



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

Another month has flown by and Christmas is just over seven weeks to go. This year has just disappeared.

Lyall had a new experience during October when I took him, Lynda and Janie to the Tauwhare School Calf Club Day. As he went to primary school in central Auckland he didn't know what a calf club was and he thoroughly enjoyed it. There were children with their calfs, lambs, goats and kids which they had fed, brushed, washed and generally prepared their pets for the day over the previous weeks. Needless to say, there were lots of very proud parents and grandparents there as well.



Some of the animals had minds of their own while some did just as they were meant to. e.g. the lambs were meant to come to their owner when called but some of them had differed ideas – some liked to eat the grass while others wandered off on their own and no matter how much calling was done, the lambs just ignored the call. I was lucky enough to present ribbons to the winners in one of the lamb categories. I thoroughly enjoyed it too as it brought back lots of fond memories of when we had a calf club days at Taupiri School. Thanks for the invite Sharon (Quinn).

Also, Sharron and Bob Gray, Glennis, Sue Harington, Sandra Hooper, Winsome, Glennis, Lyall and myself went to Tauwhare School to judge their Flower Show entries. The children these days are so much more inventive and imaginative than I remember in my day. Bob and Lyall judged all the "Recycled Category" and found some of the entrants absolutely fantastic and had hard job awarding prizes. The girls got into pairs and judged two classrooms each and there were five categories in each room - sand saucers, recycled animals, aquajars, miniature gardens and unusual container/vases. Gee, it was fun but it was difficult choosing the winners.



Recycled Winner in one Classroom



Sand Saucer Winner in one Classroom



Sand Saucer 2nd Place in one Classroom

All in all, we all had a great day and thanks again Sharon for the invite to judge at the Flower Show Day and the judge

Garden Club

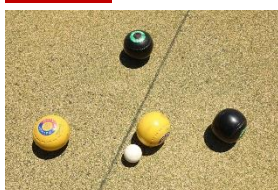


The Garden Club had a meeting on 8th October where the subs were set again for the upcoming year of \$50.00 for a villa having two people and \$25.00 for a one resident villa. These subs can be paid to Allison in villa one.

Tomato, capsicum, lettuce, chilli, cucumber, spring onion and marigold plants were purchased and planted. Carrot and radish seeds were also sown. One or two cucumber plants have been eaten completely while the Lebanese cucumber isn't looking too good at all so we may have to replace some of those. The beans are starting to come up while some of the sweet peas have done their dash and need to be taken out. Thanks to Brian Foy and Lynda for letting us plant courgettes and

pumpkin plants in their gardens. We had a terrible ant problem in the garden shed where they certainly made themselves at home. With the assistance of flyspray and ant bait from Jeanette and Brian, hopefully we may have got rid of them but if you are over at the garden, please have a look in the shed and make sure they haven't come back. Please deal to the problem if the ants have returned.

Bowls



Yes, it's getting closer to the outdoor bowling season again, although you wouldn't believe it with the rain we've had lately. If you're after a game, please put it on WhatsApp general chat to let people know what time you're going to be there and if anyone would like to join you. When the weather gets more settled, those interested can make plans for a definite day and time.



Entertainment in the Rest Home

The following is the entertainment in the Rest Home for November

Friday, 7 th	10.30am	Charlie
Saturday, 15 th	2.00pm	Jem Staria
Tuesday, 25 th	1.30pm	East Side Singer
Friday, 30 th	1.30pm	Dianne

Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for November 2025 to which everyone is welcome.

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Wednesday, 5 th	3.00pm	Rest Home (Hata Dining Room)
Monday, 10 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 17 th	11.00am	Chapel
Wednesday, 26 th	3.00pm	Rest Home (Hata Dining Room)

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 19 th	11.15am	Rest Home (Hata Dining Room)
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Combined Church Services

Monday, 24 th	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 25 th	11.00am	Chapel

Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	10.45am	Chapel



Movie and Fish & Chip Night
Monday, 10th November 5.00pm
Village Barn

Bob will call for your orders shortly
Movie will be Fisherman's Friend

Message from Suné

We have lots of messages from Sune this month as follows:

