

**Dear Residents,**

Well... I know you are all dying to hear how many ducks we got this year, I won't hold you in suspense any longer. Our total was less than what we would have liked, but we walked away with just over 200 ducks. A good time was had by all, and it was great to catch up with the Balfour locals again.

This time of year is a good time to get the gardens up to speed. We have removed a large number of Red Robbin hedges around the Village and are currently replacing with Early Pearly Camellias in some areas and fencing in others. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience while these areas are completed, we will endeavour to have everything tidied up as quickly as possible. We are also in the process of installing new balustrades around the Community Centre, this will be completed soon.

The fountain in front of the Community Centre is under repair at present. We have booked a fantastic team to re-fibreglass the ponds to help with ongoing maintenance; we hope to have the fountain up and running again shortly.



Our annual residents' lunch this month was a great success; this doesn't happen by itself. I want to say a BIG thank you to all the residents that helped to make this happen, I won't mention you all, for fear of missing someone out, but I specifically want to thank Wills Kelly who worked hard in the kitchen from start to finish as well as spending a lot of time planning and preparing for this event, so thank you for a job well done. And to our staff who helped, a big shout to Chrissy who ran the whole event in the kitchen with her amazing helpers Sarah and Anna. This event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible Residents' Committee, thank you for your time and effort organising and sponsoring this lunch as well as helping on the day; we hope you all enjoyed this fantastic event.

Jack made his way to Europe over the weekend; with the goal of working hard on the Super Yachts in Nice, in the South of France. It was hard for our family to see him go, but we know that this will be an exciting time for him, and we sent him off with all our love and prayers.

Jesse has another exam for his commercial helicopter licence coming up. Once completed, he only has two more exams left. He has been working on his sling work and has his night flying to complete alongside his turbo rating; his target is to be fully qualified at the end of this year which is a fantastic achievement.

Have a great week ahead team, keep looking out for each other and remember we are only a phone call away.

Warmest regards,

*Jason & Sharlene*

## **CARMELS' INDOOR BOWLERS WELCOMED** **COPPER CREST**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Copper Crest brought 16 players, to Carmel, with hopes of a win. Lots of fun and laughter was had on the day.

The final score was Carmel 12 ½ to 3 ½. Carmel's winning team consisted of Barry Gaylard, Merle Broom, Ian Heyes, and Jan Korstanje.

The fantastic meat raffle was won by Maree Gorham, from Copper Crest.

My thanks to Jason and Sarah for the welcome, to Shirley Street for selling the raffle tickets, Jeff for keeping the score board up to date, Adrienne and Brenda for their help in the kitchen, and to the team who set up before, and cleaned up after.

Thank you to you all.

Carole Conder





## **CARMEL STAFF TEAM BUILDING**

The Carmel Team will be away from the Village on **Thursday, 12 June**.

We are visiting The Field days as a team building activity and to look at replacements for tools and machinery used around the Village.

This trip is weather dependant, if the weather is suitable and we are able to attend, Carmel's former Manager, Mike Carrick, will be in the office to help with any queries.

## **THANK YOU**

Trevor and Gloria Le Comte would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped during Trevor's incident at the Community Centre.

It is wonderful to see the Carmel Community rally around fellow residents during difficult times. We are very fortunate to have a fantastic community here, keep up the good work team!

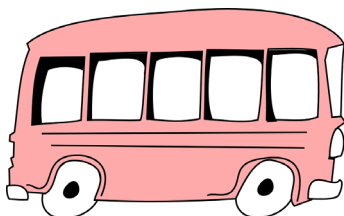
## **CARMEL SHOPPING BUS TIMETABLE**

The shopping bus departs every Wednesday to go to The Lakes shopping mall, and every fortnight, on Friday, to go to Bayfair shopping mall at:

**1<sup>st</sup> Bus – 8.30am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bus – 9.15am**

**The Mystery Trip departs at 8.45am**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE**

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

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



## **WAIPUNA HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP**

We offer a free collection service (NOT CLOTHES) in the community for anyone who would like to donate items to Waipuna Hospice Charity Shops.

Clothes must be dropped into a Hospice Shop or the Depot at Fraser Cove.

Thank you for your support. All goods donated help provide funds to support people in our community with life-limiting illness.

**FREEPHONE  
07 2811755  
for a free pick-up**

**(PLEASE LEAVE A  
MESSAGE AND PHONE NUMBER)**



## **INCREDIBLE EFFORT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE**

Audrey Perrett and The Op Shop Girls spent the month of May raising money for Breast Cancer Support Services Tauranga Trust. They entered their team in The Aotearoa 100k's in 30 Days Challenge, and successfully raised \$3,197.00 as a group, taking out the title of third top team for their fundraising efforts. Audrey alone raised \$1,145.00 thanks to generous donations from friends, family, Carmel residents, and staff.

