



Welcome to the  
**TAMAHERE VISTA**  
May 2019



At last the year should be settling into some sort of a rhythm now with Christmas, Easter and ANZAC day behind us and autumn colours beginning to alter the landscape. What a joy it is to drive along Cherry Lane and see the changes there.

Talking about Cherry Lane, are you aware that the speed limit for this, and many other roads in Tamahere, has been reduced from 70 to 50 kph? Hopefully this should make driving a little safer.

I have received the following letter from Darcy, who left the village recently, and who has asked me to share with you all:

“Dear Residents and Staff

I would like to acknowledge you all as we part ways, as a new adventure has presented itself to me in the last couple of weeks. I would also like to apologise to all those I was unable to say good bye to, as time and commitments left me unable to do so.

I will miss the time I spent with you all, as I valued my time knowing you, and working as your Maintenance Manager/Caretaker. I am extremely lucky to have met a lot of extraordinary people, from all walks and professions, and really enjoyed the stories and experiences you shared with me.

Eventide was such a beautiful place to work in, it almost seemed surreal to just be a part of that environment, and call it work. And to top it off, working with residents and staff, who took the time to acknowledge me with respect and kindness.

You will all be sorely missed, and I will honour and treasure my time spent with you all. Hunker up for the winter, stay safe, and hopefully I'll see you when I visit in the near future.

Thank you

Kind Regards, Aroha tino nui

**Darcy Poa**”



Our thanks go to Vivienne Baker and Dorianne Hornby for endeavouring to keep exercise groups going in the absence of a Rehab Co-ordinator. Vivienne invites others to join the small group who are still meeting for the strength and balance sessions at 9.15am on a Monday and Wednesday. (Maybe a different time would suit?)

**Jean Robertson, Editor**



### FROM THE CHAPLAINS' DESK



I wrote this on a beautiful autumn day. A sunny, blue sky day, with not a cloud in sight. Neither too hot nor too cold. Perfect Goldilocks weather. After our “endless summer”, which was often too hot and sticky, what a blessing the cooler days and nights are – it certainly helps one to sleep.

As some of the trees take on their autumn hues (which makes this time of year so special) and cool breezes blow, I am reminded once again that the Lord has ordained the seasons and that each one has its own joys and blessings (although, in the middle of winter, one doesn't always feel the blessing!). Perhaps, after the frantic pace of summer, autumn is a time to slow down a little, a time of restoration and a time to reflect, a time to see God in all the colours around us.

Autumn brings to the soul relief,  
as hot summer days slip to an end.  
God sent the season for weary hearts  
to restore, repair and mend.  
God gave to us the autumn season,  
so we could have a respite and rest,  
for it is the season for our beset souls  
to see how much we are blessed!

*(Adapted from “Autumn Blessings” by Deborah Ann).*

May you enjoy a blessed autumn season.

**Clive**

### VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

#### **Quote of the Month:**

“The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground”. (Anon)

**Villas:** 31 Under contract – still being renovated  
41 Under contract  
67 Sold – Don Campbell and Rena Mellar  
73 Under contract



**Call Bell System:** As we are heading towards dark days and nights with winter approaching, I thought it prudent to remind you of the emergency procedure we have in place in terms of call bells in your villa and your emergency pendant.

**At Tamahere Eventide Retirement Village we supply a Personal Alarm System for Emergencies.** The system has four wall mounted points in each villa. A personal pendant is provided to each resident in the village and it is the resident's responsibility to wear the pendant at all times. The personal pendant is able to be activated anywhere on the Tamahere Eventide site, including the gully. The system is checked annually by Guild & Spence Hamilton. Any flat batteries are reported on the call bell monitor in the Rest Home. The Village Nurse checks this and replaces the flat batteries as necessary.

All alarms are raised on the Rest Home display panels as an emergency and on the pager in possession of the Village Nurse. The Nurse on duty will first phone your villa and ascertain the response needed.

On Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.30pm the Village Nurse will respond and deactivate the alarm using the pager. On arrival at the villa she will also cancel on the wall unit. After hours and on weekends the Rest home RN will respond.

