

# The Settler

**Special Edition – Awards Night 2021**



**Well, what a night we had on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021!**

This was the first time in Settlers history, albeit short but sweet, that the community has taken the time to consider and acknowledge the contribution that residents have made to its community. Before we get into the wonderful acknowledgement that is bestowed on the worthy recipients, I wanted to recognise the resident that instigated the evening and the concept.



**John Carson**  
**Chairman Settlers Residents Committee**

This resident is a brave individual that is prepared to take a risk for the betterment of the village and the community, to acknowledge the efforts of those that have lived and breathed the Settlers Lifestyle to make things better for others. There were a number of people, myself included, that had concerns about how this would be received, not about the concept which is solid but about the concern that someone may be missed. With all awards and acknowledgements there is a team behind the face and a number of the recipients made a note of this. 'We couldn't have done it without you.' We all know that Settlers is a team of 350 so to be honest the awards are for you all.

John Carson, your exiting Chairman has done an absolute stellar job in protecting your rights and championing your opinions. He has always worked in conjunction with me to try and achieve the outcomes required and through this process we have achieved many a success.

Ian Langley said it best on the night in recognising John's contribution and John may have shown his softer side at the time. He took the batten from the previous committees and drove it further still.

John we thank you for your contribution. Settler's is a better place for it and as a Village Manager I would like to acknowledge your hard work and commitment over the last few years. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you and your committee.

**Gary Jarvis**  
**Village Manager**

## PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

This award is being given to a lady who has passed on so much of her experience to those residents who have taken up her specialty.

Every month as you walk around the library you can see the outcome of the field trips taken by this group and the fantastic results that they now attain.

Speaking on behalf of the Village we would like to thank her for all the things that are now being achieved by the photography group.

Apart from her skill in teaching her group she has allowed her large portfolio of photos to be used by the owners and management to help redecorate the hallway walls as they are refreshed.

By now you will all know who we are rewarding.



The PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD is presented to:-  
**JUDY HODGE**



## BEST SUPPORTING ROLE

This award has been given to a resident, who in the eyes of those involved, have decided that he is their best supporter.

As this is the Settle Inn Awards night the selection panel thought that this choice was extremely appropriate.

When the Wednesday night draw was taken into consideration, he was a near top supporter having attended 51 times – that's \$102 spent. He did, however, win one minor prize! This was a great effort, and we thank him.

This was not his only major contribution to the village as a lot of you will know him as part of the Chippie, Onions and Burger fame. He is the burger in the team.

We are sure that by now you will guess who he is so the award for ....

The BEST SUPPORTING ROLE goes to:-  
**BARRY SCOTT**

## **BIRD LADY OF SETTLERS**

Most will remember those famous emails that went out to all residents which said, "Please do not feed the birds". However not many of you will know that these were referring to those of the pukeko variety down by J and K.

Shortly afterwards - some distance away ... well perhaps not so shortly ... a small construction process took place on the other side of the hedge by the main entranceway. This was the creation of a lovely white pebbled area with little structures placed here and there.

We are not sure of the power of this lovely lady, but she must have really sweet talked the boss. A specialised bird feeding area! It is great now to see the pleasure she gets from spending time here amongst her feathered friends.

The movies might have had the Birdman of Alcatraz, but we have our very own...



## **BIRD LADY OF SETTLERS MARY PORTEOUS**



## **BEST NEW EVENT**

This new event which began in September 2019 soon became very popular with the residents who attended Wednesday night's Happy Hour. The person who created this game has produced some very interesting spread sheets.

Amongst other things they note that the Residents' Committee has received a return of \$3000 for its coffers and that so far \$4160 has been paid out in prizes.

This has been a brilliant little fund raiser so please keep supporting it.

By the way Norm Gee and Ken Nathan ... you have both entered 54 times and that equates to a spend of \$108 each.

So special thanks to both of you. The committee hopes that this Wednesday's game gets the support it deserves.

## **THE BEST NEW EVENT KEN HEWITT**



## ENTHUSIASM TO ASSIST

This lady has served a solid 3 years on the committee and has always looked at things that could be set up to give pleasure to other residents.

