

Village Times

KERIKERI
RETIREMENT
Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



Welcome... TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER

I hope this newsletter sees you and your family mixing freely again and hugging those you missed. It's great to return to 'normal' again... albeit with some travel restrictions and more frequent and rigorous hand washing. Still if you had to be in lockdown, then the Village was a great place to be.

The care and support of our wider whanau/family was just amazing; for and by our Village residents, for those who call the care facility home, from our staff, their families, local businesses and the broader community who put up their hands to help.

We all had to dig deep and we did so with grace, humour and a lot of aroha. This Village is a very special place to be a part of.

As we roll quickly into the middle of the year we have the completion of the apartments to look forward to. Progress was obviously delayed by lockdown but all going to plan we'll have new residents moving in from July.

We've been having some long overdue tree work done lately; you'll notice the conifers around reception have gone. They will shortly be replaced by a variety of fruit trees which everyone will be able to enjoy.

The large swamp cypress has gone too as it was impacting on the drains around it.

Angela, our very knowledgeable Head Gardener, will be ensuring that the tree planting plan considers the size of the new trees in 30 years' time.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognise a very generous bequest from the late Ronald (Ron) Grant. A former cottage resident, Ron was admitted to the Care Facility shortly before his death last year.

We used his bequest to buy 12 new adjustable beds worth \$40,000 for our Care Facility. They will replace older beds with mechanisms that are starting to fail through long-term wear and tear.

The money used for the beds forms only part of the bequest.

We are deeply grateful to Ron and his Estate. Ron was a much loved member of not just our community, but also of the broader Kerikeri community. His thoughtfulness in remembering us in his estate is testament to the man he was.

We are completely unlike many multinational retirement villages throughout New Zealand in that we're a locally owned Charitable Company that depends on local heroes just like Ron Grant for funding.

It's just wonderful that this community dreamed us. Then they built us. And now they sustain us through their support and generosity.



▲ Comfy. Testing the new beds destined for the Care Facility at Kerikeri Retirement Village are (from front) Rachel Barbosa, Registered Nurse, Shirl Liggett, Healthcare Assistant, Toni Owen, Registered Nurse, Laura Roberts, Assistant Clinical Manager and Bronwyn Pickery, Healthcare Assistant.

Happy 100th Gwen



Gwen Barnett grew up in Birkenhead in Auckland with her 7 siblings.

She began playing the piano at just 4 years old and remembers winning a medal at a recital when she was about 12 years old.

After leaving school, Gwen was initially a sewing machinist before working in a toy factory.

She later met and married husband Ronald Webb and recalls the difficult years when he was in the Islands serving in the Air Force during the war.

Happily, the couple went on to have 3 children and she considers raising them to be her greatest achievement.

The talented home maker is known for her knitting, sewing, and



Top Left: Gwen celebrates with her Daughter Lois Clark – Bottom: Gwen entertains Diversional Therapist Bernadette Waller. Gwen has been playing since she was 4.

cooking abilities. A keen gardener she also grew vegetables for the family.

Gwen has also been an enthusiastic sportswoman and particularly enjoyed playing tennis and lawn bowls.

Travelling was another interest and she has been to Hawaii, Australia, Fiji and Norfolk Island.

Gwen attributes her longevity to lots of exercise and plenty of homegrown vegetables.

To mark her milestone birthday Gwen had a small party at the Village which her youngest daughter was able to attend.

She also had online celebrations with her other children and their families in Auckland and Australia.



Our '100 Club' is at a record seven

When Gwen Webb turned 100 on the 15th of May, she bought the number of centenarians in the Village to 7!

There are now six centenarians living in our Care Facility who share a grand total of 607 years between them. A seventh, 103-year old Nell Graveson still lives independently in her cottage.

Our CE Hilary Sumpter is "thrilled to welcome Gwen to our expanding, '100 Club'" and says "our role is to support these amazing people to live the life they want and ensure that they still have purpose".

