



Monthly Newsletter

March 2026

WITH SYMPATHY



Our thoughts are with Ruby and her family following the passing of Barry McKay. Barry was a much-loved part of our village community for nearly 26 years before moving into further care. Over that time, he formed many friendships and leaves behind a lifetime of memories that will be cherished by many. We would also like to sincerely thank Ruby, her daughters, and extended family for the beautiful service held in the hall, which gave villagers the opportunity to come together, reflect and pay their respects.



THOUGHTS WITH SHIRLEY AND MAGGIE

We know you will share our concern and sadness following recent news about Shirley and Maggie. Both are deeply valued members of the trust and community we hold here.

Our thoughts are with them and their families at this time, and we keep them close in our hearts

LOOKING AHEAD 2026

Hard to believe it's already the end of March! We apologize this newsletter is so late due to different circumstances including rescheduling of our Trust Meeting. Here's some of the big items the Trust have coming up..

May - Resident's Budget Meeting

June - End of financial Year

FIRE DRILL - Date tbc

In line with Charities Act requirements, the Trust will be undertaking a 3-year governance review.

CHANGES TO THE TRUST

FAREWELL TO KEITH MCKAY

Keith has served on the Trust for nearly eight years, bringing dedication and a strong personal connection with his parents, Peter and Margaret, having previously been residents of the Village. During this time, he progressed from Trustee to Deputy Chair, taking on responsibility for the finance and insurance portfolio. In these roles, Keith provided steady leadership, ensuring these important areas were managed with care and always in the best interests of the Village and its residents.

Keith has approached his role with diligence, sound judgement, and a genuine commitment to the long-term wellbeing of our community.

Thank you, Keith, for your valued contribution and years of service to Ngunguru Retirement Village.

WELCOME TO RODGER MURPHY

At the same time, we warmly welcome Rodger Murphy to the Board. Rodger is local to Ngunguru and brings an extensive background in Governance, Management, Risk Management, Insurance and Finance, making him well qualified to carry the torch forward. He also serves on the executive committee of the Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers Association. We look forward to the experience and insight Rodger will bring to the Village.

VACANCIES

With the departure of Maggie and Shirley, this is something the Trust is currently working through.

UNIT 25 - PROGRESS REPORT



Things are really starting to take shape at Unit 25 and it's fair to say the excitement is building! The bricks seemed to go up almost overnight and we saw the property transform from a work site into looking like a real liveable home.

With the structure complete, plumbing and electrical work have now been finished, and the windows and joinery are in place - we officially reached the lock-up stage, which was a big milestone in the build process!

Inside the walls are now ready for painting and outside the drainage systems were put in place. Next step is to start finalising landscaping plans. At this stage, we are still hopeful for completion at the end of April - not too far away now!

While overall we are happy with the project it hasn't come without its challenges, considerations of neighbours, council conditions and the practical complexities that come with a development.

Once again, we sincerely thank all residents, especially those in close proximity, for your understanding and patience while we manage the increased noise and vehicle activity during the development, it is much appreciated.

OTHER VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- > Water tobies throughout the village were all checked and recorded by Colin Gibson.
- > Quotes are coming in to fix the pothole outside Number 40 as well as the Hall driveway/kerbing.
- > A request has been submitted to WDC to fix the footpath on Kakariki road outside the boat storage behind number 14.
- > Thanks Murray once again for spraying the weeds around the village as well as trimming the palms by the front sign.
- > The Tahitian Pohutukawa between number 33 & 34 will be getting a trim in the coming days.
- > Pine Road Walkway hedge has also had a nice haircut and we are getting quotes to have the fence/trestle replaced.
- > Following a WDC site visit to assess drainage, and on their recommendation, the Trust has engaged Northland Plumbing to assess the Village's private drainage network. A drainage specialist will be putting cameras through the system sometime next month to help identify any issues.

WATER REPORT



Thanks to Murray's continued efforts, we're pleased to report that our most recent water tests have returned clear of E. coli.

Over the past six months, the Trust has invested in the water system, including a full tank clean, fixing the bore pump, installing a water tank sensor, replacing the backwash pump, and installing new UV lamps.

WATER FILTERS

If you have a kitchen tap filter system, we remind and encourage you to replace the cartridge regularly to ensure it remains effective and free from bacteria.

GARDEN WATER TANKS

Murray has sourced pricing for slimline rainwater tanks for garden use, starting from \$805 for 1,000 litres (bulk deal). If you are interested email info@nrv.co.nz.

PETS VISITING

Reminder: If you have a pet visiting your home, you must comply with the Pets Visiting Policy. Please email info@nrv.co.nz if you would like a copy.

INSURANCE CLAIMS - CONTACT



Simon Ross - Broker - 027 248 0522 and simon.ross@ajg.co.nz

[Weekends/after hours - 0800 276 624](tel:0800276624)

Social Club News



Lots to report on, but first let's acknowledge those people who navigated another successful Trip around the Sun: Happy March Birthday – Kevin Marshall, Barry McKay, Eunice Roberts, Liz Littlejohn, Ellaleen Green and Rod McKinnon. Special congratulations and best wishes for many more to our newest ninety year old – Tricia Cutfield!



NOTE FROM PHI WILSON

Sincere condolences to Barry McKay's family. Barry reached a great innings, and those who attended his memorial commented his family had done him proud with the refreshments and the room setting. Shirley Coker is now residing with her daughter Sheenah. Sheenah wants to let you know that Shirley enjoys her visitors, but asks that you please text her for a time and availability.

Events

Parua Bay Luncheon – By all accounts, this was a very enjoyable day with good company, good food and dependable transport!

Open Garden Opera – By now, you will be aware that due to lack of sufficient numbers, this trip was cancelled.

Snow White Show – Unfortunately, this has been postponed indefinitely. We are missing a few of our main thespians – mainly Maggie, Shirley and Jan; with another waiting for a hip operation so there will not be much skylarking around in the next few months.

However, **Robbie Burns** – **is still very much on!** Big shout out to the Trust who have subsidized the cost of our two main entertainers. At this stage, because of the uncertainty of attendees, we will be canvassing the residents to see who will be attending and then we will know how many more 'outsiders' we can invite. Residents will be free, but are asked to bring a plate towards the dinner. Non-residents will have to pay \$20 per person in order to cover costs. After this show, planning will be taking place on attending the Waipu Theatre Show in June. Those of us who travelled there last year, are very much looking forward to this next show also. It promises to be better than last year's event!

And there are more events in the pipeline for the remainder of the year.

HAPPY HOUR



on the first Sunday of the month is always on, whether the Social Club is hosting sausage sizzles or not. We may even change the format soon to include themes or games even. Watch this space.



**Tuesdays on pension day
- big thanks to Deni and
the team!**

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.

Cheers, Phi Wilson