



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS JULY 2025

First of all I'd like to thank Sharon Quinn for doing the June newsletter in my absence. She did a brilliant job and it was good to see her put her own spin on it. Sorry, mine's not as good as hers – mine's just plain! Anyway, thanks heaps Sharon – much appreciated.

Yes, Lyall and I had a lovely holiday – long but enjoyed most of it. Hawaii was warm 27-28° most days and the swim in Waikiki Beach was great. It was like having a warm bath. Anchorage was a disappointment as we thought it would be much bigger than what it actually was although we did find a “buzzing” restaurant to have my birthday dinner in. It was so good, we went back the second night.



Two nights there was long enough for us and then it was on to the cruise from Whittier to Vancouver on the Noordam for 7 nights. The ship was lovely and we couldn't fault the food and the crew. They were brilliant and couldn't do enough for us. We were disappointed with the destinations, as once again thinking they were going to be bigger than what they were and the entertainers weren't that great. Vancouver was brilliant. We really loved it and Vancouver Island was a treat although the day was very long not returning home until 10.00pm.



On Rocky Mountaineer Train

Then we had 6 nights on Rocky Mountaineer which we would recommend to anyone going to Canada. The scenery was outstanding and the trip on the train was amazing. Lake Louise was glorious and the colour of the lake had to be seen to be believed. Banff was a lovely town and by the time we got to Calgary, we only wanted to get home. The 13 hour flight was pretty smooth and it was great to put our feet back onto soil in good old New Zealand. There's no place like home!!



Kind Donation

It is with much kindness that Gianetta Wynne (from villa 5) and family have donated her family piano to the Atawhai Assisi Hospital. It sits proudly in the hospital and Gianetta hopes that it will be played and enjoyed by resident, staff, family and visitors.

Garden Club



The veg garden has been weeded and cleaned up. Broccoli is now ready with cabbage and cauli is growing nicely – not quite ready yet – but keep an eye on it. The broccoli will grow side shoots soon so please don't pull the plants out. If you want a cabbage or cauli, see if anyone would like to share it with you to make

them go further and get more distributed around the members. When you finally pick the cauli and cabbages, please pull the whole plant out and put the roots in the bin next to the garden shed. They're not hard to pull out. The peas seem to be taking off but the capsicums and chillies are almost finished.

Thanks to Sue Lane for erecting stakes around the fruit trees and fertilising the trees accordingly. This is to allow frost cloth to be put over the trees when frosts and bad weather may occur.

My spring clothes have missed me so much. I put them on and they hugged me so tight I could barely breathe.



Entertainment in the Rest Home

The entertainment in the Rest Home for July is:

Freda & Girls	Thursday, 3 rd July	10.30am
Charlie & Marlene	Thursday, 17 th July	10.30am
Dianne	Friday, 25 th July	1.30pm

Please check Jem's notice board in the hallway for the venue as these may change depending on the entertainer.

***Fish & Chip Night
In the Barn
Monday, 14th July 2025
At 5.00pm.
Please give your movie
suggestions to Bob Gray***

Mid Winter Christmas

I think you'll all agree that this was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for the delicious food supplied as it was fresh and extremely tasty.



A big thank you to Jem for entertaining us so well and also to Brian Foy who sang so nicely the song "Oh Carol" to his wife Carol. That was very special



Even the line dancers strutted their Stuff!



All in all, it was a great get-together with everyone socializing nicely. Thanks to all those who donated Christmas decorations, tablecloths etc. and helped set up and clean up after the function.

Reminders

Since the gates have been open between 5.00am – 7.00pm, it has become very noticeable that the speed at which vehicles are travelling around the village and villas has increased. Can you remind your visitors, friends and family that the speed limit is 10 km per hour and should be adhered to. This also applies to hospital staff, carers, visitors, family and friends.

Medications.... As a kindly reminder in case of emergency, it is a good idea to put a list of your medications and the dosages thereof on your fridge for each member of your household. This is because should an ambulance be called for you, this is the first place the St John staff look.

If you have lockable fly screens in your villa, please make sure you do one of two things:

1. Have the barrel of the flyscreen lock changed to be the same as your door key lock or
2. Ensure management has a spare key for the flyscreen in case of emergency

There are two books missing from the library as follows:

The Vineyard at Painted Moon
The Women of Pearl Island

Please check to see if you have forgotten to return these books or if you're still reading them please let Suné know. Thanks.

