



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS APRIL 2025

Gee, the time is flying by and every month seems to fly by faster than the last one. We had a lot of things happening during March so let's get started.

Last Month's Happenings

Mormon Temple Visit



Helen and Kevin Richardson and myself took a trip up to Manukau to see the new Mormon Temple at an open day on 12th March. It was absolutely beautiful. No expense had been spared when building it and it showed. Afterwards we had lunch at Manukau City Mall and we even managed to get some shopping done.

Te Huia Train Trip



There were nine of us who took the opportunity to go on the Te Huia train to Auckland and home. It was a great day although there were some hair-raising moments. Helen and Kevin jumped on a train we were told would be going to Puhinui but wasn't so I had to get them off that train and we all ran to the correct train. In the meantime, Myf didn't know what to think. Then we thought Brian and Sue had missed the train home! But alas, not so. Thank goodness our train was late leaving Britomart and they managed to sneak on just before the train conductor blew the whistle to give the all clear. Everyone did different things. A big thanks to Brian for sorting out AT Hop Cards for Sue and Myf at Britomart before Myf went to

visit some friends. Helen, Kevin, Lyall and I grabbed some lunch at the Commercial Food Hall before hopping on the ferry to Devonport for a quick look around. Sue and Brian then followed and that was when the anxious moments above happened getting back to the train. John and Winsome got off at Puhinui to visit their sister-in-law so we all did different things. We all had a lot of laughs and a great day was had by all. Thanks Brian for organising the trip – you did really well.

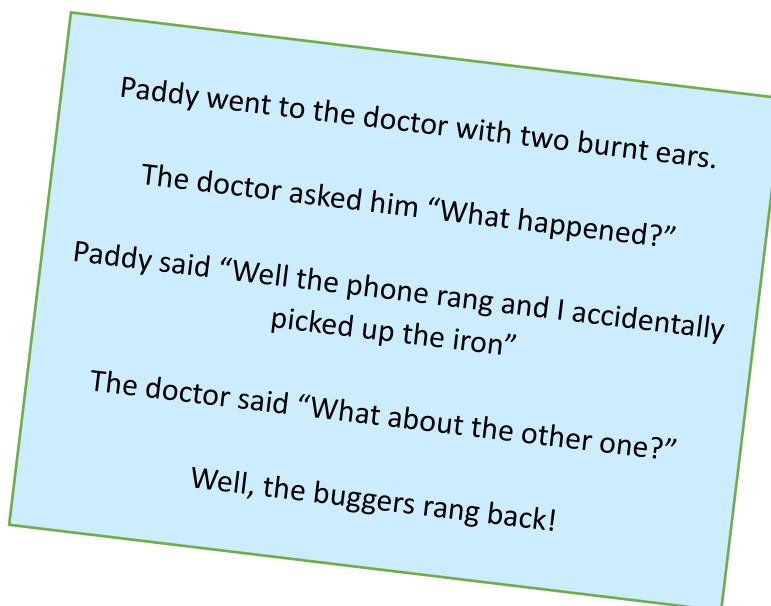
After Hours Help

Something that came out of our meeting with management last month was that residents didn't know who to contact when they had an emergency outside the receptionist's working hours. Louis told us that the following should apply.

1. Phone the Assisi land line phone number – 07 856-3019
2. Follow the prompts for the Hospital – (dial 2)
3. Tell them of your emergency and the nurse on duty will have all the phone numbers you will require – e.g. plumber, electrician etc.

Hopefully this will help should you have an emergency.

Also, please remember that if you have jobs that need doing around your villa, you have to register them with the receptionist who will record it on the maintenance schedule and then the appropriate action will be taken.



Daylight Saving finishes on Sunday, 6th April at 2.00am
Don't forget to turn your clocks back
Yeah – an extra long sleep in!!

Extended Communal Area Parking



One of the things that came out of the meeting at the end of February was lack of parking. To this end some of the driveways have been extended to provide for more “**communal parking**”. These car parks belong to no particular villa. As you can see in this photo the driveway has been extended between villas 15 and 16 which also includes a path to the garden. This path was requested as it provides a destination for the rest home/hospital residents to come and visit when the carers take them for an outing in their wheelchairs on fine days.

Thanks Louis and David for actioning this so quickly.

Crafts



Last month the craft ladies went into the Rest Home and made cards with the residents. Jem had all the residents there and waiting and they were as keen as mustard to do their cards. We had a lot of the templates already made and it was up to them as to what they put in their card – it may have been a theme i.e. birthday, anniversary etc or they may have just made a pretty card. I worked with Margaret and it was a pleasure to do so. I think all the craft ladies enjoyed working with the residents. This month we are making poppies for ANZAC Day so they can keep them for themselves or give them to their family members.

