

HBH Happenings

May - June 2025



Kia ora koutou,

Shorter days and cooler weather haven't slowed things down at HBH. Over the past few months, there's been a real sense of energy and aroha across our homes and services.

We celebrated 50 years of Stevenson Village, welcomed new residents into our apartments, and enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day high tea thanks to the generosity of our Gifts that Care donors. At Gulf Views, the team achieved full attainment in their recent certified audit, while across the

organisation, staff took part in training that strengthens both how we give care and how we make connection.

Matariki gave us the chance to gather through food, stories, and kapa haka — a highlight that brought warmth and meaning to the season. We've also seen residents lead and participate in discussions around health, ageing, and wellbeing. These everyday moments of action, support, and joy reflect something deeply important: a community where people feel seen,

heard, and valued.

Thank you for being part of that — in ways big and small. Whether you're dropping in for a visit, lending a hand, or sharing a kind word, it all makes a difference.



Juliette Tuckey
CEO HBH Group

Remembrance Day - Honouring Loved Ones

In late May, families and staff came together for our bi-annual Remembrance Day, a quiet and heartfelt gathering to honour residents who have passed away. Held in a peaceful space, the event offered a chance to reflect, remember, and give thanks for the lives we were privileged to be part of.

We're especially grateful to our Chaplains Yvonne Fisk and Ron Mckenzie, who gently led the occasion with grace and compassion. Their presence brought comfort, guiding us through a time of remembrance with sincerity and warmth.

Ron will be covering for Yvonne in the coming months, and we look forward to introducing him properly in our next issue with a short profile to help everyone get to know him a little more.



Our Mission

Guided by purpose, not profit, we aim to create opportunities for all older people to age well and live fully, through homes, care, community and advocacy.

CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS MAY



MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrating the Wāhine Who Shape Our Lives

This May, we celebrated the incredible wāhine toa who bring heart and wisdom to our HBH whānau, be it mothers, grandmothers, stepmums or those who fulfill the role of a mum in other ways.

Mother's Day was a meaningful opportunity to express how much we value the women who call our homes their own. Their kindness, humour, and resilience continue to inspire everyone around them.

Thanks to the generosity of our **"Gifts that Care"** donors, residents were treated to a beautiful High Tea. Tables filled with treats, cheerful conversation, and plenty of smiles made it a day to remember. It was our way of saying: we see you, we appreciate you, and you are cherished.

To everyone who made this celebration possible, thank you. Your thoughtfulness brought joy and reminded us just how special our HBH community truly is.



INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY & PINK SHIRT DAY

To celebrate International Nurses Day, our wonderful team went out for a special lunch together — a small gesture to thank them for the care, dedication, and heart they bring every day.

Later in the week, residents and staff joined in Pink Shirt Day by putting in their best pink outfit to show their support for kindness and inclusion. It was great to see the colour, laughter, and team spirit across our care communities.

CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS JUNE



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Theme: “Ia malu lou sā. Folau i lagimā - A well-grounded self, is a successful self.”

We celebrated the beauty and strength of Gagana Sāmoa through music, laughter, and shared joy.

Fa’afetai tele lava to the students of Howick Intermediate for filling the room with energy, smiles, and wonderful performances. You brought so much joy to our residents – your visit truly lit up the day.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

We held a special afternoon tea to celebrate the amazing volunteers who give their time, energy, and care to our HBH whānau. The room was full, with plenty of catching up, laughter, and well-deserved cups of tea.

Our CEO Juliette joined the celebration to thank our volunteers in person, and our Board Chair Charles also stopped by to share a few words and chat with some of the team.

A big thank you to our HR Coordinator Jyniska for organising the event, from the thoughtful setup to the warm atmosphere, everything came together beautifully. It was a lovely way to recognise the quiet but powerful difference our volunteers make every day.

To each and every one of you, thank you. We’re so grateful you choose to spend your time with us.



CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS JUNE



MATARIKI

We marked Matariki with a full week of activity, culture, and kai across HBH.

Residents enjoyed a hearty hāngi prepared by our Te Ao Māori group, along with star-themed colouring, harakeke weaving, and hands-on learning about Matariki traditions. A highlight of the week was the kapa haka performance from Howick Intermediate, which had residents clapping and asking for more. We're grateful to the students and their kaiako for bringing such energy and pride into our whare.

To wrap up the week, our staff gathered for a shared lunch. The stories, laughter, and food brought people together across roles, cultures, and generations — a true reflection of the spirit of Matariki.



Howick Intermediate Kapa haka group



Harakeke Weaving



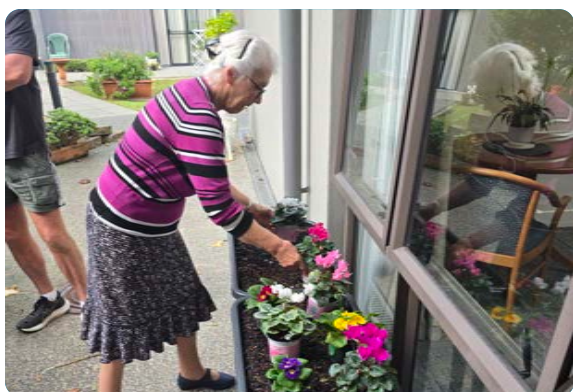
Shared Staff Lunch and Best Dressed Winners (Seymour Community)



One of our residents watching a performance at Owairoa Marae



HOWICK VIEWS APARTMENTS



Winter may be here, but life at Howick Views Apartments is full of warmth. The refurbishment of our lounge, dining room, and library is now complete, giving shared spaces a bright, refreshed feel.

Over the past two months, we've welcomed several new residents. It's been lovely to see friendships forming — from cuppas in the lounge to relaxed chats in the hallways.



