



Welcome to the  
**TAMAHERE VISTA**  
 February 2025



Happy New Year to you all!

A very warm welcome to all those folk who have moved in to our village. We trust that once you have unpacked all those boxes that you will settle into the rhythm of Village life. You will soon meet new friends as you move around the complex. I encourage everyone to remember to wear their name badges – it’s a good way to get to know each other quickly.

Our featured Residents of the Month this time are Fred and Beth Richards who came to our Village in 2022. This month was a real privilege listening to the “frontier” type of life they have lived and thrived on! It’s an absolute pleasure to have you as part of our “family”.

I’m not sure how much reading you’ve managed to indulge in over the summer break. Goodness, with all the tennis and cricket to watch, it’s hard to do much else. However, I must share with you a book I read last week. It’s called, “The Thursday Murder Club” written by Richard Osman, and is about a peaceful retirement village, where four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. Think of Miss Marple – only four of her! If anyone is at a loose end and would like to form such a group, you should probably read the book first. I’m sure we could arrange “secret meetings”.

Have a wonderful February (and don’t forget to keep the air conditioners pumping!!!)

***Carole Fleming (Editor)***

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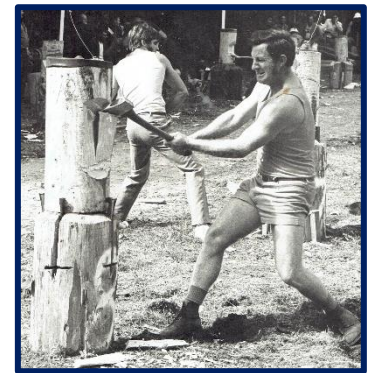
## Introducing Fred and Beth Richards

**Fred** was born in Taumarunui in 1938, and lived nearly all his life in Owhango – a small town about 20 kilometres south of Taumarunui on State Highway 4, and about 2 kilometres west of the Whakapapa River, a tributary of the Whanganui River. Ōwhango has been its official name since 16 July 1920. It is a Māori name that translates as "the place of wheezy noises". Fred's family had come from the Ohakune area. His father went to school with Alwyn Carter whose family owned the well-known saw milling firm, and he worked for them for 53 years. Fred also worked at the mill for 30 years.



Fred had many jobs over the years – driving diggers to widen the track on the Raurimu Spiral, bought a truck and paid a bounty to Lands and Survey for the right to mill firewood which he then on-sold.

His sporting prowess was not limited to playing and later coaching rugby – he was a prize wood chopper, avid hunter of pigs and deer, and fisherman. They didn't have to buy meat for twelve years, simply living off the land. He was often asked to kill sheep for local farmers – who would always set aside one of them for Fred.



Fred served in the Fire Service for 30 years. and was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (the QSM) for his services.

**Beth** was born in 1941 in Napier while her father was in the Air Force, and her mother was living there with her sister. Her mother had returned with her two children to Kakahi, a small settlement about 10 kilometres up the Whanganui River from Taumarunui, after her husband died. Beth's father was relieving at the telephone exchange at the local Post Office. When Beth was aged 8 months, she and her siblings returned to Taumarunui with their mother where she continued to live, attending school there until

the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> form. Her first job was in the office at the local Builders' Hardware Shop.

As a teenager, Beth played representative hockey and tennis, and played rep hockey until after her two sons were born, for both King Country and Waikato, as well as Owhango – she played goalie! They had an annual 5-a-side hockey tournament with 80 teams competing. This was well known all around the country.

Beth and Fred met at a local dance. Every Saturday, Fred would have been out hunting, and would come home in time to freshen up and go down to one of the many local dances where he first met Beth. There were hockey dances, rugby dances, all the fund raisers held dances every weekend.



Beth continued working at the Hardware Shop until they married in 1962, when she moved to Owhango where they built their own home. Fred and Beth have three children, Kim, Dale and Gemma, eight grand children and two great grand children.

Beth worked at the Owhango Post Office on the manual switchboard for 6 months. The Government of the time did not employ married women, so Beth found herself out of work, and went back to the Hardware Shop in Taumaranui until a position came up at the Owhango General Store. She remained there until 1966. In those days unmarried women replaced married women and this happened twice to Beth.

All this time, as well as working by day, Beth had 1000 hens, and would sell 60 dozen eggs each week. Fred was at this time, driving for a General Carrier. When the hens stopped laying, they were killed, plucked and dressed, and kept in a 22 cu ft freezer to be sold for Christmas and local tangi. As well, Beth would sell baking to the marae for tangi. She would bake 25-30 Christmas cakes – some iced, some un-iced. Throughout all of this time, Beth said she had total support with the care of the children from Fred's mother, Mary, who was her closest friend. Mary and Beth did local catering as a side earner.

While working at the Post Office exchange, but when there was a relieving Post Master, one of Beth's tasks was to sort the mail, as normally the Post Master did this. When he (the Postmaster) went on holiday, Beth continued to do this. Beth was invited to work night shift there - this was on top of her day time work as a Play Centre Supervisor. Then she had a baby and continued with this work. In 1979, the Post Office was non-classified, and Beth was asked if she would like to be the Post Mistress – no one else was even interviewed, and so Beth began the "best job I ever had". The Post Office was formally closed in 1989 – ten years later, and so Beth looked again at what she might do.

The Visitors' Centre was run by a local committee, and Beth was asked to take on the role as manager. Another ten years of meeting and helping people. She just loved it. One of the things Beth learned early on there was that the staff had to experience the tourism activities for themselves. She went on a canoe trip down the Whanganui River for six nights, climbed Mt Ruapehu, white water rafting at Turangi, went on a barge from Taumarunui to Whanganui over seven nights, went on the Huka jet, and even sailed on the lake at Taupo and went fishing, where they barbecued their catch on board the boat!

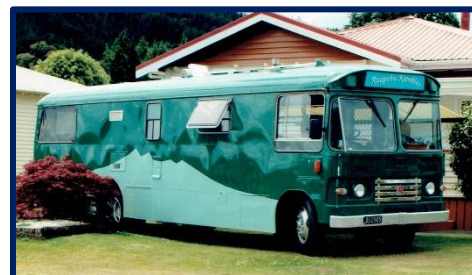
During this time, Fred was driving a bus for a local firm on a hospital contract – he would drive local people from Taumaranui to Waikato Hospital and back again each weekday. As well, on three days each week, he would drive another vehicle from Waikato Hospital to Raglan to collect soiled linen for the hospital laundry. On Saturdays, he would drive a 56-seat bus to the Races at Te Rapa and Te Awamutu.

One of their sons wanted to get married in the garden at Fred and Beth's Owhango home. They didn't have a garden! So they planted an eight feet high punga fence as a wind break, and proceeded to develop a garden worthy of a wedding. The only thing was – it rained on the day! The heaviest rain in 29 years! The wedding was held instead in the lounge, all 70 people in the lounge!



In 1995 Fred and Beth bought a 1947 bus – and worked on it for quite some time. In 1999, when Beth left the Visitors' Centre, they decided to live in the bus and see our country.

For the next ten years, they travelled mainly in the North Island, (with one trip to the South Island). This old bus died one day – between Gisborne and Reporoa, and Fred and Beth ended up staying on an ostrich farm.



They bought another, newer, bus, keeping this until 2010 when they moved into a town house in Katikati.

Their family were by this stage eager to have their parents settle nearer them, and were somewhat surprised that Fred and Beth were supportive of the idea as well. And so, after considerable searching, they found their stunning apartment in Harakeke here at Tamahere. They have been here 3 years now,

and are very much part of our community – Beth is one of our faithful newspaper deliverers, they both play bowls, continue to dance when they can, and are loving the quieter life here.

***A remarkable story of a hard-working, innovative, no. 8 wire couple who brighten our lives at Tamahere.***

***Carole Fleming (Editor)***

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## **Congratulations!!**



**Beatrice**

Two residents of our Village have celebrated very significant birthdays in recent weeks.

