

MAURICE ZEFFERT NEWS

November 2023 Edition



THE ZEFFERT EXPERIENCE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that Sharon Cherny, our Wellbeing Manager, is the recipient of the Zeffert Experience Award for the month of October!

Sharon's dedication to improving the lives of our residents truly embodies our values of Passion and Kindness, and we are extremely proud to have her on our team. Congratulations, Sharon!



WELCOME TO THE NEW STAFF WHO JOINED US IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Enabling Companions

Durga Kadariya
Tenzin Wangmo
Sangay Choden



Physiotherapist

Karen Knox



Catering

Lalida Appadoo
Thi Chau Nguyen (Cherry)



OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Essie Ross
Rose Sharp
Joan Field
Alan Shear
Tiddles Same























Leslie Shub
Shula Rabinowitz
Brian Dellaca
Rodney Ball



STAFF PROFILE - EDWINA MILLER - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Edwina has been a dedicated staff member of Maurice Zeffert for an incredible 21 years! To learn a bit more about her, we decided to ask her some fun questions and here are her responses – thank you, Edwina!

 <p>What gets you out of bed in the morning?</p>	 <p>I look forward to coming to work, I love my job, my team and my residents.</p>	 <p>What is your guilty pleasure?</p>	 <p>Eating and laughing.</p>
 <p>What three words would you use to describe your role?</p>	 <p>Fun, satisfying and rewarding.</p>	 <p>What is your secret talent that no one knows about?</p>	 <p>I think I can sing well-even though the Therapy Team may disagree. I sing great duets with Lilah-everyone has to close their ears when we sing "I will always loooooove you". I can hit all the high notes!!</p>
 <p>What is one thing on your bucket list?</p>	 <p>Go on a cruise with Andrew.</p>	 <p>If you could have any superpower what would it be?</p>	 <p>I would like to be able to read peoples minds, feelings and thoughts.</p>
 <p>What do you like most about your job?</p>	 <p>Working with all my colleagues & residents. I have fun & find my work rewarding. I love singing, dancing, & driving the bus - I have such a fun job!</p>	 <p>What is one thing you can't live without?</p>	 <p>I cannot live without seeing my children, grandchildren, Dad and Andrew.</p>
 <p>What do you do for fun?</p>	 <p>I like gardening, cooking and going shopping.</p>	 <p>Where would you most like to travel to?</p>	 <p>I would like to go on a cruise to Asia and Europe.</p>



CEO PHILIPPA HINTON TIES THE KNOT IN A GORGEOUS BEACH CEREMONY

We're thrilled to announce that our incredible CEO, Philippa Hinton, and her partner, Andy Hall, have officially tied the knot! The wedding was a beautiful ceremony on the beach, surrounded by their closest family and friends. Philippa's sons, Joe and Sam, were beaming with pride as they accompanied their Mum down the aisle. The lovely Stephanie, a close friend of Philippa, and flower girl Lucy, Andy's niece, were in attendance. Even though Philippa's father couldn't physically attend, he joined the ceremony via video link all the way from the UK. Andy's parents were also there to witness the happy couple exchange their vows. A big congratulations to the newlyweds!



SECURITY UPDATE

In light of recent events in Israel on 7 October 2023, the safety of our residents and staff has become our top priority here at MZH. We are taking all necessary precautions, such as holding meetings with CSG, who provide us with regular advice and will provide security guards for high-risk events. Our families and staff have been briefed to be extra vigilant and to keep doors shut and locked, as well as to report any suspicious activity. To ensure our safety measures are effective, the receptionist will not let anyone in without speaking to them over the intercom. Furthermore, we have reviewed our disaster management policy and procedures and installed new cameras. If you notice anything suspicious in the community, please don't hesitate to call CSG on 1300 000 274.

VOLUNTEERS

We extend a warm welcome to our latest volunteers: Gaby Slade, Shaun Segal, Rachel Lev, Hilary Winterton, Lindsey Manushevitz and Sheldon Manushevitz. You are a true asset to our community and have indeed made Maurice Zeffert a wonderful place. We are grateful for the volunteers' diverse contributions to our home. They engage our residents with games, one-on-one chats, shofar blowing, lulav/etrog shaking, bus driving, Shabbat Shalom wishes, blessings, and much more. They help organise Shule services, bingo games, as well as gardening and arts and crafts activities. We express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your time and dedication, and we wish you a happy festive break.

SUKKOT

The residents were overjoyed to have Bnei Akiva participate in our Sukkot celebration, assisting with the shaking of the Lulav and Etrog. Their presence brought smiles to all the modules each day. We are grateful to the Maintenance Team for their assistance in constructing the sukkahs and to the Therapy Team for their excellent decorating skills. We would also like to extend our thanks to Carmel School for contributing some of the beautiful decorations.





MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



Residents and staff alike got into the spirit of Melbourne Cup Day by dressing up in their finest attire, complete with hats and fascinators. Our Hospitality Manager, Calvin, went above and beyond by crafting a special menu. Kippers were a requested favorite for breakfast, while lunch featured a hearty BBQ of grilled sausages, chicken shawarma, lamb chops, and fresh salads. The hot dog rolls were garnished with all the trimmings, and we topped it off with a summer fruit sorbet for dessert.

END OF YEAR STAFF AWARDS

On 25 November, we held a special event to express gratitude to our incredible team for their hard work throughout the year. We were fortunate enough to receive a generous donation, allowing us to present the 2023 Zeffert Experience Award to six exceptional staff members. These individuals embody our organisation's core values and represent the highest standards of work ethic. We are incredibly grateful to have such valuable members on our team. We would like to give a special shout out to our new Hospitality Manager, Calvin Green, and our Quality and Training Coordinator, Kathy Williams, who were also recognised for their contributions, but unfortunately couldn't attend the event.



MITZVAH DAY - A DAY OF GIVING AND CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 19 November Mitzvah Day was held, and it was a great success! Attendees delighted in the "Sounds of Israel" being played for residents and their loved ones. Various items were also on sale, and there were plenty of drinks and snacks to enjoy. The funds raised were donated to Magen David Adom.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 23 NOVEMBER 2023



On 23 November, we held our annual general meeting, with a fantastic turnout of members. During the meeting, our CEO reported that 2023 was a hectic yet rewarding year for our organisation. We were thrilled to present the President's Award for 2023 to David Vilensky, honorary solicitor for Maurice Zeffert. We also presented the CEO Award to Tolla Anderson, who has been a dedicated volunteer with our organisation for an incredible 20 years.

MAURICE ZEFFERT WELLNESS CENTRE

We are thrilled to reveal our latest venture – a collaboration with Sandy Tollis to deliver an array of wellness services, including massages, facials and reflexology. Book your appointment with reception or visit them to buy a gift voucher for your loved one. These services will take place in our luxurious spa room, located in the newly renovated gym.



KITTEN RESCUE - A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MZ STAFF MEMBER

In mid October we heard meowing coming from the roof in Chia. Upon further inspection, maintenance staff discovered a mother cat and six tiny kittens. We immediately enlisted the help of the fire brigade to assist in the rescue. Two of the kittens had fallen down a crevice in the wall, adding to the urgency of the situation. It was a collaborative effort, with all hands on deck, including our CEO who climbed a ladder to coax the mother cat down, and Nanna Liliah who fed the kittens with a syringe. After all the hard work, we're thrilled to report that all six kittens survived and are now healthy and ready to be adopted. If you're interested in adopting, please contact The Cat Haven on 9442 3600. The kittens are all under the name of Maurice Zeffert.

