

**24th December 2020**

### **CEO Christmas Message**

*Dear Residents*

*Way back in January, who could have imagined what 2020 had in store for us as we soon learnt that COVID had other ideas.*

*Yet here we are approaching the end of the year in the blink of an eye lid.*

*If this year has been about finding strength in adversity, then let's hope that 2021 is about health and stability. I also hope that you manage to spend quality time with your loved ones over the coming weeks. For some this will be difficult, especially if your loved ones are overseas and not able to travel home this festive season.*

*I would like to acknowledge our staff, many who have gone that extra mile, ensuring the safety and comfort of all our residents, and I would like to acknowledge you our residents who have had to make many sacrifices through and post the COVID lock - downs.*

*On behalf of the PLVL Board and all our Staff I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.*

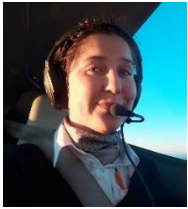
**Terry Middlemost  
CEO**

### **Village Manager's Weekly Update**

As we draw to a close the year 2020, I am sure many will reflect on what a year it's been. There are many words that I have heard to describe it and most of which I could not possibly repeat. It has certainly been full of challenges and hurdles and lots of unknowns, however one thing that I also recall through all the COVID issues was the sense of community within Settlers. I have never seen so many avid walkers beating the 'Settlers streets', with regular social distanced catch ups along the way.

I was so proud of the team that all stood up to the plate to help and assist as we adjusted pretty much everything we did in the village, multiple times! And of course, the residents that listened to our guidance and protected the village throughout those periods.





Now we are all looking forward to welcoming in 2021 so we can start a new chapter which we hope will be brighter for everyone. We do have some sad news as the new year starts, Miranda who has been working reception has got the call back from Air NZ so she will be leaving us to follow her true passion in the skies. We wish her all the best.

This year once again I have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of residents who have gifted the team all sorts of delights, I can assure you that there were many smiling faces and cheers as they drew their number from a hat to see what 'stash' they got. On behalf of all the staff I would like to offer our most sincere thanks, your generosity is not expected but it certainly is appreciated by all the team. Thank you!!

Just a reminder that the shopping bus is not operating this Friday, next Monday or Friday however there will be a shopping bus on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> December with three trips each way to the Albany shopping centre.

The kitchen closes after lunch today and will re-open on Tuesday morning, there will only be one choice for the Dinner on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> December due to reduced staff members working, please make sure to book before midday on the Tuesday.

This is the last Newsletter of the year with the next one hot of the press on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021!

I would like to finally take the opportunity to wish all residents and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all the staff at Settlers Lifestyle Village. We hope that you will enjoy a relaxing Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Gary Jarvis**  
Village Manager

### **Hello from the Nurses Niche**

On behalf of the Settlers Nursing team I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. It has been a very trying year and while many of you are getting into the spirit of the day, or heading away for some sun and sand, for some it is a day of reflection and mixed emotions as we remember those that are no longer with us.

We are truly fortunate to be having a "normal" Christmas. As a country we deserve this as we all pulled together and followed the guidelines to rid COVID from our community. This in itself is worth celebrating. The nursing service continues as normal over the festive season should you need anything but in the nicest possible way I hope I don't see any of you over the next few days unless you are popping in to say Merry Christmas of course!!

Take care everyone and let's see what 2021 has in store for us all???

**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 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**\$12.00**

Honey Lime Seared Chicken Breast with Bacon & Mixed Green Salad

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**\$12.00**

Homemade Lamb & Vegetable Pie served with Fries and Buttered Peas

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

The Setters Staff were lucky enough to meet Santa on Wednesday morning. Here are some Christmas messages from the staff to the residents.





## ***Christmas Message from your Residents Committee***

What a year we have had. The year started off on a positive with everyone thinking 2020 would be a good year. Then bang something happened in China but as we are miles away we all thought that it would not affect us. How wrong was this thought, when by the end of March we were in lock down level 4.

We, the committee on behalf of all residents would like to thank all the staff at Settlers for the wonderful job that they did in this difficult situation. We would also like to thank all the residents for their co-operation and the way we all looked out for each other.

New Zealand as a country must think itself extremely lucky that we are heading into a normal Xmas unlike most other countries in the world. It is still **important that we keep using the covid app if you have it on your phone or keep a record of where you have been and keep your unit register up to date over this busy period.**

There are a number of residents who through the year do all sorts of wonderful things for the residents of Settlers. We will not name them all, as we would surely leave someone out and that would be embarrassing. **So, to all you residents who contribute please keep up your fantastic efforts into the new year and beyond.**

Other things happened during the rest of the year leading up to the December period which we will not cover.