**Staff:** Our new Head Chef at Tamahere is Lal, who comes to us with a great deal of experience in catering and bulk cooking. He will take a while to adjust to cooking for older persons in the rest home so please bear with him as he adjusts to meeting our needs. We have had good feedback on his “specials” in the café.

I wish him all the best as he settles into the new role. Please make yourselves known to him when you see him around.

**Gardens:** In terms of renovating gardens when villas are sold, our main priority is to ensure that our gardening team is able to maintain the existing gardens in a neat and tidy manner.



As I have said before, the goal of the gardeners is to create a park-like atmosphere. It has never been the Trust’s intention to plan large flower gardens that require a great deal of expenditure to maintain. The intention is to create space for people to enjoy, which differentiates us from other retirement villages.

In practical terms what we are attempting to do is talk to new owners about what their intentions are with the small gardens around their villa. Not all new residents wish to maintain a garden in their retirement or, indeed, retain what was planted by the previous residents. In fact, a number of new residents have started to garden from scratch when they have purchased the ORA.

There is a balance to be had between the monthly fees paid by the residents and the amount of work done on the common property and we believe that we have got a good balance between keeping the fee reasonable and creating a tidy green spacious place for you to live.

I know that a number of you are active gardeners and your village gardens add greatly to the enjoyment of other residents of the village. I wish to acknowledge the community value these efforts have made.

**David McGeorge**

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### **VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 pm in the library at the Community Centre. All are welcome and for further information **please phone Kath Nielsen on 846 2324.**



## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW PROPERTY MANAGER**



For those that don't know me my name is Andrew Mainey, I used to work at Tamahere Eventide many years ago, 2011 through to 2016. My first role was as a gardener and as time went by, head gardener, then maintenance, finally ending up running both departments.

It was a very exciting time, the rest home underwent changes with the creation of another dementia ward, the development of a community centre, café, bowling green, the last of the villas were constructed taking us up to number 108. We were certainly kept busy as we took on the designing, landscaping and planting of both the villa gardens and designing other common area gardens around our village.

At this point I moved to a different career which involved travelling the North Island surveying buildings, testing for Asbestos containing materials and building a management plan around them for worker safety. It was a great job, I've never seen so much of our country, however it wasn't conducive to family life, hence my return.

My role now is as Property Manager for our three sites - Tamahere Eventide, Atawhai Assisi and Wesley Court in Thames. This involves the building warrant of fitness and compliance, maintenance team, contractors, our gardening/mowing team along with landscaping projects.

It really is terrific being back and getting involved in all of the exciting projects which are currently under way, along with the many future developments which are still to come. I look forward to catching up with you all over time.

Kind regards

***Andrew Mainey***

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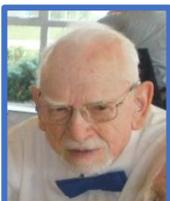
## **CHOIR REPORT**

A big "thank you" goes to all who came to our choir concerts recently – some of you came twice!! We hope you enjoyed the songs and the opportunity to join in. Your wonderful support was appreciated very much, as was your positive feedback to our members.



A special "thank you" also to the people who stayed and helped restore the café to its normal state after the final concert. I know that Debbie was pleased to see that.

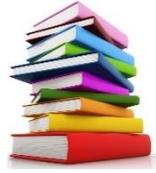
Practices for our next concert will commence before the end of May and, as always, new members are welcome.



We wish to acknowledge the passing of Mac McDonald, a long serving member of our choir. The choir was able to pay tribute to him by singing "Go now in peace" at his service in the chapel.

***Ann Bunney***

## VILLAGE BOOK GROUP



As usual we will be meeting on the last Thursday of the month at 3.00 pm in the library at the Community Centre. To anyone who has read a good book – we would love to have you join us so we can talk about it. If you would like any further information please contact **Beatrice Hughes on 838 8793.**

Two 80 year old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives.

When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day.

One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Sundays together for so many years.

Please do me one favour, when you get to heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed," Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you."

Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike-Mike."

"Who is it? asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Mike-it's me, Joe."