Bingo:	Monday, 3 rd and 17 th	4.00pm
New World Shopping:	Monday, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	11.00am
Chartwell Shopping	Friday, 7 th , 21 st	10.30am

Melbourne CupTuesday, 4th

4.00pm

Please bring your \$2.00 for your horse in the sweepstake for the Melbourne Cup and then you will be given your horse number. For horses that are scratched – thanks for your donation! (i.e. no refunds given.) Ladies, please wear a fascinator if you have one. There will be pre-race games to fill in time prior to the race starting at 5.00pm approx. Also, bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Barn DecoratingThursday, 20th

3.30pm

Suné has asked that anyone wanting to help decorate the Barn for Christmas is more than welcome to help. She has a large Christmas tree this year and so will be asking to borrow decorations that you aren't using in your villa. If you have any, please bring them along with you.

Secret Santa

Sharron Gray will be organising this activity again this year. If you would like to join in this activity, please register your interest with her by Friday 21st November. The present value shouldn't be more than \$10.00 for each present. There is no compulsion to join in this activity. She will go around to each villa so you can draw your Secret Santa then Suné will follow up in December (date yet to be decided) to collect the gifts to be handed out at the Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner Function

This year our Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, 17th December at 5.00pm in the Barn with the meal being at 6.00pm. Residents are to bring their own refreshments and/or alcohol. The cost will be \$40.00 each and Suné has put the proposed menu on WhatsApp for review. There will be a discussion about it at Happy Hour on Friday, 7th November where residents will be asked for their ideas on it.

Barn Booking

Just a heads up that Louis Feck has booked the Barn and bowling green on Sunday, 30th November from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Villa Residents' LunchFriday, 28th November 2025

Café Irresistibblue, Cambridge

Please meet at the earlier time of 11.00am so you can purchase blueberries, raspberries blackberries and other product (if you choose) prior to lunch



For those who see our cat, Terry, following Lyall when he's doing his twice daily walk around the village, I thought this was quite appropriate!

Hope you enjoy this.

Eventide News



Tamahere Country Market is held at St Stephen's Church on the third Saturday of the month from 8.30am to 1.00pm

Christmas Festival This is held at the St Stephens Anglican Church at Tamahere from 1st – 20th December. The tea rooms and shop will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily except Sundays. There will be morning services plus visiting choirs two weeks before Christmas.



Some of our residents supported the Eventide Fair Day held on Monday, 27th October with three stalls of home made goodies. Thanks go to those who supplied product for the market and special thanks to those who manned the stalls. A great morning was had by all.

There is also going to be a Christmas Market at St Andrew's Anglican Church on Saturday, 29th November, - I presume the time will be approx. 9.00am till 1.00pm.



Tongue Twisters



How can a clam cram in a clean cream can? 	I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. 	Red lorry, yellow lorry, red lorry, yellow lorry. 
Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks. 	If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose? 	A proper copper coffee pot. 
She sells seashells by the seashore. 	Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. 	I saw Susie sitting in a shoe shine shop. 

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Thanks to Wendy for this photo of our village which she took when flying over the village. You can see how it is progressing and where things are going and will go in the future.



Happy Hour
Friday, 7th November 2025
3.00pm
In the Barn

Well that brings me to the end of another newsletter. Hope you've enjoyed it. Take care everyone and hopefully November will be a warmer month with sunny weather.

Allison.

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
2 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	3 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts Library 4.00pm Bingo	4 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 4.00pm Melbourne Cup in Barn	5 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	6 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	7 10.30am Chartwell Shopping 3.00pm Happy Hour Barn	8 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
9 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	10 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts Library 5.00pm Movie & Fish & Chip Night Barn	11 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	12 1.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	13 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	14	15 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
16 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	17 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts in Rest Home with Jem 4.00pm Bingo	18 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	19 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	20 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 3.30pm Christmas Barn Decorating	21 10.30am Chartwell Shopping Register Secret Santa Interest to Sharron Gray	22 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
23 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	24 10.30am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts Library	25 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	26 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games Barn	27 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	28 11.00am Villa Lunch Café Irresistible	29 9.00am Christmas Market St Andrews Church Cambridge 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel