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**100 EDITIONS
OF GRAPEVINE**
Our 'Golden Issue'

*Word Games
& Puzzles*

CELEBRATING
womanhood

*The Aethereal Project
& Mother's Day*

Volunteers:
*"Thank You
for Everything!"*

Pat turns
100!

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In this very special 100th Edition of Grapevine, we are celebrating the rich history, stories and community spirit that has shaped Mayflower over the decades.

With a strong sense of nostalgia and a touch of nouveau glamour, this Golden Edition includes thoughtful nods to earlier publications dating back to 1986 - from classic word games to the return of this very contents page.

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If you are enjoying this special edition and would like to share feedback or suggestions, please email Genevieve in Marketing at gbarclay@mayflower.org.au, or let a Mayflower team member know so your feedback can be passed on.





Our appeal



As a registered not-for-profit charitable organisation, Mayflower relies on the generous financial support of donors.

Every contribution, big or small, directly helps enrich the lives of residents, through compassionate care, services such as Music Therapy, enhanced activities, and meaningful resources that empower connection and wellbeing.

**Please help us
continue this
important work by
donating today!**

For more information on how you can make a real difference, please see the back cover.

**Please note our
new account details
(also found on the back cover).**



On the cover:

Patricia, dressed in Aethereal splendour, marking 100 years of life and our 100th Grapevine.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

100 Issues, Countless Memories.

As we celebrate the 100th edition of Grapevine, I find myself reflecting on just how much has changed since the very first issue rolled off the press in 1986.

Over the past 40 years, Mayflower has continued to grow and evolve alongside the people who call it home.

From changes to our homes and logo, to the way we connect and share stories, Grapevine has remained a meaningful thread that brings our community together.

This special golden edition pays tribute to those early days, including the return of classic word puzzles that many readers may enjoy.

What's inside

Inside these pages, you will find highlights from a busy and joyful social calendar, including Valentine's Day, ANZAC Day, Greek Independence Day, Mother's Day and Volunteer Week celebrations.

You will also read about outings and projects within our Independent Living community, from a trip to a local winery to selecting stylish and comfortable furniture for upcoming refurbishments.

Looking ahead

There has also been exciting progress across Mayflower, including refreshed salon services now available to residents, families and team members, the move of our corporate office to Bay Street, Brighton, and the introduction of contemporary new uniforms for our team.

I hope this edition brings warmth, reflection and pride as you enjoy the stories within.

Paul Gregersen | Chief Executive Officer



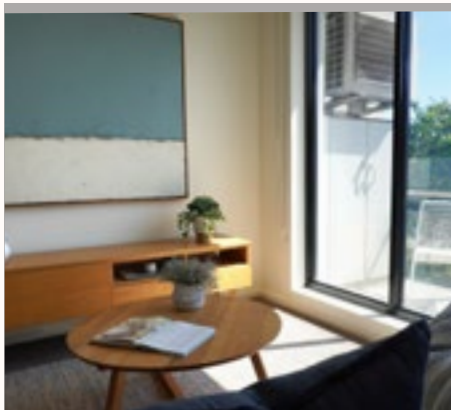
Pictured above: Volunteer Michelle having a lovely chat with Carol on the couch, - at Mayflower Edith Bendall in Pascoe Vale.

Volunteers Needed

Your opportunity to join our friendly team of Volunteers is here!

From running our gorgeous Gift Shop, having a chat, to driving our minibuses, and running an activity - our volunteers across Mayflower help the world go round!

If you have a few hours a month you could share, we'd love you to join our team. Speak to reception at your local Mayflower home or email info@mayflower.org.au with your location preference and how you would like to help us.



Our contemporary one and two bedroom apartments offer a beautiful balance of cosiness and quality, with light-filled living spaces, modern finishes and thoughtful design throughout. Each apartment provides the privacy and independence of your own home, with the added reassurance of support close by if ever needed.

Retirement Living - at it's finest.

Retirement should be a time of comfort, choice and new experiences.

At Mayflower Brighton, retirement living is designed to support people to enjoy life at their own pace, in a welcoming and connected community.

Residents also enjoy access to shared spaces that encourage social connection, from inviting lounges and landscaped gardens to a café and regular lifestyle activities. It is a place where neighbours become friends, and where every day brings opportunities to relax, connect and truly live your life, your way.



Meet Nicole

Nicole is a familiar and trusted presence at Mayflower Reservoir, known for her calm approach and genuine care.

Now an Endorsed Enrolled Nurse, Nicole's journey reflects the opportunity to grow and build a meaningful career at Mayflower.

Nicole joined us in 2017, working in the laundry, moved on to the kitchen in 2018, and then stepped into a Personal Care Assistant role in 2020.

With support from our team, she continued to upskill, becoming an Endorsed Enrolled Nurse (EEN) in 2022.

Connection and Community

Nicole says she first found Mayflower through her friendship with fellow EEN Theresa, known by all as 'Reesi'.

Since then, she has built strong, lasting connections with residents and their loved ones, even learning a few words in Greek and Italian.

"You can't get that same bond in a hospital," she says. "I love learning about people's lives - their stories, languages and even their favourite recipes."

Care with Respect

Passionate about dignity and rights, Nicole brings kindness and respect to every interaction.

Outside of work, Nicole enjoys time with her 3 children, her family, friends, and discovering new places and foods to try along the way.



Connect *with Us*

Social media is a great way to stay 'in the know' and to network with others in your community, and our socials are no exception!

We share inspiring stories, wonderful photographs of residents, news from Mayflower, and stories about our dedicated team. You'll also find helpful information and resources to better understand dementia, aged care, and ageing.

You can find, follow, 'like,' and share our pages on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn by searching for 'The Mayflower Group.'

Pictured left: Family Connections & Special Bonds! Care & Leisure Coordinator Helen, with her Aunt, Maria, who has been a resident of Mayflower Reservoir for 1 year.



OUR HEAD OFFICE HAS MOVED, BUT YOU CAN STILL VISIT!



As part of the next stage of Mayflower's \$29 million redevelopment, the Corporate Office has relocated to create space for additional Independent Living units at Mayflower Brighton on Centre Road.

This deeply considered change allows for future expansion, supporting more people to call the Brighton community their home while maintaining the character and familiarity residents value.

Supporting Independence and Connection

The move supports a broader vision to enhance choice and independence, ensuring more people can enjoy connected, community-focused living in a familiar setting.

By prioritising Independent Living, Mayflower continues to empower people to live life their way, with the comfort of support close by when needed.

The Corporate team is now based at 101/431 Bay Street, Brighton.

