



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

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members,

I do hope that everyone is feeling well, welcome to all new members. Our mid-winter lunch was enjoyed by all 55 members we had a fabulous time at the Northland Club on Thursday 9th of July. The whole day was well planned, and the food was amazing thanks to Dan and Nicole the in-house caterers at the Northland Club. A special thank you to Bev for arranging the day – and her right-hand woman Valerie Malcolm. Trying to keep us under control, that alone can be a full-time job, well done. Thank you to Dianne and Ken Pascoe for doing all those raffle tickets.

Di Willetts

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BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST:

Isabel and Don Hunter, Mary Le Myre, Ruth Roberts and Bev Beasley.
Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful day.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday 13th August starts at **10am** at the Northland Club. Lunches are available for us to purchase from the Northland Club. Everyone is welcome to come along and play board games, Indoor bowls and just enjoy our great company. There are raffles to be won. Free tea and coffee many thanks to Isabel Hunter. The General Meeting will start at 1:00pm, at this meeting we will also be going over the suggestions that we received from our last general meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Thanks to Mary Le Myre we will be entertained by Eric Rush. I have heard him speak before and he is defiantly someone that will have your attention from the time he starts till he finishes.

WELFARE:

Lois 022 621 2233 and Mary 09 438 3889 are our welfare officers. Our thoughts this month are with Lorryne Monk and her friends and family after her recent surgery. Alan McFarlane also had a small stay in hospital but seems to be the mend. Please tell Lois or Mary of anyone who is not well or needs a welfare call, in hospital or rest home.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our Sunday Night Dinner will be on Sunday 2nd of August, at Lone Star in Kensington, with the usual 5pm start. 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 – thank you.

NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

INDOOR BOWLS:

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.

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS:

This group is making progress. I would like to remind members that this group walks at all speeds – if you prefer a more leisurely pace come and join us, after the walk we go and have a well-deserved ice cream or coffee, so please come and give it a go, Lois arranges 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. The winners for July were Ria Vinke and Ken Smith, congratulations to you both.

PETANQUE:

Held at the town basin on Tuesday mornings at 9.15am. Good numbers attending. New members always welcome. All members playing or **not** are welcome to come to lunch with us after pétanque has finished. Contact **Albert Biller – 027 553 9880** At the last committee meeting it was decided to increase the daily fee to \$2 as from July 2026.

THEATRE GROUP - NIGHT SHOW WITH DINNER.

A work in progress. I will update you all as soon as I can Dianne 027 237 1700.

TRAVEL:

Our recent trip was to Chelsea Sugar factory where 18 members went in the Chelsea Sugar Train – then had lunch of our choice at the onsite Café.

We will be going to the Parakai Pools for our next trip **Thursday 27th August**. This will be by bus all members are welcome. **Please get your name down BEFORE Friday August 14th**. The price is \$55 members \$70 non-members. As usual of late we are having trouble getting 35 members to come along, while our members are always offered the seats first, I will now be taking other groups with us. If you want the comfort of a bus, we must have the members supporting us, You DO NOT have to be a swimmer to enjoy this outing, last time there were 9 members who did not swim and we still enjoyed ourselves. For more information contact Dianne 027 237 1700

DONATION TABLE:

All donations are gratefully accepted, especially any fresh produce from your gardens or even the supermarket. A special thank you to the ladies who do our baking. Please contact Val Malcolm 09 553 3722 or Judith Mack 021 0265 5836.

RAFFLES:

Still being well supported by the members, if anything does not sell on the day please do not be offended if we pass it on to local charities. The eggs are donated each month by Dianne Willetts, and the committee supplies the meat for the raffles. For any more information please contact Barbara Marks 0274 889 666.

NORTHLAND INTERBRANCH ACTIVITIES 2026

INDOOR BOWLS INTER BRANCH TOURNAMENT. - WHANGAREI

This year it will once again be at the Northland Club it will be held on **Monday 24th of August**. We will provide the Tea and Coffee along with morning tea, but everyone will have to bring their own lunches. – anyone interested in playing please contact Peter Schultz 09 438 7990.

FUN AND FRIENDSHIP DAY - BREAM BAY This will be on **Friday 25th September** at Bream Bay the theme is “**Springtime**” so dress up in your best springtime outfit and come and enjoy a great day out. The day starts at 10am. We will be carpooling out to Ruakaka Recreation Centre, 3 Peter Snell Drive, and we will need you to put your name on a list for catering purposes.

Dianne,

I'm not sure this will reach many members, but I wanted to acknowledge the work the 60s- Up committee did.

I especially want to give a big cheer to Dianne. Last night at Dad's Army she had to make sure all of us were there and give us our seating area. With so many people in the foyer and keeping track of everyone, we all managed to get to our seats and enjoy a great show with lots of laughs.

*I also personally want to thank Val, our treasurer for putting up with my senior moments with my bank transactions recently. What a muddle for her to deal with!
Thank you, Val., I don't envy doing your job!*

Thank you to all the committee members for working for us to make the club run smoothly and all your unseen time spent for the club.

*Best regards,
Name Provided.*

Its moments like this that make it all worthwhile. Thank you for taking the time to send this note of encouragement.



Hope the newsletter is still entertaining.

Di Willetts