

10th December 2020

Residents Christmas Dinner

Wow what a great Night last night at the Residents Christmas Dinner! I hope that all those that attended (there were 219 of you) enjoyed the festivities.

I do have a cast of thousands to thank as we just could not manage these events without a hardworking and dedicated group of staff and residents.

A lot of the heavy lifting (literally) happens before and after the event and Darcy, Alan, Kurt, and John stopped their day jobs to make sure we got this done. The kitchen staff Ruth, Jucimara and Danielle worked for hours cooking, glazing, and prepping all the food, and I must say the only word to describe it was 'Delicious!!'

Our regular 'Resident Carvers' John Bruce and Mike Jones did a fantastic job as ever, not only carving to perfection but then committing hours afterwards to helping clean up. Paisley and Nicole were busy all night serving and clearing with all their usual charm, and then cleaning up after when many heads had already hit the pillow. Sandy from housekeeping is also making a regular appearance at these events working in the engine room; washing and cleaning the phenomenal number of plates and cutlery that we manage to make dirty.

Out the front was our 'Resident MC' Bruce; no matter how hard we work these events would simply not be the same without him doing what he does best - 'entertaining'. We are lucky to have you Bruce.

Of course, the lovely Rosalie working alongside Bruce makes sure he stays in step with the night. She brings her own special flair that makes Settlers what it is. The dedicated team on the bar certainly worked hard through the night from the bottle table to the bar, they made sure everyone was well watered.

All the team at Settlers put in extra work to make these events from processing the bookings, taking the money, and helping with the planning - thank you for your continued dedication.

My final thank you is to Glenda. Glenda designed and made all the table decorations, worked alongside me on the planning, preparation and set up that made it look just fabulous. Most of this she does in her own time and I really do appreciate all the effort and time that she gives simply for the satisfaction of knowing that the residents benefit from and enjoy it.



**Gary Jarvis
Village Manager**



From the Sales Desk

What a week we have had with some very special events in the village, firstly our **Candle Light Remembrance** concert which was well attended and a very intimate and soulful time to be together celebrating our loved ones to the sounds of Andrea Bocelli. My thanks to Lexie Turner for her input and support each year. Christmas is not an easy time for many, so if you know anyone who might need a listening ear then that will be the biggest gift you can give.



Our Lodge turned into a magical place to celebrate our **Resident Christmas dinner**. The atmosphere was amazing and a huge team effort and I am so proud to part of the Settlers team. We have had many compliments for a great night so I do hope you all enjoyed this evening to the fullest and what a great way to end such a challenging year.

New residents – On Monday we welcome Christine and Rob into our village and wish them well as they settle into their new home in Kaipatiki 154. I am sure like many new residents they will find our village very welcoming and a great place to be.

Enjoy your week ahead and special thoughts to those residents who are facing any challenges during this festive season.

**Rosalie
Sales & Marketing**

Hello from the Nurses Niche

Hi everyone, what a wonderful start to the festive season the Christmas dinner was last night. The room looked amazing with an atmosphere to match. Albany Senior High School Students snapped pictures of residents by the Christmas tree as they arrived and the piano music topped it all off beautifully.

As we move towards the big day, people start rushing around and this is when short cuts are made and accidents can happen. We often see an increase in minor injuries like skin tears as well as an increase in falls and blood pressure concerns. Take your time, pace yourself and make sure that you look after your wellbeing during the next few weeks. Enjoy the journey and try not to sweat the small stuff.

The temperatures have shot up too which means you need to increase your fluid intake. Dehydration can happen to anyone but when you are older it can have consequences such as low blood pressure which in turn can make you feel dizzy putting you at a greater risk of falling. Watch the alcohol consumption too. I am very partial to a bit of festive bubbles but older bodies don't metabolise alcohol as well as the younger ones and this can also put you at risk of falls and injuries. I have some soda water or orange juice with my favourite bubbles and put lots of ice in my Rose. This dilutes it and chills the beverage without denying myself the festive treat.