While the location has changed, the connection to each home remains strong.

Maintaining a Sense of Community

Our CEO, Paul Gregersen will continue his regular weekly visits across Mayflower Brighton, Mayflower Reservoir and Mayflower Edith Bendall, staying closely connected with residents, families and our team.

Many other Executive and Corporate team members will also continue to visit regularly, supporting daily life across each home.

Team members, residents and family members are welcome to visit our new office.

This next step reflects Mayflower's ongoing commitment to thoughtful growth, while keeping community at the centre of every decision, now and into the future.

Grapevine Through Time...

From its earliest pages to this 100th edition, Grapevine reflects a story far greater than a newsletter.

While the first edition appeared in 1986 - just 40 years ago - the foundations of Mayflower date back to 1959, with the community officially dedicated on 5 May 1962. Established through the vision of the Collins Street Uniting Church as an outreach known as "Mayflower Homes", it began as a not-for-profit organisation - a purpose that continues to guide every chapter today.

Beginning as a simple black and white two-page newsletter, Grapevine has grown alongside the community it represents, changing its name a little along the way. What started as a modest A4 newsletter has evolved into a vibrant, magazine-style publication, often extending beyond 38 pages.

Today, each issue is filled with photography, stories and shared moments that celebrate the lives, achievements and voices of residents.

By 2000, 'Mayflower Grapevine' had evolved to include single-colour printing, allowing for more vibrant graphics and design. Photographs remained black and white, tinted with each edition's feature colour.

At the time, there was a strong focus on the Millennium Miracle Appeal, which raised more than \$1 million towards building improvements.

This style continued until around 2005. The edition pictured here also celebrated the contribution of volunteers within the community, just like this one!



2000

1986-95

First published in September 1986, 'The Grapevine' began as a simple black and white, double-sided 2-page newsletter - modest in appearance, yet deeply connected to the local community. Over time, tiny touches of colour began to emerge, including the grapes featured in the header.

Early editions focused largely on organisational updates and community news, alongside reflections and messages from founding figures such as Rev Sydney Henshall and Keith Norman - names that remain an important part of Mayflower today.



2008

In 2008, full-colour printing was introduced, allowing for vibrant photography and more dynamic page layouts. Across the years, both the Grapevine and Mayflower logos continued to evolve with each new generation.

The newsletter also began shifting its focus more strongly towards community stories and resident experiences, rather than organisational updates alone.



Around 10 years later, 'Grapevine News' adopted a bold "colour pop" style on its covers, while the inside pages remained much simpler and more understated in design.

This Winter 2018 edition shared the exciting announcement that Mayflower Reservoir would be transformed from its original 1970s cylindrical brick-style home into the contemporary, state-of-the-art home it is today.

2018



In 2025, 'Grapevine News' was simplified to just 'Grapevine,' reflecting the publication's continued evolution.

Since then, there has been a stronger focus on resident photography, along with more "Meet Me" articles and team member profiles - helping readers get to know the incredible people behind the Mayflower community on a more personal level.

The publication has also recently evolved into a more magazine-style format, featuring more creative layouts, full-page photographic spreads and colour themed covers.

2025-NOW



2020

Still typically featuring no more than 1 or 2 images per page, 'Grapevine News' maintained a simple layout, introduced larger font sizing for readability, and gradually brought in more colour and personality throughout its pages.

In 2023, the design process was brought in-house, giving our Marketing team greater creative control, with the full production of the publication now managed and produced internally.





VALENTINE'S DAY

Love was in the air...



Valentine's Day at Mayflower was marked with warmth and care, as each home embraced the day in its own lovely way.

At Mayflower Edith Bendall, a refined high tea brought people together, along with their loved ones, over champagne and fresh strawberries, creating a relaxed and elegant afternoon.

At Mayflower Brighton, a similarly graceful high tea was shared, with chef-prepared sweet treats adding a touch of indulgence.

At Mayflower Reservoir, the day began with live music by singer Tania, which saw residents hitting the dance floor, before settling in for a generous afternoon tea. Each resident was also presented with a single-stem rose, a gentle reminder that they are valued and appreciated.

Across Mayflower, Valentine's Day reflects more than tradition. It is a moment to recognise connection in all its forms – from lifelong partnerships to friendships, family ties and the everyday sense of belonging that shapes community life.

Princess Jewels



Pictured: Left, Ellie, a Mayflower Brighton resident, and right, Patricia, an Independent Living resident, both inspiring women whose elegance, strength and life experience were celebrated within this photoshoot.

100 Editions Strong: Celebrating Wisdom, Strength and the Power of Womanhood

To mark our 100th edition of Grapevine, Mayflower Brighton residents were invited to take part in *The Aethereal Project*, celebrating the wisdom, strength and beauty of the women who help shape our community.

Remarkable Stories

Featured in this fantasy style Aethereal photoshoot are Patricia, Pat, Ellie and Barbara, each bringing their own remarkable story and presence to the experience. From modelling and serving our country to nursing and authoring a biography, their lives reflect resilience, achievement and overcoming life's challenges.

Golden Strength

Set amongst a backdrop of roses, the women were styled in royal golden splendour, symbolising strength, dignity and lives rich with experience.

A Century of Life

The photoshoot also coincided with a very special milestone for Pat Stuart, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday (read Pat's Story on page 14).

Strength



Pictured: Pat (right, and also front cover) and Barbara (left), both residents of Independent Living at Mayflower Brighton. These images celebrate the wisdom, strength and grace that come with a life richly lived.



Wisdom



Patricia Celebrates *100 years!*

Pat's story spans an extraordinary lifetime.

Independent Living resident Pat recently celebrated her 100th birthday, marking an incredible milestone surrounded by friends and our team at Mayflower Brighton.

The special occasion featured a beautifully decorated rose-covered cake, shared conversations and plenty of smiles as everyone came together to celebrate Pat's remarkable century of life, memories and adventure.

Service During Wartime

At just 15 years old, Pat and her sister joined the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRENS) during World War II.

However, when Pat's true age was discovered, she was unable to remain in the service and was instead sent to work at Pelaco making Army shirts, "my sister continued on to do nursing," she shares.

Pat later spent five years living and working in the United Kingdom for a Petroleum company, before returning to Melbourne to work at an aircraft factory until retiring at age 60.

Adventures Across the World

Her travels also took her across the world, including a journey to America aboard the famous Queen Mary, travelling across the United States by Greyhound bus, before returning home via Japan.

Now having enjoyed retirement for more than 40 years, Pat shares, "I have been a lady of leisure ever since."

