

Village Times



Betty Petrie - Village Manager

Welcome... TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016 and sadly my last as I have resigned and will be leaving at the end of April. Over the 25 years I have worked here I have made some wonderful friends and have also learned a lot from my Village 'family' and experiences. One of the most valuable lessons I will take with me is that nothing stays the same and we must embrace change.

I have experienced lots of change since I first started working at the Village in April 1991 as a Registered Nurse. Initially I worked three nights a week while my children were very small. Within a couple of years I was made Deputy Manager and then in 1995 I was promoted to Manager. In the following years I oversaw the building of Wendywood Pavilion,

Jock Graveson Place, Hannah Place, the Chapel, the Robinson Wing and now the new cottages and other developments. During that time our staff numbers have grown from 30 to 107. Who could have predicted all of that?

My other major take out has been that you need to have a purpose or a goal that you are enthusiastic about and employ all your energies to that purpose. I have learned that many people with very different characters, abilities and skills can all get along and achieve amazing results when they have a common purpose. A good example of this is how our staff and volunteers pull together to get things done. Their collective enthusiasm and energy has seen us achieve some remark-

able outcomes even when the going has been tough.

The Village is poised on the brink of further change as we expand into the property next door at 127 Kerikeri Road. There are also some other great developments planned and it's going to be an exciting time for everyone involved.

My successor has yet to be announced, however details will be published on the website when the appointment has been finalised.

Thank you for your friendship, love and support over the years. You have been a great family to be part of and I wish you all well for the new adventures ahead.



April 1986



Feb 2011



Dec 2011



April 1999



Aug 2011



Nov 2014

Staff Achievements

We're all about continuous improvement here at the Village. As you can see from this newsletter, we're always trying to improve the surroundings to make life as comfortable and rewarding as possible for our residents.

But having the best facility is only half of the equation. We also aim to have the best staff which is why we place a lot of emphasis on professional development, helping them to upskill and giving them new challenges to make their work day more interesting and rewarding.

Well done to our gardeners Logan Strong and Kiri Ngaropo who recently passed their horticultural exams. Logan now holds his Level 2 and 3 National Horticulture Certificate while Kiri has achieved her Level 1 National Horticulture Certificate (pictured).



Gardeners Logan Strong and Kiri Ngaropo proudly show off of their new qualifications

Our congratulations also go to Turiti Bonney and Nicki Glover for attaining their ACE certificate and to Maria Nichol for attaining her Diversional Therapy Certificate.

We're expanding



We are the only retirement complex in Kerikeri with hospital care onsite and we have a waiting list of people who want the peace of mind of having help available 24/7. As a not-for-profit we're here to meet the needs of the community and to do that we have to grow with it.

According to the 2013 census, 20.4% of Kerikeri's population was aged 65+ (significantly higher than the national average of 14.3%).

That growth looks set to continue and we're noticing an increasing number of enquiries from people who are moving here from other regions to retire. So when the property next door at 127 Kerikeri Road became available late last year we purchased the one third hectare site.

Construction of up to ten 2 bedroom units will commence in April. Keep an eye on our website for photos and progress updates.

What's in a name?



The garden adjacent to the Paterson Wing lounge is called the Laura Whittingham Garden.

Laura had an avid interest in gardening and believed gardens brought peace and happiness.

The long-time resident of Kerikeri spent her last days in our Care Facility and upon her death bequeathed some money to create a lovely garden space in an area that had previously been somewhat barren and unused.

We think she would be proud of the beautiful space she helped to create.



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Thank you Val & Henry!

Village residents Val and Henry Driver have been giving of their time and energy since before the Village was built.

The couple were part of the original team that was behind the idea to develop a retirement facility in Kerikeri and they have been stalwart volunteers for over 30 years.

From serving cups of tea every Tuesday and Thursday in the Paterson Wing, to helping feed residents of the Robinson wing and assisting with the monthly Community Dinners in the Social Centre, Val and Henry have stepped in wherever they saw a need.

Val says that she always dressed up to do the tea trolley so the ladies who weren't able to get out much could see what was in fashion. She says many of the people they care for are like family as they have spent time with them throughout their journeys and "it's been an honour to serve them".

