



Trust Newsletter March/April 2024

A happy and
safe Easter
to all!!



WELCOME!! MARY WRIGHT AND ROSS HULME!

As renovations at Unit 26 come to an end we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new villagers Mary and Ross who will be moving in the second week of April. Mary and Ross's interests include bowling, gardening, fishing and walking. They are very excited to take up residency and meet all of you.

WATER USAGE

Given the months we have had without significant rainfall, the bore level has dropped so we urge residents to please think about conserving water as much as you can. Here are a few suggestions:

- Plant and lawn watering (if necessary) should be done early morning or evening, use the shower or soak setting on your hose gun and allow 10 - 20 seconds per plant.
- Limit shower time to 2 - 3 minutes and if not inconvenient or unsafe, collect the shower water in a bucket and use it for your plants.
- Don't leave external/internal taps running for a lengthy period.
- Make sure you have a full load of washing to minimize the use of water.
- Cars should be done with a bucket wash and a quick rinse.
- If you see a hose or tap running with no one in attendance, turn it off and check in with the owner.



We thank Murray for his continued care and maintenance of our water supply, both tanks have also had a shock treatment by Pumps Northland to ensure tanks/water are clean and safe.

INTERNAL HOUSE INSPECTIONS

With some of the Units now aging we are finding that some resident's who come to the end of their time at NRV may not have the capacity to upgrade their unit to a satisfactory standard for re-sale. It is important to have regular home maintenance to ensure maximum equity return upon ORA action, and the maintenance standard of our Village. With this in mind we are taking a pro-active approach and introducing internal house inspections. These will be completed by our Trustee's Rita Gibson and Maggie Lawson who hope to start doing the 'rounds' in a couple of weeks. They will be contacting you with further info and an appropriate day and time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rita - 027 4347456, Maggie - 0226823687 or drop a line to Emma nrtrust@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

GROUNDS CLEAN UP

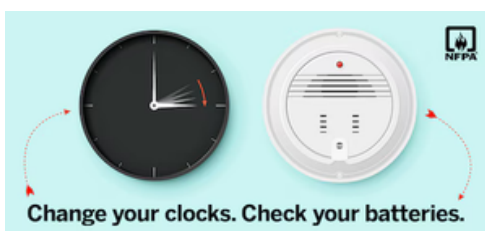
Stage 1 is complete with the stormwater drain having a clear out as well as some clearing of toxic trees and weeds. Stage 2 will include pulling dead weeds and line trimming of the steps, look out and rock wall.

PURCHASE OF GAZEBOS AND CHAIR CLEANER

The Trust has purchased 2 x gazebo's which should arrive next week and will be stored in the front shed, as well as a portable upholstery cleaner to give the hall chairs a refresh.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDING SUNDAY 7th APRIL -

Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour and check your smoke alarms are working. We also urge you to check your gas bottles are also in safe working order.



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS:

It is always sad to farewell friends and doubly so when the passing of one results in the other having to move from the Village. Peter and Margaret have been quiet residents who always attended functions until the latter stages when Peter found it difficult. I saw Peter driving his beloved car a couple of weeks before he passed and it crossed through my mind how men hate to give up their independence by giving up driving. And it was warming to see the joy of driving written on his face. Our heartfelt condolences to Peter's family, and we wish Margaret a safe and kind time in re-settling. The photo shows Peter and Margaret with their son Keith, on the day the RNZAF paid homage to Peter with a fly-by and wing dip. RIP Peter.



Birthday greetings to our February and March:

Birthday residents: Gaye Marshall and Saskia Whitehead were our February babies; and Kevin Marshall, Barry McKay, Eunice Roberts, Trish Cutfield, Ellaleen Green, Liz Littlejohn and Rod McKinnon celebrated their birthdays in March. Having been the recipient of those much valued choccys, I would like to acknowledge our singing duo – for some of us, it may be the only highlight of the day. Thank you!

Ngunguru Village Residents vs the rest of the world:

This bowling battle was again the highlight of March. Seventeen of our residents took to the greens and despite some very 'interesting' and 'cunning' bowls, we had to relinquish our hold on the Challenge Cup. Congratulations to Murray, Eunice, Pat and Ken for being the village winners. It was very heartening to see so many of our villagers supporting the players and the hilarity was joyful to hear. I cannot believe how sore I was the next day. And I hear I was not alone in this. I was told that the average age of bowlers in NZ is 21 – but it takes years to become a crafty bowler. Experience is certainly helpful.

Congratulations to the Ngunguru Bowling Club for hosting such a great day and making us feel so welcome even to extent of kindly urging us to join!!!! Thanks to the Social Club and helpers for the sausage sizzle and lastly thanks to Rod McKinnon who was the driving force behind this year's challenge. Thank you also to the Trust who, as always, generously sponsored our day

Covid has raised its ugly head a few times in the last 6 weeks and thank you to those who have let us know when they have been infected and isolated themselves. Quite obviously this is something we will have to learn to live with.

Future Events:

Our Events Co-ordinator Deni has been busy sourcing interesting places for us to visit. She sent out a flyer to all the residents asking for expressions of interest. From memory, there were trips to Parakao, Dargaville, Ruakaka Races. Our next Social Club meeting is on Monday 8th April and I'm sure Deni would like to be able to report to the meeting about these. If you have any bright ideas of outings residents may like to take, please let Deni know.

By The Way:

- A reminder that the Resident Trustees are available at the Village Hall on the 1st Monday of the month at 1p.m. for any discussions.
- The Trust meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3p.m. for its monthly meeting. Bingo has resumed its fortnightly games beginning again on 26th March.

- Phi Wilson, Social Club