Pat joined the Independent Living community at Mayflower Brighton 9 years ago and hasn't looked back, "I am very content with no complaints," she says, "and I hope to have another couple of years!"

Celebrating 100 Marvellous Years

Joining the 'centenarian club' is a truly remarkable achievement, and it was wonderful to celebrate such a meaningful moment together.

Congratulations, Pat.

We wish you continued happiness, warmth and good health in the years ahead.



ST PATRICK'S DAY

Mayflower Edith Bendall was filled with music, laughter and plenty of green for this year's St Patrick's Day celebrations. Residents and team members embraced the occasion, dressing in green and coming together for a lively afternoon of entertainment and festive treats.

Live acoustic music was an absolute hit, with residents joining in using percussion instruments as familiar tunes filled the room. The interactive performance sparked plenty of smiles, singalongs and laughter, creating a warm and energetic atmosphere throughout the home.

The celebrations also included fun green-themed refreshments, with green drinks and mini cupcakes adding a playful touch. From music and conversation to shared moments of joy, the event brought people together in a meaningful way.

As the Irish say, "Sláinte!" - a traditional toast wishing good health and happiness.



Our 100th Edition Word Search

In earlier years, Grapevine regularly included word searches and puzzles, which disappeared from the publication around 2005. So, in the spirit of nostalgia, we have brought them back for this special edition. If you would like to see them included again in future editions, please let a team member know.
(Psst! Answers are on the last page of this magazine!)

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Find these words

MAYFLOWER
GRAPEVINE
ONE HUNDRED
CELEBRATION
COMMUNITY
CONNECTION
RESIDENTS
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COMPASSION
KINDNESS
MEMORIES
JOURNEY
HAPPINESS

GARDENS
VOLUNTEERS
SUPPORT
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RESERVOIR
EDITH BENDALL

Riddle me this:

1. I can be opened without a key, I can take you far away without ever leaving your chair, and remembered long after I am closed. *What am I?*

2. I have no voice, yet I can tell a whole story, holding moments that can never be repeated. I do not move, yet I can take you back many years. *What am I?*



9 Letter Word Game (Known as 'Target Word' at Mayflower Brighton!)

How to play: Try to find as many 4+ letter words as you can from the letters below.

Each word must contain the middle letter, which in this case, is the letter E.

Each letter can only be used once. Proper nouns are not included, e.g. names of people.

Find 25 words = good, 40 words = great, 60+ words = genius! Lastly, try to find the 9 letter word!

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N	E	G
P	R	V

Ravine.

Sudoku

Easy

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Special *feature*



Pictured right: Christina Andersen, who will not be forgotten for her generosity.



A Fresh Chapter for our Gift Shop

A beautifully reimagined space, now open and welcoming the community of Mayflower Brighton to peruse its shelves.

At Mayflower Brighton, the newly refreshed Gift Shop is now open, welcoming residents, families and visitors into its beautifully reimagined new space.

There has been a warm sense of excitement at Mayflower Brighton, with the newly refreshed Gift Shop now open and already welcoming customers.

Throughout the renovation, the shop continued to operate from the private dining room next to the café, ensuring residents could still access a thoughtful selection of essentials and treats.

While final touches to the external façade are about to commence following council approval, the transformation

inside is complete. The result is a shop that feels both inviting and refined, thoughtfully designed to enhance daily life within the community.

A Space Reimagined

With four times the shelving, the new layout offers space for a wider and more considered range of items. From homewares and gifts to wearable comforts such as slippers and shawls, each piece has been selected with both practicality and enjoyment in mind.

A larger fridge now provides a broader selection of cold drinks, while the addition of elegant stone bench tops and a custom-designed sales counter, brings a sense of luxury.

Now positioned towards the back of the shop, the counter - often accompanied by a friendly volunteer - allows for better

flow and a more welcoming ambience.

The result is a space that feels more open and approachable, gently drawing people in.

The new herringbone flooring has also been extended beyond the façade, subtly inviting residents inside while creating additional room for displays such



Pictured above: Before the renovation, the Gift Shop was dark, and the counter blocked the flow of the entrance.

as gift cards and smaller items.

Soft lighting across the shelving not only improves visibility but allows the shop to glow gently into the evening, offering a welcoming presence for those passing by.

Some have remarked that stepping inside feels like entering a small Parisian boutique - a reflection of the care and attention that has shaped every detail.

The Gift Shop also continues to provide everyday essentials including pantry and personal care items, alongside treats, jewellery, handbags and thoughtful gifts for all ages - now within a setting that reflects the warmth and quality of Mayflower.

A Lasting Legacy

This transformation has been made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the late Christina Andersen, whose gifts have supported meaningful improvements to the Brighton home environment, as well as the gardens, and now, our Gift Shop.

Within the arched shelving, a delicate floral wallpaper has been carefully incorporated.

This design is drawn from a gift card Christina once wrote to Gift Shop Manager Nicole, thanking her for all she does. It is a deeply personal touch, now woven into the fabric of the space, and held with great affection.

Looking Ahead

A formal dedication ceremony and plaque unveiling will take place once the external works are complete, offering an opportunity to honour Christina's contribution and celebrate The Gift Shop's official opening.

While the overall look and feel was designed and managed by Design and Socials Lead Genevieve alongside Gift Shop Manager Nicole, the project has been expertly supported by the building team at Macwood Group, whose professionalism and craftsmanship have brought the vision to life.





Pictured above: Malcolm, Greg, Stan, John, Doug and Ian enjoying a wonderful time together. (Not pictured: Lindsay, who also joined in.)

A Time Among the Vines at Crittenden Wines

A Scenic Escape to the Peninsula.

A visit to Crittenden Wines on the Mornington Peninsula brought a group of Mayflower Brighton Independent Living gentlemen together for a relaxed day of food, wine and conversation.

Chauffeured to the winery by our CEO, Paul Gregersen, the group of 8, whose average age proudly sits above 90, enjoyed a leisurely afternoon surrounded by vineyards and views across the lake.

The peaceful setting at the foot

of Red Hill provided the perfect place to settle in and enjoy the experience at an unhurried pace.

A Taste of the Mornington Peninsula

Founded in 1982, Crittenden Wines is a family-owned winery known for producing wines that reflect the character of the Mornington Peninsula region, with a strong focus on sustainability and thoughtful winemaking.

The lakeside restaurant offers a modern Australian menu inspired by local producers and seasonal ingredients, which the group enjoyed together over lunch.

Stories Shared

While the food and wine were the centre of attention, the lasting impression came from the conversations that were had.

