

60s-UP MOVEMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)
WHANGAREI BRANCH
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PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi members,

I am sorry for the lateness of this newsletter but as I am always telling you family comes first and this time it was my own family and close friends that needed my attention. Everyone is fine now. This winter has certainly taken its toll on us all, please keep in contact with family and friends, check on people you have not seen for a while especially if they live on their own.
Our Christmas lunch is at Waipu on Thursday 10th of December please get your name down on Bev's list as soon as possible. The cost will be $45 per member.
Next general meeting November 12th this is the last for the year.

Dianne

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BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER:

Pam Dobbs, Shirley Guy, Yvonne Harris and Lorrayne Monk. 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 has been very busy for our branch we have at least 14 members who are unwell, recovering from illnesses or are in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers to you all. 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 12th November** 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:

This month's entertainment will be a surprise for us all. It may be a game of bingo. Dianne has been able to book a guest speaker for our March 2027 meeting she was booked until late Feb already.
Foster Hope Charity:
Following up from our guest speaker last month from Foster Hope please see notice on the table regarding donations for Foster Hope.

DONATION TABLE:

At our General Meetings - All donations are gratefully accepted, especially fresh produce from your gardens, or the supermarket. 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, 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 chocolate Liquor raffle was won by Valerie Malcolm.

NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL INTERESTGROUPS:

TRAVEL:

As the last trip was such a trying ordeal for everyone. I had 32 passengers booked then due to a range of health issues and missed communication we took 10 members. So, with the reduction of members coming on these trips we will be using vans for the trip to **Kerikeri on Friday 27th of November**. Cost $50 this includes entry to "the Parrot Place" we will be leaving Kensington **at 9.00am,** this is to allow time for the van drivers to pick up the vans. 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 Friday **13th of November** This is a nighttime show, but no meals provided, 20 have been purchased so members on the list please pay your **$40** asap.
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.

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.

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 an annual event where Whangarei Pétanque players battle it out to see who the best on the day is. This year it was won by Isabel Hunter with Charles Frische coming 2nd well done both of you.

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 October was Lois Haden and Ken Smith 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 November on the 1st at the "Judge", 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.



Most of the players in the tournament for the Marky Memorial Trophy 2026



Albert Biller presenting Isabel Hunter with the trophy.

Hope the newsletter is still entertaining.
Di Willetts