



Welcome to the
TAMAHERE VISTA
December 2017



I wanted to share a short story with you – **a true short story** – which really spoke to me.

Earlier on this year, probably around February or March, I met a woman here in the village who was from Canada and was spending about a month in New Zealand to have time with her mother, a resident in the Home. She seemed to be here every day, walking with her mother, admiring the flowers, sometimes spending time on her own reading or working with her laptop in and around the Community Centre.

I got into conversation with her and discovered that she was staying with relatives in and around the Waikato as and when they were able to accommodate her. This really played on my mind, imagining how I would feel if I were on the other side of the world trying to find a base near a loved one.

The next time I saw her I told her that I had a bed at my place and that she was welcome to stay with me until she was due to return to Canada. (I should add that I am not in the habit of inviting strangers to come and stay with me!!) She was extremely grateful for the offer but told me that one of her relatives was going away on holiday and that she was now house-sitting for her.



I thought that was the end of the story, but a couple of weeks ago I received a phone call out of the blue from a woman who wanted to donate some dahlia plants to the village because she and her mother had spent so much time enjoying the dahlias earlier in the year. As she had a Canadian accent, it didn't take a genius to work out that it had to be the same person.

When I asked her how she had got my phone number she told me that she was on the *Vista* mailing list and had asked reception how to contact the editor. She had not made the connection that I was one and the same person who had offered her somewhere to stay on her previous visit. Unfortunately I didn't manage to get her name but if you happen to be this person back in Canada, I would just like to say how much I enjoyed speaking with you again and am amazed that our newsletter is reaching so far afield!

And now for news from closer to home. At the Inter-Village Quiz held at Perrinpark Retirement Village last month, one of our teams came 2nd equal (but unfortunately dropped down to 3rd with the tie-breaker). We all had a lot of fun and the next quiz will be held at Summerset in March next year.

We will again be offering a lunch on Christmas Day in the Community Centre this year at 12.30 pm for those residents who may be at home alone and would like to come and

join others. This is also available for those who would usually have their meal delivered to their villa or apartment.

It will be a festive meal from our own great chefs and the cost is \$22.50 per person. The menu will be turkey with cranberry stuffing, a selection of roast seasonal vegetables and salad, followed by pavlova, fresh cream and steamed pudding with custard. Sparkling grape juice will be included, plus tea/coffee and mince pies.



Bookings will be made through me, **not the café, the kitchen, reception, Debbie or Judy**, as this will cause confusion. You just need to let me know in advance and I will make the arrangements and let the kitchen know exact numbers. If you usually have a meal delivered to you, this will be noted so that the kitchen staff are aware of this. The cost will be charged to your monthly account.

You can ring me on 856 9269 and if I am not there just leave me a message and I will get back to you, or otherwise drop a note into my letterbox – villa 54.

January's *Vista* will just be a one-pager with the calendar of events attached – time for some summer relaxation!



Jean, Editor

NEWS FROM COLIN NEAL Tamahere Residents' Committee Chairperson



November was another fantastic month; lots of activities were offered and a lot of people have enjoyed the great variety experienced. Christmas is just around the corner, but by the look of the shops, it's already here!

Please look in your mailboxes for information about what happenings are being planned for December by the Social Group, Judy, Chris and the various teams of volunteers who assist. There will be some wonderful choirs in the Chapel as well as the Community Centre. Trips will be arranged to go and see Christmas light displays. The Scooter (Harley Davidsons) Club, our own Tamahere choir and all those staff and residents who love singing carols will be travelling around our lanes, highways and byways of the village - look for that date and listen for the roar of the scooters.

The Scooter Club obstacle course was very challenging and very different in November. Those attending went around trees, up mounds and the goal posts were shifted so it was neither the first *nor* the last who won the day's chocolate prize. To my astonishment and relief all returned home safely. December's gathering will be back on the old course and will have a Christmas theme, so get out your tinsel for your scooters, reindeer antlers and angel halos. The date for the December outing has been set for December 16th at 2pm. For more information please contact me.



