

# Village Times

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Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



## Welcome...

Well here we are in autumn and in Covid Omicron Phase 3. The changes are confusing but I'm sure by the time you're reading this we will have all settled into the new protocols.

On a positive note, our Healthcare Assistants and Registered Nurses are just magic. I'm continually in awe of the work they do and the commitment they make to keeping residents safe and well.

I'd like to welcome back Heather Mac Millan, who has re-joined us to lead the Village Support team. Heather is a highly experienced Registered Nurse and is a real asset.

Our apartments are really filling up and are becoming a real hub of activity. It's lovely to see all the planting on the patios and gardens there getting established and looking glorious.

We continue to experience high interest from people wanting to move into the Village as nothing beats our location and expert level of care. Being a charitable organisation also appeals to a lot of people.

Unfortunately we are experiencing delays in supply of materials due to Covid which is slowing refurbishment of cottages.

Our maintenance team is working very hard to try to keep on top of this, but sometimes circumstances are simply outside of our control.

I've been working with some of the Board on plans for a new Community Centre that we are aiming to have completed by the end of 2024. I look forward to sharing the plans with our residents in the next couple of months when we have a finished concept. Hopefully we can actually gather together for a shared viewing!

Stay safe everyone and remember to look out for each other.

## State-of-the-art Scanning System

by Cheryl Silich  
Operational Support Manager

In this ever-changing time of scanning to enter our premises, our front counter responsibilities have grown significantly. Rochelle meets and greets every staff member, visitor, volunteer and contractor entering via the front doors before taking their temperature and managing the sign in process, all while answering the phones and completing a myriad of other tasks. As you can imagine this keeps her very busy.

The days of simply signing in are gone so we searched for a way to make the process more efficient.

The LobbyTrac™ provides a seamless, contactless solution for managing ingress and egress of everyone who visits the Care Facility. Its intuitive, step-by-step instructions simplify the sign in/out process by capturing and storing all the pertinent information to a secure, cloud-based database.

Initially we'll have to add each user but from then on, the kiosk remembers them and they won't have to keep entering their data.

Visitors simply approach the kiosk, scan their pass and then the machine automatically takes their temperature (anyone with a temperature exceeding 37.5 will not be permitted to enter). Users will then be presented with a Health & Safety screen where they complete a Covid declaration. If eligible to proceed, the machine prints a visitor label to be worn while that person is within the premises.

The lovely Rochelle will still be here, she'll just have more time to assist visitors rather than spending her day logging foot-traffic.



## Meet Heather Mac Millan - Village Support Coordinator

Heather has worked in a variety of roles here since 2016 but after leaving us for a short stint returned in 2022 to take up the position of Village Support Coordinator.

She arranges assistance for those living independently within the Village that need help with their personal or household care. This can encompass anything from providing cleaning services and helping with meal preparation, to assisting with bathing and dressing. It also extends to offering companionship and checking on our residents' general wellbeing.

A Registered Nurse, Heather has over 11 years experience in the Aged Care sector including providing long-term care, and overseeing the training and development of staff. She also worked for several years in neonatal intensive care units.

Originally from South Africa, Heather moved to the United States in her early 20s. She emigrated to New Zealand in 2010 and is now a NZ citizen.

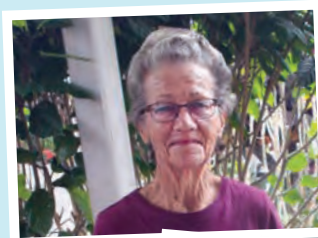
Heather enjoys the simple pleasures in life such as spending time with her husband, their two children and the family pets (Jamie, an English Staffy, and Ally, the cat). She likes reading, taking long walks and catching up with friends over a coffee or wine.

Her favourite saying "It always seems impossible until it's done" is a quote by Nelson Mandela and is something she often applies to her role.

Heather's favourite food is anything she hasn't had to cook but she particularly loves a traditional South African braai (BBQ).



## Welcome to...



Carol  
Hendrikse



Elisabeth  
Reinhard



Julia  
Giacomelli



Misty  
Gaitens



Ann  
Plowright

## Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Nell Graveson

The weather was kind to Nell allowing her to celebrate her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a cake and drinks on The Green with some of her close friends.

Nell is one of the original residents of the Village and continues to live independently in the cottage that she moved into in September 1986.







*Anita Jakich of Neat Eats*

## A Huge Thanks...

As a charitable company we are always grateful for the kindness and generosity of our staff, residents, and the wider community whose gifts make a real difference to our residents.

In January, team members Judi, Shona and Debbie hosted a 'Bring & Buy, Make & Bake' sale in the Social Centre.

They had lots of donations and the event was a huge success, raising \$570 which will be used to hold a Mad Hatters 'High Tea' (date TBC).

We recently recognised Bob Simson for his many years of service as a volunteer at our Community Dinners.

Bob's one of many residents that contributes hours of time to helping make life more enjoyable for our

Care Facility residents. Some lead exercise or art classes or host activities like Scrabble games. Whether it's organising, setting up, or running an event, we are grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Other regular contributors are Anita Jakich and Jan Chipman of catering company 'Neat Eats' who provide our monthly Community Dinners at cost. Their delicious home-cooked meals are made with love and are packed with fresh, local ingredients. The proof is definitely in the pudding as numbers regularly exceed 60. Plus, the pair often surprise us with yummy platters of food to share amongst the staff.

