



# CARMEL VILLAGE HERALD

**From Jason's Desk**

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Dear Residents,

As we move into another busy month, we have a few important updates to share with everyone.

Firstly, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Vivienne Stefadouros as she begins her well-earned retirement. Viv has dedicated many years to caring for and supporting our residents, and her kindness, professionalism, and friendly presence will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter.

The Community Centre Main Hall, Billiards Room, Kitchen and Sunroom will be closed from Monday, 29 June to Friday, 10 July while painting works are completed and the kitchen receives a much-needed refresh. We appreciate your patience during this time and look forward to reopening the space looking brighter and more welcoming for everyone.

You may notice that this month's newsletter is a little smaller than usual. As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping costs down and helping to minimise increases to the weekly fee, we constantly review all village expenses—both large and small. This simplified newsletter format will be trialled over the coming months. To ensure you stay up to date with village news and events, please keep an eye on the noticeboard in the library, which will continue to be updated regularly.

Costi, from Riggmaster, is well underway with our yearly maintenance programme and is doing a fantastic job. He is clearing gutters, washing the exterior of all villas and will spray the cobbles and outdoor areas where needed.

Finally, we would like to thank Reuben, our helpful volunteer, who has now completed his time with us. We have greatly appreciated his hard work, enthusiasm, and willingness to lend a hand around the village. We wish him every success in his future endeavours.

Thank you all for your continued support as we work together to make Carmel a wonderful place to call home.

Warmest regards,

*Jason & Sharlene*



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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE**

Gloria Le Comte, Barry Lee, Robyn Robinson, Tony Martin, Will Oats, Rose Hardy, Don Banks, Alison Kehely, Colin Inglis, Gary Park, Bev McDonald, Peg Cummins, Jason Rowling, Phil Maddren, Julie Nyhoff, Merle Broome, and Dulcie Walker.

(Management value your privacy, if you do not wish your Birthday to be acknowledged, please just let the office know)

*Happy  
Birthday*

### **COMMITTEE BLOG - JUNE 2026**

Greetings All,

The volunteers who run the raffle table at the Happy Hours are reporting some difficulties. Firstly, a free for all is starting to develop where some residents start grabbing numbers and expecting to be given change while the ladies are still laying them out. Please show respect, by forming orderly queues and waiting until the numbers are all laid out. Secondly, please try and pay with the correct amount for the numbers that you require. Only a small amount of change is carried, and \$50 and \$20 notes are certainly not encouraged. If you need to change notes, see our Treasurer Pam Hughes earlier, who will try to help.

There are to be changes to the wine selections for Happy Hour and these will be progressively introduced as existing stocks are used up.

We have been advised that redecoration of the Community Centre will take place from Monday, 29 June until Friday, 10 July. It will mean that we will lose at least one week of Happy Hour, possibly two depending on how quickly the refresh can be completed. Fuller details and timing will be given by management in due course.

The Carmel Singers will be holding one of their enjoyable concerts on 14 June, so come along for a good afternoon's entertainment and stay for a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards.

As there has been strong interest in playing Petanque, the playing area and seating is to be tidied up. A flyer will go out with a start date, once ready.

The Residents' Morning Tea will be held on Thursday, 18 June, with a presentation by No 8 Tours.

Regards,

Quinton

## **THANK YOU!**

Dear Residents,

I wish to thank you all, for the wonderful morning tea and incredible spread that you, together with Carmel Management, created to mark this important event in my life. I would also like to thank those who sent cards and called to offer their best wishes.

After enjoying so many years in a career I have loved, it was with sadness that I gradually realised that it was time to retire. The back and fingers aren't what they used to be. It has been a privilege to have been able to help so many people who have shared their lives and families with me; and I have greatly appreciated the almost 20 years working with Jason and Sharlene as a member of the Carmel Team.

I will still live here in the village and hope to see you as I am around, in the meantime I offer you all the warmest regards and wishes for the future.

Viviene Stefadouros, NZRN, ADN.

### **CARMEL SINGERS CONCERT**

You are invited to our "Mixed Bag" Concert, in the Community Centre, on Sunday, 14 June at 2.00pm. We will present some old favorites, some newer ones and some show tunes – to be followed by a light afternoon tea. Come and enjoy!

The Singers farewelled their accompanist of 9 years – Deidre Freeman, with lunch at The Atrium where she was thanked for her contribution to the Carmel Singers and was presented with a beautiful bouquet.



### **THANK YOU!**

Lorene Jacobsen and Family would like to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, flowers, messages of sympathy, and support received following the passing of Ces.

Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and care during this difficult time have been greatly appreciated and have provided much comfort to our family.