Her target has been the slightly older section of the village ... those who may need that little bit more help and encouragement to get themselves out of their units.

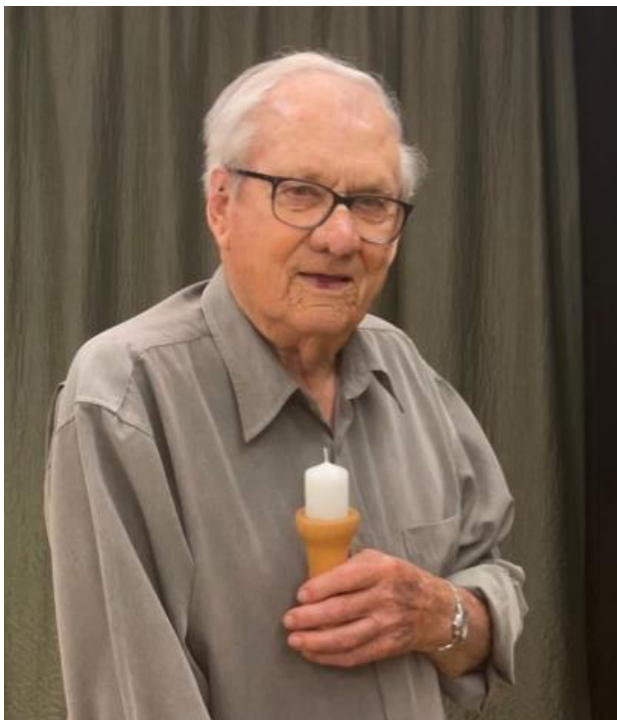
She set up the Sunday afternoon programme which is aimed particularly at the single resident who may welcome the invitation to participate.

While on the committee she spent many hours assisting in booking entertainment so that we could all enjoy a wide variety of socially stimulating events.

She always wears a smile, and we are sure that the Sunday afternoon group really appreciates her programmed games and activities.



THE ENTHUSIASM TO ASSIST AWARD goes to:-  
**EVELYN FICKLING**



## WISDOM AND POETRY

The SERVING SETTLERS and THANK YOU file would not be complete without this resident's name added – though he would probably resist. ... which in itself is a quality worthy of nomination.

His services cover so many things – let me explain if I can.

“He’s a hard case – salt of the earth guy” – and I’m quoting some of his mates.

The village’s win became very clear  
This new guy’s not ready for rest.  
His batteries appeared to be recharged  
And his humour repossessed.  
Nurses became matrons so I’m told  
Glenda’s somehow become Sam  
And in his quiet but effective way  
“Need help? Course I can!”

We present the WORDS OF WISDOM AND POETRY AWARD to:-  
**BRUCE SEATON**

## **BEST LIGHTING IN A MAJOR PRODUCTION**

Events and happenings do not occur without this person. It's a specialty that we absolutely need to make any stage show a success.

The energy spent by this person in managing many events over the years have taken a great deal of time, re-balancing and patience to get right. To all our shows and performances, he has added colour and light.

As a village we are lucky to have a person with the skill, knowledge and ability to be able to operate the complex lighting set up that we are very fortunate to have.

Going forward we know that he would like to train someone to take over from him otherwise we might only have black and white shows.



**The BEST LIGHTING IN A MAJOR OR ANY PERFORMANCE AWARD goes to:-  
COLIN McCONACHIE**



## **BEST SOUND CONTROL ON ANY DAY**

Without his contribution we would have no stage presentations or announcements that could be heard.

The time spent by this resident in setting up and, just recently, adjusting the new upgraded system has been exceptional. He has shown great tolerance and understanding over a long period of time.

He is always available when required to give us the volume of sound that we need so that we do not have to turn up our hearing aids.

Once again, like Colin, he would dearly love to train an apprentice to assist and understand how things work ... otherwise ... we all might have to learn to LIP READ.

**We present the BEST SOUND TECHNICIAN IN ANY PERFORMANCE AWARD to:-  
CLIVE COHEN**

## AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US

This petite resident has embraced village life like no one before her. Her involvement is extraordinary!

