



KIMIHIĀ KHRONICLE

The official newsletter of Kimihiā Home & Hospital - Huntly

UPDATES

* Welcome New Residents

- Piupiu Hobson
- Bruce Alcock

* In Loving Memory

- Joe Blissett

CLINICAL

* OUTINGS WITH RESIDENTS

As we approach the festive season, we kindly ask families to **book any resident outings by 9 December**. This allows us to prepare your loved one and ensure their medications are ready for the day.

Resident Outing Forms are available at Reception or from our Care Staff.

* DAY STAY PROGRAM END

Please be informed that the Last Day for Day Stays is on **19th of December (Friday)** and will resume on **12th of January 2026 (Monday)**.

* SUMMER CLOTHING & FESTIVE OUTFITS

We kindly ask whānau to ensure residents have **enough summer clothing, hats etc.**

If possible, we'd also love to see **Christmas or holiday-themed outfits** for residents to enjoy during our festive events.

* CHRISTMAS EVENTS

On the 11th Dec (Thurs) we will be having the Christmas Party for the Resthome Residents (11am) Next week we will send details about the Christmas Day Lunch.



Richard ringing the bell from the McLuckie's

A Special Gift Honoring Gregor and Elva McLuckie

Kimihiā Home recently received a heartfelt gift from the family of Gregor and Elva McLuckie—a beautiful bird knocker that now graces our Kauri Pavilion. This thoughtful gesture was made in appreciation of the care and friendship extended to Gregor and Elva during their many years with us.

Before joining Kimihiā, Gregor and Elva shared a deep love for birds and nature. Their home was filled with aviaries, garden ornaments, and vibrant flower gardens. Gregor often ventured out to trap birds, and together they attended numerous bird shows, rarely returning empty-handed. Their garden reflected their personalities—stylish, fun, and full of life—with ornaments carefully placed among the blooms.

To honor this passion, the family chose a fantail design for the knocker, symbolizing Gregor and Elva's love for birds and their joyful spirit. They wanted to gift something that truly represented their parents' character and the happiness they brought to those around them. When they saw this piece, they knew it was perfect.

We hope everyone enjoys this beautiful addition as much as Gregor and Elva would have. On behalf of their loving family, we say a heartfelt **thank you**.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

A big congratulations to Maitta from our Admin Team and Emali, one of our HCAs, for their funky socks shout out. Your hard work and dedication truly make a difference. Keep up the amazing work!



RESIDENT STORY

A Special Gift of Aroha: Korowhai for Pare

When Pare Martin mentioned she didn't have a korowhai, Katrina, the daughter of another resident, decided to make one for her. A korowhai is a traditional Māori cloak, beautifully woven and often adorned with feathers. It holds deep cultural significance, symbolizing prestige, honor, and respect, and is worn during important ceremonies. Katrina's thoughtful gesture was a true expression of care and community spirit within Kimihia Home.



FRIENDS OF KIMIHIA TRUST & KARAMU TRUST

Supporting Resident Safety

We are grateful to **Waikato WDFP Karamu Trust**, in partnership with **Friends of Kimihia Trust**, for their generous support. Recently, they donated three PPE organiser carts, now used in residents' rooms during isolation for communicable diseases. These organisers make it easy to set up protective equipment quickly, helping secure areas and reduce the risk of infection.

Previously, Karamu Trust also donated pressure mattresses, which have greatly improved comfort and care for our residents. Their ongoing contributions reflect a strong commitment to health, safety, and wellbeing in our community.



FRIENDS OF KIMIHIA TRUST

Annual Christmas Raffle

After the fantastic success of our Quiz Night in October, the Friends of Kimihia Trust is back with another exciting fundraiser—the Annual Christmas Raffle!

This is your chance to spread holiday cheer while supporting Kimihia Home & Hospital. All proceeds will go toward purchasing equipment and materials that enhance the wellbeing and comfort of our residents.

How You Can Join In

- Donate Goodies: Drop off items for the Christmas basket at Kimihia Reception.
- Buy Tickets:
 - \$2 each or 3 for \$5
 - Available also at Reception

🎁 Raffle Draw Date: December 16

Let's make this Christmas extra special for our residents!

Thank you for your generosity and support—together, we can make a difference.



CLINICAL PLACEMENT FROM WINTEC

A Transformative Journey

Nursing students from WINTEC, Shagun and Alon, recently finished their placement with us in Kimihia. Here's some insights from Shagun Maratha (left):

When I first walked into Kimihia Home and Hospital, I was struck by how warm, calm, and supportive the environment felt.

One of the most valuable lessons I learned during my placement was the importance of communication and observation. Even small changes in a resident's behaviour or mood can mean something significant, and noticing these

early makes a big difference in their care. I'll never forget one resident who shared stories from her younger days. Her gratitude for simple things—like listening and offering a helping hand—showed me how meaningful small acts of kindness really are.

This experience has broadened my understanding of elder care. I now see how holistic it is, involving emotional support, cultural awareness, routines, teamwork, and medical care all working together for residents' wellbeing.

This placement has strengthened my desire to grow in nursing. It helped me gain confidence in clinical tasks, communication, and building rapport with residents. I now feel better prepared for future studies and placements.

My advice to other students is to come with an open mind and a willingness to learn. Ask questions, take initiative, and appreciate even the small learning moments—they truly shape your growth.

If I had to describe my experience in one word, it would be **transformative**.



STAFF TRAINING

First-Ever Education Day for Care Staff



We recently held our first one-day education day for care staff—a big step toward improving focus and learning.

Previously, training was delivered in separate sessions while some staff were on duty, which often made it hard to concentrate. This new approach brought everyone together for a full day of learning and team connection.

Topics included Infection Control, Personal Cares & Waste Management, Code of Rights, Cultural Safety, Dementia & Behaviours that Challenge, Restraint, Moving & Handling, Continence, and Fire Safety. With the positive feedback, we will continue to do the same for the rest of the staff.

STAFF MILESTONES

Lysan Achieves her Level 2 Certification

We are proud to celebrate Lysan Bolivar, one of our dedicated care staff, for recently achieving her Level 2 Health & Wellbeing qualification!

This accomplishment reflects Lysan's commitment to professional growth and delivering the highest standard of care to our residents. Continuous learning is at the heart of quality care, and Lysan's achievement is an inspiration to us all.

Well done, Lysan—your hard work and dedication truly make a difference!





CAFE OUTINGS

NOVEMBER

AM WALK

BIRTHDAYS

MEN'S CLUB

DECORATING

LADIES' SHOPPING