

November 2024

The end of the year, although time is running out. It is all dependant on the issuing of the Building Consent. We have every hope that we will have it very soon.

If you have been past the section or were at the blessing, you would have seen that the builders have broken through the fence and we now have a gateway. We have saved the wrought iron from the top of the fence so we can make a gate.

The Blessing

On Monday 18 November, we had a blessing to acknowledge that the building will begin soon. It was an early morning start but it was a fabulous day. With around 40 people in attendance, it was a wonderful joint ceremony with Sam (Matua Haami) of Te Rereatukahia marae officiating along with Reverend Ken Harray of St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

The official part was followed by a fabulous morning tea. Mary was in charge of a team of Abbeyfield volunteers who prepared the morning tea. Many thanks to you all for your work in preparing food, serving and cleaning up afterwards. We also appreciated all the lovely homemade cakes, muffins and slices the team provided.

It was lovely to put names to faces and have a catch up about our progress.

We were also delighted to launch the Abbeyfield Paint the Door fundraiser at the Blessing.

This is a unique opportunity where people, for a donation of \$2,000 can select the colour they would like to see a Suite door painted (on the hallway side) and also to provide a name that the suite will be called. We have already had one door sponsored with 13 doors left.





How is the funding going?

We started in February with a shortfall of \$280,000. To date we have raised \$87,500. Which is amazing, as we have still not had any funding from big Philanthropic trusts. This has come from donations, fundraising activities and other activities we have been running.

We are looking at applying for grants to philanthropic trusts now we are in the last stages of fundraising. We are sourcing quotes for furnishings, white ware and other items we will need to set the house up and these will be the key things we will be approaching the trusts to assist with. We are also hopeful that suppliers of these items will look favourable at providing generous discounts or gift items.

Pencil in your 2025 Diaries confirmed events.

- 26 January the Movie "Thelma" a comedy about an 93yr old who is scammed and goes on a journey to get her money back.
- 16th March: Annah Stretton as a guest speaker and Fashion Show, in Katikati.
- 4th April: Golf Fundraising Tournament (Ambrose) at Waihi Golf Club.

The tickets for the movie will be on sale in December. You will get priority notification before we promote to the wider community.

Tickets for "Afternoon Tea with guest speaker Annah Stretton" will be available to purchase from the Arts Junction, Katikati on Friday 6th December. The movie and Annah Stretton tickets will make great Christmas presents. We already have a lot of people talking

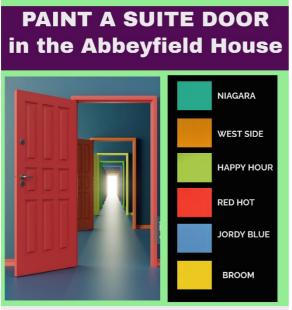
about the Annah Stretton event so when the tickets come on sale if you want to attend, I suggest getting your tickets as soon as possible. The poster with more details is at the end of this newsletter.

Carboot Sale

Abbeyfield WBoP Carboot Market is on 7 December, an opportunity to clean out the cupboards and sheds before Christmas. We will hold markets the first Saturday of every month till April. Contact Carole if you want a site.

Paint the Door

As already mentioned, this fundraiser has just been launched and if your keen to name one of the Suites and select the colour of the Door (it's the door to the suite in the hallway) for a donation of \$2,000 then please contact us so you get your choice of suite and colour.



- * Sponsor a door for \$2,000
- * Pick your preferred colour to paint a residents suite door
- * Give the suite your choice of name

Contact Carole 0274579686 or email abbeyfieldwbop.chair@gmail.com Natasja 0273487748 or email fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com

Landscaping for the House

We are currently working on the landscaping plan for the house. If you have seen the plans, you will have seen that there is not a lot of garden area. We are fortunate that we have two groups who are providing us with concepts and ideas for the garden, which is extremely helpful.

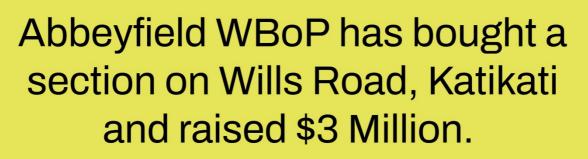
We are excited that the garden will include the 11 beautiful Stakes, which well-known local artists created for us as a fundraiser. We still have three that are available for people to sponsor, each stake will have the name of the sponsor or their preferred name on it.

They will look stunning at the entrance way to the house. Give us a call if you would like to have A Stake in Abbeyfield.

Check out the Paint the Door poster below

Warmest regards to you all.

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Sunday 16th March 2025 1:30 - 4:00pm

KATIKATI BOWLING CLUB PARK RD, KATIKATI COST: \$40



Sales table of Annah Stretton Homewares and Accessories

Supported by KATIKATI an Abbeyfield WBOP Fundraiser Purchase tickets from the Arts Junction, 36 Main Road, Katikati or online www.theartsjunction.org.nz

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