

# Village Times

KERIKERI  
RETIREMENT  
Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



## Welcome... TO OUR CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

At the time of writing, we are awaiting what the new traffic light system will mean for us at Kerikeri Retirement Village. Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as COVID becomes part of our lives forever. Please know that we are in good heart and our special community is thriving, even with the current restrictions imposed upon us.

Our team has risen to the challenge with all staff having received at least their first dose of the vaccine, and 100% will be double-dosed by 1st January 2022. This gives us some surety that when COVID arrives in our community, between vaccinated staff and residents, we have an increased degree of protection against this virus.

In other news, I am delighted to announce that our new Village Manager, Grant Cochran, has

started. He is learning the ropes from Frances Shaw before she finishes on December 31st after 10 fantastic years at the Village. Thank you, Frances, for all you've done and given the Village in your time with us.

I also need to say a huge thank you and farewell to Lisa McKee-Wright, our Accounts Manager, who is leaving us after 12 years to make a lifestyle change. Lisa has carried the load of our accounts and especially payroll during her tenure and has been unbelievably committed and conscientious.

Many of you will be aware that Mike Simm recently stepped down from his role as Chairman of our Board of Directors, after 10 years of service. There's no doubt we have benefitted from his professional acumen and his dedication to the

Village. I've greatly enjoyed and appreciated having Mike as our Chair, however I'm looking forward to working with his hugely capable replacement.

Ajit Balasingham has a background in commercial property development and brings exceptional skills to the village. Together with Suzanne Brocx, our Deputy Chair, we are very lucky to have a board that is super-skilled to support us now and into the future.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all our staff who are absolute rock stars in my mind for the dedication and love they bring to their work. Along with all our residents; thank you for sharing your lives with us and making this a brilliant workplace.

*Meri kirihimete and hari tau hou.  
Stay safe, vaccinated and happy!*

## Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!

Lorraine Robson celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on November 1<sup>st</sup> with a High Tea, which was held in the H Murray Room. She was joined by her daughter and four friends (Lorraine's other two children were unable to visit due to Covid restrictions).

Lorraine really enjoyed reminiscing and sharing stories of her past, to the great amusement of her guests.

She received many messages and greeting cards from friends and relatives throughout New Zealand, Australia and USA.

She has five grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild.

Lorraine left her Christchurch home of seventy years to be near her daughter, Annette and moved into the Village almost four years ago. Initially she had a unit in The Pavilion but recently moved into the Paterson Wing.

Lorraine enjoys reading, playing word games, socialising with other residents and going on the Village bus outings.





## Barbara Imlach

Barbara joined the Board in October 2021.

Barbara is a qualified Director (Chartered Member of the NZ Institute of Directors) and an experienced Senior Finance Executive (Chartered Accountant CAANZ).

She is also an experienced CFO with proven strategic and leadership skills, expertise in financial control and governance, commercial management, and business transformation.

She has worked in a wide range of industries including health, social services and housing.

A director in the NFP sector, she is also on Audit and Finance committees.

Barbara and her husband Paul have three adult children and in her spare time she enjoys walking the dog, travelling (when possible) and playing bridge.



## David Hansen

A qualified Engineer, David has been a Director of BECA (Consulting Engineers), Engineering Manager and GM Operations at Auckland International Airport. He also has a wealth of experience in Project and General Management.

Born in Kawakawa, David's family moved to the Bay of Plenty when he was two and he grew up on a dairy farm 13 miles out of Whakatane. After attending Palmerston North Boy's High, he went on to study at Auckland University.

David and his partner live in Auckland with Maggie, their on-loan Scottish Terrier. They have two daughters and 3 grandsons that keep them busy but, when time allows, you'll find David tinkering with his Austin Healey 3000 which he hopes to fully restore.

A Rotarian, David is also Chairman of the Board for Presbyterian Support Northern and the International Commodore of a global boating fellowship.



## Grant Cochran

*Village Manager*

Grant manages the licencing, maintenance and refurbishments of the cottages and apartments, as well as the landscaping and gardening throughout the Village.

A former Registered Nurse with a clinical background in Intensive Care, Grant has extensive management experience including five years as Nurse Manager at Bay of Islands Hospital in Kawakawa where he helped to develop the new hospital.

