



60'S UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) WHANGAREI BRANCH FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members.

Welcome back everybody firstly, I would like to acknowledge the passing of two of our members, John Thomas (Christmas Eve) our condolences to his family and friends. Fay McFarlane (New Years Day) are condolences to Allan and their family and friends. Both Fay and Alan were on our committee and Fay worked on the donation table for many years.

I would like to thank the 16 members of our branch who volunteered to help the community at the A&P show December 2025. It was a long day but most of us really enjoyed the challenge. A special thankyou to Dion, Neil and Jo Malcolm who were honouree 60s-Up members for the day.

Our first general meeting is on 12th February 2026.

Dianne Willetts

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BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY AND FEBUARY:

January: - Yvonne Edwards, Nancy Dodds, Allan McFarlane, Lois Haden. February: - Alison Haywood, Valerie Malcolm, and June Wallace. Congratulations and best wishes to you all we hope you have a wonderful day.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday February 12th 10am at the Northland Club. Lunches are available for us to purchase from the Northland Club.

All welcome to come along and play board games, Indoor bowls and just enjoy our great company. There are raffles to be won –great baking to be purchased - free tea and coffee. Can everyone please wear your Name Tags we have many new members it just makes it easier for everyone thanks. The General Meeting will start at 1pm. So come along meet likeminded people and enjoy yourself.

ENTERTAINMENT:

For February this is still to be sorted, so surprise!

For any further information please contact Judith Mack 0210 265 5836. We are looking for volunteers to assist Judith with this. Please contact Dianne 027 237 1700.

THEATRE GROUPS - NIGHT SHOWS WITH DINNER:

“12 Angry Jurors” this will be on from 6th – 22nd of March 2026. We will have a list ready for the General Meeting in February. The cost for this is \$60 each. contact Dianne Willetts 027 237 1700 to get your name down.

TRAVEL:

The first trip for 2026 will be to Kawau Island on **Friday 20th February**, cost **\$80** Bring or buy your own lunch as we go. We will be leaving McKay stadium in Kensington at **7.00am**. We need to be on site 10am - the boat will sail if we are there or not. New Members if unsure where this is please contact Ally Haywood 021 0247 4579 or Barbara Marks 0274 889 666 for more information. You can wear your “green shirts” for travel trips, but you must wear your name tag with contact details on the back, on all our trips.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our Sunday Night Dinner will be on **Sunday 1st of February at 5pm** at Lone Star in Kensington. Get your name on the list if you wish to go alternatively you can phone or txt 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 – also if you have your name down on the list, please notify Bev if you are unable to come on the night – no excuse required just courtesy. thank you.

WELFARE:

Lois and Mary are our welfare officers. This month they have sent cards to the families of John Thomas and Fay McFarlane. Julie Megerney had a fall and was in hospital a card has been sent to her at Jane Mander. Please let Lois 0226212233 or Mary 09 438 3889 know via phone or txt, if you know of anyone who is not well or needs a welfare call, in hospital or rest home.

News from Our Special Interest Groups:

INDOOR BOWLS:

Monday Mornings – this is held at the northland Club in Porowini Ave, and it will restart on **Monday 9th of February**. Starting time 9.30am, for further information please contact Peter Schultz 09 438 7990 new members always welcome.

PETANQUE:

Tuesday Mornings - This will restart officially on **Tuesday 10th February**. It is held at the town basin starting at 9.15am. Good numbers attended over the Christmas – New Year break. New members are always welcome. Come and watch, and / or just come to morning tea / lunch with us afterwards. More information contact Albert Biller 0275539880

10 Pin BOWLING:

1st Friday of every month – Held at Actionzone 129 Port Road 10am. We still need a little bit of member support for this activity – come and enjoy the fun you could even win the cup for the best player of the day, all welcome for more information contact Nancy Dodds 021 208 5220 or Lois Haden 022 621 2233

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS:

Friday mornings except for the 1st Friday of every month. (10 pin bowling instead) This group also requires a bit more support from members, they have varied and interesting walks, for all levels of fitness or lack thereof. If you would like to know more, please contact Lois Haden 022 621 223. If you think some members are walking too slow you can always walk around the loop twice and meet up for coffee or ice creams afterwards. It's the interaction and companionship with fellow members that is so important for us all – plus with this activity there is fresh air and nature to look at.

DONATION TABLE:

Thank you so much to all the members who have generously donated fresh fruit and vegetables, along with jams, jellies, and pickles to our donation table, a special thank you to those wonderful bakers for the biscuits, scones and cakes. They really are delicious. All donations are gratefully accepted, books (larger print only please) and jigsaws for our lending library. Please contact Val Malcolm 09 553 3722 for more information. New volunteers for this area would be appreciated it does not matter if you can not do it every month.

RAFFLES:

Thank you so much to all the members who have generously donated food and drink products to the raffle table – we really do appreciate it. The meat will continue to be donated by the committee. The eggs are donated by Dianne Willetts. For any further information please contact Barbara Marks 0274 889 666.



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I hope you enjoyed your Christmas - New Year break, now it's time to get back into it.
Dianne Willetts