



October 2025

Open day

The Open day was a huge success with lots of people coming to check out the house. It was lovely to share with them what the house looks like now it is completed. If you came along, I hope you were pleased with what you saw. It was lovely to see everyone.

We received lots of positive feedback and compliments about the house.

We are still putting the final bits and pieces together to turn the house into a home. But it is looking great.

Fundraising

Although we have stopped our other funding raising activities, we will still have the occasional fundraiser. We plan on putting aside funding for various requirements we may have as we progress. Raising funds means we can maintain a reasonable rent for the residents.

Currently we are putting a group together to run a preserves stall at The Garden Ramble event, it's on the 8th and 9th November from 9.00 to 5.00p.m. If you are looking at doing something interesting and would like to join the team, give Carole a call and we can put you on the roster. You can help out on the stall and sell preserves and plants or at the gate welcoming people.

Working at the stall is lots of fun and you meet all sorts of people. As a volunteer you get to call in and check out the gardens on the Monday.

Moving In

Eight residents have moved into the house with the rest moving in early November. It's been an exciting time as residents get to meet one another, learn about their flatmates and explore the house and all it has to offer.

Learning to use the washing machine and the dishwasher is interesting as the washing machine is self-dosing and getting to grips with the different cycles is fun. Also learning how to stack the dishwasher and all sorts of other bits and pieces.

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Already residents are helping with some of the chores in the house and helping one another which is great.

We have a small sub community who have taken on the running of the house role, and they will report to the Abbeyfield WBOP committee who now take on the Governance role.

The housekeepers are quickly learning about the residents likes, dislikes and how things work in the kitchen. Trudie who is the Head Housekeeper works from Monday to Friday, Megan is on duty Saturday and Brittany on Sunday.

As people get up at different times in the morning, you probably know, residents help themselves to breakfast. Which is great and they have been quick to let Trudie know their favourite cereal and toast bread.

Volunteers

We are keen to hear from people who would like to join the Abbeyfield team and help out with various chores. We are looking for gardeners who would like to pop in and help maintain the gardens and help some of the older residents with their small gardens around their patio.

There are also opportunities to help with other tasks in the house. Just give Carole a call if you are interested.

Lawns

If you came to visit the house on the open day you would have seen that we have minimal lawn, in fact we only have the berm out the front of the house? We are looking for someone who would like to take on the task of mowing the berm for us. We are willing to pay for this service.

If you know someone, please let Carole know.

Seats and tables

We are delighted that the Katikati Men's Shed has donated an outside seat to go in the garden.

We also have an outside seat being gifted from the Katikati Rotary Club, made by the Men's shed. These will be a welcome addition enabling residents to sit outside and enjoy the garden.

The Men's Shed has also donated two outside tables for the terrace, which will be welcomed in the summer months for people to sit outside in the cool to have lunch and dinner.

Our grateful thanks for the generosity of the Katikati Rotary members and the Katikati Men's Shed.

Becoming a Friend of Abbeyfield

We have been thrilled that you have been a member on our email list. This meant you were up to date with our happenings, progress of the build and fundraisers.

Some people have chosen to become paid up members which has been fantastic, its only \$5.00 to become a member.

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Now the house is built, we are offering you an opportunity to become a Friend of Abbeyfield. This means you will get updates on what's happening in the House and any other activities we are involved in. If you prefer not to continue to receive our Newsletters, please let us know and we can remove your name off our email list.

Warmest regards to you all.

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