



ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

April 2026

As we farewell March and welcome in April, the weather is changing and the leaves are beginning to turn. I am delighted to be sharing this month's news with you all. We have had a few exciting events this month, with great participation from residents.

Communications from Management

We have a new WhatsApp message group which will be managed by Sune to relay any information from management to us all e.g. what is happening regarding maintenance of our properties, spraying, gutter cleaning etc

OUR PEANUT ROUNDABOUT

We have all learnt new ways to navigate our routes into Hamilton however the peanut roundabout is progressing well. Louis has shared the following information from the Hamilton City Council.

Works completed in the last two weeks:

- Opened the widened shared path between Matangi Road and Morrinsville Road
- Completed all subsoil drains and connected to stormwater pipes
- Installed two of the ten rain gardens and their outlets
- Completed all road excavation
- Laid the first two layers of the new road (four layers total)
- Installed inner kerb of the roundabout
- Installed power supply and ducting for the signalised crossing.

Works planned for the next 2 weeks:

- Complete first layer of asphalt
- Install kerbs and islands
- Install roundabout collar
- Infill islands and collar
- Install a shared path on Morrinsville Road on the Silverdale Road side. This will create some additional diversions - please follow onsite directions and signage.
- Install remaining eight rain gardens
- Install fibre for the signalised crossing and CCTV
- Drilling for power and fibre.

If you go for a walk or drive down to the fencing you can see amazing progress as shown by Jeanette's photos.



Village Quiz:

Great questions and hilarity with Brian H, Jeanette, Sandra and Ross being the winning team. The wooden spoon was awarded to Sue H, Myf, Janie and Lynda.

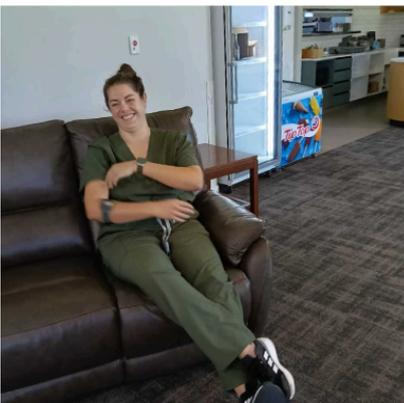


Following on from the winning team's success and inviting Sharon

Q they participated in the Eventide Quiz night coming 3rd equal and claiming 6 of the spot prizes.

Winter Olympics:

This proved to be a great event, thanks to Sharron and her team for organising it and making all the equipment which was inventive and unique to say the least. I hear that some people were determined to win by any means, including knocking jockeys off their horses. Congratulations to our winners on the podium, Malcolm, Bob and Helen.





EASTER EVENTS:

Tuesday 7 April @ 4pm

Sune is organising the ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, dress up, wear your bonnet (made with the craft group) and meet at the car park at 4pm.

A Message from Sune - what is happening in the Village this month:

April 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Shopping trips:

April 3rd and 6th cancelled due to Easter Weekend

April 10th Chartwell Shopping Trip & Happy Hour

April 13th - Hillcrest New World Shopping

April 20th - Hillcrest New World Shopping & Bingo

April 24th - Village Lunch Onyx, Cambridge

April 27th - No shopping due to ANZAC Day (observed)

Also PENDANT CHECKS THIS MONTH - Please check your calendar to see when it is your turn and please arrange with Sune so your pendants are available and your Villa is open.

Sune would like to bring in guest speakers on a regular basis, so any suggestions would be most welcome.



Craft Group

Mondays 1.30 in the Barn

The craft group ladies held their meeting and have planned events for the rest of the year:

Sune's activities for April:

7th April - Easter egg hunt

Craft group Activities for March and April:

March - Easter event - Easter Bonnets - everyone is welcome to join us to make easter bonnets

Join in Sune's Easter Egg Hunt - wearing your bonnet of course

Bring an Easter plate for afternoon tea.

April - Learn a new skill month - An introduction to Macrame led by Jeanette

A Message from our Chaplain, Clive



Assisi Chapel Services

Here are the sessions to which everyone is welcome to attend

Wednesday 1: Combined Easter Service in Chapel 2pm

Tuesday 7: Bible Study in Chapel 11am

Tuesday 14: Bible Study in Chapel 11am

Tuesday 21: Anzac Service in Chapel 1:30pm

Wednesday 22: Discussion Group in Hata Dining Room 11:15am

Tuesday 28: Combined Service in Chapel 11am

Wednesday 29: Bible Study in Chapel 1:30pm

Catholic Masses in Chapel:

Wednesday 10:30am

Saturday 10:30am

Sunday 10:45am



Garden Club

The gardeners were busy for a couple of days in mid-March, weed eating and mulching the side of the stormwater gully and trimming the hedge by Villas 8 and 9. It certainly looks fantastic.

Citrus orchard

Thanks to Sue Lane for all her work watering each tree and for removing some of the fruit so our trees grow to the best of their ability.

Autumn Veggie Garden Working Bee

With the Gardening Group working hard on Saturday, the garden has been cleared of all finished veggies and the new garden has a lovely layer of compost spread so it is ready for Autumn planting.

Great work by the greenfingereed residents.



Super Rugby Sweepstake

Thank you Allison for organising the super Rugby sweepstake, it has proved to be a lot of fun - and who knew that we were all so competitive over rugby. At the end of Round 6, Wendy and Keven are on top with 20 points and Richie gained the top 5 points in this round. Well Done Richie.

Leisure Time Travel

Thank you so much to those that attended my holiday presentation.



Leisure Time Travel is a leading New Zealand owned tour operator, offering an exceptional range of escorted group domestic and international tours. I was particularly excited about sharing with you all, our stunning New Zealand tours, alongside a handpicked selection of international itineraries. If you would like to register on our website to get all the latest updates, just click on the contact tab in the menu to complete.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Leisure Time Travel tour.

