



The Peninsula Club

Village

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Alan Wintour

An inequity in the Code of Practice 2008 has become apparent as a consequence of the Christchurch earthquake where parts of some retirement villages have been effectively destroyed. This could happen as a result of fire, land slip etc.

When we enter a village we pay a fee which is known by various names, but is known in my contract as the Village Contribution which in my case of paid over eight years, but in some of the newer contracts may be paid over three years. Whatever the time span, once it has been paid it has been paid for life, or as long as the resident is able to or wishes to remain in the village.

However in the event of a forced early termination of the contract as a result of the residence becoming uninhabitable and unable to be repaired, there is no provision for a refund of the Village Contribution. This situation would leave the resident significantly penalised financially and, in many cases, unable to move on to another village. There has been some agreement among the parties involved that these circumstances had not been previously envisaged and some changes are necessary.

Also, as refurbishment is not required, the Wellington Area Association of Retirement Village Residents is asking village residents nationwide to support a submission to the Minister of Building and Construction that in the event of the above situation the resident will receive the full sum paid to the operator for that unit without any capital or other deductions normally made under the occupation right agreement.

If you think this is fair and would like to add your name to this submission, I will leave a copy on the table under the noticeboard.

By the time you read this you will have received a notice of the Village Budget Meeting.



FROM OUR MANAGER

Gary Gunning

I am pleased to tell you that The Peninsula Club sent a donation of \$353.00 to Age Concern Canterbury from proceeds from the raffle and sausage sizzle held during the Inter-Village Games last month. It is also pleasing to inform you that Lend Lease donated \$10,000 to the same organization for use for older persons affected by the Christchurch earthquake.

I know some residents are concerned regarding insurance of their properties in the event of such catastrophes subsequent to the Campbell Live report on a village in Christchurch. Lend Lease are reviewing our insurances at a high level and will be advising residents formally as soon as we have more detailed information to send to them.

Two of our Villages have been approached by a company, NZ Natural Therapy. They are a company who sell therapy cushions, chairs, beds etc. at very expensive prices, e.g. \$3,200 for a therapy cushion. They have a telemarketing unit who makes appointments for the sales people and they are targeting retirement villages. One resident has purchased a therapy cushion for \$3,200. Another resident has been advised to stop taking a certain medication. If you are approached by this company please consult with your doctors and family before making any medical or financial decisions.

The tarsealing of the carpark area has been delayed due to the wet weather and they are hopeful of starting the middle of next week.

We have had a very busy month with new residents moving into our Village. Please welcome:-

Chris Burmester - Villa 106B - Ph. 424-3734

Chris Doorman - Villa 130 - Ph. 428-3337

Fred & Mary-Rose Webb - Villa 134 - Ph. 428-0900

Richard & Jeanette Freeman - Villa 159 -

Ph. 428-7435

Sandra Panckhurst - Apt. 304 - Ph. 424-3436

WIN'S COLUMN

Those who attended the recent talk by Tania, new dispensary manager at Radius Pharmacy, were pleased to learn that many changes have taken place in regard to customer service and the long waits for prescriptions are a thing of the past. Tania talked about the Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks that are now available, and also the Bowel screening kit that is now sold at the Pharmacy. Free Zinc tests are also available. This involves the customer taking a small amount of liquid in their mouth and, depending on the taste they identify and the time taken, the Pharmacist can advise whether or not you are deficient in Zinc.

Zinc is an important trace mineral for the body – second to Iron in its concentration in the body. The best source of dietary Zinc by far is oysters. Red meat and poultry are good sources as are whole grains, nuts, pumpkin seeds, certain types of seafood such as crabs and lobster, and dairy products.

Zinc is needed for the body's immune system to work properly. It plays a role in cell division, cell growth, wound healing and the breakdown of carbohydrates. Zinc is also needed for the senses of smell and taste.

Effects of Zinc deficiency are frequent infections, loss of hair, poor appetite, loss of sense of taste or smell, skin lesions, slow to heal wounds.