Great news for all those involved in the various activities shared here at Tamahere. There will be an amnesty on the gold coin donations throughout December. Starting in January, the gold coin donation will be changed to \$1 per person and reviewed again in six months' time. Along with this month's amnesty, your Committee voted to donate \$500 from the funds raised through your donations to the St John's Cambridge Health Shuttle which offers us such an excellent and much needed service throughout the year.



Another thing to watch out for in the new year is a bus trip being considered for February; more information to follow.

The quality of life we enjoy here at Eventide is all made possible through the commitment and generosity of residents and staff who volunteer their time and energy on our behalf.



There are countless ways of being part of this wonderful community effort and we are always keen to hear from you if you are willing and available to participate in things such as mail deliveries, newspaper deliveries, social activities, joining clubs and sharing the tasks each one requires to run smoothly. At present, we have a particular need for more mail volunteers and we are always grateful for offers of help with the social group activities.

If you want to know more about any of these roles please contact either the conveners or our committee members for more information. God bless you all as we journey together through Advent to Christmas Day.



Colin Neal, (Chairperson)

VILLAGE MANAGER'S COLUMN

Quote: "You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from."
(Cormac McCarthy)



Villa Sales

The following villas have been sold and we have people moving in before Christmas:

8 th	December	Villa 48
15 th	December	Villa 50
22 nd	December	Villa 27

Names and phone numbers will be advised later. Please welcome them to our village as they make their homes here.

Outdoor Aviary



We now have an outdoor aviary at the back of Ian Gray's villa, number 49. You will see a line with a feeder box heading up into the trees. Ian is working at attracting the birds to the feeder box using old fruit and slowly the birds are getting used to it and are creating quite a show.

Ian would like you to share in the experiences he is having and is happy for you to walk round his house and sit on his outdoor furniture to enjoy the view. He is also asking for donations of "expired fruit" to help with this exercise and a container is available for this to be deposited at the side of Ian's villa. If you have any questions, please talk with Ian.

Unaccompanied Children

We are increasingly receiving complaints about children rushing around the village. With the summer holidays coming up, this is just a gentle reminder that our village is home to 151 slower older people.

Fibre Optic Broadband

There are residents in the first 62 villas who have been approached about the installation of fibre optic broadband. However, we have now been advised that Tamahere Eventide is outside the approved area and that this is not possible at the present time.

David McGeorge

The pharmacist walks into the store to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall. He asks the blonde clerk, "What's with that guy over there by the wall?" The blonde clerk responds, "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup so I gave him an entire bottle of laxative." The pharmacist yells, "You idiot. You can't treat a cough with a laxative". The blonde clerk responds, "Of course you can. Look at him, he's too scared to cough."

From the Residents Committee meeting November 2017



The committee continues to meet monthly. If any residents have concerns or thanks you would like discussed, please let either Colin or Mary receive them in writing. You will see from Colin's article that he has highlighted many of the activities that are on offer.

When I delivered my brown paper bag to the chaplain's office this week I was delighted to see the great response. These are delivered to the Christian Food Bank to help the many people who struggle to put food on their tables. Thank you for your generosity.

There will once again be an opportunity to share Christmas Day lunch in the café for residents who would like company for that meal. Please contact Jean Robertson to make a booking.

The committee thank the gardeners for their work which has helped to revive the lawns. May you all enjoy the coming month and participate in the activities that are special for you.

Mary West, Secretary

JUDY'S COLUMN

Outings and Events in December



We have a sweet start to December with an outing on **Friday 1 December** to Donovan's Chocolates Café for a delicious morning tea and an opportunity to make purchases from the retail shop.



Thursday 7 December is the date to mark on your calendar for the Village/Rimu Christmas Lunch in the Community Centre, at 12 noon. Details in flyer already sent out.

The Rukuhia School Choir, conducted by Leanne Adam (daughter of residents Larry and Jocelyn Ingle), return this year for a concert in the Community Centre on **Friday 8 December**, commencing at 1.30pm.

Touring entertainment group Operatunity are in Hamilton on **Monday 11 December** for their final concert this year. They invite you to "celebrate the magic and madness of the Season, with all of your favourite Christmas songs and even some sing-alongs" in 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. Enjoy performers Susan Boland, John Cameron, Bonnie Allan-Moetaua, Karl Perigo, Lynette Martin, accompanied by Paul Carnegie-Jones. The concert is followed by a light lunch with the artists.

