

Village Times

KERIKERI
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Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



Welcome...

Spring is officially here and as I write this we are awaiting confirmation that we can drop from full lockdown to Alert Level 3.

Meanwhile we rally to support our residents. Once again, we have volunteers who will shop for Village residents and our Village Support team continues to deliver home support services for those who need it.

The Care Facility is obviously hardest hit as we are in complete lockdown with no visitors allowed at all. Again our staff come to the fore as we re-deploy people from other roles to support the residents with extra activities and connect them with their families, via the miracles of modern technology (tablets,

smart phones, skype, WhatsApp) and good old-fashioned phone calls.

We are fortunate that so many Northlanders were able to be vaccinated earlier this year, although some are continuing to receive their second shot. This provides more certainty that we could, if needed, weather an outbreak.

I really want to give thanks to all our staff who battle their own personal situations to stay safe and be here with our residents, or who have to work from home. Thanks also to Care Facility residents and their families for their support and understanding of the drastic lockdown. We are also grateful to our Village residents who are so

co-operative and resilient and to the volunteers who are helping to keep them safe.

With so much beyond our control all we can really do is stay positive and look forward to a time when we can socialise freely.

As an example, we are very excited about the prospect of hosting four local artists at our OneTwoSeven Apartments as part of the KOAST Art Trail planned for Labour Weekend in October. Guest artists Brenda Moir, Judi Soutar, Joan Honeyfield and Ilse Seidel will be onsite to answer questions and share their creative processes.

Fingers crossed we see you there!

We would love your help

Our very popular Community Dinners are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Residents are welcome to bring their family and friends and we have a big group that joins us from Oakridge Villas.

Many thanks to Anita, Jan and the team at Neat Eats who serve us an extremely delicious, affordable meal.

We'd also like to thank our many volunteers who make this such a great night out.



Three of our wonderful volunteers, Joan Horden, Bob Simson and Jan Gough.

Last month we thanked Eddie Edwards for his many years serving drinks and we are looking for a replacement to help long-standing volunteer Bob Simson with drinks service and/or to assist with raffles

on the night. Perhaps some of you who already attend could take a turn to help?

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer please contact Reception.

Green Fingers

by Deb Condon

From a very young age I have always had my hands in the dirt. I was forever helping my dad in his garden and greenhouse and pottering along beside him, so a gardening career was inevitable.

I joined the grounds team at the Village four years ago, bringing a wealth of horticultural experience including amenity and glasshouse gardening, landscaping, nursery work and propagation. I have also run my own gardening business.

I was delighted when I was recently offered the role of Head Gardener. My goal is not only to maintain the Village gardens but to also involve the residents more.

I recently organised a Citrus Celebration, bringing the residents together to enjoy home baking at a morning tea, cake stalls and raffles. We raised a staggering \$580 which enabled us to purchase a solar fountain and roses to complete our 'renaissance garden'.

Since then the gardening team has started a cut flower garden. This features lots of lilies, and shortly we'll add dahlias and seasonal perennials.

During a recent cottage visit I happened on resident Ian making very clever wooden tui ornaments, and so the idea of 'tuis for Tui wing' began. Ian is creating several more for the tui courtyard garden, which will be surrounded with plantings of dwarf flax and Dragons Gold kowhai - plants that real tuis love.

I hope to encourage everyone to get into their gardens because it's a healthy activity, creates a sense of purpose and is very rewarding.



Super meal for super heroes

Whenever our team gets together you can guarantee a shared meal, dancing and a dress up is on the cards. The theme for our most recent gathering was 'Dress as your Superhero'.

We enjoyed great company and food, plus entertainment from DJ Mike Preece on turntables playing dance hits on vinyl.

Welcome to...



Betty Barnwell



Dee Dent



Joan Potts



Len Haydon



JO GOSDEN

Health, Safety & Quality Manager

Jo has over 15 years' experience in health, safety, wellness, environmental management and quality assurance. She has applied her skills across a wide variety of sectors including roles with the Auckland

District Health Board, the NZ Police, the NZ Defence Force and Auckland Zoo.

Jo grew up in West Auckland in the days it was full of orchards and vineyards. After spending much of her career commuting to the Far North, she moved to Kerikeri in June 2021.

She and her partner love getting outdoors and the couple has a passion for DIY projects and spending time with their two rescue dogs Ottis, who is deaf and sight impaired, and his brother Kai who she says is a "giant goof ball".

Jo loves Mediterranean food and is well-known for her signature dish of Moussaka which she describes as a sort of Greek lasagne.

H&S Award

Our Bi-annual Health and Safety Award was presented to Liz Spencer by Chairman Mike Simm at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors.



A valued member of our team, Liz was recognised for her proactive approach to identifying hazards, making positive changes and generally looking out for colleagues and residents.

Membership criteria includes being alive!

Men's Shed is a worldwide organisation and the Kerikeri chapter has been running for 6 years.

The group builds things that benefits the local community and the projects they take on are as much about social interaction as they are about developing or maintaining carpentry skills.

The group has around 75 members and last year they built a new shed on Kapiro Road.

A key requirement for membership is that you have to be alive! And apparently if you are still a member when you die, you get a free casket.

The Monday to Friday morning meetings provide the perfect excuse for members to get out and enjoy meeting with a purpose.

Village resident Garth Matterson is an active member and invited our residents along to see the group's latest work.

