



**60s-UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)
WHANGAREI BRANCH
APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Greetings members.

Our next meeting is on April 9th where we will also be celebrating our 36th birthday with a special cake provided by the Committee. Hope to see you there.

It is time for **our annual subs** - there is a form provided with this newsletter. There will be hard copies available for those unable to print them out.

Dianne Willetts

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BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL: Vic Gunko, Charles Andrews and Ken Smith -
Congratulations to all of you.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday April 9th 10am at the Northland Club. Lunches are available for us to purchase from the Northland Club. All 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. Can everyone please wear your Name Tags we have several new members it just makes it easier for everyone thanks. The General Meeting will start at 1:00pm.

ENTERTAINMENT:

April meeting there will be some light entertainment as this will be Whangarei 60s-Up Branch's 36th Birthday. There will be a lovely cake with tea and coffee.

TRAVEL:

Due to weather warnings for Northland our Kerikeri trip was **postponed to 8th April**. Our next trip for April will be to Warkworth. You will be able to purchase your "Gold At Hop" cards there, we are looking at more travel in Auckland, and these will give you free transportation. We will be visiting two Museums and possibly the Honey Centre. Date Thursday April 30th cost \$50 this includes entry fee to District Museum.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our Sunday Night Dinner will be on **12th of April** at the "Judge" 57 Walton Street – start 5pm. Get your name on the list if you wish to go alternatively you can phone or txt Lois 022 621 2233 (this is only while Bev is away) If the venue number is full Lois will put your name on the reserve list. Please wear your name Tags.

THEATRE GROUP - NIGHT SHOWS

The next show will be "Dad's Army" at Riverside Theatre. Date late June – 4th July. The price is \$40 per member. This is because there is no meal served. eat before you come or get a group together and have dinner at one of the local venues. For more information or to get your name on the list contact Dianne 027 237 1700.

WELFARE:

Lois Haden and Mary Le Myre are our welfare officers please let them know about anyone who is unwell. Now members are either too ill to ring, or everyone is well. Lois 0226212233 or Mary 09 438 3889 via phone or txt.

News from Our Special Interest Groups:

INDOOR BOWLS: The entry time to the Northland Club in 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:

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. Pétanque 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. Contact Albert Biller 0275539880.

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS: This group is progressing well, and more members are taking up this opportunity every week. 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 – all welcome for more information contact Nancy Dodds 021 208 5220. We now have cups for the best scores for women and men. March was won by Ken Smith and Lois Haden, congratulations to you both.

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 Valerie Malcolm 09553 3722

RAFFLES:

Thank you so much to all the members who have generously donated food 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 Willets and Val Malcolm for any further information please contact Judith Mack 021 0265 5836 or Barbara marks 0274 889 666.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL'S DUE FOR 2026/2027.

Payment is due after 1st of APRIL 2026. Thank you.

Can **ALL MEMBERS** please fill in the forms for 2026 - 2027, year. There will be forms available at Pétanque, Indoor bowls and General Meetings. You can pay in cash, but please put the form and money in an envelope with your name and what it the money is for.

Online banking - details below.

Our Bank Account Name 60S-UP MOVEMENT INC WHANGAREI BRANCH
Our bank account number 06 – 0996 – 0735903 – 00

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Anyone receiving this newsletter online but have a 2nd attachment with your renewal form. If you are unable to print them out there will be copies available as I have mentioned above.

Members who joined after 1st January 2026 have paid their subscriptions for this 2026 – 2027 period. The only change for you will be a new ID tag.

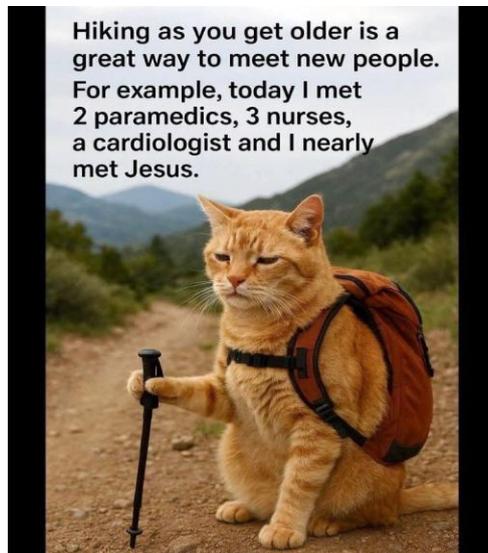
Members going to the Conference in Rotorua can pay their fees from 1st April



Daylight saving finishes
Sunday 5th April 2026
Clocks go BACK 1 hour.



Easter 3rd – 6th April 2026



Hiking as you get older is a great way to meet new people. For example, today I met 2 paramedics, 3 nurses, a cardiologist and I nearly met Jesus.

Sometimes I forget to thank the people who make my life joyous in so many ways. I REALLY DO appreciate YOU for being an important part of my life. Thank you, for just being here for me!

Dianne Willetts