



Welcome to the  
**TAMAHERE VISTA**  
April 2019

The tragic events in Christchurch have left us all reeling and I think that the beautiful picture above of the kiwi crying, which you may already have seen, speaks volumes. I pray that we may all move forward together as a nation, united as we have never been before.

Autumn is here at last and I thought the worst of the very hot weather would have been over, but it continues to do its best to stick around for as long as possible!

We have ANZAC Day coming up on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and, following the special service at 11.00 am, Carol our chaplain has arranged for a “Front Line Luncheon” to be served in the café afterwards at 12.30. The cost is \$15.00 (to be charged to your monthly account) and friends and family are invited to join us.



I will be taking the bookings for lunch that day and these need to be with me by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. My phone number is 856 9269.

Our Residents’ Association chairperson, Colin, has been out of action during March due to an injury, and we look forward to seeing him back in action again soon.

During March our team competed again in the Inter-Village Quiz held at Hilda Ross. Unfortunately, we didn’t return with the cup – having come fifth. However, it was a great afternoon and we had lots of fun. Our own Brother Damian again provided the questions, which were very well received.



Congratulations go to Phyllis Clark, one of our Rimu residents, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday during March. Here’s a picture of Phyllis enjoying one of the celebrations. She looks as though she’s trying to find a way to “attack” the wonderful birthday cake.

Don’t forget that ‘flu injections will be available for residents here in the Community Centre lounge on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April between 9.00am-3.00pm. These will be carried out by Hillcrest Pharmacy and bookings are not required.

A group of people interested in forming a garden group have been meeting over the last couple of months but are still looking for a convenor. If you are interested in being involved in this please contact Debbie Crouch on 021 0839 7812.

Jean Robertson, Editor



### A MESSAGE FROM ELLEN

Well, this is my last column. It was with great regret that I handed in my notice. I have enjoyed my time here as Activities Co-ordinator. Everyone was so kind and helpful. You are a great bunch of people and made my time here at Tamahere really enjoyable. But you haven't seen the last of me as I will be popping in from time to time to say hello.

I have been in touch with the Performing Arts Group at the University and the students are looking forward to returning to Tamahere with their music. Dates to be advised.

And always remember: "You never really leave the place you love. You take part of it with you, and leave part of you there". Enjoy your Easter Break and have a great month.

**Ellen Sturzaker**

### ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tamahere Choir performing in the Community Centre at 2.00 pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Flu Vaccinations in Community Centre Lounge 9am-3pm (no appointment needed)
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** United Youth Orchestra performing in the Community Centre 2.30-3.30 pm - gold coin donation
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** University Performing Arts in Community Centre 3.00 pm
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** Stephanie from ACC – Falls Prevention in Community Centre 2.30 pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Happy Hour in Community Centre 3.30 pm
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Village Quiz Afternoon in Community Centre at 2.00 pm (more info to follow)



**We are still on the lookout for Bingo callers on Thursday afternoons – if you would like to help on occasions, please contact Debbie on 021 0839 7812.**

**Debbie Crouch**

### RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE NEWS



March has been busy, as many months are. As Chairperson Colin has not been available in his role during March, Vice Chairperson Amanda Bradley and Secretary Mary West stepped up. We both had holidays planned, which fortunately did not overlap. Thank you to residents who gave their concerns to us in writing.

To ensure that the March committee meeting had the required number to make a quorum, we brought the meeting forward. We received the suggestions as requested relating to future ideas for social activities. Thank you to those who replied. This meeting also became a time of 'brain storming' for activity ideas. As the previous Social Activities Group has disbanded, the committee agreed that the format of the next social group will be discussed after the AGM.



The Inter Village Quiz was held and our team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10. Mary Clothier arranged a very successful car rally, thank you Mary. This was followed by afternoon tea (with green nibbles to acknowledge St. Patrick's Day). Also, on this occasion Amanda farewelled Ellen Sturzaker with flowers and a blessing.

Sad times have affected all of New Zealand, which have been acknowledged here at Tamahere. Thank you to Len and Hilda Schroeder for initiating dahlias to be arranged and taken by Trevor Hornby to the Frankton Mosque.



I spoke with chaplain Carol and together we agreed that it was important to offer residents and patients a time in the Wesley Chapel for quiet reflection and prayer. You all received this information. Thank you, Carol, for your work in preparing the format and Len for offering a time of music.

