



December 2023

Hi all,

Well, it is almost Christmas and the end of 2023, and it has been a hectic year. The team has been very busy with fundraising events and activities. We have also been extremely grateful to receive numerous donations, including a \$50,000 anonymous donation from Katikati received in the last month, which has come through Acorn. We also received \$14,189.02 donation through the Rotary Club, and Craig Investment Partnership gave us a grant of \$2,500.

This along with the money raised at our various fundraisers and events has given us a very healthy bank account. We would particularly like to thank Jacqui Pountney of Kitchen@Villa93 who made and iced a fabulous Christmas cake which we raffled and raised \$572. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Unfortunately, we still have not heard the outcome of our bid to the Affordable Housing Fund. We are hoping we will be notified the outcome in the New Year.

GARDEN PARTY – 17 FEBRUARY 2024

Plans are already underway for our fundraising events for next year. You will have seen the poster for the Garden Party on the 17 February to be held at a fantastic local rural garden. The event will include entertainment, delicious food, cocktails and mocktails to try, tea and coffee along with an auction, raffles and everything to make this a fabulous afternoon in the garden.

The posters and signs have started to go up in Katikati and if you would like to help by placing a sign on your garden gate let us know. We are hoping to get signs on main roads to promote the event. We can arrange for someone to come and put it up and take it down after the event.

We have a small team organising the event and we are now looking for people to expand our team to assist us on the day.

CAN YOU HELP OUT: we are looking for people to assist us with,

- The set up on the Saturday morning: this includes setting up tables, umbrellas, chairs, and the area for the drinks, food and auction. This would be done prior to midday and probably take about one and half to two hours.
- Preparing food and drinks in the afternoon: including cocktails/mocktails/tea and coffee.
- Taking tickets at the gate
- Assisting with the raffles, promotion table or sales tables
- Walking around with food to serve our guests.
- Helping with the auction

- Just being around to help do what is required to make everything run smoothly and make it a great day.

This will be our first major fundraiser for next year. If you were able to help us out on the day, get in touch with Natasja or myself and let us know what you would like to do, and your availability of time and we can roster you on.

We are also looking to borrow some gazebos, plastic chairs and trestle tables if you've got one to spare, contact Natasja or myself.

If you are looking to attend the event, don't leave purchasing tickets too late as there are limited tickets. You can pop into The Arts Junction and purchase tickets at the information desk or go to The Arts Junction website and purchase tickets online.

We have booked the Fairview Golf Course for our Third Annual Golf Fundraising Tournament on Friday 3rd May 2024. Mark the date in your calendar. If you know others who may be interested, spread the word. We will have more details coming out as they become available.

We would like to THANK YOU all for your support this year it has been sincerely appreciated. We would not been able to get to where we are now without you. We look forward to what 2024 will bring and together, we continue to move forwards to our goal of an Abbeyfield House for Katikati.

Hope you and your family have a fabulous Christmas and that 2024 brings you great joy, good health, and some adventures.



Warmest regards to you all.

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