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Betty Petrie - Village Manager

What a lot of fun we have had in the last three months with cruises, BBQ's, singing and skydiving.

The Bucket List Competition has been a tremendous success and we have learned that you are never too old to dream and have your wishes granted.

In this newsletter we share a bucket list wish that we have been able to fulfil thanks to some very generous help from Mondo Travel. One

Made the target

On October 29th Gavin Horrell of Skydive Zone in Kerikeri held a 'Go Jump' day where \$50 from every sky dive was donated to the Kerikeri Retirement Village Mattress Fund.

In addition to this Gavin also arranged a raffle, organising some exceptional prizes through other tourism providers. In an effort to sell as many tickets as possible, Betty Petrie, Jan Bennenbroek and Mandy Marsh put in the hard yards pushing a bed up the street while receptionist Robyn Hori rode in

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good turn deserves another so please support these people next time you need to travel or recommend them to your friends and visitors. I hope our story will inspire you to keep dreaming and wishing because you just never know how things might turn out!

As you know, we have been fundraising to replace the mattresses in the care facility. We've had staff and journalists jumping out of planes in the name of a good cause and had an hilarious time selling raffle tickets – see below for details.

We are very grateful to Gavin Horrell who dreamed up the 'Go Jump' event and to all the hundreds of

people who bought raffle tickets. We are thrilled to announce that we have now replaced all the mattresses in the care facility.

We spent months preparing for our annual entry into the Lion's Christmas Parade and if you missed it you can see the results on the next page together with pictures of our Christmas Concert. Everyone had such a great night that we plan to make this an annual event.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Regards,
Betty and the Team

comfort giving plenty of cheek to encourage sales.

The two initiatives raised a grand total of \$3,460. Seen here, Betty and Gavin make up one of the new mattresses purchased following the promotion. This event, together with other funds donated as a result of all the publicity, means the Village has now been able to replace all the mattresses in the care facility.

We'd especially like to thank the Graveson Trust, the Coan Family and the Kerikeri Masonic Lodge for their generous support.



Gavin is happy to continue donating \$50 from every skydive to the Kerikeri Retirement Village if customers quote the GO JUMP code when they book, however this cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

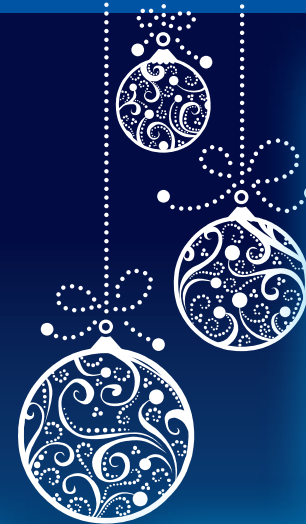
Xmas Parade and Concert

After an action packed week and a flurry of activity, our Yellow Submarine was ready for the Kerikeri Christmas Parade.

It looked fantastic, as did all the staff and residents who dressed up to complete the effect. So good in fact that we won the award for 'Best Float' for the fourth year running! Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

After the parade it was back to the Wendywood Green for our inaugural Community Concert. Due to illness our good friends the 'Windjammers' were unable to play, but musician Cameron Barnes very generously stepped into the breach at short notice and did a wonderful job of entertaining the crowd from his 'stage' on the back of a truck provided by Bruce Buckland of Northland Transport.

The young, and young-at-heart, had their picture taken with Santa and he was kept very busy taking note of their Christmas wish lists but perhaps the most memorable requests came from a wee tot who wanted amongst other things "a chainsaw, a motorbike and an alligator!"



Darryl's Lunch Cruise SHIP A'HOY!



Cottage and Wendywood residents took to the water in style on a Darryl's Lunch cruise up the Waitangi River to the Haruru Falls.

The spacious and very comfortable boat allowed everyone a good view of the falls as well as the many sights along the way.

Our skipper Mike paused for a waterside view of the nesting shags and gave a commentary on points of interest. He also told us cheerfully that if we fell out of the boat we

could stop shouting and just stand up and walk back to the boat, as the river was very shallow.

