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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



Welcome... TO OUR NEWSLETTER

As you read this I'll be on my way back from Amsterdam and Utrecht, where I've been participating in a Study Tour of dementia care; the building of facilities and how the Dutch care for people with dementia.

The Dutch are world leaders in their care of the elderly and I am keen to learn from their experience and see how we might incorporate some of their practices into the Village.

We're always keen to learn from other healthcare specialists and to that end our Clinical Manager Kathy Renner is also overseas. She's in Australia and has been participating in an intensive three week 'Spark of Life' training programme which focuses on improving quality of life for those with dementia. Kathy will share

what she's learned in our next newsletter.

Meanwhile the apartment build is ticking along nicely (see pictures on page 6). At the moment we are looking at large concrete slabs but it won't be long and you'll get a better idea of how the finished building will look. It's been fascinating (if a little noisy) watching the crane manoeuvre the panels into place and I apologise for any disruptions.

In other construction news, we recently celebrated the opening of the new path which runs from outside the Social Centre to the Village Green. This was built by the gardening and maintenance crews – thanks team it looks great. Now we just need some new outdoor furniture that's up to the same high standard. We'd like to

get this sorted by Spring so if you have any suitable furniture that you'd like to donate, we'd love to hear from you.

One of the things that sets our Village apart is the people who live in it. They have lead interesting lives and many have played a large part in shaping Kerikeri as we know it today. Over the next few months we're going to capture some of their stories on video and in time you'll be able to see them on our website. We'll let you know when they're up.

Lastly thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Village Fete. For the first time ever we held it on a Saturday and it was really lovely to have friends and family along to join in the fun – you can see the photos on page 3.

Founding resident Nell Graveson cut the ribbon to officially open our new path.





Village Carers Learn To Sign

Ten of our team learned the basics of signing during New Zealand Sign Language week in early May.

The courses were conducted as part of our staff wellness and education programmes. One of the primary benefits is that it will allow carers to communicate more effectively with Judith Cuniffe in our Care Facility.

Judith was born deaf and had to sign secretly with her childhood

sweetheart during an era where the use of sign language was frowned upon. That childhood sweetheart Farrell later became her husband and now visits the village every day to spend time with her.

Our Operational Support Manager Cheryl Silich says that "watching Farrell and Judith share their love through signing is wonderful".

The team is now keen to join in, at least on a basic level, and can now

communicate with Judith on a more personal level rather than through written notes on a whiteboard in her room.

Beryl 'Harri' Harrison of Deaf Aotearoa, who conducted the 'taster' course thought it was brilliant to see how invested our carers were in learning how to communicate with Judith and Farrell and commented "they're a fabulous crew with hearts the size of a small nation."

Welcome to...



Garry Jobe & Maureen Cutler-Jobe



Lorna Wihongi

Anti-Bullying



We work hard to create a safe and supportive environment and donned our best pink gear to support National Anti-Bullying in the Workplace Day.



Village Fete

This year's annual Village Fete was held on a Saturday so that our resident's friends and family could join in the fun.

From plant sales and a cake stall, to the tombola and the ever popular game of 'Splat the Rat', there was something for everyone.

As well as being a ton of fun we raised over \$1,000 which will be used towards building a soothing water feature for dementia patients in our Tui Wing.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the stalls and also to the many volunteers who worked them and to all who attended.



Your Donation Helps

As a Registered Charitable Company all of our profits are used to benefit the people who live here. We work hard to provide the best facilities and quality of life possible for the elderly residents of our Care Facility but there are always advancements we can make and more people we can help.

We plan to expand our Care Facility from 66 to 100 beds. We'd also like to rebuild the Paterson wing providing larger rooms with ensuites for greater privacy and comfort however it's a big ask and will cost around 8.5 million dollars.

To make these plans a reality we will need donations from our community. Whether it's a one-off gift or a regular contribution, making a donation is easy. Just pop into reception during work hours or call us for our account details.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, generally entitles you to claim a third back against your tax (although if your contribution is sizeable then we suggest consulting your accountant to make sure you receive the maximum tax benefit).

Or you may like to make a gift after your passing by leaving a percentage or the residue of your estate to Kerikeri Retirement Village as a bequest. This can usually be done by making a simple amendment to your existing Will however we recommend discussing it with your family and your solicitor first.

If you're considering a bequest then you may like to talk to the Northland Community Foundation who is working with us to develop our bequests program. They have significant experience and expertise in this area and their qualified staff can provide the appropriate paperwork to structure a bequest.

– For more information on the work they do visit www.northlandcommunityfoundation.org.nz –



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Introducing the Northland Community Foundation



We are proud to have partnered with Northland Community Foundation, a Charitable Trust that exists to support other Charitable Trusts to raise and manage donations.

They have 1.5 full time staff and 10 appropriately qualified volunteers dedicated to raising awareness of the causes they support and their investments. Their team provides specialist skills and professional expertise that we would otherwise have to pay for and negates the administration and associated costs of us managing such a fund.