We are desperate for a wonderful, normal Christmas after this crazy COVID infected year and compared to many parts of the world we look like we will get one. The one thing that has been affected is that children are not allowed to sit on dear old Santa's knee. It seems that he remains on his chair with a stool in front or they stand next to him. Hmmm mmm not at 2 meters distance



from what I saw but hey it doesn't really matter. At least the ritual remains and the younger children won't even notice I'm sure.

**Sue, Lyn, Chris, Christine Lucy & Tina
Nursing Team**



We look forward to welcoming you at Tui's Café. Hot lunches will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Next week's lunch menu is:

Tuesday 15th December

\$12.00

Whole Capsicums Stuffed with Mexican Style Beef, Topped with Guacamole and Sour Cream

Thursday 17th December

\$12.00

Beer Batter Fish and Chips with Side Salad

**Ruth, Danielle, & Jucimara
Tui's Café**

What's on this coming week

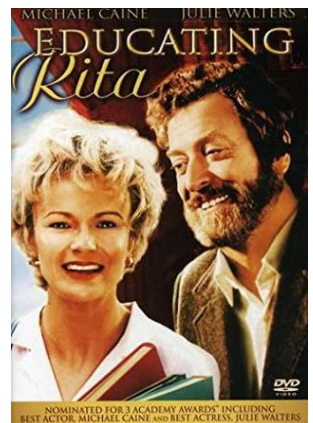


Weekend Movie – EDUCATING RITA

*Time & venue: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December
@ 1pm in Cinema*

Rita (Julie Walters), a married hair stylist in her 20s, wants to go back to school. She begins studying with Dr. Bryant (Michael Caine), a professor using alcohol to cope with his divorce. Despite his personal problems, Dr. Bryant helps Rita realize her academic potential. In turn, her passion for learning revitalizes his love of teaching. However, when Rita's blue-collar spouse learns that his wife is more interested in education than homemaking, he becomes frustrated by her independence.

Drama/Romance 1hr 51 minutes



Show Stoppers

Time & Venue: Sunday 13th December @ 3pm in Lodge Lounge
Come along for an afternoon of singing, dancing, and comedy from the Show Stoppers. You might recognise our talented Bruce amongst the performers. The show starts at 3pm but the bar is open from 2.30pm. Note the bar will be closed during the performance but open during the intermission.





"It's a Wonderful Life"

Time & venue: Sunday 13th December @ 7pm in Cinema

Award winning Classic Christmas Film. Made in black and white in 1946. Starring James Stewart and Donna Reid.

Set in a snowy town of Bedford Falls but shot in the Summer in the Arizona desert.

Fantasy/Drama, Runtime: 2h 12m

Tai Chi with Cherie

Time & Venue: Monday 14th @ 1.30pm Kell Lounge

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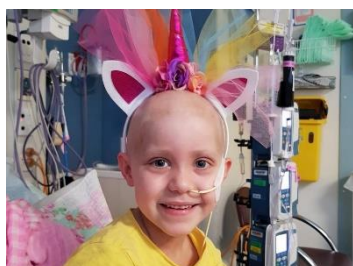
For those of you looking to pay online, please see reception for the bank account details.



Carols in the Village

Time & Venue: Thursday 17th @ 7pm at the Bowling Green

Some Settlers Residents will be singing Christmas Carols around the village buildings. They will begin at the Bowling Green, and anyone who wishes to join in is welcome.



The 'Birdbox Project' Auction/Hope for Hollie

Time & Venue: Happy Hour, Friday 4th December

During Happy Hour on Friday 4th December, this bird box was auctioned. It was won by the residents committee; it was sold for a whopping \$270, with all proceeds going to Hope for Hollie. In 2018, Hollie was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. Her battle has been ongoing, and treatment is not available within New Zealand. Hollie and her family will be going to Spain for treatment, where it costs around \$400,000. If you would like to donate to Hollie, you can do so at reception, or visit the website <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/helping-hollie-fund>.