The men shared stories spanning decades, compared life experiences and enjoyed the easy camaraderie that comes from spending time together.

The afternoon unfolded naturally, with conversation continuing long after plates were cleared.

Pictured bottom left: Greg and Stan share a laugh.



Special *feature*



Pictured above: Our team joined in the fun, too! Care and Leisure team member Baljeet, Menu Monitor Kathy, Care and Leisure Coordinator Helen, Kitchen team member Maria & Care and Leisure/Care team member Vicky.



RESERVOIR

Celebrating *Greek Independence Day*

The vibrant spirit of Greece filled Mayflower Reservoir as residents came together to mark Greek Independence Day with warmth and pride.

The rich aroma of traditional Greek coffee and the sweetness of authentic treats set the scene, while lively Hellenic music - performed by a Greek DJ, Anthony, who brought the room to life.

The highlight of the afternoon? As expected at Mayflower Reservoir, the dance floor came alive as residents joined in for Zorba, stepping in time and sharing in the rhythm of the moment.

Events like these honour the many cultures within the Mayflower community. Celebrating cultural traditions and diversity supports connection, sparks memories and creates meaningful experiences that enrich daily life for residents. OPA!

Opa! (Pronounced OH-pah) - is a lively Greek expression of celebration and encouragement, often called out during dancing and festive gatherings to lift spirits and bring people together.



Pictured above, top to bottom: DJ and singer Anthony; Gabriele hits the dance floor; and Cafe team members Harry and Salvatore, with their daughter Dimitra.

Our *new uniforms* have arrived!

Designed with both style and comfort in mind, the updated uniforms offer a more contemporary look while improving breathability for team members throughout the day.

Each team is represented by its own colour, making it easier to recognise who to approach for different needs.

The palette also reflects Mayflower's refreshed brand colours, introduced in 2025, bringing a consistent and considered look across the community.



Food Services

Preparing, planning and serving nutritious and delicious meals with pride.



Personal Carers

Providing compassionate care, support and empowerment every day.



Registered Nurses

Leading with expertise and providing high-quality clinical care.



Enrolled Nurses

Delivering skilled clinical care with kindness, expertise and dedication.



**Lifestyle Services,
AKA Care & Leisure**

Supporting wellness, independence, connection, activities and meaningful moments.



Palliative Care

Providing high quality end-of-life care, with dignity, expertise and support.



Environmental Services

Keeping our spaces safe, clean and comfortable for all.



A New Style!

Team members at Mayflower Reservoir and Mayflower Edith Bendall recently came together to celebrate the launch of the new Mayflower uniforms from Uniformity.

The new uniforms bring a fresh, contemporary look while helping create a consistent identity across Mayflower.

Morning and evening teas, along with delicious cupcakes gave everyone the chance to celebrate together.

The launch was also a chance to recognise the care, kindness and dedication Mayflower teams bring each day.

Mayflower Brighton will celebrate its own uniform launch later this year.

Meet Naomi

At Mayflower Edith Bendall in Pascoe Vale, Naomi brings warmth and reassurance to her role as Rostering Administration Officer.

With her bubbly nature and approachable style, she is someone people feel instantly comfortable with - a steady presence behind the scenes supporting the home each day.

Naomi began her career in New Zealand as a service administrator, managing rosters for Registered Nurses, complex care and rehabilitation specialists. Soon after relocating, she joined Mayflower nearly 2 years ago, where her skills and experience aligned naturally with the role.

Supporting Daily Life

By keeping rosters organised and communication clear, Naomi helps ensure continuity of care and a calm, well-run environment. "It is fulfilling to know my work contributes to residents feeling safe, respected and supported," she says. She also meets families for tours, sharing how the home supports dignity, comfort and quality of life each day.

Life Beyond Work

Naomi shares that her Cook Islands heritage shapes her strong values of respect, family and care for others. "I am the mother of 1 daughter and 2 sons, and a partner to my handsome best friend," she says. Naomi enjoys spending time with family and exploring Australia whenever she can.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DIETMAR



Within Margaret Beynon House at Mayflower Brighton, the new rose and flower planting has brought colour, fragrance and a gentle sense of calm to the sensory garden within the memory support space.

Created through the generosity of Margaret, in loving memory of her husband and resident Dietmar, the garden honours his life in a way that feels both personal and enduring.

The new plants are already offering meaningful moments for residents, supporting quiet reflection and shared conversation. The soft blooms and familiar scent of roses can gently spark memories and create a comforting, sensory experience.

This beautiful space will continue to grow with the seasons, offering enjoyment for years to come. It stands as a meaningful expression of love and community, supporting connection and creating a peaceful setting for residents and visitors alike.

Special *feature*

Puppet *Therapy Sessions*

Across our Mayflower Homes

There have been smiles, laughter and plenty of imagination across Mayflower as Puppets Alive continues visiting each home with lively puppet shows and meaningful puppet therapy sessions.

From playful Muppet-style characters like Elvis or Doris Day, to remarkably lifelike animal puppets such as a ringtail possum, the colourful cast has sparked conversation, storytelling and gentle humour among residents.

Many have also enjoyed spending time with the puppets one-on-one following the performances, creating moments of meaningful connection.

Puppet therapy helps support communication, emotional expression and social connection, while also encouraging creativity, movement and reminiscence. For some residents, the familiar and playful nature of the puppets offers comfort and encourages confidence in self-expression, particularly for those living with dementia.

These visits continue to create warm and engaging moments across the Mayflower community, filled with laughter, curiosity and meaningful interaction.





A Destination Within the Home

The Salon at Mayflower Reservoir has recently received a stylish new facelift, transforming the space into a destination that feels warm, elegant and inviting.

The refreshed look features Versace jungle print wallpaper throughout the waiting area and salon facade, paired with black awnings, illuminated round signage and a small chandelier that brings a soft sense of glamour to the space.

Rich green tones, layered textures and boutique-inspired finishes work together to create a contemporary atmosphere that feels more like a modern salon experience than a traditional aged care setting.

The updated design helps create a stronger sense of place within the home, encouraging residents to feel as though they are heading “out” to a special destination for some pampering, self-care and connection.

Designed With Purpose

Creating distinct and recognisable spaces within aged care settings can support wayfinding and reality orientation, particularly for people living with dementia.

Purposeful design elements, such as salon-style facades, awnings, signage and familiar decorative styling, can help residents better identify spaces and understand their purpose.

These visual cues can make navigating the environment feel more natural and intuitive, supporting confidence and independence in everyday life.