She believes that as 'First World War babies' their stoicism is what keeps them here and happy. She recognises that there is a general trend in aged-care towards increased longevity and expects to see two generations of families in retirement villages and care homes in the not-too-distant future.



From left; Doris Robertson (105), Lorraine Robson (100), Dr John Comely (101), Una Harrison (102), Dorothy Evans (100) and Gwen Webb (100). Missing from the group is 103-year old independent living resident Nell Graveson who was not able to enter the Care Facility due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Volunteer Shoppers

Keeping our residents safe from Covid-19 became the priority as level 4 lockdown descended on March 25. Our Village residents had been advised by the Government to stay home but many could not take advantage of online delivery or did not have family available to shop for them.

Happily we had an army of volunteers who came to the rescue. People from all around the community offered their help and our staff, who were still working, stepped up as well.

We can all share stories of the one way march through the supermarket looking for goods we never knew it stocked and taking a

punt on replacements for brands that were not available.

Then there was the little dance when delivering to our resident, not getting too close but having a quick chat and feeling guilty for not being able to put the bags on the bench.

We got rather fond of our residents and some found an easter egg or choice piece of smoked fish in their bags. Sometimes an extra essential wine or spirits run was also needed.

Due to the generosity of Far North Milk Owners, we had milk deliveries through the Village and also fruit and juice deliveries from generous donors.



Anna & John Boulter.

A huge thank you to our shoppers who made all the difference to our residents during this stressful time, and a special mention to Lisa in accounts, who kept track of all the receipts and reimbursements over seven weeks.

MOVE IN NOW!

Available 1 apartment / 2 cottages



COTTAGE 11 | POA |

Spacious 150sqm home with two bedrooms, one study, one bathroom and an extra WC.

Two patio areas and garden views accessed from an extra-large lounge/dining room with heatpump.

Double glazing throughout, newly painted and carpeted. Internal access garage.

Offered at a great price.



COTTAGE 31 | POA |

143sqm, two bedrooms, one ensuite off the large master bedroom, and a second bathroom.

Patio area accessed from the lounge. Separate laundry and storage area.

Private garden and internal access garage. Double glazed with heatpump in lounge.

Newly carpeted and very well priced.



MODERN & SUNNY 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT

Kerikeri Retirement Village has a newly refurbished, modern and sunny 1 bedroom apartment with outdoor patio available now.

The kitchen contains an oven, hob and refrigerator and the generous size living area is great for entertaining friends and family.

Enjoy plenty of privacy and independence with the added peace of mind that help is at hand should you need it.

Just a few minutes' walk to the supermarket, and close to shops, cafes and medical centres, everything you could want is within easy reach.

Last one at \$230,000.



To view or for more info call Frances Shaw – 09 929 5836

www.kerikerivillage.co.nz

OPEN HOME

Don't miss out! Reserve your apartment today!



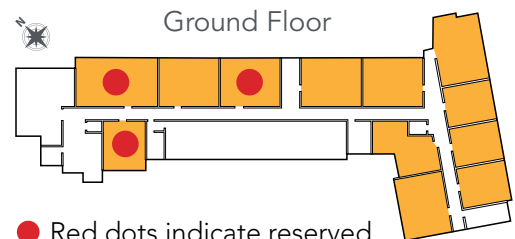
Work has recommenced after lockdown and we are close to completing our apartments at 127 Kerikeri Road.

Shortly we hope to announce the date for our Open Day so that you can come and have a look at these beautifully finished apartments in person.

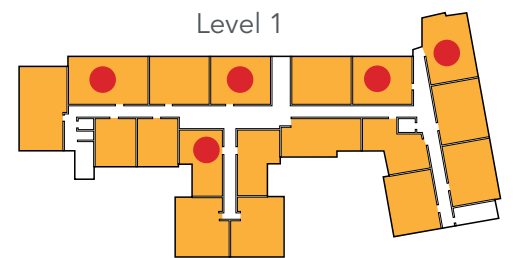
We are fielding enquiries daily. You might like to consider reserving an apartment. This costs just \$3,000 and the deposit is fully refundable until 15 working days after the occupation licence is signed.

