



Grapevine



From the Desk of the Village Manager

Hi all,

Upcoming Visit by Netherlands Ambassador Ard van der Vorst and Dutch Passport Renewals

The Dutch Ambassador is coming to the Village on **Saturday 14h December 2024 at 2pm**. You will receive an official invitation for this visit in November. We have also confirmed that the Hon Phil Twyford MP for Te Atatu and Cameron Brewer MP for Upper Harbour will be in attendance. Thank you to those residents who came to the first session of the Mobile Passport Action desk in late October.

GM's ongoing visits to Residents

As at the time of writing this report I have visited approx 75 Villas for a catch up. As noted in my October report I am grateful for the warm, friendly welcome I have received and am still following up on a number of Villa maintenance, gardening and other jobs with staff and outside contractors. I do appreciate resident's patience in understanding that our external contractors are sometimes booked on other jobs and are unable to do Village jobs immediately, therefore causing a delay in getting our Village work completed.

Getting Maintenance or Gardening jobs done

As mentioned in my September / October Reports if any Residents in Villas have any Maintenance needs (for example: leaks in your ceiling/roof, electrical matters, induction stove top, plumbing issues related to your bathroom / kitchen, painting issues for damaged doors, damaged wallpaper, faulty wall plugs or light fittings, spoiled carpets etc) you can go on line and log your job onto Skillet or call Reception on 09 838 6567 who can log your job for you. You can also log any Gardening jobs (for example replacement of dead plants, weeding, pruning of existing plants or trees, planting of new plants, general tidy up of your front / back gardens etc) onto Skillet or call Reception to log the job for you.

I genuinely want to ensure that Residents Villa Maintenance or Gardening jobs are to be done and actioned as quickly as possible, so please can I encourage Residents not to accumulate jobs. The sooner you let Reception know what jobs you need, the quicker these can be actioned for you.

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Fawkes

Guy

Night

Tuesday, 5 November

British observance commemorating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. The Gunpowder Plot conspirators, led by Robert Catesby, were zealous Roman Catholics enraged at King James I for refusing to grant greater religious tolerance to Catholics. They planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament (Palace of Westminster) during the state opening of Parliament, intending to kill the king and members of Parliament in order to clear the way to reestablishing Catholic rule in England. The plan failed when the conspirators were betrayed. One of them, Guy Fawkes, was taken into custody the evening before the attack, in the cellar where the explosives to be used were stashed. The other conspirators were all either killed resisting capture or — like Fawkes — tried, convicted, and executed. In the aftermath, Parliament declared November 5 a national day of thanksgiving, and the first celebration of it took place in 1606.

**Have a safe and happy
Guy Fawkes night
everyone.**

Solar Import / Export Meters

— 23 Villas turned on

At the time of writing this report Trilect Solar Ltd has advised me that to the best of their knowledge all the Import / Export Meters for the seven panel solar power systems on Villa roofs have now been turned on, and all are operational. The residents who voluntarily chose to get the solar power system installed on their Villa roofs should see the benefit of lower electricity bills over the coming months.

Ongoing work on Villa gutters, iron roofs and tile roofs

Ongoing issues as mentioned in my October report are being worked on every month with Peter van Ham (Maintenance Coordinator) to assess and then obtain/ approved written quotes from Laser Plumbing Te Atatu Ltd (formerly known as Sumich Plumbing and Roofing Ltd) for the above required Villas.

Update on recently sold and upcoming Villas.

Currently BMC Contractors (Bryce and Missy) are in the process of refurbishing two Villas which I am pleased to report have now gone unconditional. The new Residents will move in on Friday 6th December 2024.

We also have a Villa that will be available for viewing in November, and another Villa that is in the process of being fully refurbished. We will notify people on the waiting list as soon as the Villa is ready to view.

Gary Williams: General Manager



Available at the Pavilion Computer Hub

Book all your non-emergency Maintenance or Gardening jobs online



FRIENDS

WE HAVE LOST CARE CENTRE: TREVOR COLLIER - 26 OCTOBER, 2024

“There are special people in our lives who never leave us, even after they are gone.”

—D. MORGAN

Our condolences to all families

Wishing anyone who is unwell or in hospital, all the best and wishing you a speedy recovery.

WAITAKERE LIBRARY PICK-UP WILL BE:



13 NOVEMBER

ALL RETURNS can be dropped off to the Care Centre Reception. Please **DO NOT** return your books to the Ons Dorp Pavilion Library.

VILLA MEAL DELIVERIES

Care Centre meals are provided for **\$10 each meal, 7 days a week.**

If you wish to order a meal contact Reception. You can also request a weekly menu. If it is the weekend, call 09 838 6567, select 4 for the kitchen.

