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Time capsule at Gracehaven Aged Care Services commemorates 20 years

Gracehaven Aged Care Services in Bundaberg has a piece of history buried in its back yard.

Ten years ago, residents and staff from Gracehaven buried a time capsule in the garden, and added trinkets and treasures to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the aged care hostel service there.

It has now been a decade, and the plaque, which was planted with it, indicates the capsule is due to be dug up and opened on 14 December 2010.

Director of Nursing and Care Services at Gracehaven Leonie Raven said it was buried on that date 10 years ago, and was intentioned to commemorate the hostel's 20th birthday.

"We are not entirely sure what is in it – a couple of staff who were here at the time remember residents and staff contributing various items," Ms Raven said.

"Apparently it was quite an occasion here when it was buried. Many staff, residents and visitors were involved, and a big luncheon was put on to celebrate. Recently there have been some calls from ex-staff members asking if the capsule is still going to be opened on the planned day and what would be happening."

Ms Raven explained the event would be an emotional one, as some staff members and residents who contributed items had since passed away.

"We don't know what is in there, but we know that people who added items have since passed on, so it may be a nostalgic and moving time when we see what the capsule contains," she said.

"I feel that we should open it as directed on the plaque, and we want to have another capsule ready to replant, perhaps to be opened in another 20 or 30 years."

Staff at Gracehaven Aged Care Services will be holding a morning tea at the facility on 14 December and opening the capsule. The community is welcome to come along and be involved in the occasion.

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Photo attached.

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