



Atawhai Assisi

An outreach of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

February 2026

Well another year has gone by and another one has started. I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas with friends and family and brought the new year in with a smile and looking forward to good times. We had a lot happening last year. The craft group finished a fantastic quilt which is now hanging up in the barn, the pool men enjoyed a game of pool as did the games people enjoy their games. The movie and fish and chip nights went well and we have watched quite a few of movies that some of us would never have watched. The Happy Hour and village lunches still seem to be a hit with everyone and that's a good time to keep in touch with neighbours whom we don't see on a daily basis. The garden has produced some great veggies which those in the club have thoroughly enjoyed. Milestone birthdays have been celebrated and sadly we lost Pat Smith but have welcomed John and Kathy Aitken into the village. We have joined with Eventide in quizzes, fashion parades and a market day and have got to know residents of our sister village a little better. A lot of our residents went on overseas trips and some have more planned for this year. We've had an outing on the Te Huia train to Auckland and back, visited the Mormon Temple, walked around the Hamilton Gardens, had an impromptu barbecue. Around the village, we have had some of the driveways extended, shopping trips to New World and Chartwell have started, had an Easter Egg hunt, had mid-winter and Christmas meals, gained a new golf cart, the tree in the front by the Barn was cut down and we have had six new villas started to be built which will be completed around April/May. Then there's all the get togethers at each others houses whether it be cups of tea and coffee or an alcoholic beverage.

So, all in all, last year was quite busy and I'm presuming this year will be no different and Glennis has kicked it off by organising a "High Tea" already. Thanks Glennis.

Garden Club



The garden has really produced the goods so far this summer. We have got tomatoes, lettuce, radish, spring onions, beans broccoli, eggplant, capsicums, chilli, beetroot, carrots, apple Lebanese and telegraph cucumbers, whilst the cabbages and peas have come and gone. We have had approval for another garden to be put in next to the tap and existing garden and that is in the design stage at the moment. Thanks also to Winsome and John for the compost they secured for us during the year – it's done a wonderful job and the plants are very healthy.



As an update to this Louis has now confirmed at our January Happy Hour that another garden has been authorised to be built. It will be the same shape as our existing garden, not quite as wide but with longer legs will now be built towards the end of January or early February. This will enable us to do better rotational planting during the year and will give us more room to plant larger plants like courgettes, pumpkins etc (although the pumpkins will need to be "guided" as to where they can grow). The Garden Club might be able to organise some climbing structures and purchase some more weeping/soaker hoses for the new garden. The garden is now underway.

Here are a couple of pictures that I have taken during the first stage of building the new garden.



Movie and Pizza Night

This month we are having a change from fish and chips and instead having pizza at our movie night. Sharon Quinn has kindly volunteered to organise the pizzas as per below. Please give your orders to Sharon by Thursday, 5th February together with the appropriate amount of money so she can order the pizzas and they will deliver them for us. The movie is going to be Enola Holmes 2.

Next Movie Night on Monday 9 February - Hell Pizza for dinner

I have spoken to the Manager of Hell Pizza in Hillcrest and they are happy to deliver pizzas for our Movie Night. I have attached a menu for you to select:

Flavour - 5 choices below

Size - Double for 2 people \$23.50 OR Snack for 1 person \$12.50

Base - Standard, Thin stretched (add \$3.50) Gluten Free (add \$3.50)

Cheese: Mozzarella (standard) OR Dairy free Mozzarella (no extra cost)

I have put a Pizza form in your letterbox for you to complete and post back into Villa 19 letterbox or give it to Ross. I need your order completed by Thursday 5 February so I can place the order and find out the total costs.

Thanks so much
Sharon

'96 ORIGINALS

Double: \$23.5 Snack: \$12.5

LUST

5-pepper pepperoni, salami, triple smoked champagne ham, bacon, chorizo & lashed with your choice of sauce: BBQ, sweet chilli, smokey BBQ, tomato, honey mustard.

GREED

Triple smoked champagne ham, double pineapple & double cheese.

ENVY

Salami, triple smoked champagne ham, onions, mushrooms, pineapple & bacon.

WRATH

5-pepper pepperoni, onions, capsicum, tomatoes, chilli & black pepper. **OPTIONAL:** Kalamata olives, jalapeños & anchovies. **SEE CHILLI GUIDE.**
Veg/plant-based option available.

VEG / PLANT-BASED
PRIDE



Onions, mushrooms, capsicum, tomatoes, pineapple & black pepper. **OPTIONAL:** Kalamata olives, garlic & jalapeños.

