

The investment in training our team is critical to ensure meaningful culture change is sustainable and that we, as a team, are dedicated to creating a human habitat where variety and spontaneity flourish.

Whilst we are part of the world-wide Eden Alternative community we are locally under the umbrella organization established for our part of the world – that is “Eden in OZ & NZ” [www.edeninoznz.com.au](http://www.edeninoznz.com.au) - a not-for-profit organisation operating in Australia and New Zealand established to develop the ‘down under’ philosophy and practice of the Eden Alternative™; developed in the United States by Dr William Thomas, and now spreading around the world with over 17,000 trained Eden Associates world-wide.

The core concept of the Eden Alternative™ is simple: we must teach ourselves to see existing and new care environments as habitats for human beings that promote health and well being rather than facilities for the frail and elderly.

The Eden Alternative™ shows us how companion animals, children and plants help in providing an opportunity for a meaningful contribution and care, and how the Eden Alternative™ works at preventing and eliminating the aged care plagues of loneliness, helplessness and boredom.

In the past we have held several sessions for family and friends of Residents to discuss the Eden Alternative and the Redevelopment project – we wish to do this on a regular basis. We will be running sessions every second month on the first Wednesday of the month with the first to be held on **5 May at 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the OT Department.**