Evoking Nostalgia and Connection

The refreshed salon also taps into a sense of nostalgia, evoking memories of visiting local shopping strips, hairdressers and beauty salons throughout life.

For many residents, the experience of “going to the salon” is about more than just a haircut. It is a social outing, a chance to connect, and an opportunity to continue routines that feel familiar and meaningful.

The refreshed salon is already bringing a greater sense of occasion to appointments, making each visit feel a little more special while supporting wellbeing through comfort, identity and connection.



A Welcoming New Chapter for The Salon – at Mayflower.



Following the recent refresh of both salons at Mayflower Brighton and Mayflower Reservoir, we are pleased to announce an expanded range of beauty and wellness services now available to all residents, family members and Mayflower team members.



Designed to feel warm, contemporary and welcoming, The Salon at Mayflower offers a place to relax, recharge and enjoy a little well-deserved self-care.

From fresh haircuts and colour treatments to manicures, pedicures and massage therapies, the salons provide professional services in a comfortable and social environment.

The refreshed salon spaces have been thoughtfully designed to create a stronger sense of occasion around each visit, helping people feel as though they are heading out to a special destination for some pampering, conversation and connection.

Whether it is a regular appointment, preparing for a special occasion, or simply spending quality time with a loved one, The Salon at Mayflower is a welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

*Please note relaxation massage treatments are currently only available at Mayflower Brighton.

Appointments are essential.

Speak with reception, the Lifestyle team or our Salon team to arrange your appointment, or book directly via the QR code below.



Relax. Refresh. Connect.

Services now available include:

- Ladies' and men's haircuts
- Blow waves and styling
- Colour, tinting and perms
- Manicures and pedicures
- Shellac and SNS nails
- Waxing and tinting
- Relaxation massage treatments*



Mayflower Reservoir



Mayflower Brighton

Meet our New 'The Salon' Team

Meet Manicurist, Sam. At Mayflower Brighton

Sam will be starting in July, bringing extensive experience in beauty therapy, having started her career aboard luxury cruise liners before working across spas, salons, and beauty training roles.

Passionate about helping people feel relaxed, cared for, and pampered, Sam is looking forward to bringing a little spa-like comfort.

Her goal is for every person who visits the salon to feel comfortable, valued, and refreshed. Outside of work, Sam enjoys shopping trips and pamper days with her nine-year-old daughter, as well as planning her next travel adventure.



Meet Hairdresser, Christina. At Mayflower Brighton

Christina brings more than 20 years of hairdressing experience to Mayflower Brighton, having worked across three salons before establishing her own business.

Passionate about helping people feel confident and cared for, Christina is looking forward to pampering residents and creating an enjoyable, uplifting salon experience.

Her goal is for every person who sits in her chair to feel valued, beautiful and excited to return again soon.

Outside of hairdressing, Christina enjoys spending time with her family and three children - whom she describes as her full-time job - as well as listening to music and enjoying a good latte.



Meet Hairdresser, Tracy. At Mayflower Brighton

Already well known to many residents, Tracy's ongoing connection with The Salon will help ensure continuity and familiarity for residents.

Tracy has kindly agreed to continue supporting hairdressing services at Mayflower Brighton as required, including during peak periods and to assist with leave coverage arrangements.



Meet Manicurist, Assunta At Mayflower Reservoir

Assunta has worked in the beauty industry for more than 15 years, specialising in acrylic, shellac and gel nails, along with eyelash extensions.

She is passionate about helping people feel relaxed, pampered and confident, while creating warm connections through conversation and care.

Outside of work, Assunta enjoys spending time with her children and getting creative with arts and crafts.



Meet Hairdresser, Kim. At Mayflower Reservoir

Kim brings more than 32 years of hairdressing experience to Mayflower, including 26 years running her own successful home salon.

Kim is passionate about helping people feel confident and good about themselves and is looking forward to the adventure of meeting new people and building connections with residents at Mayflower.

Kim's goal is for every person who sits in her chair to leave feeling happy, satisfied and excited to return for their next appointment.

Outside of hairdressing, Kim enjoys football as a Collingwood supporter, visiting cafes, shopping and, most importantly, spending time with her beloved family.

Meet Hairdresser, Mary Mayflower Reservoir

Mary brings more than 35 years of hairdressing experience to Mayflower, including previously owning and operating her own salon, Clips and Cuts.

Passionate about helping people feel special and cared for, Mary is looking forward to building connections with residents, sharing a chat and ensuring every person who sits in her chair leaves feeling happy, refreshed and well looked after.

Outside of hairdressing, Mary enjoys spending time with family, following football as a proud Collingwood supporter, caring for her mum and having a laugh along the way.

Her outlook on life is simple: "Don't sweat the small stuff!"





Pictured above: Benito and his daughter, Maria, whose supportive and caring nature has helped nurture their special bond.

Understanding the Person Behind the Behaviour

Benito's Story

At Mayflower, we know that every behaviour tells a story - and behind every moment is a person with a lifetime of habits, routines and meaning.

When Benito came to live with us at Mayflower Reservoir, our team noticed something unusual. Bath towels in his room were often found with small holes cut into them.

At first, this presented as a concern - but rather than simply addressing the outcome, our team sought to understand the reason behind it.

Through conversations with Benito's daughter, Maria, we learned that this behaviour wasn't random. At home, Benito had always hung his

towels on the wall using a specific method.

Creating holes in the towels was his way of continuing a familiar routine - one that brought a sense of order and comfort.

With this insight, our team shifted focus from stopping the behaviour to supporting the person.

A number of thoughtful approaches were trialled.

Towels with pre-made holes were introduced to replicate what Benito was trying to achieve.

Bathroom fittings were also adjusted to better reflect his home environment. While these changes were made with care, Benito's cognitive changes meant they didn't fully meet his needs.

The breakthrough came with a simple, yet meaningful adjustment.

The team introduced blue towels - Benito's favourite colour - each with a clearly visible hook string.

This provided a stronger visual cue, helping Benito recognise where and how to hang his towel, without the need to modify it himself.

This small change made a significant difference.

Benito's story is a reminder that in dementia care, it is not about correcting behaviour - it is about understanding it.

By taking the time to listen, involve family, and explore personalised solutions, we can support each person to maintain their dignity, independence and sense of familiarity.

At Mayflower, this is what *Care without Compromise* looks like in action - respectful, personalised care that honours the individual.



Easter

At Mayflower Reservoir

Easter was twice the delight, with Orthodox and Western Easter both celebrated with great food, treats and Easter themed crafts.