Henry, who is a remarkably sprightly 95, says it's time for someone else to take over but reckons it's taken a while to convince Val.

Four generations of family, friends and many of the residents they have helped attended a high tea in recognition of the thousands of cups of tea the pair has served.

1. Val and Henry Driver enjoy the celebration.
2. Val and her son Ray Webster.
3. High tea.

Volunteer to make a difference

Kerikeri Village Trust is a Charitable Trust. The help we get from community volunteers provides residents with extra company and frees up staff to attend to more specialised care. As well as helping in the Care Facility there are also roles for volunteers within the wider village and in our Social Centre.

In particular we're looking for someone to run a Housie Session once or twice a week, (training will be provided). We would also love to hear from anyone who could initiate a games or craft session or organise a music, book or movie appreciation group. Or maybe you have ideas for other fun activities.

We know from our existing volunteers that they find their time in the village to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

Their efforts are very much appreciated by the residents, who enjoy having someone new to chat to.



To discuss your involvement or ideas please call Frances Shaw on 407 0070.



Opening of Robinson Annexe and Courtyard

We recently completed construction of the Robinson Annexe which comprises three new rooms plus a family area, kitchen and dining facility. The annexe will allow us to provide much needed hospital beds for the community.

At the same time we also built a spacious courtyard for the residents of the Robinson wing and annexe. Special thanks to Ian Faulkner and the team from the Men's Shed for making the lovely planter boxes.

General Manager Betty Petrie opened the garden and thanked all those involved in both projects at a celebratory luncheon and tour on February 28th.

We borrowed all the garden furniture for the official opening so we'd appreciate donations of garden furniture (used is fine).

We are very grateful to Margaret Kingston and Reg and Raye Snoxell for their generous gifts and also to Raewyn Williams and Penny Fewkes of Kingscourt Flooringxtra who bought us this fabulous 8 seater table, chairs and an umbrella (see picture on right). It is a big area to furnish so if you can help in any way please call 407 0070.



Cottages Available



Special Features:

- Spacious lounge and dining areas
- Master bedroom with patio



Cottage 24, The Close 2 | 2 | 1 | 128m²

Cottage 42, Hannah Place 2 | 2 | 1 | 118m²

Both cottages come with:

- Sunny and spacious lounge with heat pump (warming / cooling)
- Modern kitchen with oven and hob with rangehood, dishwasher drawer and waste disposal unit
- Master bathroom with an accessible shower (level entry), grab rails, toilet, extractor fan, heater, vanity unit, mirror and heated towel rail

- Sunny master bedroom has ensuite
- Internal access garage with automatic garage door opener
- Laundry in garage and outside washing line
- Private patio/garden

Price on application.

Enquiries to Frances Shaw, Village Administrator – phone 09 929 5836

Wendywood Townhouses

The development of three new townhouses at 20 Wendywood Lane is nearing completion.

You can see the latest photos on the 'Available Now' page of our website.

For floorplans or to register your interest in purchasing, please contact Frances Shaw on 09 929 5836.



Te Ngaere Bay Picnic



Our annual picnic for Village residents was held at Te Ngaere Bay. Along the way we stopped to take in the spectacular views at Matauri Bay (main photo).



Some of our residents enjoying a lovely sunny day.

Diary Dates

Community Dinner

Tuesday 6th April | 5.30pm
In the Social Centre.

Afternoon Movie

Wednesday 13th April | 2.30pm
In the Social Centre.

Quiz Nite

Friday 15th April | 4pm
In the Social Centre.

Bus Trip

Friday 29th April | 10.00am
Bus Trip to Kauri Cliffs.

Welcome



Jeff Knight



Wilma Davidson



Barbara Barbour

Situations Vacant

We're seeking **qualified fitness instructors** of Tai Chi, Yoga or other low-impact exercises, to run classes on Monday and Friday mornings in our Social Centre. Classes would be open to seniors in the village and the community for a nominal fee.

To discuss your interest and experience please call Frances Shaw on 407 0070.