Someone else who never fails to brighten our day is apartment resident Len Haydon. He's always willing to give those out for a walk a look at his magnificent garden which is bursting with colourful begonias and marigolds. And for those less

mobile, Len regularly delivers bowls of fresh cut flowers to add cheer to the Care Facility.

Help comes in many forms and thanks to a very generous donation we were recently able to buy a number of digital clocks and touch lamps for the Care Facility. The clocks display the time and date in very large font providing a valuable, easy to read prompt for residents that have impaired vision or memory. The touch lamps are easy to turn on and off for those with arthritis. Sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference.

We'd also like to acknowledge the effort of the Monday Village Craft Group that donated \$240 and a bag of knitted toys and garments they had made to Women's Refuge. The money was raised by selling a variety of hand-crafted embroidery, knitted garments and toys.



*We often receive yummy platters for the staff from Neat Eats*

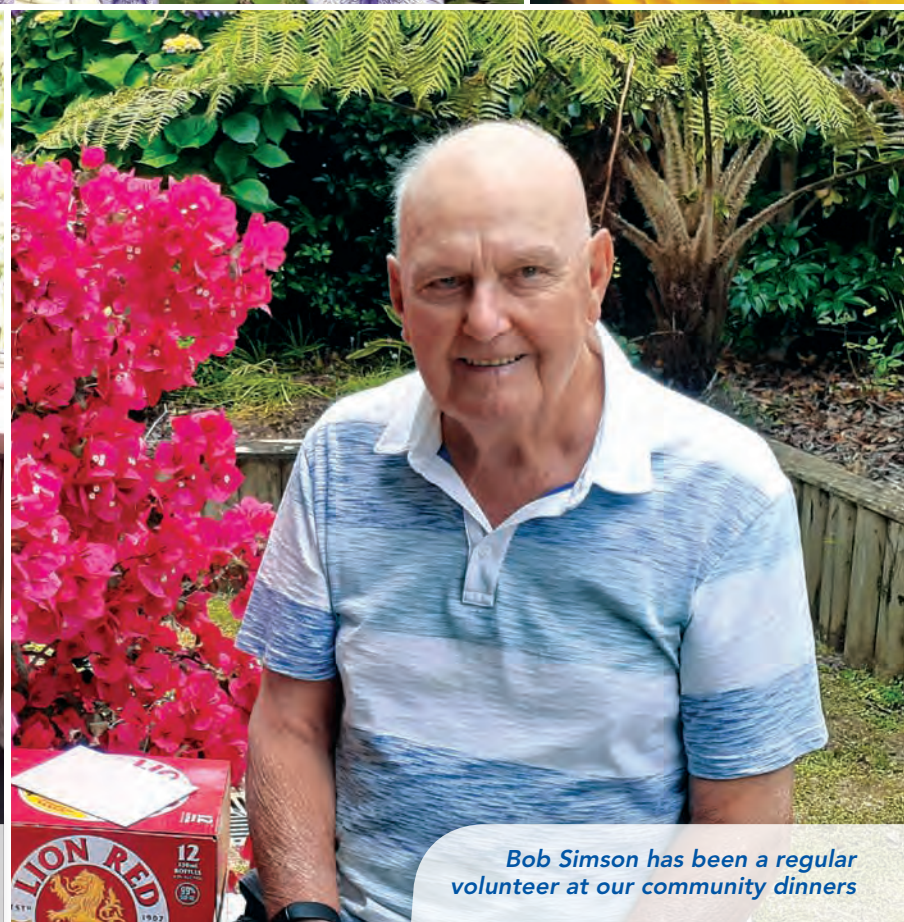




*Residents enjoying Len Haydon's beautiful garden*



*The new digital displays make it easy to see the date and time at a glance*



*Bob Simson has been a regular volunteer at our community dinners*





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*The view is beautiful at Omata Estate.*



*A gorgeous day at Tupuaetahi Beach*



*The food & wine was equally good!*



*Learning the ukulele has been very enjoyable*

## Highlights of Village Life...

With the constant changes of Covid levels, outings have been limited. But when the going has been good, we've enjoyed a change of scenery including a bus trip to Tapuaetahi Beach complete with a banquet supplied by Jen's Kitchen and a lunch at Omata Estate in Russell.

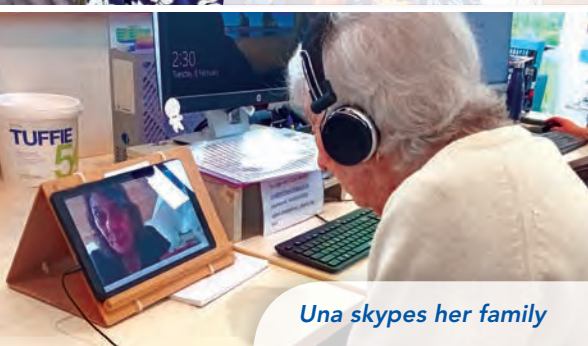
Of course, we can always find plenty to amuse ourselves with indoors. Following a fun ukulele performance in December, a number of staff and residents have taken up playing. As Covid rules allow, you'll find them practicing in the Pavilion lounge.

Other recent highlights include a farewell to Village Manager Frances Shaw and a welcome to her replacement Grant Cochran, and a Boot Scootin' Line Dance demo.

And when we can't get out, we have technology to help us keep in touch with the rest of the world. We love the photo below of Care Facility resident Una skyping her family.



*Hello to Grant Cochran & Farewell to Frances Shaw*



*Una skypes her family*



*Boot Scootin' fun*