



DUTCH VILLAGE "ONS DORP"

Retirement Village &amp; Care Centre

# Grapevine

**Have a safe & happy  
Guy Fawkes night everyone**



## Guy Fawkes Night

Wednesday, 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.

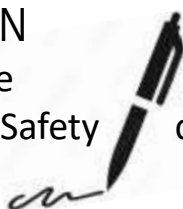
Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Guy-Fawkes-Day>

## NOTICEBOARD

### ALL CARE CENTRE VISITORS

#### MUST SIGN IN AT RECEPTION

All visitors are required to sign the visitors book as this is a Health & Safety requirement.



#### TAKING A RESIDENT OUT?

You MUST fill in the outing book and check-in with the Registered Nurse on Duty or any staff member before going out.

From the  
Desk of the Village General Manager

Hi all,

#### Sensor lights

As mentioned in the October Grapevine, if you do not have Sensor lights at the back of your Villa, please can you call or let Reception 09 838 6567 to add you to a list, and we will arrange for our electrician Ryno to install them. The Works Committee has approved this installation at no cost to Residents.

#### Roofing/Gutter repair work on Villas

As advised in the October Grapevine, work on replacing Roofs and guttering has pleasingly been completed on 10 Villas by Laser Plumbing Te Atatu. Weather permitting they are still in the process of working on Villas 25,36,63,63A and 64. The Roofing and guttering materials for all these Villas is on site.

#### Water Usage

As mentioned in the October Grapevine, the increasing annual Water Bill was discussed at the October Works Committee. With the drier summer months coming up, Residents in Villas are requested to be prudent in their water usage to help keep down the Village water bills. Residents co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

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## Remedial work on Village Sewage lines and drains

Collins / Matson plumbers with Drain King Ltd have now completed this work. As stated in the October Grapevine Collins / Matson and Drain King Ltd did try to ensure the least disruption possible to Residents Villas and gardens (front or back). If any soil / grass is dislocated in your garden (front or back) around the Drain lids (which most are in the front of your Villas), please contact Reception so we can book in the Ons Dorp's gardeners to re-soil / re-seed the grass if it is necessary. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding on this matter.

## Villa Refurbishments

Bryce Carter and his team are currently working on Villa 63 (due to be completed by end of October) and Villa 9 (due to be completed by mid-February 2026), and Villa 20 which only has some wall paper work to be done. We also have 2 other Villas pending.

Gary Williams, General Manager

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are asking that residents and / or visitors do not ask to view any Villas that are in the termination phase or being refurbished (Health and Safety). Any Villas will only be ready to view when the refurbishments have been completed, and a viewing is booked with the General Manager

**PAVILION PRINTER: LEAVE IT ON**  
**SO WE CAN UPDATE THE SUPPLY**  
**ORDERS : DO NOT TURN IT OFF**

**ATRIUM VISITORS: PLEASE**  
**DO NOT FEED THE FISH**

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## TRUST BOARD MEETING

27  
November

### ONS DORP RESIDENT LIAISON ADVISORS

**Mieke Penning is available**

**Mondays & Thursdays**



**PLEASE NOTE:** Mieke will not be available to visit on a Public Holiday that falls on a Monday or Thursday.

**Joop van Herk is available on**

**Wednesdays & Friday**



**PLEASE NOTE:** Joop will not be available to visit on a Public Holiday that falls on a Wednesday & Friday.

**Contact the Care Centre Reception**  
**on 838 6567 if you require a visit.**

## RESIDENT LIAISON SERVICES

### VILLA MEAL DELIVERIES

The Care Centre can provide meals which can also be delivered for

**\$10 each meal, 7 days a week.**

If you wish to order a meal contact Reception or the Kitchen. You can also request a menu from Reception.

The kitchen would also like to remind residents to please rinse your plates, and please

**DO NOT** return any of your own cutlery.



**Wearing a mask is**  
**encouraged here at the**  
**Ons Dorp Care Centre.**

**ALL VISITORS MUST** sign in the Visitors book.  
Please use the sanitizer provided.

## FRIENDS WE HAVE LOST

**CARE CENTRE:**

**Alan Lindsey**

8 October, 2025

**Theresia Hala**

23 October, 2025

**VILLAGE:**

**John Jones**

10 October 2025

Our condolences to family & friends

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





## Care Centre Outings

Friday, 10 October

### Waterfront delights

**Right:** You know it is spring when you see a family of ducks enjoying the recent rainfall.

**Below:** Residents went out in the van to a local waterfront beach where the views of the Harbour Bridge and Sky City in the background were fabulous. Our physio assistant Cathy, decided to show her expertise, framing the view.



# OCTOBER

Care Centre Birthdays

**18** George Vlasich **85**

**25** Kathy Murphy **80**



## Ons Dorp Care Centre Reminders

### ■ ■ ■ Hairdresser

Our hairdresser Katherine visits fortnightly on a Tuesday. Reception can take appointment bookings for Katherine's next available day.

