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A word from the Executive **Officer's Desk...**



I am very pleased to bring you this newsletter, with stories and photos of our social gatherings and news of our upcoming events.

It's hard to believe that a year ago we were in lockdown. We are very lucky in Taranaki to have a number of events still

on and good weather to get out and about. Our Americana Street party (page 12) just snuck in at an Alert Level 1. The Wacky Scooter Club in Hawera (page 10) had its inaugural event. We've made a lot of cups of tea, chatted and even sung a few songs. Our What's on (pages 6 & 7) brings to you upcoming events throughout the region, including a number of new locations. We have upcoming education sessions on Improving Sleep for Seniors, Staying Safe (refresher course for older drivers), Life Without a Car and Tea & Tech. We welcome you to join us.

Keryn Roderick

Executive Officer

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Introducing Estelle



AgeConnect Taranaki aims to enhance the wellbeing of older people / koroua or kuia who are socially isolated and / or lonely by connecting them with activities, events and people within the community.

Age Concern Taranaki

welcome a new staff member. Estelle Barnes to the team as Service Provision Lead in South Taranaki and Stratford Districts Estelle is fully committed to the health and wellbeing of older people from a community perspective. Estelle lives in Hawera with her husband Ken, they have 3 children, 10 grandchildren. and 3 great grandchildren. Her working life was in the finance industry, but since retiring to Hawera she has been involved in volunteer work with Grey Power South Taranaki Inc.

Coffee Mornings continue every Thursday, Casual Cuppa every Tuesday on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Monthly outings and guest speakers. We are expanding our coffee mornings to Patea and Waverley. Negotiations are ongoing to bring SAYgo and coffee mornings to Manaia in July 2021.

Several educational courses are planned: Improving Sleep for Seniors – an interactive workshop for older people who suffer from not having enough sleep.

Staying Safe - A classroom based, course to familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices.

We aim to reduce loneliness and isolation in Taranaki, strengthen community capability. People attending the social connection programs begin to help each other by car-sharing to programs, by going together to activities or coffee, or to each other's houses. By helping each other, eg house maintenance, baking. Age Concern welcome you to get in touch with us and let us know what is happening in your community and what you would like to start up.

Please email info@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz or call the office on (06) 7599 196 or 0800 243 625 Age Connect Taranaki is supported by TSB Community Trust.

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Editorial supplied by Freedom Drivers

Escape Week: 9-15 February

Fire and Emergency launched a national campaign, Escape Week, running 9-15 February to encourage New Zealanders to create a household fire escape plan.



We have all seen or have been touched by the devastation fires can cause. It is vital for us all to know how we would get out in the event of a fire. However, if a fire breaks out in your house you too need to be prepared.

Matt Crabtree from Fire and Emergency New Plymouth kept 23 members spellbound by his knowledge and casual stories, which everyone enjoyed. We discussed everything from the 20ltr Petrol that we unknowingly store in our lounges.....? to the main causes of fire events at home.

The most important is to have an escape plan for your home and to ensure that all visitors are aware of your emergency plan and where to gather in such an event. You have a few minutes before your home may be engulfed in flames so plan ahead.

Matt explained the purpose of smoke alarms and mentioned that Fire and Emergency will install or check existing alarms for people over 65. Anyone can call the New Plymouth Fire and Emergency or leave a message at the Hawera station, which is manned by volanteers and they are happy to help you make and escape plan and check existing smoke alarms.

They are here to help keep us safe!



Brains In Action;

We are a dementia service in Taranaki, providing a fun

dementia treatment called Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST). This treatment can improve quality of life and cognitive function, processing of information in the brain. It is proven to be just as effective as currently available dementia drugs but with lots of fun on the way and no side effects.

Brains Action

This treatment is recommended as good practice in the Dementia Care Framework from the Ministry of Health and recommended by the World Alzheimer's Organisation for the early to mid-stages of dementia.

For more information on the treatment or how we might be able to support you please visit our website www.brainsinaction.co.nz or give Anna Hornby a call on 027 756 5872.

