



KIMIHIA KHRONICLE

The official newsletter of Kimihia Home & Hospital - Huntly



Clinical Updates

1. **Ear Suctioning:** Please note that the cost for ear suctioning has increased from \$50 to \$50 + GST, which comes to approximately \$57 per session.
2. **Communication:** We kindly ask family members to communicate directly with the Registered Nurse (RN) on-duty regarding any concerns, rather than passing messages through Healthcare Assistants.
3. For any concerns during the **weekend**, please feel free to email the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) or Unit Coordinator (UC). We will respond once we are back on Monday.
4. **Health & Safety:** Please check your emails regularly, as we send important updates—especially regarding infection outbreaks at Kimihia, which are common during this time of year. We strongly advise not to visit your family member at Kimihia if you are feeling unwell, as our residents are high-risk and highly vulnerable to infections.
5. **Clothing:** If you are bringing new clothing for your family member, please hand it over to the RN on-duty along with a completed clothing form.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the North Waikato Care of the Aged Trust Board will be held at Kimihia Home & Hospital, 76 Rosser St, Huntly on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Donation Enhances Comfort at Kimihia

We are thrilled to announce a donation from Genesis Energy (Huntly Power Station), made possible through the support of the Friends of Kimihia Trust. The donation—a high-quality air mattress—will significantly enhance the comfort and care of our residents at Kimihia Home and Hospital.

The formal handover took place on the 25th of August, with Emily Thomas (Site Administrator) and Gareth Dodd (Site Manager) representing Genesis Energy. From the Friends of Kimihia Trust, Chairperson Denise Holland and Secretary Carole Rodgers were present to support the occasion. The air mattress was gratefully received by Unit Coordinator Anju Sebastian and Facility Manager Simon Binzegger, who expressed deep appreciation for the thoughtful contribution. We extend our sincere thanks to Genesis Energy and the Friends of Kimihia Trust for their continued commitment to supporting our community. Their generosity plays a vital role in improving the wellbeing of our residents, and we are truly grateful for their ongoing partnership.

Simon Says

by Simon Binzegger, Facility Manager

With spring now underway, there's been a noticeable lift in the atmosphere around Kimihia. The gardens are being prepared for the warmer months, we've had a number of new residents join us, and there's a general sense of forward momentum as the days get longer.



You may notice some changes in our household services. Our team has recently transitioned to working with Cater Plus, an experienced provider in the aged care sector. They bring additional resources, systems, and innovations that will help support consistency and ongoing improvement. It's still the same friendly and familiar team on the floor - what's changed is the added support behind them, helping us build on the strengths already here.



Our spring menu is now in place, and feedback so far has been positive. We'll continue to refine and adjust as we go, based on what works best for our residents.

A recent highlight was an activity set up by our Diversional Therapy team focused on building trust between staff and residents. In a light-hearted challenge for Daffodil Day, staff sat with plastic cups on their heads while residents gently tried to knock them off with a pool noodle. It turned into a fun and engaging session that brought people together from across the home, including our Kauri Wing. These moments of connection remind us of the value in shared laughter and trust-building - not just in care, but in community.



Thanks to all who continue to play a part in keeping Kimihia a place of warmth, reliability, and progress.

Here's to our Aug arrivals- it's great to have you with us!

- Judith Mason
- Jillian Armstrong
- Valerie Gerrand
- Franciscus Steens



Our thoughts are with the families of our departed residents:

- Colleen Yorwarth
- Caroline Meyrick

Staff Spotlight

We're excited to welcome the newest members of our team this August.



Peter Vincent
Grounds Person



Yvonne Fritz
HCA



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HCA

