

MACARTHUR VILLAGE CELEBRATES SENIORS' WEEK

IRT's Macarthur Village artists and crafts people will showcase their talents as part of Open Day celebrations next Wednesday, being hosted by the residents as part of NSW Seniors' Week.

The Village Centre will be open to the public between 10am-2pm, to display an array of arts and crafts, hand-made by the residents.

Items on display include paintings, pottery, dolls, needlework and patchwork, with many of the items being available for sale.

More than 50 of the self-care residents attend weekly craft mornings or pottery classes, while other residents attend art classes in the community to learn new skills and impart some of their vast experience and talent.

The Residential Care Facility residents also make craft for enjoyment and as part of their Diversional Therapy Program.

"We have so many talented people within our village. They have a wonderful time each week, getting together over morning tea to share ideas and experience. Some of the residents have been developing their skills over a lifetime while others are just starting out," said Macarthur Village Acting Manager Nathan Broad.

"During Seniors' Week, all seniors are encouraged to take some time out and learn something new. Age should never be a barrier."

Macarthur Village is located within The Park Central Estate and features both self-care accommodation and Macarthur House, a Residential Care Facility. Macarthur Village is owned and operated by IRT.

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