Beatrice Hughes is 103!!!! And Gladys Button is 90! Our warmest greetings and love to you both. Happy Birthday!!

Both of these very special women are part of our Village family although they have both moved into our Rest Home. They both contribute very regularly to our Book Club reviews in the Vista, and are frequently seen walking around the village.



**Gladys**



Now here's a novel idea – customising your walker!!

Here are a couple of ideas for starters – perhaps one of the handy men (or women) could set up a modification table in our Men's Shed!



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**A group of residents at Atawhai Assisi Village are thinking about a trip to Auckland to see the new Morman temple that has been built at Manakau City. They understand that it is going to be open to the public for one day in March.**

**If you are interested in going, contact Keith – ph 021 262 4469.**

## VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

### Quote of the Month:

***“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”***

***(A counterpoint to Donald Trump) - (Eleanor Roosevelt)***



### New Residents

Harakeke 20	Alyson Molan
Harakeke 22	Dawn Visser
Harakeke 27	Norman Sainsbury
Villa 13	Helen Strang
Assisi Villa 23	John and Lola Edwards

Welcome to 2025!

Karen and David have had the Covid vaccine JN1 a few weeks ago. We have kept up with our injections which are due every six months. We highly recommend that you follow our practice. These are available through your doctor and pharmacy.

Whilst there is no formal water restrictions, I believe these are imminent due to the browning of our lawns. Please just be careful with your water use, without being silly, as we will be following Council guidelines in this long hot summer.

**David McGeorge**

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### From our Property Manager

Dear Residents

Happy New Year to you all! I have an update for you regarding our new gates along Bollard Road.

Apart from being super flash, we have installed timers on the gates so that they will remain in an open position between 5am and 7pm. Outside of these hours the gates will open when your vehicle drives over the sensor in the ground. We are taking this approach so there is less wear and tear on the gate mechanism and therefore less maintenance required.

Be aware the swing gate which is at our second entrance, or service road, opens inwardly towards the facility - so allow room for the gate to move in that direction. Line marking has been completed and shows the area not to encroach into. I will install new signage by the gates detailing the gates being open at a certain time for visitor information.

We have installed four signs that go along the service road which alert drivers that this section of road is a shared road for cars and pedestrians as well as displaying the 10km speed limit.

Lastly, we are looking into installing a new swing gate at the Cherry Lane entrance - the same type as the swing gate at entrance two. When we do the installation, we will make the gate entrance wider than the existing one by putting the pedestrian gate to the side.

A point of interest for you - the counter on the old gate at Cherry Lane has completed 999,925 openings, quite incredible!

Kind regards  
Andrew

**GATES IN OPEN POSITION  
FROM 5AM-7PM  
OUTSIDE THESE HOURS  
DRIVE UP TO GATE AND WAIT  
GATE WILL OPEN AUTOMATICALLY**

## CHAPLAIN'S KORERO

Ngā mihi mahana o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Warm New Year greetings to you all.



Over the last couple of weeks mysterious signs have been appearing on doors in the care home. Handwritten on bits of coloured cardboard, they read “20 + C + M + B + 25”. This strange combination of numbers, letters and symbols is unfamiliar to many people, leading to lots of questions from staff, residents and visitors about their meaning.

The signs were prepared in a Sunday worship service and reflect an ancient New Year’s tradition called “chalking the door”. The custom of drawing sacred signs and symbols over people’s doorways has been done for centuries all over the world as a way of blessing homes at the beginning of the year.

The numbers in our signs stand for the year 2025 and the crosses refer to Christ. The letters C, M and B represent the Latin blessing “Christus mansionem benedicat” (“May Christ bless this house”). They also stand for the traditional names of the three wise men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) who were said to have visited Jesus at this time of year.

In our service we asked that in this New Year God would bless our care home and all who live, work or visit in it. However, we didn’t just pray that we would be blessed; we also asked that we ourselves might be a source of blessing to others. As people called to care for each other, we prayed that our presence might be one that offers those around us a place to feel welcome, to be at peace, to rest and to find healing.

