



Merry
Christmas



Trust Newsletter - December 2024

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024! We'd like to extend our gratitude to the Trustees, supporters, friends, contractors, community, and, most importantly, all of our Residents. Your contributions and attitude ensure that our village continues to be a wonderful and vibrant place to live.

At this time, we would like to honor and remember those who are no longer with us since last Christmas - Peter McKay, Jim Peace, and Ron Thompson. Our best wishes go out to their loved ones during this season. Best wishes to Margaret McKay, Marj Larson and Sheila McKenzie who have moved on to other environments and we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Phillip, Mary & Ross, as well as our soon-to-be residents Barbara and Max, who will soon be settling into Unit 34 from 20th December. Welcome to your first Christmas at Ngunguru Retirement Village! We would also like to bid a fond farewell to Deni and Ken, who will be leaving the village this month. Thank you both for your invaluable contributions to village life, especially Deni's dedication to organizing bingo, which will continue as a activity thanks to her efforts. Wishing you all the best in your next chapter!

Finally a huge and special thanks from the Trust to the Social Committee for the fabulous Christmas dinner you put on for all of us, the Social Committee's dedication to fostering a lively and connected village atmosphere is greatly valued.

INTRODUCING OUR TRUST FOR 2025

≡ Welcome ≡ and farewell

We would like to introduce **Kevin Pryor** as a new community Trustee, who's extensive experience will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to our village. Here is a note from Kevin:

"I am retired living life in Ngunguru with wife Heather. I Have 3 Children and 2 Grandchildren all living overseas although the grandkids and their parents are returning home to live here in Ngunguru. My work career has involved positions in both the commercial and academic environments and have held directorships and management positions in organisations that are both commercial and non-profit. I enjoy keeping fit playing golf and paddling with the local waka ama crew as well as cycling and walking the dog (Ziggy). I look forward to working with the Ngunguru Retirement Trust and supporting the residence of the village".

Thank you to Shirley Coker who has stepped up to be our new Resident Trustee. If you don't know Shirley please introduce yourself to her in Unit 9. Our Resident Trustee's are here to be of support to all villagers including raising queries or issues on your behalf with the Trust. We look forward to working with you Shirley!

We are lucky enough to have the following Trustee's that will be standing again:

Terry Walsh (chair), Keith McKay (dep chair), Rita Gibson, Maggie Lawson and Trevor Talbot.

Terry was elected as Chairman at our last meeting following the AGM who then appointed Keith as Deputy Chair. Your wonderful Resident Trustee's Murray Madden and Pat Milich will remain as well as Scott McKenzie and Gavin Benney remaining as our valued WDC representatives.

Thank you ❤️

Once again we would like to extend special recognition to Lindsay Laing for his remarkable service of a decade as Trustee and former Chairman. We express deep gratitude for his invaluable advice, care, and friendship, which have positively impacted both Trustees and residents. We also acknowledge Kath Johnston who has served as a resident trustee for the last few years - Kath's dedication to resident welfare and support are deeply appreciated.

All our Trustee's are volunteers and we are grateful for their efforts and dedication. Portfolios will be distributed in early 2025.

WATER NOTICE



After the recent dry weather, the village's water table has dropped significantly. Across the country, some areas are already imposing water restrictions. To help conserve water, we kindly ask all residents to be mindful of their usage.

Water-Saving Tips:

- Avoid tasks like water blasting or washing cars.
- When watering your garden, opt for the “soak, don’t spray” method and water during the cool hours of the morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
- Consider catching shower water, sink or grey water for reuse.
- Only wash full loads in washing machines and dishwashers
- Consider extra containers to catch rain water for gardens
- And the old saying.. if it’s brown flush it down if it’s yellow let it mellow!

More tips are available on the WDC and NRC websites. Murray will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep everyone updated. A huge thank you to Murray for his dedication and hard work! Thank you for your cooperation.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Please ensure to keep your gardens clean and free from weeds, it not only upholds the standard of the village but removing weeds also helps reduce the potential fire load. Thanks again Murray for the work you do around the village.



UNIT 23 FOR SALE

We would very much appreciate if you could keep on helping us spread the word and send any potential buyers our way! Photographs and information is available on our website - www.nrv.co.nz/Homes-Currently-Available and also on Trademe

UNIT 33 GOING TO MARKET VERY SOON!