"You're not Joe. Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice.

"Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven," replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again.

Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows.

And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams!

So what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for this Saturday."

Clancy was invited to Doolan's home for dinner. Doolan preceded every request to his wife by endearing terms, calling her honey, my love, darling, sweetheart, pumpkin, etc. Clancy was impressed since the couple had been married almost 70 years, so while Mrs. Doolan was off in the kitchen he said to Doolan; "I think that it is wonderful that after all these years you've been together, you still call your wife pet names." Doolan hung his head. "To tell you the truth", he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago".

## ANYONE FOR GOLF?



A few residents have asked if the putting sessions are going to start again. Before we can enter into any discussion about this, it is necessary to ascertain whether there would be a sufficient number of players to make it worthwhile. The designated area beside the bowling green which was used last year has become unplayable. To turn this state around would be costly in time and money. The original area used for putting is behind Villas 13 and 14 and the surface of that is still in reasonable order with much fewer chunks of paspalum and other "nasties".

The reasons for moving to the new area were that it is closer to the bulk of the newer villas and it provided shelter if a shower of rain appeared [it is not true that it never rains on a golf course!]. Added to that, it was good to be able to share a cuppa and chat after the game. Whichever area is used needs to be cut by a roller mower.

Please phone me if you want to express your interest. If there are sufficient responses we will arrange a meeting in the library with a staff member.

***Nell Bradburn, Villa 16, Ph.8563787***

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## SOME NEWS FROM ASSISI

An ANZAC Service was held at Atawhai Assisi on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Residents were very grateful for the opportunity to gather for such a solemn commemoration in the chapel, which is the spiritual home and heart of the community. A beautiful



focal point was created by Sisters Jocelyn and Paulinus in front of the altar where residents were able to place poppies at the end of the service. A large cross covered in handmade poppies was also in place. This was created by residents, along with other displays, with help from the Diversional Therapy team as stories were remembered and shared. During the service Errol Cowling led the Ode and the following was part of the reflection offered after the poem "Flanders Fields" was read.



"McCrae fought in the Second Battle of Ypres in the Flanders region of Belgium, where the German army launched one of the first chemical attacks in the history of war. They attacked French positions north of the Canadians with chlorine gas on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1915 but were unable to break through the Canadian line, which held for over two weeks.

In a letter written to his mother, McCrae described the battle as a "nightmare". This is a quote from that letter. "For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds ... And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way."

Alexis Helmer, a close friend, was killed during the battle on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. McCrae performed the burial service himself, at which time he noted how poppies quickly grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres. The next day, he composed the poem while sitting in the back of an ambulance at an Advanced Dressing Station outside Ypres. This location is today known as the John McCrae Memorial Site.

This poem, story and the images they evoke are powerful reminders of the horrors of war and the ongoing loss, grief and pain which continue long after the battles end. Only those who have experienced these things personally can ever truly understand the sacrifices made, and the way they impact upon the lives of our returned service people, their families and communities. We do not gather to celebrate war. We gather to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those whose lives were forever changed. We gather to offer our respect and honour to those who have gone before us and to those still in our midst. We gather because we are committed to fulfilling the promise we make, year by year – that we will remember them.

*Rev Sandy Neal, Chaplain*

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**COMING UP IN MAY:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Operatunity – Hits of the 60's and 70's. Featuring famous boy bands including the Beatles, Beach Boys, Monkees, Bee Gees, Jackson 5, Franki Valli and the Four Seasons.



The van will be departing from reception at 10.15 and a charge of \$3 will be added to your village account. Concert tickets are between \$31-\$35 (dependent on numbers). Bookings to Debbie on 8568328 (leave a message if no reply) by 12.00 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** University Performing Arts Group in the Community Centre at 3.00 pm

Hopefully we will be able to organise some other events over the month once our new Activities Organiser has settled in.