She gets herself associated with all sorts of activities - bus trips, petanque, the ukulele group, croquet, cards, the choir, and any other happening that might occur in the village.

Her contribution to evening dining is well recognized and we think that she has scarcely missed a meal.

Her support of the Wednesday "stamp on the hand draw" has also been exemplary. She has attended 49 of the possible 55 weeks it has been in operation.

You are recognized amongst your age group ... showing just what is possible if you remain positive with life.



### KEEP ON THIS TRACK, YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION **OLIVE WALKER**



## A TRUE TROUPER

This from a resident. "I have had the pleasure of working alongside this treasured 'Settler's friend' in the production of many shows.

She has always demonstrated and shared her range of skills over a multitude of roles. Director, Choreographer, Soloist, Lead or simply a cast member. This lady with so many talents, always maintains the highest professional standards."

Among the many Settlers' Shows, played in the main to packed and always appreciative houses have been:

French Café  
Big Night Out  
It's Showtime  
My Fair Lady

Cinderella  
Pettykote Junktion  
At Your Request  
A Night on Broadway

We hope that there is a new show organised for later in the year and, if so, we wish everyone well in its planning and performance.

### THE SHOW MUST GO ON SO APPLAUSE PLEASE FOR **BARBARA WHINERAY**



## Roger Sharp

This resident is often called upon by many people to see if he can fix or find out what is wrong with their computers. He is more than pleased that we now have some college students assisting in this field.

Over the years he has run quiz nights, usually once a month, for the enjoyment of many.

He operated the sound system in the lounge area with Clive Cohen for a considerable time until just last year, when he retired from this and left it to the talents of Clive.

If you look at the sound system that was, most of us could not fathom it and would just shake our heads and walk away. He has spent countless hours on the task of compiling, sequencing and synchronising background music and songs for our many shows and concerts.

He wrote the computer program that controls the library system and still today comes up with new features to make it easier for the library volunteers.

If, as a resident, you get a reminder of an overdue book please just think how good the system is.



**THANK YOU FOR SAVING OUR COMPUTER AND BOOKS  
ROGER SHARP**

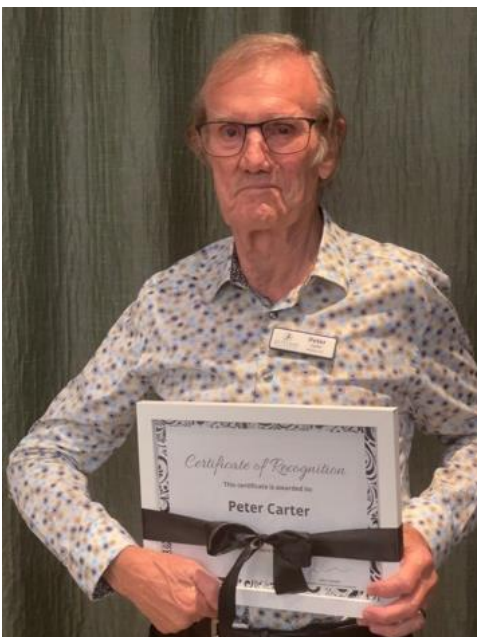
## Peter Carter

This person has spent an innumerable number of hours doing what probably no one would have thought of for the benefit of Residents of Settlers.

He has brought skills from his past commercial experience and used them to contribute to the welfare of the village as a whole.

His experience and entrepreneurial skills have seen a variety of businesses welcomed here as "Added Value" partners – members of a special purchasing scheme which represents benefits for all.

He is also involved in the Tuesday and Saturday morning petanque groups where we often see him waving around a table tennis bat. Not sure if it's fly control or some sort of new scoring system. Thank you for what you have contributed.



**WELCOME  
PETER CARTER**

## **Shirley Cornish**

About 7 years ago this resident – whose passion was singing – decided to set up a singing group.

An organising section consisting of a conductor, a pianist and a keyboard player was then put together. There were no auditions required as any resident who wanted to sing was welcome. In a short time, the group grew to around 40 members.

