



Atawhai Assisi

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ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS FEBRUARY 2025



**WELCOME TO
2025**

**MAY IT BE FILLED WITH GOOD
HEALTH, LOTS OF FUN AND
MUCH HAPPINESS AND GREAT
FRIENDSHIPS**

With all the Christmas and New Year celebrations over, if you're like me, it's good to settle down and relax for a while. I hope that for all those of you who travelled to see family and friends, you had a great time and have now recovered. It's good to see that neighbours are getting together for chats and even drinks on their decks. Let's make the most of our decks. If you are travelling for Waitangi Day or even making it a long weekend, travel safe and allow plenty of time to get to your destination.

Thank You Ritchie

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ritchie Hita from villa 4 for the koru which he has donated to the village. It sits proudly in the centre of the round-about garden. There is a lovely plaque at the bottom of it as well.

Thanks heaps Ritchie. It looks great.



Outdoor Bowls

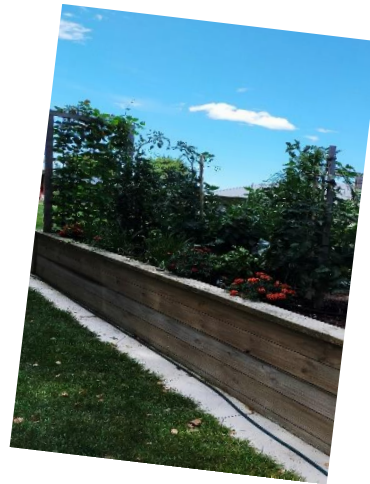


Some residents got together for a roll up one Sunday about 4pm but it was quite hot so a suggestion was made to change the bowling time to 6.30pm on a Tuesday night and playing for however long people want to play

One minute you're young and fun,
the next you're predicting the weather
with your knee



Green Fingers Garden Club



Yes, the garden is looking great. The tomatoes are starting to show some colour while the cucumbers are rapidly growing. For those of you in the club, there's usually some cucumbers ready for picking whether they be apple, Lebanese or telegraph. You'll see a new arch has been put in for the cucumbers to grow over and it is movable should we need to re-position it next year. If you'd like to join, the membership for the year is \$25.00 per person. See Allison. The sweet corn is looking good but not yet ready for picking, the beans have started to produce a good quantity and the peas have now finished and reached the stage they need to be pulled out. The lettuce has done well and succession plantings have taken place as they have for radish, spring onions. A weeper hose has been purchased and is doing a good job of watering the tomatoes and other veges. I see there are 2 bunches of 3 grapes per bunch on the grape vine but sad to say the passionfruit plant has been attacked by insects and isn't looking that great. Thanks to Sharon Quinn for spraying it.

Message from Sandra

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all of you for remembering when to put out your rubbish, recycling and green waste. There is a change this month in regard to the green waste collection on 6th February. As this is a public holiday, the green waste will now be collected on Friday, 7th February. Thanks for your understanding.

I am planning to make the 'golf ball shrubs' on the round-about into a hedge for easier maintenance for myself. Hopefully we have some rain to help with maintaining the grass, though I am enjoying not having to mow as much. For those who have noticed that I have been mowing the road frontage instead of David, this is because our second ride-on mower is currently at Tamahere as they had problems with one of their mowers. Hopefully from early February, we will have our mower back so that David can resume his mowing duties.

Don't forget you can visit the "Flight Centre" aviary by the chapel to see the finches, listen to the canaries or watch the ring-necked parrots fly around the aviary. The adolescent parrots have been removed as they were starting to get "too big for their boots"

Quote of the month from Alfred Austin:

The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature"

To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.

Rudyard Kipling:

Gardens are not made by singing "Oh how beautiful" and sitting in the shade.

See you amongst the weeds.

Sandra

Happy Hour



It was great to see so many people turn out for Happy Hour. This event is always well attended and is a great time for everyone to have a catchup and see what's going on with people around the village. It's also a good time to get to know the newer villa residents and welcome them into our community. I think that excluding the people away who usually attend, all but 3 villa residents

attended so well done everyone. It proves that we have a good community spirit here. Apologies that I couldn't get everyone in the photo.

Please note that new date of 14th February for this month only for the Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour will be on
Friday, 14th February 2025
At 3.00pm
In the Barn

Also, during Happy Hour there will be a quiz that Suné will run at about 3.30pm. This is a one off so have fun.

Movie and Fish & Chip Night



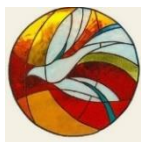
This is another well attended night and Monday, 13th January was no exception. Although we had to change the place where we purchase our fish and chips from Hillcrest to Glenview (where the Hillcrest owners have moved to) they were still hot on arrival and just as tasty.

The movie – The Six Triple Eight was a very good movie and at one stage I think most of us had a tear in our eye. Thanks for recommending it Sharon (Quinn).

Thank you to those of you who helped clean up after the movie. It was much appreciated.

Our next Movie and Fish & Chip Night will be on Monday, 10th
February 2025 in the Barn
Please give movie suggestions to Bob or Sharron Gray in villa 2

Assisi Chapel Services



Everyone is welcome to the following sessions in February:

Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 10 th	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
Tuesday, 11 th	11.00am	Chapel
Monday, 17 th	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 19 th	11.15am	Rest Home
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Combined Church Service

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

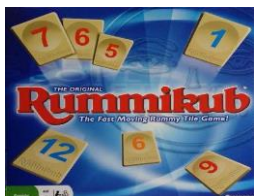
Weekly Catholic Mass

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

Villa Residents' Christmas Dinner

I think everyone will agree that the Christmas dinner we had was just brilliant. The food was lovely and Jem singing for us, did a fabulous job. The music was just perfect for our age group and you sang like an angel Jem. Thank you so much. Also, big thanks must go to Suné who organised the whole event from start to finish. Thanks to all those who helped decorate the Barn and those who helped clean up afterwards. Your help was greatly appreciated. I think the Secret Santa was one of the high lights of the evening as was our very own "Santa". Thanks Brian and I loved your sleigh!! I know that Chris worked like a trojan in the kitchen to make the evening a success and by the end of it she was shattered. Thank you for your hard work Chris. I hope all the friends and family enjoyed the evening. Being the first time we had this event, we learnt lots of what we can improve on for next year and things we can do differently but if you have any ideas for something that can be added to the evening, please let Suné know.

Games



The games afternoons on a Wednesday at 1.30am continue to be popular and we're always looking for new games to play. So, if you have any, I'm sure there are people wanting to learn a new game so bring them along. Although the main games that are played are Rummikub and 500, there are plenty of other games that can be played.

Entertainment in the Rest Home

Jem in the Rest Home organises entertainment in the Franciscan Lounge for the residents but all the villa residents are welcome to attend. She has different entertainers each month and this month there are four coming in on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Entertainer</u>
Saturday, 1 st Feb	10.30am	Jem Staria
Monday, 10 th Feb	10.30am	Freda and Girls
Friday, 14 th Feb	10.30am	Louise Henry
Monday, 17 th Feb	10.30am	Graham Horne

I'll add the Rest Home entertainers to our monthly newsletter. Also, if anyone has some spare time and would like to take a rest home resident out for a walk around the gardens, please feel free to let Jem know and she will organise it for you.

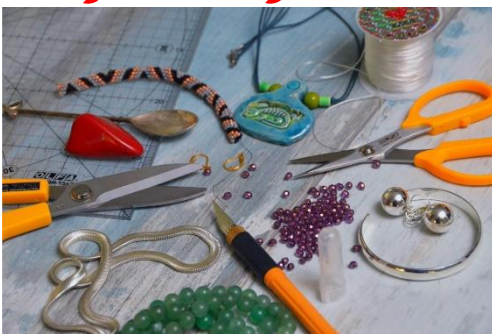
Notices from Eventide

Eventide is hosting a Hamilton inter village quiz on Thursday, 20th February at 2.00pm. Anyone interested please contact Malcolm. Our team needs to be at Tamahere Eventide at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start.

Villa Lunch

This month our lunch will be on Friday, 31st January and we will be going to Weave which is in Ruakura. The bus will **LEAVE AT 11.30am** so please be punctual by getting to reception about 5-10 minutes prior to that. Suné will be putting a notice out on WhatsApp early next week to confirm numbers and those wanting to go in the Assisi van.

Craft Group



This year the craft group are going to meet in the Library on a Monday afternoon – 1.30pm -3.30pm and are looking for new ideas that we can do as a group. Any suggestions are welcome. We have also decided that it doesn't only have to be for "crafty" people – if you would like to come for a chat or just for company, please come along. Everyone is welcome. We have been asked by Jem if we would like to go once a month to the Rest Home craft group and help out with their activities which we thought was a great idea. We are to organise with her a day whether it be the first, second, third or fourth Monday of the month and that way people can put it in their diaries.

Girls Day Out

As Glennis is away for three weeks, I'm not sure about the Girls Day out for February. If there is going to be one, Glennis will put it on WhatsApp when she returns.

Up Coming Events

I have had a couple of suggestions passed on to me about what the village could do as a group if you are interested.