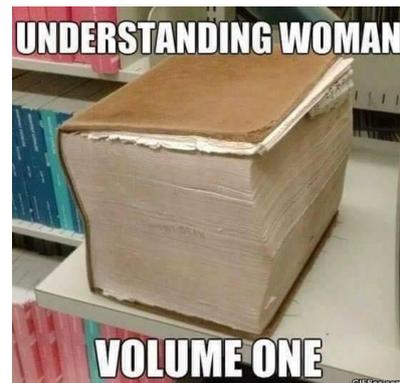
*Debbie Crouch, Village Co-ordinator*

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**We have a more sombre limerick from Len this month to suit the mood:**

**This April's been marred by a madness  
Which has left us in grief and deep sadness -  
We need Easter Day  
With its life-giving ray  
That redeems with its promise of gladness**

**Thank you Len:**



**Sean was sitting at the pub having a few pints with his old friend Donal. Sean gestured across the bar at two old drunks and said, "You know that's us in about ten years." Donal sighed and turned to Sean and said, "You eejit, that's a mirror.**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>C=Chapel, CC=Community Centre, cc=Small Lounge in CC, SW=Susanna Wesley Room, ACR=Activities Room, AC=Assisi Chapel, CwC=Coffee &amp; chat with Chaplains, MC&amp;C= Men's Coffee &amp; Chat.</b></p> <p><b>All items in green are arranged by the Home and Village residents are welcome to attend.</b></p>						
<p><b>5</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u></p> <p>4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Clive Thomson</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.15 Operatunity</b> 10.30 Sit &amp; Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Danny Savage/C</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls <b>10.00 Chartwell/Long</b> 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Te Awamutu. Singers/C</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.00 New World</b> 10.30 Men's C&amp;CwC/cc 1.30 Kevin McNeil/C 7.00 Snooker</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool <b>1.30 Bingo/cc</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&amp;Knatter/cc 10.30 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Margaret Love/C</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10.00 Petanque <b>6.30 Movie in RH Lounge</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u></p> <p>4.00 Chapel Service led by Mary West</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC 10.30 Sit &amp; Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Louise Henry/C</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls <b>10.00 Chartwell/Short</b> 11.00 Bible Conv/SW</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.00 New World</b> 10.30 C&amp;CwC/cc <b>3.30 Performing Arts/CC</b> 7.00 Snooker</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool <b>1.30 Bingo/cc</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <u>PODIATRIST HERE</u> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&amp;Knatter/cc 1.30 Vocal Duo/C</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C <b>2.00 Scooter Club</b> <b>6.30 Movie in RH Lounge</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u></p> <p>4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev's Colin &amp; Sandy Neal</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC 10.30 Sit &amp; Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC 1.30 Big John/C</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls <b>10.00 Chartwell/Long</b> 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Carol/Glenda/Bev/C</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.00 New World</b> 11.00 Holy Commun/C 7.00 Snooker</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool <b>1.30 Bingo/cc</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&amp;Knatter/cc <b>10.30 Peter King</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 10.00 Petanque <b>1.30 Phoenix Singers/C</b> <b>6.30 Movie in RH Lounge</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u></p> <p>4.00 Chapel Service led by Lynn Pinkerton</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC 10.30 Sit &amp; Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games etc/CC</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls <b>10.00 Chartwell/Short</b> 11.00 Bible Conv/SW <b>11.00 Assisi Service/AC</b> 1.30 Vision Impaired/cc 1.30 Glen Carley/C</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.00 New World</b> 10.30 C&amp;CwC/cc 7.00 Snooker</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool <b>1.30 Bingo/cc</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&amp;Knatter/cc <b>1.30 Laurie &amp; Piri/C</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 10.00 Petanque 10.30 Catholic Commn/C <b>6.30 Movie in RH Lounge</b></p>
			<p><b>29</b> 9.15 Strength &amp; Bal/CC <b>10.00 New World</b> 7.00 Snooker</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Swimming Pool <b>1.30 Two's Company/C</b> <b>1.30 Bingo/cc</b> 3.00 Book Group/cc</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9.15 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit&amp;Knatter/cc <b>3.30 Happy Hour/CC</b></p>	<p>10.00 Petanque <b>6.30 Movie in RH Lounge</b></p>