

Village Times



Welcome...

We are very pleased to have been awarded funding from EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) to buy a small fleet of electric cars which will be available for hire – we are the first retirement village in New Zealand to start a fleet of electric cars for car sharing. These will be hitting the Village in April.

Our fete on March 2nd was a lot of fun and shenanigans. Thanks to all who donated goods and gave their time to make this a success.

We'll be starting our speaker series again in March in the Social

Centre, keep your eyes peeled for notices and all are welcome.

Jan Bennenbroek, our Clinical Manager, has just celebrated 15 years with the Village. Jan has been a tower of strength for the Village over this time. She started with us as a Registered Nurse and took over as Clinical Manager in 2007. Since I started here Jan has been a huge support for me and I have been so impressed with her commitment and love of the Village.

The great NZ Census took place on March 6th. I think this caused quite a bit of consternation with the new online version, so thanks to those

who offered to help others. Online is not for everyone!

Of significant note, our hens in the Tui Wing have started laying eggs which is hugely exciting. Henrietta and Harriet are wandering around in the garden, just as they would have in many of our residents own gardens, before moving to the village.

A plea from our diversional therapists – we always welcome donations of good magazines. We are particularly short of magazines which appeal to the men who live here; hunting, fishing, boating, farming, sports etc.

Kevin is going to town!

In a New Zealand first for the retirement sector, we are buying a Kia Soul and three Nissan Leaf electric vehicles, (known as EVs), for use in a car-sharing initiative for residents. We'll also have one of these Zero emission vehicles for staff use and we hope to have the fleet in place by April 30th.

The fleet will be known as the Kerikeri Electric Vehicle Network for Seniors, or KEVNS which we are calling 'Kevins.'

The project is funded jointly and equally by the Kerikeri Village Trust and a grant from the Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, administered by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

We think it makes all sorts of sense as our residents typically travel short distances and it saves the expense of owning and maintaining a traditional combustion engine vehicle. Car sharing is a great way

to reduce transport costs for our residents and to increase energy efficiency.

As part of the EV project we have funding available to install a fast charger in Kerikeri. We are consulting with NRC and local EV expert Craig Salmon about the best siting of this charger for the benefit of all of Kerikeri.

In the long term we'd like to make car sharing available to the wider public but there are many logistics to be sorted first. In the mean time watch this (car parking) space...



Welcome to ...



Norma Cumming.



Garth and Lindsay Matterson.



Lorraine Robson.



Merle Thorp.



John & Elizabeth.

New Chairman of the Board



Mike Simm has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the Kerikeri Retirement Village. Mike has been a member of the Board since 2012 and replaces John Baird, who continues to serve on the Board.

Mike, his wife Lynn and their four children moved to Kerikeri in 1990 after purchasing the Fullers tourism business with two other partners. He sold his share of the business in 2002 and became a professional company director, playing a role in the development of businesses across the region.

In 2012 he was inducted into the Northland Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in recognition of his contribution.

He is also a trustee of several not-for-profit organisations and is a Justice of the Peace.

Suzanne Brocx, a nurse, educator and local dairy farmer, is our new Deputy Chairman. Other Board members are Kevin Hall, Brent Hewitt and Vicki Douglas who are all highly-skilled locals with intimate knowledge of Kerikeri, its people and their needs.

Appointment to the Board is for a three-year term, re-electable for two further terms. Trustees meet bi-monthly at the Village and they are all unpaid volunteers. They have oversight of the Village's development and operations and provide direction to the Chief Executive and management.

Caro's critters!

Many of our residents grew up in the country surrounded by animals so it brings them much joy to relive happy memories of earlier life and favourite pets. Caro's Critters come in occasionally and it's always great to see the smiles they put on our residents' faces.



Eggs-cellent lifestyle!



Construction of our designer chicken coop was complete in January (thanks to Alan Taylor and Ian Faulkner of Men's Shed in Waipapa for all their hard work).

Residents Henrietta and Harriet love their new home and enjoy a spot of free-ranging in the beautiful Tui Wing Garden. They are happy to mix and mingle with staff and residents and particularly enjoy sitting in the shade of the sun umbrellas.



On the 20th January I celebrated the 15 year anniversary of my employment at KRV. Back in 2003 I relocated to Kerikeri with my three young daughters and started working here two shifts a week.

A few months later I took on the role of Staff Development Coordinator which I thoroughly enjoyed and found very rewarding.

A few years later the Clinical Manager left and I was asked to

Bringing in the haggis!

January 25th saw us celebrate Robbie Burns Day. For some it was an opportunity to acknowledge their ancestry, while for others it was a chance to revel in the great works of the famous poet,

eat haggis and fling themselves around the Social Centre.

Special thanks go to piper Andy Ashdown and also to Ron Lonie for addressing the Haggis.



Jan 15 years of service

step in temporarily while they found a permanent person for the role. After a few months I started to enjoy it so when I was offered the position I took it, that was 10 years ago.

