

## **Some information about the Digital Image Resources Projects**

The Lions Club of Burnside has had several projects providing digital image resources to aged care homes for the enjoyment of their residents. The residents are able to view a wide range of topics as “slideshow” on television screens or on digital photo frames (including family photos). The lifestyle staff members are also able to use these resources in large group or one-to-one activities with residents.

The Club has received several grants to assist in the development of these projects. Apart from topics of general interest to all residents, special attention through these grants is being directed towards preparing topics relevant to residents from different cultural backgrounds, those in situations of disadvantage, and residents who feel somewhat isolated from the wider community.

The wider, not-for-profit Aged Care Digital Image Program, in which the Club has a key role, has received sets of images from some prominent supporting organisations. These include the Art Gallery of South Australia with its “Collection Highlights”; the ABC Television News Weather photos; The State Library of SA; The Garden Clubs of Australia, with images from their photo competition; Early Memories (household items from the Hahndorf Academy, the Moonta Museum and the Silverton Museum); Bunnik Travel; Petcare Australia; The National Motor Museum, Birdwood; The National Costume Museum, and a variety of individual contributors of other topics. Background music has been kindly provided by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

The Burnside Club has run workshops and/or provided handbooks for lifestyle coordinators, introducing the range of topic resources available and ways of using the photo frames to benefit residents. Lifestyle coordinators have also been able to hear of, or read about, the experiences of aged care facilities already using these resources. Lions Clubs or other community groups wishing to assist a local aged care facility with sets of images on various topics are invited to contact the Burnside Club regarding access to these. Several Clubs have already done this and, in addition, have provided some photo frames to their local aged care facility. Individual aged care facilities are also invited to make enquiries about these resources.

Feedback from lifestyle staff using the resources suggests that benefits for residents include: creating a pleasant atmosphere; arousing interest; following up of residents’ personal interests; stirring memories; promoting conversation; linking with community events; building self-esteem; feeling calm, and receiving comfort at night.

In making the images sets available, the providers have been assured that their copyright will be respected. Each aged care facility wishing to use the resources is required to sign a statement issued to them by the Program Coordinator indicating that the images will only be used within their particular facility and will not be distributed further.

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