

# Village Times

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Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



## Welcome...

There has been much afoot in Kerikeri, a lot of it great, while some could be described as thought provoking. We have been very active on many fronts, and everyone is very busy. There is of course a lot of talk about Kāinga Ora and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Design's proposed housing developments. We are working with Our Kerikeri, Vision Kerikeri, both government agencies plus Far North District Council to find solutions that work for all the community, including our own. Most specifically, we are looking at support for those people who are older but have no assets and no home and no means to find their way into wonderful communities like our Village. Watch this space – we'll keep you updated.

Excitingly, our new Community Centre is closer to getting resource consent. Thank you to all those residents and staff who have forwarded their ideas to us, your input has been invaluable.

We are now moving with the times and are looking to put gates on our main entrance off Kerikeri Road, and at the rear entrance on Stella Drive. This will provide extra security for the Village as the town continues to grow.

The retirement sector continues to grow strongly and the waiting list at the Village remains full. We are delighted to see Metlifecare (Oakridge) finally getting their care facility out of the ground.

This will ease significant pressure on our very full wait list for care and for those people and their families who need extra living support.

Our OneTwoSeven Apartments are busy and thriving. We only have a few available and to help get those filled, we're offering a \$1000 cash payment on referrals that result in a settlement. Tell your friends about us!

It is election year this year and we are pleased to have members of the local parties come in to talk to our Village residents and any others

who would like to join us. Contact reception for details of times etc.

Lastly, but by no means least, we were surprised and thrilled to get an award from the Prime Minister, Chris Hipkins, for outstanding work with our COVID-19 response.

This goes to every one of our staff and to our friends and families for their forbearance, patience and understanding during 2020-2022. It was a tough three years, and my heart goes out to all who were impacted. Onwards and upwards from here. Arohanui, Hilary

## Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday Una



Una (centre) celebrated her birthday with her family and friends

## An Outing to Tapuaetahi

Margot Ngan has been inviting our residents to her bach at Tapuaetahi for years. On a recent visit, we enjoyed a walk along the beach, delicious shortbread made by a generous neighbour, and a gourmet picnic catered by Neat Eats.



## Introducing Hannah



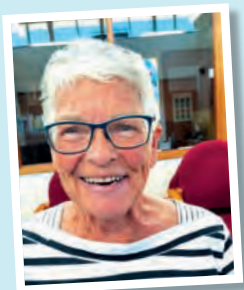
Hannah Hunter has recently joined us in the new role of Fundraising Manager. Hannah comes from a long journey in fundraising going back 20 years. Over that time, she has worked for a hospice in the UK, a children's charity, and Alzheimer's Northland here in New Zealand.

Hannah says, "my fundraising days have seen me do some funny things from dressing up as a giant sheep mascot to fancy gala evenings, I have met fussy royalty and judged knobbly knees contests. The great thing about my work is that I see the very best in humankind. I am inspired by the generosity of people who give so much time and energy to help the causes that are dear to them, it gives me the drive to work hard to ensure charities are resourced to achieve their goals.

To help me get up and running with fundraising for the Village I would love to meet people with a connection to the Village, to learn from you what makes it such a special place. If you are a family member, a resident, a volunteer, or someone who has supported the Village from the start, I encourage you to get in touch and perhaps we can meet for a cup of tea and a chat."

**Hannah can be contacted via email [hannah@kerikerivillage.co.nz](mailto:hannah@kerikerivillage.co.nz) or you can reach her on 027 257 5314.**

