

# Village Times



## Welcome... TO OUR NEWSLETTER

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jan Bennenbroek and I am the Clinical Nurse Manager here at the Village. Until July I will also be the Acting General Manager ably supported by my colleagues in the management team including Frances Shaw, Village Manager and Cheryl Silich, Operational Support Manager. Betty Petrie has left us after 25 years of service and it has been my pleasure and privilege to work with her for 13 of those. She helped us to achieve huge growth during her time here and, like many of the team, I am going to miss her inspiring leadership and lovely smile. Fortunately for us she has family living in the Village so we will still see her now and again when she pops in to visit.

There have been lots of other changes since the last newsletter too and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Cheryl Silich, Angela Hawkins and Monica Boyd to the team.

Cheryl, our new Operations Manager, is busy implementing new systems that will ensure the smooth running of the Village as we continue to grow.

Monica Boyd joins Robyn Hori on reception so that there is always at least one person on hand to answer your enquiries from 9am-5pm weekdays.

Angela is our Medical Records Officer and she'll be helping us to transition from paper records to electronic archiving.

We also look forward to welcoming Hilary Sumpter who will take the helm as our new Chief Executive in July. You can learn a little about Hilary and our new staff on page 5.

Lastly we'd like to acknowledge the students of Springbank School who have fundraised towards helping us buy a shade sail for the patio on the Village Green.

We think it's amazing that they continue to recognise the contributions of the elderly in our community and look for ways show their respect.

So as you can see it's been a busy time and one of great change. While we recognise that change can take us out of our comfort zone, it can also be exciting and is essential to our organisation's growth.

If you have any questions about the changes or any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me regarding clinical or care facility queries, Frances for any Village queries and Cheryl for any operational issues.

## Achiever of the Year Award

Village resident Judith Kennedy was recently awarded the Stroke Club trophy for 'Achiever of the Year'.



Given annually, this award celebrates supreme courage, determination and achievements following a stroke.

Judith, who has survived several strokes, is fighting to walk and talk again and is making steady progress. All she asks is for people to take time to listen to her when she talks and not assume that she doesn't understand.

Judith, together with two support staff from the Stroke Club, has worked closely with our caregivers, helping them to understand the experiences and struggles stroke sufferers are likely to face.

If you or someone you know needs help to cope following a stroke, you are welcome to join the Stroke Club which meets every second Wednesday from 1:30-3:30pm at St John's Kerikeri.

## Welcome to...



Brian Carter



Tui Rear

## Thanks to

Putts Green Florists for the beautiful arrangements they donated to brighten up reception.



## Esther Turner

JULY 1923 – APRIL 2016

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Esther Turner, a long-time supporter and generous benefactor of the Village.

Esther, who was 92, began volunteering here when she was in her late 60's. She was on the original Repair & Maintenance Committee when we built the first cottages. An enthusiastic fundraiser, she will be remembered by all for her wicked sense of humour. She loved animals and was inseparable from Ricky, her fox terrier-cross, who was also quite a character.

Towards the end of her life, Esther lived in our Care Facility for a year. Although she is gone, we still have her best legacy in the form of daughter, Dale Bell, who is a St Johns volunteer here and who has inherited all of her mother's caring qualities.



## Here to help



Village Support is a home based support service for those who need a helping hand. Operating since 2012, the team now supports over 65 seniors in their own homes, providing assistance with things like meal preparation, laundry and general housework. Carers also provide transportation to medical appointments, assist with shopping and run an array of personal errands.

We provide well in excess of 300 hours support per month and much of that is funded through the District Health Board. If you or someone you know needs help, we can put you in touch with the relevant people who can assess your eligibility for funding.

Many of the people we help are private clients and some, while not necessarily elderly, just need short term help while they recover from an accident for illness.

For more information contact [villagesupport@kerikerivillage.co.nz](mailto:villagesupport@kerikerivillage.co.nz)

## Allan McLeod CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



Allan McLeod volunteered legal advice to the Kerikeri Village Trust since 1986.

Although he's officially retired, successful businessman and accomplished lawyer Allan McLeod has been volunteering legal advice to the Kerikeri Village Trust since 1986 when the first cottages were built. He's used his specialist knowledge to help with sale and purchase agreements, and to oversee the hundreds of employment and supply contracts required to ensure the smooth operation of such a large organisation.

Always passionate about championing the rights of the elderly and providing them with rewarding lifestyle choices, Allan joined the



Allan was a driving force behind a joint fundraising initiative that saw the Kerikeri Lions and New World raise \$10,000 for a hoist in 2014.

Board of Trustees in 2004. Whatever the project, he's used his professional expertise and considerable influence within the community to get the right people on board to fulfil the vision.

He's applied that same enthusiasm to help drive a number of fundraising projects by using his contacts within other community organisations he contributes to. One memorable example is getting his fellow Lion's to assist with fundraising to purchase a hoist for the care facility – a very successful initiative that enabled the Village to raise \$10,000 within three months.

Allan has also won a lot of hearts because of his hands on approach. He's the first to offer to man the barbecue at residents' functions and he knows most of them on a first name basis.

Due to personal circumstances, Allan has recently resigned from the board leaving some big shoes to fill. He encourages other people to get involved and emphasises that you don't have to have a professional background to make a difference. He says age is a qualification not a barrier and he wants people to understand that "no matter how old you are, you still have something to contribute".

## TRUSTEE & BOARD VACANCIES

Are you passionate about Kerikeri and supporting people to have choices as they age? The Kerikeri Village Trust is responsible for providing a range of support and care options for older people within our community.