#### Price List:

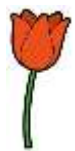
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| Ladies Haircut          | \$25 |
| Men's Haircut           | \$20 |
| Ladies set or blow wave | \$30 |
| Ladies Perms            | \$90 |
| Ladies Colour           | \$75 |

### ■ ■ ■ Library Books

Many residents in the Care Centre and Village read our Auckland Library books that are picked-up once a month. All the books now have a bookmark with a due by date. Please make sure you tell Reception when you take the book and also take note of the due by date so the book can be returned on time.

PLEASE NOTE, books that are not returned and cannot be found have to be replaced at a cost to the Care Centre. This replacement cost can be quite expensive. Please make sure Reception has all these books **before the due by date.**





Residents were treated to a “sixties” themed Happy Hour on October 3rd, with lots of sing-a-long tunes from Theo Kroon.







## Diwali celebrations

Residents at the Care Centre celebrated Diwali early on Thursday, October 16 with a performance by staff, showcasing their dancing skills. After residents were treated to some delightful treats. This celebration was an opportunity for the staff and residents to honor the Festival of Lights, a major annual event in New Zealand's multicultural calendar.



## Finding it hard to getting out and about?

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Mob: 021 071 9048

**GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

## MAIL

### DON'T FORGET!

Please address  
ALL Villa mail:

(villa number)

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McLeod Rd,  
Henderson,  
Auckland 0612

For the Care  
Centre all mail  
should be  
addressed:

Residents Name  
36 McLeod Rd  
Henderson  
Auckland 0612





# Ons Dorp Care Centre



## Fijian Independence Day



Chef Nisika from our Caterplus kitchen celebrated Fiji's Independence Day with residents making a lovely cake for morning tea. Fiji Independence Day is celebrated annually on **October 10th** to mark its independence from the United Kingdom in 1970.



**Above:** Residents were given a piano concerto by Oliver on October 7. When visiting Oliver asked to play at the Care Centre for the residents — and what a joyful performance from such a young talent.

## Flower arranging



**Above:** Lee Bennett's daughter surprised everyone on Thursday, 9 October, gifting two bouquets of flowers which were arranged by residents and placed around the Care Centre.

Thank you Paula.



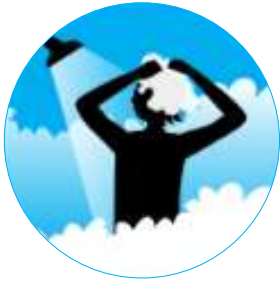
**CARE CENTRE  
LIBRARY BOOKS**

**DUE BACK 10 NOVEMBER**

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

# Time to think about saving water before summer starts

## Here are some helpful tips to get you started



### SHOWER

- Shorten your shower. Each minute you add to your shower times uses about 12 litres of water. For a household of three that extra minute costs you about \$90 a year in electricity.
- To help keep track of time, try using a shower timer.
- **Don't just watch the shower warming up! Use a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up. It's easy to carry out of the house so you can keep thirsty plants happy in summer.**

Water your plants in the morning

- the water can soak into the ground before the sun comes up.

**DO NOT WATER PLANTS IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY**

*Water will just evaporate as fast as you are watering!*



### TOILETS

- **Check your toilet doesn't leak.** Toilet leaks are often silent. A continuously running toilet, can waste more than 700 litres a day and is not something you can ignore.
- **Don't use your toilet as a rubbish bin.** Only pee, poo and paper should be flushed, the rest should go in the bin.
- Use the correct dual flush option (half-flush for liquid waste and a full-flush for solid waste).



### TAPS

- Turn off the tap when your are brushing your teeth – this can save 6 litres of water per minute.
- Rinse your razor in a plugged sink, not running water.
- Wait for a full load before running the washing machine or dishwasher. Dishwashers are a significant source of water usage.
- Turn taps off tightly, this can also help you check your taps are not leaking.

If you notice any problems, please contact Reception who can organise a plumber to investigate. If it is the weekend or a public holiday and is an **emergency** please contact your Village Trustees.



# 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.





# November 2025

| Mon | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Wed | Thu                                 | Fri                                  | Sat | Sun |
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| 3   | ATRIUM COFFEE MACHINE<br>Please make sure you drink your hot drinks at the Atrium.<br>The coffee machine drinks are not intended to be TAKE OUT drinks.<br> | 1   | 2                                   | 3                                    | 1   | 2   |
|     | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5   | 6                                   | 7                                    | 8   | 9   |
| 10  | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12  | 13                                  | 14                                   | 15  | 16  |
| 17  | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 19  | 20                                  | 21                                   | 22  | 23  |
| 24  | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 26  | 27<br>Trust Board Meeting<br>2.00pm | 28<br>Market Day<br>Beatrix Pavilion | 29  | 30  |