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The staff at Sprrott House wish everyone a joy-filled Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

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In this issue we've included some information about our **new hospital wing, the successfully renovated Child's Wing**, the development of **new training facilities**, our **new staff**, a **celebration of 25 years at Sprrott** and other news of interest.



Sprrott House

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- **new hospital wing operating!**
- **successful renovation of Child's Wing**
- **New training facilities to be developed**
- **our new staff**
- **25 years at Sprrott!**

New hospital wing

After months of careful planning and hard work (not to mention tested patience from the noisy construction!) Sprrott House is pleased to report that its new hospital wing is finished and operating.

The sixteen superior single rooms, each with its own en-suite, are in high demand -and there is currently only one vacancy. Sprrott offers top quality hospital care with 24-hour support from trained and experienced caregivers, two registered nurses on call throughout the day and regular visits from a nearby GP. Enquiries to Carole Hazelman at Carole@sprrotthouse.co.nz

Child's wing successfully renovated

People beamed and bubbly flowed as Sprrott House acknowledged its latest completed project— a successfully renovated Child's Wing. Two stories high with new license to occupy studios, Child's Wing was officially opened by Dr Rev Brown on the 26th November 2008 and applauded by guests gathered to celebrate the event.



Friends of Sprrott House, along with Board members, staff, residents and their families, watched as a plaque was unveiled and speeches were made by General Manager Carole Hazelman and President of the Board Don Rennie - both of whom are delighted with the redevelopment.

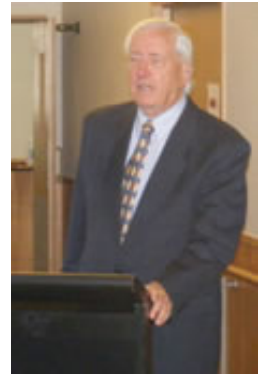
After the formalities, lunch was enjoyed by those present and toasts were made to a further success in Sprrott's



architectural make-over.

Training area development

Work is currently underway on converting former nurses' accommodation rooms into a training area for caregivers and other members of staff. Practical, educational courses will be run from these rooms, which are situated on the ground floor of Main Block. Renovations are expected to be completed by late February/early March. Management is in negotiation with the Department of Health over the possibility of offering other people the use of our new training facilities. Listen out for updates on this interesting development!



25 Years at Sprott!

Everybody at Sprott House offers their sincere gratitude and congratulations to Colleen Edwards and Tau Malaga for reaching their 'Silver Anniversary' of employment at Sprott House.



Colleen Edwards

These hard-working women have been with Sprott since 1983 - Tau as a caregiver and Colleen with the maintenance department.

In her current role as Facilities Manager, Colleen deals with maintenance issues and directs a team of cleaning staff and laundry staff so that life at Sprott House runs smoothly. Her focus has consistently been on providing our residents and their families with the very best service.



Tau Malaga

Tau uses her years of experience and admirable work ethic to deliver the type of aged care Sprott House stands for — warm and secure.

She is a valued member of staff and has embraced many changes and challenges during her time here.

To Tau and Colleen we say Thank You!

New Staff

A warm welcome to our new chef Della Hirini who will be adding her culinary flair to the Sprott House Kitchen. Greetings also to the number of new caregivers who began working here in early December. Their names are Bodielle Youngman, Aaron Carter, Victoria Lyon, Maleta Michael, Ana Baleikasavu and Patricia Hay. The Sprott House team is thrilled to have you on board!

More News!

Garage Sale and Open Day

We ran our first ever **Garage Sale** on Saturday 29th November and what a sale it was! Bargains galore - people came from all over to buy books, beds, linen, crockery, pictures and furniture. A BBQ added to the fun of the day. Thanks to all those who came

and supported the cause!

A brand new, impressive banner attracted visitors to the **Sprott House Open Day** on Sunday 7th December. A glorious day saw people happily walk around the sunny grounds, participate in tours of the buildings and rooms, and see how the Sprott House rest home and aged care complex operates on a day-to-day basis. Children played outside as families visited current residents. Among the questions and comments, particular interest was shown in the available Villas apartments and the new hospital wing.

On Air!

Carole Hazelman and Rae-ann Sinclair, Board member, featured recently on The Breeze with Stu Smith. Topics for discussion included Sprott House's 110th Birthday, the new hospital wing and the BOT-approved plans to build a new Dementia Wing.



Carole informed listeners of the dire need for better dementia care in New Zealand (more than 40,000 New Zealanders suffer from dementia and dementia units are almost at maximum capacity.) When asked "how good" this new wing will be, Rae-ann guaranteed a type of care that will be "leading edge". By having pets, a blokes' shed and a safe kitchen where clients can potter without harming themselves, Sprott House will be revolutionary in terms of creating a living environment as "normal" as possible.

Carole Hazelman

General Manager

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