The goal was to walk 100kms in 30 days. Well, Audrey absolutely smashed that goal. She walked 100kms in the first 15 days and at 85 ½ years old walked a total of 151kms, proving that age is just a number.

Congratulations to Audrey and The Op Shop Girls for their incredible achievement!





## CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

Mike and Merle Broom have recently celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

They received cards from King Charles, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, the Minister for Seniors of New Zealand, and our local MP, to honour this special occasion.

What an incredible milestone, congratulations Mike and Merle!







### **MAY RESIDENTS' DINNER**

Thank you to the Residents Committee for another wonderful event and to Chris Camenzind and Pam Hughes for the incredible decorations they create for each event.







## **MANAGEMENT CONTACTS**

### **Office and Community Centre**

Darice Hubbard or Sarah Gardyne  
07 544 5553  
office@carmel.co.nz

### **Jason Rowling**

0274727658

## **REGULAR CARMEL EVENTS**

Every Monday	10.00am	Carmel Singers
Monday	1.00 pm	Indoor Bowls (names in by 12.50 pm)
Monday	1.00 pm	Rummikub
Monday	1.00 pm	Carmel Knitters
Every Tuesday	1.00pm	Bolivia – Cards
Tuesday	2.00pm	Men's Croquet
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month	10.00am	Residents' Morning Tea
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month	1.00pm	Bingo
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month	10.00am	Garden Lovers
Every Wednesday	8.45 am	Village Bus Departs for The Crossing
Wednesday	9.00am	Outdoor Bowls (names in by 8.50am)
Wednesday	9.00am	Strength and Balance Class
Wednesday	1.00pm	Arts and Crafts Workshop
Wednesday	1.15pm	Mah-jong
Wednesday	1.00pm	500 Card Game
Wednesday	4.00pm	Men's Social Hour
Every Thursday	10.00am	Health Clinic in Doctors Room
Thursday	1.00pm	Rummikub and Scrabble
Thursday	1.00pm	Adult Colouring In
Thursday	1.00pm	Indoor Bowls (names in by 12.50pm)
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month	6.45pm	Quiz night
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month	10.15am	Carmel Lunch Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month	10.30am	Carmel Community Church Ladies Morning Tea
Every Friday	9.00am	Outdoor Bowls (Names in by 8.50am)
Friday	9.30am	Golf Croquet
Friday	1.00pm	Hobby Group
Friday	4.00 pm	Mix and Mingle
Last Friday in the month	8.30am	Village bus departs for Bayfair (twice per month)
Every Saturday in the month	9.30am	Exercise Class
Saturday	1.00pm	Bolivia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month	5.00pm	Residents' Catered Dinner
Every Sunday	11.00am	Carmel Community Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month	1.30pm	Tauranga Organ and Keyboard Club
Every Thursday	8.30am	Hair Salon – Glenys – 027 5753 384
Every Wednesday	8.30am	Hair Salon – Debi - 027 5413 323
Tues – Saturday by appointment	8.30am	Beauty Salon – Christine –02102635169



## **GARDEN CIRCLE SNIPPETS – MAY 2025**

Today we welcomed Suze Fox to our meeting. She brought along her Tui Inground Compact Home Composter to demonstrate to us and answer any questions that arose. Suze was very pleased with her first lot of compost and was pleasantly surprised with the worms within the compost. This composter would be very suitable for a one-person household and is available from Mitre 10 Mega at a cost of \$48.00 (approx.).

- Hydrangeas will bloom vibrant blue if a common kitchen ingredient is added. Simply add coffee grounds to the soil. Hydrangeas are particularly eye-catching and come in various interesting colours and shapes including balls and cones. The OAK LEAF hydrangea is a low maintenance variety and provides added interest thanks to its large lobed foliage that resembles an oak tree's leaves. The flowers are cone shaped and white while the foliage transitions from green to maroon throughout the season and is very impressive.
- Have you ever thought of growing a compact Prostrate Camellia in a hanging basket? "Marge Miller" would be ideal with its masses of double pink flowers and dark green foliage.