## Welcome to our Newest Residents



Gailene Hewlett



Brian Hewlett



Lana Kovalevskiy



Margot Burgess



Murray Fielding

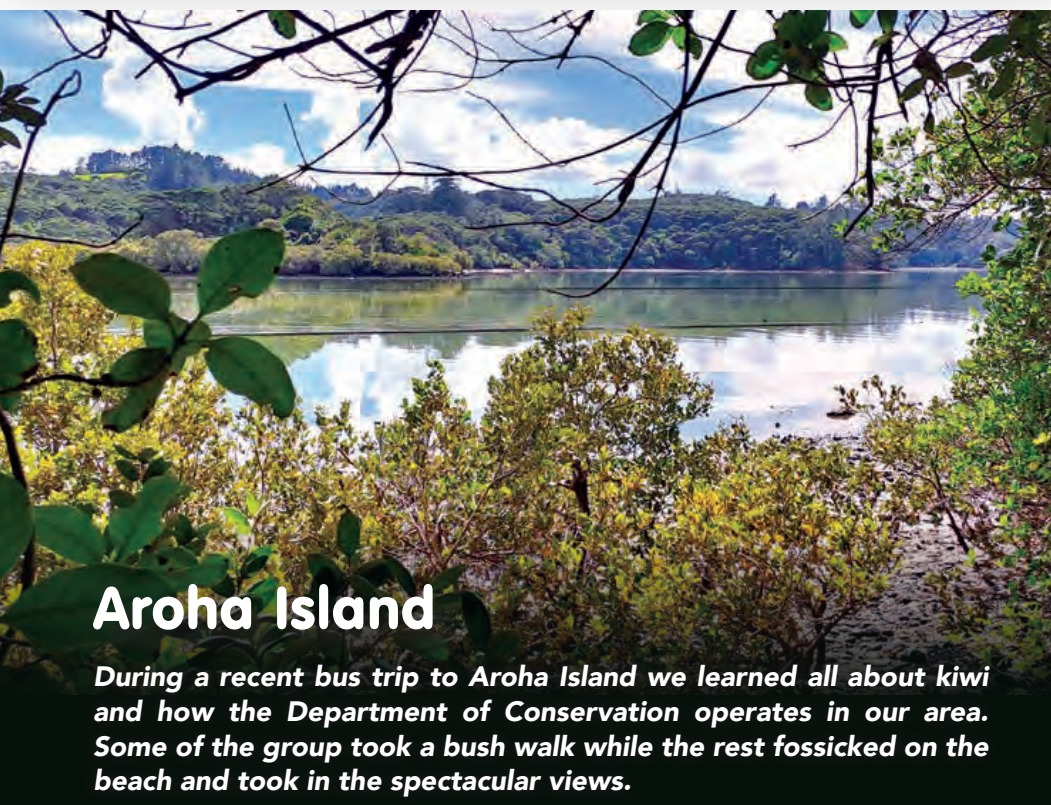
## Commemorating Anzac Day

We commemorated Anzac Day with a visit from Army Cadet and Unit Commander Mita Harris who spent time with our residents, including one of our oldest residents Henry Driver.

Henry was the youngest of four brothers and, at the young age of 19, was the first to attend Waiouru Military Camp. Henry completed 3 months of training before being given his discharge papers. Leaving by train, he got off in Moerewa and caught a bus to Kerikeri.

His father, who belonged to the Manpower Committee, used the 'Right to Object' to keep his youngest son on the Home Guard. Thankfully all the brothers returned home safely.

We were also gifted some beautiful poppy collages made by the children of Nurture by Nature Early Childhood Care and Education Centre which were displayed throughout the facility.



## Aroha Island

*During a recent bus trip to Aroha Island we learned all about kiwi and how the Department of Conservation operates in our area. Some of the group took a bush walk while the rest fossicked on the beach and took in the spectacular views.*





## Coronation High Tea

Our residents celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a regal Garden Party jointly organised by our Paterson residents and the Lifestyle & Leisure team. Invites were designed and sent out, music was chosen, and the party food created by Amanda and new team member Anne.

The event began with the National Anthem played on the piano by Michael Anderson and sung with gusto by the crowd. It was lovely to see residents from throughout the facility attend with some family members too.

Celebrations also included a quiz organised by Lisa while the highlights of the Coronation were playing on the big screen in the background.

A right royal time was had by all. Long live the King!



## St Patrick's Day

Ah sure, the craic was mighty in the Care Facility on St Patrick's Day! A 'Best Dressed' competition' was embraced by both staff and residents alike, and our regular Friday Happy Hour became a ceili we'll never forget with Irish songs and lots of laughter from a well-known leprechaun!



## STORIES FROM THE HEART

*Each newsletter we'll bring you a short extract from a series of biographies on our residents. In this issue we hear about the adventures of Adele Jones.*



*Adele Jones*

Adele Jones and her late husband Rodney went on an epic sailing adventure that lasted six-years and saw them visit a host of exotic destinations - from Antigua to Zanzibar. It all started when Rodney told Adele he'd had a dream where he stepped out of a North Island bach onto a beach, walked across the sand to a dinghy, and then rowed out to a yacht moored nearby.

At the time the couple had a successful business in New Plymouth which they decided to transfer to their sons and set about making the dream happen. After scouring the North Island coastline, they eventually arrived in Russell, in the Bay of Islands where they found the bach of Rodney's dreams – Cavalli House, a ramshackle waterfront property, smothered in pink roses!