For 'Western Easter' an Easter Raffle, live music (with plenty of dancing) and an Easter Bonnet Parade along with an Egg 'n' Spoon race were the order of the day!





Easter

**At Mayflower Edith Bendall
in Pascoe Vale**

Easter was celebrated all week long, with festive crafts, a raffle, a colourful Easter Bonnet Parade, and even cookie decorating.

Easter 'hot air balloons' were a hit, hand crafted especially for Easter.





Orthodox *Easter*

At Mayflower Reservoir

Residents who follow the Orthodox calendar came together to celebrate a meaningful and much-loved tradition.

The room was filled with warmth as Tsoureki – a sweet Greek Easter bread – was broken and shared, and red hard-boiled eggs were carefully oiled and decorated.





Easter

At Mayflower Brighton

The Easter Bunny also visited each resident at Mayflower Brighton, delivering a Cadbury Easter egg.

Festivities continued with a chicken hatchery and egg incubator from Henny Penny, photos of these gorgeous chicks can be found on the following page!





Chicken Hatchlings: *Twelve Tiny Arrivals*

Leading up to Easter at Mayflower Brighton, something very special unfolded – the adorable arrival of 12 fluffy baby chicks.

With the professional support of Henny Penny Hatching, a small hatchery and incubator were set up, creating a beautiful opportunity to witness new life up close.

Residents gathered with quiet anticipation, watching as tiny beaks began to crack through their shells – a moment that brought smiles, conversation and a shared sense of wonder.

Moments of Calm and Connection

More than a lovely Easter activity, the experience offered meaningful moments of connection.

The chicks brought a calming presence, encouraged

conversations between residents and team, and gently reconnected people with the rhythms of nature.

Memories That Stay

When the time came, the chicks found caring homes with team members – but the memories they created remain, held closely by all who experienced them.



Special *feature*



Gentle Equine *Visitors*

A Meaningful Encounter That Brings Memories, Connection and Joy.

Throughout the year, welcome visitors return to Mayflower Brighton – two gentle, magnificent horses from W.D. Rose Brighton.

What begins as a quiet moment in the courtyard soon becomes something quite special.

Residents gather for a rare and meaningful close encounter with these calm and gracious animals, creating a sense of anticipation and quiet excitement.

Gentle Giants, Up Close

The horses arrive with a calm presence, their size impressive

yet their nature unmistakably gentle.

Residents are drawn in – some with long-held memories of working with or caring for horses, others simply curious and delighted.

For many, it is the closeness that makes the moment so powerful.

A soft pat, the offering of a carrot, or simply standing nearby is enough to spark a connection.

Moments That Stay

While each visit is brief, its impact is lasting. Conversations begin to flow, stories are shared, and familiar memories resurface.

For those who have spent time around horses in earlier years, the experience often brings a sense of nostalgia and pride.

For others, it offers something new – a moment of calm, curiosity, and connection.

A Personal Connection

There is also a special connection within the Mayflower community itself. Peter from W.D. Rose plays an important role in bringing these visits to life, and for him, the experience is close to home.

His parents, Sue and John, are residents at Mayflower Brighton, making each visit not only a gift to the wider community, but a deeply personal one as well.

A Tradition That Continues

No two visits are quite the same.

Different horses attend each time, each bringing their own quiet character, yet always the same steady temperament that makes these encounters so comfortable and reassuring.

These visits highlight the importance of meaningful experiences within the Mayflower community.

They support emotional wellbeing, encourage connection, and create moments that residents carry with them well beyond the day itself.

Mayflower is grateful to W.D. Rose for their ongoing generosity in sharing these remarkable animals.





A Journey in Interior Design, Together.

In late April, an enthusiastic group of Independent Living residents from Mayflower Brighton stepped into the design process, taking part in a special visit to Grazia & Co to help shape the future shared lounge, card gaming and social spaces.

As part of Mayflower's \$29 million investment into the broader Mayflower community, residents were invited to attend along with our in-house designer Genevieve, to meet with our principal architect Clayton and interior designer Emma to explore furniture selections firsthand.

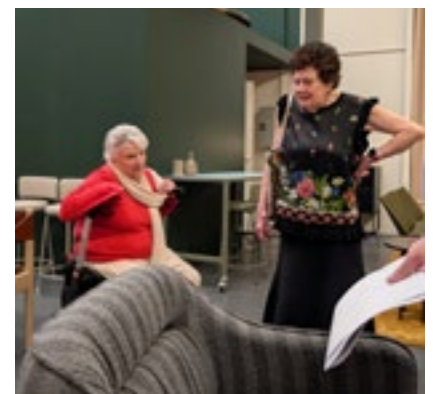
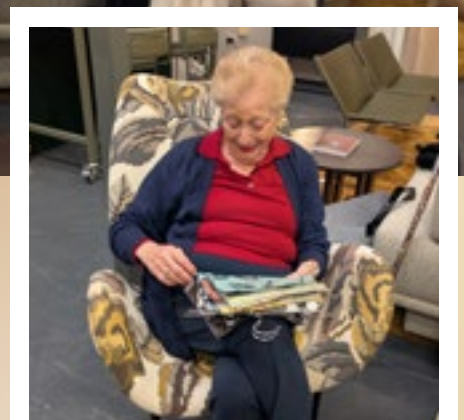
The experience offered an opportunity for residents to share their perspectives in a practical, hands-on setting.

Guided by a vision that draws on the warmth of the 1960s while remaining contemporary and timeless, the group explored a palette of terracotta, sand, mahogany and soft greens. The direction leans towards nostalgia rather than retro, creating spaces that feel familiar, calm and inviting.

Throughout the visit, residents thoughtfully considered comfort, safety, chair and table heights, fabrics and finishes.

Each person contributed feedback, ensuring the spaces reflect real preferences and everyday needs.

This collaborative approach supports a design outcome that is not only visually appealing, but also comfortable, practical and grounded in the voices of the people who will enjoy it each day.



Pictured: Independent Living Residents Barbara, Melinda, Janice, Shirley, June and Sandy help make decisions on chairs and side tables.



Pictured, clockwise from bottom left: Stan, Adrienne, Doug, Ian, Ri & Peter, Malcolm, CEO Paul Gregersen, John, Linda, Daryl and Lindsay.



Wine Tasting & Fine Dining – A Night to Savour

Residents of the independent living community at Mayflower Brighton recently came together for a sumptuous wine tasting and fine dining evening, held on Tuesday 14 April 2026.

History gives this date a rather dramatic reputation. From moments that shaped the world to events remembered for their intensity, 14 April carries a sense of occasion - from the loss of a president, to the sinking of a great ocean liner, to extraordinary natural events across the globe.