Garth welcomed past members Des Berry and Murray Wright who were very impressed by the group's machinery including a laser cutter.

As a result of the visit, several more of our residents are thinking about joining.

We worked up an appetite during the visit so treated ourselves to lunch on the way home at Chang Siam (one our favourite local restaurants).





Modern townhouse, available now!

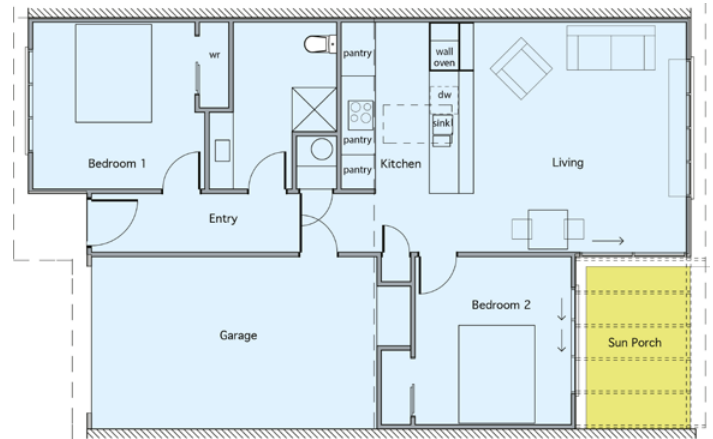
20A Wendywood Lane



This modern, semi-detached townhouse has a spacious kitchen and stylish bathroom.

Other features include an internal access garage and a lovely sunny patio/garden area.

Located in a quiet cul de sac, it's close to the supermarket and town centre. POA



To view or for more information call Frances Shaw 09 929 5836

A man of many talents

Living just around the corner from the Village is, larger-than-life and local treasure, Hugh McKechnie.

We popped into his workshop to admire his amazing carvings but soon learned that's just one of his many talents. The former woodwork teacher at Kerikeri High School did a stint at Kerikeri Retirement Village as a cook about 15 years ago. He's a keen golfer, has won a number of weight-lifting titles and has also written several books.

Hugh enjoys storytelling and would like to get small discussion groups together either at his place or in the Village (Covid permitting). Watch this space!



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Not being able to visit friends and whanau has been difficult but we've been here before and the kindness of our work family, residents and community has provided some moments to cherish.

Special thanks to Alexa from Pub Grub who treated our hard-working team to a selection of her delicious pies... so good! And cheers to those that continued to work from home.



Spanish Mid-Winter Dinner

What better way to warm up your winter than with some chorizo tapas and a bit of salsa dancing.?

Residents had a different mid-winter celebration in July which was again superbly catered by Neat Eats.

We were treated to some sultry Spanish music from Michael Anderson (piano), Frances Shaw (cello) and Richard Christie (guitar).

Following sangria and tapas there was a demonstration by Opuu salsa group. Leaders Gustavo and Mercedes encouraged residents to join in.

Muchas gracias to Karen Hawtin and all the volunteers who created such a fun night.



Kawakawa Vintage Railway and Te Hononga

Te Hononga - Hundertwasser Memorial Park is a new arts, culture and environment centre that celebrates the town's connection with artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

It is truly a unique experience and tied in nicely with our vintage railway ride complete with a history lesson about rail. We look forward to when the steamboat Minerva connects up with it.



Ladies' Night

On the last Wednesday of each month, our ladies don their lippy for an early evening get together in the Social Centre.

Activities Coordinator Karen Hawtin always makes it special with some floral arrangements.

Last month our ladies brought along their wedding photos. Sharing memories of their special day was a great way to get to know each other better and was also a chance to celebrate resident Connie den Hoed's 90th birthday. Happy Big Birthday Connie!



Ah! That's better! I can hear you!



Donna from Bay Audiology ran a clinic offering free cleaning and minor servicing of hearing aids.

Changing batteries and filters is often difficult for our residents as it requires fine motor skills and one resident had given up on wearing them when all they needed was new filters.

Thanks to our village support and family members who assist with maintaining hearing aids and also to Donna who will return in a few months.



New Librarian

Many thanks to Margaret Kingston who recently handed over the mantle of Village Librarian to Barbara Tann.

We recognised Margaret's many contributions with a special morning tea (she has also assisted at our community dinners and served for some time as a trustee on our Board).



High Tea

We welcomed new Pavilion residents Margaret Brown, Don Gray and their families with a High Tea.

The Pavilion is a unique building which has accommodation for independent living and is linked by a covered walkway to the Care Facility. This is helpful when one half of a couple lives in the Pavilion and the other is in the Care Facility as it enables safe access, as well as easy interaction and meals together.

Diary Dates – Come and join the fun!

TECH SUPPORT

Sat Oct 9th at 2 pm
In HH. Murray Room

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL USING VIRTUAL REALITY

Wed Oct 13th at 10:30 am
In our local Procter library

KOAST ART TRAIL

Sat Oct 23rd and Sun 24th
At 127 Apartments

BUS TRIP KOAST ART TRAIL

Sun Oct 24th at 10 am

LADIES NIGHT

Wed Oct. 27th at 4 pm
In the Social Centre

BUS TRIP

Fri Nov. 12th at 10 am
To Quarry Gardens Whangarei

MARKET DAY

Date TBA
At Springbank school

Lockdown Levels permitting