



# Atawhai Assisi

An outreach of the Methodist Church of New Zealand



## ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS MARCH 2025

Well, another month has come and gone and it has been a hot one and subsequently the lawns have gone brown and the plants are soaking up heaps of water. February has been a hectic month and it was great to see things get back to normal in the village with our scheduled events kicking back into routine.

To this end, I'll try to update you with some of the happenings. If I have forgotten anything, my apologies.

### *Outdoor Bowls*



We were lucky enough to have John Gray come over from Eventide to put some markings on our bowling greens last Saturday and give us some tips on some of the rules. This was very much appreciated John and thank you.

So now people, we have some idea of the rules and what to do and how and when. Once the jack has been rolled up we have the next part right ..... trying to bowl as close to it as possible!!

So, let's see if we can get a good turnout for bowls on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm and have a fun night. Thanks for the photo Jenny.



Got up at 5 am, ran 4 miles came back, made a vegetable smoothie for breakfast, did 2 loads of laundry, mopped and vacuumed floors! ...and that's all I remember about my dream...

## Te Huia Train Trip



Brian Foy is kindly organising this trip for us. We're going to do a return trip to Auckland on the train Te Huia on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. To do this trip there are two ways of doing this. You can use the cards pictured or you can pay cash for all the trips.

Should you not have the required cards to get the trip for basically \$18.00, you can pay in cash and I think, if you have your Super Gold Card and your Gold Bee Card, the cost will be approx. \$20.00 from Puhinui to Auckland and back to Puhinui, then \$30.00 on Te Huia train back to Frankton as we are travelling outside the offpeak hours. i.e. all up approx. \$50.00 but please do your homework on this as I don't want to put you crook.

Using the cards: The first one is the Super Gold Card which most of us (if over the age of 65 will already have.) Next, we need a Super Gold Bee Card which you can obtain from the Hamilton Bus Station. To get this card, (I think) you'll need to show your Super Gold card and some form of identification i.e. drivers licence or passport. They will give you this card on the spot. This will allow you to travel on buses and trains free during the hours 9.00am to 3.00pm. You need to have **at least \$18.00** on it as this is the cost of the return trip from Puhinui to Frankton (otherwise \$30.00 if you pay cash) as this trip is outside the offpeak hours.

Now to the Gold AT Card. This is for the Auckland train part of the trip. If you haven't got one and you want to pay in cash, I think it will cost you about \$20.00 return. Please don't quote me on this – once again, do your own homework. You can purchase an AT card on the train/station but as I understand it, it won't be a **Gold** AT Card.

### **Now for the timetable:**

Leave Frankton on Te Huia at	9.30am
Arrive Puhinui	11.26am
Change trains at Puhinui at arrive at Waitamata Station (Britomart)	12.15pm
12.15pm – 3.10pm time at your leisure	
Leave Waitamata Station (Britomart) for Puhinui	3.10pm
Depart Puhinui	3.59pm
Arrive Frankton	5.50pm

I think this will be an excellent trip to go on. Please register your interest with Brian Foy as he will be organising it.

## Villa Phone Numbers

I will attach a copy of the resident's phone numbers that people have been requesting. This can be pinned onto your home noticeboard for future reference. Please check that I have got your phone numbers recorded correctly. Thanks.

# *Assisi Chapel Services*



Everyone is welcome to the following sessions in March:

## **Bible Study**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Chapel

## **Discussion Group**

Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Hata Dining Room (Rest Home)
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## **Combined Church Service**

Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel
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## **Weekly Catholic Mass**

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

# *Green Fingers Garden Club*



As you can see, the vege garden has been cleared out of the peas, radish, broccolini, sweet corn as these were way past their best and the tomatoes have been cleaned up. Thanks to Sharon Quinn for spraying the

grape and passionfruit vines. It will soon be time to have a meeting to decide what winter veges need to be planted but you will be advised of this at a later date.

## Message from Sandra

Hi Everyone

Hope everyone has been able to cope with the heat lately, though it does feel like autumn is just around the corner. I have been starting work at 7am so that I don't have to work in the heat of the day so that means I finish at 3.30pm. When I return to my hours of 8am-4.30am I will inform you all. I have also started mulching everyone's gardens, though it is slow progress at the moment due to other jobs taking priority. So THANK YOU for your patience and support.

Our second mower has returned and after some maintenance it is running like a charm. So this means David (the van driver) will be back on mowing duty. I have also started creating the hedge around the round-about. Over the next few weeks, I will continue to trim it to create an even hedge to greet you all as you make your way home.

This month I will be moving between the village and the construction area weeding, trimming and spraying. I will also be having the boys from Tamahere helping in the back area so if you think you are seeing more than one bright shirt, you probably are!!

