

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Donations bring joy to aged care residents**

Residents at Miles Hospital's Milton House now have new entertainment equipment thanks to the generosity of the hospital auxiliary.

The auxiliary has donated a new television unit and a new stereo for the communal area of the facility.

The new television unit, valued at \$400, replaces an existing cabinet and give the facility's communal area multiple capabilities for resident functions.

Acting director of nursing Aschleigh Perring said it was identified that the communal lounge area could be better utilised by reconfiguring the furniture in the area.

"The addition of a corner television unit allows the space to be divided into a television or movie viewing area, a communal seating area for relatives and friends, as well as a large multi-use space for community gatherings, resident and family meeting, and church services," he said.

The need for a new stereo was identified by residents and families in order to allow the residents to listen to the radio during breakfast as they had done when living in their own homes.

Mr Perring said the stereo equipment chosen had blue tooth connectivity to allow for specific music activities such as a community sing-a-long once a week.

"The stereo unit can be used in large group activities or for smaller activities, also providing the residents with more choices for leisure and interest activities," Mr Perring said.

"We are very grateful to the hospital auxiliary for their continued support to enhance the quality of care provided to our residents."

The Miles Historical Village has also made a generous donation to the residents at Milton House.

The village has donated a set of three books entitled "Footsteps through time: A history of Chinchilla shire" by Dr Tony Matthews PhD.

Mr Perring said the books were of cultural and historical significance to the residents and families of Milton House, some of whom are featured in the books.

"We would like to acknowledge the Miles Historical Village for their thoughtful donation," Mr Perring said.

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### Photo captions:

1. Nurse Barbara Eamer shows 104-year-old resident Carl Madsen the recently donated historical books.
2. Clinical nurse Di Tong with resident Gwen Williams and the new stereo donated by the hospital's auxiliary.
3. Assistant in nursing Alyssa Mirabito with resident Ken Walsh show the corner television cabinet that was donated by the hospital's auxiliary.

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