The birdbox will be auctioned again Friday December 18th.



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Summer Indoor Bowls

Time & Venue: Tuesdays and Thursday @ 7.00pm in the Kell Lounge

Now that twilight outdoor bowls have finished for the season, indoor bowls will play on both Tuesdays and Thursdays again throughout the summer. We play in Kell Lounge from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, beginning this coming Tuesday 15 December. All are welcome. No replies are needed. Arrive by 6.50 pm to get into the draw.

Special Notices

'Settle Inn' – Friday Night Apartment Jackpot.

The lucky apartment jackpot draw prize of \$80 drawn on Friday 4th November was unclaimed when apartment number 94 was drawn.

The lucky apartment jackpot prize this Friday, 11th December, will increase to \$100.

Remember to be eligible to win you must be in the Bar when the lucky apartment number is drawn and you **must** be wearing your Settlers Name Badge – **no name badge/no prize/no excuses**. The lucky apartment number will be drawn at sometime between 5 and 6pm.

Peter Dowling, Chairman, Exec Bar Committee, M227

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

What an amazing evening so many of us had last night. Glenda's beautiful table decorations set the scene for an evening of celebration. Wouldn't Rosalie have loved prospective residents to see how much fun we have! They would beat a path to her door to sign up!

The fun however doesn't come without a tremendous amount of preparation and work by a large number of people. To organise the catering for such a large number was quite a task. Ruth and her team did a wonderful job. There were many workers, both seen and in the background, who contributed to the smooth running of our enjoyable evening.

Last night proved to us again how fortunate we are to live at Settlers. So a huge "Thank you" to everyone who made last night such a success.

Neighbourly Group



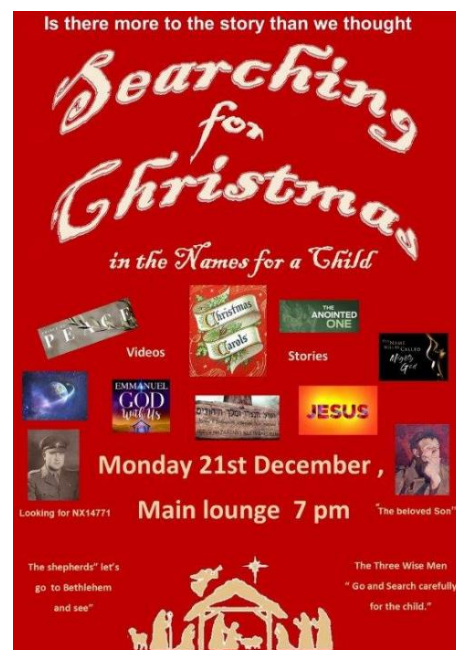


Christmas Presentation/Searching for Christmas

Time & venue; Monday 21st December @ Lodge Lounge

Carols, videos, music, stories, soloist. Duration about 65 minutes.

Contact Geoff Hampshire



Advent Calendar (with a Difference)

Many of us will remember having an advent calendar in our houses for children, so we are having one for the more mature at Settlers. Starting on December 1st you can read a different "Amazing Thing About Christmas" every day until Boxing Day. Subjects include, its wonder, poinsettias, stories, mistletoe, the USA Air Force High Command, Christmas trees, movies, Charles Dickens, communications from space and many more. Look out for a red daily poster on the easel in reception .



