



ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

May 2026

Goodbye April and farewell summer as the weather chills, Jack Frost creeps ever closer in the morning and the winter woolies emerge from the drawers.

Easter celebrations were a great highlight in April and perhaps for 2027 we could add an ANZAC display for 25 April. I love Malcolm and Heather's poppies bobbing on their fence.

Update from Louis Flick - CEO

Atawhai Assisi Villa Projects

V26-31 – completion date 15/5/2026. Gardens and finishing taking place with Asphalt to be done on 11 May 2026.

V32-37 – Planned completion date of 14 August 2026. Good progress with roofs completed and building wrapped with aluminum joinery installed in 32-35.

The hospital extension project which includes the demolition of the Hata Maria wing is progressing well. Resources consent was submitted in April and building consent will be submitted in two parts. The first is preparation for the main building project to ensure fire safety and access/egress. The second building consent will be for the construction of 24 rooms, rehab, hydrotherapy, nurses' office and other support services. On completion of the extension, we will move 24 hospital residents to the new building and upgrade the vacant rooms. Once renovations are completed residents from Hata Maria will be moved and demolition will take place.

Café reopening.

We are planning for this to take place in June and are considering the following:

1. Monday to Friday – 11.00 to 13.30
 - a. Cabinet food on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
 - b. Buffet on Wednesday (Pre booking)
 - c. Fish and Chips on Friday
2. Wednesday to Friday
 - a. Cabinet food on Thursday
 - b. Buffet on Wednesday (Pre booking)
 - c. Fish and Chips on Friday

Village access to the kitchen will remain unchanged.

Update on the Peanut Roundabout

Road Closure: Hamilton City Council remains confident that they will complete the project on schedule. There is a stage 2 which is the section from Hillcrest roundabout to Te Ara Hou that will still have some impact.

From Hamilton City Council:

Morrinsville Road Fit for Purpose Upgrades – Section 1 Construction Update

We're pleased with the progress so far, especially considering the recent weather conditions. There's still a significant amount of work that needs completing before the roundabout can be safely opened. The road remains closed because critical construction, testing, and safety works are presently underway. The roundabout opening remains on schedule for 19 May.

Works completed in the last two weeks:

- Completion of all concrete pours within the central roundabout and raised islands.
- Ongoing installation of traffic signal poles and lighting infrastructure.
- Concrete poured for several sections of the new shared path.
- Raingardens positioned in their final locations.
- Continued installation of pavement/asphalt layers within the road corridor.

Works planned for the next four weeks (weather dependent):

Before the roundabout can open, the following works are required:

- Construction of the final layer of pavement/asphalt on all areas of the road.
- Completion of rain gardens, which safely collect stormwater run-off from the road.
- Completion of the remaining street lighting installation.
- Final installation and testing of traffic lights at signalised pedestrian crossing.
- Road markings and signage.
- Installation of pedestrian accessibility features, including tactile pavers and signage.
- Micro-resurfacing of existing walking and cycling paths.
- Final landscaping works.

Construction of section 2 of the Morrinsville Road upgrades has been delayed by one week and will now start on Monday 20 April 2026.

[Hamilton City Council update information](#)



Thanks to Winsome for the photos.

From Sune - What is happening in the Village this month:

AI - Artificial Intelligence - what is it? How will it affect us? Is it real or is it fake?

Sune would like to gauge your interest in listening to Matt Bently explaining and discussing AI. Matt Bently has previously visited to give assistance and answer questions on general PC issues - Keep an eye out for a message from Sune on WhatsApp.

Possible Hamilton Zoo day for Lunch in May - 2 options for the day

Option 1 - 11:30 departure with Lunch only at Everyday Café or
Option 2 - 10:30 departure for a Zoo day and lunch on own time,
Pick-up from Zoo 13:30 –

Numbers are needed for group entrance fee, scooter hire. Sune will put a poll on WhatsApp.

