



# Aberlea Inc.

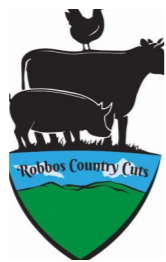
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## Raffle

TICKETS **\$2**

Drawn 10th October

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| 1. Webber BBQ                               | \$550 |
| 2. Terang COOP Mitre 10 Garden Package      | \$500 |
| 3. Scott's Betta Electrical - TV TCL 32inch | \$400 |
| 4. Duane Hayden Photography                 | \$250 |
| 5. IGA Vouchers                             | \$180 |
| 6. Union Station Hotel Voucher              | \$100 |
| 7. Bouchier's Meat Voucher                  | \$100 |
| 8. Union Station Hotel Voucher              | \$100 |
| 9. Robbo's Country Cuts                     | \$100 |
| 10. PFD Warrnambool Meat Pack               | \$100 |
| 11. Mac's Hotel                             | \$ 50 |
| 12. Terang Bakery                           | \$ 50 |



**Duane Hayden  
Photography**



## Aged Care Employee Day

Thanks for caring

Staff and residents shared a lovely afternoon tea together to celebrate Aged care Appreciation day.

Every moment of every day, members of our workforce are answering call bells, providing food and drinks, cleaning rooms, washing clothes, completing repairs, helping with personal care, and providing a listening ear or a kind word to support our residents and keep them safe and comfortable,

We thank each and everyone of our staff for their hard work, and dedication in going above and beyond in continuing to deliver the best quality care to our residents



**We decorated the dining rooms with Father's Day artworks from the Mortlake Kindergarten.**  
Our residents are delighted with the wonderful artworks that now adorn our walls and have been busy reading all the kids stories about their Dads.  
It has given many opportunities for them to reminisce about their kids and their own fathers.  
Thank you for brightening our days!




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## Member's Newsletter Winter 2022 Edition

**A three-monthly newsletter for residents, families and members**



## COVID-Safe visitation

Visitation still requires:

- An appointment made 24 hours prior to the visit
- A Rapid Antigen test prior to entry
- A temperature check and screen at the front door.

To arrange visitation please contact Deb McAuliffe on 0475 055 394.

Update to provide information regarding alterations to the procedures in place for visitor / contractor COVID screening. These changes will commence on Thursday 15th September 2022. Please see below for the amended procedures:

- **Visitors are to please enter via the main entrance instead of via the admin building.**
- **Visitors are asked to complete their own rapid antigen test. This can be done utilizing either option below:**
  - **Completing a RAT at home and then bringing your negative test with you when you visit.**
    - Please write the date on the test cassette, and show it to an Aberlea staff member, who will sign that they have viewed it.
    - This test cassette is then discarded.
    - The usual screening process will then take place where you fill in the screening form and have your temperature recorded, **or.....**
  - Administering a RAT test upon arrival at Aberlea.
    - There will be a table set up outside the main entrance where you can collect a rapid antigen test, which you then complete yourself.
    - Upon completion, please ring the Aberlea doorbell. Please give the negative test to an Aberlea staff member. (If you have a positive test result, please do not enter the facility).

**Please do not visit the facility if you are unwell.**

The changes to the screening procedure have been made to allow for streamlined testing and screening for visitors, as well as continuing to protect residents and staff from COVID. If you have any questions, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage.



**The Aberlea Inc. Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd 2022 commencing 2:00pm at the Mortlake Soldier's Memorial Hall.**

Nomination forms for Board Members are available at Aberlea and close on Wednesday, November 15, 2022.



Recently our personal care staff completed their 12 month competency training.

This training is an important way to keep our staff up to date with new policies and procedures, to brain storm strategies and to bond as a team.

Lots of fun is also had with some hands on interactive learning.

## Thank You

We received a wonderful surprise delivery from Mortlake College P12. All residents and staff enjoyed the delicious cookies with sweet messages after the last couple of weeks.



# WINTER 2022

### From your Chairman



**Yet again I report to you with Aberlea having continued to be challenged by COVID. Winter has seen us directly impacted – but our team have responded magnificently.**

Unfortunately since my last column COVID has impacted directly on the residents and staff of Aberlea, with some 15 residents and 13 staff contracting the virus. This placed everyone under immense pressure, but the careful planning of our Executive and Management, and the incredible commitment of our staff combined with the resilience of our residents enabled Aberlea to weather the storm with minimal long term impact.

*“On behalf of your Board, thank you to our staff for a magnificent effort, as always, but in particular during the COVID outbreak”.*

Business as usual has to continue, and we are progressing with the end of the financial year processes in preparation for our Annual Meeting pencilled in for November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022.

Your Board authorised the purchase of our new bus at our August meeting, due to the wonderful generosity of many donors and the outstanding effort of Board Member Mary Morton in leading the appeal.

I am also delighted to report the Supreme Court of Victoria have ordered the distribution of the capital of the Daniel Brumley Trust to Aberlea for our use in accordance with the purposes of the Trust. We will provide members with further details in the future, but the decision will help us greatly with the Brumley Homes.

In May your Board called tenders for the provision of Audit Services and the preparation of annual accounts for the next 3 years, as part of our program of strengthening our governance. The Board have appointed McLaren Hunt, and as a result Sinclair Wilson will be providing their final Audit and Accounts report to our 2022 Annual Meeting. Sinclair Wilson have been wonderful in their support and guidance of Abbeyfield and Aberlea. In particular, we acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Ms Felicity Melican in her role as Audit Partner.

With the passing of the two first pieces of legislation by the new Australian Government amending Aged Care operating, there is likely to be a raft of changes for Aberlea to prepare for in the year ahead. Be assured everyone is committed to ensuring positive impact on our residents, and an even brighter future for Aberlea for the long term.

**Mick Murphy OAM  
Chair**

### From your CEO



**Winter is fast coming to an end and I am pleased to report that we have survived admirably in the face of Covid and other cold related illnesses.**

Our staff have been fantastic at supporting our residents whilst providing an infection free environment despite what has been going on in our communities. The Board and I cannot thank them enough for their efforts

Whilst our attention has been firmly fixed on the above we have been concurrently been raising funds to purchase our own Bus. I am pleased to announce that fundraising exceeded our expectations and that we recently ordered our bus. We look forward to a celebration on its arrival and most importantly being able to enhance the frequency and quality of our residents outings. If anybody within our community would like to volunteer to drive the bus that would be amazing, so please feel free to ask around on our behalf.

You may also have noticed the new floor covering throughout the building which have certainly improved the aesthetic of our home. New curtains will follow and we are always happy to accept any suggestions to improve our facilities.

Strategically I am now focussing on the Aberlea precinct to determine what our site could be moving forward. Our location lends itself to numerous possibilities and we are beginning conversations with stakeholders to ensure that moving forward Aberlea is best positioned to serve our elders within our community.

**David Knight  
CEO**