Anna will be our guest speaker Thursday May 13th Social Morning 33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth. 9.30am - 11.30am.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Tea & Tech

What is Tea & Tech? We match over 65 year olds who are keen to learn how to use their smartphones. tablets or laptops with teenager volunteers in a oneon-one mentoring session. If you would like to improve your skills with your tech devices, book a seat for one of our sessions. Tackling your tech hurdles from texting and emailing, to uploading photos in an email, downloading apps or songs, operating google maps, video calling your family and friends (using either skype, facetime, facebook, or zoom), figuring out how to download newsletters or read the newspaper online; a Tea & Tech session is a lovely way to learn. Each session has no more than 10 student volunteers and 10 over 65s. Sessions go for two hours maximum. Tea & Tech is ran by Age Concern Taranaki and as the name suggests, involves a cuppa and a chat too.

We have spaces available for our upcoming New Plymouth Tea & Tech sessions. Bookings are essential. Bring your cell phone, tablet or laptop with you and your charger.

Book by emailing Kendra at projects@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz or phoning 06 7599196 or 0800 243 625 Tea & Tech is supported by New Plymouth District Council.

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ELTHAM

SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Class held on a Thursday 10.00am. All Saints Church, 88 King Street, Eltham.

HAWERA

SAYGo > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Exercises held every Tuesday 10.15 am. Presbyterian Hall, Argyle Street, Hawera. Improve your strength and balance. Gold Coin Donation

Casual Cuppa > Held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 11.15 am Presbyterian Hall, Argyle St. Hawera. Join us to make or meet new friends, socialise and relax.

Drop in Social Morning > Held every Thursday, 10.30 am. Presbyterian Hall, Argyle Street. Hawera. Drop in, make friends, socialise and take part in robust discussions. Guest Speaker every first Thursday of the month.

Social Outing > Held once a month in Hawera. Please contact Estelle for confirmation of details, venue and ongoing dates and times.

Wacky Scooter Club Scavenger Hunt and Hawera "Grand Prix" > held once a month in Hawera, contact Estelle for details.

INGLEWOOD

In Tune with Inglewood - Singalong and Social Afternoon > Held in The Mamaku Centre, 6 Mamaku St Inglewood. A fun afternoon with singing, fun, instruments and much more. Afternoon tea provided. Every second and fourth Thursday of the month 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Starting Thursday April 22nd 2021. Gold coin donation.

MANAIA

SAYGo - Steady As You Go > Starts 7th July 2021 "Watch this Space"

Drop in Coffee Morning > Starts 7th July 2021 "Watch this Space"

NEW PLYMOUTH

Aqua Exercise > This is held weekly on Monday mornings at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre at 10.15am. Please phone our office (06) 759 9196 to register.

Drop In Cafe > This cosy Drop in Cafe is held on the first, third and fourth Thursdays of the month. Join us at 10am for a cuppa and great company at 33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Social Morning > Our Social morning at 33 Liardet Street is held on the second Thursday of the month. We have interesting Guest Speakers. Starting with morning tea at 10:00am

Warm Up Wednesday > This fun filled morning of Singalong continues every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Come along and enjoy, music, singalong and make friends. A light lunch is served at the conclusion of the morning. 10am -12.30pm. Gold coin donation.

Monthly Outing > The first Wednesday of the month. A great day out incorporating lunch and a visit to a place of interest. Please phone Pauline to express vour interest.

SAYGO > Steady As You Go, Falls Prevention Strength and Balance Classes. Tuesdays at 9:30 am at the Fred Tucker Memorial Hall 132 Parklands Ave, Bell Block; Tuesdays at 10.30am at St Mary's Complex Lounge, 37 Vivian Street; Fridays 11am at Disabilities Citizens Rooms, 83 Hine Street - \$3 per class.

OPUNAKE

SAYGO > Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Class held on a Monday 10.00am. Tainui Day Centre, 142 Tasman Street, Opunake.

STRATFORD

Chirpy Fridays - Music and Singalong > held in The War Memorial Centre, TSB Chambers Room. 10.30am, 55 Miranda Street, Stratford. Morning Coffee/Tea will be supplied, please join us to make or meet friends. Specific dates as indicated this guarter

Friday 16th April, Friday 7th May, Friday 28th May, Friday 11th June, Friday 25th June. Lets make some music.