Craft Group

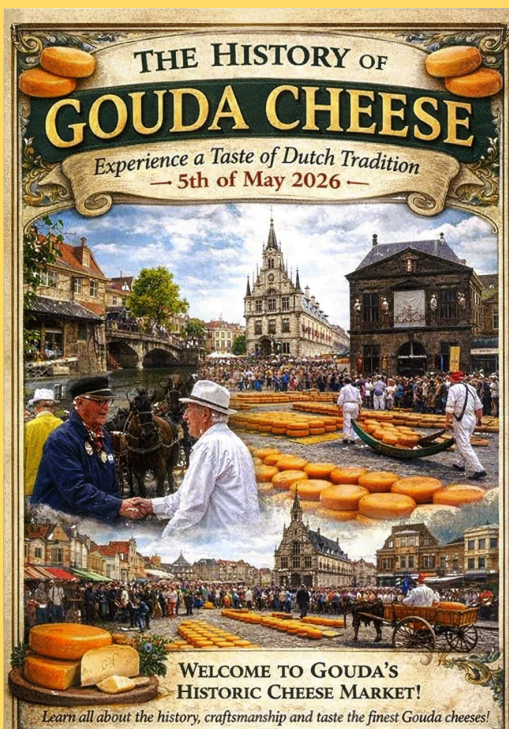
Mondays 1.30 in the Barn

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

April was an introduction to Macramé led by Jeanette. How was this event and where are all the photos of your macramé creations?

May - Outside Activity for Ladies Day - Splashy/Gails of Tamahere or papercraft - TBA

Exciting Activities from JEM



Tuesday 5th - 2pm – Franciscan Lounge - Gouda Cheese Tasting & Sales

Thursday 7th – 1:30pm – Carpark – Classic Car (only one at the moment) – hoping for more?

Friday 8th - 10:30am – Chapel – Entertainment - Cossie Ukes

Saturday 16th – 2pm - Chapel – Entertainment – Jem Staria

Tuesday 19th – 10:30am – Chapel – Entertainment - Charlie

A Message from our Chaplain, Clive



Assisi Chapel Services

Here are the sessions to which everyone is welcome to attend
Chaplaincy:

Monday 5: Bible Study in Chapel 11am
Monday 11: Bible Study in Chapel 11am
Monday 18: Bible Study in Chapel 11am
Monday 25: Combined Church Service in Hospital 11am
Monday 25: Bible Study in Chapel 1:30pm
Tuesday 26: Combined Service in Chapel 11am

Catholic masses in Chapel:
Wednesday 10:30am
Saturday: 10:30am
Sunday 10:45am

Garden Club

The new garden has been planted with a great variety of winter veggies including a new plant donated by Malcolm. It is called Malabar spinach (climbing spinach). These have been planted next to the frames, they look like struggling plants at the moment but let's watch with interest. Sharon has also planted SugarSnap peas on the first frame (labeled)

Incorporating Malabar spinach into your diet offers a wealth of health advantages, making it a valuable addition to balanced nutrition. Its rich concentration of essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants supports immune function, promotes healthy digestion, and aids in maintaining optimal cardiovascular health.



Super Rugby Sweepstake

Competition is running hot as we are more than half way through the season.

After an amazing rugby weekend for the New Zealand teams the placings for Round 11 are: Ross is still in the lead with 37 points, Kevin is a close second with 36 points and Sharon Q, Malcolm and Glennis in third place with 35 points.



Happy Hour
Come along and celebrate May Day
at The Barn
Friday, 1st May 2026 at 3.00pm



Movie and Fish & Chip Night
Monday, 12th May 2026 at 5.00pm

Movie - [The Highwaymen](#)

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



Villa Residents Lunch

Friday 29 May

EveryDay Cafe at The Hamilton Zoo
- combined with a walk around the zoo

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



Newsletter - email or printed

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.

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

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 – May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel					1 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3 pm Happy Hour	2 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
3 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	4 10.30am Hillcrest NW 11am – Bible Study Chapel	5 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	6 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	7 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	8	9 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
10 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	11 10.30am Hillcrest NW 11 am Bible Study Chapel 1.30pm Crafts – Barn 5.00pm Movie and Fish & Chips Barn	12 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	13 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 11.15 Discussion Group 1.30pm Games - Barn	14 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	15 10.30am Chartwell Shopping	16 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
17 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	18 10.30am Hillcrest NW 11am – Bible Study Chapel 1.30pm Crafts – Barn 4.00pm Bingo - Barn	19 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	20 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games - Barn	21 11.45 - Van for Tamahere Eventide Lunch 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	22	23 10.30 Catholic Mass Chapel
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