Beverly, 90 years young, had played golf every single day since her retirement 25 years ago. But one evening, she returned home looking unusually downcast.

"That's it," she told her husband, Gus. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I hit the ball, I can't see where it goes."

Gus, who was a remarkable 103 years old, made her a comforting cup of tea and said, "Why don't you take me along and give it one more try?"

Beverly sighed. "That's no good," she replied. "You're 103! What help could you possibly be?"

Gus straightened up proudly and said, "I may be 103, but my eyesight is perfect!"

The next day, Beverly reluctantly took Gus to the golf course. She teed up, took a powerful swing, and squinted down the fairway. Turning to Gus, she asked, "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" Gus replied confidently. "I told you, my eyesight is perfect."

"Great!" said Beverly, feeling a surge of hope. "So, where did it go?"

Gus paused for a moment, then scratched his head. "...I don't remember."



July Villa Lunch

Café Fresco – Alison Street

25 July 2025 at 12.00 noon

If you are going in the Assisi Van

Please meet at Reception by 11.30am ready

To leave at 11.40am

Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for July to which everyone is welcome to attend

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 1 st	11.00am	Chapel
Tuesday, 8 th	3.00pm	Rest Home Hata Dining Room
Monday, 16 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 21 st	11.00am	Chapel

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 16 th	11.15am	Rest Home Hata Dining Room
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 28 th	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 29 th	11.00am	Chapel

Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	10.45am	Chapel

Craft Group

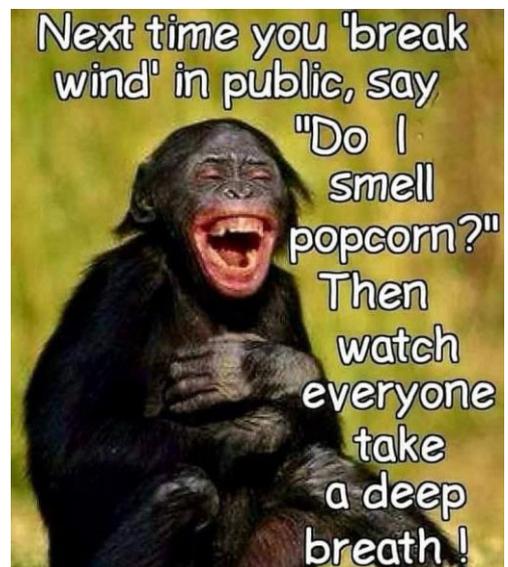
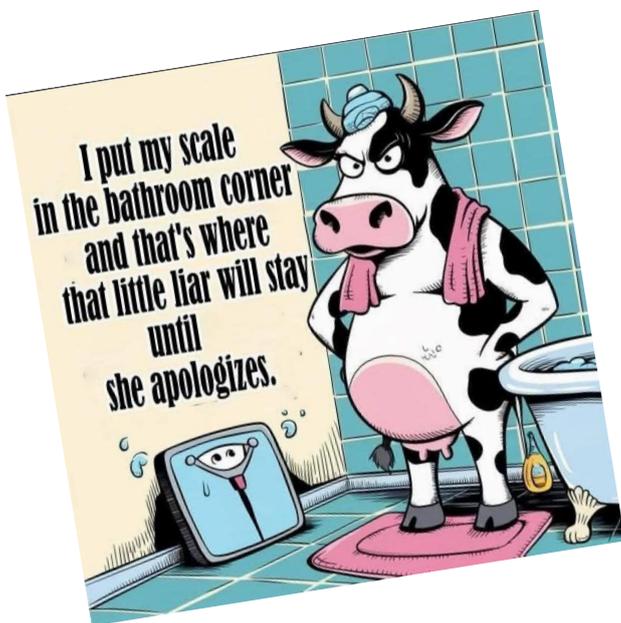
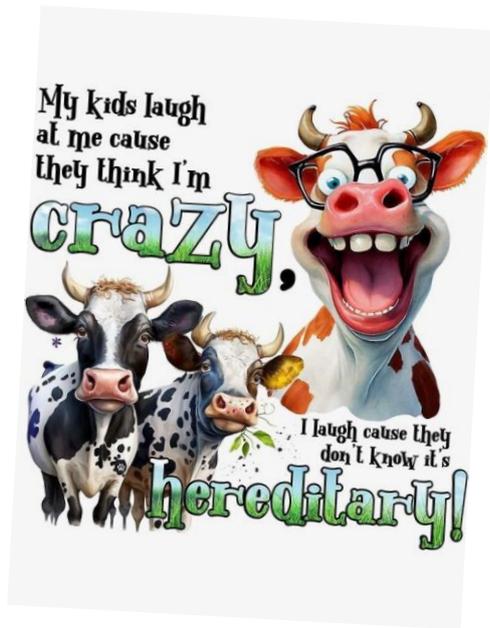
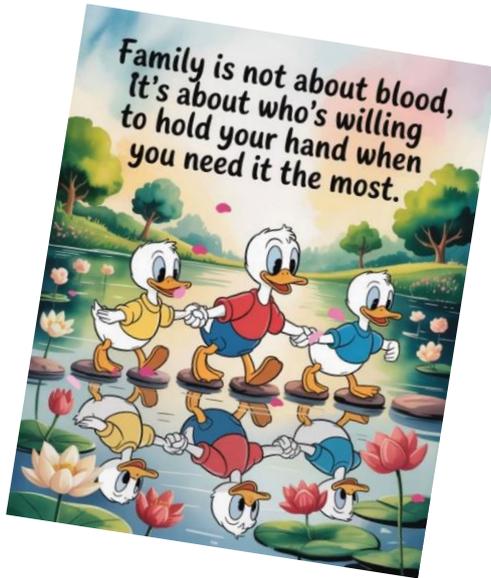
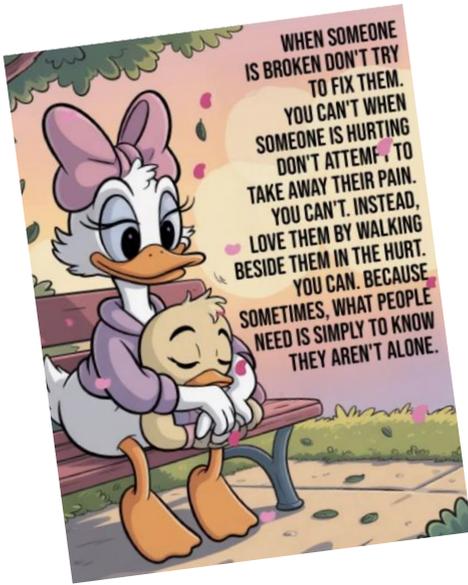