Fortunately, this year's story was far more enjoyable than an earthquake!

Hosted in the café by CEO Paul Gregersen and led by Executive Chef Manager Yaz, the evening offered a warm and elegant setting for people to gather, share conversation and enjoy a thoughtfully curated menu alongside carefully selected wines.

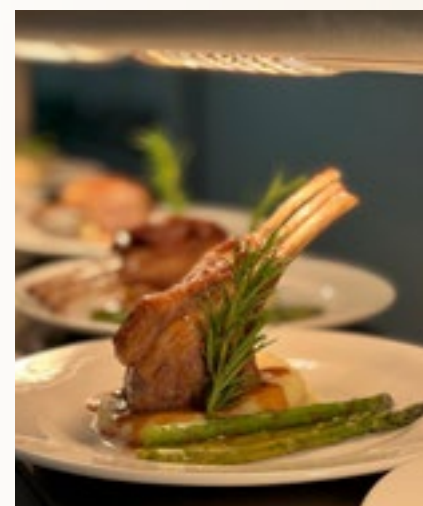
The Menu of Delights

The evening began with a generous charcuterie board, featuring gourmet sliced meats, pickles and crackers - a perfect pairing to open the experience.

For the main course, residents chose between a beautifully prepared pan-seared barramundi with Sicilian caponata and balsamic reduction, or a three-point lamb rack served with mash, grilled asparagus and garlic jus.

Each dish was crafted with care, reflecting Yaz's passion for quality and flavour.

Events like these continue to support a vibrant and engaging lifestyle at Mayflower Brighton, where people are empowered to enjoy meaningful experiences, connect with others, and live life their way.



Pictured above: Our much loved Community Manager Heather, joins residents for the delightful night; The 3-point lamb rack was a popular choice and well enjoyed.



Pictured above: Robert holding his medals which were awarded to him during his years in the Reserves.

A Day of Remembrance

 PASCOE VALE

At Mayflower Edith Bendall in Pascoe Vale, ANZAC Day was marked with reflection, remembrance and community connection, as residents and team members came together to honour those who have served our nation.

The day began with a traditional game of Two-Up, a longstanding ANZAC Day tradition enjoyed each year at the home. Dating back to the goldfields of the 1850s, the game became especially popular among Australian soldiers during World War I, who would often play while waiting between duties and deployments.

Residents then gathered for an Order of Service, followed by pre-lunch drinks, a chef-prepared hot lunch and an afternoon watching the annual AFL ANZAC Day clash between Collingwood and Essendon.

Leading up to the day, residents also took part in ANZAC biscuit baking sessions, filling the home with the familiar aroma of golden syrup, oats and coconut while sharing memories and conversation together.

A Tribute That Continues to Grow

The home also featured a moving tribute display, generously brought in each year by Maintenance Officer, Bill. Carefully curated and deeply personal, the collection continues to grow year after year, with new pieces sparking reflection and remembrance throughout the community.



Robert's Story

Pictured above is Robert, who joined the Royal Australian Navy at just 17 years of age. At 20, he left full-time service to join the Reserves, where he remained until the age of 54. During this time, he served as an Air Traffic Controller and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

The medals Robert is holding were awarded during his years in the reserves and remain especially sentimental to him today.

"He has very many stories to tell, he could write a book," says Natalie, Care and Leisure Coordinator.



Celebrating



At Mayflower, Mother's Day is more than a single moment – it's a heartfelt celebration of the many remarkable women who bring warmth, wisdom and strength to our community.

At Mayflower, Mother's Day was a special opportunity to celebrate the many women who bring kindness, wisdom and connection to the community.

From mums and grandmothers to aunties, sisters, lifelong friends and caring role models, women across all Mayflower homes were recognised and celebrated throughout the week.

Each home marked the occasion with thoughtful gifts, themed activities, live music and shared moments designed to bring people together.

At Mayflower Edith Bendall, it was a week-long celebration of womanhood.

(More on Mayflower Edith Bendall's week long celebration on page 42!)

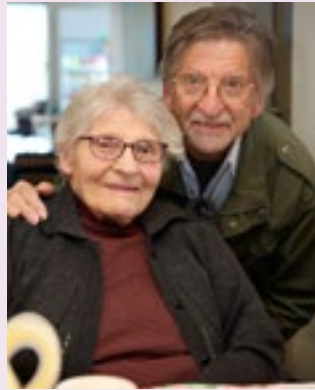
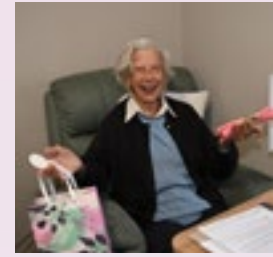
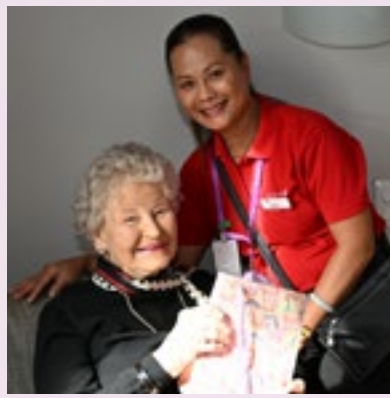
Mayflower Brighton hosted a special luncheon, where residents were treated to a menu with a little extra flair, thoughtfully prepared to mark the occasion.

At Mayflower Reservoir everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea, with live music, shared with family, friends and dedicated team members alike.

The celebrations recognised not only motherhood, but the many ways women nurture, guide, support and inspire those around them.

Pictured right: Lovely Mother's Day moments at Mayflower Reservoir and Mayflower Brighton.







 PASCOE VALE

Celebrating Women

Leading up to Mother's Day it was a week-long celebration of womanhood - at Mayflower Edith Bendall in Pascoe vale.

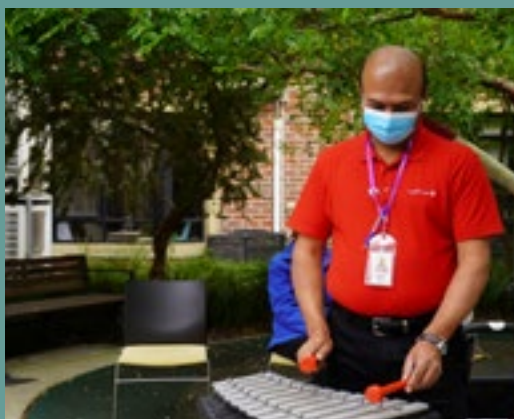
From pampering sessions and champagne and strawberry afternoons, to a raffle draw, Elvis impersonator and Music Therapy with Fleur, there was plenty to enjoy.