Quote of the month:

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished"  
Lao Tzu

## Crafts



The Crafts group went to help the rest home residents make cards during their craft day. The group thoroughly enjoyed the experience and this is a card that Margaret made. It had bling, embellishments and she put in lots of effort put into the decision making of where everything should go on it. I really enjoyed helping Margaret and I hope she enjoyed the experience too. The residents had a ball of a time making them. Jem was absolutely brilliant and thank you Jem for organising the cardmaking. The craft group is looking forward to next month.

## Girls' Day Out

There will be no Girls' Day Out this month as we'll combine it with the Te Huia train trip to Auckland. Watch this space for next month.

## *Impromptu BBQ*



What a great afternoon/evening this was. Everyone brought a shared plate either a main or dessert and the selection was brilliant. We have a lot of talented chefs in our village and thank you for the delicious meal. Also a huge thank you must go to the chef and supervisor – Lyall and Sharron Gray. You guys did a fantastic job of cooking the meat to perfection so thanks again. You'll be employed for our next bbq!!

## *Games Afternoon*



Yes, the games afternoon is competitive. As you can see, these ladies are deep in concentration and nothing was disturbing them! It's a good time to meet up, play a game and have a laugh.

These afternoons are on a Wednesday at 1.30pm to 3.30pm so please come along and have some fun.

## *Happy Hour*

Happy Hour for March will be on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm in the Barn. All welcome and encourage your neighbours to attend too.

# New Morrinsville Road Upgrade

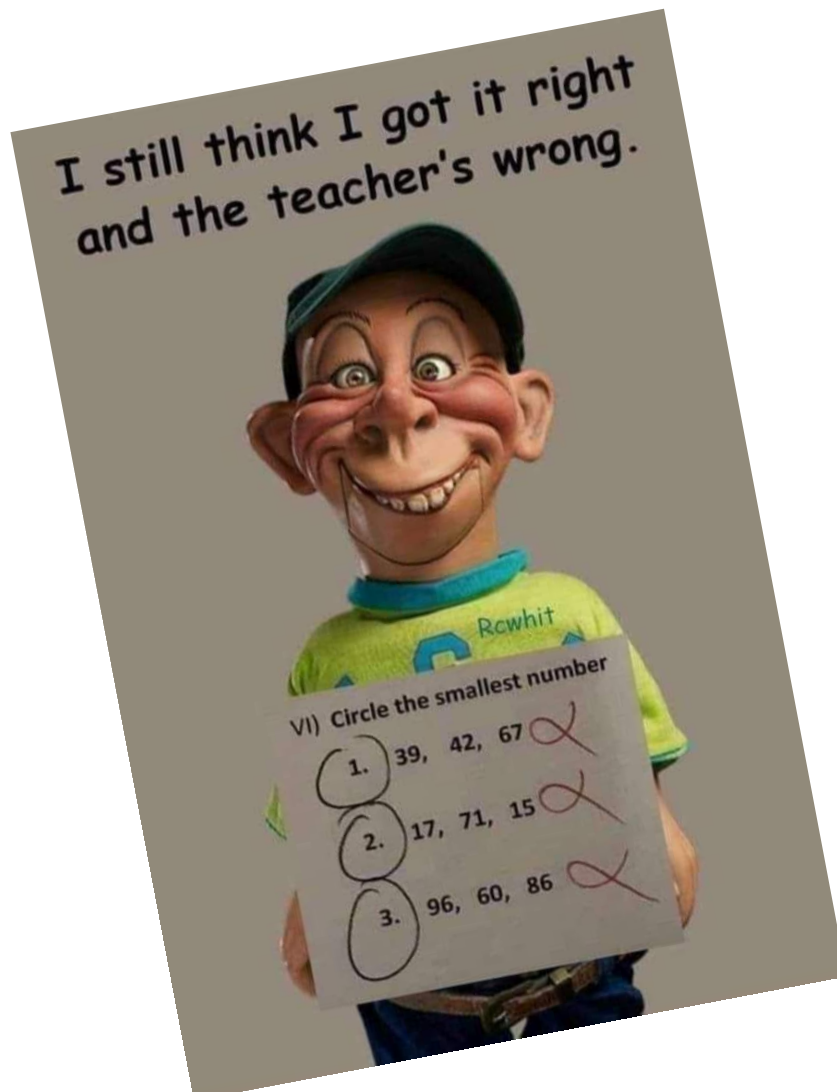


Thank you Glennis for this information. There is an opportunity for the public to “drop in” to Berkley Normal Middle School, 26 Berkley Ave. The dates and times for these “drop ins” are:

Drop In One: Tuesday, 11 March 2025 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Drop In Two: Saturday, 15 March 2025 10.00am to Midday

It is your opportunity for you to provide feedback about the proposed elongated roundabout on Morrinsville, Silverdale and Matangi Roads.