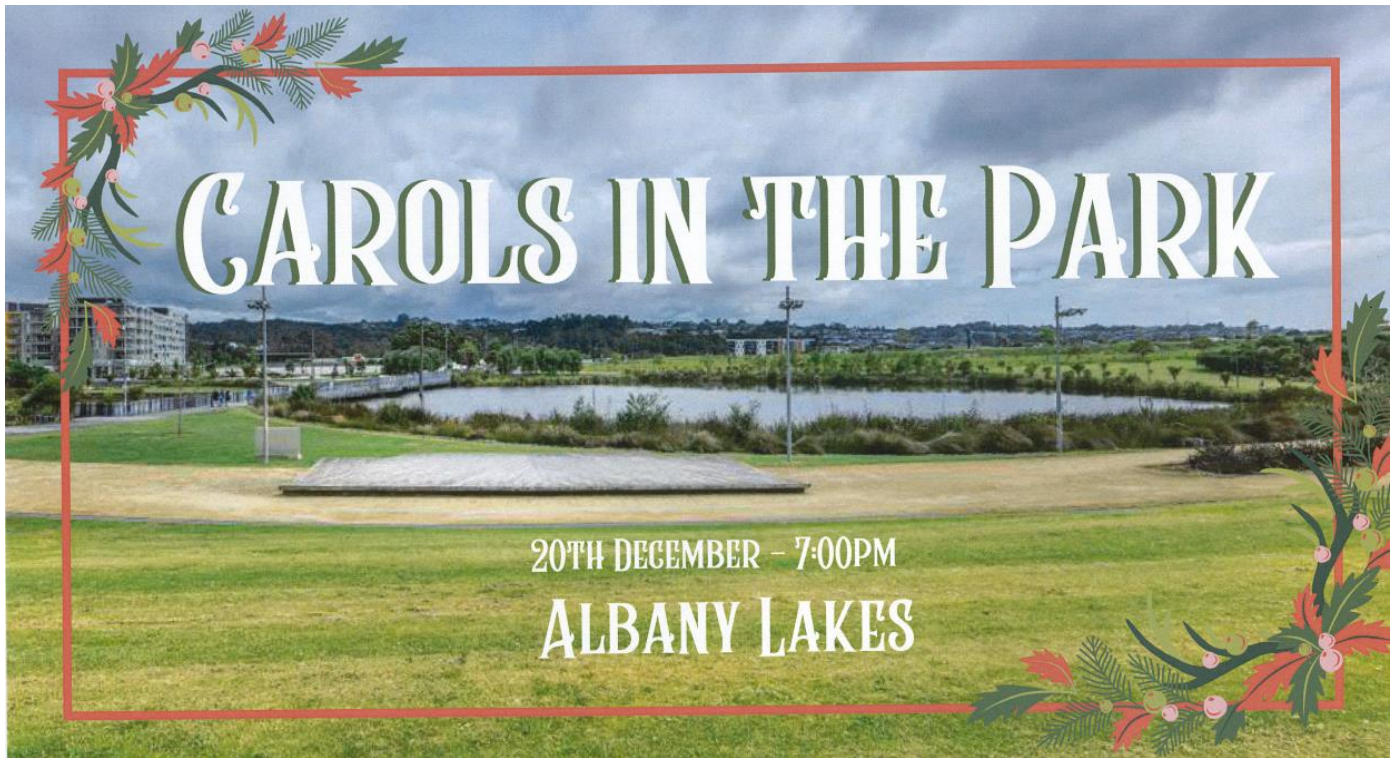
Volunteer Drivers

Our team of willing drivers are available to take you to your appointments. We ask that you wear a mask if possible. We are here to help. Just phone one of the following co-ordinators. *Margaret Larsen 214 7116, or Pat Plimmer 021 782870*

FAIRVIEW CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

If you would like to celebrate on Christmas Day there is an option to enjoy a meal at Fairview Village. We are taking bookings at Settlers Reception til Friday 11th December. There is a restricted number so please book asap. The price is \$35.00 per person which needs to be paid at the time of booking. A voucher will be issued for you to present at Fairview on the day. The Christmas Day menu is on display on the easel noticeboard in reception.





TWENTY TWENTYS NEARLY DONE

Let's get ready for Twenty Twenty-One

We would love you to share any ideas you may have of events/entertainment you may like to see in our village next year.

We have finished this year on a high with regards to activities within the village. We would like to carry this momentum forward into 2021; we ask you to put on your creative thinking caps and help us think of activities we can have within our village next year. We want to stay within the budget of the residents committee, and be mindful of the cost for our residents, so everyone can be involved. A box will be left on the courier parcel table across from Reception. Please leave any suggestions over the holiday period within the box.



