

# Village Times

KERIKERI  
RETIREMENT  
Village



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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



## Welcome

Suddenly we have the Christmas season and the end of 2020 looming upon us. With this year unlike any other I have experienced, I am looking forward to a fresh start in 2021.

As I write this, I'm reflecting on all we have been through together at the Village through the year.

Lockdown twice, the unknown in front of us and learning to live with our 'new normal'. Then we've had the apartments completion which was very exciting; the biggest development we've ever done. We are enjoying moving our new residents in and making a new community.

This is my fifth Christmas at the Village and for 2020 more than ever I want to say how amazing our staff are. Every one of them. They have all worked so hard this year, faced with their own uncertainty in their personal lives, but everyone put our Village and our residents first. We lived with anxiety as we changed up and down levels, we did our best to keep families and residents connected. We had some laughs and more than a few tears and we pulled together.

It has been a tiring year for all aged care and retirement village workers, but I'm very proud of everyone here and all I can say is thank you!

Not to overlook those people from the community who connected with us to see what they could do, so we got them in supporting the residents who live in the Village who could not go out.

I know we haven't seen the back of COVID-19, but perhaps now we can take a short breather to relax and re-charge, even be a little frivolous? And of course, we do not shut down – ever. So to those of our team who work through Christmas and New Year; thanks for keeping our people safe and well and for sharing in the festive spirit. My heartfelt best wishes for the festive season to everyone. See you in 2021!



### CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

*Our entry into the Kerikeri Business Association Christmas tree competition.*



### CHRISTMAS HEARTS

*These delightful Hearts for Christmas are only \$5 each with proceeds going towards the sensory motivation cats for Tui Wing.*



### SNOWMAN SLEIGH SET

*This display was knitted by the clever ladies from the Village "drop-in" group and was raffled off.*



## Welcome to ...



Colleen Dudley.



Colleen Watkins.



Janet Brennan & George van Valkenburg.



Margaret Kingston.



Russ Devin.

## Blue Day



We had Blue Friday (18th September) here at the Village to raise funds, and awareness, of Prostate Cancer. Thanks to Amanda and Dawn for organising the sausage sizzle. The team raised \$330 for the cause.

We are a team with a lot of heart here.

## Volunteer Tech Desk



Volunteer Orla and her family meet village residents every second Saturday (see calendar for exact dates) at 2 pm in the H Murray room for tech help. The residents bring along their smartphone, ipad or laptop and our helpers solve any problems. Residents are keen to keep in touch with family members in a modern way. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers!

## Ukelele Concert



We had a very tuneful visit from the local ukelele group on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November and our own Maera Peters joined in.



## Whanau Dinner



We celebrated the cultural richness and diversity of our team here at the Village with a dinner on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our team includes peoples from Aotearoa, Australia, Canada, Chile, England, Fiji, France, India, Nepal, South Africa and Wales.

We got together for our first ever annual Whanau Cultural Pot Luck

Dinner and were blessed with the most fantastic array of food and flavours; oysters, chowder, hangi (with fry bread), curries and their condiments, quiche, fish and chips, Yorkshire pudding (yes, with mushy peas), as well as something amazing that Kavisha made with semolina balls, potato, date, tamarind, coriander and mint. Followed up with French crepes, pavlova, steamed pudding, trifle, cakes.

Rounded off with our very own songbird Maera and a sing along.

Huge thanks to all for their efforts and especially those that put in the extra hard graft to make sure everything was clean and tidy for the next day.

A very enriching evening, both culturally and gastronomically!





## Art Show at 127 Apartments a great success



*Ian Faulkner with artist Wendy Galbraith and former Board member Doug Galbraith.*

We celebrated our talented local artists, and our lovely new OneTwoSeven Apartments during the first weekend of December with an exhibition that was open to the public.

We had over 150 people through. Special thanks to the 39 artists who took part.



*Friends of the Village toasting our artists in the Apartment lounge.*



*Ann Winship's copper Spirit Sculptures.*



*Director Vicki Douglas with Joan Honeyfield's "Folds".*



*Rolly Munro and Guy du Toit next to examples of Guy's exquisite wood turning.*



*Mark Graver and Hilary Sumpter with Catherine Dunn's "The Narrows".*



**Available now!**

## OPEN HOMES

**Every Friday 2-3pm**

To make an appointment to view with Frances Shaw outside of these times call 09 929 5836.

Our modern, spacious apartments set a new standard in retirement living and are designed with convenience in mind. Centrally located, with all the mod-cons to make life easy, everything you need to enjoy a better lifestyle has been taken care of.

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### Options include:

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Premium 2 bedrooms plus study - ***BE QUICK! Only 1 left***

### 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





## Village Outing to Kawakawa and surrounds

Determined to go on our adventure to Towai Tavern after postponing twice, we set off on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> unsure of the weather. We had torrential rain the day before, but the sun shone bright for us and we finally got to the Tavern for a scrumptious smorgasbord lunch.

First stop on our adventure was the newly opened Kawakawa Community Centre! What an asset! We all decided that we needed to come back again to spend more time viewing the exhibits, movies and enjoy the library! The mosaics were too glorious!

Next stop Ruapekapeka Pa where Vaughn Preece enlightened us on our early history. It was a great climb with expansive view across the countryside on a bright and cheery day!



## Diary Dates – Come and join the fun!

### DIGITAL HELPDESK

December 19<sup>th</sup> – 2pm

In the H Murray room.

Help on smartphone, ipad or laptop.

### MOSAIC MAKING

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> – 10-12 am

Mosaic making with Bunnings in the H Murray Room.

### FIREMAN TALK

January 21<sup>st</sup> – 2pm

In Apartments and Wendywood Pavilion.

### COMMUNITY DINNER

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5pm

First 2021 Community Dinner.

In the social centre.