*"Without its colour we would lose those captivating precious moments when we glimpse a flash of golden orange of the Monarch Butterfly lightening up our gardens... gladdening our hearts."*

**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 Chris on **021 1678 309**.  
If Jason or Chris are not available, please contact our contractors:

#### **Plumber:**

**Adam - 022 1706916**

#### **Electrician:**

**Glen – 027 4826637**

#### **Locksmith:**

**Justin – 027 922 0023**

#### **Heat pump:**

**Switch Electrical – 571 3429**



## **PODIATRIST**

Our Podiatrist, Grace Senatsi, from Vital Feet Podiatry Services will be on site on the dates listed below.

**Cost: \$56 inc GST.**

Cash or Eftpos accepted.

Please see current dates for Tuesdays and Wednesdays below:

### **2025 Visit Dates are:**

25 June  
1 July  
6 August  
12 August  
17 September  
23 September  
29 October  
4 November  
10 December  
16 December

**To secure your appointment,  
please call:**

**07 571 2233**

**or email**

**[info@vitalfeetpodiatry.co.nz](mailto:info@vitalfeetpodiatry.co.nz)**



## **CARMEL VAN TRAVEL COSTS**

**Travel costs for all group trips.  
Pricing is per person.**

**Tauranga \$5**

**Papamoa \$5**

**Bayfair \$5**

**Rotorua \$25**

**Waihi \$25**

**Waihi Beach \$25**

**Ngatea \$25**

**Hamilton \$35**

**Thames \$35**

**Coromandel \$40**

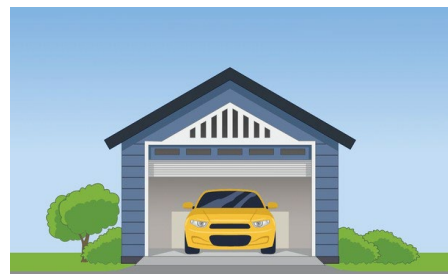
**Please enquire at the office.**

## **SOMETHING TO PONDER**

If you no longer have a car parked in your garage and require a ride to the Community Centre and back, we are very happy to collect you when needed.

If you have space in your garage, please think about leaving enough room to fit the Carmel car or golf cart. That way when one of the Carmel Team picks you up on a wet day, we can drive directly into your garage to ensure that you do not get wet.

This is not essential but may make getting out and about on these wet and windy days a little more pleasant.





## CARMEL WORD SCRAMBLE



Try solving the Carmel word scramble. Use all nine letters to create one word.

The answer will be printed in the next newsletter.

April answer: DRIZZLING

Goodluck!

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## COMMITTEE BLOG - JUNE 2025

Greetings All,

The social programme just keeps on trucking! Apart from the usual events we held a very well attended lunch, well over 130 residents enjoyed the wonderful spread. Thanks to all those who contributed their hard work, with special mention to Wills and Chrissy.

There will be a fish and chip night in early July; please see the Village Happenings for details.

Entertainment at next month's Morning Tea will be a "This is Your Life" featuring Rose Hardy. Forthcoming months will feature (in no particular order) Bernie Maguire who will tell us about his experiences in the Antarctic, St John, who will provide instruction on the use of the defibrillator, someone from BOP Sport, and entertainment by a Country and Western Singer.

I thought I would give a plug for the monthly Mystery Shopping Trips. Some of the recent visits have been Gate Pa Shopping Centre, Garden Centres and Fashion Island in Papamoa. Please note, the June Mystery Shopping Trip has been postponed due to Matariki. For future trips, if you wish to join the trips, the date will be in the Village Happenings. Please contact the office to put your name on the list.

Kind regards,

Quinton Dace



## **PINK RIBBON FUNDRAISER**

A large group of residents enjoyed lunch out to support a Pink Ribbon fundraiser, it was an enjoyable event and a fantastic way to raise money for a worthy charity.



## **BRACELETS FOR SALE**

If you are looking for a gift for a loved one, or a special treat for yourself. Robyn has created a wide range of beautiful bracelets, if you would like to look at the wonderful selection, please phone Robyn to view.

**Robyn Robinson – Unit 70**  
**021 0222 3956**







## **CARMEL COUNTRY ESTATE** **WEARING HER AUTUMN** **COLOURS**

Thank you to Chris Camenzind for the lovely photos.



## **GARDENING**

We have made changes to the way in which we look after the gardens at Carmel. We will start working at one end of the Village and will work our way through to the other end on a continuous cycle. The garden team will attend to everything in your garden before moving on.

If you have an urgent job, or if you would like to know when the gardeners will be in your street, please phone the office.

If you currently look after your own gardens and you would like the gardeners to take over, please phone the office.

## **GYM USE – PLEASE NOTE**

If you are using the gym between 6am – 8am and 5pm – 9pm, please be considerate of the Apartment Residents.