The first pianist was Margaret Maertin – then Sel Henshaw took over until the end of 2020. Barbara McNab played the keyboard right through to the COVID year.

Since its inception the group has enjoyed performing in a variety of situations. At Fairview Care – at Probus Christmas Functions – at Aria Gardens and, of course, at the end of year singing concerts here at Settlers.



**PLEASE WELCOME  
SHIRLEY CORNISH**



## **Barbara and Barbara**

For most of the years this Village has been operating these two ladies have been the face of catering and fundraising events.

From being able to use one of the unsold units as a get-together centre to the great facility that we now have these two ladies have always been front and centre.

Today if Management wants to run an organised event who do they turn to but these two willing workers as they still love to be involved and be able to assist.

I believe they are in the kitchen tonight and were there yesterday as well.

**PLEASE COME FORWARD  
BARBARA MORRIS AND BARBARA JOHNSON**



## Russell Hodge

This recognition is a reflection of our bar which plays a vital part in the social life of our village. It gives us an area to enjoy as well as being one where nobody will get stung in the pocket. Good value buying along with keeping track of the dollars and cents is this person's thing.

When the bar was established and became the residents to manage, he was there to do the hard yards and to maintain the balance between cautious buying and fair profit margins. Helped by a large group of willing volunteers he has ensured that, over the years many, many of thousands of dollars have been transferred to the Settlers' Residents Committee. He has been a buyer of stock, bar volunteer, a committed member of the executive bar committee and its treasurer for what seems like forever.

On behalf of all the social residents of the Village we thank you for your wonderful contribution.



PLEASE BE RECOGNISED  
**RUSSELL HODGE**



## Norman Lodge

This resident never originally came into the judges' eyes as a candidate for the recognition award section until a resume of his life appeared in the newsletter.

We then thought how could we not have considered a person of such high standing in the national food industry where he has just been granted the highest of accolades. For some time, he has been giving talks on the subject to residents who did not really realise the breadth of his achievements or what a huge contribution he had made to the fruit industry.

Such is his knowledge of the complexity of frozen and processed foods that we are sure when he decides to move his talks from the theatre to the lodge the 'house full' signs will go up.

This resident is also involved in compiling gym programmes for others to follow as well as looking after, among other things, our secondary school entertainment programme. Norm special thanks for Kiwi Crush which keeps many of us regular. Let's hear from you on health this year.

THANKS FOR YOUR ADVISE THIS FAR  
**NORMAN LODGE**

## Tony Gyde

We can all dream of having a creative mind and along with it the skill of translating those ideas to paper, polystyrene or wood. The ability to turn those concepts into centrepieces for shows, concerts and events, for the majority of us, just simply isn't there.

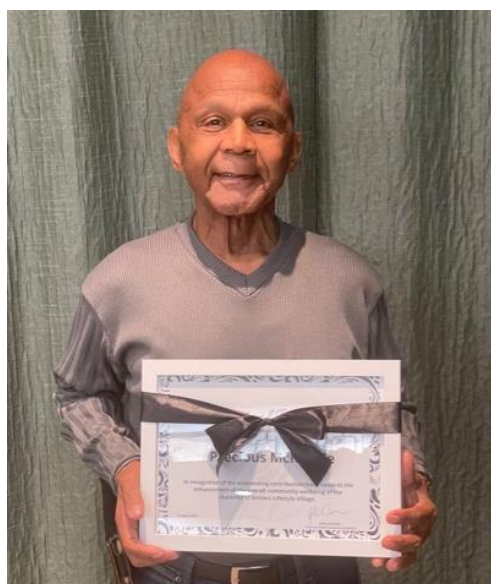
However, we are fortunate enough to have amongst us a person with such talents – a person who has always been willing to share them. All of his creations have been ones that residents have looked forward to seeing at certain times of the year.

Anzac, Christmas, Easter, Melbourne Cup - as special occasions have all been subject to this person's attention. There has also been a twist here - a twirl there – and an innovative splash of colour that has transformed our stage area into something resembling a movie set.