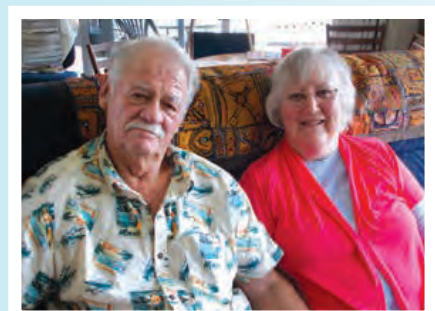
Grant spent much of his childhood in Paihia and Whangarei. After some years travelling, he and wife Hallie and their two children moved to Kerikeri in 2016, later relocating an old house here. The project continues to keep them busy with renovating and landscaping.

Grant also loves spearfishing and anything that involves being in or on the water but his absolute favourite thing is spending time with his kids.

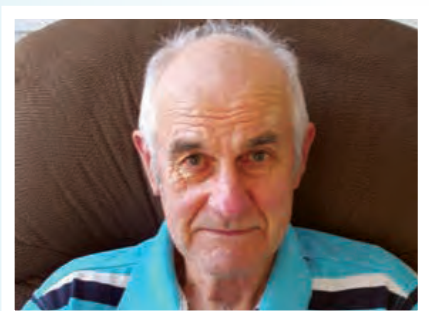
## Welcome to...



Maureen Ward



Ian Hume & Rosemary Lusk



Michael Aickin

## We need your help

We are very fortunate and grateful for the generosity of donors, who allow us to buy those 'extras' that improve the quality of life for our residents, both in the Care Facility and the Village.

If you are thinking about making a donation to benefit our elderly, below is a list of items that we currently seeking support to acquire. The total cost is around \$130,000.

Since releasing this list in September, we have already received some very generous gifts which have enabled the purchases below.

To those people, and the many others who have donated to Kerikeri Retirement Village in the past, we say a heartfelt thanks on behalf of our Directors of the Board, staff and residents.

ITEMS NEEDED	PURPOSE
Smart TV	For use for residents in the Care Facility - enabling internet access
Specialised aged care Hospital Beds	Senitda 7i Bed - to provide optimum care & comfort for hospital level residents (15 year life span). Purchasing as funds available. 30 required in total
Tovertafel Projector	Interactive digital projector for people with dementia
Virtual Reality Headsets	Taking people on a journey without travel
Care Facility Tablets	Every resident in the Care Facility has a tablet for their medication management and cares
Shade Sails	Replacing old shade sails in outdoor areas for use by Care Facility residents & families
Wander Shield Tags	To support those residents who are inclined to leave the Village
Bed Wedges	Extra help for people who are at risk of falling out of their beds
Large tablet	For Village Activities Coordinator to use with Village residents 1:1
"KRVL's mini-Men's Shed"	A small shed for village residents to be able to participate in construction & carpentry projects

### ITEMS PURCHASED - THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS

Digital Calendars	For residents requiring memory assistance, a large display which gives the day, and the time.
Interactive Display Unit	A multi-functional display unit/whiteboard 75" for use in Care Facility and meetings
Syringe Driver	Replacing our older unit to support residents requiring palliative care
Wheelchairs	6 extra wheelchairs

For detailed information on the individual items on this list please contact:  
[hilary@kerikerivillage.co.nz](mailto:hilary@kerikerivillage.co.nz)





## A very posh affair!

Debs our Head Gardener had promised residents a lovely party when we could get together and she delivered! She wanted to celebrate getting out in the garden, and so fundraised by potting up and selling plants to staff. She raised enough to arrange for delicious food prepared by her Executive Chef husband Paul to be served at the party and hire Nostaljam ukelele players to entertain us with their music from the 1920s to 40s.

Residents dressed up in their finest for a garden party extravaganza. They brought roses from their garden for a competition. Janet Pickavance received a prize for people's favourite rose. Eunice Faulkner won a prize for gardener's choice. Anna and John Boulter won prizes for best dressed man and woman.

A BIG THANK YOU to Debs and Paul and her team of helpers; Mike, Judy, Bernadette, Geran and Karen.





## Springbank & The Pavilion Gardens

A big thank you to Springbank School students and their teacher Michelle Chapman who have been raising funds to make a difference for their friends at Kerikeri Retirement Village.

One sunny day in September they arrived with their builders to make a community garden outside The Pavilion laundry. It's now planted up with vegetables and herbs. They also had the soil donated so we have a \$250 voucher for future garden materials.

Our Head Gardener Debs organised some plants and our residents are taking charge!

A mosaic group has started to make the gardens even more beautiful.