I want **you all** to know the process for membership of the Residents' Committee so, chatter over, now for information time!

**Tamahere Residents' Association AGM will be held on  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Commencing at 10.00 am with morning tea followed by the meeting at 10.30 am**

- Who can be a member of the Residents committee? *All residents are eligible, each nomination must have the agreement of the nominee and the proposer*
- How many members on the committee? *The number is between 6-9 and currently there are 7*
- How is the chairperson selected? *The members meet as soon as practical after the meeting, the chairperson is chosen from within this committee*
- The position of Chairperson is for 2 years maximum, after which the past chairperson remains on the committee as Ex officio for a further year



I commenced preparation of the reports and nomination papers during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March. I plan to be at happy Hour on 29<sup>th</sup> March and will ask that Amanda and I have the opportunity to hear any questions you may have then.

Your friendly secretary

**Mary West**

Our sincere thanks go to Chaplain Carol for arranging a time of silent prayer on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. This was a time of contemplation and connecting with the people of Christchurch. As a community, we valued the opportunity to come together and reflect on the need for unity, not only for our country, but worldwide.



Thanks to Len also for his beautiful music.

An Irishman, a Mexican and a blonde man were working as scaffolders on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building.'

The Mexican man opened his lunch box and exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off too.'

The blonde opened his lunch and said, ' Bologna again! If I get a bologna one more time, I'm jumping too.'

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican man opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped too.

The blonde opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!'

The Mexican man's wife also wept and said, 'I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realise he hated burritos so much.'

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, 'Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch.'



This photo is of the 18 entries by Tamahere Eventide at the Hamilton Dahlia Society's Show held recently. Ten blooms received a mix of four first, three second and three third certificates.

Included in the awards were two blooms from Fred's garden and one from Hilary's garden.

*Congratulations to the team involved who achieved these wonderful results (Fred, Nell and Trevor).*

**Don't forget that we have "Care and Share" shelves in the foyer of the Community Centre**

This is where you can share with other residents any surplus goods you don't need. At this time of year this is when we seem to have an over-supply of fruit and vegetables that we don't know what to do with. What a wonderful way it is to make them available to others would who might appreciate them. This way it's a win-win situation.



### FROM THE CHAPLAINS' DESK



Anzac Day occurs on 25 April. It commemorates all New Zealanders killed in war and honours our returned servicemen and women. The date itself marks the anniversary of the landing of New Zealand and Australian soldiers – the Anzacs – on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915.



New Zealanders have marked the landings at Gallipoli since news of the event first reached this country, and Anzac Day has been a public holiday since 1921. On this day the people of New Zealand have acknowledged the sacrifice of all those who have died in warfare, and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

Over time there have been changes in the way that the day has been commemorated, reflecting the changing features and concerns of our society. During the Second World War, for example, there was increased interest and a heightened sense of the relevance of Anzac Day; in the 1960s and decades following it was, from time to time, used as a platform for anti-war and other social protest.

Today, at a time when it seems New Zealanders are increasingly keen to assert and celebrate a unique identity, we recognise Anzac Day as a central marker of our nationhood.



The number of New Zealanders attending Anzac Day events in New Zealand, and at Gallipoli, is increasing. For some younger people, the sombre focus of the day receives less emphasis than do the more celebratory aspects of a national holiday. For most, though, the day is an occasion on which to formally pay tribute and to remember.

We here at Tamahere will be honouring ANZAC Day at a service in the Chapel at 11.00 am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019, followed by a “Front Line Luncheon” in the café to be served at 12.30 pm. The cost of this will be \$15.00 and will be charged to your monthly account. Your family members are also welcome to come along.

Please give names and numbers to Jean Robertson phone number 856 9269 by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 for catering purposes.

Carol

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### CHOIR REPORT

By the time you receive this our choir will have performed on Wednesday 27 March at Assisi, and in the Chapel on Thursday 28 March. Do not despair if you have missed these two performances, because the best is yet to come on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 2pm in the Café.** So please join us, as we are singing many songs you will want to sing too.



The Choir will have a break after this concert and resume at the end of May or beginning of June.

This would be a good time for any new or intending members to join us. You can contact me **after 10<sup>th</sup> May** if you are interested.