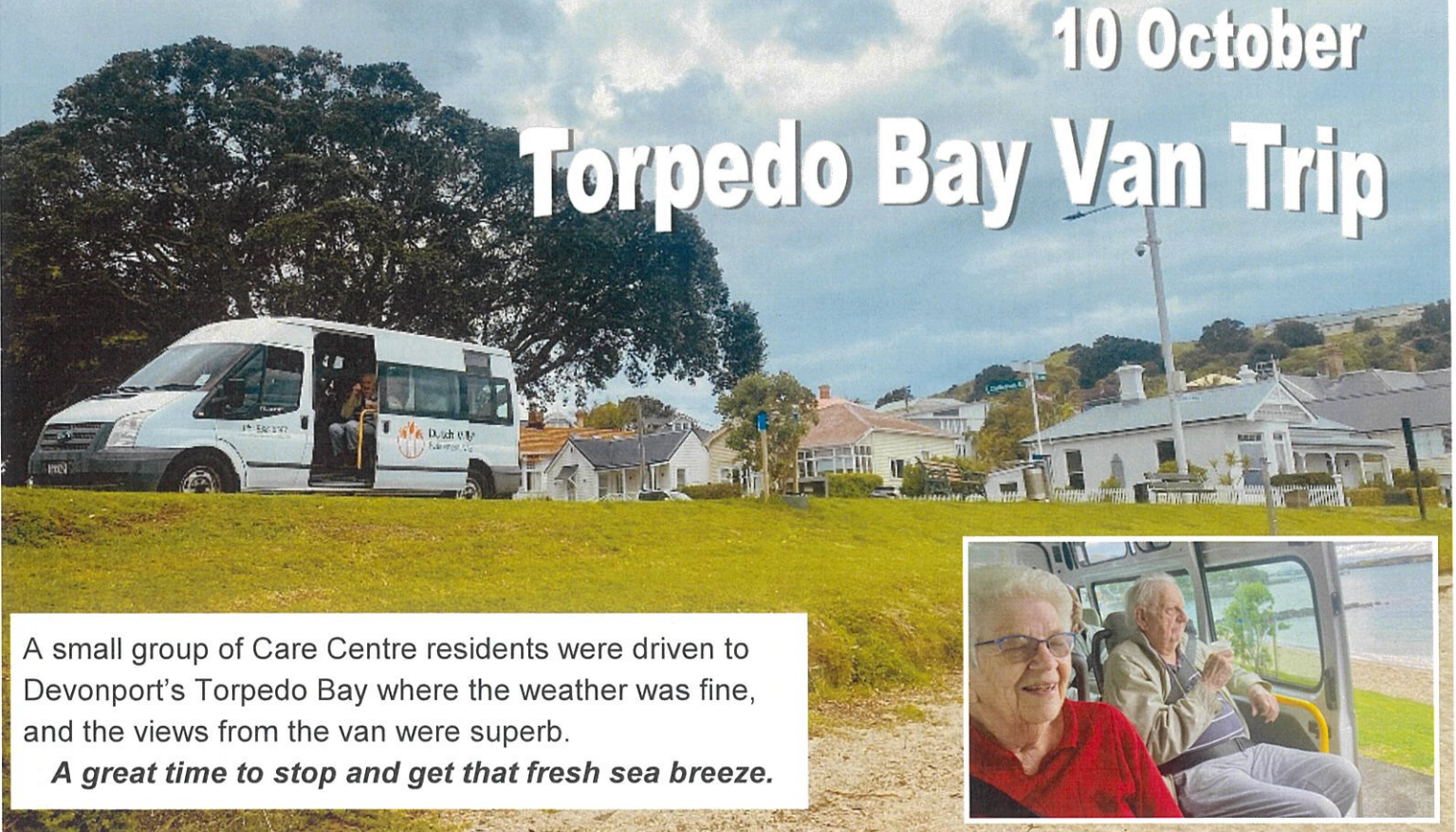
All Villa Meals are standard meals — medium or large, \$10 delivered/\$8 eat in the Atrium. There will be an additional cost of \$2 per item if you ask for extras.



This vibrant and graceful rose was found in the garden at the front of the Care Centre. Thank you to the gardeners for allowing this bloom to reach such beauty. All the Care Centre residents have enjoyed the colour and scent of this beautiful rose.

10 October

Torpedo Bay Van Trip



A small group of Care Centre residents were driven to Devonport's Torpedo Bay where the weather was fine, and the views from the van were superb.