## *Movie and Fish & Chip Night*



Well folks, I must admit that I don't think I have laughed so much at a movie as I did when watching last month's movie, "Back in Action". I found it so far-fetched it was hilarious as I think some of the others watching did. Good choice Bob – really enjoyed it. This month the movie and fish and chip night will be on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March with kick off about 5.00pm. Please get your suggestions for movies into Bob Gray. He will ask for your fish and chip orders closer to the time.

## *Entertainment in the Rest Home*

Jem is the Rest Home organises entertainment for the residents and all the villa residents are welcome to attend too. Please check Jem's white board in the hallway as to where the entertainment is being held. There's a mix of the Franciscan Lounge, main dining room or the chapel where the entertainers will perform. Large groups are always in the chapel. This month the entertainers are:

Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Trish & Collin
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Dianne
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Charlie & Marlene
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm	East Side Singers

## *Notices from Eventide*



Depending on numbers, a course may be held at Eventide called **Staying Safe, a Refresher for Older Drivers**. The date is yet to be confirmed. We drive on our roads every day and for many of us, it is our lifeline – driving is a means of independence and access to essential services. The course is a theory based refresher course and gives you the opportunity to re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices in a friendly and relaxed environment. It will also include information on other options available to help keep you mobile. This course will be held only if there are sufficient numbers to warrant it and therefore a date is yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending this course, please let Suné know.

## *Villa Lunch*

This month we are going to St Kilda Café for lunch. If you are going in the van please make sure you meet at reception prior to the meeting time so the van can leave on time.

March Lunch  
Made in Hamilton East  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## *Morman Temple, Manukau Visit*

Helen Richardson in villa 25 is organising a group to car pool to go and see the new Morman Temple in Manukau, Auckland. The approximate time we are looking at leaving Assisi is 8.45am for a 10.25am tour on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. After the tour through the temple has finished, those interested could have lunch at Manukau. If you are able to take your car and drive please let her know when registering your interest. As bookings are being taken up fast, please let Helen know asap if you are interested in joining her.

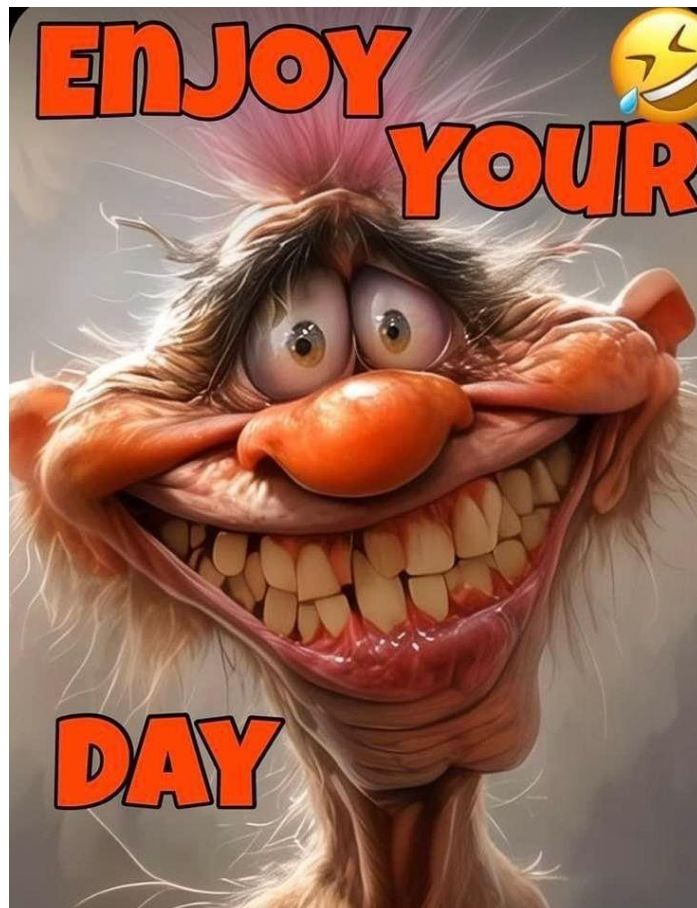
## *WhatsApp*



Just a reminder to keep up to date with the WhatsApp app. It's where you'll keep up to date with everything that's going on in the village. Remember there are a few groups that you can join.

So, I've come to the end of another newsletter and apologies if I have left anything out. As usual, if you want anything put in the newsletter, please let me know. I hope you all have a great month and we have lots to celebrate during the month.

Allison





## Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel	31 11.00am Bible Study Chapel 1.30pm – 3.30pm Crafts in the Library					1 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
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