Keep an eye on our website for updates.

Apartment prices start at just \$470,000.



● Red dots indicate reserved apartments.



Lockdown for our staff & residents



A very special thanks to:

Helen & Alan Thompson for the lovely mandarins.

Arthur Beren for the freshly picked mandarins and feijoas.

Diane & Graham Colson owners of Far North Milk for the deliveries of milk, juice, mineral water.

Pub Grub for the delicious staff meals.

Putts the Florist for the beautiful flowers at lockdown.

Orla Breeze "COVID TIMES" for the village residents.

All of our wonderful buddy shoppers for their selfless support and kindness.

Mother's Day BY AMANDA MILLAR

A highlight of Mother's Day this year were the flowers that were handpicked from our community gardens and turned in to beautiful bouquets by our gardening team. The facility was an array of colour and fragrant smells as bouquets from families and those from the gardeners adorned tables and residents' rooms.

The extra special morning tea was gratefully received by the residents. It was a humbling experience to sit and chat with them and hear their stories of motherhood.

Calls were also arranged for families wishing to see or talk to their loved ones. Individual photos were taken of residents with their bouquets.



These photos are available on request.

ANZAC Day

BY STEVE LEWIS - CHAPLAIN

It was wonderful that our COVID 19 Bubble was able to connect across the years with all those held in our collective memory and for us to be able to say to those who served, continue to serve and their families – thank you!

May God bless all associated with keeping alive the ANZAC Spirit.



Welcome to...

Michael Goldfinch and his dog Jack who were unavailable for a photo.



Iris Horner.



Murray and Isobel Wright.



Christine Lediard.

A purr-fect place to live

MEET BARRY DYER AND HIS CAT MAX

Barry moved into the Care Facility late last year. Knowing how much he really missed his cat, Chief Executive Hilary Sumpter arranged for Max to move in as a surprise after our elderly Village cat Miffy passed away earlier this year.

Since his arrival in March, Max has made lots of new friends in the

Robinson Wing but spends a good part of his day hanging out with his good mate Barry.

Max is quite chatty and 'talks' a lot... but perhaps he is just reminding everyone that some more Frisky bikkies or cooked chicken legs would be well received!



Virtual Visits

Technology in the village was paramount during the lockdown. Apps were downloaded to electronic devices to ensure that all families could connect with their loved ones in one way or another.

Communication came from around the globe and Rochelle our receptionist played a vital role in co-ordinating times in the different time zones.

The diversional therapy team introduced and fully supported the residents in the use of these unfamiliar electronic devices. As time progressed they became accustomed to the virtual world of technology and were excited to SEE their loved ones on the screen – they thought it was magic!

As a team we ensured all calls, messages and letter were passed on. We are very grateful for the consistent communication from the outside world.



Gardening

Over Summer, resident Michael Shuker tried his hand at growing tomatoes, carrots and strawberries.

He is now enjoying growing lettuces and broccoli with some assistance from Head Gardener Angela Marinkovic.

Diary Dates

THE OTHER SIDE OF ANTARCTICA

Wed. June 24th | 3.30pm

With Garth Matterson in the Social Centre.

BUS TRIP - HISTORIC TOUR OF THE ST. JAMES CHURCH GRAVEYARD

Fri. June 26th | 10am

By Sexton Richard Ward. Lunch at the Plough & Feather at the Stone Store. Buy your own lunch. Come and hear some local stories. Bus leaves reception at 10am.

LAW NORTH PRESENTATION

Fri. July 3rd | 10am

Law North presentation on privacy issues. In the Social Centre.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Tue. July 7th | 5pm

In the Social Centre.

MOVIE - GOING IN STYLE

Wed. July 8th | 2.30pm

In the Social Centre.