PATEA

Morning Coffee > Starting Wednesday 7th April 2021 at The Patea Library, further dates to be confirmed.

WAITARA

"IN TUNE" > Held on the first and third Friday of the month at The Senior Citizens Hall, Warre Street. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. A fun afternoon of singing, musical instruments and entertainment with Pauline on her guitar. You are invited to arrive from 1 pm and afternoon tea will be served at 2.45 pm.

Drop in Cafe > Held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in The Senior Citizens Hall, (supper room) Warre St Waitara. 1.30pm - 3 pm. Enjoy a guiz or a game or sit and chat over a cuppa tea, coffee and snacks. A great opportunity to make friends.

WAVERLEY

Morning Coffee > Starting Wednesday 31st March 2021 at The Waverley Library - further dates to be confirmed.

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Improving Sleep for Seniors Workshop held recently at Llardet Street with Service Coordinator Marguerite Burr

I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened. If you are lucky it could happen to you. Andy Ronney.

Is there Life Without a Car?

It has been a couple of years since I last ran this course, so it's time to run it again for those who missed out previously.

driving.

Course dates are: Thursday April 15th 2021 and Tuesday 25th May 2021.

The courses will be held at 33 Liardet Street, New Plymouth from 9.30am - 11am and will include morning tea. There is no charge to attend, but it would be appreciated if you could ring to register as this will assist with catering for the morning tea.

Contact Aylene on 759 9196 for further information, and to register.

This free 2.5 hour interactive workshop is available to older people providing information, strategies and resources to assisting in improving sleep. Held at The Presbyterian Church Hall, Argyle Street, Hawera.

Register at Age Concern Taranaki Office ph 06 759 9196 ext 308, contact Estelle or email marguerite@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz

Staying Safe Driving Refresher Course

A Free Classroom based, course to familiarise yourself with traffic rules, and safe driving practices. Express your interest by phoning our Office 06 759 9196 email aylene@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz or contact Estelle.

In this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour course we look at ways to keep mobile when we can no longer drive. Not driving doesn't have to limit our activities or prevent us from continuing to enjoy life. There are ways to adapt to life without a car so that we don't lose our independence and freedom, and can remain involved with social activities, and continue to live positively without

Age Concern Taranaki introduces 2 workshops in South Taranaki

Improving Sleep for Seniors

Wednesday 28th April 2021

Time: 10:30 start

Monday 3rd May 2021

Time : 9:30 - 12:30

Accredited Visiting Service (AVS)

2021 has started well for the Accredited Visiting Service, with new visitors and clients joining us every few weeks.

In addition to her Elder Abuse role, Sinead has started spending time each week getting out and about in South Taranaki spreading the word about the visiting service, and generating interest from both potential visitors and clients, while I continue to do the same in North Taranaki.

If you know of anyone who you think would benefit from having a visitor, please let them know about our service. In the first instance, either Sinead or I will visit and explain about the AVS, and if they're keen to proceed, we set about finding a suitable visitor. We try to match people with similar interests so that they have something to talk about to start off with, and this naturally leads on to chatting about everything and anything. We go along for the first visit to make the introductions, then after visiting for a few weeks, we do a review with both parties to ensure they're getting on and want to continue.

Visits are one hour per week and take place in the



client's home. This is a very easy way to brighten another person's life, and everyone benefits from the social connections made.

If you are interested, either in having a visitor or being a visitor, contact Sinead for South Taranaki or Aylene for North Taranaki and we will get the process underway. Obviously, we need both visitors. and people to be visited ('clients'), to enable this extremely valuable service to continue to grow.

We look forward to hearing from you. Aylene & Sinead

Elder Abuse Response Service:

Kia Ora readers.

A new year has arrived and I feel very excited looking at the year ahead.

I am pleased that Age Concern Taranaki has a new part time social worker to assist me in responding to any and all allegations of Elder Abuse within the Taranaki community. This means we are able to respond faster and I have an incredible peer to bounce ideas off and discuss complex cases.

