



The building meeting held in the entrance way to the house, last Monday, as the painters were working inside.

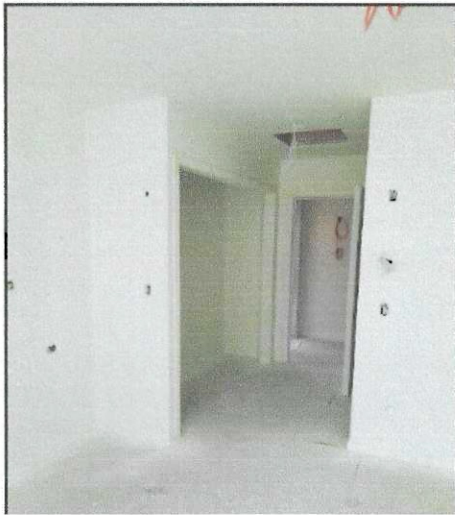
## **Abbeyfield Newsletter – August 2025**

If you have driven past the House site in the past couple of days, you will have seen they are busy laying out the paths and patios for the units ready for concreting. Inside they have started painting. Once this is completed which should be any day now, work will begin on the cabinetry along with plumbing and electrics going in.

You may also have noticed when you drove past the house that there is something on the roof. Yes, Abbeyfield Katikati has Solar. We are the first Abbeyfield in New Zealand to have solar hot water and power. We believe this will have a positive impact on our electricity bill and help keep our costs down.

Thanks to Janet and Pauline, we have finalised our list of items we need to set up our kitchen. It's a long list, you never realise how much you need for a kitchen until you start itemising each item. As we have 14 residents, our kitchen operates as a commercial kitchen. We therefore need quality appliances and kitchen equipment to last the distance so that we do not need to continually fundraise for replacements.

Our grateful thanks to the generous people who donated towards the cost of many of our kitchen requirements.



Inside a studio looking at the huge wardrobes/storage cupboard on the left. In the middle is the entry and to the right is the ensuite wet room bathroom.



In the studio looking towards the front window and sliding door. The windows are covered with plastic while the painters work, however you can still see how far the sun comes into the room. Lots of space for everything you need.

### **A generous gift.**

We would like to thank the very generous donors who donated \$50,000. The committee was overwhelmed to receive this incredibly generous gift. This funding has again come through Acorn who have been very supportive of Abbeyfield WBOP since we became incorporated six years ago.

This \$50,000 is just one of many large anonymous donations we have received over the past several years. This generosity has enabled us to reach our funding goal and build the Katikati House. Thank you to everyone who believed in us, in our vision and supported us to build our house. Every contribution, big, small and the support helped to make this happen.

We would also like to thank TECT for their contribution of up to \$27,667 towards the cost of purchasing furniture and whiteware for the house. This is a big help and will enable us to buy furniture for the lounge and dining room, hobs, cookers, fridges, freezers and more. We have two laundry's one at either end of the house, each with a washing machine and a drier. There is also a clothesline outside the house.

Many thanks to Acorn who provided a \$5,000 grant towards the Housekeepers salaries. This will help keep the rental costs for residents low. Acorns support has been very much appreciated.

These wonderful donations mean that we have raised the funding target of \$280,000 we set in February last year.

We are still fundraising at the markets and one or two other activities. This additional funding will be used as a contingency fund for future requirements for the house that we may not have identified we need. It also will help with keeping our operational costs low.

### **Abbeyfield Garden Ninjas**

If you are keen to be one of our garden Ninjas and help us plant out the gardens, then we would like to hear from you.

We need some help to plant the shrubs. It's up to you how much time you give: an hour or two, half a day, a full day or more.

The plants for the garden have been ordered and we have set the planting dates.

**Monday 15 September starting at 1.00 p.m.**

**Tuesday 16 December from 9.30 am**

When you arrive, the plants will be set out where they are to go. If you are into digging it will involve digging the holes for the plants, if not you can just pop the plants into their holes and pack the dirt around them. It will not be hard digging as its all-new soil delivered to the site.

If you are able to bring a wheelbarrow and a spade that would be fantastic. We will provide you with morning and afternoon tea, if your staying over lunch please bring it with you, and you can expect to have a great time working alongside other people who are passionate about our Katikati Abbeyfield House.

And you might even get a sneak peak in the house.

The landscaping will turn the house into a home with fabulous gardens for people to enjoy.



If you would like to be involved, contact Carole on 0274 579 686 or email Carole at [abbeyfieldwbop.chair@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyfieldwbop.chair@gmail.com) and we can send you all the days and times.

### **We still have some spots in the Abbeyfield House**

The applications team is working through the forms they have received for consideration to become a resident. We still have a few places left. Just a reminder that this house is not just for woman, men are very welcome to apply for a place.

If you like the idea of living in Abbeyfield Katikati but you are not ready right now to make the move, you can still send in an Application form. This way, if in the future a unit becomes available, we can contact you and ask if you are interested. If it is still too soon, we put you back on the waiting list.

### **Another Brick in the Wall,**

Many thanks to all the people who bought a brick. It was a fabulous outcome with over \$7,000 raised. We are delighted to say that Arthur McKay won the draw for the fabulous gift basket.

### **Housekeepers**

We are well along in the process to select a Head housekeeper and a part-time housekeeper. These roles are crucial to the House. They are the people who create the heart of the house with fabulous meals and connecting with residents.

Menus will be created with input from the residents so the meals reflect what they would like to eat.

### **Random Questions**

Over the past years we have had many interesting questions or comments about an Abbeyfield house and as we get closer to opening the house we have had many more like:

***There are no more vacancies in the house.*** Yes, there are vacancies.

***Is it expensive to live in the house?*** The weekly rate is \$460 which includes, accommodation, food, power, Wi-Fi, maintenance, overheads, in fact pretty much everything to live in the house except your personal needs.

***It's only for woman?*** No, it is open to men and women.

***You can't be a resident if you have a car.*** Yes, you can be a resident if you have a car. We have parking spaces outside for cars and an internal garage for mobility scooters.

***You wouldn't be able to play a musical instrument if you lived in the house?***

You sure can play a musical instrument. Many Abbeyfield houses have residents that get together and make music.

***Your friends and family cannot visit you in the house.*** Yes, they can visit. You can entertain them in your own studio or if you wish in the main lounge. Or if you choose, they can join you for lunch or dinner.

***You can't help in the kitchen.*** There is an opportunity for people to help in the kitchen or even in the gardens if they wish.

***You don't have a say in how the house is run.*** There are monthly meetings with the house committee and residents who can raise issues, have input to meal planning, and have a say in what happens in the house. Remember this is the resident's home so yes, they do get a say in how its run, the meals, and other aspects of the house.

Have you got a question? Then don't hesitate to contact us and we can give you an answer.

Warmest regards to you all.

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