The writer Jan Richardson wrote, “Think of the year as a house: doors flung wide in welcome, threshold swept and waiting, a graced spaciousness opening and offering itself to you.” As we enter 2025 may our lives and our homes be places of graced spaciousness where “light will spill from every window and every door to welcome the stranger home”.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Susan



## NEWS FROM KAREN



Happy New Year everyone!

Our Chartwell Shopping trips have resumed, and the monthly Village van outings will start again on the last Tuesday of the month. Watch out for further information – including visits to the swimming pools!

Scooters – I am planning another Scooter Run, so dust off your mobility scooters – it should be a lot of fun!

If anyone is interested in co-ordinating the Scooter Club, please come and see me.

**The Waikato District Council Library** is reaching out to local rest homes like Tamahere Eventide Home and Village to explore opportunities to connect residents with the library's resources, programmes, and Council services. They currently deliver books to our village library throughout the year and are keen to expand their offerings.

The Library team will be visiting our Village on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at 2pm where they will -

- Demonstrate their book collections, including large print and audiobooks.
- Provide information on their digital resources, such as eBooks and online learning platforms.
- Explain Council services

Their goal is to create an engaging and enriching experience for residents, fostering connections and providing resources you may enjoy.

**Donated books for the Library** - no more books or puzzles in the library please. If any books are wanting to be donated, please see Enid or Karen first.

**Karen**  
Village Activities Organiser



**My aim is to keep you in your independent Villa or Apartment for as long as possible.**

**I can clean, do washing, make or change beds, organise assistance; in fact, provide care that is not available to you from the Health Department.**

**INTERESTED?? Contact Chris, Karen or David to discuss.**

### **Chris' Housekeeping Tip for the Month**

#### **Clean your Food Mixer or Blender, the easy way**

*This is so obvious, you'll kick yourself for not already having thought of it.*

*Half fill your dirty blender or food mixer with hot water, add a bit of dish soap and run it for about 10-15 seconds. Empty and rinse. Job done!*

*Because this process is so quick, you can do it immediately after using your appliance, before the remnants of your smoothie or pureed soup dry and become difficult to remove.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

### **27 or 28 Bus - Tamahere/Matangi - Have you taken a ride on this bus yet?**

You can take this bus at 10.15 any morning (Monday to Friday) from Reception, and enjoy a short ride through to the University.

The bus will take you through Matangi and, should you wish to visit The Assisi Home and Hospital, the bus will stop close to the entrance. If you ask the driver in good time, she will let you off the bus at the main entrance to the Assisi Village. You could stay and visit for maybe one hour and then take the bus back to Eventide. The bus will stop across the road and you can flag it down (or wave).



The bus then continues into Hillcrest and the bus stop is at the Hillcrest Normal Primary School. To come home, the bus stops on the other side of the road and you need to cross the road via a tunnel which is also opposite the school. Should you wish to get to the Hillcrest Medical Centre, corner of Masters Ave, the next stop is opposite the shops.

For your return home, you will need to walk a short distance down the road (back towards the school). I would just check with the driver as to what time is the return journey.

The bus then continues down past Knighton Road School and on to the University where you have a couple of options -

You can stay on the bus and have a drive out to Tauwhare Pa (don't get off the bus) and return to the University. After a short break the bus will then bring you back to Eventide Reception. Should you decide to do this trip, it will take about 2 hours – but go to the toilet before you leave (there are no comfort stops).

However, from the University you can take a #13 bus into the city centre. Sometimes this #13 bus is waiting to leave just as you arrive at University but it doesn't always connect. So the next option is to walk down to Knighton Rd to the Meteor bus stop. This is a short walk and the Meteor runs approx every 15 mins.

There is another way of doing this. You can get off the bus on Knighton Rd, just before the roundabout, then walk round the corner to your left. You will see The Warehouse across the road and there is a Meteor Bus stop here also. - The Meteor, the Comet, and the Orbiter travel all around the city, have 15 mins service and their destinations are written on the front or the side of the bus - they circle the city in several different ways.

The drivers on the #28 bus are very helpful; just tell them where you want to go. The #28 bus stops at all regular bus stops and the bus is used by students, the elderly, and the community.

