



# Atawhai Assisi

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## **ASSISI RETIREMENT VILLAGE NEWS** **SEPTEMBER 2025**

Hi there to you all. The months seem to be racing by and very shortly it will be Christmas before we know it. We have had some beautiful days of late – cold mornings but lovely sunny days and if you are out of the wind, they're better still. The roses are in the early stages of starting to sprout new growth so hopefully we'll have lots of colour around the village in the upcoming months.

Looking over at the rest home and hospital, you'll see that work has started on putting solar panels on the roof. Just a note for you as well, if you haven't seen Cam around lately, it's because he's off injured at the moment. We wish him a speedy recovery and hopefully will see him back in the next couple of weeks.

Sandra is still recovering from her shoulder injuries and was working at Eventide but for these last few days will be at Assisi. She will be finishing on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. We'd like to thank her for all the work she has done for us around the villas and village. She has been absolutely brilliant helping everyone with their requests for gardens, rubbish collection and generally keeping an eye on the residents. Her bubbly personality, smiles and stories together with her 'can do' attitude will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

**Now you see it, now you don't.....**



Yes the tree by the café has been cut down and the surrounding area cleaned up.

It was an eventful few days with the tree coming down. There were lots of spectators and lots of photos taken by the residents. Thanks to those who donated their photos. In the second photo, although hard to see, there is a man up the tree and a branch being lowered.

## Village Barn Hiring Policy

We have now had a firm policy come through from David McGeorge regarding hiring of the village barn. This is now in place moving forward.

- All food and drink shall be supplied by the café staff
- There shall be no self-catering of functions
- The kitchen in out of bounds to all but the Café/Functions staff, without the express permission of the Café and Functions Co-Ordinator

### Exception

- The only exception to these rules is an activity/function run under the Village Residents Committee that has been approved by the Café and Functions Co-Ordinator. The General Manager Villages shall be responsible for any issues that arise from the activity/function.

As at Tuesday, 26 August, I have clarified with David the people who relate to the various titles above as follows.

Café/Functions Staff	Kaylah Marston
Café/Functions Co-Ordinator	Sandra Marston (based at Eventide)
General Manager Villages	David McGeorge

## Café

Sandra and Kaylah are trying to generate more business in the café and to this end are having two functions in the near future. The first of these will most probably be done and dusted by the time the newsletter goes out but depending on the response of the first one, will depend on future functions. Everyone is welcome. For bookings please phone Kaylah on 027 915-8211 for any of the following meals.



The first meal is a roast buffet costing \$20.00 per person on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August from 12noon onwards. Please book at the café on or before 27<sup>th</sup> August.

The menu is:

- Roast Lamb and Roast Beef
- Roast Potatoes, Kumara and Pumpkin
- Seasonal Vegetables and Salad
- Pavlova and Fresh Fruit Salad

Depending on bookings, the roast meal buffet **may be** repeated but this is entirely up to the café staff. We will be notified accordingly and hopefully I'll be able to update you in the next newsletter.



The second meal is a Fish and Chip lunch which is to be held monthly on the second to last Friday of the month at a cost of \$19.50. For this price, Kaylah advised that you will receive one piece of fish, chips and salad. If you want another piece of fish, there will be a cost of \$7.50 per piece. The fish will be fresh and beer battered. You can also order this meal as a takeaway. Please book your order on the Thursday prior to the Friday lunch.



Also Sandra is making Heat and Eat Meals for the public. These meals are \$16.50 each or 5 for \$67.50 which can be ordered via the café. An example of their meals (which was for the week starting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025) was:

Corn Fritters, bacon and veges  
Roast lamb and roast veges  
Roast Chicken and roast veges  
Bacon and vegetable frittata and wedges  
Fish, chips and salad

## Welcome into Our Village

We have new residents moving into villa 16 on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and it's a warm welcome to Kathy and John Aitken. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome. It will be great to have a full village again. Hopefully they can make it to our Happy Hour on Friday.

**Happy Hour**

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**Village Barn**

**3.00pm  
Onwards**

**This will also  
be a farewell  
for  
Sandra Hooper**



Remember where Sandra used to park her car in front of the container out the back by her workshop, well Lyall and I went for a walk the other day and took this picture of the rabbit burrows that were underneath it. Lyall said that this is only half as bad as what they were when they first removed the container.

## Quiz Afternoon

Suné did a brilliant job of organising the quiz afternoon which was held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August in the Barn. We had two teams come across from Eventide and four teams from Assisi. It was a great afternoon with a lot of laughs. Congratulations to the Eventide quiz winners, Judy Jellicoe, Keith Glover, Janice Glover (standing) and Rex Jellicoe and Lynn Dring (sitting). The wooden spooners – well you all know them!!!



Winners



Wooden Spooners!

## Assisi Chapel Services



Here are the sessions for September to which everyone is welcome to attend.

### Bible Study

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Rest Home, Hata Dining Room
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Rest Home, Hata Dining Room
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Chapel

### Discussion Group

Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Rest Home, Hata Dining Room
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### Combined Church Services

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Hospital
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Chapel

### Catholic Mass

Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Chapel
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Chapel
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Chapel

## Our Last Message from Sandra



Hi Everyone

With a sad heart, I'm saying goodbye to my position as gardener at Atawhai Assisi. I have had a wonderful time maintaining the gardens and facilities here at Assisi. The relationships I had developed with you all, I will treasure always! You haven't seen the last of me as I plan to keep writing to you all.

Please take care of your new gardener, Roshan Manjula and the second gardener when they are employed.

