



Arohanui Trust Newsletter

February – May 2026

GREERTON CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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Waipuna Hospice

There's a little bit of Greerton magic delivered on a Friday. We spend some of our week tending to our gardens, only to give the best of it away. By hand-picking our own flowers for the Waipuna Hospice, we turn a simple meal tray into a moment of beauty and connection. Because here, we don't just grow flowers—we grow community.



Beach Hop Warm Up!

The energy in Waihi was electric for the Beach Hop warm-up! It was a highlight for the Greerton crew to get up close with such an impressive lineup of vintage steel and classic chrome. Between the engines roaring and the sun shining, what an unforgettable day.



Quirks Cafe Mix 'n' Mingle

What happens when you mix artisan coffee, decadent treats, and a room full of talent? Magic. Our recent cross-Centre social was a masterclass in bonding. We swapped stories over slices and traded tips over crafts. The "creative buzz" was real, the coffee was flowing, and the memories? Even better.





Connect 20

Nothing beats heading down to the Tauranga Citizens Club on a Wednesday afternoon! There is truly no better way to spend the day than with an ice-cold drink in hand, relaxing in great company. It's the perfect opportunity for us to hang out with friends, catch up on the week's news, and share a story or ten!

These mid-week catch-ups have become a real highlight for us, filled with plenty of laughs and good vibes. A huge thank you to the team at the Tauranga Citizens Club for providing such a warm, welcoming space for us all to gather and enjoy ourselves.

Easter Raffle!

A massive thank you to everyone for the incredible support we received for the Greerton Centre Easter Raffle! We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$695 this year. These funds are vital in helping us subsidise our in-Centre activities and organise exciting day trips out into the community.

Congratulations to our winners: First place went to our very own Paul, and second prize was won by Roimata! Thank you all for making this such a success!



Devon Briggs!

Get ready to be inspired! The Greerton Centre was incredibly proud to host local legend and world-champion para-cyclist Devon Briggs as he shared his phenomenal journey to the top of the world stage. From overcoming immense challenges to smashing world records and wearing the rainbow jersey, Devon's story is one of pure grit, determination, and Kiwi pride. Thank you Devon for sharing your story with us!



Local Sports News!



We have a real team of superstars here at the Greerton Centre! Whether it's mastering the focus and precision needed for a game of pool, sharpening our basketball skills on the court, or getting stuck into the friendly competition of bowling and soccer, everyone brings their 'A-game.'

While we love seeing our skills improve, the most important thing is that we're all having fun and staying active together. These moments aren't just about the score—they're about the teamwork, the shared laughs, and the community spirit that keeps us all moving.



Farm Visits !

Getting out to the farm for some fresh air is a wonderful way to spend the day. We explored a hunter's garage, which was filled with all sorts of fascinating things. Afterward, we headed out onto the property to collect walnuts. It was fantastic to get outdoors and do some "hunting and gathering" for our Centre!



We Love to Sing and Make Music!



Here at the Greerton Centre, we have been diving into the world of music production with a little help from artificial intelligence! Together, we've been exploring a wide variety of musical genres, putting our own unique spin on every track. Our favourite projects by far have been creating absolute masterpieces that celebrate the incredible, fun-filled times we spend together at Arohanui. It's been an amazing way to channel our creativity and share our stories through song!





Farewell to 2 Icons !

After 20 incredible years at Arohanui, this iconic duo is officially retired. We celebrated their massive legacy at Trinity Wharf, reflecting on two decades of heart, dedication, and lives changed. While we'll miss them in the Centre, their impact is woven into everything we do. Peter and Tina, enjoy your well-earned "golden era"—you've certainly earned it!

Upcoming Events!

- ★ Reminder that Quirks Cafe is open every Friday 10am till 12pm, everyone welcome!
\$3 Hot drinks
\$3 Slices
- ★ Wednesday June 24th
Masquerade Ball
- ★ Friday July 10th Matariki
(Centre closed)
- ★ October - Talent Quest
- ★ Monday October 26th Labour Day
(Centre closed)



WILROSE NEWSLETTER

*Honesty

*Respect

*Empowerment

*Support



-Te Atahere with his harvested kumara.



-Crimson ready to plant her spring onion.



-Moeata with her potato ready to make hot potato chips.



Discovery groups 1 and 2 at Johnson Reserve scenic waterfall.

Project Papatūānuku, Mother Earth

Everyone at the Wilrose Centre has had a part to play as a 'Kaitiaki' (guardian) of the garden. Whether it be sowing seeds, researching seasonal fruits and vegies on the iPad, tending to the garden, harvesting or cooking with our produce, we all like to be involved!

The Discovery crews have enjoyed continuing their hard mahi (work) at Johnson Reserve and recently went for a hīkoi (walk) to see the Johnson Reserve scenic waterfall.

Wilrose Garden

The Wilrose Garden is coming along quite nicely, with all of us playing our part getting ready for the new season. Over autumn, the clients have grown and harvested tomatoes, potatoes, kumara, cabbage, carrots, spring onions, and kamokamo! We have recently planted more carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, and a variety of lettuce.



