

## **CHRISTMAS 2023**

*Yes, we are on the move again! It is the tenth time that we have relocated since coming to live in New Zealand in 1962. Whilst most of our previous moves were a free choice initiated out of a desire to do so or to realise plans, this time is different.*

*Both of us have celebrated our 86<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and while enjoying relatively good physical health, Tisha was diagnosed with a mental illness, which robs her of her memory cells. It is a progressive disease. We can enjoy life together in our current location, travel and even going out for a day becomes more challenging. It is quite remarkable how dependent we are on those few cells in our brain to guide us through our day. Most of the time when together the situation is quite manageable and filled with many joys. The reality is that we do not know how long we are blessed with that situation.*



*The location we have selected to move to will again provide us with a home for independent living, but it is in a village which also provides various forms of increased care e.g., hospital, respite and dementia care. It is located south of Hamilton and called Eventide. The Physical address is Villa 27, Tamahere Eventide, 61 Bollard Rd, RD3, Hamilton 3283.*

*We have sold our current home of the past ten years and are in the process of downsizing since the next stop caters for less living space. It is a wonderful way to have a good clean out and Morrinsville has four OP-shops, which all gladly receive donations of saleable goods.*

*We can start moving stuff in the New Year and are looking to make the final move in the week of the 22nd of January 2024. We will miss life in the Tasman Village, which has been a real blessing, but we are not too far away from keeping in contact with newfound friends.*

*We wish you all a very happy time over Christmas and the New Year with family and friends. May the birth of Christ our Saviour bring you joy in your heart and hope for your future.*

*With our love*

*John and Tisha*



*Tisha enjoying morning tea in the village hall.*

*Lillies are a feast to the eye at Christmas time in New Zealand*