With probate now received and refurbishments nearly complete we are moving into the marketing phase for Jim's unit. The unit will be listed on our website as well as trademe - watch this space!

RECENT SALES (excluding 10% entrance fee)

Unit 34 - 3 bedroom - \$590,000 - Dec 2024
Unit 8 – 2 bedroom, \$500,000 – Aug 2024
Unit 26 – 2 bedroom, \$500,000 – April 2024

Unit 27 – 1.5 bedroom, \$400,000 – Sep 2023
Unit 9 – 1 bedroom, \$410,000 – Aug 2023
Unit 14 – 2 bedroom, \$445,000 – July 2023

KEY TREE

During the AGM, the idea of creating a ‘key tree’ was discussed. While many of you already have a neighbor who holds a spare key, we encourage those who don’t to arrange this.. Once you’ve confirmed your keyholder, please notify Emma via email, text, or phone. After collecting all the names, we will compile and share the complete list.

WEBSITE MEMBERS PORTAL

Over the next week, Emma will be sending out invitations to join a new ‘members portal’ on our website. This portal is exclusively for residents and soon-to-be residents providing easy access to information such as policies, the Code of Residents’ Rights, the RVA key terms summary, a sample ORA, and our disclosure statement.

The sign-up process is simple - if you have an email address, you’ll receive an invitation with instructions. For those without an email or who prefer not to join, you can decline the invitation. We will continue to keep hard copies of all essential documents available in a folder located in the hall library.

OTHER NOTICES

> Please do not feed the ducks

> There will be no Trust Meeting in January, we will resume in February however please still feel free to reach out to Emma or any of your Resident Trustee’s throughout the Christmas and New Years period if you need support with anything.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all





SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - Ross Hulme, Deni Roddis, Jane Gibson, Trevor Mark, Maryann Clifford, Phi Wilson.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS - Ruby McKay, Dennis Wilson, Colin Wyatt, Heather Hack.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - Bob Johnson, Leonie Lennie, Jan Greasley, Graeme Brider.

Community Service:

Some of you may remember Oskar Smith, a student from Huanui College, who willingly and kindly came along, to help those of us with advanced aged cells, to better understand our technical issues with phones and computers. Oskar has contacted me again and says he is once again available to help with tech now that his exams are over. Oskar offers this as a community service and expects no payment, but may I suggest that if you do contact him, please give some thought to giving him something for his kindness to us. Something like, chocolates or if you use a few of his hours – a gift voucher that he can use to purchase his own computer bits and pieces. He can be contacted on oskarsmith61@gmail.com.

Social Club: Mary Wright has joined the Social Club and will help Linda Hunwick carry out Treasurer duties as Linda seems to be working more hours than usual. Normally, the Social Club members are set directly after the AGM and you elect your Chair as well then. If you can help, please put your hand up for this.

Happy Hour – 1 st Sunday of the Month: Next one Sunday 5th January



By The Way:

- > If you have a discussion point you would like to run past the Resident Trustees prior to the monthly Trust meeting – they are available at the Village Hall on the 1st Monday of the month at 1p.m.
- > The Trust meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3p.m. for its monthly meeting (excluding January)

Before I sign off, I would like to thank Emma for all her lovely graphic work to embellish our newsletters each month.

Cheers! Phi Wilson



Last Bingo for 2024 will be Tuesday 17th December, next Bingo won't be until Feb 11th 2025. Please contact Deni for information - 0272577274.

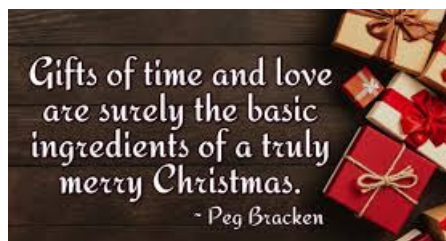
SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Your Social Committee includes: **Murray Madden, Pat Milich, Linda Hunwick, Mary Wright**

Huge thank you to those Social Committee Members who have served their time and done an amazing job organizing functions and supporting the village. Heartfelt thanks to Allen Dennis, Phi Wilson (also newsletter extraordinaire) and Deni Roddis. (You will still see Deni at Bingo of course!) If you are interested in joining please get in touch with Murray or Pat.



 Thank you!



A great night had by all!!