



Maldon Hospital Matters

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DON's Doings (Jan Hutchinson)

Hello everyone,

No doubt the main focus of anyone concerned with the Hospital is on the 150th Celebrations at present and I am no different, though I am going to focus on a different aspect of the celebration. I need to reassure family members that the residents will not be forgotten in the celebrations. The majority of our residents will not be able to join in on the day due to their limited mobility etc so we have planned their very own day for celebrating.

On Friday the 14th August, Helen has planned the premier showing of "All About Me", a project completed by the children at the Maldon Primary school, representing the bringing together of the generations. The residents will then share a birthday cake with the children to celebrate 150 years of the Hospital. In the afternoon, the "Melody Makers" will entertain the residents with music and singing. The Melody Makers have been visiting and entertaining the residents for many years, and have brought joy and pleasure in the form of music to many.

I would like to remind the families of the residents in Jessie Bowe House and Mountview Home that if they are going to the Open Day on the 15th August, and you want to take your loved one over to the hall, you are welcome to do so. If you need a wheelchair to take them, please speak to one of the nurses on duty.

The last few months have not all been about the 150th though. We have also had inspections by WorkSafe and the Shire Food Safety Officers. With the end of the financial year, we have also been busy preparing the Annual Report and Quality Report required by the Government.

Be happy and keep smiling.



JanH

SPECIAL REQUEST TO VISITORS TO THE HOSPITAL ON THE OPEN DAY - 15TH AUGUST.

With a large number of people expected to visit the Hospital for the Open Day to celebrate 150 years of operation, I am asking that visitors respect the privacy of residents and patients here at the Hospital. For some of our people living here, a change to routine and/or excess noise and excitement is detrimental to their wellbeing - their wellbeing must be our first consideration. Some areas of the Hospital will have signs on them preventing access to the public - we ask that these signs be obeyed for the residents' sake.

Board Talk (Clive McCann)

August is an exciting month for Maldon Hospital. We are celebrating the Hospital's 150th Anniversary, which is an extraordinary achievement. The Hospital is now the smallest hospital in Victoria and despite all the statements that "bigger is better" - meaning more economic - we are still doing very nicely in all respects. The Hospital has always had to fight for its survival, from the first day it opened on 15 August 1859, but we have gone from strength to strength.

This is my last month as President, as a President can only hold office for a maximum of three consecutive terms. I joined the Board in November 1999, officially January 2000 due to delays caused by the change of government, and I have now been a member of the Board for approximately ten years. This makes me currently the longest serving Board member. During my time on the Board, I have held the positions of Treasurer, Vice-President and President. In this ten year period, the Hospital has: added the Mountview and George Ray wings; completely renovated the older section of the Hospital; seen changes in the Director of Nursing and the Chief Executive Officer; continued to achieve ongoing accreditation in all areas; achieved outstanding financial results each year and has continued to be a valued asset for Maldon. I can say that I have enjoyed my time as President and being involved with these exciting changes, and I look forward to continuing as a Board member working for the Hospital.

150th Anniversary Celebrations - 15th August

After much talk, publicity and planning, the day has just about arrived when we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Maldon Hospital in 1859. The Anniversary Committee has planned what should be an enjoyable day for all on Saturday 15th August. We hope to welcome friends and families of our residents, current and former board members and staff as well as "friends of the Hospital" from near and far during the day (and into the evening too, at our Ball!). You will be able to catch up with old friends, tour the original part of the Hospital whilst hearing what it was like to work there in the recent "old days", buy some anniversary wine and glasses, listen to Maldon's own Brass Band and enjoy a bbq lunch. Please come and enjoy the day!

