

## HO HO AND BUBBLES AWAY



All roads led to Teralba on Monday. Residents from Anglican Care Nursing Homes arrived for a Christmas Morning Tea party at *Tasty Treats on Teralba*. It was organized by our JobQuest retail students. The enterprise based Youth Connections program aimed to provide an opportunity for disengaged students to gain customer service skills. Tasty Treats on Teralba became a weekly activity and morning tea outing for aged care residents. One young student went from couch surfing to a job with a Rathmines Auto Wrecker.

Cheryl, a staff member at Teralba Bowling Club praised the students. She watched them each week interact with the residents. They treated residents with respect and caring.



Chrystine from Anglican Care thought Tasty Treats on Teralba has been a wonderful success with residents stating that they feel like they are helping the younger generation by giving them confidence in themselves while improving their skills & that they feel this is evident each time they visit. The program has had a dual outcome with benefits for both the students & the residents attending. We have never had a time when residents simply didn't want to go, on many occasions as you know we have run two buses from Fred Lean. Congratulations on a wonderful intergenerational program.



Connecting the generations.

Maeve an 86 year young volunteer with Booragul Anglican Care said *the students have really done well. Our nursing home residents have really enjoyed the interaction. We have been coming every week and the students organize activities or play games eg Skittles. The students get in and play with the residents and sit down and have a chat.*



It feels good to help someone. Residents were proud to help the young students grow in confidence and improve their communication and social skills. It is good to feel valued. Students learnt to make a social connection and practice their customer service skills.