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BASS Care receives grant from The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation for new piano

BASS Care has a very active health and wellbeing lifestyle program for the low and high level care residents at our aged care accommodation facility, Faversham House.

These activities and social get togethers are organised by the lifestyle department staff on a small residential group basis and are a very important part of the day-to-day life at Faversham House. Music plays a major function in these activities and is a common factor in bringing the group together for the enjoyment of all. It is particularly important for those residents suffering from dementia.

Two pianos, originally in the old Chatham Lea hostel and Harcourt nursing home, were transferred when Faversham House was built, however, they were old and found to be beyond repair. Now, thanks to the grant from The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation, BASS Care has been able to purchase a beautiful new Kawai K15 upright piano.

All residents at Faversham House and its Hamer Wing have gained tremendous enjoyment from having the new piano on hand. The lifestyle department staff has found that the piano is integral to the daily life and activities of the residents in our care. Not only is the piano used during organised activities, such as when the music therapist is on hand, but also there are many times when the piano is played by the staff, volunteers and even by some of the more able residents. Much of this is impromptu and certainly adds to the spontaneity of life at Faversham House.

Last week, we had the privilege of a visit to Faversham House by Rt W. Bro. Allan Paull when he presented a cheque from the Freemasons to our CEO, Mr David Cotter and other senior managers and staff in the dementia wing. During the presentation, the new piano was played to the delight of all and, in particular, those residents who are suffering from dementia.

Mr Cotter and the Board of Directors are very grateful for the continued support of The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation towards BASS Care's social support work.

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