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An independent newsletter for people interested in Aged Care

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Emailed to: 1784 readers and counting

Welcome to my overseas readers

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4 YEAR CERTIFICATION

4 year certification

My compliments and congratulations to:

Avon Rest Home- Avondale Auckland Ultimatecare Lansdowne Court in Masterton Pohlen Hospital in Matamata Cashmere Home and Heights in Johnsonville Chalmers Home in New Plymouth

For my friends, who have an audit this month, all the best!

SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY

June to 14 July Matariki Festival
 July – Independence Day in USA
 July Teddy Bear Picnic Day
 July World Population Day
 July International Day of Friendship



RECOMMENDED BOOKS

The Making of a Manager : What to Do When Everyone Looks to You. By (author) <u>Julie Zhuo</u>

No idea what you're doing? No problem. Good managers are made, not born.

Top tech executive Julie Zhuo remembers the moment when she was asked to lead a team. She felt like she'd won the golden ticket, until reality came crashing in. She was just 25 and had barely any experience being managed, let alone managing others.





WHAT TO DO WHEN EVERYONE LOOKS TO YOU

Julie Zhuo

Her co-workers became her employees overnight, and she faced a series of anxiety-inducing firsts, including agonising over whether to

hire an interviewee; seeking the respect of reports who were cleverer than her; and having to fire someone she liked. Like most first-time managers, she wasn't given any formal training, and had no resources to turn to for help. It took her years to find her way, but now she's offering you the short-cut to success.

This is the book she wishes she had on day one. Here, she offers practical, accessible advice

	LATEST FROM WORKSAFE
Your phone	USING ELECTRIC BLANKETS SAFELY
	Each season check your electric blanket for damage before using it. Inspect the cord, control switch and plug for any damage and look for any kinks, worn or exposed wires, or scorch marks. You can visually check again each time you change the sheets.
	How to check for damage To check for damage to the heating elements, lay the blanket flat and turn it on for 15 minutes at the highest setting, watch it closely, and then turn it off. Run your hand over the blanket and feel for hot spots. A hot spot means the heating element has been kinked or damaged. This could lead to fire or electric shock. If your electric blanket has a hot spot, you need to safely dispose of it and get a new one. Use an electric blanket only to warm the bed. Switch if off before you get in, to avoid overheating. Overheating can be life threatening, especially for the elderly. When fitting the blanket, ensure it is flat on the bed as creasing can damage the heating elements. Secure the blanket firmly using the attached ties. Don't use pins or other sharp objects. Keep the cord and control switch clear of the bed so they don't get damaged. Replace your electric blanket that is damaged. If in doubt chuck it out!
eeps you close to the people	Work Safe
far away. But far away from the people	RESIDENTIAL CARE SUBSIDY
close to you.	On 1 July this year, the annual changes to the Residential Care Subsidy Rates will come into effect.
	If you need long-term residential care in a rest home or hospital, you may now qualify for a subsidy. The asset thresholds have increased to:
	 \$230,495 for a single person
	• \$230,495 for a couple where both partners are in residential care
	 \$230,495 for a couple where one partner is in residential care, including the value of their house and car
	 \$126,224 for a couple where one partner is in residential care, not including the combined value of their house and car. (The house is only exempt when it's the main place where your partner who is not in care or a dependent child lives).
	The income-from-assets exemptions have increased to:
	 \$1,005 a year for a single person
	 \$2,009 a year for a couple when both are assessed as needing care \$2,012 a year for a couple where one partner has been assessed as needing care
	 \$3,013 a year for a couple where one partner has been assessed as needing care.
	Your assets and income will be assessed by Work and Income. All other eligibility is assessed by the Ministry of Health.
	To find out if you're eligible go to the Work and Income website at
	www.workandincome.govt.nz