New Year Concert

No one throws a party like Russians! Join in the fun and cheer of a song and dance show with Voice Studio Premiere.

Monday 28th December @ 7pm

\$25.00 pp.

If you would like to come, please see the notice board to reserve your place in the van.

For more information contact:-

Kay Wakefield 414-7232





LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020



A further 25 books have been added to the Library this last month. Among them is one donated by John Wakelin who has kindly provided a review of the biography, ***Searching for Charlie : in pursuit of the real Charles Upham VC & Bar*** by NZ journalist **Tom Scott**.

'He emerged from an olive grove carrying a wounded man on his shoulders. Bullets were flying. He had no shirt. His shorts were drenched in blood. I said to my CSM, "He'll either get a wooden cross or a Victoria Cross." -- EYE WITNESS ON CRETE

'The mystery of how a modest farm valuer from New Zealand could be so ferocious and fearless in battle has fascinated author Tom Scott ever since, as a schoolboy, he read about Charles Upham – the only combat soldier to win the Victoria Cross twice. His numerous acts of bravery in the Second World War meant he probably deserved six more. When Charlie died (22 Nov '94), the famed Afrika Korps (led by Rommel), took the extraordinary step of placing a death notice in the Christchurch *Press* newspaper saluting him 'as one of the bravest and one of the best soldiers'. His moral courage lent wings to his physical courage. Working in New Zealand's rugged high country gave him strength and stamina, made him a crack shot and gave him a feel for terrain that served him well in battle, helping him become a living legend within the New Zealand Division – an epithet that he detested.' John describes the book as 'meticulously and superbly crafted, a must-read story of one of New Zealand's greatest heroes. Thank you John.

There are eight 'new for our library' titles in Large Print. At least two of them are murder stories. One that caught my eye is ***The Grocer's Granddaughter*** by **Rose Parish**. Published in 2007 this is a very special picture of life in the Worcestershire village of Ombersley during the 1940s. It is a pithy account of village life as it was, offering a view decidedly unlike a picture-postcard image. The author also recalls her Grandmother's stories, adding another dimension to the book. For those of you who have seen the film ***A Street Cat named Bobby*** by **James Bowen** you may enjoy reading in LP the book about this extraordinary cat.

To Note:

- ***The Gathering*** by **Anne Enright**. Another 2007 publication but this one won the Booker Prize in 2007. Described as a daring, witty, and insightful Irish family epic. Clarified through Anne Enright's unblinking eye, it is a novel about love and disappointment, about how memories warp and secrets fester, and how fate is written in the body, not in the stars. Wonderful writing.
- ***The Parrot's Theorem: A Novel*** by **Denis Guedj**. Initially published in French in 1998 it became available in translated form in 2000. It charmingly combines a straightforward history of mathematics and a first-rate murder mystery so don't be scared off by the title.
- ***Lenny's Book of Everything*** by **Karen Foxlee**. This has been nominated as The Book Of the Year by Older Readers in Queensland in 2019 and nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2020. It is a book about finding good in the bad that will break your heart while raising your spirits in the way that only a classic novel can.
- ***Nights in the Garden of Spain*** by **Witi Ihimaera**, a well-respected New Zealand writer. This novel explores the divide between sexuality and social mores, and the dilemmas of gay culture. It is all done with laughter and anger, honesty, and sensitivity. Incidentally, it has nothing to do with Spain! Beautifully written.

With Christmas coming combined with summer holidays there will be perhaps more time to read and enjoy new books which hopefully can be shared more widely with residents next year.

Season's greetings and good wishes to all.

