



Pots of fun at arts & crafts



SOCIAL GROUPS

Creative flair was unleashed in a recent arts and crafts session held by our Group Activities team, where decorating ceramic pots made for heaps of fun!



Scan to download this month's **Social Groups Calendar**



Or visit: centacarecq.com/rsg

With Social Groups kicking off again in 2022, CentacareCQ group attendees were excited to be reunited with one another and to enjoy the range of activities on offer.

Aileen, a regular attendee of CentacareCQ's Social Group Activities, was happy to have joined in on the group's recent pot decorating.

Aileen said she had missed the fun and comradery of social group activities.

"It's always lovely to see the staff and my friends. I've missed them," Aileen said as she decorated her pot with rose gold stickers, spelling the words 'smile' and 'happy'.

Aileen said she decided to keep her pot decorating "fairly simple".

"I'm thinking of putting a plant in my pot when I get home. I think it will look quite lovely," she said.

Marion, another client of CentacareCQ and groups attendee, said she too was looking forward to planting something in her decorated masterpiece.

"I think a fern would look very nice in it," Marion said.

The group was also spoiled for choice with a delicious morning tea of sandwiches, biscuits, tea and coffee, while they admired each other's creations.

CentacareCQ Group Activities and Transport Coordinator, Danielle Cotter, said that her team was looking forward to the year of fun and adventures ahead.

"It's only February and we have some amazing activities and events organised for our clients," Danielle said.

"For many, it's a great way to meet new people and form new friendships. For others, it's a way of getting out of the house and exploring the region."

If you would like to join the Social Group Fun or find out more, you can call our team on

1300 523 985

or **message us on Facebook.**



Time flies, when you're having fun!

Welcome to the March edition of Chat.

I cannot believe how quickly this year is going. Time truly flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of fun, if you haven't joined our Social Group Activities, I fear you're missing out!

The team just love *crafting* up new adventures and activities each month which you can find more about in this issue.

For those of you who enjoy having fun online, our resident tech-sperts have got some great tips to help you keep cyber safe.

Until next time, we hope you enjoy the great reads, recipes and reflections in this edition.

Jason Reid
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Central Region

Our
Offices
are now

OPEN

Welcome

In early February we briefly closed our offices for two weeks to reduce the potential spread of infection from COVID-19.

We are pleased to announce that our offices are **now open** for visitors and clients and those attending face-to-face appointments.



ONLINE SAFETY

With great POWER comes great CYBER SECURITY...

The internet has become a great tool for keeping in touch with our loved ones, learning new things and even playing games.

From laptops and iPads, to smart phones and even watches, today's technology has also made it convenient to pay our bills, do our shopping and bank online without the need to leave the comfort of our homes.

But like all powerful tools, the internet does come with some risks.

As CentacareCQ's Technology Coordinator Michael Harding explains:



"Cyber security is something everyone should prioritise."

"While it's important to keep in touch with our friends and family, it's vitally important to take steps to be cybersafe."

Michael said some of the common cyber threats included:

- **Malware:** Software designed to damage computers, steal data or financially exploit you
- **Data breaches:** Personal information being released to the general public
- **Scams:** Deceiving emails, text messages and websites that invite you to give away your personal information
- **Identity theft:** Using your personal information without permission.

Michael says there are a number of steps you can take to help protect yourself when it comes to being safe online....



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Update your device

Just like getting your car serviced, regular updates improve your device's performance and makes it more secure.

Best of all, there are ways to set up automatic updates, so you don't have to manually do it every time and update is required.

Updating your device will also add new features and make your device run faster.



Turn on your multi-factor authentication

A **multi-factor authentication** (otherwise known as an MFA) is when you need more than one piece of information to gain access to your account.

For example: To access your email account, you may need to enter a password and receive a text code first.

Having multiple layers of authentication makes it harder for cybercriminals to hack into your account, making your personal information safer.

If you need help with getting a multi-factor authentication activated on your account, you can scan the QR code in this story or ask a loved one to help you.



Back up your device

If something were to go wrong with your device, what happens to your information?

Backing up your computer, phone or tablet means that your files are saved somewhere separate to your device – just like photocopying your precious photos you wish to keep in case you lose the originals.



Use a passphrase

Passwords are a great way of securing your precious files, **but a passphrase is a stronger** and more secure version of this.

Passphrases use four or more random words as your password, which makes them hard for cybercriminals to guess, but easy for you to remember.

Be sure to make your **passphrase long, unpredictable and unique!**



Recognise & report scams

Have you ever received a **suspicious email** from an address asking you to urgently pay a bill?

Or perhaps a message that reads: **"You've won a prize!"** or that your computer **"Contains a virus?"**

Beware! This could be the work of a crafty cybercriminal on the hunt for your personal information.

It's important to be vigilant and report scammers the moment you recognise them.

Some tell-tale signs of scammer activity include messages, emails and calls that attempt to trick you by:

- **Revealing** bank account details, passwords, credit card numbers
- **Giving remote access** to your computer
- **Opening an attachment**, which may contain a virus
- **Sending money** or gift cards.



If you would like to know more about ways to stay safe online, visit: centacarecq.com/cybersafety



FUN & FOOD

St Patrick's Day

Wonderword

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 DUBLIN
 EVENTS
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 SEVENTEENTH
 SHAMROCK
 SNAKES
 SODA BREAD
 TRADITION
 YEARLY



REFLECTION

Travel with the change of the season

March in Australia signals the start of Autumn – the time of year when the days get shorter and the weather gets a little cooler.

The leaves on some trees begin to change colour from green to red, yellow and brown and then fall to the ground.

In home gardens across the region, avid green thumbs are preparing their garden beds for crops to harvest during the winter months.

It also means we all breathe a little easier knowing that the threat of cyclones is reduced.

Now that our state borders are open again, why not take a trip to other parts of Australia to see what autumn magic is being created there?

Spiced Toffee Apple Cake



Ingredients

200g dates, roughly chopped
 200ml milk, plus a splash
 250g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
 280g self-raising flour
 200g light soft brown sugar
 ½ tsp baking powder

4 large eggs
 1 tbsp mixed spice
 2 tsp vanilla extract
 3 small red apples
 squeeze lemon juice
 handful of toffees
 a little icing sugar, for dusting

Step 1: Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line a 20 x 30cm baking tray with baking parchment. Put the dates and milk in a small pan and bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat and set aside for 15 mins to cool.

Step 2: Whizz the date mixture to a smooth purée in a food processor or blender, then scrape into a large mixing bowl. Tip in the butter, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, eggs, mixed spice and vanilla, and set aside while you prepare the apples.

Step 3: Quarter and core the apples, then slice quite thinly, tossing in a little lemon juice as

you go. Quickly beat together the cake ingredients with an electric whisk until smooth, then scrape into the baking tray. Arrange the appleslices, overlapping in rows, on top of the cake – you should be able to get 3 rows lengthways down the tray. Bake for 45-50 mins until a skewer poked into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Cool in the tray.

Step 4: Put the toffees in a small pan with a good splash of milk and gently melt, stirring, until runny. To finish, dust with a little icing sugar, then drizzle sauce all over the cake. Cut into squares or slices to serve.

[Source: bbcgoodfood.com]



Don Butler

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INFORMATION

Know your rights & responsibilities

As a CentacareCQ client, you have the right to be treated well and provided with high quality care and services.

As your local service provider for more than 45 years, we strive to ensure you are receiving the best possible care.

To view a full copy of the Aged Care Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, please scan the QR code, visit centacarecq.com/yourrights or phone 1300 523 985 and request a printed copy.