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	STOPPING PANIC: WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE HAVING A PANIC ATTACK
	Here, some strategies that have worked for others that may help you:
You have been assigned this mountain to show others that it can be moved. Life quotes	• Deep breathing: Relaxing your body can help sidestep a panic attack. Practice breathing in through your nose for a count of five, hold it for five and then breathe out through mouth for a count of five. Or take a class in meditation and breathing techniques
	• If you suddenly feel your heart pounding or experience other physical clues that a panic attack is barrelling for you, try this distraction suggested by Rob Cole, LHMC, clinical director of mental health services at <u>Banyan Treatment Centers</u> . Start counting backward from 100 by 3s. The act of counting at random intervals helps you to focus and override the anxious thoughts that are trying to sneak into your psyche. By controlling your thoughts and focusing on something outside yourself you will being to feel calmer.
	• Grounding yourself is another helpful technique. Tune yourself into 4 things around you that you can see, 3 things you can touch, 2 that you smell and 1 you can taste. Again, forcing your mind to consider something outside yourself helps, says Cole.
	CHIEF OMBUDSMAN
	The Chief Ombudsman will be monitoring locked dementia units in privately run aged care facilities. Parliament last year clarified that the Ombudsman's monitoring of health and disability places of detention, under a United Nations Convention, includes privatelyrun secure dementia units where people, often older people, are detained because of their vulnerability. "We need to make sure New Zealand's reputation for the good treatment of its citizens,
	whatever their circumstances, is protected and enhanced," says Chief Ombudsman Peter Boshier. "People who are not free to leave a facility have rights. My role is to check that the treatment and conditions they experience are appropriate according to international
	expectations. "We already monitor some aged care facilities where services are directly provided by district health boards. It makes sense for this role to extend to all aged care facilities. I hope it will provide a good overview of the standard of care across the country. "My mandate is a focused one. It does not cover the monitoring of all aspects of residential aged care facilities. I will be specifically looking at conditions and treatment and ensuring more health provide a good overview of the
	peoples' human rights are upheld. "My team and I already work with the health and disability sector to build and maintain safeguards and good practice, and we'll build on this experience in respect of privately run aged care facilities.
	"As the population ages, and the number of aged care facilities increases, it is so important for them to be independently inspected. We need to act now because the number of people with dementia is projected to nearly triple to around 170,000 by 2050." The Chief Ombudsman expects to have funding in place by 1 July 2019 after which more
	detailed planning and development will occur. "I will be taking a gradual, careful and considered approach to developing my inspection role in this area, and it will take some years to establish a national programme," Mr Boshier says. For more information, visit <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>



Memory loss is a frustrating and sometimes scary experience, especially if the memory loss is caused by a traumatic event. Research shows that physical and emotional trauma can directly affect your memory. Some of this memory loss may be a temporary way to help you cope with the trauma, and some of this memory loss may be permanent due to a severe brain injury or severe psychological trauma.

Physical Trauma and Memory Loss

Physical trauma can greatly affect your memory, especially if brain damage occurs as a result of the injury. Physical trauma such as a head injury or stroke can damage the brain and impair a person's ability to process information and store information, the main functions of memory.

Severe injuries and physical trauma can also produce post-traumatic stress disorder, a condition that can cause temporary memory loss to help a person cope with the traumatic event that caused the injury. In the case of physical trauma, the length of memory loss depends on the severity of the injury.

Emotional Trauma and Memory Loss

Emotional or psychological trauma can also affect your memory. Memory loss is a natural survival skill and defence mechanism humans develop to protect themselves from psychological damage. Emotionally traumatic events can lead to dissociative amnesia, which helps a person cope by allowing them to temporarily forget details of the event. A person will often suppress memories of a traumatic event until they are ready to handle them, which may never occur.

Emotional trauma can also lead to post-traumatic stress disorder, which can manifest itself in different ways including flashbacks of the event and intrusive, unwanted thoughts about the trauma.

Healing from Trauma-Induced Memory Loss

Recovering from a traumatic experience can take days, weeks or even months. Everyone heals at their own pace, but if several months have gone by and the symptoms have not gotten better, then it may be time to seek professional help.

Anyone who's been through a traumatic experience knows that emotional trauma hurts. Written by Casa Palmera Staff

THE EFFECTS OF STRESS ON MEMORY

The **effects of stress on memory** include interference with a person's capacity to encode memory and the ability to retrieve information. During times of stress, the body reacts by secreting stress hormones into the bloodstream. Stress can cause acute and chronic changes in certain brain areas which can cause long-term damage. Over-secretion of stress hormones most frequently impairs long-term delayed recall memory, but can enhance short-term, immediate recall memory. This enhancement is particularly relative in emotional memory. *Ref: Wikipedia*

ONE WAY TO COMBAT STRESS

Exercise

Putting physical stress on your body through exercise can relieve mental stress. There are a few reasons behind this:

Stress hormones: Exercise lowers your body's stress hormones — such as cortisol. It also helps release endorphins, which are chemicals that improve your mood and act as natural painkillers.

Do something today that your future self will thank you for. Positive quotes

DIVERSIONAL THERAPY NATIONAL CONFERENCE



NZSDRT Inc. National Conference. **Crowne Plaza Hotel Auckland** 9th,10th & 11th August 2019

