

Fairseat Foundation



Fairseat News – 1st April 2021

- **Residents** – Andy was admitted to AKUH this morning with Covid-19 complicated by a diabetic condition. Joe has also been very sick with Covid-19 but he appears to have turned the corner.
- **Latest situation** – We presently have 38 residents and 36 have now been vaccinated. We have also vaccinated 31 of our 89 staff. We plan to vaccinate another 20 staff tomorrow (Good Friday). We have 20 staff at home isolating after testing positive with Covid. We expect that they will be able to resume work after Easter if they remain asymptomatic. We will then look at getting them vaccinated as well.
- **Nurses** – Our nurse Alice resigned last month after getting a job opportunity nearer to where she lives. In addition, we have had Lucy and Ambrosine both testing positive with Covid and having to isolate at home for 14 days. We have employed Nazarin, who worked for us when Alice was on maternity leave; Peris who used to work for us on a casual basis when Sister Martha was here, and Mildred, to assist us through this difficult period until after Easter. Expect to see some new faces taking your blood pressure but please rest assured that they are all experienced nurses. Any problems please contact Ben.
- **Covid Policy** – given that
 - we still have two active covid cases amongst our residents,
 - the vaccination requires time to build up our immunity
 - not all our staff have received vaccines yet

we will continue to operate under our “Emergency Covid Plan” which means:

- all social events remain suspended for now
- residents must not visit each other
- exercise around the perimeter is permitted but only with a face mask
- all meals will continue to be served in residences
- no social visitors permitted
- all outings must have specific approval from Ben

It is two weeks since we had our first positive Covid-19 tests. I am very appreciative of the co-operation and support that I have received from the staff, the residents and the Board. Nigel has asked me to prepare and present a proposal for the board on how & when we can unlock ourselves safely. Until that is presented and accepted by the board we must stick with our present procedures.

- **Easter** – this weekend is Easter but unfortunately, we have little arranged due to our Covid situation. So, no church services but we can look forward to our Hot Cross Buns. The staff will enjoy a few days off, either taken, or banked for the future. Friday and Monday are both Public Holidays and the office will be closed. Any maintenance issues can be reported to the nurses. If they are urgent please contact Ben directly.
- **Vacant residences** – we have four empty residences at the moment but they all have new residents committed to come in. Apartment 1 and Cottage 13 are both waiting for Planning approval from NCC for renovations although the recent measures announced by the President may delay the process considerably. Room 3 is vacant with the intention that John will move in there whilst we are renovating Apartment 1. Cottage 10 is waiting for plans and quotes to be completed.
- **Resident birthdays & anniversaries** – only one birthday in April – Vi (the younger) celebrates her birthday on Thursday, 8th April.
- **Remembering past residents** – we remember **Bill Barton** (15/04/15) & **Judith Tham** (25/04/19)
- **Fairseat Rainfall** – 2021 total rainfall Jan to Mar was 241mm (9.5”) Vs Ave 105.3mm (4.1”)
Apr ‘21 – 21.5mm (0.85”) over 1 days Vs Average of 208.8mm over 15.1 days for the month
Total yr to date – 262.5mm (10.3”) over 27 days Vs Ave of 428.1mm (16.8”) in 17.5 days to 30/4