As usual, I'd like to dedicate this space to discuss issues that affect Elder Abuse in New Zealand and on a local level. The stigma attached to Elder Abuse is a huge problem, which directly affects reporting the abuse. "Elder abuse is under-reported as often the shame of it being caused by a family member and the stigma, keeps older people quiet and that's not ok." (Age Concern New Zealand, 2020).

The perpetrators of Elder Abuse in New Zealand are mostly family members (about 80%). As you can imagine this can be embarrassing for an older person to come to terms with and especially admit to another person. Most people like to think that they have done a good job in raising their children or grandchildren and when we think of abuse or the idea of someone we love abusing another person, we often associate it with negativity and something that shouldn't be discussed.

It also is so important that we move away from this stigma and confront the issue. Abuse occurs because of an underlying factor(s). This can be a range of things such as mental health, poverty, complex family dynamics or even a lack of understanding an older person's needs (particularly in carer relationships). I

have found that if the perpetrators of elder abuse are supported with their issues it is likely that the abuse lessens and the older person's safety increases. In saying that, the abuser has to want the support. If they don't, the older person is left with a huge choice to make. They either accept that the family member(s) will not accept support or attempt to make change and their situation isn't likely to change or, they take that first step in acknowledging that their behaviour is not ok and reach out for help.

If the latter choice is made, generally a report will come in to the elder abuse response service for us to follow up with. This doesn't mean all reports are selfreferrals, many of our referrals come from a variety of services such as health professionals, Police or concerned family/Whanau.

This is only one small example of the stigma attached to elder abuse and why some people chose not to report: in the upcoming newsletter articles I will discuss more.

If you or someone you know may be experiencing elder abuse please phone our office on 06 759 9196 or call into our office to book an appointment.

Sinead Thomas-Ngatai

Elder Abuse Social Worker-Age Concern Taranaki

Introducing Lisa

Tēnā koutou.

Ko Taranaki te maunga Ko Wainongoro te awa Ko Halcione te waka Nō Ngāmotu ahau Ko Lisa Read tōku ingoa

Kaimahi Hapori o tūkino kaumatua I tōku mahi

Hello to you all. My name is Lisa Read and I recently came on board the Age Concern Taranaki team as a partime social worker alongside Sinead Thomas in the Elder Abuse service.

I grew up in New Plymouth and apart from living in London for 7 years I have remained here. 5 years ago, I completed my Bachelor degree and then worked for a counselling service for 7 months followed by prison reintegration for 2 ¹/₂ years. Social work aligns well with my values.

I enjoy reading, research, yoga, walking and languages.

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Falls Prevention Exercise Classes



- Mon 10.00am Tainui Day Centre 141 Tasman St, Opunake
- Tues 9.30am Fred Tucker Meeting Rm 132 Parklands Ave. Bell Block
- Tues 10.15am Presbyterian Church 35 Argyle St, Hawera
- Tues 10.30am St Marys Complex 37 Vivian St, New Plymouth
- Wed 10.30am Inglewood United Church 30 Brown St, Inglewood
- Thur 10.00am All Saints Church 88 King Edward St, Eltham
- 10.00am St Andrews Church Fri 88 Regan St, Stratford
- Fri 11.00am Disabled Citizens Society 83 Hine Street, New Plymouth

Contact The Age Concern Taranaki Office between 9.30-1.30pm Phone: 0800 243 625 or 06 759 9196



Wacky Scooter Club - Hawera

What a joy, the sun was shining and the "Wacky Scooter Club" members were ready for something new. The camaraderie was infectious, maps and directions were handed out and you could feel the anticipation in the air. The volunteers were briefed and placed at every turn, to ensure that the whole event was safe but enjoyable. Some of the volunteers walked the whole route just for fun!

The Hawera Community Piano on Union Street was playing our favourite songs, murals were identified and carvings were studied At the RSA Memorial Arch, a moment was spent in memory of the six wars mentioned on the pillars. Two members felt hungry at the halfway mark and bought some pies at their favourite pie shop!