Abilities of this calibre do not come along often so we are lucky that, in storage, we have a number of pieces of his work that can be brought out and re-utilised many times in the years to come. We thank you for your contributions to village life.



## PLEASE COME FORWARD TONY GYDE



## Precious McKenzie

This recipient will immediately be obvious to 98% of residents.

He is a man of great mana but often can be seen in the Pak and Save basement carpark jumping up and down and muttering, "Where did I park my car?"

He has contributed greatly to Settlers in allowing his name to be used as the Village Ambassador. This is a job he takes very seriously, and he is always in attendance at Village Open Days and special events where he makes a point of talking to prospective residents in his open friendly manner.

He regularly takes his twice weekly morning exercise classes and will always be on hand to give new residents some really sound advice on a routine to follow in the village gym.

For his age he is amazing, and his achievements are well documented in print – there is a "must read" copy of his book in our village library.

We are all grateful that he has become the face of Settlers and we are sure that at some stage you have all said, "I live in the village that Precious lives in".

## WE WELCOME YOU AS OUR VILLAGE FACE AND THANK YOU PRECIOUS MCKENZIE



## Sel Henshaw

We have residents who can give a tremendous amount of pleasure to others and not even recognise that they are doing so. This particular person does this in his own way now but not so long ago he was very involved in the musical side of the village.

Giving support to our theatre group productions and patiently re-playing while the singing group practised something new were a regular pattern for him.

The sessions that he now does so often in the Lodge - after dragging his music trolley over from Massey – bring so much pleasure to so many.

Whether they are at the other end of the Lodge or sitting close by to fully enjoy the music, residents and visitors alike are captivated when he is at the piano.

Thank you for the pleasure.



**LET'S WELCOME  
SEL HENSHAW**



## Elaine Brewitt

This person served 3 years on the Resident's Committee during which time she made a major contribution in establishing a dedicated group of helpers aptly named - Neighbourly Support.

She gave hours of her time towards helping and building the group into what it represents now. What a fantastic achievement!

Today the groups' activities span a great variety of things. Mystery tours, organised bus trips, speciality groups such as the Over 90's as well as the provision of friendship and company for those who are seeking it.

All of the people involved in this group really deserve this recognition as well. If you have not had to call on their services yet – all well and good – but most of us will at some time, be asking for their assistance and will be grateful for the day that the Neighbourly

Support group was set up. We thank you for your effort and drive.

**PLEASE WELCOME  
ELAINE BREWITT**



## Ian Langley and Gordon Morris

This is our second dual award. The contribution that these two blokes have made to the Village, local community groups and associated schools and play centres is immense.

They are the force behind our Menz Shed being the only village in NZ that is now part of the NZ wide association of Menz Sheds. Look up “Menz Shed Albany” and there we are - “Settlers Shed”.

They have also:

Had leading roles in a TV documentary.

Become qualified to teach the building of bird boxes up to NZCEA standard.

Served on the Residents Committee in a various roles.

Undertaken the repair and renovation of all sorts of “bits and pieces” belonging to residents.

Constructed and repaired equipment for the use of the local pre-school.

Provided items for fundraising.

Regularly taken part in all village activities even to the extent of becoming apprentice ‘kitchen hands’ on various occasions.



THERE IS SO MUCH MORE BUT PLEASE WELCOME FOR THIS AWARD:-

**IAN LANGLEY and GORDON MORRIS**



## Barbara McNab

This resident had heavy involvement in the entertainment side of the village from the time she arrived. She was an active participant in the Singing Group – playing the keyboard for them from an early stage.

The theatre group, on the music side, also benefited from her enthusiasm but her major contributions must have been to the entertainment schedule of the village. For years she has selected, coordinated and booked a seemingly endless supply of singers, performers and acts for everyone to enjoy.

In conversation with her she is always going to “give it away” but as residents we say “Please do not stop – please carry on – we need you”. The work that you have done has really been appreciated.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION

**BARBARA McNAB**

## John Bruce

This young gentleman arrived at Settlers and in an early conversation he was heard to say that he was very concerned that he would have nothing to do. What a joke!! During COVID lockdown he quickly became the “working face” of Settlers. Just look at the bank leading down to the creek behind L, J, K. How many hours has it taken him to transform that?