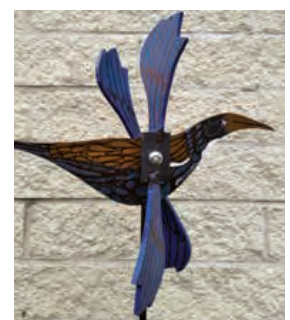
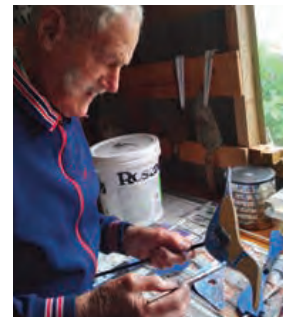
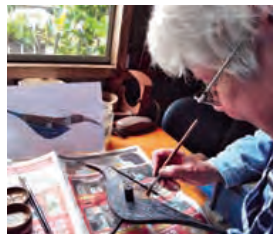
## Out in the garden...

Being outside is the easiest way to meet at the moment so we're grateful for the good weather that has allowed our various groups to convene regularly on The Green.

Our Potting Club meets at 10.30 am every Thursday to swap cuttings, plants and ideas (on rainy days you'll find them in The Pavilion).

And all around our gardens you'll find beautiful art on display such as the lovely Tuis, created by Ian Faulkner and decorated by the Village Art Group. Their wings rotate in the breeze and shimmer with the iridescent paint used for their plumage.

Amongst the 'wildlife' in the garden you'll also see a gorgeous mosaic wood pigeon made by Jackie from our front office.







## Scavenger Hunt & Scarecrow



Nancy Davidson cheered us up during lockdown by using recycled materials to make a scarecrow.

She had lots of giggles with Karen Hawtin trying to make all the parts stay together.

In fact, the scarecrow had several changes of clothes and later became a witch for Halloween, and is now Santa (see page 8).

To get people outside and exercising, Karen created a scavenger hunt around The Close. Clues took residents to various sculptures and the scarecrow.

Thanks to Jayne Barnett (JB) from Kerikeri Rocks who donated some painted rocks which have been hidden around the Village, creating lots of smiles.





**APARTMENTS  
AVAILABLE  
NOW!**



Our modern, spacious apartments set a new standard in retirement living and are designed with convenience in mind.

**Options include:**

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Premium 2 bedrooms plus study

**Prices from \$470,000**

(Sold under an Occupation Right Agreement)

**Features at a glance:**

- Optional garaging & parking
- Common lounge and dining spaces - gather your friends for a BBQ
- Each apartment has laundry facilities
- Architecturally designed
- Plenty of storage
- Maintenance-free living
- 2 lifts for easy access
- Internal scooter parks

To view contact Grant Cochran on 09 929 5836

## Modern townhouse, available now!

20A Wendywood Lane

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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  
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## Melbourne Cup

Did you know that we have two former bookies and a few mad gamblers here at the Village? We also have lots of ladies who like to dress up, some of whom have actually been to the Melbourne Cup.

Thanks to Bob and Pat for setting us straight on how to organise betting on the horses!



## Pink Fundraiser

Resident Jill Cleave inspired Karen Hawtin (Activities Coordinator) to dress up in pink and make an elaborate pink morning tea to raise money for cancer.

Very delicious, lots of fun and we raised over \$650 for a great cause.

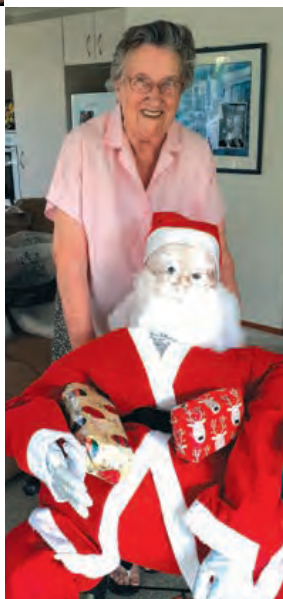


## The Village was abuzzzzzzzz

There has always been a buzz around our Village but it got a little buzzier than usual when a swarm of bees made their home in the hedge just outside the Robinson Wing lounge.

'Bee Man' Leo Nugteren came to our rescue arriving in full kit to gather the bees and take them to a new home.

He even returned the following day to pick up the stragglers and reunite them with the hive.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

## Diary Dates - Come and join the fun!

### WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE

Wed starting Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am

Meet at Reception

### MOSAICS

Wed starting Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

The Pavilion Lounge

### MORNING TEA AND CATCH UP

Thurs 10:30 am

Village Green (weather permitting)

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Mon Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm

At 127 Apartment Lounge

### CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AFTERNOON TEA

Wed Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm

The Pavilion Lounge

### ANNUAL VILLAGE PICNIC

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At a local beach