

Village Times

KERIKERI
RETIREMENT
Village

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Hilary Sumpter - Chief Executive



Welcome...

Welcome to winter everyone, after a glorious autumn in our little slice of paradise. It's been nice to see more apartments filling up and our new residents have been warmly welcomed by those already ensconced.

The recent situation in Melbourne is a salutary reminder that COVID is still very much with us and we need to remain vigilant. The fiasco over vaccinating in Northland is hopefully resolving itself, but it has been a trial.

International reports show that the vaccination is slowing down the spread of infections significantly, allowing borders to reopen.

There have been lots of comings and goings. We recently farewelled Head Gardener Angela Marinkovic and Deb Condon steps into that role. Accountant Gaylene Starr started in late March. In June, Jo Gosden took up the reigns of Health, Safety & Quality Manager from Robyn Williams who moved to Village Support. Jackie Tweedale moved into the Administration Assistant role with Lorraine Jobbitt taking on an admin role that supports the management and medical records teams.

Physio, Yvonne Hooper, who has been with us for 15 years is taking a year's leave of absence, so will be replaced in the interim.

Welcome also to new Director; David Hansen, who is the Chairman of our shareholder; Presbyterian Support Northland.

The Retirement Commissioner is taking a close look at the retirement sector and how we operate, which we welcome. A new set of Health & Disability Standards will also be released in February and it will be interesting to see how this impacts our Care Facility. Then of course there is the new 'Health NZ' and the disestablishment of the District Health Boards, which will result in a major overhaul of all things 'health related'. I am not sure if this will benefit Northland, but we shall remain positive.

Oh, how times have changed! BY RIC MCCREADY - SCOTTRONIC

Scottronic has been assisting Kerikeri Retirement Village with their technology requirements for over 20 years. For the first 10 years or so it was all about administration and producing paper forms like timesheets, letters and patient charts. The internet was just being discovered using dialup modem, and email was a new-fangled thing.

Things moved along quickly. By 2010 the Village was running its own servers for email, accounting, payroll and creating many more documents. About 2012 we ran a project to implement wireless

throughout the Care Facility so that the use of technology could spread into the clinical areas. Electronic systems were gradually introduced - staff time management, charting of prescriptions, video conferencing and patient case management.

Internet got faster and now fibre has been run to all independent living apartments as well as the Care Facility. Most of the systems have now been moved to the cloud and there are some exciting plans forming to make technology even more accessible to staff and residents.



Management and the board continue to balance the need to stay current with a sensible level of investment.

Volunteer Co-ordinator

In April we said farewell and a huge thank you to Volunteer Coordinator Penelope Spencer who has been with us for a number of years. We also welcomed her replacement Evelyn Lewis.

Happily though, we will still be seeing Penelope from time to time in her role with Village Support.

Our volunteers came together to enjoy a talk from our Staff Development Coordinator about people suffering from dementia and how to best support them.

Then they enjoyed a fabulous spread from our kitchen, and a great evening was had by all.

Thank you as always to our wonderful team of volunteers – we appreciate all that you do.



EVELYN LEWIS Volunteer Coordinator



Evelyn recruits and coordinates the volunteers who assist our residents in the Care Facility with a myriad of personal tasks.

She has a passion for learning and holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in Master of Education (Digital Learning), Master of Arts (Maths Education) and Bachelor of Education (Maths & Chemistry).

After qualifying as a High School Teacher, Evelyn held a number of management roles within schools, Adult Education and the Ministry of Education and currently works on a casual basis as a part time tutor for Massey University.

Originally from England, Evelyn and her husband Steve (who is the Village Chaplain) moved here almost 20 years ago.

Outside of work, Evelyn enjoys cooking, knitting, yoga and walking on the beach. Evelyn is the proud mother of three sons and two grandbabies. Her extended family includes Kiki, the german shepherd; Brodie, the border collie and Macavity and Butterscotch the cats.

An enthusiastic foodie, Evelyn's favourite cuisine is Indian and she is known for her kumara, spinach & chickpea curry!

Welcome to...



Donald Gray.



Frances Tobin.



Margot & John Roberts.



Graeme & Jocelyn Murray.



GAYLENE STARR Accountant

Gaylene is Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Business Studies (Accountancy).

She heads our accounts team and handles everything from accounts to forecasting and preparing annual budgets. Given the complexities of her role, it's not surprising Gaylene's favourite saying is "it's the stickiest situation since Sticky the stick insect got stuck on a sticky bun" a line from her favourite programme 'Blackadder'.

Originally from Auckland, Gaylene spent her school years in Kerikeri before moving to Australia. She and her husband returned to Kerikeri in 2019 but their two adult children remain in Perth.

In her spare time Gaylene likes gardening, doing jigsaws, drinking red wine and walking her dog Shakey.

Cheques no longer legal tender

Many people will be aware that from 31 May cheques are no longer accepted at most banks.