More music on **Tuesday 12 December** when we have students from the Hamilton Recorder Society and teacher Catherine Wallace perform a short Christmas Concert in the Community Centre at 1.30pm.



Our Christmas Lights drive has a new twist this year. On the evening of **Wednesday 13 December** we will head out to the Cambridge Christmas Festival to view the decorated Christmas trees, Nativity scenes and seasonal displays (the theme is 'Deck the Halls') and browse/buy items from the Christmas shop. They are opening the supper room especially for us to enjoy a hot drink and a home-made treat (\$5 payable on the evening, if you wish to partake), while the Cambridge Brass Band perform. Hopefully it will be getting a little darker after this, and we will head off to check out Christmas lights in the area.



Village Book Group: Meets in the Community Centre Small Lounge at 3.30pm, **Thursday 28 December**. Come along and join the group for informal discussion about the books you have been enjoying.

Happy Hour will not be held in December.

<u>Friday 1 December:</u>	10.00am	Outing to Donovan's Chocolates Café & Shop \$9.00
<u>Thursday 7 December:</u>	12 noon	Village / Rimu Christmas Lunch (CC) \$22.50
<u>Friday 8 December:</u>	1.30pm	Concert – Rukuhia School Choir (CC)
<u>Monday 11 December:</u>	9.50am	Outing to Operatunity Concert & Lunch \$31.00
<u>Tuesday 12 December:</u>	1.30pm	Concert – Hamilton Recorder Society
<u>Wednesday 13 December:</u>	6.45pm	Outing - Cambridge Christmas Festival & Lights Drive
<u>Thursday 28 December:</u>	3.30pm	Village Book Group (cc)

Judy, Village Activities Organiser



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP

Hobbies and Craft Display and Sale

This was a lovely afternoon with amazing hobbies and crafts highlighted and displayed. Over 20 residents took part with a broad range of articles. Thanks to all who participated and those who took time out to come and admire.

(Thanks also to all those involved in organising this event, Editor)

New Year's Eve

Our New Year's Eve event will begin with a pot-luck dessert at 7pm in the Community Centre. It will be an easy, early evening of 50's and 60's music, companionship, chat, and dancing for those who wish.

January 18th is Grandparents Day – more information about this soon but mark it in your diary and book a grandchild! This was very popular last year so we are hoping for another good turn out and supportive weather!



Summer Barbeques

As the weather was most unhelpful at the beginning of January this year, it has been decided to run our BBQ's on the following dates:

21st January 28th January 4th February 11th February 18th February

These will begin at 5pm and be situated at different locations around the village. Notification will appear in the Chaplain's notice sheet each week. The meat will be cooked for you – just bring what meat you want and whatever else you wish to eat, along with a chair, sunhat and jacket (just in case).

Helen Painting, Convenor

It's time for a clear, serious grammar lesson

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The question was: "How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED." Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch!



From the Chaplains' Desk



When I was in parish ministry we often would sing a song called 'Praise the Lord for Golden Leaves' © Jo Jones which goes like this

Praise the Lord for golden leaves;
Praise the Lord for sun;
Praise the Lord for roller-skates;
Praise the Lord for fun.

Praise the Lord for honey bees;
Praise the Lord for families;
Praise the Lord for apple trees;
Praise him ev'ry one.

I know it is a children's song but I can't help thinking about it as I drive to work each day and then walk around the beautiful grounds we have here at Tamahere. I wonder if the beauty of the spring blossoms would make such an impression on us if we saw them every day.

When I look out over the paddocks through my lounge windows I see yellow buttercups popping up amongst the green grass. The ducks and pukekos are busy foraging for food. The tuis are drinking on the nectar on the kowhai tree, and the thrushes are tending their nests in the nest boxes. Buttercups look pretty with their yellow petals reminding us that winter is over and summer is on the way. God gives us so many good things. But when these good things are around us often, we can sometimes not see the beauty in them. Whilst travelling around India recently, I yearned to see green grass and was pleased to be home once again and to be ever so thankful for the beauty and the bounty of our wonderful country.