If you have a Gold Card, then our rides are free BUT you will need a Bee Card (bright yellow card). If you do not have a Bee Card, please phone 0800 205 305 - You will need your Gold Card Number, name, address, and D.O.B. Happy Travelling - give it a go -



## Have you tried this walk?

It is good for us to take at least a short walk each day. However, this one might be a bit more of a challenge.

Walk across the bridge onto Birchwood Lane. Turn left and look for the sign on your left, close to Figgmartin Lane - *Tamahere Walkway.Org*. At the end of this path the sign will be *Violet McKenzie Walkway* and here you should turn left. This part is a bit up and down, could take about 30 mins (but depends upon ability). You will come to the end of Koppens Rd, opposite Tamahere School, close to Tamahere Bakery, and ready for your walk back down Birchwood Lane.

This can be done on foot or with a bike.

**Summer is here so we are celebrating the salad.** Here's our round up of some "must-tries" around town.

The Helm - 22 Ulster St

KAPADOKYA - 264 Victoria St

SENTINEL - 586 Victoria St

SCOTTS EPICUREAN - 181 Victoria St

MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN - 43 Bryce Street MADAM WOO - Sapper Moore-Jones Place

(This information came from NOURISH MAGAZINE - All the above have very interesting menus.)



### Chinese Lantern Festival -

Head to the Hamilton CBD for a FANTASTIC EVENING CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR, with a Dragon Dance, a Lion Dance, Magic Show, live cultural performances and food stalls.

22 February from 6pm Garden Place, Hamilton.

**Pauline Eastwood.**

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## **News from the Residents' Committee**

Happy New Year to you all!

The committee have enjoyed being able to organise activities for you through last year, and look forward to being able to do the same in 2025. Some of the activities we had this past year were, the summer barbecues, a dessert evening, a dance night, an English pub night, a soup and rolls evening, a fashion show, carol singing and the quiz night. There are more fun activities planned for this year – keep an eye on the weekly flyers for details and dates.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to one of our committee members recently. Jenny Campbell has been a committee member for several years now, and has for quite some time co-ordinated the delivery of newspapers to residents. She has been very active behind the scenes and deserves a rest. We thank you Jenny for all you have contributed to our village life.

We understand that "for everything, there is a season", and now is the time for Jenny to step aside and leave the workload to others. We thank you most sincerely.

**Keith Glover, Chairperson**

## NEWS FROM VILLAGE GROUPS

### The Book Club

The first meeting of the Book Club for the year is on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the library in the Community Centre.

Share your holiday reading and any book you received for Christmas. This hot weather is the right time to relax with a good book. Our monthly meetings are at 3pm on the second Thursday of the month.



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### Vision Impaired Group

Happy New Year to everyone. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Harakeke lounge. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have a guest speaker from Blind Vision Impaired Group coming to chat with us and explain how we can benefit from the organisation. If you are new to the village and have a sight impairment, even if very slight, why don't you come along and join us for morning tea.

We meet every other Thursday morning at 10.30 in the Café for coffee and a chat.



Lyn Pettigrew (Rimu 1)  
Group Co-ordinator

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### Petanque

We are still playing and would welcome a few more players. This game is easy to learn and we will show you how to play.

We play for fun, get to know new residents (and sometimes their families). You will find us next door to Villa 28 - see you one Saturday morning at 10.00.am.



Pauline Eastwood (Villa 58)

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### Tamahere Global Village

Our first meeting of the year is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm in the library. It has been a very eventful, and challenging new year period. Come along and tell us what you think was the most significant, or simply find what others think.

Gray Southon (V 102)

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### Games Afternoons

Remember, we play table games (Rummikub, Trionimoes etc) each Monday afternoon in the Community Centre, starting at 1pm. Due to popular demand, we are now also playing each Friday afternoon, from 1pm. Come and join us.

## Ukulele Sing-a-long Group



Ukulele group are back meeting in the downstairs Harakeke lounge on Thursday afternoons at 2pm (but not the last Thursday of the month), to sing and make music together. If anyone would like to play – or learn to play - feel free to contact Keith at Villa 10.