A huge thank you goes to Jem who is absolutely marvellous. She gives us the idea then we follow through and it all comes together in the end. Thanks Jem for the excellent work you do.

Something to Ponder Upon

If the early bird gets the worm, why do good things come to those who wait?

Why do you call it a building if it's already built?

If Cinderella's shoe fitted perfectly, why did it fall off?

Why is the pizza box square when the pizza is round and the slices are triangle?

Amendment to the Phone Listings

Last month I attached a listing of the villa phone numbers and mobile phone numbers. Unfortunately I left Janie Derix from villa 22 out completely. Her mobile phone number is 027 498-6139. Can you make the necessary adjustments on your listings please.

Girl's Day Out

Glennis has decided not to continue with these outings as there is so much going on in the village now.

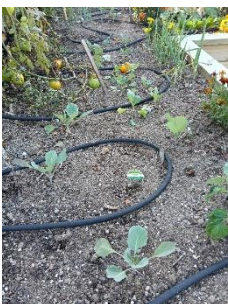


Shopping on Mondays and Van Trips

Either Suné or David will take those wanting to do their grocery shopping to the supermarket on a Monday morning at approximately 11.00am. As I understand it, the van goes to the Hillcrest New World but I think the destination can be varied if so requested and it returns prior to 12.00 noon. You can get picked up from your villa and delivered back there.

The van is also available for a shopping trip to Chartwell or The Base once a fortnight and this can be varied for alternative trips if there are enough people wanting to go. You need to arrange this with Suné.

Green Fingers Garden Club



As you can see the summer garden is nearly at its end and winter crops have been planted. Broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower plants have been planted and another weeper hose has been purchased and this will almost cover the entire garden. The winter plants have been dusted with derris dust to hopefully, help keep the white butterfly away. The apple cucumber plants have now been taken out.

A working bee will need to be held soon once the summer veges have finished and we'll get it completely ready for any more winter crops yet to be planted.

A Note from Sandra

Autumn has arrived with cooler nights and trees slowly changing colour. Hope the construction of the new extended parking/turning bays and edges are to everyone's satisfaction and the new path to the community garden is going to be well used.

With the cooler days, I will be slowly removing the weeds in the lawns and re-seeding the areas. The area in front of reception will be dug up, more topsoil added and will be hydroseeded sometime over this month. My plans for this month also include trimming the hedges and plants, weeding gardens, looking after the internal gardens around the site as well as line trim the run-off pond and take care of the effluent field.

A big THANK YOU TO THE BOYS OF Tamahere who have come over to help mulch some of the gardens, tidy the effluent field (I think they enjoyed using their new chainsaw on the trees at the far end of the field

Have a wonderful month and take care of yourselves.

Quote of the Month:

"How fair is a garden amid the trials and passions of existence" Benjamin Disraeli

See you amongst the weeds

Sandra

Something More to Ponder On.....

If you describe something as indescribable, haven't you already described it?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

If you get out of the shower clean, how does your towel get dirty?

Entertainment in the Rest Home



The entertainment for this month in the Rest Home is:

Thursday	3 rd April	10.30am	Trish & Collin
Sunday	6 th April	2.00pm	United Youth Orchestra
Thursday	10 th April	10.30am	Classic Cars (Outside the Barn)
Friday	11 th April	10.30am	Louise Henry
Thursday	17 th April	10.30am	Freda & Girls

Please check on Jem's whiteboard in the hallway as to where these entertainers will be performing. There's a mix of venues – Franciscan Lounge, main dining room or the chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Notices from Eventide



Carole from Eventide has told me about a place at 66 Webster Road called “Tom Tit Farm” where you can go and pick your own flowers on a Saturday and Sunday – 9.00am - 12.00 noon. It may be something that anyone wishing to can do as Webster Road is so close to us. The cost is approximately \$50.00 for a 9 ltr bucket and you can pick them from January through to May.

Villa Lunch



Last month’s lunch at St Kilda Café was very well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the food. The van was full and so individual cars were taken for the rest of us. Thanks to Lyall for driving the van in Suné’s absence with covid.

This month (March) lunch will be at “Made” in Hamilton East. The van will drop us off in Hamilton East and then pick us up again at 1.45pm. For future reference, if you want to go in the van, please put your name down early with Suné as there is only 11 seats and they fill up quickly.

April Lunch

Fergus in Rototuna

24th April 2025

The van will be **leaving** at 11.30am

Please let Suné know if you require a ride in the van closer to the time.

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We're doing a lot of pondering this month.....

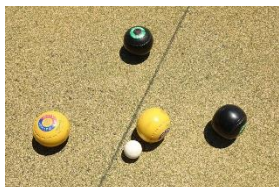
Why is it called shipping when it goes by truck and cargo when it goes by ship?

