

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Pictured above: N95 masks are now required on site for all staff, volunteers and visitors.

N95 masks back for safer services

Over the past couple of weeks, we have highlighted in our Community Update that COVID-19 infections in the Mallee have risen. In response to this trend, we have decided to make a couple of important changes.

As of last week, **all staff, volunteers and visitors need to wear an N95 mask while on site at MTHCS.** We have made this decision after deep consideration as masks can be uncomfortable and inconvenient.

But we are mindful of the important role they play in simply and effectively protecting us, our families and, importantly, our most vulnerable people.

We are approaching a time of extreme vulnerability – rising cases statewide combined with lots of travel and gatherings. Whatever extra preventative measures we can take as community members will help to protect us, our residents and our staff from COVID-19. Please help to achieve our aim of keeping infection levels low to ensure we can continue allowing visitors to our facilities throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Guests with im-peck-able manners!

There was a lot of joy on the faces of our Ouyen nursing home residents when some special guests dropped in for a flying visit.

These recently-hatched chicks were egg-cellent entertainment, no yolks!

Thank you to staff member Vanessa, who incubated the eggs and thought the chicks might beak the interest of the Ouyen home.



Pictured above: Ouyen residents enjoy some cheep entertainment with handfuls of feathered friends.

Celebrating the cup

Continuing the animal theme, our Ouyen residents gathered on the first Tuesday of the month to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day. It was a delight to be able to tune in to the big event at Flemington while putting on our best hats and fascinators and enjoying our own raceday festivities.



Pictured above: Fashion and fun at Ouyen on Melbourne Cup Day.

MTHCS IS RETURNING TO N95 FACE MASKS

MTHCS is returning to wearing N95 masks as of November 16th, due to the rising case numbers of COVID19 across the State and in our communities.

We are encouraging staff and their families to also wear a surgical mask when attending indoor places in the local community such as the supermarket.

Why are we doing this?

To protect our residents and colleagues in the hope that we can maintain visitors in our centres across the Christmas and New Year period.



Advisory roles advertised

We are pleased to invite applications for membership on the MTHCS Community Advisory Committee.

The Consumer Advisor positions are part-time, with terms of office commencing early 2023. These positions provide an exciting opportunity for members of the local community to provide strategic advice, from a consumer, carer and community perspective to ensure MTHCS understands and can respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

To learn more, visit:

www.mthcs.com.au/careers/current-vacancies

For all enquiries regarding the Community Advisory Committee, please contact Tracey Wilson, Interim CEO, on (03) 5092 1111.



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