A great time to stop and get that fresh sea breeze.

a message from



NZPost

Christmas sending cut-off dates

	Economy	Courier	Express
New Zealand	Wednesday 18 December	Friday 20 December	
Australia	Monday 2 December	Monday 9 December	Monday 16 December
Asia, Europe, North America, South Pacific, UK	Sunday 1 December	Sunday 8 December	Friday 13 December
Rest of the world	Monday 25 November	Monday 2 December	Wednesday 11 December

The busy festive season is just around the corner, so we're here to help you start planning. Give your pressies the best chance of arriving in time.

Above are NZPost's cut-off dates, which will be a

useful guide for sending to friends and family this holiday season.

If you're sending overseas, the Economy service is your best bet for a cost-friendly option. If you miss the sending cut-off dates, don't worry, use Courier and Express services for those last minute options.

KIWI STAMP PRICES New Zealand \$2
Australia \$3.30 Netherlands \$4.00

DON'T FORGET: Have your letters at Reception before 4.30pm and they will be dropped off to a post box.

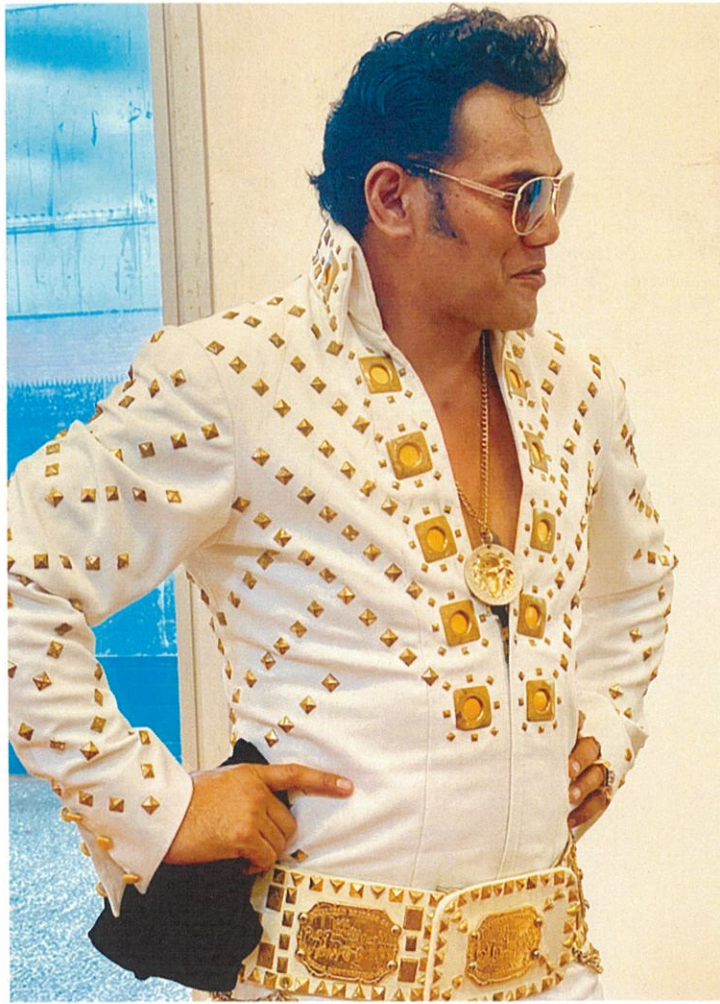


**PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE FISH
WHEN VISITING IN THE ATRIUM**

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International Day for Older Persons

2024



Pacific Elvis

Recently a number of Care Centre Residents were taken to the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Hub for the annual **International Day for Older Persons**.

The residents enjoyed lots of music from the entertainer, **Pacific Elvis** (left) who also had time to change his costume while guests were enjoying a lovely morning tea with a Pacific flavour.



*Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock, dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock, dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock*



Celebrations for Fiji's Independence Day — 10 October 2024



Left: Our Care Centre kitchen provided a lovely cake in honour of **Fiji's Independence Day —10 October, 1970**. Right: Husband Ambika and wife Basant, also from Fiji enjoyed the cutting of the beautiful celebratory cake baked by our **caterplus** chef, Nisika (left). This celebration marks 54 years since the island nation gained independence from Great Britain.



Right: Another popular van trip for residents at the Ons Dorp Care Centre on Friday 25 October. Residents enjoy going out to the Airport to do a bit of plane spotting where a lot of planes take off and land.

