



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

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members,

September is going to be a busy month for us – we have been invited to the Fun and Friendship Day at Bream Bay 60s-Up. The Dargaville 60s-Up will be coming over as well. There will be a surprise guest, so dress up in your best yellow and / or “Springtime” outfits. This is open to **all members**, even if only joined last week please come with us, these days are a chance to meet members from other branches and have a lot of fun. Unfortunately, this has meant we have had to postpone our visit to Summerset, I will be meeting with the Management to arrange another date for us to meet with them.

Di Willetts

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BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Eunice McQuinn, Hilary Cole and Dianne Willetts Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful day.

WELFARE:

Lois 022 621 2233 and Mary 09 438 3889 are our welfare officers. This month Lois and Mary have sent cards to Vic Gunko and Jan Grindrod. Please notify Lois or Mary of anyone who is not well or needs a welfare call, in hospital or rest home.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

General meetings the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 10th September** at the Northland Club. ALL members must wear name tags to these meetings – if you have not received yours yet please txt Dianne 027 237 1700. We have board games, cards, indoor bowls. Free tea and coffee

ENTERTAINMENT:

Mary has a lady coming from Foster Hope, to be our guest speaker for our next meeting. **Foster Hope:** - We believe that every child in care deserves to know that their community cares about them. We strive to make this mission a reality by providing children with necessities to ease the transitional period for them and their new caregivers. (Mary still has not heard anything from Eric Rush.)

DONATION TABLE:

At our General Meetings - All donations are gratefully accepted, especially fresh produce from your gardens, or the supermarket. Even the odd packet of chocolate chips, flour and sugar would be welcomed for the ladies who do our baking. A special thank you to Merle C for the beautiful chocolate cake you donated last month. Please contact Val Malcolm 09 553 3722 or Judith Mack 0210 265 5836.

RAFFLES:

At our General Meetings - Thank you to the members who are donating goods to this raffle, baked beans, spaghetti, soup, packets of biscuits, tea and coffee, bottles of sauce, pickle and anything else you can find on special when you're doing your own grocery shopping. The eggs are donated each month by Dianne - the committee supplies the meat for the raffles. For any more information please contact Barbara Marks 027 488 9666 or Ally Hayward 0210 247 4579

CONFERENCE RAFFLE: -

The proceeds from this raffle goes into a fund to help members attend The National Conference each year. The Coffee Liquor raffle was won by Evalynn Thomson.

NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

TRAVEL:

I have also made a change to this activity. There will be two upcoming trips – the first one is to **Opononi on Friday 23rd of October**. The second is to **Kerikeri on Friday 27th of November**. With both trips we will be using 2 vans and only 20 members (including the drivers) on each trip. Prices to be confirmed. Once again, you can go on both trips but get your name down early. For more information or to get your name on the lists contact Dianne 027 237 1700.

THEATRE GROUP - Live Shows.

I have made a change to this activity – There are two upcoming shows one at Riverside (Grease) the dates are from **13th – 28th November** This is a nighttime show, but no meals provided, and the 2nd is at the Octagon (Disenchanted) the dates are from **20th November – 5th December**. The Octagon show will possibly be a lunchtime event – show and Lunch included. Date and prices to be confirmed. We will be booking **only 20 tickets** to each show, you are more than welcome to go to both shows just get your name down early. For more information or to get your name on the list contact Dianne 027 237 1700.

INDOOR BOWLS:

Monday morning at 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.

Indoor Bowls Interbranch Tournament – 2026, this is Whangarei Branch's annual event. Dargaville Branch may have members come over to support this event, Bream Bay Branch is sending teams to play and hopefully other members to support their teams. The winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

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. Albert Biller is our contact – 027 553 9880

MARKY MEMORIAL TROPHY: This event is coming up soon; it is an annual event where Whangarei Pétanque players battle it out to see who the best on the day is. This is open to anyone who would like to give it a go.

WALKING FOR FUN AND FITNESS:

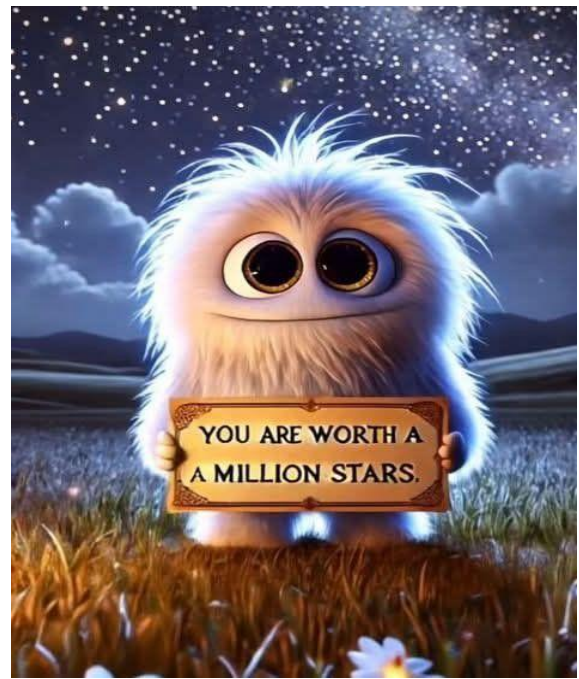
Fridays (except for the first Friday of the month). This group was gradually improving again; cold weather does not help. I would like to remind members that this group walks at all speeds – it would be possible for the faster walkers to go ahead while those that prefer a more leisurely pace could meet them at a prearranged spot for ice creams 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 August were Lance Hawkin and Ria Vinke congratulations to you both. We would like to encourage more men to attend this activity it is a lot of fun, and we can't have Ken Smith winning every month.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our **Sunday Night Dinner** will be on 6th September at Jolt Café, which is in Maunu, 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. Don't forget it is Father's Day. Please wear your name tags to these dinners.



To all the fathers, stepfathers and the special people who are “stand-in” fathers have a great day.

Sunday 6th of September 2026

Hope the newsletter is still entertaining.
Di Willetts