



# thebuzz



**what is happening around Te Hopai** MARCH 2024

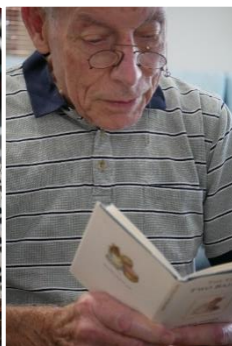
Welcome to another edition of 'the buzz', an informal newsletter to let whānau & friends know what activities & events have been happening, and what is about to happen around the place.



## Memorabilia in a bag

We in the Recreation Team have been having fun reminiscing with the help of some special items from long ago. The residents in Kowhai enjoyed trying on the Pince Nez (Pinch Nose) glasses, still in good working order. We used the decorative crumb brush for sweeping the table cloth clean between meals. We examined World War 2 navy and army uniform decorations, and a Victorian Button Hook to help fasten ladies boots. The items generated discussion and interest among residents and staff. Among other items, there is a wooden key inlaid with Paua Shell for a 21st birthday present and an old bottle opener from the Eketahuna Hotel.

We hope to use the Memory bag in other parts of Te Hopai and welcome others to start their own Memory bags, things of interest from different cultures and eras that could be enjoyed with our residents sparking memories and helping to make connections.



# The importance of celebrations



Every resident at Te Hopai has a separate tale to tell and comes from a variety of backgrounds. As we gathered together, exchanged tales, and reflected on the past, we get to see new friendships develop.

On Valentine's Day the Hospital Lounge created the ideal atmosphere for a Valentine's Day celebration with its romantic décor of red roses and love hearts. Our live performer Marvin, delighted residents, staff and families with romantic melodies and a sing-a-long.



Chinese New Year was another event we celebrated. We were privileged to have a family friend who transformed the Hospital Lounge by playing a traditional Chinese Instrument, the Gu Zheng.



# Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in enhancing the work we do, bringing their unique skills, energy, and passion to Te Hopai.

Their dedication and commitment undoubtedly contribute to the success of our activities and projects, further enriching the lives of residents and fostering a sense of belonging and connection.

On behalf of everyone involved, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. Their selflessness and generosity make a profound difference, not just to our residents but also our staff and whānau. Volunteers help create meaningful experiences, moments of joy and a BUZZ around the place!!



Anamitra plays the violin to our residents after school on a Wednesday. Anamitra is not just a new volunteer, but also our youngest. So wonderful to have these intergenerational connections!

# Thank You

Special thanks to whānau for their support; from adding vibrant potted plants, crafting cozy blankets, bringing treats for residents, adding to our miniature display.....we might not mention every gesture of kindness, but they are deeply appreciated and noticed. These acts of generosity create a warm and welcoming atmosphere that enriches the lives of everyone here at Te Hopai.



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## coming events

Elim Serve Day  
Saturday 23 March 10.30am  
Hospital Lounge  
&  
SDA Youth Group Singing  
Saturday 23 March 3.00pm  
Rest Home Lounge

Catholic Easter Service  
Wednesday 27 March 11.00am  
Rest Home Lounge

Anglican Easter Service  
Thursday 28 March 11.00am  
Rest Home Lounge

**Easter Sunday**  
**Eggs & treats delivered**

Piano Concert  
Evie & school friends  
Tuesday 2 April 3.00pm  
Hospital Lounge

Classical Piano Concert  
Liam Furey  
Friday 5 April 10.40am  
Rest Home Lounge

Brass Quintet  
Saturday 6 April 2.30pm  
Rest Home Lounge

**Te Hopai Anzac Service**  
**25 April 11.00 Rest Home Lounge**

We are looking for volunteers for this event, let us know if you can help;  
marianne@tehopai.co.nz





## Empowering Passions

As Easter draws near, the buzz of creativity and community is certainly noticed with our Easter displays; this heartwarming initiative had residents picking up their knitting needles to make Peggy squares, while family members & volunteers have crafted these squares into adorable Easter bunnies.

Photos of Nanette's original 'miniatures' displayed at our Owen Street Entrance are a testament to her skills and a showcase of New Zealand history and culture. These have been the inspiration for our Easter Displays.

As Divisional Therapists, it's our privilege to 'empower passions' and facilitate opportunities for connection and expression within our community. This project exemplifies the profound impact that such activities can bring joy, camaraderie, and a sense of purpose.

We invite you to take a moment to pause and admire Nanette's work at the Owen Street Entrance. In doing so, we hope you'll not only be delighted by the expertise on display but also inspired by the stories and traditions that it represents.



Wishing everyone a safe Easter