

Hercs on a high at Kinross Day Club

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When seniors at Amana Living's Kinross Day Club wanted to show their support for Australian service men and women serving far from home and away from their families, they decided to let their creativity lead the way.

After several weeks of work, the staff, volunteers and members of the day club created what they called the Amana Living Kinross Club Flag, which club members were keen to send to the troops on active duty.

As a result, the flag was posted to the crew in the 37th Squadron at the Royal Australian Air Force in Sydney.

From there, the flag accompanied the squadron on board a Hercules plane and later on a B 1 American Bomber mission over Iraq and Afghanistan.

And after it's journey, the flag is now safely back at the day club, with two certificates – one from the USA 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron to confirm the flag was flown over Afghanistan and the second from the RAAF to certify that it was carried on their Hercules during a combat mission into both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Amana Living's Day Club Coordinator Alana Dolan, explains that the project was a team effort by all members of the day club, but was particularly enjoyed by the ex-servicemen in the group.

"Amana Living is focused on enriching people's lives and this has been one way of us to do just that within our day club group," she said.

"Everyone enjoyed working on the project and it has been extremely rewarding to see the flag returned back to us after such a long and challenging journey."

The flag has now been framed and mounted on the wall of the Kinross Club.

Amana Living operates 18 retirement villages, 10 hostels, five nursing homes and three day clubs throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for dementia residents and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to people living in their own homes.

The Amana Living Kinross Day Centre is currently calling for volunteers. Local people who would like to find out more information should contact Debbie Ward at Amana Living on 9424 6348.

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