**In December a definite vibe seemed to come to the village due perhaps to freedom and the approach of the festive season.**

**1<sup>st</sup> the Xmas dinner** – what a fantastic night was had by the 220 residents who attended. It must have been a fantastic night as only good comments were received. We believe some singers (not swingers) were still there at 1.30am.

**Then came a fun night when the birdhouse auction took place for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.** We, the committee, would like to thank those present for forcing us up in price to finally reach \$270. **A special thanks goes to the Blokes Shed for donating this birdhouse as a fund raiser for a young 7-year-old girl named Hollie Beattie who has to travel to Spain for special treatment. The committee then re-auctioned the birdhouse last Friday and this auction raised \$100. Another payment was made to Hollies fund on Monday of \$300. \$100 from the auction and \$200 generously given by 2 residents. As of this Tuesday, the fund has passed the required \$400,000 needed for her to get her treatment.**

During December we had the fantastic **Showstoppers show with our own Bruce** starring. What an absolute brilliant show that we must get back next year. Then we have had visits by local schools and our very own carol singers around the village and in the lodge. Also, on the Monday 21<sup>st</sup> there was a Christmas presentation called “Searching for Christmas” – carols, videos, stories etc.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we had our evening by Chippie, Burger and Onions. **This is something that we do not think happens at other villages in NZ. It is with great thanks to management that this event takes place as it means allowing us to use the kitchen under the special guidance of retired chef John Bruce (Chippie).** We would like to thank the 150 residents and friends who supported the evening.

Last but not least, a special thank you to all the staff who have looked after us through the course of this year.

We wish all residents and staff a ‘MERRY XMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR’.

*From your Residents Committee*



## ***What's on this coming week***

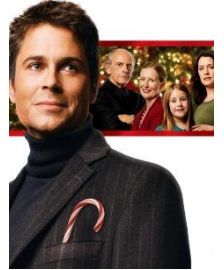


### **Weekend Movie – A Perfect Day**

*Time & venue: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> & **special screening Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December @ 1pm in Cinema***

A family man and suddenly successful author encounters a mystic stranger who warns him he has only forty more days to live. Based on novel by Richard Evans  
*PG / 87 mins*

A PERFECT DAY



### **Christmas Eve BYOB and Nibbles**

*Time & Venue: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> @ Lodge Lounge from 4.30 onwards*

Although the bar will be closed Christmas Eve, you are still welcome to come down and enjoy the festive spirit in the Lodge Lounge with other like-minded people. BYOB and nibbles, come down anytime from 4.30pm. The more the merrier!



### **Christmas Day BYOB and Nibbles**

*Time & Venue: Christmas Day @ Lodge Lounge from 4pm onwards*

If you are looking for some extra cheer on Christmas afternoon, come on down to the Lodge Lounge from 4pm onwards. Join in for a relaxed Christmas Evening with your friends and neighbours. BYOB and nibbles.



### **Little Library Kids Activities**

We have popped some kids arts and crafts in the Little Library downstairs by the cinema. Pop by with your grandchildren and have some fun! Remember, you are welcome to take a book, or leave a book for other children to enjoy.

## ***Special Notices***

### **'Settle Inn' – Friday Night Apartment Jackpot.**

The special 'End of Year' lucky apartment jackpot draw prize of \$200 – must win - held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November was claimed, after five attempts, by apartment number 137 – Aruna and Lawrence Rajalingam.

The lucky apartment jackpot draw will resume on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 when the prize will start again at \$20.

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*



## Friday Night Raffles

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Friday Night raffles. The profits from the raffles go to the Residents Committee for use around the village. Since the start of April 2021, a total of \$1427 has been donated to the Res Com. This is less than the usual amount due to the weeks when the bar was closed due to Covid lockdowns, hopefully they are now a thing of the past. The Friday Night raffles will return on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

*Peter Dowling, M227*

## Apartment Draw Result for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

The first apartment number **197** drawn for **\$100** was claimed on the first draw. We may have a draw over the Festive period at some time for a free \$100 at one of the BYO functions but until the Café opens regularly we will cease the standard Wednesday Draws.

**Wishing you all a very Happy Festive week with your families from the Wednesday Apartment Draw Team Ken, Karin, Jenny, Lynn and Bruce.**



## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Our wonderful 'resident chefs' stepped into the kitchen once again last Friday night and fed a big crowd with great efficiency. Not only were we treated to the pre-advertised menu, but some lovely, sweet extras appeared to finish off a delicious meal. It takes a lot of work to order, prepare and cook food for such a large number. Not only that, but there is also the cleaning up to do! While most of us sit back with a well fed feeling and a drink in our hands, they are still beavering on in the kitchen. A huge vote of thanks to the chefs, kitchen helpers and also the bar staff for all the work they do for us.