ON-SITE LIAISON ADVISORS	
<p>Mieke Who Mo PL M b</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Mieke will be away 28th October until the 14th November. First day back 18th November</p> <p>Holiday day.</p>	<p>Franciska is available on Wednesdays</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Franciska will not be available to visit on Public Holidays that fall on a Wednesday.</p>
<p>If you require Mieke or Franciska to contact you please call Reception on 838 6567, opt 0.</p>	


A NOTE FROM KARIN VERBEEK :

Radiation treatment has finished. A big shout out to everyone who has supported me through this time. I may still have to work from home and have regular checks, however Reception is available to pass on any messages to me. Karin Verbeek



☺ **GRAPEVINE FUNNY** ☺

THE OLDER I GET



THE EARLIER IT GETS LATE

Pavilion Printer

Need to do some printing? We have a colour printer in the Pavilion computer room. Call reception if need to know how to use it.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PRINTER ON. The service team need access for toner supply requests, and any other issues with the printer.

ALL Care Centre Visitors MUST SIGN IN at Reception

Don't be offended if staff remind you to sign in. The Care Centre is required under the Fire, Health and Safety Regulations to have **ALL VISITORS SIGN IN**

Don't forget we would prefer and encourage you to wear a mask when visiting. Masks available at Reception.



VILLAGE RECYCLING — ALL LIDS OFF!

Our gardening team spend time removing lids, **PLEASE HELP BY** taking all lids off and putting them in with your general rubbish.



TRUST BOARD MEETING
28th November

Planting

Be summer-ready

TOP TIP: Water your plants **early in the morning or late in the evening** to reduce evaporation and ensure more water reaches the roots.



Daylight saving often brings a surge in water demand as people spend more time outdoors and tend to their gardens. Now is a great time to be mindful of your water use at home. Before you head out to the garden, here are some water-saving tips to keep in mind:

1. Make the most of mulch

Apply a layer of mulch around your plants to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and reduce the need for frequent watering.

2. Group plants by water needs

Plant species with similar water requirements together to optimise watering and avoid over- or under-watering.

1. Beat the heat

Water your plants **early in the morning or late in the evening** to reduce evaporation and ensure more water reaches the roots.

2. Right plant, right time

Choosing the right plants for your garden and planting them at the right time is essential for successful growing and saving water. Visit the **Auckland Botanic Gardens** website to view their database of plants that are suited to the region's conditions.

RECYCLING TOP TIPS

Keep it clean - empty and rinse
Remove **ALL** lids and put them in the rubbish bin
DO NOT crush or flatten containers
No containers larger than 4 Litres.

DO NOT place newspapers, cardboard etc in plastic bags, better to place in a cardboard box.
ONLY cardboard packing boxes should be flattened.
If in doubt, leave it out

These can go in your recycling bin **NO LIDS**

1 2 5

Clean plastic containers, bottles and trays
numbers 1, 2, 5 only (lids off, max size 4 litres)

Clean tins and cans

Clean, flat paper and cardboard

Please Clean unbroken glass jars and bottles

Examples of what can't go in your recycling bin

X
Food scraps

X
Soft plastics

X
Aluminium foil

X
Coffee cups

X
No lids of any type

X
Polystyrene

X
Plastics numbered
3 4 6 7

X
Aerosol cans

Local Justice of the Peace contacts

<https://jpaukland.org.nz/locate-jp/>

HENDERSON

- Feroz Aswat..... 021 782 786
- Donna Barratt..... 027 563 5338
- Evelyn Edie 09 836 3306
- Marion Humphrey 021 471 904
- Elizabeth Jones..... 027 481 5610
- Murali Kumar..... 021 685 804
- David Lui 021 251 8201
- Victor Martick 027 780 1996
- Michelle Mascoll 021 021 88 233
- Roger Phillips..... 027 439 2647
- Rahul Uppal 027 731 1111
- Roger King..... 027 282 2102
- Caleb Watson 027 421 3308
- Lucky Slade 021 112 6055
- Sung Park..... 021 811 367

RANUI

- Lusila Tauafiafi-lutoi..... 021 082 05466
- Geoffrey Holmes 027 474 4972
- Adam Ryan..... 021 241 4670
- Paul Ghai..... 021 255 5130
- Kamlesh Naidu..... 021 995 049
- Ramzan Anjum 021 250 2912

SUNNYVALE

- Robyn Butler-Shaw 021 126 4251

WESTERN HEIGHTS

- Vincent Naidu..... 027 471 6349

GLENDENE

- Warahi Paki 027 243 5924


SWANSON

- Alee Talava..... 021 159 9862
- Sharon Davies 027 498 9597

WestCity Henderson JP Services
every Thursday from 6pm - 8pm & every Saturday from 10am - 12pm You can find them on Level 1, by Japan Mart.

November 2024

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

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