



# THE WONDER FLOWERS

**aspire**  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Summer Edition  
**MARCH 2025**

## From Davids Desk

As summer ends, it is a great time to reflect on what we have done and start thinking about the months ahead. With the days getting shorter and temperatures cooling down, it is important to plan and avoid hibernating (staying home watching TV). Staying active in the community and continuing to engage in activities is key to keeping our spirits up. Easter is just around the corner, so why not invite friends or family over for an Easter lunch.

The summer season was busy for the Aspire community, with some changes along the way. I hope these transitions have been smooth for everyone. While there were a few challenges, it was positive to see everyone come together to address them. I appreciated receiving photos of your activities over the New Year period, including trips away and moments like enjoying fish and chips at Raglan Wharf. It is a reminder that doing something a little different does not have to break the bank.

I look forward to seeing more of you at the Sunday Farmers Market or catching up at a local café over a warm hot chocolate! Let us keep making the most of each season and stay connected.

Remember to check out the activity calendar, it has events planned, and there is something for everyone



## Family/Whanau Support - Janet Ross

Kia Ora,

Hope you are all well and have been enjoying the long, hot summer !!!

We will be organising a forum evening soon. I'm hoping to be able to have our General Manager come and share with you in more detail what her role is.

Another idea I have after talking to some family members after our last evening is about relationships. Getting advice on how to support people who are in a relationship or are showing interest in developing a relationship. If this is something you might be interested in hearing about please drop me an email or contact Shaye our Outcomes Manager.

## Off the Cuff - Gerard Knapp

We had our first Advocacy Meeting on the 16th of January, there were a few complaints regarding the size of the space and people feeling overcrowded and hot. This is being looked at currently by our Outcomes Manager so hopefully we have a different venue for our next meeting.

To our House leads, the next Advocacy Meeting will be on May the 22nd, I hope all of the houses reply and we have a good muster of people again. I do not want to hear another meeting has been cancelled due to lack of attention.

We are now in the 3rd month of the year which seems to be going fast again, before we know it well be saying Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year again!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL

EASTER HOLIDAYS  
GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL  
EASTER MONDAY - 21ST APRIL

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SOCIAL GROUP:  
DINNER OUT IN COMMUNITY  
18TH APRIL

## MAY

SOCIAL GROUP: TEN PIN BOWLING  
16TH MAY

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22ND MAY  
SELF ADVOCACY FULL  
MEETING

## JUNE

20TH JUNE - MATARIKI

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SOCIAL GROUP: GO-KARTS  
14TH JUNE

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PIE & PUB NIGHT  
TUESDAY JUNE 17TH - THE HELM

## JULY

ASPIRE MID WINTER  
CHRISTMAS BALL  
FRIDAY 18TH JULY

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SOCIAL GROUP: PAINTBALL  
4TH JULY

If you are interested in any of the  
Social Group Activities please contact  
William Steel. For everything else  
contact Shaye .

# Wish 4 Fish



A MASSIVE thank you to the lovely people from Wish4Fish for allowing us to go on another adventure with them! Not only did the sun shine, and the fish bite, we got to see the dolphins play!









SUMMER











Happy Birthday





Hes done it again!!! Jade Sutton  
competed in the Oceania Powerlifting  
Championship held in Christchurch in  
Dec 2024 and he won GOLD!!

Congratulations Jade!!!!







Bake a cake this  
Easter and be in to win  
a secret prize!!

A string of colorful Easter eggs with various patterns like hearts, polka dots, and floral designs, stretching across the middle of the poster.

# **Easter**

## **Cake Comp!**



Send all pictures of  
Easter Cakes through  
to Shaye & David!

Mr David Darling will be  
choosing the winner!!

Good luck!!!













# Art & Puzzles



Gerard has been busy putting together puzzles and colouring!



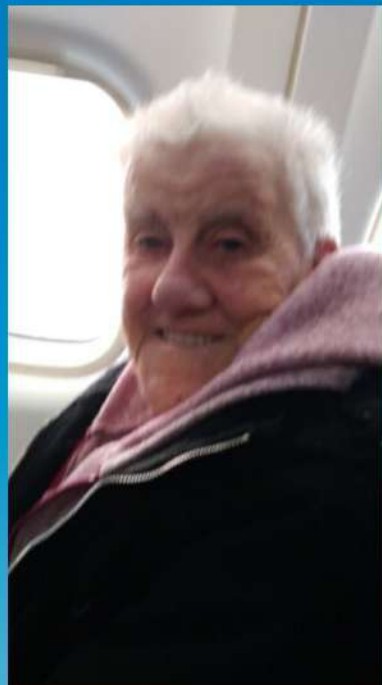






Felix had an amazing time at the Karamu Trail Track! Not only that but Felix also landed himself a Most Improved award from the Special Olympics!









Sheryl has been doing some amazing artwork!! She has also donated these pictures to our Whanau Room here at Tawa Street Office!  
Thank you Sheryl!  
We feel very proud to have your artwork here with us.



# Lets learn together!



KIA KAHA  
TE REO MĀORI



friend

*hoa*



I love you

*ka nui taku aroha mōu*



## Fundraiser Raffle



**Ticket \$2 each or 3 for \$5**

**Fundraising to  
purchase an Aspire  
Karaoke Machine!**

Be in to win one of these beautiful handmade quilts. The quilts were made by Anette Pieneman from the Hamilton Quilt Club.

**Please pop into our Aspire Head Office at Tawa Street to collect your ticket!**

First ticket drawn will have first choice of quilt.  
Second Drawn will get the remaining quilt  
Third Drawn will get a \$60 Countdown Voucher  
Fourth drawn will get a \$50 Itunes Voucher

We are raising funds for equipment for Karaoke so that it can be shared around the Aspire houses.

Raffle will be drawn on the 28th of April 2025



# SELF ADVOCACY MEETINGS 2025

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*Thursday 22nd May  
Thursday 20th November*

*4.00pm*

*Discovery Christian Centre,  
Fairfield Presbyterian Parish  
5 Insoll Avenue, Hamilton*

*Light supper provided*

**ALL PEOPLE WE SUPPORT ARE WELCOME!**