As an impartial body, they can also work with donors to structure how they would like their gifts to be made and dispersed for maximum benefit to the donor (and where relevant to their business or trust).

Their advice to donors is free as is the paperwork they provide to ensure that things are clearly

documented and happen in accordance with the donor's wishes.

Another major benefit of working with the Northland Community Foundation is that while we have our own funds, we can receive a portion of the cumulative interest of their total investment portfolio (in much the same way a Kiwisaver or Life Policy works).

Together with Northland Community Foundation we are creating two funds. The first is an endowment fund where the money given accrues and the interest generated from that will be used for the 'nice to haves' that make life that extra bit more enjoyable. Things like a new bowls lawn, a new bbq or projector and other things on our residents' 'wish list'.

The second is a Capital Projects Fund and that money will go towards large projects such as

the expansion and improvements of our Care Facility and a new Social Centre.

Donors will be given all the options so they can decide how they want their contribution to be used.

Northland Community Foundation is all about making the process of donating simple and informed.



***forging brighter futures
through giving***

For more information call Northland Community Foundation on 021 558 224.

Great Progress On Apartment Build

The construction of our 1, 2 & 2 bedroom premium apartments at 127 Kerikeri Road is well underway and the buildings are really taking shape.

It's quite common to see small crowds watching the cranes at work. We've also had lots of enquiries from people keen to live there and we are continuing to take expressions of interest.

The Apartments are architecturally designed and generously proportioned. Residents will have access to the Village facilities plus their own shared lounge and BBQ area.

Other features include lift access, optional garaging and parking plus internal scooter parking.

Prices on application.



1 bedroom apartment



2 bedroom apartment



2 bedroom premium

For more information contact Frances Shaw on 09 929 5836



Gateway Work Experience

Gateway Work Experience is available to students in Years 12-13 (their final 2 years of school).

It's an opportunity for them to try out potential careers and work in a real workplace where they learn a myriad of skills including punctuality, dressing appropriately and working with people of different cultures, ages and backgrounds.

Many students gain part-time work or apprenticeships out of their Gateway placements, as employers get to try them for free. We have a great working relationship with many employers in town and neighbouring areas who willingly take our students. We provide students with any gear they need to do their work, such as steel-cap boots, overalls, gumboots, black dress pants, bee suits etc.

We run Health and Safety and First Aid courses during the holiday and help students to gain their Learners Drivers Licence. All useful in the workplace.

If you would like to help with a Gateway placement contact Eileen Crawford, Careers Advisor & Gateway Co-ordinator at Kerikeri High School on 09 407 8916

Meet Mana

My name is Mana. I am currently participating in Gateway Work Experience at the Village where I can be found in reception answering phones and preparing flyers and posters etc.

I chose Kerikeri Retirement Village because of the opportunities that are available to me after I complete my Gateway and because I thought that it would be great learning new

things whilst expanding my work based knowledge.

I have enjoyed meeting and talking to some of the many residents and staff.

It has been an amazing experience. Everyone here has been so welcoming and kind. It will be sad to leave the village and all of the people I have come to know over my six weeks here.



Celebrating The '80s

As part of our Staff Wellness Program we recently held an 80s night complete with authentic fashion, food and music.

It was a chance to let our hair down (well up really, teased up big and high and sprayed into a solid helmet), to mix with other departments socially and to boost morale.



Easter Bunny

Dawn Cheeseman (aka the Easter Bunny) wishing our residents a Happy Easter as she distributed her basket of Easter goodies.



Some Bunny Appreciates Us!

Nominated by our Receptionist Rochelle Taylor for their hard work, our Healthcare Assistants won a lovely Easter hamper from Pak N Save Kaitaia in a MORE FM breakfast promotion for deserving people in our community.



Matt Hobbs from MORE FM, Healthcare Assistant Sue Richards and Receptionist Rochelle Taylor.

Omata Estate



Liz & Des Berry with Frank Lewis, Alan & Anne Collinson.



Clockwise from left, Tom & DD Tulloch, Alan & Anne Collinson & Karen Hawtin.

IT Ninjas

Four students from Kerikeri High came in and coached a group of residents in how to work their devices. They gave expert advice in everything from adding contacts, calling and messaging, to making a photo book and updating programmes and apps.



Noah Crookes has some smartphone tips for Janet Pickavance.



Liam Collins and Graham Hordern check out the latest updates.

Diary Dates

MOVIE MEAL DEAL

Mon. June 10th | 11.45am

Movie Meal Deal 'Rocketman' at Cathay Cinema and Cafe Cinema.

Bus leaves reception 11.45am

SPEAKER

Wed. June 12th | 3.00pm

Hospice Mid North – Advance Care Planning. In the Social Centre.

KERIKERI VILLAGE ART GROUP

2ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Sat. 22nd - Sun. June 23rd

Small works by a small group. Open 10am - 4pm

RAY WOOLF BOOK

LAUNCH & PERFORMANCE

Thu. June 20th | 2.30pm

In the Social Centre. All welcome.

QUIZ NITE

Tue. June 25th | 4 - 6pm

With pizza and chips. In the Social Centre.