

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE BAY OF PLENTY REGION OF THE RETIREMENT VILLAGE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND 2020

Greetings to all.

Covid-19 has had a major effect for us all. Being in lockdown in our various villages has been a challenge for many and discussions with retirement village residents have been positive. It appears that most operators have been excellent in guarding the interests and wellbeing of us all. Quite outstanding in many cases.

There is a growing interest in our efforts indicated by the unsolicited enquiries received both locally and through the Association. We are certainly fortunate to have the National Secretary a local and I have been lucky to have his expertise when visiting other villages. Anton has also participated in these visits. We have visited, between us, six villages and the chance to visit villages will be welcomed. Being better known for our voluntary work is a challenge for us all and it is very difficult to initiate contact with other villages. I have a list of over a dozen villages here in Tauranga for whom we do not have information. Finding contacts in those, and villages in the wider region, would be a worthwhile project.

We are indebted to the team at Executive level for their efforts and the employment of a Manager, part time, is proving to be well worthwhile. His name is Nigel Matthews and he hails from Christchurch. Our growth has been such that it was proving to be much too arduous for volunteers alone.

Anton Coetzee who has been our regional representative on the Executive is extremely valued at that level and he can make use of his legal training.

The feedback from regions like us is essential especially with the greater recognition we are receiving from the Retirement Commission. There has been general dissatisfaction with the service we have been receiving from the Statutory Supervisor and the Commission has, initiated a review of the Supervisor function.

During the year the Presidency of the Association has changed and Peter Carr is now that title holder. Peter is a resident of Laurensen Village in Cambridge. He visited us at a public meeting in October and his address was very well received by those present. Peter is very active indeed.

Our long-term Secretary/Treasurer, Glenys Glynn has tendered her resignation and I express my thanks and admiration for the job she has done on our behalf. Thank you Glenys.

I express my thanks to you for your support and hope that we keep getting results in your favour.

I formally propose the adoption of this report.

Mike O'Boyle

Chairman RVRANZ BoP Region