Being Clinical Manager is the hardest job I have ever done (besides being a mother). I have learnt a lot about people but probably more about myself. My children grew up here, and were here before and after school, as well as for the odd sleepover. I knew KRV staff looked out for them here and in Kerikeri as well.

There have been many changes over the past 15 years. The Village has expanded, the facility has been restructured and renovated, the staff numbers have grown and

the compliance requirements have increased.

But through all this KRV has never lost that 'special something' that is the heart of the place and it is why a lot of staff stay here for many years. The staff here are amazing. We support and encourage each other through the good times, the sad and tough times. In my role I have faced many challenges and 'character building' situations. I have laughed, cried, celebrated, commiserated and raged.

The staff, residents and families I have been privileged to meet have been some of the loveliest, funniest, kindest and most sincere people that have enriched my life. How lucky am I?!



Village Fete

We had a great turnout for our Village Fete on March 2nd. There were lots of fun activities including 'Splat the Rat', a dunk tank (thanks for being a really good sport Frances), a hotly contested egg & spoon race, an hilarious gumboot throwing competition (well done to gold medallist Frank) and fishing for ducks, to name a few.

As well as being a chance for village residents to catch up, the fete was the first in a series of fundraising activities to go towards buying a sensory chair for the Tui Wing (see page 5).



A calming, sensory experience

Our fundraising goal for 2018 is to purchase a Wellness Nordic Relaxing Chair, known as a Sensory Chair, for the residents of our Tui wing.

The chair has been specially designed for people with dementia. It does some pretty amazing things including gently rocking the user, it vibrates soothingly and it plays music chosen by, or for, the resident.

The chair is a comfortable place for residents to relax and feel secure when they are tense or troubled.

Another function is to stimulate their minds, to awaken memories and parts of their consciousness with music and therapy when other



more conventional therapies are unable to reach our residents.

Any donations towards the chair would be gratefully received.

Unfortunately it comes at a price but we are aiming high and our Village Fete is the start of a fundraising venture to make this goal a reality.

DONATE ONLINE at
www.kerikerivillage.co.nz/donations/make-a-donation

Robinson Lounge

A group of staff decided it was time to give the Robinson Wing lounge a makeover. The fundraising began with two cake stalls featuring donated baking, savouries, vegetables and preserves which raised about \$900. The family of the late Alison Watts donated other items that were sold, adding another \$500 to the pot.

The team got together to decide on the improvements and made a plan of action.

The result is a warm and inviting lounge with a large 'smart' TV that all the residents can see and enjoy with added functions for playing music and photo montages. There is a wallpapered feature wall that echoes the pattern and colour



BEFORE



AFTER

of the curtains and an electric fireplace just like the lounges in Tui and Paterson. Above the fireplace hangs an amazing handcrafted mirror with a wooden surround that has been oiled to finish it off beautifully.

Special thanks to:

- **Dawn Cheeseman** for organising and running the cake stalls
- **Laser Electrical** for the free electrical work

- **Michael Inwood** for his work on the gib, plastering and trim.
- **Paul Cheeseman** (Inside Out Decorating Services) for donating the wallpaper and hanging it for free
- **Geran Brewer** for making the fireplace surround and getting the best deal on the fireplace
- **Richard and Laurel Tamaho** for the mirror

The Robinson dining room is next for an update so watch this space!

Weekly croquet



We are making good use of our croquet set this summer with sessions being held at 4pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays, weather permitting.

Residents, their families and friends are welcome to come along and we're happy to teach newcomers the game.

Faithful friends



Good news for those of you who felt for our sole green budgie surrounded by cackling cockatiels in the Paterson aviary... it is lonely no more!

Thanks to Mrs Lyn DeAth for donating a white budgie called 'Faith'... the two have been thick as thieves since they met.

Sitting pretty



We would like to extend a big thank you to Wendywood resident Mrs Wilma Davidson who donated a six seater furniture setting for the patio outside the Wendywood Lounge.

It's lovely to see everyone sitting comfortably and enjoying the beautiful wisteria.

DIARY DATES

SPEAKER RAY HASLAR

Fri 9th March | 10.00am

Ray Haslar talks about the Volvo round the world yacht race. In the Social Centre.

WINE TRAIL

Fri 23th March | 1pm

Village Afternoon Wine Trail.
Bus leaves reception 1pm.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Tue 3rd April | 5.30pm

In the Social Centre.

SPEAKER ABOUT GLAUCOMA

Mon 16th April | 2.30pm

In the Social Centre.

CHILDRENS MOVIE

Weds 18th April | 2.30pm

Holiday Children's Movie 'Penguins of Madagascar'
bring the grandkids! In the Social Centre.

Final Plans - Coming Soon

Resource Consent is imminent for the apartments at 127 Kerikeri Road and we are champing at the bit to get going on our new development.

Some of you have visited our office to register your interest in particular apartments. We hope to be in a position to provide prices and completion dates shortly, but in the meantime come and have a look at the floorplans (we should have scale plans in mid-March).

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Haven't heard yet about our apartments? Call in and talk to Village Manager Frances Shaw.

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