Quote of the month:

"I love spring anywhere but if I could choose, I would  
Always greet it in a garden"

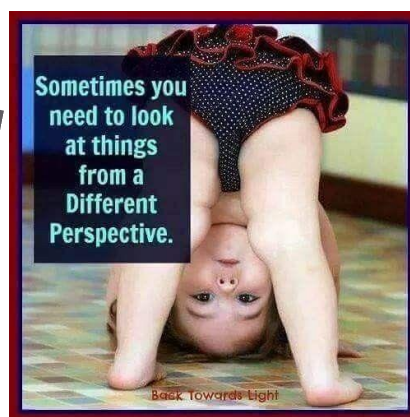
-Ruth Stout

Thank you again for all our memories and take care.

Sandra



Roshan Manjula



## Message from Jem

The following is the entertainment in the Rest Home during the month of September

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Carol on Accordion	Rest Home Lounge	10.30am
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Father's Day Sausage Sizzle	Barn or Rest Home Lounge TBC	1.30pm
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dianne	Rest Home Lounge	10.30am
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St Josephs Singers	Chapel	1.30pm

A Rawleigh's supplier is going to come to Assisi Rest Home on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.00am to 12.00 noon with their products. A price list for these products is already available on the bulletin board in the Rest Home. Should you want to purchase any products, please feel free to do so and for ease of purchasing, an eftpos machine will be available.

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Daylight Saving  
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Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Message from Suné

Bingo

Happy Hour

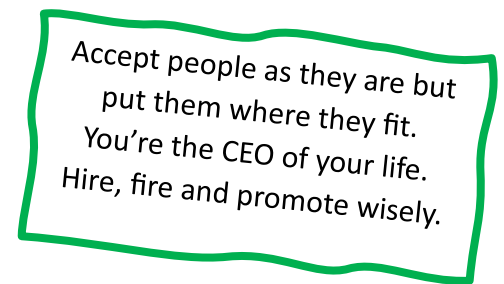
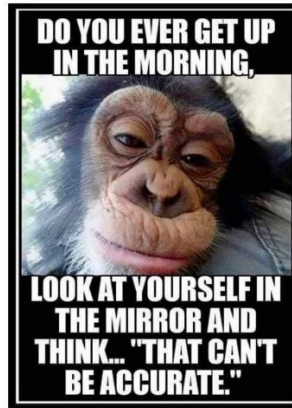
Hillcrest New World Shopping

Chartwell Shopping

Mondays, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	Village Barn	4.00pm
September 5 <sup>th</sup> , Friday	Village Barn	3.00pm
Mondays, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> ,		11.00am Pick Up
Fridays, 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>		10.30am

Note: David Cordiner, our usual bus driver will be on annual leave from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September so our relief driver, Udaya will look after David's trips during this time.





## Housekeeping

Here are just a few housekeeping things we need to keep in mind.

Since the gates into Assisi have been kept open during the day, it has become very noticeably that vehicles are travelling at a much faster speed. This applies to visitors coming into the hospital, rest home and indeed our own villa visitors as well as contractors, nurses visiting residents, grocery drop offs etc. Can you kindly remind them of the 10kph speed limit around the village please. Thanks

Malcolm has a meeting with David every Tuesday so if you would like him to discuss issues that relate to the village (and not personal villa issues) please let him know by Monday night. A few issues that Malcolm has had answers to his queries or issued resolved are:

1. More lights are going to be installed around the village with some lights already installed being re-positioned.
2. 10kph speed sign has been erected.
3. Reseeding of grass is to be done when the weather is warmer (some re-seeding has already taken place)
4. All rubbish is being collected on a Wednesday now.
5. If you have birds nesting in your roof/gutters etc. please let Malcolm know.
6. The tree by the café has been cut down
7. The signs directing traffic to the villas are to be replaced
8. The bowling green is to be swept weekly
9. Please return your landline phones in a bag to David McGeorge's office in the barn with a note of your villa number on the bag
10. Solar panels are going up on the hospital roof
11. Please let Malcolm know if your villa hasn't been sprayed for spiders



The swept bowling green looks great.

September Villa Lunch  
Destination yet to be confirmed  
But, as always, if taking the van,  
Please **meet at 11.20am** and  
be ready to leave at 11.30am

## **Thank You**



Thank you to the Eventide Ukelele Group who performed for us at our happy hour early this month. It was great having you.



## **Notices from Eventide**

Eventide is holding a Father's Day Buffet on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm at a cost of \$30.00 per person. Bookings are essential so please contact Sandra at Eventide if you wish to attend.

Fish & Chip Night  
Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
at 5.00pm in the Village Barn  
Please let Bob Gray know if you have any  
preferences for the movie.  
He'll call for your orders shortly.

Well everyone, I think that about covers things for this month. If you have anything you want put in the newsletter please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to catching up with everyone at the village lunch or Happy Hour.

Stay warm and dry folks.

Allison Gallagher

# Assisi Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11.00am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts Library 1.30pm Father's Day BBQ – Barn or Rest Home 4.00pm Bingo - Barn	<b>2</b> 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	<b>3</b> 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel  1.30pm Games Barn	<b>4</b> 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	<b>5</b> 10.30am Chartwell Shopping  3.00pm Happy Hour Barn	<b>6</b> 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
<b>7</b> 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapels	<b>8</b> 11.00am New World Shopping 1.30pm Crafts Library 3.00pm Bible Study Hata Dining Room 5.00pm Movie & Fish & Chip Night Barn	<b>9</b> 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	<b>10</b> 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel  1.30pm Games Barn	<b>11</b> 1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10.30am Catholic Mass Chapel
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<b>28</b> 10.45am Catholic Mass Chapel  Daylight Saving Starts	<b>29</b> 11.00am New World Shopping  11.00am Combined Church Service Hospital  1.30pm Crafts Library 4.00pm Bingo - Barn	<b>30</b> 11.00am Combined Church Service Chapel  1.30pm Strength & Balance Rehab Room				