**Ann Bunney (Convenor, Ph 856 2472)**



**WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM OUR  
LORD OF THE LIMERICKS  
LATELY  
BUT HERE HE IS AGAIN!**

"Right now we are looking ahead,  
and I think there is much to be said  
to be in the swing  
for the hospital wing  
and book us a new double bed".  
*(Thank you Len)*

Paddy says to Mick, "I found this  
pen, is it yours?".

Mick replies, "Don't know, give it  
here."

He then tries it and says, "yes it is."

Paddy asks, "how do you know?"

Mick replies, "because that's my  
handwriting".

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**VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30 pm in the library of the Community Centre. All are welcome. If you would like further information **please phone Kath Nelsen on 846 2324.**



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**"The Clay Way"**



I wonder if, amongst the increasing number of residents, there are any with experience in the use of clay, or would like to know more about it as a personal hobby. The medium offers a variety of expressions – the wheel to create round objects, slab-based objects like boxes, or figures sculpted from a solid block of clay.

If there is interest we could check out whether the initial work with clay could be carried out within the village. Once the item is firmed up by the natural air drying process, we would have to link up with the Waikato Society of Potters, where there are kilns and the items would have to go there for further treatment.

**Anyone who is interested should ring Ian Gray, Villa 49, phone 859 0234**

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**Atawhai Assisi Chaplain's Reflection**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is also known in some parts of the church family as Refreshment Sunday or Mothering Sunday. Refreshment Sunday because it marks the middle of the Lenten fast and has traditionally been marked with some relaxation of Lenten strictness, including the sharing of Simnel cake. Mothering Sunday because this was the traditional day for apprentices and young people working as servants to go home and visit their mothers, bringing with them presents. They would also attend the village church or the Cathedral; the mother church. With Mothering Sunday in mind I'd like to share the story of a particular mother and disciple of Christ - Susanna Wesley.



Susanna was married to a preacher named Sam; unfortunately, a man who couldn't manage money. Their debt was so high Sam was once thrown into debtor's prison which doubled their problems. Twice the homes they lived in were burned to the ground, losing everything they owned. Apparently by their own church members who were extremely angry with what Sam preached.

They had 19 children; all except ten died in infancy. Susanna's husband frequently left her to raise the children alone for long periods of time. One of their children was crippled. Another couldn't talk until he was nearly six years old. Susanna herself was desperately sick most of her life.



When Susanna was young, she promised God that for every hour she spent in entertainment, she would give to Him an hour in prayer and in reading the Scriptures. Household demands and raising such a large family made this commitment an impossibility. She had *no* time for entertainment, let alone long hours in prayer. She worked the gardens, milked the cow, schooled the children and managed the entire house herself. Instead, she decided to give the Lord *two hours* a day in prayer.

She struggled to find a secret place to be alone with God. So, she told her children that when they saw her with her apron over her head, she was in prayer and must not be disturbed. It took time for them to learn she would not give them her attention. Each time one approached her, she would take down her apron, grasp a facecloth from the bowl of cold water beside her, wring it out, and without saying a word, wipe their faces clean. Receiving nothing but a cold, wet face wipe soon taught them that interrupting their mother's prayer times was not a good idea.

Susannah's very real and practical faith shaped the lives and ministries of her sons John and Charles. John, who preached to nearly a million people in his day, and Charles, who wrote over 9000 hymns, many of which we still sing today.

As we take this time to rest and reflect together midway on our Lenten journey, in many ways it feels like we are already struggling through Holy Week. Recent events reflect the shock, horror and grief of Jesus' disciples, then and now, in the face of terror and death. Thanks be to God, for the outpouring of love and grace and compassion which continue to flow in, around and through us as we unite together in the name of Love.

Let us continue to uphold one another in prayer, give thanks for all those who have brought us life, helped shape who we are and how we live, and inspired us with their faith and commitment to follow God's call upon their lives, with love and compassion and care.

**Rev Sandy Neal TSSF**

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### **VILLAGE BOOK GROUP**

We will be meeting as usual on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00 pm (even though it is ANZAC Day!) If you are a reader, please come along and join us – you will be most welcome. For further information contact Beatrice Hughes on 838 8793.



## VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN



**Quote:** "Creativity is intelligence having fun" (Albert Einstein)

**Villas:** 7 - Sold, David & Jeanette Collins will be moving in on 27<sup>th</sup> March

31 - Being renovated

41 - Being renovated

67 - Sold, Don Campbell & Rena Mellar

73 - Being renovated

88 - Sold, Ross & Valerie Bailey moving in on 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Staff** - Darcy will be leaving us on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March following a restructure of our maintenance and gardening areas across both facilities. He is going to move back into running the Artist's Studio in his home and I would like to thank him for his three years' work with us. Some of his creativity and his pleasant manner have endeared him to staff and residents alike and I wish Darcy all the best for the future.

