

# Residents' News

December 2018



Hello to Residents

Let's all de-stress this Christmas and just enjoy the season. Enjoy the faces of children in awe of Santa and his impending visit, enjoy the shops and all their decorations, join in the local church service if you haven't in a while. Don't buy for the sake of giving a gift, you be the gift to your family, friends, your neighbours'. Think outside the square. We can all think of something or some goodness that is worth doing. Pop in on someone you haven't seen in sometime, bake some special biscuits and share them, make up some recipe cards with your family favorite's – give your grandies a book with blank pages and ask them to answer the questions in it and then ask them to return it and you write your own answers for them to keep. Because the world needs more humanity, not more stuff.

Thanks to all the people who made the Men's night and the Melbourne Cup night such a great success and all those that braved the cold to go and get fish and chips last week.

We look forward to our Christmas party on 8 December and having a great time with all our staff and residents, Merry Christmas to all.

Hugs

Christine

Coming to work each day the crane stands out like a beacon..... Ian continues his monthly update.

## **Stanley's Construction Update**

Since last month's newsletter, there have been a number of changes, on site. The most notable, being the arrival of the 55 tonne crawler crane, which has a 40 meter high jib, with an extension to be able to reach from one side of the new building over the roof and reach the opposite side. Because of its height, we will be installing a red flashing light on the top, and as we are in close proximity to the Thames Airfield we have also had to notify Civil Aviation.

Construction was delayed a little during the month, because of council inspection requirements, however all the foundations for the first stage, have been completed, and the first of the structural steel prepared for erection..

Mike Mobberley and his team have been busy getting rid of much of the excavated spoil off site, which makes the site look tidier and gives us more storage space. December will definitely see some of the structural steel standing from ground floor to level two and allow installation of the flooring.

The timber flooring system in storage at Carters' Kopu yard, has been sorted, ready to arrive on site in the right sequence for fixing into position.

The Carpenters have also been busy, prefabricating the internal wall frames, so that they can be erected as building rises.

Our site staff numbers rose to 16 during November and will continue to rise as the building progresses

Ian Rae  
Project Manager

## Residents Committee Events

**Message from the Committee:** 'We would like everyone to wear their name tag when attending a function'.

- ❖ **Beginners Line Dancing:** With Judy every Tuesday at 9.00am.
- ❖ **Rummikub with Elaine and the Girls:** Learn to play every Wednesday at 2.00pm.
- ❖ **Movie for December Saturday 15th at 1.30pm** is "The Bucket List"
- ❖ **Richmond Villas Choir Concert Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm onwards**  
*A light lunch will follow please bring a plate of finger food to share.*
- ❖ **New Years Eve Party – Fun Games Night Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 9.00pm to 12.00am**  
This is an enjoyable evening of fun games held in the Community Lodge.  
Arrive anytime between 8.00pm and 12.00am. Bring a plate of finger food for supper which will be at 10.30pm. *Everyone is welcome!*

## General

- ❖ **Petanque: Wednesday's 1.30pm** - this will be weather permitting. *All welcome to join in!*  
*Every Wednesday at 1.30pm.*
- ❖ **Scrabble:** Beginner's welcome every Wednesday at 1.00pm.
- ❖ **Ohinemuri Singers Christmas Celebration Concert Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.00pm:**  
Held in the Community Lodge\_main hall, ticket cost is \$10.00 per person (pay at the door).
- ❖ **Village Christmas Dinner Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm onwards:**  
If you are bringing guests then they have to pay \$35.00 per person.  
Residents do not have to pay for the dinner and beverages will be provided.  
**Reminder:** CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Look out for our box in the dining room for your donation of Christmas goodies for the raffle baskets, drawn at Christmas dinner.  
The raffles are for residents and staff of Richmond Villas only.  
**Village Buggy:** If you were needing the village buggy to pick you up for the dinner.  
please let us know at the office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.  
Murray Hull will be driving the buggy from 4.30pm onwards.

- ❖ **Managers Friday Forum – 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am** *meeting will start at 10.30pm*  
Join us for a cuppa and a chat, you are also welcome to bring forward any questions or issues that you may like to discuss with Christine.
- ❖ **Paeroa Christmas Lights Show from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**At Maritime Park Friday 8.30pm to 11.00pm every night. Entry cost for Adults is \$15.00**  
We may possibly be taking the village van on an outing to see the Paeroa Christmas Lights show. This will be weather depending and we will still have to confirm a date and time. A list will be put on the notice board for you to put your name down if wanting to attend.