Community Connections

We have made the most of the sunny days, playing rippa rugby and ball games at Greerton Marist, cricket at Anzac Park, enjoying the flowers at the CBD Rose Gardens, sailing with Sailability, and going for a hīkoi and discovery walk around the Matua Salt Marsh.



"I enjoyed playing cricket with my friends and next time would love to have a bbq there too".

—Michael



Megan at the Blue Springs in Putāruru

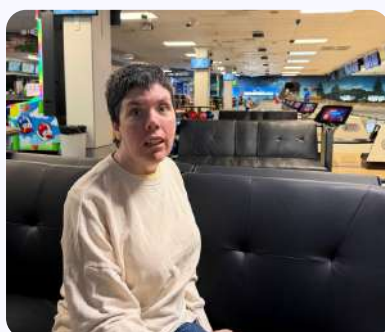
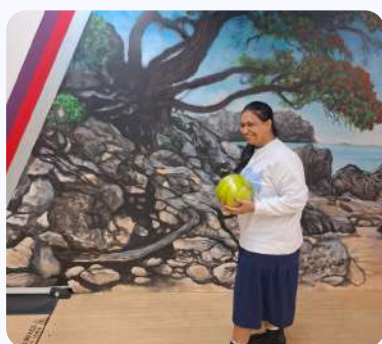
Discovering Our Own Backyard

Some of the Wilrose crew spent the day out exploring and learning about 'The Blue Springs' in Putāruru. Did you know about 70% of New Zealand's bottled water comes from there? The water is naturally filtered, which takes up to 100 years and starts at the Mamaku Plateau. It was a lovely place to have a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenery.



Community Connections

The Wilrose crew has been busy! We've enjoyed tenpin bowling challenges, a movie at Sonic Cinema and catching up with friends over lunch with Connect 20 at the Tauranga Citizens Club. Some of us were even lucky enough to go to Operatunity's 'Hoedown, Showdown' concert. Yee-haw, cowboy!"



Tara getting in the hot seat.

Village Radio Station

It was great getting to explore behind the scenes with a tour of The Village radio station. Everyone got to sit in the host booth, talk into the microphone, and wear headphones just like a real presenter! We checked out the massive collection of records and CDs and learned they don't play anything younger than 20 years old. They sure don't make songs like they used to!

"I had fun at the radio station and would love to be on the mic singing to the listeners one day".

-Tara





Bay Active

Quite a few Wilrose clients have enjoyed participating in the BayActive inclusive exercise afternoons at Greerton Hall. There were a lot of new friends to meet and a great range of activities to do, such as soccer, tenpin bowls, basketball throws, and obstacle jumps just to name a few. We are already looking forward to our next visit!



Creative Art and Cooking

We have some great talent at Wilrose when it comes to getting creative! We have Taylor who chose a cushion design from the Twinkl website to recreate, Sophie, who helped paint our yellow submarine prop for our upcoming iSing performance, and Moeata and Kathy making delicious Anzac biscuits in the Creative Kitchen. We also have Mike in Woodwork using tools to cut out wheels for the firetruck, and Gayleen mixing plaster for her hand mould.



'I think the new cushion I made is so cool. It's got a pocket to put my diary and pens in'.

-Taylor



Photography

A new session started this year called 'Photography for Self Expression' and it's been a hit! The clients have been to different locations to take snaps, such as Growers Direct for the flowers, Pilot Bay beach for sealife, action shots at tenpin bowling, Ila Park and the living sea wall on The Strand. As part of the process the clients have learned how to upload their own photos, get them printed and display them on the Wilrose photography wall!



Birthdays



Tapae - 6th Febuary
Hannah - 16th Febuary
Wendy - 16th Febuary
Jacob - 28th Febuary
Nikorima - 28th Febuary
Matthew - 14th March
Carrie - 17th March
Jason - 10th April
Tara - 26th April
Moeata - 3rd May
Matt - 7th May

Oyster Mushroom Growing



We recently got our own oyster mushroom blocks to grow from Marama's Mushrooms. We watched the tutorials, got everything set up and started, so in a few weeks time we can harvest and cook up some delicious mushroom recipes. Mmm-mmm! How do you like to eat yours?