Andrew Mainey is now our Property Manager over all sites and we will be employing a half time maintenance person at each of Eventide and Assisi over the next few weeks.

We are presently advertising for a replacement for Ellen and, for your information, the following shows how this position fits into the staffing structure for the village:

### David McGeorge – General Manager Support Services

Reports to the CEO

Compliance with legislation – Retirement Village Act

Carries out all sales of villas and apartments

Liaises with the Village Residents' Association



### Debbie Crouch - Village Co-ordinator/Enrolled Nurse

Reports to Village Manager

Provides oversight as needed for residents' medical needs

Welcomes new residents and assists them settling in

Organises the monthly Happy Hour

Chairs regular meetings of the village staff and chaplains to discuss resident issues/needs as they arise - Physical/Spiritual/Social



### Village Activity Organiser (Ellen's replacement – yet to be appointed)

Reports to Village Co-ordinator

Assists residents in joining into activities

Organises at least one monthly on-site activity (educational and/or entertainment)

Organises one outing each month

Organises a guest speaker bi-monthly

Assists with the monthly Happy Hour



**Maintenance** - The washing of the villas has now been completed for the year. By the end of March, the contractor will have sprayed all the pathways and roadways for moss and lichen, which will die off over the next few months and ensure that the roads and paths remain neat and tidy and free of slip hazards.

***David McGeorge***

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**New seatbelt design:  
45% less car accidents!!**



After the baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys".

A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said: "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while.

What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

Bartender: "What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

Pirate: "Well we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now".

Bartender: "Well, okay, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

Pirate: "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine really".

Bartender: "What about that eye patch?"


Pirate: "Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them pooped in my eye".

Bartender: "You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird droppings?"

Pirate: "It was my first day with the hook".

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## Tamahere Retirement Village – Calendar of Events for April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Tony & Fay/C	2 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Short 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 2.00 Tamahere Choir/CC	3 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.00 New World 10.30 MensC&C/cc 1.30 Margaret Love/C 7.00 Snooker	4 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9-3.00 Flu Vac's/cc 9.45 Swimming Pool 1.30 Bingo/cc	5 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&Knatter/cc 10.30 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Vocal Duo/C	6 10.00 Petanque 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
7 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock 2.30-3.30 United Youth Orchestra/CC	8 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Danny Savage/C	9 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Long 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW	10 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.00 New World 3.00 Perform.Arts/CC 7.00 Snooker	11 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool 1.30 Bingo/cc	12 <u>PODIATRIST HERE</u> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter 10.30 Peter King/C	13 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 1.30 Phoenix Players/C 2.00 Scooter Club 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
14 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Shelley Walker	15 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC	16 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Short 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Glen Carley/C	17 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.00 New World 11.00 Holy Commn/C 2.30 ACC Fall Prevn/CC 7.00 Snooker	18 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool 1.30 Geoff Walker/C 1.30 Bingo/cc	19 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> <u>CAFÉ CLOSED</u> 	20 10.00 Petanque 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
21 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>  <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock	22 <u>EASTER MONDAY</u>  <u>CAFÉ CLOSED</u>	23 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Long 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Carol ,Brenda & Bev/C	24 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.00 New World 10.00 AGM/CC 7.00 Snooker	25 <u>ANZAC DAY</u> 11.00 ANZAC Service/C 12.30 Front Line Lunch/CC 3.00 Book Group/cc	26 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter 1.30 Laurie & Piri/C 3.30 Happy Hour/CC	27 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
28 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u>  4.00 Chapel Service led by Liz Lightfoot	29 9.15 Strength&Bal/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Lorene Elliot/C	30 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell/Short 11.00 Assisi Service/AC 11.00 Bible Convsn/SW 1.30 Vision Impaired/cc 2.00 Quiz Afternoon/CC	C=Chapel, CC=Community Centre, cc=Small Lounge in CC, SW=Susanna Wesley Room, ACR=Activities Room, AC=Assisi Chapel, CwC=Coffee & chat with Chaplains, MC&C= Men's Coffee & Chat			