**BIRTHDAY AFTERNOON TEA Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.**

Come along and help us celebrate the birthdays of those born in December. All residents are invited, please bring a plate.

**Happy Birthday!! For December**

😊 03 Barbara McLean, 😊 06 Jill Muir, 😊 09 Kathleen Hart, 😊 13 Brian Hare,  
😊 15 Phil Ireland, 😊 19 Gordon Bruce, 😊 20 John Ewers, 😊 22 Joanna Farrell,  
😊 24 Maureen Wiseman, 😊 24 Peter Pharaoh, 😊 27 Ian North.

- **Garden Green Waste Collection Reminder: Monday's and Fridays**  
Linda will pick up your garden green waste on Monday's and Friday's. **This will continue over the holiday period as Allan will be collecting it on the days Linda is away.** Please do not get rid of your green waste by dropping it off down by the maintenance sheds as this area is **OUT OF BOUNDS.**
- **Office hours over the holidays**  
The office will be closed from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 12.00pm and will be in full operating hours again on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. You will still be able to phone the office during the holidays, this also includes after hours.  
And you may possibly see office staff between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January minding the office for a couple of hours a day.
- **Hair Appointments:** Gail's last day for hair cuts will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December she will be returning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Gail is now offering a new service for eyebrow shaping, eyebrow tinting and eyelash tinting. Book to have a consultation so you can review pricing with her.

**Village up and coming events:** *mark these dates on your calendar!*

- ❖ **B.B.Q Dinner Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January: follows after the 4.30pm Mix & Mingle**  
Further details will be on the notice boards in the main hall.
- ❖ **Village Outing to the Blue Berry Farm:** A date is yet to be confirmed, details will be on the notice board.

**Rates Rebate 2018/2019:** Applications close on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2019** and cannot be accepted after this date. If you have any queries about the Rates Rebate please contact the Rates Officer Margaret Sainty 07 868 0294 and she will be happy to assist you

**Look Good Feel Better:** This is a FREE 2 hour class that focuses on problems associated with visible side effects of cancer treatment including hair loss, eyebrows, eyelashes and other skin related issues. This service is for anyone with any cancer and at any stage of treatment. Anyone who has been diagnosed and undergoing treatment can register. **The classes will be held at Richmond Villas dining room 5<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am to 12.30pm.** Contact them today to make your appointment; phone 0800 865 432. Or book online at [www.lgfb.co.nz](http://www.lgfb.co.nz)

➤ **Waikato Podiatry Clinic:** Appointments will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 2pm** We have the following appointments available, these times are at 9.20am, 9.40am, 10.40am, 11.40, 12.00pm, 12.20pm. ***Please note:*** The Podiatrist travels from Hamilton for this clinic and therefore **will only attend if we have 9 or more people booked in for appointments.** Held in the Community Lodge – consultations, examination and treatment for your feet will be 20 minutes each and will cost \$40.00 (if further time is required then additional charges will apply). Book an appointment at Richmond Villas reception. Basic podiatry care of this nature includes: Cutting of toenails and thinning bulk (if appropriate), removal of any corns and pathological callous, assessment of feet and function of footwear, if patient is diabetic – pedal pulses and protective sensation will be checked, basic dressing materials, additional appliance etc. **2019 Podiatry Schedule for Richmond Villas appointments dates are Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**St John Health Shuttle:** Please allow at least 24 hours prior to your appointment booking. Call them between 10am and 12pm Monday to Friday on 0800 934 287. The shuttle will transport to Doctors/Hospital appointments in the Waikato district. A donation towards the cost of the journey is appreciated.

**Thames Urban Connector:** The new bus service has been operating for 1 year now! TCDC are happy with the number of people using the service. It is now picking up and dropping off passengers at the Community Lodge approximately every half hour i.e. **9.22am** 9.47am; **10.34am** 11.02am; **11.52am** 12.17pm; **1.07pm** 1.32pm; **2.16pm** 2.47pm. The new timetable is available at reception.

**Community Lodge Access:** The Community Lodge will be **locked from 4.00pm daily.** You will be required to use your key access tag or pin number to enter the building. Please check on exit that doors and windows are closed.

