

NEWSLETTER



The Aspiring Village Games

Aspiring Village was the venue for the inaugural "Limpic Games" - an opportunity for our energetic residents to demonstrate their sporting prowess across a range of disciplines.

The games were anything but "retiring" with events including: synchronised swimming; underwater distance swimming; shotput; croquet; tennis ball throw, Frisbee throw, and even mobility scooter racing.

Ian Shawe was the stand out athlete at The Games, winning a total of 8 medals, including Gold in quoits, javelin and chess, in a well-contested final against fellow resident Oscar Verbiest. Silver medals were won by Shawe in the hotly contested paper darts throw, shot put and pool events.

A synchronised swimming demonstration was a feature event of the games in the heated 13 metre swimming pool. A wonderful routine was enjoyed by residents and staff alike.

The walking frame race was another specialty event, where the performance was judged on style rather than speed. John Mercer took out the event, looking very dapper in his Sunday best.

Village Manager, Leanne Taylor said "It was great to see so many of our residents participate and support this fun filled day with lots of laughter and hilarity during the numerous events. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to those who received medals for their efforts. And a special congratulations to Geoff Williamson on his vision and organisational skills.

We look forward to following future events with great interest.



Festival of Colour

a celebration of the arts - wanaka and the southern lakes

Once again, Aspiring Lifestyle Retirement Village was a proud sponsor of the Festival of Colour, held in Wanaka in early April. It was wonderful to see so many residents in attendance at the wide variety of arts performances throughout the week. "It is a fabulous event and a great asset to Wanaka to play host to the wealth of talent the Festival of Colour brings to town" said Jennie Anderson, ALRV Marketing Manager - "Each year the event just keeps getting better and better. We look forward to finding out what the organisers have in store for us next time"

OPEN DAYS

**Easter Saturday and
Easter Monday**

**DROP IN AND VISIT
US FOR A VILLAGE TOUR
BETWEEN 11AM & 3PM**

MEET OUR RESIDENTS

George and Kay Horsburgh

If you're wondering how the Aspiring Village stacks up compared to other retirement villages around the country, you would do well to have a quiet conversation with George and Kay Horsburgh. "We first learnt about retirement villages when my mother moved into one in Lower Hutt," George says. "We saw first-hand the benefits of this way of living and knew we would eventually want to move into one. What we didn't know was where."

While their home was in Auckland, they had lived for many years in Wellington, so both were options to choose from - and they visited many villages in those areas to check them out. Their shared passion for walking took them to many other parts of New Zealand, so they also visited retirement villages in Warkworth, Tauranga and Nelson. It was walking that brought them to Wanaka, where they decided to take a look at the Aspiring Village that George's brother planned to move into when he returned from Australia. "Having looked at so many villages", says Kay, "we recognised there was something very special here the moment we drove in."

So what is it that makes living at the Aspiring Village so special? "We were attracted by the opportunity to live in this part of New Zealand - getting back to four seasons in a year. The outdoor lifestyle - walking, skiing, kayaking - is wonderful. It allows us to pretend we're still young for a little longer!" says George. "The attention to detail in the villas - both in the floor plan (there's not an inch of wasted space) and the finishing is exceptional. It was 4 degrees outside this morning - and inside it was a cosy 16-17 degrees - and we hadn't put any heating on." And while some of the Lifestyle Centre

amenities have yet to be fully used - George and Kay enjoy the morning teas during the week and village dinners. "The people that live here are simply an inspiration - how they look at things, what they do, their attitude to life." And finally, the Aspiring Enliven Care Centre was also a big positive - "while neither of us wants to end up in rest home, hospital or dementia care - knowing it's next door is a big plus."

Many would say George and Kay are equally inspirational. Having met at Matamata College where they were both teachers in the mid 60s, they have spent a large portion of their life overseas. It began with the traditional "OE" of the era, heading to the UK where they married in London, eventually driving home overland to Calcutta in a 1953 VW Beetle. Their desire to see more of the world was realised when George ended up working for Foreign Affairs. Overseas posts to Indonesia, Bahrain, Singapore and the UK - while raising their three children - made for a busy and interesting life. After 20 years with Foreign Affairs, a move to Auckland followed and a foray into business - before semi-retirement beckoned. George still retains a Directorship with a leading hotel chain which he enjoys.

"We could have stayed where we were in Mellons Bay in Auckland for the next few years - though eventually the house and garden would have been a bit much. We knew we wanted to make decisions about the next chapter of our lives while we could still make those decisions for ourselves. We have undoubtedly found our perfect home - it's completely exceeded our expectations." And Bruce, George's brother, is now just down the road!

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