The falls however were quite full due to some rain earlier in the week. You could imagine the kauri logs hurtling over at speed back in the trading days.

As you can see from the photos a good time was had by all and if you haven't already done a cruise on Darryl's Diner then we'd thoroughly recommend it!



Family Connections



Angus Brodie and Dick Vercoe of Scotts help resident Lynne De'Ath master Skype technology

Christmas is a time for family but modern lifestyles mean that families are often spread across the world which can make it hard to stay in touch. The financial and physical realities of long distance travel can mean that some residents may not be able to share in family celebrations so we were very touched to receive two computers from Top Energy and broadband sponsorship from Scotts Funeral Services so that our residents can Skype their families and be part of their lives, no matter where they live. It's a fantastic gift and one we can enjoy throughout 2012.

Introducing Amanda Marsh

Hi, my name is Amanda Marsh but everyone calls me Mandy. I started working here five years ago in a part time position and two years later took on a full time role in the Admin Team.

Having never stepped foot in a Retirement Village before I was very impressed with what I saw.

I still get people saying to me "you'll never get me living in a Retirement Village" but Kerikeri Village is an awesome place and full of wonderful people.

I love it when I see the residents feeling totally at home and at ease here as they should, like when one resident trundled up the hall way with a bottle of port on her walker to the dining room and demanded 5 extra glasses for the table - just fantastic!

Another moment I treasure was when I was chatting to one of our Cottage residents, telling her that all of my Grandparents had passed away and she offered to be my "substitute Nana" ... love her to bits!



I get to share in so many special moments. Every day is different and I just love it when I can bring a smile to someone's face. I'm surrounded by beautiful gardens and great people and I feel very privileged to be part of Kerikeri Village.

Presentation of Staff Awards

We recently held a presentation for all staff who have achieved nationally recognised qualifications throughout the year.

Peter Hood, tutor and representative from the Hospitality Services Industry Training Organisation in Hamilton, was here to present certificates to the kitchen staff who have all completed their level one training.

Jenny James, Manager of the Rural Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Consortium, was also here to see the presentation of certificates and awards to care-givers and Registered Nurses. Staff who have achieved health related National Certificate qualifications are eligible to join the Consortium and receive further training and professional development benefits.

Every certificate given represents a lot of hard work by the recipient, but special recognition must

be given to our Staff Development Coordinator, Chris Coakley, without whom the programmes would not be possible.

Chris has spent a great many hours mentoring staff and marking their assignments. She sources appropriate learning opportunities and liaises with learning institutions to ensure that our staff have access to the best possible resources.

Everyone's achievements have been recognised on the honours board located in the reception area.



Welcome to



Pat McNichol



Ralph and Joan Leaf

Ripper Rugby

Like everyone else in the country, we had World Cup Fever during October. As part of the celebrations we hosted a live match here at the Village with Ohaewai School playing a friendly match of Ripper Rugby out on the green.

We all enjoyed cheering them on in what was a fast paced action-packed game.

There was plenty of entertainment on the sidelines too with a powhiri and a unicycle demonstration.



After using up all that energy the students enjoyed refuelling with a sausage sizzle.



Razzle Dazzle

The lights shone and the backdrop sparkled - they promised us some good old fashioned "razzle dazzle" and they certainly delivered.

Debbie danced and shimmied around while Jim kept us entertained with laugh-out-loud funny stories and jokes.

Debbie had a new costume for each song and the outfits were amazing! They sang and danced and everyone was encouraged to sing along which they did... with gusto!

Jim "Elvis" Jolls - complete with trademark moves - was a great hit with the ladies and Debbie showed she still has what it takes to set the gents' heart rate soaring. We'd encourage you to book ahead because next year is set to be a sell out crowd.



Barbara's Bucket List Adventure



Life is short and our philosophy is that you shouldn't waste a single day of it. With that in mind, earlier in the year we asked the residents what was on their bucket list.

88 year old Barbara West is very widely travelled and has been to many exotic destinations across the globe but the one place she still aspired to visit was the Antarctic.