They spent the next two years renovating Cavalli House and learning to sail before buying a beautiful, well-equipped yacht called Aradonna. The pair earned their open-water sailing stripes in a regatta to Fiji – a lumpy voyage which saw Adele 'feeding the fish' almost continuously. The following year the same regatta took Rodney and Adele to Tonga. But instead of returning home they "turned left" towards Fiji and New Caledonia.

"Rodney said to me: 'we're not that far from Australia, let's go there! Once we got there we just kept going. Up to the top of Australia, then over the top, then towards Indonesia ... we just kept sailing west until we sailed right round the world!"

The pair took their time with their circumnavigation. They flew home every six months or so, "for significant family events; new babies, birthdays, weddings, that sort of thing."

In the early days there were several hairy moments and they spent an embarrassing amount of time grounded – once at Lautoka in Fiji where she adorned a large brain coral at low tide, and once on a sandbank in Cooktown.

On another occasion they very nearly ended up stranded on a reef in the English Channel but were warned away by locals just in the nick of time.

"One thing about sailing is that it teaches you to pack away your pride," Adele says. "You are constantly learning and re-learning – it doesn't matter how long you've been doing it, the sea and Mother Nature conspire to keep you always on your toes."

"We had only ourselves to rely on for large chunks of time. Some of the experiences we had were very, very frightening but somehow or another you just keep control of yourself; you don't fall apart, you just have to deal with it."

The voyage also taught the couple, aged 64 and 47 when they set off, that age is no barrier to identifying and reaching new horizons.

Today Adele is happily ensconced in an apartment at Kerikeri Retirement Village. Her family lives near her and they still maintain the beloved property in Russell that started it all – Cavalli House.

**To read Adele's full story, visit the Stories from the Heart page on our website.**



## The Potting Shed COME & JOIN THE FUN

The Potting Shed Group meets every Thursday at 10.30am on The Village Green. The gathering always begins with a coffee and a chat before the day's activity is revealed.

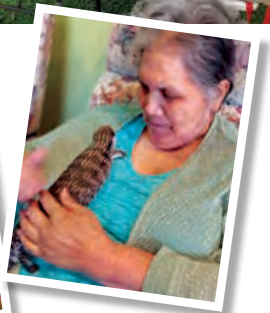
Recent projects have included creating hanging baskets for the Tui courtyard garden, sowing autumn/winter veggie seeds in the Pavilion vegetable garden for everyone to enjoy, creating sweet pea teepees, drying lavender to make scented bags to hang in wardrobes, and pressing autumn leaves and flowers that were made into bookmarks and are being sold at reception.

New members are always welcome - no gardening experience needed. Simply come along and join the fun.



## A Unique Visitor

Staff member Shirl very kindly brought in her pet blue-tongued lizard to visit residents in the Paterson wing who thoroughly enjoyed the chance to have a hold.



## The Great Easter Egg Hunt

This year's event saw a record number of teams, each comprising a staff member and a resident, putting their heads together to follow the cryptic clues and eagerly tracking down lots of Easter Eggs that had been hidden around the Care Facility.

The promise of prizes brought out our duos' competitive streak and Good Friday's prizegiving was very popular. Luckily, an abundance of chocolate bunnies ensured that nobody was short of chocolate for Easter Sunday!



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Edmonds Ruins

## Out & About

Endless rain hasn't dampened our sense of adventure. On a recent trip, residents braved the wet paddocks to visit the remains of the second oldest building in New Zealand (a slightly contentious fact) which was built in the mid-1800s.

Then we visited the Honey House before stopping for lunch at the Packhouse Market, with owner Judy sharing the building's history.



Packhouse Market



Honey House



Art Group

## Art Group

◀ The Art Group meets every Saturday at 10am in the Pavilion Lounge for some drawing and sketching. Once a month tutor Judi Soutar joins them. Here are some pics of our residents at work.

Jo Tapsell who lives in the apartments approached us wanting to help with some gardening. We happily took her up on her offer and you can often find her out dead heading flowers, raking up leaves, watering, and generally helping to keep our gardens looking fabulous. As a small thanks, the gardening team presented her with a stunning bouquet of flowers arranged by Sarah Lenton (one of our Village gardeners and a very talented florist). ▶



Jo Tapsell

## Gardening Team

Our gardening team has grown to 6 after Sean Hughes (top left) and Alton Smith (bottom left) started in late March.

They join Sarah Lenton, Jamie McCorkindale, Rebecca Van Dijk, and Head Gardener Debbie Condron who have been increasingly busy after all this rain.

