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Ralph says farewell after three decades of service at Fairhaven

After three decades as a valued employee at Central Coast charity Fairhaven Services, 62 year old Ralph Herman is preparing to move into retirement.

Ralph, who has an intellectual disability, is one of Fairhaven's oldest assisted employees, working at Fairhaven's Pacific CoPack packaging facility in West Gosford.

Next Tuesday will mark his last day of work and the Fairhaven veteran will be sent off with a morning tea and sausage sizzle luncheon.

"Ralph is one of our dearest employees and throughout his thirty year history with Fairhaven, has become an integral part of our organisation," said Donna Bevitt, Human Resources Manager at Fairhaven Services.

"At Fairhaven, we are dedicated to ensuring that disability is no boundary for people living on the Central Coast and we aim to achieve this by providing meaningful employment and accommodation to people with a disability," she said.

"Ralph's time spent with our organisation is testimony to this – he has made lifelong friends and gained invaluable experience throughout his 30 years with us. He will be sorely missed," she continued.

Also a longtime resident at Fairhaven's accommodation facility, Kincumber Lodge, Ralph will also be bidding farewell to his fellow residents as he prepares to move into Casuarina Grove at Hamlyn Terrace, which offers special assistance to aged people with a disability.

"Ralph has always enjoyed being part of the action and loves taking part in various activities, from card games to bowling. It will be sad to see such an enthusiastic and dedicated employee and resident leave," added Donna.

Fairhaven Services currently employs approximately 160 people with disabilities through its various commercial enterprises and is always looking to expand its capacity to employ more.

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