Mondo Travel in Kerikeri recently won a national award for their own Bucket List Competition so when Manager Celia Honiss heard about Barbara's quest, she decided to

make it a double celebration and put her thinking cap on.

Barbara was beside herself with excitement to hear that she and a friend would be flown to Auckland to enjoy the Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Experience. Barbara chose Care-giver Lynne Hopkins to accompany her and the pair had a wonderful time admiring the recreation of Scott Base.

Barbara was particularly entranced by the ride in a Snowmobile through the Penguin enclosure and went round twice so she could get



another look at the newborn chicks.

While they were there they also took time to enjoy the sights of the aquarium.

This was followed by a leisurely lunch for the ladies at the old Mission House in Mission Bay, sponsored by Debs Ryder of Mad Ideas in Kerikeri.

Barbara arrived home with an ear to ear smile, eager to share her "wonderful day".



Cottages available now!

We had a great response to our open day on October 31st and have sold two more cottages with another under offer.

If you are ready for a lifestyle change then call us to make an appointment to view the cottages available.

We also have a Wendywood Apartment which will be available as soon as we complete renovations.

To view any of these properties, or for more information, **call Frances Shaw on 407 0136.**



Cottage 5

This is a two bedroom cottage with a lovely North facing garden/patio area.

Both bedrooms are a generous size and have good storage.

The bathroom will be updated and new carpet laid.

Available for advance viewing.



Cottage 21

This is a two bedroom, one bathroom unit.

It has a brand new kitchen, new drapes and a redesigned outdoor living area.



Cottage 24

This is one of our larger two bedroom, two bathroom units.

It has a spacious living area, is well positioned on The Close for views over the Village green and offers easy access to the Social Centre.

Renovations are to be undertaken including new kitchen, carpet, drapes and paint.

Available for advance viewing.



Cottage 48

This is a one bedroom cottage in Hannah Place, the newest section of the Village.

It has a modern kitchen and bathroom, a spacious living room and the bedroom opens out into a private garden area with patio.

This is available for immediate occupation.

TO VIEW call Frances on 09 407 0136

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Helena Bay Cafe and Gallery

On arrival at the Helena Bay Gallery & Café, we were greeted by an enormous Newfoundland dog and, having passed inspection, moved into the shady cafe with a lovely view of Helena Bay Forest and coast spread out below.

We ordered lunch and one table had an interesting culinary adventure with the pancake parcels of

beetroot, mushroom and spinach trussed up with a spring onion.

After lunch we enjoyed a walk through the lush subtropical gardens before checking out the gallery which displays a range of contemporary New Zealand and Pacific art including large panoramic paintings, sculptures and hand blown glass.

Village Garden Safari FRANCES SHAW



So there I was, photographing cottages to be featured in our newsletter, and I found myself distracted by all the lovely Spring blooms.

Everyone I have shown around the Village has remarked on how superb the gardens are looking at the moment.

They are a credit to all the gardeners and residents who take such good care of them... and of course Mother Nature!



Night Staff – Back row, from left to right: Rosemary Boyd, Wendie Rowlinson, Elaine Ngakoti, Bridgette Scott. Front row, from left to right: Robin Rihari, Edith Anderson

Night Staff

We are a team consisting of 5 permanent Caregivers, 3 permanent Registered Nurses and casual staff.

All our wonderful Caregivers have completed their Ace Core and Dementia training, two of them have completed their National Certificates and three are working towards this qualification.

The Registered Nurses provide a supportive environment for their team and are also involved in on-going training.

The night team work hard to:

- maintain a professional work ethic
- have a great sense of humour
- be compassionate
- have fantastic listening skills
- advocate for our residents
- maintain dignity
- be culturally sensitive
- acknowledge and uphold spiritual needs

Although we don't have a lot of contact with family/whanau at night, they can be assured their loved ones are in good hands.

Remember when ...



Christmas Memories

Remember the thrill of waking up early on Christmas morning and tiptoeing down to the lounge to see if Santa had been?

Whatever the tradition - be it the full English turkey roast that left you so full you could only sit groaning while you watched the afternoon movie, the good old kiwi BBQ and camping or midnight mass before being allowed to open one gift, Christmas memories hold a special place in our hearts.