With heartfelt thanks,

**Lorene and Family**

### **TRANSPORT – PRICE INCREASES**

If you no longer drive and require transport to medical related appointments, please contact:

**Tauranga St John Health Shuttle on  
0800 824 3258**

Usually, they require 24 hours' notice.

If the St John Health Shuttle, or family, or friends cannot assist you, please contact the Carmel office and if available Carmel can provide transport for \$20 each way within the Tauranga City Boundary. After-hours pick-up that is arranged during working hours (if a staff member is available) is \$40.

# CARMEL NOTICE BOARD



## TRANSPORT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you would like a lift to the Community Centre, please don't hesitate to call the office, we will be very happy to give you a lift for any reason.



## BINGO

By popular demand, Bingo will now be held twice a month commencing from Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Bingo will be held on the:  
First and Third Tuesday of each month starting at 1.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## CARMEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Church Service is held in the Community Centre every Sunday at 11.00am, followed by a light lunch.

Everyone welcome.



## HAIRDRESSERS AT CARMEL

Friday and overflow day on  
Wednesday

Debi – 027 5413 323

Thursday

Glenys – 027 5753 384

Please phone to make an appointment.

## CARMEL SHOPPING BUS

The free shopping bus departs every Wednesday to go to The Lakes shopping mall at:

1<sup>st</sup> Bus – 8.45am

2<sup>nd</sup> Bus – 9.15am

Every second Friday, the free shopping bus departs to go to Bayfair shopping mall at:

1<sup>st</sup> Bus – 8.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Bus – 9.15am

The Mystery Trips depart at 8.45am



## CHARITY SHOPS

**VINNIES DONATIONS: 578 3814**

**SALVATION ARMY: 578 4264**

**WAIPUNA HOSPICE: 07 2811755**

**RED CROSS: 578 2683**

They offer a collection service in the community for anyone who would like to donate items for Charity. They thank you for your support, all goods donated help provide funds to support people in need. **Please phone these charities for a free pick-up.**



## MISSING JACKET

If you have picked up a man's dark blue shower-proof jacket with a roll-away hood in the last two months, can you please kindly return it to the Carmel Office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

# CARMEL NOTICE BOARD



## **SHOE SHOPPING AT CARMEL**

Murray's coming back!

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**  
**Carmel Community Centre**

Shoes and sandals from \$49. Eftpos Available.  
Brands for sale include: Ecco, Skechers, Ziera,  
Hush Puppies, Scholl, Revere, and Propet.



## **MISSING UMBRELLA**

If you took home a red and black umbrella  
from the Community Centre by mistake,  
please return it to the office for the owner to  
collect. Thank you.



## **PODIATRIST**

Our Podiatrist, Grace Senatsi, from Vital Feet  
Podiatry Services will be on site on the  
following dates:  
15 July, 21 July, 26 Aug, 1 Sept, 7 Oct, 13 Oct,  
18 Nov, and 24 Nov.

**Cost: \$60 inc GST.**  
Cash or Eftpos accepted.

**To secure your appointment, please call:**  
**07 571 2233 or email**  
**[info@vitalfeetpodiatry.co.nz](mailto:info@vitalfeetpodiatry.co.nz)**



## **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

Two men's navy blue woollen reefer jackets in  
near new condition, size large.  
One double-breasted, one single breasted.  
If interested, please contact Alison Stirling on  
07 548 2661. Photos are on the notice board  
in the Library.

## **FUNDRAISING**

For the month of May, Trish and Tony Aplin entered the  
100km's in 30 days to raise money for the Breast  
Cancer Support Service Tauranga Trust. Combined,  
they exceeded their target and walked 425km's in 30  
days. Trish walked 325km and Tony walked 100km.  
Together they raised \$715.00 for the deserving charity.  
Well done Tony and Trish!



## **CARMEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

You are warmly invited to the:  
CARMEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

HIGH MORNING TEA  
Theme: Appreciate the stillness of the world  
**Thursday, 25 June**  
**10.30am – 11.30am**  
**Carmel Community Centre**

**Programme:**  
A Reflective Thought and Encouraging Activity

Margaret Foster – 027 406 1846  
Janet McCutchan – 027 2648 555  
Jean Crane – 022 1904 105

If anyone requires a ride, please contact Margaret.



## **BRACELETS FOR SALE**

Robyn Robinson (U70) is creating and selling  
bracelets to raise money for the  
Breast Cancer Foundation.  
If you would like to view the bracelets,  
please phone  
Robyn on 021 0222 3956.