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## Bowls

We've had a stuttery start to Twilight bowls this year, we need a minimum of six players to warrant getting out all the gear.

Hope everyone is back on track after the holidays now, and we look forward to seeing more people roll up between 6pm and 6.15pm to get names in for the teams. We are setting up to commence play at 6.30pm. We are generally finished playing by 8pm, so there is no chance of getting lost on the way home as it's still daylight!

Come along to Twilight Bowls, no experience needed, we have spare bowls and we have lots of great company.

**Beth Richards, H23**  
Bowls Communicator

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## Card Making, Bead Making and Crafts

We will recommence on Monday 3rd and 17th February from 10.30 to 11.45am, in the cafe - pool table area.

Bring whatever you have on hand - beading, tapestry, toy making, diamond dot, etc. or we can help you learn to make greeting cards from our supply of materials. - or byo equipment and share your knowledge.



**Edna Evans (V56) Convenor**

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## Knit and Natter Group

We meet weekly every Friday from 10am in the Harakeke Lower Lounge. Come and join us for friendly chatter, a cup of tea or coffee and to encourage each other in our shared enjoyment of yarn creations.

We are working towards having a load of winter blankets, hats etc to drop in to our chosen charity recipient – Kids In Need Waikato. Thank you to all who support this through donations of yarn and knitting done at home

**Jill Wilson ph 856 4080 and Helen Painting ph 854 7662**

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## Pool

We meet on Mondays at 1pm and on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Café. New people are always welcome – we are a friendly bunch. If you haven't played for a while, dig out those old skills – if you are new to the game, we are happy to teach you. Come and join us.

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**From Queensland - who don't have daylight saving:**

Quote: When told the reason for daylight savings time, the Old Indian said "Only the Government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket".

**A Word of Caution:**

Did you know that zucchini stalks have toxic prickles?

- From a resident gardener who found out from experience recently.



If you would like your knives and scissors sharpened just drop them off to Keith at Villa 10. There is no charge, though it might be best to phone first, 021 262 4469.

**All residents receive a copy of the Vista each month. These can be on paper and delivered to your letter box or, in the interests of saving our planet (and the trees, and reducing waste etc) you might choose to have an electronic copy.**

**If you would prefer to receive your copy by email, please contact the Editor, at christchurchclass@gmail.com**

**General knowledge quiz answers**

(the quiz questions are on page 15)

1. The Magical Car
2. Knee
3. 1997
4. Tin
5. 3
6. 007
7. Helsinki
8. Krone
9. The French Open (Roland Garros)
10. Netherlands
11. Emperor Hirohito
12. Mercury
13. Salvador Dali
14. Tunisia
15. Four
16. 1997
17. Once (1966)
18. Maggot
19. Rice
20. Constantinople

**Do you know what a Palindrome is??**

It is a word, phrase, name or number that reads the same, forward or backward – eg, noon, 1001. Some other examples are –

- Racecar
- Do Geese see God
- Madam, I'm Adam
- A man, a plan, a canal, - Panama! (- Bonaparte)

## Our Rehabilitation Corner



No one factor increases a person's likelihood of falling. Instead, most falls result from a combination of causes, such as:

- **Certain medications:** One of the most common contributors to falls among older adults is the side effects of specific medications. Some that cause side effects like dizziness, drowsiness, or low blood pressure can significantly increase the risk of falls. Common culprits include antidepressants, sedatives, blood pressure drugs, and medications affecting balance and coordination. Regular medication reviews and open communication with health care providers can help reduce this risk.
- **Age-related muscle loss:** For most people, the natural aging process results in muscle loss and decreased bone density, compromising strength and stability. This age-related decline in muscle mass can also affect balance and coordination, making older adults more susceptible to falls. A regular exercise routine focusing on strength and balance is key to counteracting these physiological changes.
- **Safety hazards in the environment:** Cluttered living spaces, uneven flooring, inadequate lighting, and lack of handrails are common hazards that can lead to trips and falls. Conducting home safety assessments and implementing necessary modifications, such as installing grab bars and removing tripping hazards, are crucial components of fall prevention strategies.
- **Cognitive impairment:** Conditions that affect cognitive function, such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease, increase the risk of falls. Impaired judgment, confusion, and difficulties with spatial awareness contribute to a higher likelihood of falls. Caregiver education and environmental adaptations tailored to the specific needs of people with cognitive impairment are crucial for fall prevention.
- **Conditions affecting balance:** Chronic health conditions like diabetes can affect sensory perception and nerve function, affecting balance and increasing the risk of falls. Neurological disorders, inner ear issues, and poor eyesight also play a role in compromising balance. Close monitoring, regular check-ups, and targeted interventions are essential for managing these conditions and minimizing fall risk.
- **Foot problems:** Foot-related issues, such as neuropathy, arthritis, and improper footwear, contribute significantly to falls. Reduced foot sensation, pain, or difficulties with proper foot placement can impede mobility and stability. Regular foot assessments, appropriate footwear, and podiatric care are essential in addressing this aspect of fall prevention.
- **Dehydration or malnutrition:** Inadequate hydration and poor nutrition can result in weakness, dizziness, and fatigue, heightening fall risk. Maintaining proper hydration and nutrition through regular assessments can enhance overall health and reduce the likelihood of falling.

Prepared by: Rosalyn Pelaez  
Allied Health Coordinator – Tamahere Eventide  
Source: [www.helpguide](http://www.helpguide)

## Our Chuckle Corner



### **CRICKET IS QUITE SIMPLE**

YOU HAVE TWO SIDES.....OURS AND THEIRS, ONE OUT IN THE FIELD AND ONE IN. EACH MAN IN THE SIDE THAT'S IN, GOES OUT, AND, WHEN HE'S OUT, HE COMES IN AND THE NEXT MAN GOES IN UNTIL HE'S OUT. THEN, WHEN THEY HAVE ALL BEEN IN AND ARE ALL OUT, THE SIDE THAT'S BEEN IN THE FIELD GOES IN AND THE SIDE THAT'S IN GOES OUT AND TRIES TO GET OUT THOSE COMING IN. SOMETIMES YOU GET MEN STILL IN AND NOT OUT. THEN WHEN BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN IN AND OUT, INCLUDING NOT-OUTS, THAT'S THE END OF THE GAME. ....IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE!



A millionaire walked into a bank in the middle of Auckland city and asked for a loan for \$4,000.

"Well, before we lend you the money we are going to need some kind of security," the bank teller said.

"No problem," the man responded. "Here are the keys to my car. You'll see it outside. It's a black Porsche parked in the back of the car park."

A few weeks later, the man returned to pay off his loan. While he was paying it off, along with the interest of \$11, the manager came over.

"Sir, we are very happy to have your business, but if you don't mind me asking... after you left, we looked into your accounts and found out that you are a millionaire. Why would you need to borrow \$4000?"

"Well," the man said, "where else can I park my car for three weeks in Auckland for \$11?"

Someone said "30 years ago", and my mind went to the 1970s, but they meant 1994, and now I need to lie down.

**A reporter was interviewing a 104-year-old woman for her newspaper. "So, what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She shrugged and with a smile simply replied, "No peer pressure!"**

One day a little girl was watching her mother make a roast beef. She cut off the ends, wrapped it in string, seasoned it and set it in the roasting pan.

The little girl asked her mother why she cut the ends of the roast off. The mother replied, after some thought, that it was the way that her mother had done it.

That night the little girl's grandma came to dinner and so she went to her and asked why she had cut the ends of the roast off before cooking. After some thought, the grandma replied that that was the way her mother had done it.

The little girl's great grandmother was quite old and in a nursing home. So the little girl went with her mother and grandma to see her and again asked the question.

The great grandmother looked at them a bit annoyed and said: "So it would fit in the pan, of course."

Wouldn't it be SO great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free... and three sizes smaller?



Grandmothers – an essay by an 8 year old.