At the finishing line first prize was awarded to Pat Nixon and "Happy Thoughts" Easter eggs were awarded to Marvanne Gallishan. Marion Calder and Marlie Heretini. All participants received a "Certificate of Achievement".

Our next Wacky Scooter Club event is planned for 10:30am on 21st April at King Edward Park (this event is weather dependant). Contact Estelle@ageconcerntaranaki.org.nz or phone (06) 759 9196 or 0800 2430625



The best seven doctors:

- 1. Sunshine
- 2. Air
- 3. Exercise
- 4. Water
- 5. Diet
- 6. Rest
- 7. Laughter

SAYGo Volunteer Peer Leaders Workshop

With great enthusiasm, annually the SAYGo (Steady As You Go) peer leaders meet to celebrate the success of the Falls Prevention program, they deliver across Taranaki.

At the beginning of January, ten peer leaders met at the gorgeous, rural Inglewood Croquet Club to share a delicious lunch, catered for by the club members.

The workshop is designed as an informal get together with like-minded people and, to thank them for their ongoing commitment to SAYGo. The time is spent getting to know each other, brain storming and a refresher on the correct way to do the exercises.

These volunteers are positive role models. The longer their relationship with the participants in the classes, the more they learn about the participants lives. The peer leaders often become an important and trusted confidant. This connection is particularly reassuring during covid-19 level lockdowns.

The peer leaders say 'It's great to be able to keep the classes going and share the exercises with others and to see their improvement - it's so very satisfying."

ACNZ Peer leader's certificates were presented to Mary Needs from the Manadon St group Del McDonald & Sue Lewis from Milife Mangati Road. Jenny Nager Hawera's long standing peer leader retired but will still be continuing to attend class.

Come join us, learn the routine during the class then, once you are comfortable with the programme consider becoming a peer leader. The social connection is another bonus to being involved with these very motivated groups.

See the advisement left with venues and times of classes near you.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Marguerite Burr | Service Coordinator

NEVER LEND BOOKS.

They never get returned. The only ones I have in my library are ones I have borrowed.



Held on the second and fourth Thursday afternoon of the month, 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Starting Thursday 22nd April 2021. Afternoon Tea provided. Gold Coin doncation



IT'S EXCITING, IT'S NEW, AND IT'S SO GOOD FOR YOU!

Introducing Bex Caldwell, Administrator

Hi, I'm Bex and I started with Age Concern Taranaki as their new Administrator in January.

I am married to Bevan, and for the past 4 years I have been a stav-at-home Mum raising our two children.

During this time, I have enjoyed volunteering at Hospice Taranaki Waiwakaiho store while my children have been at school. Our family also volunteer with Hearing Dogs for the Deaf NZ as puppy socialiser which we find very rewarding. I have a varied administration background from large businesses to smaller sole charge administration roles. As well as working in administration, I have also worked as a Nanny caring for many children in Taranaki over the years. I love supporting people in our community so the opportunity to work for Age Concern Taranaki is one look forward to. I am really enjoying meeting new people at Age Concern Taranaki. I look forward to meeting more of you soon.

In Tune With Inglewood Singing and Social Afternoon

Age Concern Taranaki welcomes you all to attend a fabulous afternoon of Singing and fun. Join Pauline on her guitar and sing those good old favourite tunes you all know and enjoy. There are numerous health benefits from singing and it provides a great opportunity to socialise, make friends and stay In Tune with Inglewood.

AMERICARNA STREET PARTY 2021

What a blast !!!

Age Concern Taranaki and Taranaki Disability Information Centre jointly hosted our annual street party welcoming car enthusiasts to our Taranaki Community. This collaborative event included entertainment, food, fumes and fun with many members and friends on the day taking rides in these amazing cars.

One Americarna driver accompanied with his banjo most certainly had the large crowd of 45, "rockin around the clock" in our American Style Diner so very creatively decorated for the occasion. Marama you certainly are very talented.