Merry Christmas everyone. Enjoy the fact that we have no 'bubble restrictions' and can meet up with as many family and friends as we wish. Some cork popping bubble restrictions may be advisable though!

*Neighbourly Group*



## 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*



## Premier Villages Bridge Group

One of the residents from Fairview Village would like to get a bridge group started at Fairview. Denise is looking to start this up in the new year but will be on vacation through January so please diarize and make contact early February if you are keen. Denise Robinsons contact is 477 3933.





## **“Searching for Christmas”**

Some of you may have seen the beautiful decorations on the stage recently. This was a part of a presentation called “Searching for Christmas” that was held on Monday. Below, John Wakelin (M-230) has left a review of the successful evening.

*“An audience of about 90 enjoyed the Christmas presentation in the Lodge last Monday evening 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. We all joined in singing the usual fare of carols and visiting guest artist, Cliff Miller sang well for us with his strong baritone voice.*

*A feature was a review of a book, “Looking for NX14771,” about an Australian WW2 soldier, NX14771 Lt Teddy Tench MM, a decorated war hero. He died of typhoid fever and is buried at Bomana War Cemetery in PNG. His son, Ian, the author of the book, was born while his dad was on active service and never met him. Ian searched the War Diaries for as much information of his unknowable father as he could find.*

*Sixty years on from his dad’s death, Ian met some of Teddy’s comrades, who retold their memories of their war exploits together, and there was the story ready for the book.*

*Then came the highlight of the evening as we watched a video link from author Ian who “greeted us at Settlers.” Ian told us “I never met my unknown biological father but I searched for all the info I could, to find out everything I could about him. Similarly, as a Christian I searched, found, and know my Heavenly Father.....”*

*Happy Christmas, Settlers.”*





# Menu

## **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Roast Beef and Yorkshire Puddings**

Served with Roast Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin, Cauliflower, Broccoli Florets and Gravy

**\$17**

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**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.***







**Come and ring in the New Year  
with us in the Lodge Lounge!**

**Kane Steves will be playing  
from 8pm to 12.15am**

**Friends and family are welcome**



Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk n Talk Group <b>No Walk today.</b>	8.50am	Reception
	Painting with Joy	9.30am	Kell Lounge
	Shopping Bus <b>No Shopping Bus</b>	9.45am	Albany Mall
	Men's Group <b>Will be restarting 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11.00am	Avenues Lounge
	Xer/Sit Class <b>Back in 2021</b>	1.00pm	Avenues Lounge
	Table Tennis	2.00pm	Kell Lounge
	<b>Christmas BYOB</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Lodge Lounge</b>
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Petanque	9.15am and 10.45am	Petanque Court
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowing Green
	Ukulele	10.00am	Avenues Lounge
	<del>Weekend Movie</del> <b>No movie today</b>	<del>1.00pm</del>	<del>Movie Theatre</del>
	Croquet	1.00pm	Croquet Green
	Line Dancing <b>Back in 2021</b>	1.30pm	Kell Lounge
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chess Group	10.00am	Chess Nook
	Weekend Movie	1.00pm	Movie Theatre
	Coffee, Games, Chat	1.00pm	Avenues Lounge
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Keep Fit <b>No class. Resumes Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021</b>	8.30am	Kell Lounge
	Shopping Bus <b>No Shopping Bus</b>	9.45am, 10.15am & 11am	Albany Mall
	Painting Group (No Tutor)	9.30am	Kell Lounge
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowling Green
	Weekday Movie <b>Special Screening</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Movie Theatre</b>
	Tai Chi with Sherie <b>Restart 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 21</b>	1.30pm	Kell Lounge
	Darts	4.00pm	Avenues Lounge
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Petanque	9.15am and 10.45am	Petanque Court
	Line Dancing <b>Back in 2021</b>	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 <b>Cancelled til further notice</b>	7.00pm	Kell Lounge
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Discover Albany Walkers <b>will continue thru</b>	8.50am	Reception
	Settlers Hair Salon <b>closes 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Open 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 21</b>	8.30am	Hair Salon
	Outdoor Bowls	9.45am	Bowling Green
<b>SPECIAL RUN</b>	<b>Shopping Bus</b>	<b>9.45am, 10.15am &amp; 11am</b>	<b>Albany Mall</b>
	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 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Keep Fit <b>No class. Resumes Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021</b>	8.30am	Kell Lounge
	Settlers Hair Salon <b>closes 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Open 13<sup>th</sup> Jan '21</b>	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
	Darts	4.00pm	Kell Lounge
	Summer Indoor Bowls	7.00pm	Kell Lounge
		8.00pm	Lodge