**Community Lodge Reminder:** Remember to turn off lights and shut windows if you have turned them on or opened them. Also shut doors if it is late in the afternoon.

## Swimming Pool Rules for Children

Children may only use the pool between 2pm and 4pm daily and must be accompanied by the hosting resident. Please check the changing room facilities after using to ensure that they are left to our standards. **Reminder:** no children are allowed in the Gym.

**Reminder: Swimming Pool Cover:** If using the pool after 4pm. Please Remove the Cover and Replace the Cover after use to save power and to stop condensation.

### Changing room showers:

The showers should only be used before and after swimming or after using the gym.

**Community Lodge Barbeque:** Please clean the barbeque after you have used it.

**Car Park outside Community Lodge:** If you have visitors that are staying and using this carpark please can you inform the office so we know who the vehicle belongs to just in case it has to be moved.

**Reminder - Visitor Parking:** Please remind your visitors not to park their vehicles on the lawn. We have found that tyre marks are being left on the kerbside lawn areas. This is damaging the lawns by causing them to brown and the grass takes a while to recover from this.

**Inorganic Rubbish Collection:** Allan has said that he is happy for you to put out any inorganic rubbish along with your blue bags and recycling bins. Please make sure that your rubbish is out by 12.00pm every Tuesday.

## Attention Residents – Health and Safety Work Place Regulations

As we proceed with the early stages of the Apartment development please keep aware of staff and contractors who may be coming and going more frequently from this area down the Southern end of the village. Behind the fence is strictly **OUT OF BOUNDS and signage is around it. Under NO circumstances are Residents permitted in this area** (this includes weekends). **If you see danger tape in a particular area then this is also to remind you not to cross over the tape because it is a hazardous work place environment.**

### ➤ Apartment Development - Viewings Friday's at 2.30pm

If you would like to view the Apartment development progress meet at the Community Lodge by 2.30pm every Friday in December until the 21st. Peter will take you down in the village buggy so you can view it from the walkway. If you would like to be picked up and dropped off from your villa please let the office know.

## UCG / Chorus Fibre Installation

Fibre is currently being installed through the village this month. They will be working from 8.00am to 5.00pm during the week days. We are not sure how long it is going to take for them to complete the installation. **You will of seen around the village areas that have been dug up are clearly barriered off with cones. Please take care when you are passing by these places. We hope they will be filled in soon.**

**Sewing/alterations** Betty Dovell Phone 868 50673

**House Keeping** Fiona Johnston is available to clean your inside windows if needed or any other house duties you may have this also includes shopping and other errands. Fiona charges \$25.00 an hour. Phone to arrange a time on 027 492 0818.

**Upcoming Events in Thames:**

- **Christmas Fun Day and Santa Parade Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm**
- **Late Night Christmas Shopping Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**
- **Rotary Goldrush Market Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – on Pollen Street**

**RECIPIES:** Christmas is a busy time of the year with lots of socialising and often we get asked to “bring a plate”. Here’s some easy ideas that won’t have you slaving over a hot stove for hours!

Cut up cubes of feta cheese and watermelon and skewer with a tooth pick. A piece of mint in-between is extra nice! →



**Chocolate and Ginger Bliss Balls**



- Dates**, 14 soaked in boiling water, then drained
- Peanut butter**, 2 tablespoons
- Almonds**, 1/2 cup
- Crystalline ginger**, 8 pieces
- Cocoa**, 2 tablespoons
- Water**, 2 tablespoons
- Coconut**, to roll balls

Place all ingredients except coconut in a blender, and blend to a rough paste. Using wet hands roll into balls and roll in coconut. Refrigerate in an airtight container.

**Carrot and Almond Salad (Serves 4)**

- 4 Carrots, grated (leave skins on)
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds, raw or dry roasted
- 1/4 cup fresh coriander, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup shredded coconut (optional)

**Lemon Dressing**

- 1/8 cup rice bran oil/canola oil
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground coriander seeds
- 1 Tbl sp honey
- 2 Tbl sp lemon juice and • 1/2 tsp salt

**Method**

1. Add all dressing ingredients to a glass jar with a lid. Shake to combine.
2. Mix carrots, almonds and coriander, stir in dressing.
3. Place in a large serving bowl and sprinkle with parsley.

**Friday Mix and Mingle every week – everyone welcome! At 4.30pm B.Y.O, nibbles supplied, and raffle prizes to be drawn. Come and join the fun!!**