If you have any concerns or just for interest, pop into the Pharmacy for a test of your Zinc levels. And as always the best way to keep your body's nutrients balanced is to eat a variety of healthy foods.

SAFETY & SECURITY issues related to credit cards/efpos and financial information – Richard Stone, Business Development Manager ANZ, will speak on these matters on **Wednesday 25th May at 10.30 am. in the Hibiscus Lounge**. Morning tea provided. Names on list on noticeboard, please.

Social Activities

HOYTS hibiscus Coast have some great promotions for over 65s at present. For example the movie of your choice **\$7 Monday to Friday before 5 p.m. (excluding school holidays)**.

Mother's Day Special - Water for Elephants (if you enjoyed Notebook you will LOVE this one) – this Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

FRONT ROW is a new product – every Thursday at 1.30 p.m. offering the best in Theatre, Opera and Ballet. We will take the van on **Thursday 19th May** to see **La Traviata** and stay for **'Cream Tea'** – tea or coffee with scone with jam and cream afterwards. Coffee cards are available – buy 3, get 4th free. Cost – tickets \$7, Bus \$2.50, Cream Tea \$7.50. Names on list, please.

Keep Well and Be Happy

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RECIPE WANTED

Would the kind person who donated two apricot and musli loaves to the Market Day please let me have the recipe. Thank you.

Joy Bailey - Ph. 428-4388

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Heather Dormer

The EASTER BONNET PARADE and Dinner on 21st April was a very happy night. It was a pity there were not more attending to enjoy a good meal, great music and great company.

The EASTER PARADE was ably judged by 'Prime Health and Hatters Co.' – Win and Brenda. The Easter Bonnet winner was Glenn Hoare in a delightful straw number decorated with a wreath of pink and purple flowers. Second was Marilyn Hartwell – also a delightful straw model with spring bouquet trim. The most Easter-ish creation was Yours Truly in a black and gold bird-nest with mother hen on nest with chicks scattered around. Second was Lesley O'Connor wearing a large brimmed crinoline hat resplendent with Easter eggs suspended around the brim plus circle around the crown. The one and only male entrant was Gerald Munro, resplendent in faded red denim trimmed with bright yellow sunflowers – very fetching!

My thanks to Glenn Hoare and Shirley Munro for their help making the flower Easter egg table décor and setting the tables. Also thank you to Gary for the donation of dinner vouchers for hat and lucky spot prizes which were won by Jennifer Whitaker, a visitor Mary Lorrigan and Anne Wydenbach, and to office Viv for her Easter print outs – most attractive as always. We must not forget to thank Kate for her great meal, and Jennifer for her photos.

Louise Leisurwear Fashions on 28th April had some great clothing which were well received by all who viewed.

Coming Events

Thurs. 12th May - 10 a.m. in the Hall – Dianne Girvan will return with her lovely underwear and sleepwear. She is always only too happy to help with fittings, especially those who need special undergarments. She has a large range over all sizes.

Thurs. 19th May – 10 a.m. in the Hall – Pryde and Joy will be here with their lovely range of casual and dress garments, plus jewellery. They always have a great selection of clothes and beautiful jewellery.

Thurs. 26th May - 10 a.m. in the Hibiscus lounge – hopefully we will have Doris Coppell at long last to speak on her voyages on Barges around England. Also her book on her life on barges and travels will be on sale at \$20.00 per copy. More on this in the next Village News.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT

John Gray

The first game for this winter will take place on Saturday 14th May at 7 p.m. in the Hall. A warm welcome is extended to any new residents who haven't played with us before. Join us for an entertaining and stimulating evening. Names on the noticeboard, please.

PENINSULA THEATRE *Tom Herwood*

Sunday 8th May - 2 p.m.
MY SISTERS' KEEPER

A former defence attorney finds herself back in the courtroom when she is sued for medical emancipation by her 11 year old daughter who is expected to donate a kidney to her dying older sister.