We are so pleased to announce that regardless of the many challenges that the Society has been through, we have achieved so much since taking office back in August 2018. We want to provide a heartfelt thank you for your support this year, which allowed us to achieve multiple positive outcomes in the short time that we have been leading our Society. We still have more to do, and your ongoing support will help us impact even more next year. Today, we are pleased to kick off this month by sharing some exciting news! As we announced last year, NZSDRT Inc. is on schedule for our next National Conference in August this year. This is our premier event, with top-notch educational sessions—given by the best for our field—and ample social opportunities for Diversional and Recreational Therapists and many other health care professionals. We know so many of you are excited to learn where the event is taking place, and to start making plans, so today we are thrilled to share the location and registration details of the event. Our conference hotel will be the Crowne Plaza in Auckland CBD. We hope you will join us at the Annual Conference in Auckland from August 9-11, 2019! Be fast in booking your space this year! Ngā manaakitanga NZSDRT Inc. National Executive Board For all conference information and programme go to: https://diversionaltherapy.net.nz/?page_id=5034 SILVER RAINBOW Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex (LGBTI) **Education for Caregivers** If you are interested please contact Julie on Julie.Watson@kahuitukaha.co.nz to find out how you can book Silver Rainbow education for your organisation. HANDY HINTS Fridges and freezers: To keep them smelling fresh, sprinkle a few drops of vanilla extract onto a damp cloth and wipe the interior walls and shelves. To dispel odours, place a small container of baking soda inside the fridge.

Never regret anything that made you smile Mark Twain

	HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT GREY MATTER?
	We'd like to introduce you to another newsletter that the Ministry of Health Library prepares.
	The <u>Grey Matter</u> newsletter provides monthly access to a selection of recent NGO, Think Tank, and International Government reports related to health. Information is arranged by topic, allowing readers to quickly find their areas of interest.
	If you'd like to subscribe to Grey Matter, email <u>library@moh.govt.nz</u>
	TOTAL QUALITY PROGRAMME
	Are you struggling with your policies and procedures? Find it difficult to keep up with all the changes? Come audit time you realise that information is not up to date?
	If the answer to the above is yes then
	Join hundreds of other aged care providers
Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts	This totally tried and tested Quality Programme tailor-made for aged care has been around since 1990!
are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you	All policies and procedures, including the related work forms, are written in a very user friendly manner and understandable to all staff. The programme comes on CD and you are in charge to personalise it for your facility.
can grow weeds. Power of positivity	For more information and to receive the order form and licence agreement, contact me on 09 5795204, 021 311055 or 09jelica@gmail.com
	TRAINING SESSIONS
	If you need training provided on site please let me know as I am available to provide this on non clinical topics such as: Please be aware that I am based in Auckland. Very happy to travel but it will add to your cost. You might be able to talk to facilities in your area to get together and share the costs.
	Cultural Safety, Spirituality, Sexuality & intimacy, Privacy, Rights, Confidentiality, Choice, Communication and Documentation, Quality and Risk Management, Abuse and Neglect prevention, Restraint Minimisation and Safe Practice, Managing behaviour that challenge us, Complaints Management, Open Disclosure, EPOA, Advance Directives, Informed Consent, Resuscitation, Health and Safety, Ageing process, Mental Illness, Civil defence, Dementia care, Bullying in the workplace.
	If you are looking for a topic not listed here please drop me a line.
	I am happy to facilitate different times to suit evening and night staff.

References available on request.

Jessica

	NEWSLETTERS BACK ISSUES
	Remember there is an alphabetical list of topics from all my newsletters available on my website which refers to the related issue. This website is available to everybody: <u>www.jelicatips.com</u> No password or membership required.
"Goodbyes are not forever, Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you, until	I believe in having the data available to everybody as it is important that as many people as possible get the information and that we help each other as much as possible in this very challenging sector. I don't mind sharing this information but I don't agree anybody making financial gain from this information!
we meet again." Author Unknown	HELP ME KEEPING THE DATABASE UP TO DATE!
	Changing positions? New email address? Let me know if your details are changing so I can keep the database up to date.
	If you know anybody else who would like to receive the newsletter please let me know and I will be happy to add them to our growing readers' base.
	Thank you all for your contribution each month.Jessica

Some interesting websites:

www.careassociation.co.nz;www.eldernet.co.nz,www.insitenewspaper.co.nz,www.moh.govt.nz;www.careerforce.org.nz,www.dementiacareaustralia.com;www.advancecareplanning.org.nzhttp://www.bpac.org.nz/Public/admin.asp?type=publication&pub=Best,http://www.open.hqsc.govt.nz;www.safefoodhandler.com;www.learnonline.health.nz;www.nutritionfoundation.org.nz/about-nznf/Healthy-Ageing;www.glasgowcomascale.org;http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/disability-services/disability-publications/disability-

Please note these sites are not necessarily endorsed by Jelica nor is it responsible for the contents within them.

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REMEMBER!

Send your feedback, suggestions and articles showcasing your local, regional and workforce activities for publication in future issues.

This brings me to the end of this issue. I hope you enjoyed reading it and welcome any feedback you have. With your help I hope to keep this a very informative newsletter with something for everyone.

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Signing off for this month!!

Jessica

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