The Craft Group continue to meet on Mondays at 1.30pm in the Barn for about 2 hours. Bring along your own project but we are looking for suggestions about what we can create to put on the walls of the barn. One suggestion is a large quilt but this is going to be very expensive to make and it depends on what donations we can get. So if this suggestion fails, we need to come up with plan B.

If you are going to participate in the craft fair at Tamahere in November, it may be a good idea to start getting those crafts under way now so you have a stock to sell.



*Happy Hour
Friday, 4th July 2025 at 3.00pm
In the Village Barn*



Message from Suné

Suné is organising a Pub Quiz/Trivia afternoon on Tuesday, 15 July at 3.30pm in the Barn. Teams of four are required so please organise your own team and bring your own drinks and nibbles. Suné will send out a notice closer to the time but in the meantime, please organise your teams.

Chartwell Shopping

The van will be going to Chartwell on 4th and 18th July at 10.30am

Grocery Shopping

The van will be doing the grocery shopping on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July at 11.00am

There are no notices from Tamahere Eventide or Sandra this month.

Earthworks



As you can see there is a lot of activity going on. Roads are being formed and the pads for the next 6 villas are being laid. You can now see where the villas are going to be.

The committee had a meeting on Monday, 23rd June discussing issues brought to our attention by the villa residents. We have sent an email to Louis and David with a copy of the committee minutes attached. We would like to discuss the various matters with them and are awaiting their reply.

Well folks, I think I have come to an end of another newsletter. It's good to be home. Please stay warm and stay indoors if you have a cold or are coughing. Should you need someone to get something for you, please do not hesitate to ask for help.

Allison Gallagher

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11.00am Bible Study Chapel 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	2 10.30am Catholic Mass – Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	3 10.30am Freda & Girls in Rest Home 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	4 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3.00pm Happy Hour	5 10.30 am Catholic Mass - Chapel
6 10.45am Catholic Mass - Chapel	7 11.00am Supermarket Shopping 1.30pm Crafts – Library 4.00pm Bingo	8 3.00pm Bible Study Chapel 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	9 10.30am Catholic Mass – Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	10 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	11	12 10.30 am Catholic Mass - Chapel
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