Sunday 15th May - 2 p.m.
ALONG CAME POLLY

Reuben Fetter (Ben Stiller) believes that if you plan ahead you may have a pretty good life. When his wife of a few days dumps him on his honeymoon, along comes Polly (Jennifer Aniston), a bright irreverent childhood friend who teaches him to live life on the edge.

LIBRARY

Meg McDuff

A wide variety of books have been listed under our 'New to our Shelves' section during April. Purchases include the latest novels by such favourite authors as John le Carre, Danielle Steel and Sanjida O'Connell, while among the many donations are some works by such well known writers as Barbara Erskine and Diana Cabaldon.

I was lucky enough to be able to purchase a number of 'large print' books from a recent Lions Club Book Sale. These will be available for our readers just as soon as I can process them. So please watch the noticeboard for their listings being issued.

Happy Browsing!

From Maureen Thomas

Due to demand a re-print has been done of my two books "Who Knows Where" and "The Epic Voyage". If you would like your own copy they are available now for \$30.00 - my phone number is 424-4477.

FROM THE PUTTING CORNER

Gwen Murray

Our green keeps improving – the new extension growing nicely.

From 4th November we have enjoyed nearly six months of Putting on Thursdays. New residents have blended into our group, making our 'Green experience' and 'Coffee Time' afterwards really enjoyable.

Our first time into the Inter-Village Games realised a 1st Placing tied with Mayfair. Well done, Team – Barbara Hale, Doug Jackson, Peter Dower-Kingston and Graham Williams.

The competitions that we play for annually have been finalised. The Handicap Trophy proved very close for both the Womens' and Mens' games.

The 2010-11 season closed on Thursday 30th April. Prizegiving will be on Thursday 19th May with our morning tea and Gary, our Manager, presenting the Trophies.

SNOOKER

Chas Ward

Eastridge Trophy Tournament

The Handicap draw has now been completed and is at its usual place beside the Snooker table.

Players are urged to ring their opponents and place the day and time on the board as others are keen to observe the matches. Please get cracking!

BOWLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Ian Jelich

Once again our season has come to an end. It was great to see so many of you there attending the Closing Day BBQ. My special thanks to Peter, Roy and John for looking after the cooking of our food and also those who helped to tidy up.

The AGM is on Saturday 14th May at 10 a.m. in the Bowls room. Please do your best to attend to put forward any concerns you may have regarding the way our Club should be performing.

This is my last Bowls report as your President as I will be standing down after three years in the position. I have enjoyed it, especially the support that was given to me by my Committee and bowlers.

Raffle Results

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| 20 th April | 1 st Prize - Hetty Stumpel |
| | 2 nd Prize - Marjorie Blundell |
| 21 st April | Easter Eggs - Lesley O'Connor |
| 27 th April | 1 st Prize - Dora Gallagher |
| | 2 nd Prize - Jo Fowcs Williams |
| 29 th April | 1 st Prize - Jeanette Freeman |
| | 2 nd Prize - John Gray |

THE COMPUTER'S SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer's swallowed Grandma!

*Yes, honestly it's true,
She pressed Control+Enter-
And disappeared from view.*

*It's devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm,
Maybe she's caught a Virus,
Or been eaten by a Worm.*

*I've searched through the Recycle Bin
And files of every kind,
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.*

*In desperation I 'Asked Jeeves'
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative –
Not a thing was found Online.*

*So if inside your Inbox
My Grandma you should see,
Please Scan, Copy and Paste her
In an E-mail back to me.*

COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE by 5.00 p.m.

on Tuesday 17 May 2011.

Colleen Shafar – Apt. 421 – Ph. 424-2490

My very grateful thanks to all of you, residents and staff, who have supported me in so many ways over the past two weeks following the loss of my Sam.

You have been a tremendous comfort to me and it is a wonderful example of what life in our Village is all about.

Again – thank you so much.

Colleen