How does a sponge hold water when it's full of holes?

If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light in the fridge

Do stairs go up or down

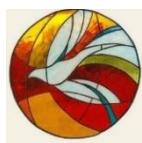
Bowls



As the weather is getting cooler, the bowling group have decided to change the time they play bowls to 4.00pm starting 1st April. They will continue to be played on a Tuesday.

Janie has come up with a really good idea about how to encourage people who are limited in playing bowls to give it a try. Please come along on 1st April to give it a go. The secret will then be revealed!

Assisi Chapel Services



As Easter and ANZAC falls in April, there are a few more services being held to which everyone is welcome.

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 1 st	11.00am	Chapel
Tuesday, 8 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 14 th	11.00am	Chapel
Wednesday, 23 rd	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room
Monday, 28 th	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 16 th	11.15am	Hata Dining Room
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Combined Easter Church Service

Tuesday, 15 th	11.00am	Chapel
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Tuesday, 22 nd ANZAC Service	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 28 th	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 29 th	11.00am	Chapel

Weekly Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23, 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

Catholic Easter Services

Holy Thursday, 17 th	4.00pm	Chapel – Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday, 18 th	10.30am	The Lord's Passion
Easter Saturday, 19 th	No regular 10.30am Mass	
Ester Sunday, 20 th	10.45am	Easter Day Mass

Due to there being so many services this month, I am unable to put them all on our calendar

Games



Games afternons are still popular with about 10 people usually attending on a Wednesday at 1.30pm finishing about 3.00-3.30pm depending on how competitive everyone is. A fun time.

Movie and Fish and Chip Night



This is a great night and usually well attended. We have gone back to Big 2 Takeaways at the Hillcrest round-about and they are delicious. Bob will put a text out when he is wanting your order.

He is also looking for recommendations for the movie so if you have any please let him know. The only thing is that they have to be on Netflix or Prime. Even if you have watched a movie during the month and you think that would be suitable for movie night, please

let him know. All recommendations gratefully accepted.

**Next Movie & Fish & Chip
Night
Monday, 14th April 2025 at
5.00pm**

Suné's Activities

Senior Net Talk from Matt Bently

Matt is from Bentley Home PC Support and he did a talk at Eventide last year and also for Grey Power and Senior Net. He's going to talk about scams and security in general, how to prevent and detecting them and other interesting topics as well. This will be on **Thursday, 3rd April at 2.00pm** and I'm **presuming** it will be **in the Barn**.

United Youth Orchestra

The United Youth Orchestra will be performing for us in the **Chapel on 6th April at 2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bingo

Bingo will be held on **Monday, 14th and 28th April in the Barn at 4.00pm**. Come along and have some fun.

Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Suné is going to hold an Easter Egg Hunt for the villa residents on **Friday, 11th April at 4.00pm**. Suné will advise meeting place closer to the time.



**Happy Hour
Friday, 4th April at
3.00pm
In the Barn**

Internet and Phones

Just an update..... I have given all the survey documents to Louis concerning your wishes as to whether or not you wish to keep your landline. Louis said that we have to give the telco a month's notice of our wishes but he also has to look at all the villas to see how much data they are using before anything changes and going forward, which future plan may be most appropriate for you. I have done my bit by getting everything to Louis and I am now waiting on him to get back to us.

And Now for the Final Lot of Pondering This Month.....

When a fly loses it's wings, is it now called a walk?

Why does quicksand work so slowly

Why do we call it a hamburger when it's made of beef?

If you drop soap on the floor is the soap dirty or the floor clean

Mid Winter Christmas

Some of the ladies here are going to organise a mid winter Christmas function on Saturday, 21st June in the Barn. We are looking at getting a ham and we need to know if there is anyone who doesn't eat ham. If this is you, please let Sharon Quinn (villa 19) know so we can organise something else for you. It's going to be a 'bring your own' meal with every villa bringing either a salad or a dessert. We are thinking about getting some entertainment for an hour or so and will decorate the Barn accordingly. We are anticipating the cost would be in the vicinity of \$15.00 per head – don't hold them to that as it may be a little more or a little less depending on the number attending. But in the meantime, as stated above, please let Sharon Quinn know if you don't eat ham. Please mark this on your calendar so you don't double book.

So folks, we have come to the end of another newsletter. They seem to be getting longer each month so next month, some of the things we do weekly may be shortened considerably. Please attend as many events as you can as this what makes our community so good.

Take Care and have a great month

Allison

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Strength & Balance 1.30pm Rehab Room 4.00pm Bowls	2 Games 1.30 Barn	3 Trish & Collin 10.30am Rest Home Senior Net Talk 2.00pm Strength & Balance 1.30pm Rehab	4 Happy Hour 3.00pm	5
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