Village Administrator Frances Shaw remembers desperately longing to be an angel in the Church nativity play so she could wear wings and a glamorous

tinsel halo and was disappointed to be given the role of "a lowly shepherd with tea towel headgear and a crook made out of a spare piece of pipe". She also recalls the wonder of the moment baby Jesus arrived and that sometimes they used a real live baby.

Administration Assistant, Amanda Marsh and her twin sister were notorious for ferreting out their presents but one year they were unable to find any brightly coloured par-

cels hidden around the house. On Christmas morning there was just one gift for each of them under the tree which they were shocked to discover contained manure! Things took a turn for the better however when they discovered their 'gifts' had originated from their new pony that was tethered outside.



Village Physiotherapist Yvonne Hooper remembers always finding an orange, (a precious fruit during the English winter) and a new toothbrush in her Santa stocking.

Resident Trevor Hollows clearly remembers discovering a bicycle hidden behind some furniture a month before Christmas. It was a very long wait for the big day but finally it was Christmas morning and Dad was there to help young Trevor balance on two wheels for the first time.

General Manager Betty Petrie and her sibling always looked forward

to the arrival of a large box from an Aunt in Holland with great excitement. Opened on Christmas Day the hamper was full of chocolate letters, gingerbread and "posh clothing from Italy" that made them the envy of their schoolmates.



Occupational Therapist Sue Robertson recalls an outstanding Christmas in the 1960s when her Father, who worked for British Airways, got them on a free flight on Christmas Day from the UK to Melbourne flying First Class. Touching down almost every two hours in the likes of London, Paris, Geneva and so on must have made for an extremely long journey but Sue remembers the wonderful stewardesses bringing a seemingly constant supply of peanuts and Coca Cola and on arrival on Boxing Day, having a summer picnic on the beach.

However you plan to celebrate Christmas, have a wonderful day and Happy Christmas from all of us at Kerikeri Village!





Keen to Clean

Jim Russ Panelbeaters in Mill Lane has offered to clean cars belonging to the residents of Kerikeri Retirement Village free of charge.

They're happy to clean your vehicle once a month and say it's their way of giving something back to the people who have helped to shape our community.

You're welcome to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge area while you wait for them to clean your vehicle.

If you would like to take them up on their generous offer,

**simply call ahead
to book a time on
09 407 9913**



Mr Whippy

We all enjoyed being treated to a Mr Whippy ice cream when we were children.

Now that you're adults we don't care if you spoil your appetite occasionally so Mr Whippy will be calling at the village around noon, every Saturday.

Come on out when you hear the Greensleeves tune and enjoy an ice cream that's every bit as good as you remember and village residents will get 50 cents off your choice of ice cream.



Still Rockin'

As part of the Rotary Garden Safari to raise money for approved charities, local businesses were asked to make and display a Scarecrow.

We enjoyed creating our entry which we placed outside the front entrance to the Kerikeri Retirement Village. And here she is ... Still Rockin'.

Thank you ...

to the family of Victor Youl, for their kind donation of this BBQ. It is now available for residents to use and will be kept in the Summer House on the Village green.



Diary Dates

Shopping Trips

December 16th
Cottage and Wendywood Christmas Shopping Trips to The Warehouse \$5 pp. Leaves reception 10am - returns 12 noon

Staff Christmas Carols December 23rd | 2pm
Staff sing Christmas Carols around the Village

Christmas Day Lunch December 25th
Christmas Day Lunch for Residents. Bookings required. Menu and prices will be delivered to resident letter boxes in December.

Regular Events

Cards: 500 9.30am
Mondays and Fridays in the Wendywood Lounge

Over 60s Community Dinner

Held on the first Tuesday of every month in the Social Centre

Tai Chi

Mondays and Fridays at 11am in the Social Centre

Fun Fit with Chrissy

Mondays and Fridays at 9.30 in the Social Centre

Scrabble/Rummikub

Thursdays 1pm in the Social Centre

Friday Night Social Group

5pm in the Social Centre. BYO bottle and glass