

# Te Awamutu newsletter

Welcome Summer 2025

Kia ora, Residents and Whānau

As we enjoy Summer, it's clear that 2025 is shaping up to be an exciting year for our residents! Despite the unexpected mix of weather this season, the festive Christmas and New Year's celebrations have set a joyful tone for what lies ahead. Our residents are already looking forward to the return of the classic cars, thrilling outings and delicious BBQs that are in the works. With a dedicated team at CHT Te Awamutu, we are committed to making this year remarkable, filled with fun, laughter, and memorable experiences for everyone.

### **Activities and Celebrations**

Enjoying the tranquility of a peaceful lunch break



Everyone appreciated the picturesque drive to the Big Apple just outside of Otorohanga. The journey was a pleasant one, with scenic views that made the trip all the more enjoyable. The weather was perfect, with clear skies and a gentle breeze that added to the relaxed atmosphere. The warmth of the day made it an ideal setting for the residents to enjoy leisurely lunch with a refreshing drink on the deck, where they could take in the stunning views of the lush garden and the sprawling farmland beyond. The combination of good food,

great company and a tranquil atmosphere created a perfect afternoon retreat.

"Grillin' and Chillin" at the BBQ

We recently celebrated Summer with a BBQ lunch, where two of our residents teamed up with our maintenance man to help cook. The weather was sunny and perfect, setting the stage for a relaxing afternoon outdoors. As they enjoyed the delicious aroma of the BBQ, they reminisced about past summers and the BBQs they had shared with family and friends over the years.



## Improvements and Initiatives

40 Classic Cars



We were fortunate to have 40 classic cars visit us recently, driving through the car park and even parking six cars up close for the residents to admire. The sight of these stunning vehicles was a real treat, and the excitement in the air was palpable as everyone took in the beauty of the cars.

Many of our residents are passionate car enthusiasts, and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get up close to these timeless classics. The event was a huge hit and our residents are already looking forward to the next visit in the new year.

#### **Resident Stories**

Claire grew up on a farm in Mangataki as one of ten siblings. She developed a love for dancing and music, even joining the Te Awamutu Pipe Band, where she played the tenor drums. Later, Claire moved to Auckland and worked in a fabric shop, while also nurturing her passion for horses, travelling to races across New Zealand and Australia. She eventually relocated to Blenheim to live with her daughter, and soon after, married her ideal partner. The couple spent 20 years on the Gold Coast, where they loved travelling and spending time with Claire's granddaughter. Eventually, Claire returned to New Zealand, settling back in Te Awamutu. Claire has 6 grandchildren, 14 greatgrandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, and continues to treasure her family and the many memories of a fulfilling and adventurous life.

Claire Tombs



# Note from the Care Home Manager

We hope you're feeling well-rested and have had a wonderful start to 2025. As we look ahead, we remain deeply committed to supporting our residents, empowering them to make the decisions that are best for them, and ensuring they continue to enjoy life to the fullest.

We truly appreciate the trust you place in us and are excited for another year of working together to create a positive and caring environment. Wishing you all the best for the year ahead!

Ngā manaakitanga

**Best Wishes** Care Home Manager, Manjinder Kaur Manjinder.Kaur@cht.co.nz