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Warrigal Update

Dear resident representatives and relatives

The past week has seen the continued rollout out of the COVID-19 vaccine program with 408,000 doses now administered throughout Australia. While the initial goal to have 4 million doses administered by the end of March will not be achieved, the numbers are beginning to increase each week as more residents are receiving their vaccination.

We have now received confirmation of the dates for the vaccinations for all of our care homes except for Goulburn. These are summarised in the table below, along with who will be administering the vaccinations, commencing with Queanbeyan and Warilla next week, while the remaining four care homes in the Shellharbour LGA scheduled for the following week. This has provided us with sufficient time to finalise the consent forms and identify a suitable area within each home where the vaccinations will be administered.

Aged Care Home	Vaccination Dates		Provider
Stirling	24/02/2021	17/03/2021	Aspen Medical
Calwell	12/03/2021	2/04/2021	Sonic Healthcare
Coniston	18/03/2021	8/04/2021	Australian Defence Force
Queanbeyan	30/03/2021	20/04/2021	Sonic Healthcare
Warilla	1/04/2021	22/04/2021	Australian Defence Force
MT Warrigal	6/04/2021	27/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Albion Park Rail	7/04/2021	28/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Mount Terry	8/04/2021	29/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Shell Cove	8/04/2021	29/04/2021	Aspen Medical
Bundanoon	23/04/2021	14/05/2021	Sonic Healthcare

In preparing for the COVID-19 vaccinations, it has also been a requirement to review the Advanced Care Directives. This week is National Advance Care Planning Week, which is the perfect time to make plans and discuss with loved ones the care they want at the end of life. Advanced care planning gives you the opportunity to think about, discuss and record your preferences for the type of care you want your loved one to receive which is an important discussion to have.

With the easing of restrictions within the community this week, a number of the additional positions that were created to support residents through the pandemic are being reviewed. This includes the Pastoral Carers that were put on when no visits were permitted, activities were limited and there were no outings. With entertainers now returning, regular bus trips occurring and over 100 social outings and 1000 visits occurring each week, these roles will no longer be required after the end of March. The COVID-19 Marshalls at each home will continue to screen visitors and staff until the second vaccination has been administered, and these positions will then be replaced with self-screening.

The Zoom relative meetings will continue next week with families of residents at Mount Terry invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday. The numbers of relatives attending has been lower than previous meetings, which may be an indication that families feel that they already receive sufficient communication, or as the vaccine is rolled out, the imminent risk is not considered to be as great and the need to be updated is not as important. It is still a good opportunity for families to receive information on what is happening at Warrigal, and to provide us with your feedback.

Please do not hesitate to contact Warrigal by email at warrigal@warrigal.com.au with any feedback you might have or by calling our information line on Customer Relations Information Line on 1800 927 744.

Yours Sincerely,



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