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Eventide Lunch Trips

From the WhatsApp chat it would seem that most people are keen to go on a Thursday so they can collect their ready made meals and ... **Thursday is a \$10 meal special day.**

To organise your ready to eat meals from Tamahere you need to make arrangements with Sandra, the meals can be brought over on a Thursday, or collected by the van. Payments need to be arranged with Sandra villageservice@tamahere.co.nz or see her at the Village Cafe on a Thursday.

I have no further details as I did not hear back from Sandra in time for the newsletter.

When you go to the cafe for lunch could someone get the information from Sandra for the next newsletter please.

The Best
Wines
are the ones
WE DRINK
With Friends

Happy Hour

Friday, 10th April 2026 at 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome for a drink, a chat



Movie and Fish & Chip Night

Monday, 13th April 2026 at 5.00pm
Movie - [Jungle Cruise](#) (link to trailer)

Please give your orders to Bob when he puts the request out on WhatsApp - Fish can be battered, crumbed or grilled.

Villa Residents Lunch

Venue Onyx, Cambridge
Friday 24 April 2026

Those going in the van please meet at reception at around 11.20am as the van will leave at 11.30am sharp



Anzac Day 2026 services

Hamilton's 2026 Anzac Day memorial services will take place at the Cenotaph in [Memorial Park](#), on Memorial Drive. This is our 110th year of commemorations. Both services go ahead regardless of weather conditions.

Dawn Service 6am

The dawn service begins at 6am, with the parade leaving the corner of Victoria Street and Anzac Parade at 5.50am. The service finishes at around 6.30am.

After the service, the Hamilton Community Gospel Choir and Salvation Army Band will perform at the Cenotaph.

Civic Service 10am

The civic service begins at 10am, with the civic parade leaving the corner of Anzac Parade and Memorial Drive at 9.50am. The service finishes at around 11.15am.

Following the civic service, you are welcome to stay and listen to the Hamilton Brass Band and the Hamilton Community Gospel Choir perform at the Cenotaph.

Don't miss the poppies!

A display of thousands of poppies will be installed on the corner of Memorial Drive and Anzac Parade again this year, and the [Fields of Remembrance Trust](#) will place 350 white crosses in Memorial Park to acknowledge the Hamiltonians lost in conflict. The poppies will be installed on Friday 24 April and removed on ANZAC Day after the Civic Service ends.



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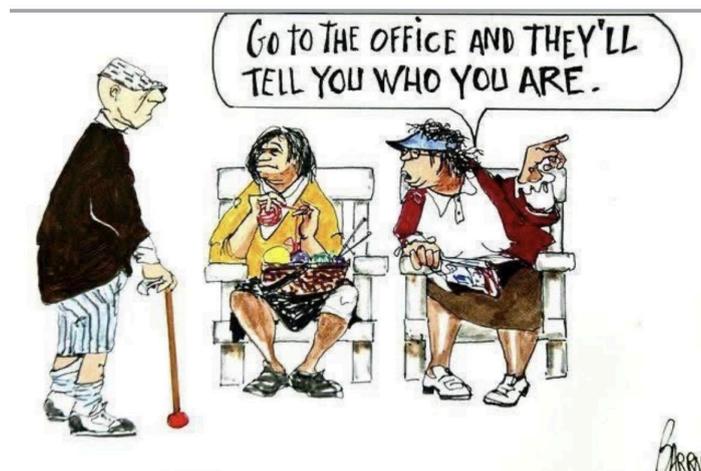
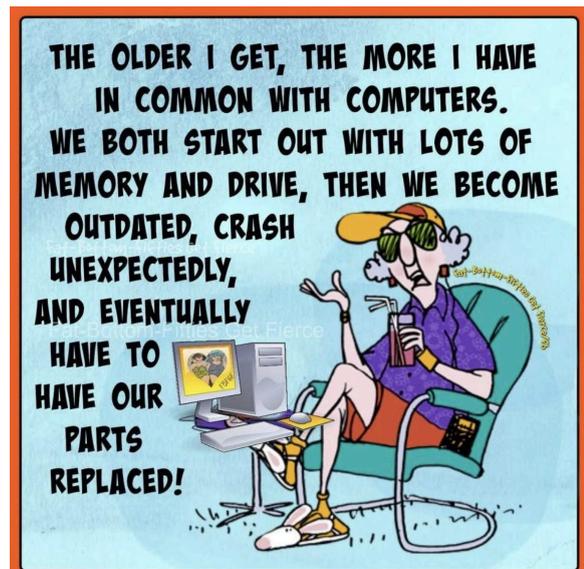
All residents receive a copy of the newsletter posted in their letterbox each month. In the interests of the planet (saving trees etc) you might like to choose to have an electronic copy emailed to your inbox.

If you would like the option of an emailed copy please email Sharon on sharon.quinn@xtra.co.nz with your email address.

Photos for the Newsletter

To help me stay in the loop and have photos for the newsletter, Can you put your photos on WhatsApp or send them to my email address:

sharon.quinn@xtra.co.nz



Atawhai Assisi Village – Calendar of Events – April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	2 11.45 Van for Eventide 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	Good Friday	4 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
5 Easter Sunday 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	Easter Monday	7 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Meet in Carpark next to Barn)	8 Villa 1-5 Pendant Checks 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	9 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	10 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3 pm Happy Hour	11 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
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26 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	ANZAC Day (Observed public holiday)	28 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	29 Villa 20-25 Pendant Checks 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	30 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room		

1. Chartwell Shopping trip and Happy Hour fall on Good Friday so they will be postponed until April 10th. The New World shopping trip falls on Easter Monday also on ANZAC Day (Observed) so will be postponed until the following Monday.