

Welcome

Summer 2026

A warm welcome to all residents and whānau of CHT Acacia Park.

Over the past few months, it has been lovely to see residents spending time outdoors enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, and time together whenever the weather allows. Like much of the Bay of Plenty, we've experienced a summer of mixed conditions – sometimes feeling like four seasons in one day.

Inside the home, it's been wonderful to see friendships grow and conversations flow, whether during activities, lounge gatherings, or shared meals. These everyday moments bring a real sense of warmth and connection to our community.

We're delighted to share some of the highlights from the past few months in this newsletter.

## Activities and Celebrations



*Residents enjoying flower arranging.*

Our activities team works hard to ensure the programme and bus trips offer a variety of fresh and engaging experiences for residents. One recent highlight was our Waitangi Day celebration, which included a lovely flower-arranging activity. Residents created beautiful arrangements that were displayed throughout the care home for everyone to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the generous Ōmokoroa community for donating flowers from their gardens. We also extend our appreciation to Maureen, whose coordination helped make this delightful activity possible.

## Christmas celebrations

We also celebrated the festive season with our Christmas party on 17 December 2025. The day brought beautiful weather, allowing many residents to enjoy a festive lunch in the marquee on the lawn.



Tony Woods entertained everyone throughout the morning with a variety of songs, including well-known Christmas carols.

Santa Claus also made a special visit, meeting each resident and surprising them with a gift.

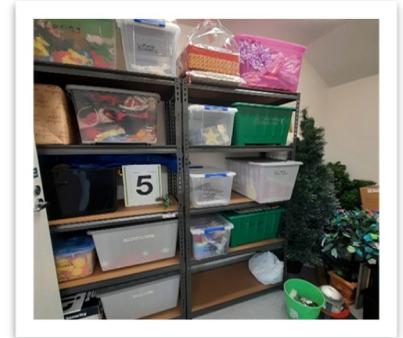
## Improvements and Initiatives



*A new puzzle corner.*

Our activities team has recently introduced a puzzle corner in the Kotuku lounge for residents to enjoy.

Over the past few months, the team has also taken on the mammoth task of organising and sorting the resources in the store room.



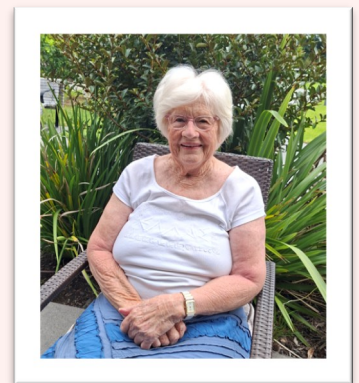
*Store room makeover.*

## Resident Profile: Patricia

Hi, my name is Patricia, although everyone calls me Pat. I was born and raised in Auckland with my sister before moving to Mount Maunganui as a teenager. I later spent two years in Wellsford, where I completed my schooling at Wellsford District High School.

While living in Mount Maunganui, I joined the Hauraki Marching Team and travelled around the North Island competing. I met my husband, Peter, at a friend's wedding – he was the best man and I was the chief bridesmaid.

Together we had two daughters, and I'm now the proud grandmother of three granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren. At Acacia Park, I especially enjoy the bingo and bowling activities. The staff are kind and friendly, and I always enjoy having a laugh with them.



## Note from the Care Home Manager

Thank you for your ongoing support of our residents and staff.

I truly appreciate your continued partnership, which helps us ensure the health and wellbeing of those in our care. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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