# CARMEL CATERED DINNER



## **GARDEN CIRCLE SNIPPETS – MAY 2026**

**BZZ bzz bzz** - that is the sound of bumblebees searching for nectar in your garden to take back to the hive. The humble bumble bee is a very intelligent insect that knows which flowers have been stripped of nectar, so they then move on searching again and again. Bumble bees are ecological superheroes and tough survivors, can fly in cold weather, tolerate miserable climates and carry heavy loads. Thanks to their plump fuzzy bodies they are uniquely equipped to fertilize many crops. They can shiver to warm up their bodies, can carry heavier loads of pollen than honeybees and can also engage in play-like behaviour.

Our thanks to Jo, a beekeeper and honey gatherer who was our guest speaker at the May garden circle meeting. Jo spoke with such enthusiasm on the life cycle of the bumble bee and her vibrant nature and knowledge had us totally enthralled, so much so we did not want to her to finish.

*"The hum of bees is the voice of the garden"*

- Elizabeth Lawrence

**Brenda Gaylard**



### **MAINTENANCE**

Don't forget, if you have any issues around your home that you think may need attending to, please let the office know so we can check it in the first instance and book a contractor if needed.

**If you require urgent maintenance assistance after hours:**

Please contact Jason in  
the first instance on **027 4727 658**  
or Chrissy on **021 1678 309**.

If Jason or Chrissy are not available, please contact our contractors:

**Plumber:**

Master Plumb – 07 579 5997  
Adam – 022 170 6916

**Electrician:**

Glen – 027 482 6637

**Locksmith:**

Justin – 027 922 0023

**Heat Pump:**

Switch Electrical – 571 3429

**Garage Doors:**

Lifestyle Doors – 027 449 2826

**Appliance Repairs:**

AAA Appliance Repairs Ltd  
Paul Clark - 5440428 or  
021 1750 603



# CARMEL REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Every Monday</b>	10.00am – 11.00am	Carmel Singers
<b>Monday</b>	1.00 pm – 2.15pm	Indoor Bowls (names in by 12.50 pm)
<b>Monday</b>	1.00 pm – 3.00pm	Rummikub
<b>Monday</b>	1.00 pm – 3.00pm	Carmel Knitters
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Bolivia – Cards
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Men’s Croquet
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month</b>	10.00am – 11.00am	Bible Study
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month</b>	10.00am – 11.30am	Residents’ Morning Tea
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month</b>	1.00pm – 2.15pm	Bingo
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month</b>	10.00am – 11.00am	Garden Lovers
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	8.45am – 10.30am	First Village Bus Departs for The Crossing
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am – 11.30am	Second Village Bus Departs for The Crossing
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am – 10.30am	Outdoor Bowls (names in by 8.50am)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am – 10.00am	Strength and Balance Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am – 11.00am	Ladies Croquet
<b>Wednesday</b>	12.30pm – 3.00pm	Arts and Crafts
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.00pm – 3.15pm	500 Card Game
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.00pm – 2.30pm	Mah-jong
<b>Wednesday</b>	3.45pm – 4.45pm	Men’s Social Hour
<b>Every Thursday</b>	9.30am – 11.00am	Croquet
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Rummikub and Scrabble
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Adult Colouring In
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00pm – 2.15pm	Indoor Bowls (names in by 12.50pm)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month</b>	6.45pm – 8.00pm	Quiz night
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month</b>	10.30am – 1.00pm	Carmel Lunch Club
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month</b>	10.30am – 11.30am	Carmel Community Church Ladies Morning
Tea		
<b>Every Friday</b>	9.00am – 10.30am	Outdoor Bowls (Names in by 8.50am)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am – 11.00am	Golf Croquet
<b>Friday</b>	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Hobby Group
<b>Friday</b>	1.00pm – 3.15pm	500 Card Game
<b>Friday</b>	4.00 pm – 5.30pm	Happy Hour
<b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday</b>	8.30am – 10.45am	First Village bus departs for Bayfair
<b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday</b>	9.15am – 11.30am	Second Village bus departs for Bayfair
<b>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b>	8.45am – 11.30am	Mystery shopping trip
<b>Every Saturday in the month</b>	9.20am – 10.30am	Exercise Class
<b>Saturday</b>	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Bolivia
<b>Every Sunday</b>	11.00am – 1.00pm	Carmel Community Church
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month</b>	5.00pm – 7.30pm	Residents’ Catered Dinner
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month</b>	1.30pm – 4.30pm	Tauranga Organ and Keyboard Club
<b>Every Thursday</b>	8.30am	Hair Salon – Glenys – 027 5753 384
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	8.30am	Hair Salon – Debi - 027 5413 323
<b>Tues – Saturday by appointment</b>	8.30am	Beauty Salon – Christine – 02102635169