

The Scoop

The Dougherty Apartments Village Newsletter

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STOP THE PRESS: Dougherty CEO Nominated for award.

Kelvin Neave was recently nominated as a Westfield Chatswood Local Hero for his work as CEO of Dougherty. He certainly shows extraordinary dedication in his role, treating everyone equally and with fairness and compassion. He ensures all our residents in Residential Aged Care, Independent Living and Social Housing have as positive an aging journey as is possible. He knows all the staff and continuously makes sure they are happy and working together productively and as a result Dougherty has one of the higher rates of staff retention in the aged care sector.

Kelvin did not make it into the finals this year but he is Dougherty's Local Hero.

Virginia Howard



Virginia
Howard
Chair of Board
Dougherty

*We would like to congratulate Kelvin on his nomination, on behalf of the Board,
Management & all staff.*

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On August 7 2023 we celebrated Aged Care Employee Day. Staff enjoyed a BBQ lunch and received a personally signed certificate and special gift from Kelvin. We also took the opportunity to launch our new uniforms.




Covid Update: MASKS SHOULD STILL BE WORN

The Covid protocols for Dougherty Apartments will stay as they are for the time being. Even though other Homes and Hospitals are changing their requirements, we will review it later in the season as there are still concerns about the Flu and Covid.

(eg. RNSH currently have a ward locked down due to Covid.)

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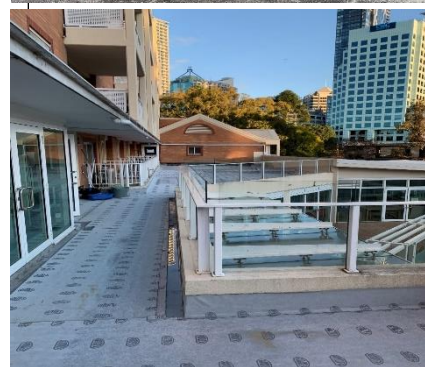
 **Hotel Services – Graeme O’Beirne** The maintenance team have been working efficiently and effectively in answering your day-to-day requests. Priority of workload is determined by many factors: parts, availability, urgency. The maintenance team also have obligations to compliancy of this building, and these are of high importance.

 **Renovations & Maintenance:**

- Contractors are currently cleaning the outside of the building.
- CBS construction are now heading into the final phase of the level 2 patio area. Tiles have been delivered and with good weather conditions, are going to be laid shortly. Kelvin and I are delighted on how this has progressed and cannot wait for our residents to enjoy.

 **Asset Management: Independent Living Units from level 3 to 8 (non-social housing units)**

Each month our maintenance team will be visiting each level to quickly visualise Dougherty Assets within your unit. Please make the maintenance team welcome, as you hear from them.



 **Independent Living - Resident Committee:**

During the last three months, we’ve had the CEO’s Christmas in July, A Murry River Cruise promotion, an Info afternoon on the Voice vote, as well as our usual afternoon teas and Happy Hour and Sunday films. Bocce and Mahjong are also happening. Keep an eye open for notices.

We are delighted that volunteers have offered to deal with the weekend papers and the Library. Others regularly give support in various ways to friends and neighbours. That’s what makes us a community.

With the approval of those at our last Happy Hour, we have changed the day from the last Friday of the month to the last Thursday of the month. The next Happy Hour will be Thursday 28th September. All Independent Living residents welcome.



FISHBOWL – Who’s behind the mask? You may be surprised to know that the father of one of our residents was the inventor of the medical mask, a modern version of which we have all had the pleasure of wearing over the last three years. His father was renowned for his work in public health, especially the Manchurian Plague of 1910-1911 when he discovered that the decease was airborne and used layers of gauze and cotton to filter the air through a more tightly worn mask. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1935. Our resident moved to Sydney to study in 1953 and joined the Dougherty Community in 2016. Guess who?