Overview of Open Day Program

- 10.00 Registration
- 10.00 - all day
 - Photographic Display
 - Memorabilia and Historic Display
 - "Maldon Hospital" - a photographic history
 - "I Remember" Project and "Maldon Hospital" projects by Maldon Primary School students
- 11.30 Guided tours of original hospital
- 12.00 BBQ Lunch - catered by CFA
- 12.30-1.30 Recital by Maldon Brass Band
- 2.00-3.00 Recital by Maldon Brass Band
- 2.30 Welcome and Official Opening by Hon Bob Cameron
 - Presentation of Certificates for oldest surviving and youngest baby born at the Hospital
 - Acceptance of historic photographs
- 3.00 Unveiling of Commemorative Plaque by Hon Bob Cameron

Design/Printing Workshop (Peter Buckler)

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the workshop. I really enjoyed your company and I was thrilled to see the beautiful articles that you each created. (You told me you weren't artists!!)

I would also like to thank Jenny Parker and Jan Hutchinson for providing me with an opportunity to run the program. Thanks!!

My vision prior to undertaking studies last year, was to combine my existing art skills with the knowledge I would gain from my Certificate IV Mental Health/Juvenile Justice.

What was achieved in our short art program exceeded any pre-conceived expectations that I had and everyone who participated responded beautifully to the relaxed atmosphere, creating art free from restrictions, judgements and self-criticism. Well done everybody!! The resulting collaborative screen print will be displayed in the Hospital during the 150th Anniversary celebrations for all to admire.

Those who participated have expressed their wish to be involved in some further programs. Let's hope that we will see that happening in the future and get to enjoy viewing some more of your beautiful creations. (Next time don't forget your berets!)

Peter

Next Edition


It was great to receive an article for inclusion this month from Peter regarding his recent workshop - thank you. It's good to be able to include news or comments from the community at large, not just from the "usual suspects".

If you have anything you would like to contribute to Maldon Hospital Matters, please email to me at mccann@kaycees.com or leave at the Hospital reception by Friday, 21st August.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 15th August. otherwise, cheers til next time.

Kaye

MALDON HOSPITAL RESIDENT ACTIVITY CALENDER – AUGUST 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31. 8:45am Strength training Library Visits					1. Family and Friends Visit	2. Family and Friends Visit
3. 8:45am Strength training Library Visits	4. 9am 1:1 Visit 10:30am Mens Group Quiet Lounge 2pm Table Games and Music Hostel	5. Tai Chi Day Center	6. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am COOKING Mt View 2pm Music and Games Mt View	7. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am Bingo Hostel 2pm Happy Hour Mt View and TTimes and Music	8. Family and Friends Visit	9. Family and Friends Visit
10. 8:45am Strength training Library Visits	11. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am Resident and Relatives Meeting 12 Noon Senior Citzs Luncheon 2pm Cooking Hostel Music	12. Tai Chi Day Center 2pm Baptist Church Service Hostel Everyone is invited to attend	13. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am Manicures Mt View 2pm Crafts Mt View and Memory time	14. 9am 1:1 Vists 10:30am BIRTHDAY CAKE 150 TH WITH STUDENTS 2pm "MELODY MAKERS" Mt View Dining Room	15. 150 TH Anniversary OPEN DAY MALDON HOSPITAL 	16. Family and Friends Visit
17. 8:45am Strength training Library Visits	18. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am "Around Australia Game" Hostel 2pm Movie and Popcorn.	19. Tai Chi Day Center	20. 9am 1:1 Visit 10:30am Exercise and Music Mt View 1:30pm BUS OUTING	21. 9AM 1:1 Visits 10:30am CONCENTRATION HOSTEL GAME 2pm Happy Hour TTimes	22. Family and Friends Visit	23. Family and Friends Visit
24. 8:45am Strength training Day Center Library Visits	25. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am BRAIN GYM and Exercise Hostel 2pm Maldon Memories and Music Hostel	26. Tai Chi Day Center	27. 9am 1:1 Visit 10:30am Manicures and music Mt View 2pm Reading and Memories Mt View	28. 9am 1:1 Visits 10:30am CARPET BOWLS HOSTEL 2pm Happy Hour and TTimes	29. Family and Friends Visit.	30. Friends and Family Visit