



60'S UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) WHANGAREI BRANCH DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members,

Thank you for the support you have given our Whangarei branch over the last year, I know for some this year has been very challenging – if you need any assistance don't hesitate to contact your 60s-Up family – we are all here to help each other, we have 144 members there will always be someone willing to help you out (it may be the person you least expect) but they have been put into your life for a reason, so give them a chance, take their help if they offer it.

In February 2026 I hope to see you all ready to take on another year of fun and companionship. You do not have to participate in all or even some of our activities, but you are always welcome to come and watch. Have a coffee and a laugh.

Dianne Willetts

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BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER: Patricia Harbord, Lorraine Kevey, Ken Pascoe and Maxine Mays. Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful day.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Our next general meeting will be on Thursday 12th of February 2026. I hope to see you all there ready to take on another year of fun and companionship. You do not have to participate in some of our activities, but you are more than welcome to come and watch

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Our Christmas lunch is on **Thursday 11th of December** at the Waipu Golf Course. There is still time to get your name on this list but the last day for paying your **\$45** is Tuesday 2nd of December 2025. Any question txt or phone Bev 027 210 8400.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our Sunday Night Dinner will be in February 2026 more details in the next newsletter.

Please let Bev have a Christmas – New Year break DO NOT contact her before Monday 12th of January 2026 before booking for the February dinner. Then you can contact Bev on 0272108400. If the venue number is full Bev will put your name on the reserve list. Please wear your name tags to these dinners – thank you.

WELFARE:

Lois 022 621 2233 and Mary 09 438 3889 are our welfare officers. This month Lois and Mary have not received any new details of members that are unwell. Please tell Lois or Mary of anyone who is not well or needs a welfare call, in hospital or rest home.

NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL INTERESTGROUPS:

INDOOR BOWLS:

Indoor Bowls last day for this year will be **Monday 15th of December** – Indoor Bowls will re commence on **Monday 9th of February**. The entry time to the Northland Club in Porowini Ave at the usual time please be there by 9.30am so we can get started by 9.45am.

For more information contact Peter Schultz 09 438 7990. New members always welcome.

PETANQUE:

Pétanque officially finishes on **Tuesday 16th of December** but unofficially a few members continue over this period – so if you have nothing to do, please feel free to come and join us. You are more than welcome to just come and watch and have lunch with us afterwards – any excuse to get out of the house and have some company and a good laugh. We officially restart **Tuesday 10th of February**.

Pétanque is held at the town basin on Tuesday mornings at 9.15am. always welcome. All members playing or not are welcome to come to lunch with us after pétanque has finished. Albert Biller is our contact – 027 553 9880

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS:

This group will continue over the holiday period, but you may have to use your own imagination – please do not expect Lois to be present every Friday. If you would like to know more, please contact Lois Haden 0226212233

10 Pin BOWLING:

1st Friday of month – Held at Action zone 129 Port Road 10am. Numbers slowly improving – all welcome for more information contact Lois Haden 022 621 2233. The winners for November were Ken and Beryl Smith, congratulations to you both.

THEATRE GROUP - NIGHT SHOW WITH DINNER.

The next show will be “Leading Ladies”, this will be on Thursday 4th of December at the cost of \$60.

For more information or to get your name on the list contact Dianne Willetts 027 237 1700.

TRAVEL:

Our last trip for 2025 was the Wine Tour at Kerikeri and then for lunch at Phat Breweries.

We will be having a new travel team next year including Ally Haywood 021 0247 4579 and Barbara Marks 0274 889 666. I will no longer be doing this – I have done my 6 years, time to call this quits besides I have other areas in Whangarei 60s-Up to concentrate on. Thanks for all the members who supported me. I am more than confident that the new team will have some very interesting trips lined up for you. Thanks again Dianne Willetts

DONATION TABLE:

A very special thank you to all the members who not only brought goods and fresh produce and even baked for the donation table but to the members who supported it - buying our goods. I also am very grateful for the committee members Val Malcolm and Judith Mack who gave their time to serve at the donation table along with other members who also gave their time during the year.

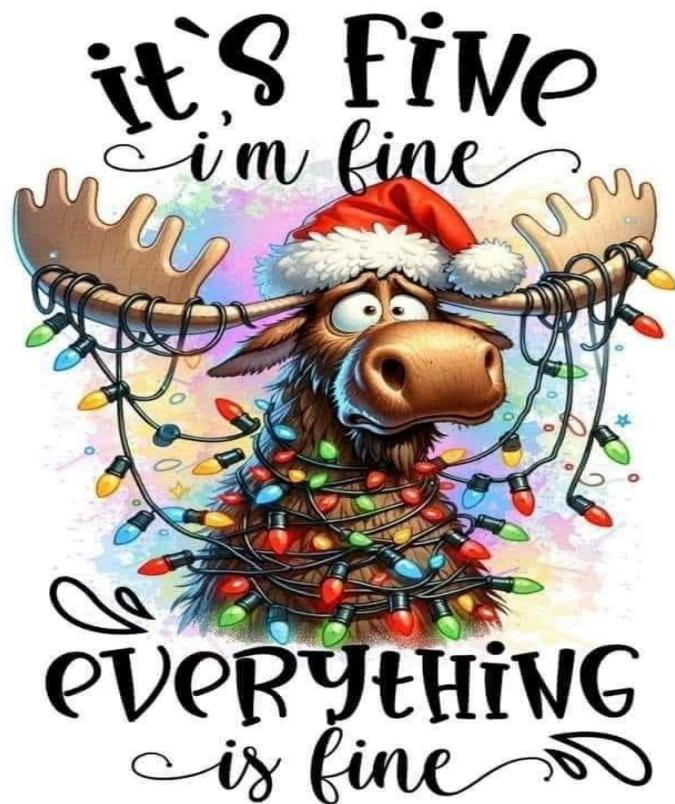
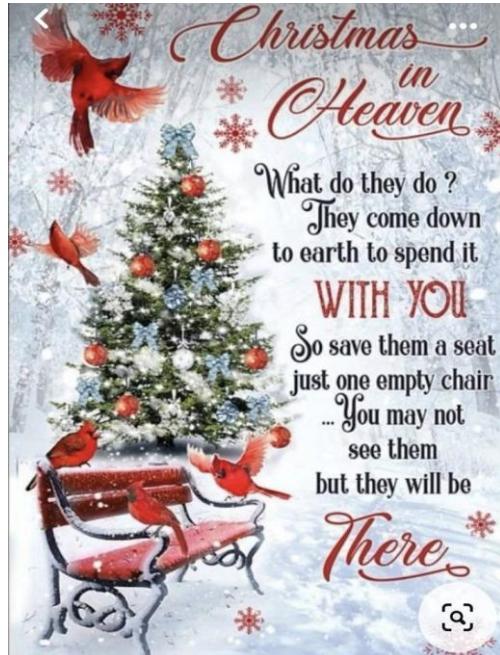
RAFFLES:

Again, a special thank you to the members who took on this task – Ruth Roberts who did it for over 2 years and the other members (Barbara Marks, Trisha Dickson) to name a few who have also helped since Ruth left.

MORNING TEA:

Taken for granted until there is no coffee or milk, thank you to Isabel Hunter and Gloria Frische (who stood in for Isabel while she had a few weeks off) for doing this thankless job. There are several members who just could not cope if they did not have their caffeine hits during the day.

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I hope this newsletter will get you through Christmas – see you all next year.

Dianne Willetts