We are best known for the Kerikeri Retirement Village which provides a range of retirement options and three levels of residential care. We

also provide a range of community activities and programmes as well as in-home support.

We are looking for Trustees to join our Board and are particularly interested in hearing from those with governance experience in the commercial or health sectors. The roles are voluntary and offer an opportunity to make a significant difference to the Kerikeri Community.

Our aim is to support older people to enjoy life and foster a sense of community both within the Village and the wider community. We play an important role in Kerikeri and are one of the town's largest employers. Like the retirement village sector nationally, we are in a strong growth phase and we need the right people to help us achieve that growth.

**If you are interested in becoming a Voluntary Trustee or Board Member at the Kerikeri Village Trust see the Careers Page at [www.kerikerivillage.co.nz](http://www.kerikerivillage.co.nz)**

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

# Betty's Farewell

- 1 Chairman of the Board John Baird acknowledges Betty's many achievements
- 2 Betty thanks everyone for her leaving gift
- 3 Caregiver Turiti Bonney shares a moment with Betty
- 4 Robyn Hori says goodbye
- 5 Jan Gough shares a few memories of early days in the Village
- 6 Newcomer Cheryl Silich with some of the original staff- Jo Bolter, Eunice Frear and Betty
- 7 Former caregiver Rose Rihari gives a blessing



## Anzac celebrations

ANZAC Day always holds special significance here at the Village as many of our residents recall life during the war.

Diversional Therapist Judi Brewer created this impressive tribute and Countdown Kerikeri shouted a special morning tea to acknowledge the sacrifices our elderly have made.

Thanks to Yvonne and Dianne from Countdown who helped to serve morning tea.



## Welcome to our new staff



### Hilary Sumpter – Chief Executive Officer

Hilary will join us on July 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to guiding the Management Team she will work on the continued development of the Village and our role within the wider community.

Hilary has a wealth of experience within community organisations. Most recently she was the CEO for the Auckland Communities Foundation and prior to that the Auckland YWCA.

Hilary has lived in Whangarei for over 20 years and is currently in the process of shifting to Kerikeri, a place she has visited often. Outside of work she enjoys travel, boating, spending time with the family and great food and wine.



### Cheryl Silich – Operational Support Manager

Cheryl supports the leadership and administration teams. She's all about the details and it's her job to implement the systems and strategies that keep things running efficiently. Before joining us Cheryl was the Revenue and Collections Manager at the Far North District Council. She has also had a lot of experience working with Voluntary Organisations.

Part of Cheryl's motivation in moving to Kerikeri almost 20 years ago was to spend more time on the water and her passion is Big Game Fishing.



### Angela Hawkins – Medical Records Co-ordinator

Angela keeps all our medical records straight and also assists with administration. Prior to joining us, Angela had significant administrative experience with the Auckland District Health Board and a number of North Island District Health Boards.

Originally from Auckland, Angela moved to Kerikeri 2014. The busy mum enjoys spending time with family and friends, knitting and keeping fit.



### Monica Boyd - Receptionist

Monica is a real people person and loves her front line role. She's always been in customer focussed roles and has worked across a variety of industries for companies such as Tourism New Zealand, Emerald Foods and the Far North District Council.

Originally from San Pedro in California, she emigrated to NZ almost 30 years ago and moved to the Far North in 2015. A social butterfly, Monica enjoys cooking, good food, nice wine, music and dancing.



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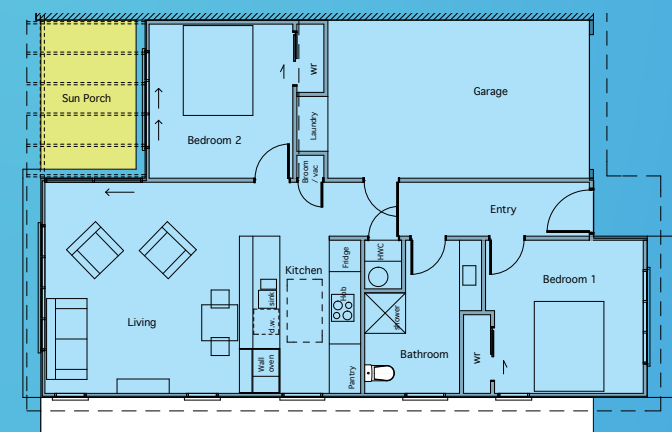


**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
504 Kerikeri Rd,  
Kerikeri  
**09 401 6341**

# Wendywood Townhouses **AVAILABLE NOW!**

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

 2 Bedrooms |  Garden patio |  Bathroom |  Garage



**TO ARRANGE A VIEWING  
CONTACT FRANCES SHAW  
ON 09 929 5836**

## A nice place to sit



Sandy Champtaloup and Margaret Kingston enjoy a chat and a wee rest on the park bench recently installed by the council. Former Trustee Margaret facilitated the installation after recognising that some residents found that slope difficult.

## Happy 101<sup>st</sup> Selwyn!



Cottage resident Selwyn Thompson celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Selwyn, who remains fit and active, had a family gathering at a local vineyard to mark the occasion.

# Diary Dates - come and join the fun!

## Scenic Bus Ride

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June | 10.30am

Scenic bus ride and lunch at Okaihau café.

Bus leaves reception at 10.30am

## Quiz Nite

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July | 4-6pm

in the Social Centre, \$5 for soup and rolls

## Community Dinner

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July | 5.30pm

In the Social Centre \$15.00

## Afternoon Movie

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July | 2.30pm

In the Social Centre