The noise travels up if the doors and windows are left open, so please keep the doors and windows closed between these hours. The fan is available to use if you need it.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE – VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

If you attend the Carmel church service on Sunday and would like to volunteer to drive the golf cart to pick up and drop off residents for the service, please let the office know.

If you don't attend the service and would like to volunteer, you are more than welcome. Your time would be very much appreciated.



## **SOAK CLOSED**

Please note that Christine has advised us that Soak will be closed from Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

# Closed

## **CARMEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

You are warmly invited to the:  
**HIGH MORNING TEA**

**Theme: Cold Weather but Warm Hearts**

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.30am – 11.30am**

**Carmel Community Centre**

### **Programme:**

A Reflective Thought  
Encouraging Activity

**Please bring along a pretty cup, saucer, and plate.**

### **Contacts:**

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



## **RESIDENTS' LUNCH**

We hope you all enjoyed the fabulous lunch put on by the Residents' Committee and many helpers.

Thank you to those who put in a huge effort planning, cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving etc.





## HAIRDRESSERS

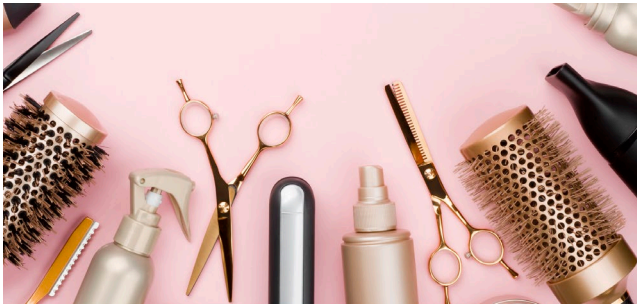
### Wednesday

Debi – 027 5413 323

### Thursday

Glenys – 027 5753 384

Please phone to make an appointment



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our gates open at 6.00am and close at 7.00pm

Security cameras are now located at the front entrance of the Village, inside the reception area of the Community Centre, and upstairs where the Apartments are located. They operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Please remember we have new workshop rules and strict workshop machinery induction requirements.**

**All residents, including their family and friends, must read the notices in the workshop and sign the register before using the space.**

The workshop is available for use between the hours of  
9.00am - 5.00pm  
Monday - Sunday

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### ST JOHN MEDICAL ALARM

We would like to remind you that if someone in your household falls, **please press your St John Medical Alarm straight away, then make sure the resident is warm and comfortable.** For their safety, please do not pick the person up as they may have injuries that are not visible. The paramedics will assess the person for any injuries they might have sustained and are trained to lift the person without causing further harm.

If you are on your own, please press your St John Medical Alarm first, if you can hear anyone outside your villa, alert them to your situation.

On that note, we would like to kindly remind all residents that it is a good idea to wear your St John Medical Alarm at all times, including in the shower. This is particularly important for those who live on their own. The only time you need to take your alarm off is if you are going away, in which case, you can leave it at home.

If you activate your alarm on a weekday, St John will contact the office and staff may be sent to you, but after hours and on weekends this does not apply.

**If you have any cause for concern and need to call the police for any reason, you can push your St John Medical Alarm.**

**When they contact you, let the dispatcher know that you would like to be connected to the police.**

## **ST JOHN AMBULANCE PRIVACY ACT**

We kindly ask that residents please be mindful when an ambulance arrives to help a fellow resident. Unless the resident has asked you to attend, please respect their privacy and leave it to the professionals and staff to look after the resident's best interests and care at the time. If you have any concerns, please contact the office.



## **UNEXPECTED CONTRACTORS**

If anyone turns up to your unit unannounced, and you do not know who they are, or you have not been informed by the office that they are coming, please phone the office to let us know.

If it is after business hours, please send them away, do not let them in.

Ask them to contact or visit the office to organise a suitable time to visit.

**If a contractor visits your home for any reason, please remind them to sign in at the office first.**

## **FACILITIES**

Please remember that a **Resident must be present** with visiting family members and friends while they are using any Carmel facilities i.e.: Table tennis, pool table, croquet lawn, bowling green, or using the gym.

Children are allowed to play pool or table tennis provided they can use the facilities correctly to prevent damage.

Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to use the gym. Children between the ages of 10-15 are permitted to use the gym with the supervision of a qualified fitness or sports instructor, with a resident present.

A reminder that all rules are located by the pool table, table tennis table, and in the gym. Please respect others and the facilities. They are there for everyone to enjoy.

For their own safety, please ensure children are supervised throughout the Village, this includes the fountain.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

If you leave your garage door open at night, Nutech, our security team will enter your garage to close the door for your safety. They will report this to the office, who will contact you on the following weekday.