We were also honoured to have Whaea Maata Wharehoka from Parihaka attend with her whanau and who also presented our visiting car drivers and their families with flax weaved putiputi (flowers) with much thanks and aroha. How beautiful was this! They also performed waiata and action songs to our members and guests. The inter- generational relationship was special and these young people also channelled their energy into the dishes and kitchen after they too had rides in the cars. So Cool. At the Diner we served the usual refreshments along with a sausage sizzle, complete with onions and American Mustard Sauce which was kindly donated by Brian of Taranaki Disability Information Centre.

The Taranaki weather was at its best and our street party "rocked". I would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone, including Americarna Management Team, Brian and Marama, Age Concern Taranaki colleagues, volunteers and everyone who supported the annual event.

Same time next year.

Pauline Julian | Service Coordinator





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When Irish Eyes are smiling

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Bex with the little Leprechaun captured on St Pat's Day judging the Potato Leprechaun Making activity, along with Dawn rocking her shamrock socks..



COVID-19: Getting a vaccine information from Ministry from Health website

We've secured enough COVID-19 vaccines for everyone in New Zealand. They're free and everyone in New Zealand is eligible. Find out how you can get a vaccine. *Last updated: 8 March 2021*

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Who can get a vaccine

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When you'll get a vaccine

The COVID-19 Immunisation Programme is already underway. Over time, everyone in New Zealand will have access to a vaccine if they would like one. Our aim is to vaccinate as many people in New Zealand as possible during the year as part of the programme. The timings below assume there is low or no community transmission in New Zealand. This may change depending on what's happening in the community.

Border and managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) workers

Border and managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) workers will be vaccinated first from 20 February 2021. This is all workers who undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing as part of their work. These groups include:

- cleaners
- nurses who do health checks in MIQ
- security staff
- customs and border officials
- airline staff
- hotel workers.

It should take 2-3 weeks to vaccinate border workers, followed by the people they live with (household contacts). This is to reduce the risk of them getting COVID-19. The people you live with (household contacts) will be vaccinated as part of the initial rollout, after border and MIQ workers have had their first dose.

You will be able to nominate the people you live with (household contacts) and we'll contact them once vaccinations have started with more information.

Non-border frontline healthcare workers

We expect that between March and June, nonborder frontline healthcare workers, like general practitioners, pharmacists and people working in our testing centres, will have access to the vaccines as the next at-risk workforce.

Other at-risk people

We then expect to shift the focus of the immunisation programme over the coming months to include a broader range of at-risk people (such as other health workforces, older adults, and those with a relevant underlying health condition).

The general public

The general public vaccinations are expected to begin in the second half of 2021.

Where vaccinations will be available

To start with, it is likely vaccines will be given to the general public in workplaces and community locations. District health boards (DHBs) will confirm vaccination sites closer to the time.

Tips to reduce the risk of falling when wearing a face mask

With Auckland going in and out of lockdown, you may find yourself considering wearing a facemask when out and about to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, for the many of us who wear glasses, masks can cause some loss of lower peripheral vision. The lower peripheral vision is an important sensory function that guides us when we walk and helps to stop us tripping or falling.

It is therefore essential to consider how to reduce the risk of falling while wearing a face mask.

Some useful tips to consider:

- Check your mask fits snugly around your nose and cheeks to reduce any visual impairment and fogging of glasses
- Slow your walking pace to give you more time to consider what is immediately in front of you and what trip hazards lie ahead
- If you wear glasses, consider adopting practices to help reduce fogging, like swimmers do with their goggles (such as a drop of washing up liquid on glasses)

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GIFTING

Gifting has always been a bit of a minefield. The first big issue was and is if you are going to be applying for a Rest Home subsidy in the future. WINZ has, of course the right to know what gifting has occurred when you are asking for a government subsidy to cover your Rest Home care costs.

Just when we thought we had the latest word on gifting in terms of IRD and WINZ for estate planning, but wait there is more. There is no longer gift duty, so the IRD does not feature at all as a consideration.

The IRD tax on gifting (was anything over \$27,000.00 per annum) has been removed but that sum has stayed around as appropriate gifting in some circumstances. There is also the sum of \$6,000.00 which WINZ will permit as gifting per annum. That is gifting in the five years prior to seeking a Rest Home subsidy. For those who will not be seeking a Rest Home subsidy gifting is not relevant.

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