Dorothy Meyer



"SETTLERS LIFESTYLE VILLAGE"

IS PROUD TO PRESENT

THE SHOWSTOPPERS



**Sunday 13th December
@ 3pm
Lodge Lounge**

Singing - Dancing - Comedy

Bar opens 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Show starts 3pm
Bar closed during performance
but open at intermission





Menu

Wednesday 16th December

Roast Beef with Roasted Potatoes, and Cauliflower and Leek Cheese Bake \$17

Served with Maple Roasted Pumpkin and Kumara Wedgers, Red Wine Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding, with an optional Horseradish Sauce

Homemade Creamy Chicken Madras (South Indian Curry)

\$15

Prepared with a hint of red chili, curry leaves and mustard seeds, served with Basmati Rice and Garlic Buttered Naan Bread

Friday 18th December

Kitchen is closed

Desserts for December

Homemade Warm Caramel Apple Crisp Slice \$7

Served with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Mixed Three Cheese Platter \$7

Served with Crackers/Grapes/Dried Apricots/Farmhouse Pate

COFFEE AVAILABLE before 7.15pm each evening

Please make sure you book with Reception by midday the day prior to you dining.

Dinner bookings can also be made in the weekend for the following week.



Fri 11 Dec	Walk n Talk Group	8.50am	Reception
	Painting with Joy	9.30am	Kell Lounge
	Shopping Bus	9.45am	Albany Mall
	Men's Group	11am	Avenues Lounge
	Xer/Sit Class Back in 2021	1.00pm	Avenues Lounge
	Table Tennis	2.00pm	Kell Lounge
	Happy Hour Bird Box Auction	4.45pm	Main Lounge
Sat 12 Dec	Petanque	9.15am and 10.45am	Petanque Court
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowling Green
	Ukulele	10.00am	Avenues Lounge
	Weekend Movie	1.00pm	Movie Theatre
	Croquet	1.00pm	Croquet Green
	Line Dancing Back in 2021	1.30pm	Kell Lounge
Sun 13 Dec	Chess Group	10.00am	Chess Nook
	Weekend Movie	1.00pm	Movie Theatre
	Coffee, Games, Chat	1.00pm	Avenues Lounge
	The Showstoppers Performance	3.00pm	Lodge Lounge
	It's a Wonderful Life	7.00pm	Cinema
Mon 14 Dec	Keep Fit	8.30am	Kell Lounge
	Shopping Bus	9.45am, 10.15am & 11am	Albany Mall
	Painting Group (No Tutor)	9.30am	Kell Lounge
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowling Green
	Tai Chi with Sherie Last class. Restart 4th Jan 21	1.30pm	Kell Lounge
	Darts	4.00pm	Avenues Lounge
Tue 15 Dec	Petanque	9.15am and 10.45am	Petanque Court
	Line Dancing	10.00am	Kell Lounge
	Blokes Shed (Assistance Available)	10.00am	Blokes Shed
	Croquet	1.00pm	Croquet Green
	Mahjong	1.30pm	Avenues Lounge
	Therapeutics @ 3	3.00pm	Lodge Lounge
	Summer Indoor Bowls	7.00pm	Kell Lounge
Wed 16 Dec	Discover Albany Walkers	8.50am	Reception
	Settlers Hair Salon closes 24th Dec. Open 13th Jan 21	8.30am	Hair Salon
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowling Green
	Aqua size	10.00am	Swimming Pool
	New Generation 500 Club	3.00pm	Avenues Lounge
	Happy Hour	4.45pm	Main Lounge
	Rummikub	7.00 pm	Avenues Lounge
Thu 17 Dec	Keep Fit	8.30am	Kell Lounge
	Settlers Hair Salon closes 24th Dec. Open 13th Jan '21	8.30am	Hair Salon
	Table Tennis	9.30am	Kell Lounge
	Craft Group	10.00am	Link Lounge
	Croquet	1.00pm	Croquet Green
	Petanque	1.00pm	Petanque Court
	Painting Abstracts Differently	1.30pm	Kell Lounge
	Chess Group	2.00pm	Chess Nook
	Summer Indoor Bowls	7.00pm	Kell Lounge
	Carols in the Village	7.00pm	Bowling Green