Weekly shopping trips remain popular, and excitement is already building for our June outing to Ardmore Warbirds and Café.

We also had a visit from Denyse Map Art, the artist behind the hand-drawn puzzle our residents recently completed and proudly framed. Denyse came by to see the finished masterpiece, and it was a joy to share this creative moment with her.

STEVENSON VILLAGE

In May, we marked a special milestone, 50 years since Stevenson Village opened its doors on 3 May 1975.

What began as an RSA welfare project has grown into a place where seniors enjoy affordable housing and peace of mind in a supportive community.

To celebrate, we welcomed past and present residents, along with HBH Board members, the leadership team, former trustees and staff, Howick Local Board representatives, and members of the local media. Their presence reminded us how many hands and hearts have shaped the village over the years.

Thank you to everyone who joined us — and to the residents who continue to make Stevenson Village a warm and welcoming place to call home.





HOWICK VIEWS

At a residents meeting organised by the Berwick Eden Team, everyone agreed on one thing – they wanted a pizza party. So that’s exactly what we did. The lounge filled with chatter, laughter, and the smell of hot pizza, as everyone settled in for a relaxed and social afternoon.

We also welcomed back Jim, whose music always lifts the mood. The weekly Men’s Health group, led by Eric from Inchinnan, continues to spark honest kōrero and connection.

Our knitting club has also become a quiet highlight, giving residents the chance to create, unwind, and enjoy each other’s company



Resident’s singing along to jim folley



Pizza Party at Berwick



Weekly Knitting Club



Men’s Health Club



Jim Folley entertaining the residents



Target Shooting Activity

GULF VIEWS

We’re proud to congratulate the Gulf Views team on a successful audit, achieving full attainment across all areas. Their dedication to high standards and best practice continues to shine through every part of their work.

On 9 June, staff took part in a workshop on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and cultural responsiveness, led by Kylie Ramea (Ngāpuhi), Kaiāwhina and Eden Associate. The session deepened their understanding of Māori health models and culturally safe care in aged residential settings.

Gulf Views residents also visited Howick Views to enjoy the kapa haka performance and had a chance to walk around the home and meet with other residents afterwards.



GV Staff with Kylie Ramea



Spot the odd one out ... Eastern Ukles band



Gulf Views Residents visiting Howick Views

COMMUNITY



VIRTUAL VILLAGE EAST & DAYCLUB

Virtual Village East held its Mid-Winter Celebration at the Howick Club, with over 50 members and guests attending. The room was filled with chatter, laughter, and good food as everyone came together to mark the year so far.

The event included raffles with prizes kindly donated by Re:Vision Laser & Cataract Centre, FAB Drivers, Tranquility Mind & Body, Fujifilm NZ, Dear Deer Coffee Roasting Bar, and HBH Senior Living. A big thank you to Whitney, our VVE Coordinator, and the team for organising such a successful gathering.

At the Dayclub, clients recently farewelled long-time volunteer Jennifer, who is moving overseas. Her last day was marked with heartfelt goodbyes and a shared cake to thank her for her time, kindness, and care.



Members with Whitney - VVE Virtual Coordinator



VVE Members



Jennifer listening to speeches dedicated to her during Dayclub shared morning tea.

ADVOCACY

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

Relatively Speaking is our monthly speaker series created to support residents, families, and the wider community with helpful information on ageing, wellbeing, and life planning. Each session features guest speakers who bring insights and practical tips in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Our May session on Funeral Planning was postponed due to illness, but we're pleased to share that it has been rescheduled for Thursday 26 June.

Here's what's coming up next:

- July: How Hypnotherapy Can Support Stress Relief, Sleep, and Positive Ageing
- August: An Introduction to CST - Cognitive Stimulation Therapy

Please email Jeanne at Jeanne.Atiwag@hbh.org.nz for more information or to RSVP.

All are welcome to attend. We look forward to more engaging conversations in the months ahead.



STAFF SNAPSHOTS



MY 'WHYS'

Our maintenance team plays a key role in keeping Howick Views running smoothly. From essential repairs to general upkeep, their work ensures residents feel safe, comfortable, and well looked after. Whether it's fixing a heater or preparing a room, they're always a step ahead – creating a calm and homelike space for everyone.



James, who has been part of the team for nearly four years, shares his “why”:

“I come to work each day because I enjoy the variety – no two days are the same. I love being around people, having good conversations, and sharing laughs. It's a hub full of life and energy, and it's great to be part of a team that helps make it feel like a real home for our residents.”

Celebrating 25 Years



This month, we celebrated 25 years of service from our wonderful Social Worker, Jenny Moore. Her journey with HBH began in a supermarket aisle, when she was approached by our former CEO while shopping at Foodtown (now Woolworths). She said yes – and hasn't looked back since.

Over the years, Jenny has become a steady, reassuring presence for residents and their whānau. Often the first point of contact for families, she provides support, guidance, and a listening ear during some of life's most important transitions.



We marked the occasion with a special morning tea and heartfelt thanks for her dedication, kindness, and the many lives she has touched along the way.

PRAYER

Gracious God,

E te Atua o te rangi,
Ka mihi atu mātou mō te wā o Matariki.
Ka maumahara mātou ki te hunga kua wehe atu,
Ka whakanuia te ora o tēnei wā,
Ā, ka titiro whakamua ki ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro.
Homai ki a mātou te rangimārie, te manawanui me te aroha mō tētahi ki tētahi.
Āmine.

God of the heavens,

We give thanks for the season of Matariki.

We remember those who have passed,
We celebrate life in this present moment,
And we look ahead with hope to the future.
Grant us peace, strength, and love for one another.

Amen.