1. Te Huia Train Trip. Brian Foy has suggested a trip up to Auckland on either a Thursday or Friday on the train, Te Huia. We transfer to another train at Puhunui that would take us all the way into Britomart in Auckland. We could have lunch there then you have some options as to whether you want to take a ferry ride over to Devonport or do some shopping before returning home on the train at 3.20pm. Brian said the costs involved could be up to \$20.00 but this is yet to be confirmed. Brian is doing the homework on this trip and those interested should contact him.
2. Mormon Temple to Manukau Helen and Kevin Richardson (Villa 25) have suggested that if there are enough people interested in the village that they get together and take a trip up to view the Mormon Temple in Redoubt Road, Manukau, which is open to the public to view. The dates are from 27th February to 22nd March. I'm not sure of the actual hours the temple is open to viewing but please show your interest to Helen and Kevin. Perhaps a shopping trip to Manukau Shopping Mall or even Sylvia Park could be added to the day out
3. Gourmet in the Park This is held in the Hamilton Gardens on a Sunday afternoon on the Rhododendron Lawn starting from 4.00pm onwards. Lots of food trucks come so all you have to take is yourselves and perhaps a chair or blanket to sit on. Should you want alcoholic drinks, I think you have to them yourselves but you can purchase soft drinks from the food trucks. If the weather is a bit dubious due to the rain, it may be best to check the HCC website to see if it is going to proceed or be cancelled. A group of you may want to car pool if you've got nothing else on.
4. Hamilton Arts Festival. The Arts Festival starts on 21 Feb and goes through to 2nd March. There is a concert called "Sunset Symphony" which is a gold coin entry event. The gates for the Symphony open at 6.15pm and the concert starts at 7.20pm. The pamphlet regarding all the events on at the Festival is available for the Hamilton Gardens and possibly from the Hamilton City Council
5. Hearing Therapist Presentation. Jeanette and Brian Hellier's daughter, Trina Briggs, is a hearing therapist and she is going to give a presentation in the Barn on Thursday, 20th February at 11.00am. The presentation will cover how hearing loss affects people's communication, physical impacts of hearing loss and she will have information on hearing aids and other hearing assistive devices and technology. This sounds like a great presentation and could be very useful to people in our villas. Please mark this date on your calendar and if available, encourage your neighbours to attend. Thanks for organising this Jeanette and Brian.
6. Waikato District Council Library Visitor On 11th February at 10.00am in the Franciscan Lounge a lady from the WDC is coming to show us some books that they are going to put in the library in March. She is also presenting a book of the month. Everyone is welcome.

The Barn

This is a just a friendly reminder that if you are the last out of the Barn can please remember to check that the **ranch slider doors are not only closed but locked as well**. I have been finding lately that while the alarm has been set, the ranch sliders have been closed but they haven't been locked. Should someone try to open the ranch sliders at some unruly hour of the night/morning, the alarm will go off and that means that, usually Lyall and I have to go over to turn it off as the hospital staff don't appear to either hear it or be inclined to turn it off. Also **check that the toilet lights are on "sensor"** which means that they will only come on when someone walks into the toilets. I know this is just a housekeeping item but it helps keep our barn safe and keep our costs down. Thanks everyone.

Paddy goes to the doctor with two burnt ears.
The doctor asks him
"What happened?"

Paddy replies
"Well, the phone rang and I accidentally picked up
the iron!

The doctor asks
"And what about the other one?"

Paddy replies
"The buggers phoned back!"

Another Joke

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."

Bingo

B I N G O				
14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71

Bingo started on Monday, 20th January at 4.00pm. Those who attended had a whale of a time and thoroughly enjoyed it. Bingo is going to continue to be held fortnightly on a Monday at 4.00pm. Suné has suggested for prizes that should you have something in your villa that you now longer require, either wrap it up in newspaper (or she'll wrap it for you) and give it to her and these will make great prizes. I know a lot of people couldn't make the first night but fingers crossed for the next bingo on Monday, 3rd Feb and fortnightly thereafter 4.00pm. (Feb 17th being the only other one for this month).

Well, I think that brings our February newsletter to an end. It's good to be back into routine again and if you want something put in the newsletter, please let me know. In the meantime, stay safe and have fun.

**"Doing nothing is hard... you
never know when you're
done!"**



Kind Regards
Allison Gallagher

Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 10.30am Jem Staria Franciscan Lounge
2 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	3 1.30pm – 3.30pm Crafts 4.00pm Bingo	4 1.30pm – 2.00pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room 6.30pm Outdoor Bowls	5 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel 1.30pm Games	6 1.30pm – 2.00pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	7	8 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
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