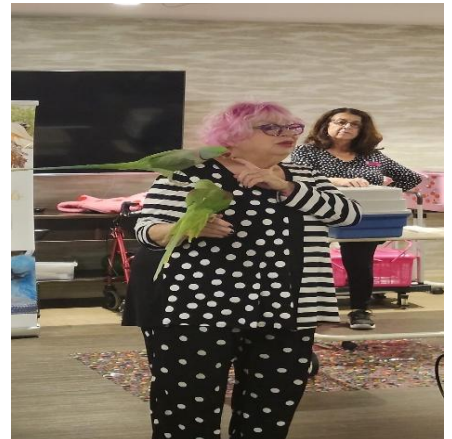


We then travelled across the world again for **Bastille Day**, celebrating all things French with beautiful food, wonderful music and a taste of French culture.

**August** continued the celebrations with our **Monthly Music Showcase**, where we welcomed new musicians to Homewood. Residents enjoyed tapping their toes, singing along and discovering some new musical favourites.

We were also delighted to welcome the **Greek Choir**, whose beautiful voices and wonderful community spirit filled Homewood with music and joy. 🎵 It was a fantastic afternoon that brought everyone together. Our armchair travels continued with a journey to **Hungary**, where residents explored the country's fascinating history, culture and famous attractions — all without leaving the comfort of Homewood!

And, of course, no month at Homewood would be complete without our much-loved **monthly BBQ!** 💧 Residents, families and staff came together to enjoy delicious food, great company and plenty of conversation.



## Resident Spotlight

### *Welcoming new residents to Homewood Care Family*

We have recently welcomed the following residents to our Homewood Care family:

- 🌻 Assaf, Samira
- 🌻 Farrance, John
- 🌻 Karmirakis, Leon
- 🌻 Panas, Galatia
- 🌻 Stralow, Judith
- 🌻 Tufegdzic, Jovan
- 🌻 Warden, Glenn
- 🌻 Zarocostas, Eleftheria

### *Paying tribute to our wonderful residents*

In loving memory over the month, we have said a sad farewell to:

#### **Deceased**

- 🌻 Carlyon, Renee
- 🌻 Cassidy, Denis
- 🌻 Emmanuelidis, Jolan (Julie)
- 🌻 Giunta, Domenico
- 🌻 Henning, Marie
- 🌻 Sciberras, Carmel

#### **Discharged**

- 🌻 Berville, Ignace (Nick)
- 🌻 Crighton, Joan (Joan)

We miss them every day and our thoughts are with their families and loved ones.



## Staff Shoutout

Few more addition to Homewood

- 🌻 Kunwar, Karishma
- 🌻 Shamo, Randa
- 🌻 Parajuli, Mahesh
- 🌻 Regmi, Bimal
- 🌻 Bajagain, Ganesh
- 🌻 Jamarkattel, Subol
- 🌻 Basnet, Ashma
- 🌻 Lama, Manita
- 🌻 Ghimire, Anisha
- 🌻 Subedi, Prakriti
- 🌻 Thapa, Sabita
- 🌻 Thapa, Ritika
- 🌻 Neupane, Karuna
- 🌻 Shahi, Aditi
- 🌻 Trovato, Margaret

## Staff farewells

We bid a goodbye to few of our loving and caring staffs:

- 🌻 Sijapati, Aachal
- 🌻 Basnet, Amisha
- 🌻 Cavu, Penina
- 🌻 Kemsley, Ashlee Rain



## Meet Our Resident: Edo Schroeder



This month, we're delighted to introduce Edwin "Edo" Nelson Schroeder and share a little about the fascinating life, memories and interests that have shaped him.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Edo has many fond

childhood memories of hiking and camping with his family. Family has always been important to him, and some of his happiest memories include the birth of his two children and what he describes as a very lucky and happy childhood.

Edo has had an interesting working life, including a career in electronics, but one of his favourite jobs was working as a counsellor at a Boy Scout camp. His love of the outdoors and adventure made this a particularly memorable part of his life. Edo has a real passion for history, particularly military history, and one of the fascinating places he has visited is the Gettysburg battlefield. He also enjoys 60s rock 'n' roll, country music and Neil Diamond, as well as classic movies such as *It's a Wonderful Life* and John Wayne's *The Searchers*. When it comes to food, Japanese cuisine is a favourite!

Here at Homewood, Edo enjoys the friendly residents and staff, as well as getting involved in movies, karaoke and bus trips. He also appreciates being able to share his ideas and suggestions with management and being part of a community where his voice is heard.

Edo has a wonderful philosophy on life: "I may not always do the popular thing, but I will always do the right thing." He also believes that every season brings something special, with each one offering its own unique gifts.

And what never fails to make Edo smile? The sound of a baby laughing. 💖

We hope you've enjoyed getting to know a little more about Edo and the wonderful life he has lived. We look forward to hearing many more of his stories here at Homewood!

## Meet Billy – Our Head of Maintenance



You may have seen Billy around Homewood, and after more than seven years with us, he has become a very important part of the Homewood family.

Billy is our

Head of Maintenance and a professional painter by trade. If you know Billy, you know that nothing is ever too much trouble. He is always willing to lend a hand, often coming in after hours or on weekends when something needs to be done. You will also regularly see the results of his painting skills, particularly when he gives a resident's room a fresh new look ready for them to move in.

Interestingly, Billy never planned on a career in aged care. When he first moved to Sydney, Homewood was his first job and was meant to be temporary. But the culture, the family-like atmosphere, and the relationships he developed with our residents, families and staff convinced him to stay. More than seven years later, he still loves being part of Homewood and is excited about what the future holds, particularly with our upcoming redevelopment.

Away from Homewood, Billy's world revolves around his two daughters, Simone and Zoey. A proud Newcastle boy and tragic Knights supporter, he loves his sport and particularly enjoys watching his daughter play soccer.

And something you may not know about Billy – after a day at Homewood, you might find him back at home having a dance party with his daughter in the garage!

We are incredibly fortunate to have Billy as part of the Homewood team and look forward to having him with us for many more years.

 **Photo of the month**



Our Photo of the Month captures one of the many wonderful moments at Homewood, with residents enjoying one of John's popular physiotherapy group sessions.

John's fun, engaging approach encourages everyone to stay active, build confidence and enjoy moving together. It's a fantastic reminder that keeping active is always better with friends!