We need to be grateful and give thanks to God for all good things whether it be the beauty around us, our health, our families and all other good things we receive in life. Let us find peace in our busyness.

Paul Dyer in his book *The Four Paths* reminds us –

*Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise,
Trouble or hard work.*

Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart.



As new life appears to be blossoming let us feel peace within and without and prepare ourselves for whatever God and you have planned for you, as we approach the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol, Chaplain

A message from Mandy in Villa 89 (854 5177)

I have a supply of empty ice cream containers free to a good home if anyone would like them.



TAMAHERE EVENTIDE CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER & TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
@ 1.30 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Be sure to join us for this concert of carols and Christmas music as there are some old familiar carols for the audience to join in singing.

A special 'thank you' to Anne Griffiths, our conductor, and to all who have been a part of the choir this year.



Bowls report

On Thursday 2nd November we hosted Hilda Ross for a morning of bowls. They gave us a good lesson on how to bowl, but we had a lot of fun! Their team enjoyed the day and stayed on for lunch at the café. A lovely morning tea was provided, thanks to Ann and Marina.

A big thank you to David and Peter for having everything ready and the bowling green immaculate.

Helen Periam

A MESSAGE FROM
St Stephen's Church Tamahere

Dear Friends



The Tamahere Christmas Festival at St Stephen's Church is about to get underway and we'd like to issue a special invitation to you to come and visit. We have a shortened season this year with the festival programme running from Monday 4th Dec through to Friday 15th Dec (excluding Sunday). Hours 10am - 4pm.

We will be serving morning and afternoon teas (tea or coffee, plus Christmas cake or shortbread all for \$5) in the hall. The proceeds from the gifts and decorations in our Christmas Shop all go to local charities.

The programme of choirs and entertainers at 10.30am in the church is as follows:

Fri 8th – St Columba's School
Tue 12th – Cathedral Singers
Thur 14th – Eastside Singers

Mon 11th – Rototuna Primary School
Wed 13th – Tauwhare School
Fri 15th – Grier and Giane Gardyne

They all appreciate an audience, plus it's a great way to celebrate the real spirit of Christmas! Christmas Blessings to everyone.

Kind Regards from the Christmas Festival Team at St Stephen's

Our monthly offering from Len Schroeder

Movember! You chaps ought to know
For a good cause you should grow a mo.
But look at the date –
We've left it too late
Next year we might just have a go!



(Many thanks Len, we really appreciate your contributions)

Have you ever played Trivial Pursuits?

Would you like to give it a try?



There is some interest in trialling this in the new year, perhaps during the Monday games afternoons, as an addition to the present board games that are played.

If you would like be part of this please contact Damian on 856 6701 to discuss the various options.

A WONDERFUL OFFER OF ASSISTANCE WITH TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

John Lambert, Villa 42, has kindly offered to help out with any problems residents might have with their televisions and/or computers. He has a background of experience in these fields and has also been involved with SeniorNet.



John doesn't guarantee to be able to fix everything but he will certainly have a look and do what he can to help. You can ring John on 856 3272 and have a chat with him.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Comfortable cream coloured three seater leather sofa in good condition, no longer required. If you are interested please contact Carole on 856 4052.

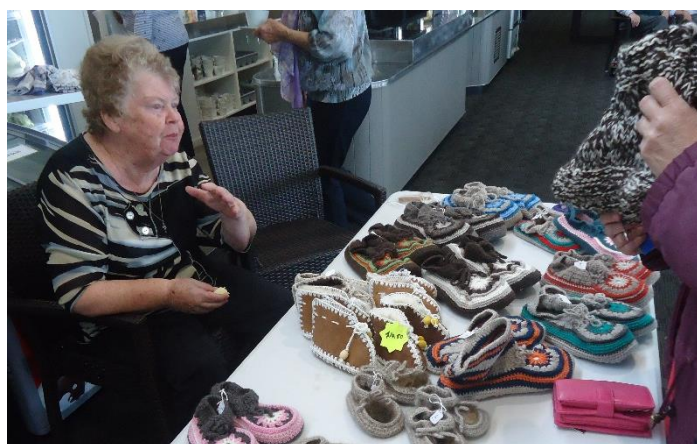
Two photos taken at the recent outing to Te Kapua (Cloud) art installation at the Hamilton Lake. Ian Gray's daughter Alison was the driving force behind the project.