February Happy Hour
6th February 2026
3.00pm in the Barn

Recap of Happy Hour Information from Louis and David

We had a lovely Happy Hour last month and this is a re-cap of the info Louis passed on. It was good to have them there as Louis and David were able to tell us directly of the happenings around the village.

1. A new vege garden, almost the same shape, is going to be built towards the end of January/beginning of February. It will be concreted around when the six villas have their concrete work done.
2. Matangi Road is going to be closed off on 16th February and we're going to have to detour via Tauwhare Road to Tamahere or via Woodside Road towards LIC and Morrinsville Road.
3. The café is to be unregistered in the next few days and we will have full access to the kitchen again.
4. Once the six villas are completed, another six will be started.
5. Since the café will be closed, a van will be made available on a Wednesday and Friday to take our residents to lunch at Eventide. There will be a roast meal on a Wednesday and fish and chips on a Friday. The times leaving and returning to Assisi are yet to be determined.
6. In future, the food for Happy Hour will be supplied by the hospital kitchen.
7. The meals previously provided by Sandra will soon be supplied by the hospital as it isn't viable to bring the small number of meals Sandra provides over to Assisi on a daily basis.
8. More cameras are going to be installed in and around the Barn covering the bowling green and village frontage as well.
9. If you are having internet problems, please keep a record of the times the internet goes down and for how long. Do this for a week and then hand the information on to David so he can investigate it for you.
10. The call care alarms, fixed and pendant, are going to be checked as are the smoke alarms.



I went out for Chinese last night and started talking with the waiter. He said he used to live in Japan during the war and was a kamikaze pilot.

He told me his code name was "Chow Mein"

I asked, "Wait, didn't kamikaze pilots sacrifice their lives?"

"Yes but I was Chicken Chow Mein"



Villa Lunch
30th January 2026
The Landing, Church Road, Te Rapa
The van will be leaving at 11.30am

Ladies' Village Outing



The ladies had a lovely “High Tea” at Zealong on Thursday, 22nd January. We tried food we’d never tried before and discovered new teas and iced teas. When you looked at the selection it was beautifully presented and very filling. Those who went, thoroughly enjoyed it and a big thanks to Glennis for organising it. Well done Glennis!

Message from Suné

We welcome back from Suné from her injury and she’s back into action already with the following dates:

1. Hillcrest Supermarket Shopping. This will be every Monday in February and will leave the village at 10.30am. Note that the long way to the supermarket will be taken from 16th February onwards due to the road closures.
2. Chartwell Trip. There will only be one this month which will be on 13th February as the next scheduled trip falls on the same day as our villa lunch. Due to the road closures, please note that David will need to be back at Assisi by 2.00pm so the time may be shortened slightly to enable this.
3. Bingo. This is now going to be on the third Monday of the month in the Barn at 4.00pm, making it the 16th February.
4. Pub Quiz. Suné is organising two pub quizzes for the year and the first one will be on 26th February in the Barn at 4.00pm. Eventide residents are going to be invited so the Assisi wooden spooners need to up their game!
5. David Cordiner will be on leave from 20th February to 6th March.

Rebus Puzzle:

Can you guess the common word or phrase reflected in this lettering layout?

T_RN

Answer later on.

Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for February 2026 to which everyone is welcome.

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 3 rd	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 9 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 16 th	11.00am	Chapel
Wednesday, 25 th	11.15am	Chapel

Discussion Group

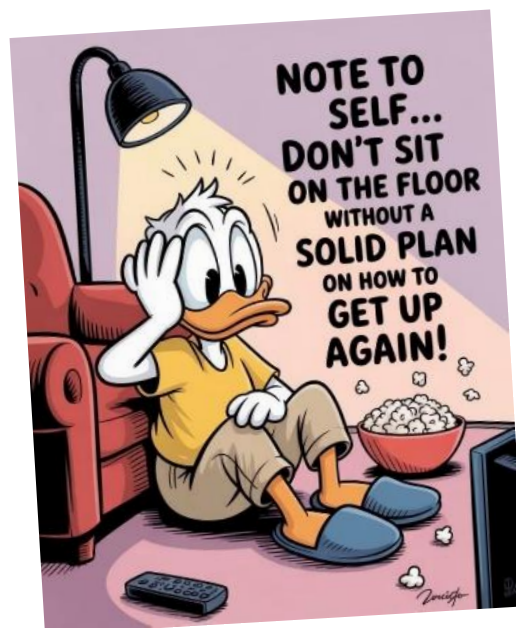
Tuesday, 17 th	11.00am	Hata Lounge
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 23 rd	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 24 th	11.00am	Chapel

Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 4 th , 11 th , 17 th , 25 th	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd	10.45am	Chapel

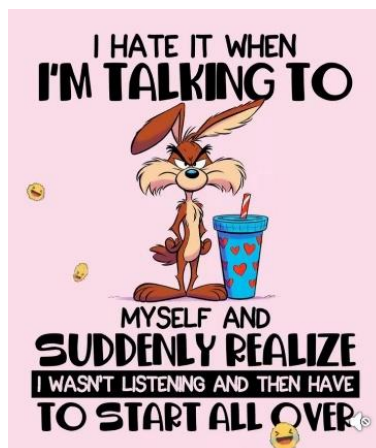
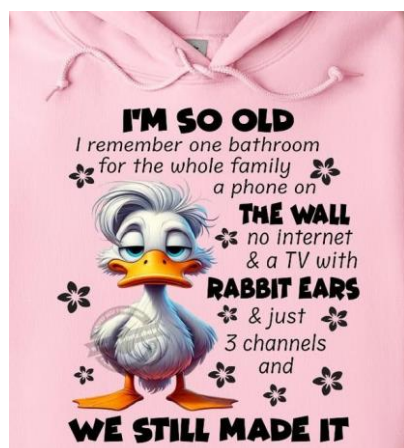


Answer to Rebus Puzzle:

No U Turn

The Committee has planned a few events for the upcoming months. One of them is a Winter Olympics Games Day to be held in the first week of March (date yet to be confirmed). Sharron and Sue are organising this so if you have any ideas for games, please contact them.

Also Ross and I are organising a Super Rugby Sweepstake which will start on 13th February. Those wanting to participate will be given the draw for the whole 16 weeks and then the semi and finals later on. The participants will choose the team they think will win and put their weekly picks in my letterbox (villa 1) by Friday, 12 noon. Progressive totals will be posted weekly on a new "Super Rugby" WhatsApp. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please let me know if you wish to participate. I'll put it on WhatsApp closer to the time.

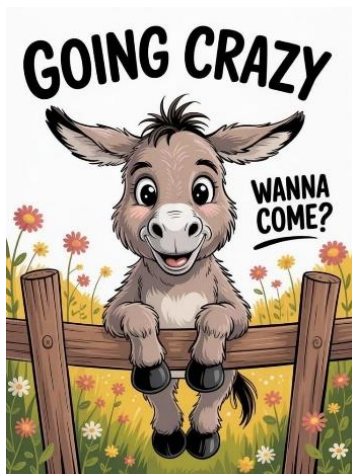


Craft Group

Hello ladies...It's time we got together to discuss what we'd like to do for the upcoming months. There is an idea floating around that we'd like to discuss with you all and see what you think. When I have a date that's suitable, I'll put it on the Craft WhatsApp but in the meantime, have a think about what project/s you'd like to do. Thanks.

Bowls Tournament

Malcolm has kindly made a bowling trophy for us to challenge for. If you're interested in having a shot at winning the trophy, please let him know. He's thinking about running a round robin based tournament but having it so that points are gained by how many bowls you can get within a certain distance from the jack. Any ideas would be appreciated. The date is yet to be decided upon.



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
"That's my hand writing"

Well folks..... I have been writing the newsletter for the past two years and it's time to hand over the reins to someone else. If someone is happy to take the job on, I'm, happy to do the March newsletter with them. I look forward to hearing from people.

I hope you all have a fabulous month and keep well. Good luck for the pub quiz!

Allison Gallagher

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	2 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Pool - Barn	3 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	4 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	5 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	6 Waitangi Day 3.00pm Happy Hour	7 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
8 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	9 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Pool - Barn 5.00pm Movie & Pizza Night Barn	10 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	11 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	12 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	13 10.30am Chartwell Shopping Super Rugby Sweepstake Starts	14 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
15 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	16 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Pool – Barn 4.00pm Bingo - Barn	17 11.00am Discussion Group – Hata Lounge 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	18 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	19 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	20	21 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
22 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	23 10.30am New World Shopping 11.00am Combined Church Service - Hospital 1.30pm Pool - Barn	24 11.00am Combined Church Service - Chapel 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	25 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	26 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Pub Quiz Barn	27 11.30am Villa Lunch The Bale in Cambridge	28 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
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