



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

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members.

I would like to thank all our members who came to our last general meeting, most of you would have noticed that we had an influx of new members, welcome to all the new members. I hope you enjoy what we have to offer, if you need information about any of our activities you should be able to find who to ring in our newsletter, if not you are more than welcome to ring or better still txt me. Our committee is once again working hard at making this a very interesting year for you all, you will notice this with travel and the shows – we are extending some trips to overnight stays, the months that these are on we will have lunch trips for those members who struggle with long day trips, the normal day trips will also still be happening - and the shows can be divided into night dinner and show and lunch and afternoon shows.

Dianne Willetts.

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BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH: Congratulations and best wishes to Ida Moroney, Heather Edlington and Loma Thomas, we hope you all have a wonderful day.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday March 12th. 10am at the Northland Club. Lunches are available for us to purchase from the Northland Club. Everyone is welcome come along and play board games, Indoor bowls and just enjoy our great company. There are raffles to be won – free tea and coffee, sometimes even biscuits. Can everyone please **wear your Name Tags** we have several new members it just makes it easier for everyone thanks. If you do not have a name tag, please contact me. 0272371700. The General Meeting will start at 1pm. The door entry prize for February was not won as the member's name that was drawn was not at the meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT:

For our March meeting Judith has the ADT Medical alarm lady coming and there will be a prize for the best dressed member to celebrate St Patricks Day.

TRAVEL:

There will be a bus trip up to Kerikeri mini golf for **Wednesday March 25th**. We will be leaving Kensington at 8.30am, the cost is \$45 per person. To get your name on the list txt or ring Dianne 027 237 1723. **Nametags MUST be worn on trips.**

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Next Sunday Night dinner will be at Parua Bay March 1st, please get your name down – Lois will have the list as Bev is away for a while. Ring or preferably txt Lois on 022 621 2233. **April's Sunday** night dinner will be on **Sunday 12th** due to easter being the weekend before. We will update to where it be will soon, please wear your name tags to these dinners – thank you.

WELFARE:

Lois Haden and Mary Le Myre are our welfare officers. Ian Reid has been unwell lately. Please contact Lois 0226212233 or Mary09 438 3889 via phone or txt, if you know of anyone who is not well, needs a welfare call, in hospital or recently had to go into a rest home.

News from Our Special Interest Groups:

INDOOR BOWLS:

Monday mornings, the entry time to the Northland Club in 8 Porowini Ave is the same 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 with a keen interest in indoor bowls and any level of skills always welcome.

PETANQUE:

We have officially started again for this year, Pétanque is held at the town basin on **Tuesday mornings** at 9.15am. This is situated between the children's playground and Reyburn House. Good numbers attending. This game is open to everyone, so all new members are welcome to come and join in or just watch and come for coffee after we finish.

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS:

Friday mornings except the first Friday of every month (10pin bowling) This group still requires more member support. 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 0226212233

10 Pin BOWLING:

1st Friday of month – Held at Action zone 129 Port Road 10am. Numbers slowly improving but needs support from more members – all welcome for more information contact Lois Haden 022 621 2233 We now have a cup for the best scores for women and men. February was won by Lois Haden and Ken Smith, congratulations to you both.

THEATRE GROUPS - NIGHT SHOWS WITH DINNER:

The next show is “Angry Jurors” and will be on Thursday March 12th. (Not a bad deal go to the meeting during the day then go out for dinner) we have booked 15 tickets this time, we still 1 seat available. **\$60** We have noticed that the Octagon now has lunch and show on Sundays, please let us know if anyone would be interested in this - especially members who do not like driving at night. Maybe in the future we could have two sessions, one at night and the other an afternoon group for the same show – please let me know your thoughts. Dianne Willetts 027 237 1700.

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 thankyou 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 Judith Mack 021 0265 5836 or Barbara Marks 0274 889 666.

RAFFLES:

Thank you so much to all the members who have generously donated food to the raffle table – I would like to say **special thank you to David Rowntree** who donated the meat for last month’s raffles. The meat in the future will continue to be donated by the committee. The eggs are donated by Dianne Willetts. For any further information please contact Barbara Marks 0014556 or Dianne Willetts 027 237 1700.

Whangarei SPCA –

I would like to thank the 23 members that stayed to listen to our guest speaker at last month’s meeting – The SPCA are always looking for people to come to their premises at 143 Kioreroa Road and give cats and puppies cuddles. You would have to fill a volunteer form in for OSH regulations, then when you have some spare time ring the office **09 438 9161** and book a time slot in to go out there and give some special little animal a hug

Whangarei Hospice

The shop is looking for volunteers to work both in the shop, out the back getting stuff ready to go in the shop also Hospice needs help with people in the community in their care, if you have any spare time contact them and see where you could assist. Phone **09 438 1050** or call into the Hospice shop corner of James and Robert Street.



St Patricks Day March 17th

Easter – Good Friday 3rd April - Easter Monday 6th April.



If you can't afford a doctor,
go to an airport - you'll get a
free x-ray and a breast exam,
and; if you mention Al Qaeda,
you'll get a free colonoscopy.

have a wonderful Day

Hope you are enjoying our newsletter.

Dianne Willetts