Five happy porcelain painters at the trip to Splashy on 18th November. This was a great opportunity to express the artist within" – or perhaps "gone away" in some cases!



A SELECTION OF PHOTOS FROM THE HOBBIES & CRAFT DISPLAY
More photos can be found in the foyer of the Community Centre





A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman had just sold the car they had been interested in buying, to an absolutely beautiful, leggy, busty young blonde in a leather miniskirt and a halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$57,000 asking price? Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to that very lovely young lady over there. And if I remember rightly, you had insisted there was absolutely NO way you would discount this particular model.

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reaching for a large glass of water, he said, "Well, Sir, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, she didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her?How could any man resist such a gorgeous young woman? I'm sorry, but it's a done deal, signed, sealed, and delivered!" replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go," she said. "....I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price!! See you later, Daddy.....Happy Christmas!!"



Tamahere Retirement Village – Activities for December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.00 Donovans Choc's 10.30 Catholic Mass/C 1.30 Peter Williamson/C	2 9.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
3 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock/Advent 1	4 9.00 Balance Class/CC 9.50 Operatunity 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Country Variety/C	5 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip 10.30 L'il Pumpkins/C 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Tamahere Choir/C	6 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 Men's C&CwClive/cc 1.30 Glen Carley/C 7.00 Snooker/CC	7 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool? 12.00 Christmas Lunch/CC 1.30 Danny Savage/C <u>CAFÉ CLOSED</u>	8 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Tony & Fay/C 1.30 Rukuhia Sch Choir/CC	9 9.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge <u>CAFÉ CLOSED</u>
10 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Anne Griffith/Advent 2	11 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Cushla/C	12 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Long Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 Ham Recorder Soc/CC 1.30 Carole/Mary/Glenda/C 2.50 Choir Practice	13 10.00 Shopping New World 10.30 C&CwC/cc 1.30 Lorene Elliot/C 6.45 Xmas Fest. & Lights 7.00 Snooker/CC	14 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 1.30 Louise Henry/C 1.30 Bingo/cc	15 <u>PODIATRIST HERE</u> 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 1.30 Bette Gilmore	16 9.00 Golf 11.00 Catholic Communion & Anointing/C 2.00 Scooter Club 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
17 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Colin Neal/Advent 3	18 9.00 Balance Class/CC 10.30 Sit & Be Fit/CC 1.00 Games & Snooker/CC 1.30 Margaret Love/C	19 9.00 Lawn Bowls 10.00 Chartwell Short Trip 11.00 Bible Conv/SW 1.30 TA Senr Singers/C 2.50 Choir Practice	20 10.00 Shopping New World 11.00 Holy Communion/C 1.30 Laurie & Piri/C 7.00 Snooker/CC	21 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool 1.30 Eddie Elvis/C 1.30 Bingo/cc	22 9.00 Tai Chi/CC 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc 10.30 Peter Knowles/C	23 9.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
24 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Carol Hancock/Advent 4	25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	26 <u>BOXING DAY</u>	27 10.00 Shopping New World 7.00 Snooker/CC	28 9.00 Lawn Bowls 9.45 Hydrotherapy Pool? 1.30 Bingo/cc 3.30 Village Book Group/cc	29 9.00 Tai Chi/CC? 10.00 Knit & Knatter/cc <u>Note: No Happy Hour</u>	30 9.00 Golf 6.30 Movie in RH Lounge
31 <u>SUNDAY ROAST</u> 4.00 Chapel Service led by Rev Gloria Zanders <u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u> 7.00 Pot Luck Desert/CC	C=Chapel, CC=Community Centre, cc=Small Lounge in CC, SW=Susanna Wesley Room, C&CwC=Coffee & Chat with Chaplains Activities shown in green are arranged by the Home and all residents are welcome to attend.					