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing, tractors and things like that.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the shops where the pretend horse is and have lots of two dollar coins ready. They are often fat, but not too fat to tie kid's shoes. They wear funny glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off. Everyone should try to have one, because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have got time.

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## Puzzle Time

A General Knowledge quiz this time! Good luck! (The answers are on page 12).

1. Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang?
2. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
3. When was the movie the Titanic released?
4. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
5. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
6. What is James Bond's code name?
7. What is the capital of Finland?
8. What is the currency of Denmark?
9. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
10. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
11. Who was the head of state in Japan during the Second World War?
12. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
13. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
14. What is the northernmost country in Africa?
15. How many human players are there on each side in a polo match?
16. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
17. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?
18. What is the common name for the larva of a housefly?
19. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
20. What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?

## Tamahere Retirement Village – Calendar of Events – February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
cc = Small Lounge in Community Centre CC = Community Centre C = Wesley Chapel HDL = Harakeke Downstairs Lounge			Colour Coding Green Exercise Groups Red Groups, Trips (Shopping etc), Games Black Church Services Blue Health Clinics (Podiatry, Ear Clinics etc) Purple Vision Impaired Group			1  10.0 Petanque– near V28
2  4.00 Worship in Wesley Chapel led by Rev. Dr Susan Thompson	3  9.15 Seated cardio-endurance Exercises/CC 10.30 Card Making/CC 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC 7.00 Indoor Bowls	4  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Chartwell 11.0 Catholic Mass/C (Mons Frank)  6.15 Twilight Bowls	5  9.15 Strengthening exercises with dumb-bells /CC 10.30 New World 4.00 Tamahere Global Village/CC 7.00 Pool/CC	6 WAITANGI DAY  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 VIG Coffee/CC  2.30 Ukelele Group/ HDL	7  9.15 Core Back exercises with Mat /CC 10.0 Knit & Natter/HDL 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC	8  10.0 Petanque– near V28  11.0 Catholic Liturgy /C (Sue Kenrick)
9  4.00 Worship in Wesley Chapel led by Rev Gillian Woodward	10 <b>PODIATRIST HERE</b>  9.15 Seated cardio-endurance Exercises/CC 1pm Board Games, Pool/CC 7.00 Indoor Bowls	11  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Chartwell  6.15 Twilight Bowls	12  9.15 Strengthening exercises with dumb-bells /CC 10.30 New World 7.00 Pool/CC	13  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 VIG Meeting/HDL 2.30 Ukelele Group/ HDL 3.00 Book Club /cc	14  9.15 Standing Balance Exercises/CC 10.0 Knit & Natter/HDL 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC	15  10.0 Petanque– near V28
16  4.00 Worship in Wesley Chapel led by Rev. Alisa Lasi	17  9.15 Seated cardio-endurance Exercises/CC 10.30 Card Making/CC 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC 7.00 Indoor Bowls	18  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Chartwell 11.0 Catholic Mass/C (Mons Frank)  6.15 Twilight Bowls	19  9.15 Strengthening exercises with dumb-bells /CC 10.30 New World 11.0 Holy Communion/C (Rev. Dr Susan Thompson) 7.00 Pool/CC	20  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 VIG Coffee/CC 2.30 Ukelele Group/ HDL	21  9.15 Core Back exercises with Mat /CC 10.0 Knit & Natter/HDL 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC	22  10.0 Petanque– near V28  11.0 Catholic Liturgy /C (Clive Bleaken)  2.00 Mandarin Christian Youth Group /CC
23  4.00 Worship in Wesley Chapel led by Rev. Mohu Lolohea	24  9.15 Seated cardio-endurance Exercises/CC 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC 7.00 Indoor Bowls	25  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 Van Outing  6.15 Twilight Bowls	26  9.15 Strengthening exercises with dumb-bells /CC 10.30 New World 7.00 Pool/CC	27  9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.30 VIG Coffee/CC  3.00 Happy Hour/CC	28  9.15 Standing Balance Exercises/CC 10.0 Knit & Natter/HDL 1 pm Board Games, Pool/CC	