

Olivia Newton-John Tribute Day in Aged Care

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Olivia Newton-John was a much loved actress and singer and had rise to fame in the 70's when many of our now seniors were enjoying entertainment through TV, movies and radio. She was a big part of popular culture and many of the elderly will have fond memories of her, especially in the iconic 1950's themed movie musical Grease.

In her later life Olivia was honored for her amazing work as an activist and philanthropist in cancer research, environmentalism, and animal rights.

Below we have some great guidelines and ideas for celebrating the life of this wonderful star together in aged care.

When to host the event?

At the time of publishing this article **August 9th 2022**, we received the sad news of Olivia's passing.

A tribute day could be held during August or on her birthday the following month **26th September**.

Send out official invitations

Send out invitations to all the residents and staff before the big event. We have prepared an invitation for you, the full resolution version is on our website. We have left space at the bottom for you to fill in any extra details. Visit our website for our ready made hi-res version.



Decorations

Decorate the activity room with a **1950's theme** as in the movie **Grease**. Use old records purchased from op shops or on loan, or make paper plate records and hang them from the ceiling. Add coloured balloons as centerpieces on tables.

Turn the room into a Milk Bar / Diner from the 50s you could print out or make murals for the windows and walls like a jukebox, black musical notes and a photo prop.



Dress up

Encourage all staff and residents to dress up in 1950s fashion, the ladies could wear scarves tied around their necks and the poodle skirt was a very popular skirt of that era. The men could do slicked back hair and leather jackets.



Quiz Time

Run an Olivia Newton-John and Grease quiz on the day. We have prepared one for you, available on our website.

Food

Supply some classic 50's diner food to suit the afternoon! You can have french fries, mini burgers, hotdogs, milkshakes and root beer floaters (cool drink with ice cream on the top) banana splits is another great idea.



Music and Dancing

Music is very important for the day you could start with some of Olivia's earlier music right through to the music from the movie Grease. Encourage some dancing and have all the staff and residents involved.

Olivia Newton-John music playlist:

Country roads

I love you I honestly love you

Have you ever been mellow

If you love me let me know

Banks of the Ohio

Let me be there

Hopelessly devoted to you

Xanadu

We go together

Physical

Come on over

If not for you

Grease Megamix

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8Lpw39GxwbMEkdXCWe7xag-PgLAH1ouR>

Reminisce

Have a discussion about Olivia's life, her music, her legacy to help to cure cancer and her wellness center to help and treat cancer patients.

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