The week concluded with a fun pyjama party alongside our team and volunteers who also donned their favourite 'jammies' for the day!



Meet *Hitesh*

Supporting Meaningful Moments at Mayflower Brighton



Hitesh has been a familiar and trusted presence at Mayflower Brighton for more than a decade, and we are so grateful to have him on board.

First joining in 2010, Hitesh began as a Lifestyle Assistant after being offered a role following his placement for his Diploma in Community Welfare Work. Today, as Care and Leisure Coordinator, he leads the lifestyle program with a steady, thoughtful approach that centers on what matters most to residents.

Originally from the village of Ode in Gujarat, India, Hitesh began his career as a primary school teacher and later taught computer skills. These experiences continue to shape his calm, patient way of connecting with people. He moved to Australia in 2008.

Empowering Daily Life

Through meaningful activities, connection and choice, Hitesh and the wider team support residents to live their lives their way. 'I find it most rewarding when residents and their families share their appreciation, and when I can work together with the team to create activities that truly reflect what residents enjoy and value,' says Hitesh.

Over the years, Hitesh has seen many changes, including redevelopment, evolving care approaches and the challenges of COVID-19, where video calls helped residents stay connected with loved ones.

Life Beyond Work

At home, he enjoys gardening, music and cooking, and shares life with his wife Jalpa and their son Shubham, who is now 12 and starting high school. Shubham has also volunteered at Mayflower, most memorably wearing an inflatable shark suit to bring joy to an 'Under the Sea' themed party!

Known for his reliability and his friendly approachable nature, Hitesh continues to support a vibrant, connected community at Mayflower Brighton.



Special feature

Thankful for our Volunteers

As part of National Volunteer Week in May, we welcomed volunteers together for a special high tea in recognition of the care, generosity and time they share across the community.

The afternoon celebrated the people who make such a meaningful difference each day, throughout Mayflower.

The event took place in the beautifully styled Harry Williams room, transformed with a vibrant red and pink theme.

Rose bouquets adorned each table, while guests were invited to have their portrait taken against a familiar backdrop - from the Aethereal Project featured earlier in this edition.

Adding to the warm atmosphere, new volunteer Stephen generously provided live piano music throughout the afternoon.

A delicious high tea, prepared by our in-house chefs, was enjoyed alongside glasses of wine and bubbles.

Guests also took part in games and a lively table quiz, sparking plenty of conversation and laughter, helping them connect.

Incredible Milestones

During the celebration, we recognised several long-serving volunteers for their years of dedication to the Mayflower community.

Coincidentally, each of this year's milestone recipients volunteers within the Mayflower Brighton Gift Shop, which has recently undergone a beautiful transformation.

Special recognition was given to Judee for an incredible 35 years of volunteering.

Judee has played a pivotal role in fundraising efforts, including a major contribution to the Millennium Fundraiser campaign in 1999. She also established the Gift Shop, managing it for almost 3 decades before handing it over to her daughter, Nicole.

We proudly recognised Diana for 25 years, Glenys for 20 years, Jill and Stephanie for 15 years, along with Carolyn and Robin for 5 years of volunteering.

Thank You, Adeline

We also said farewell and heartfelt thank you to Adeline, affectionately known as the 'Gift Shop trolley lady', who is retiring after 23 years of service to spend more time with her beautiful grandchildren.

Each volunteer received a gift in appreciation of their dedication and contribution.

Vale Kathleen - Gift Shop Volunteer

On behalf of the residents, staff and volunteer team at Mayflower Brighton, we extend our heartfelt condolences on the sudden passing of Kathleen McMenamin.

As a Gift Shop volunteer for more than 20 years, Kathleen was a much-loved member of our Mayflower community and a familiar, welcoming presence to residents, families, volunteers and staff. She brought far more than essential items to those who visited the shop - she brought kindness, friendship and a genuine sense of connection.

Kathleen's dedication, warmth and caring spirit touched the lives of many and will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew her.

Our thoughts and sincere sympathies are with Kathleen's family and loved ones during this difficult time.





Puzzle Answers Page

Word Search Answers

Across (rows across, top to bottom)

- HAPPINESS – Row 1
- CARE – Row 2
- RESERVOIR – Row 2 (overlaps Care)
- MEMORIES – Row 3 (backwards)
- CELEBRATION – Row 5 (backwards)
- FRIENDSHIP – Row 11
- RESIDENTS – Row 14
- COMPASSION – Row 15
- COMMUNITY – Row 16
- MAYFLOWER – Row 17

Down (columns down, left to right)

- GARDENS – Column 1
- SUPPORT – Column 1 (overlaps Gardens)
- BRIGHTON – Column 2
- GRAPEVINE – Column 4
- CONNECTION – Column 14
- KINDNESS – Column 12
- EVENTS – Column 15
- WELLBEING – Column 16
- JOURNEY – Column 17

Diagonal

- EDITH BENDALL – diagonal up-left (starts on row 12, column 13)
- ONE HUNDRED – diagonal up-right (as marked out)
- VOLUNTEERS – diagonal up-right (starts row 10, column 13)
- STORIES – diagonal up-left (starts row 10, column 10)
- MUSIC – diagonal down-left (starts row 9, column 10)
- ART – diagonal up-right (starts row 7, column 4)

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Did you enjoy these?
 Do you want more?
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Please let us know by informing a Mayflower team member, or email Genevieve in Marketing gbarclay@mayflower.org.au

Riddle Me This Answers

- Riddle 1: A book (or Grapevine!)
- Riddle 2: A photograph



9 Letter Word Game Answers

9 letter word

Grapevine

8 letter word

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7 letter words

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Sudoku Answers

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Our Appeal

Mayflower would not be the organisation it is today without the financial support of individual donors, businesses, philanthropic trusts and foundations. We are grateful to these benefactors for contributing much needed funds to Mayflower.

As a not-for-profit charitable organisation we rely on the generous financial support of donors. All money raised is directed to helping enrich the lives of residents and gifts above \$2 are tax deductible.

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Your contribution helps us continue to deliver care without compromise and empower residents to live their lives, their way.

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Volunteering: We welcome volunteers who wish to give back to the community. Whether regularly or occasionally, your time and talents bring joy and pep to residents' days.

Schools: We also welcome school visitations. The interaction, warmth, and pep students bring is greatly valued by residents and team members alike.

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