



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

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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members,

Thank you to the members that have put their names down to attend the Bream Bay Interbranch "Fun and Friendship Day" – at my last count we have 20 going, we will be meeting members from the Dargaville branch as well.

Please don't forget our clocks go forward 1 hour on Sunday the 27th of September.

At our recent committee meeting we talked at some length about travel. Now that we have been offered a very reasonable rate, thanks to (Heather our bus driver) we will do our best to keep the monthly trips going. Ally will still be concentrating on the more adventurous who are up for 1 or 2 nights away. I will investigate more on a van trip for a lunch or morning tea out at local cafes etc for members who can't handle the day trips anymore.

Dianne

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BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER:

Evalynne Thompson, Lynn Dow and Robyn Nieuwelaar congratulations to you all we hope you have 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 8th October** 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.

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, there was a great variety of goods at the last meeting, please continue to supply anything 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 go into a fund to help members attend The National Conference each year. The Orange Liquor raffle was won by Dianne Willetts.

NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

TRAVEL:

Heather has been able to negotiate a special price for us regarding the cost of the buses we use for our trips. Thank you, Heather, – this means that our trip to **Opononi. Friday 23rd of October** will be **\$45**. The next trip is to **Kerikeri on Friday 27th of November**. **Cost \$50** this includes entry to "the Parrot Place" please come and support our branch and have a great day out. For more information or to get your name on the list 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 0272371700. Tickets still not on sale, cannot confirm date.

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. The **Interbranch Indoor Bowls Tournament** on the 24th of August was won by Whangarei with Bream Bay coming a very close 2nd. Congratulations to all the players and thank you to Perter Schultz and his team of helpers for a great day.

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 all pétanque players so come along and 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 winner for September was Ria Vinke congratulations to you. We would like to encourage more men to attend this activity it is a lot of fun.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Our **Sunday Night Dinner** for October on the 4th at Parua Bay, please get your name on the list if you wish to go alternatively you can phone or txt Bev on 0272108400. Usual starting time 5pm. If the venue number is full Bev will put your name on the reserve list. Please wear your name tags to these dinners.



Interbranch Indoor Bowls Tournament August 2026.



Clocks go forward **Sunday 27th September 2026**

Hope the newsletter is still entertaining.
Di Willetts