



31 October 2023

Hi all

Unfortunately, we have not yet heard the outcome of our bid to the Affordable Housing Fund. We know that some early applicants have heard back and we are hoping that we should hear something very soon.

### **Hypnotist Show**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October we had our Comedy Stage Hypnosis Fundraising Show with hypnotist Ian Blaine. We had a great turn out with lots of laughter on the evening. Thank you to the volunteers on the stage who became the stars of the show and to our volunteers greeting people on the evening, selling raffles, food and cold drinks. Also, we are grateful and appreciative for the support received from KatiKati Memorial Hall Committee and the Arts Junction for selling tickets on our behalf.



### Have your "Stake in Abbeyfield":

We like to thank the four sponsors who have purchased a stake in Abbeyfield. These colourful stakes have been painted by numerous well-known local artists. For a donation of \$5,000 each (or in some cases people have donated more) you will have a stake of your choice with your name on it placed in the Abbeyfield Garden. This is another fundraising activity and we are extremely appreciative of the artists who have created the stakes. They have been well prepared so that they are weatherproof and will last for many years in the Abbeyfield Garden.

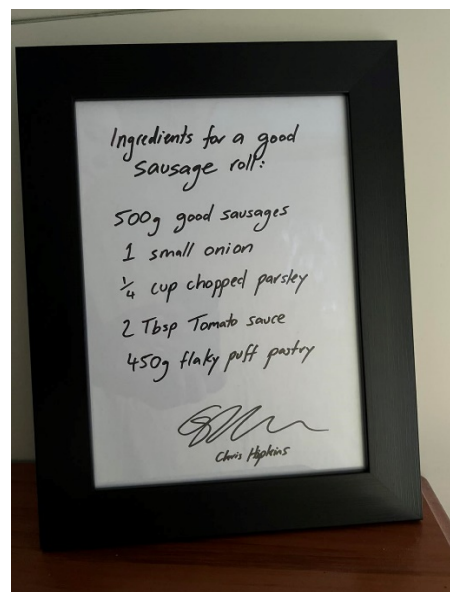


The stakes with some of the artists from the left: Everdien de Graaf, Savahna Le Prou, Joy Le Prou, Val Helm. We are very appreciate of the amazing artists that have created the stakes.

If you are interested in a *Stake in Abbeyfield* contact Natasja and check out the various options.

### Doodle Art

We have been very fortunate to have received Doodle Art from Chris Hipkins and Prime Minister-elect Christopher Luxon. The Doodle Art has been listed on Trade Me [https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/search?member\\_listing=8027034&bof=9idYkNxQ](https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/search?member_listing=8027034&bof=9idYkNxQ)



**Weekend Markets:**

Our thanks to Pauline van Rijen who is extremely busy not only with the Friday night market but now attending the Saturday Farmers Market at Waihi Beach on Saturdays. The jams, jellies, chutneys and sauces, vegetables, plants and flowers are very popular and always in great demand. Thank you also to the people who donate the produce that is turned in to the fabulous jams, jellies, chutneys and sauces and those who donate the jars and help with all aspects of the work involved in making the products and the set up and helping at the market site.

Our Carboot Sale started this month and will run through to April. Held on the first weekend of the month its very popular and a great way to sell off the things you no longer need and are cluttering up the garage and the garden shed. It's also a great place to find a bargain. There is a real mix of things from old to new, to weird and wonderful to collectables. Contact Carole if you want more details or to book a site.

**Garden Ramble 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November:**

If you're on the Ramble watch out for the Abbeyfield stall at the Calvers Garden in Lindemann Road. Don't forget to bring some change to buy some raffle tickets or your favourite jams, jellies, chutney or sauces. We will also have some plants if you looking for something new for your garden.

**Garden Party**

Put February 17th in your calendar as the date for the Abbeyfield Garden Party. We are putting together an exciting event in a beautiful garden close to Katikati and the location will be revealed soon. There will be an afternoon tea with delicious canapes, cakes and cocktails on offer, along with musical entertainment and market stalls.

Closer to the time we will be calling for people who would like to assist at the event, with setting up the event, food preparation or manning stalls or possibly donating art and craft items that we can sell. The gardeners amongst us may be able to take cuttings or raise seeds now that would be plants ready for sale in February. It is quite a big undertaking, so we will be very grateful for any assistance with this event. If you interested contact Lynda, a member of the fundraising team, who is leading this event text her on 0212 704271.

**Next Year**

We have been busy with fundraising activity planning for next year and will email members in advance once we have secured dates and details are finalised. We have a Facebook page (Public), you do not have to be a Facebook member to view our page <https://www.facebook.com/AbbeyfieldWBoP/>

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to the people who have recently donated funds towards the build. We are very appreciative of your support and it is helping build up our funds. Many thanks.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time should you like to talk about what we are doing and our plans. Or if you have an idea for a fundraiser.

Also many thanks to Angela Fowler from Tremains Real Estate, a further \$500 donation. Where people sell their house through Angela and agree we get a \$500 donation. Angela has been a major sponsor for several years now and the \$500's trickle in on a regular basis. It is so appreciated and has been adding up and making a difference to our bank account.

Warmest regards to you all.

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