

## **Interview with Mrs de Vries**

Today we would like to introduce you to Mrs Tineke de Vries.

Mrs de Vries has been living in Manoah Village for 20 years and has been a Client with Cura In-home Care for 6 years. She has agreed to share her experiences using both services with us.

I arrived in Australia in 1951, following my husband who was here already.

The first years were very busy with building a new life and having five children.

When my youngest daughter was at Primary school I started studying at the then called Kindergarten Teacher's College and became a pre-primary teacher.

I worked in this profession for 15 years and really enjoyed it.

Today I have my children and their partners, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and they all live in W.A.

After living in Victoria Park for 30 years, my husband and I decided to move and we bought a house in Thornlie. And we also bought a car and caravan and went travelling around Australia, once for a whole year.

Not long after, my husband becoming very unwell and his health rapidly declined. That is when we moved to Manoah.

I will never forget all the extra help and support we received during that time from the Head of Staff at Manoah house. IRENE

Years later I was looking for support for myself tried some advertised Service Providers, which did not really suit.

One day I went to visit one of my friends here in Manoah. She used Cura.

Soon I had a very interesting and meaningful Interview with José, one of their special ladies and I am very happy with their service and kindness.

What I value most about living in Manoah Village and getting support from Cura is that both organisations are very people /client centred and they really care for us.

The community spirit here at the village is valued by all of us and we feel very well supported and know that when we need help, it is available. Personally I am part of the weekly sewing group and also take part in special evenings, maybe stampot night

[Dutch winter dinner], games afternoon, Happy hour or Christmas dinner in the Village Hall.

Once or twice a week my Support Worker comes to me to help me with my domestic tasks, shopping and social support. I love those mornings!

I know that some people are hesitant to seek support at home and I would advise them to find a Service Provider that they feel comfortable with. For me it is really important to be able to phone Cura and get the support I need quickly and without complications. I love that they phone me to just hear how I am!

Looking back, I would choose again to move to Manoah Village and to have my home support through Cura.

Both are not “extravagant” organisations and they sure make me feel blessed.