This presents a challenge to less mobile seniors and they may require some assistance from family members to help set up alternatives like online banking, phone apps or direct debits.

Some of the local banks have done presentations to our residents about these options and we can arrange transportation to the bank for those that want help setting up payments if family is unavailable to assist.

A lot of residents also like to send monetary gifts to children and grandchildren and we are suggesting that they could send gift vouchers instead (New World across the road has a wide selection of gift cards for many recognised retailers) or send an online voucher.

Mother's Day Celebrations

Every Mum deserves some appreciation and, thanks to the Kerikeri Floral Art Group, we were able to celebrate all the wonderful mothers in our Village.

The floristry group joined forces with some of our residents on the

Friday before Mother's Day and, using a selection of blooms from our magnificent gardens, made posies that were hand delivered to our mums by Mike Preece (who DJs our bi-monthly dance playing vintage records).

They also made the table decorations that were used at our Mother's Day Dance held later that day, where Mike had staff and residents alike carving up the dance floor. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful decorations and a memorable get together.





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

Get your tickets to the Sound of Music

Many of you will recognise Harley Alexander from his time here as a bus driver. On various occasions he has also entertained us singing and playing the guitar and now you

can see him onstage as the leading man in Kerikeri Theatre Company's production of the 'The Sound of Music' which is on at the Turner Centre from July 7th -11th.

Choose from matinee or evening performances.

Tickets are available at the Turner Centre box office or online at iticket.co.nz



SPECIAL WINTER OFFER!



Put a deposit on a fabulous new apartment at 127 Kerikeri Rd during June or July and upon final settlement of the Occupation Rights Agreement, you can choose from one of the following three offers:

- **A contribution to legal expenses of up to \$5,000 or**
- **A packing and moving contribution up to \$5,000 or**
- **A whiteware package of up to \$5,000**

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List your home with Leigh Munro at Barfoot & Thompson before moving into your new apartment at 127 Kerikeri Road and get incredible value.

For more information call Leigh Munro
027 478 1866

Leigh is offering to:

- Reduce your commission by 10%
- Contribute \$500 towards marketing your home
- Refund up to \$1,000 of marketing when the sale of your home is settled
- Pay for a cleaning company to do an exit clean of your home after you move out

Darryl's Dinner Cruise

Our residents look forward to an exciting outing each month and last month they enjoyed taking Darryl's Dinner Cruise to beautiful Haruru Falls.



THE SINGERS

Music is good for the soul and concerts are always received well by our residents.

Many thanks to The Singers who recently performed to a large audience in the Social Centre.





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GETTING SOCIAL AT THE VILLAGE

- 1 & 2 We treated our residents to a scrumptious morning tea at Rusty Tractor to celebrate their recent birthdays.
- 3 & 4 We held a bridal shower for RN Toni who got married at Coopers Beach in March.
- 5 Pink Day is all about the prevention of bullying and creating a workplace where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected, no matter what their background or beliefs. The team was tickled pink to dress up and celebrate the day.
- 6 Wilma Sutherland (seamstress extraordinaire), Frances Shaw and Hilary Sumpter model some of the 95 stylish popovers made by the Monday craft group to protect the clothes of diners in the Paterson wing. A big thanks to the group.
- 7 Van space on daytrips is always at a premium. To help that and improve safety it was suggested that walkers be transported externally. Graeme our Driver and Rochelle our Receptionist worked with the guys at Hunter Cycles to find a suitable bike rack and achieve a great resolution to the problem.



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Sitfit Classes



Move it or lose it!

Every Monday at 10 am, rain or shine, resident Gillian Preece leads a dedicated group of around 16 village residents in a Sitfit exercise program.

The exercises are done while seated in a chair or standing behind a chair and are designed to raise participants heart rates.

It's also recognised that stretching, cardio and balance in these classes can help to decrease the chance of injuries and falls.

Some members who have had knee surgery, cracked pelvis, shoulder injuries, sciatica found that keeping fit helped them to recover faster! All village residents are welcome to enjoy the classes and start their week positively.

Need help with your Device?

IT experts Darren and Orla Breeze run monthly Tech Classes in the Social Centre at 10am every second Saturday. The sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

Simply turn up with your questions and devices and they will guide you through any issues. See below for details or visit the Diary Dates page of our website.

Art Exhibition

Here's a few photos taken at the recent art exhibition, "Small Works by a Small Group", featuring work by our talented resident art group. Our craft group also showed and sold their wonderful wares.



Diary Dates – Come and join the fun!

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DANCE

July 2nd – 2pm

With DJ Mike in the Social Centre.

COMMUNITY DINNER

July 6th – 5pm

In the Social Centre.

TECH HELPDESK

July 10th – 2pm

In HH. Murray room.

VILLAGE RESIDENTS

MIDWINTER SPANISH PARTY

July 17th – 4pm

QUIZ NIGHT

July 20th – 4-6pm

In the Social Centre.

LADIES NIGHT

July 28th – 4pm

In the Social Centre.