TE PUKE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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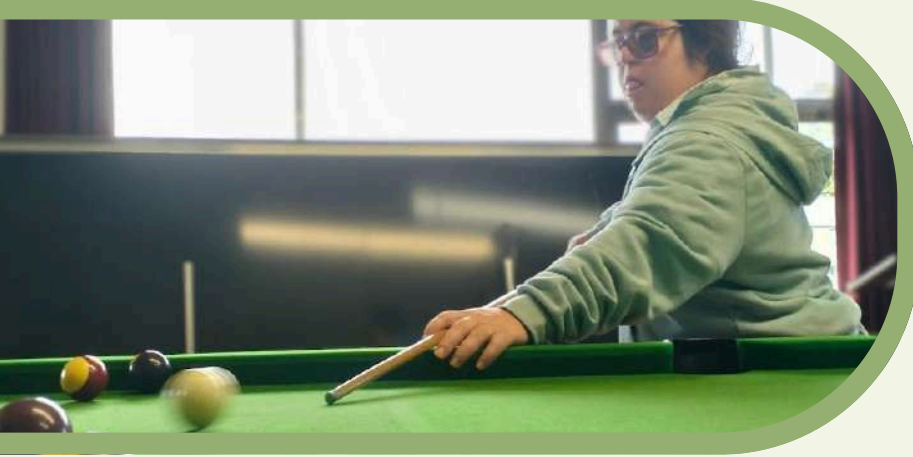
It's Te Puke Time!!!!!!

Hey everyone, welcome to the Newsletter from Te Puke for the months March, April and May. Well following up our busy start to the year we have been cracking on with our sessions and having lots of fun, learning some stuff and going to lots of neat places.



Thursday Arvo Bowling Club

One cannot simply work all the time and Abbie shows us here the correct technique to relaxing. Her skill level when it comes to playing pool is phenomenal and her trick shots are out the gate. But above all else, it takes concentration, and Abbie has buckets.



Cooking Cooking Eating

We all love cooking and these two fine chefs here are Masters at it. Porcha on the left mixing all the ingredients and Kate-Lyn here on the right, making sure that the correct ingredients are bought in the first place. Together they make a great team, cooking up a storm.





Action Time!

Getting outside is one of our favourite things to do, lucky for us at Te Puke we have a nice big park across the road; Jubilee Park. We get up to all sorts of things from basketball and soccer through to skating in the skate bowl with wheel chairs and having bbqs. Here we have Kyra showing off her amazing ball skills. Who knows? Maybe one day a Tall Fern!

In the Spotlight



In the spotlight this issue we have a lot of different people doing different things. From the left we have Sage at Sailability, it may look like the lifejacket is too big, but it fits her sweet when she is in the boat and riding the swells. Next we have Roz and DK checking out an iPad (probably music) Brooke dancing at iDance and lastly, Sage and Hannah blowing bubbles in water Sensory.



Drama Llamas

Here we have Kate-Lyn and Brooke who both love to act and are very good at it. In last term's Drama at the Detour Theatre Historic Village, they were cast in an amazing production about robbers robbing a supermarket. Clearly this is something everyone is passionate about and Kate-Lyn and Brooke didn't hold back, performing with such skill that scouts from America were sent to check them out. Watch this space!



Community Outings

Everyone loves to get out, and here we have a whole gang of them posing in front of the Blake Park Bay Oval sign in Mount Maunganui. As DK is clearly demonstrating here, Blake Park is the home of all sorts of sports, and while we were there DK managed to sprint around the rugby field, cheered on by everyone else. What started as “Ooo he can run fast” was eventually replaced was “Oi where is he now??” Sam, Sage, Jessie, Keita, Kate-Lyn DK and Nicole loved their time there, just like all their other Outings.

Art Gallery and the Nautilus

Outings are always fun and Outings which involve food are double the fun. These lucky ducks had a visit to the Tauranga Art Gallery and on top of that, they ended up at an “All you can eat buffet” at the Nautilus.



TE PAPA THE ELMS



Achieving goals is important to every client and here we have Sam, Jo, Kate-Lyn and Hunter ticking one off the list. A visit to The Elms in Tauranga was made and here they learnt about what early settler life was like here in Tauranga Moana. No TVs or Internet, it must of been hard. Everyone agreed that the house needed a heat pump or two. But going outside and having a picnic certainly made up for the lack of utilities inside. As they strolled around the grounds they saw a little of what life was like in the early days as there are still plenty of antiques to look at.

Brass Band

Finding live music during the day is hard for everyone but yet we found it, in Greerton! Down Yatton Street is the home of Tauranga City Brass and we were lucky enough to be invited in and listen to one of their practices. Here the guys saw tubas and drums, euphoniums and tenor horns, cornets and trombones. Luckily we turned up because they needed a conductor. DK stepped up with all his years of musical experience and magic happened.



i-dance-ing

Going to iDance is a lot more than being able to dance, for some of us, we just like to chill and listen to the music, because it's a different genre to what we normally listen to. Here we have Bryn carefully listening to all that is going on around him, and usually there is a lot. From Donna our amazing dance teacher showing off great moves, to everyone else busting out their individual prowess. Just being there is where it's at.



Lahlahlala



Speaking of dancing, check out Nicole show off her great dance moves. Jessie adventuring at Blake Park and Maxine introducing herself in Pijin language.



KANGAROO

Another exciting adventure time at Sonic Theatre, where these lucky ducks got to see Kangaroo. Sage, Hannah, Abbie, Porcha and Keita all got to see a heart warming movie about poor wee orphan kangaroos getting rehabilitated and looked after.