He is particularly appreciated by those who play outdoor and indoor bowls, croquet, and darts as the person who ALWAYS gets there first, ALWAYS sets things out and ALWAYS ensures that everything is put away tidily and in its proper place.

Perhaps a good many of us know him as CHIPPIE – the one who toils over vats of bubbling fat or hot BBQ plates just so the rest of us can be well feed and enjoy ourselves. Chippie, Onions and Burger – they make a great team. The list could go on but once again he is in the kitchen. If he is wearing shorts he is excused.



PLEASE THANK  
**JOHN BRUCE**

## John Wakelin



No village is complete without someone like this. If something interests him, he throws his heart and soul into it and makes sure that it brings joy to all those who participate.

His influence covers many areas and, as they are read, most of you will quickly realise who we are recognising.

Walking: not sure how many trails he has now discovered around the village, but we are sure that it would take months to walk the lot.

Singing group: One of the driving forces- request a performance - “Yes we can” will be his answer.

ANZAC Day: involved as one of the major organisers of this day which is commemorated so successfully at Settlers each year.

Theatre: always heavily involved, both on and off production. On many occasions has taken one of

stage, in all aspects of theatre the principal roles.

St Patrick's Day enjoys helping with the organisation and consistently brings ‘a touch of the blarney’ to this special day.

FOR SURE MUCH HAS BEEN MISSED BUT COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE YOUR  
WAY TO THE STAGE  
**JOHN WAKELIN**

## **Doug Bishop – announced by John Carson**

It is my pleasure to be able to recognise this resident.

He has been on the “Settle Inn” bar committee for many years where, in addition to being a serving volunteer and holding Bar Manager’s Certification, he is also the secretary of the committee.

However, residents will link his name, more particularly, with Outdoor bowls. Not much happens on or off the green without him knowing about it.

Since his arrival at the village, as well as serving on the Outdoor Bowls committee as secretary, over time he has also been coach, selector, tournament organiser, inter village liaison person and general scribe and record keeper.

He is clearly no stranger to the microphone and on various occasions can often be seen commentating or announcing. Melbourne Cup Day has recently become his speciality and he can make a fairly good fist of auctioneering as well. From time to time his dual role with me is pretty much guaranteed to give a laugh or two to those present.

Involvement with the theatre group is another one of his interests where he has often taken a minor lead role in Settlers’ stage productions.

With his organisational background he is the type of person who is always prepared to fill a variety of “pop up” situations as they occur around the village. Why - he even performs as backup compere for Wednesday and Friday night raffles.

Together I think we make a pretty good team ...

**YOU DESERVE THIS SO PLEASE STEP UP**

**DOUG BISHOP**





## **Bruce McPhail - announced by John Carson**

I consider myself fortunate to have been chosen to announce this next recipient. He will be no stranger to you all as he is without doubt the social face of the Village. You would be hard put to find anything that he is not involved with.

Firstly, there is the bar where he holds a Manager's Certificate, serves on the bar committee and participates as a regular volunteer server.

He can sing – who can forget his rendition of "Sweet Caroline"! His involvement with the choir and carol singers during their performances is a 'given'. His interests extend to active participation in the Theatre group as well as working with the people who are responsible for selecting and providing outside professional entertainment for us all to enjoy. Did you know that he also does a slot on commercial radio, along with Rosalie, promoting our village?

He is a compere without peer who regularly puts his professional club and stage experience, his ready wit and his personal charm right out there for the enjoyment and entertainment of us all.

Wednesday and Friday Happy Hours, mid-winter and special dinners, Bingo and a myriad of assorted social events – whenever he is around with microphone, he brings life and laughter to the room. He gives to us the ease and skill of a practised veteran ... BUT ...

Could anyone tell me why he is the most kissed male in the village?

So here he is ... and no one deserves this more.

**LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE TALENTED ... THE MOST POPULAR ... AND THE EXTRA  
SPECIAL**

**BRUCE MCPHAIL**



