Your community, your place.

Ten weeks in, and we’re definitely getting into our stride – helping older people into secure, permanent housing within positive and inclusive communities.

We’ve been working through the various maintenance requests that have come in since the start of operations, attending to everything from fixing the smallest door locks to clearing overflowing gutters and making units available for new tenants. We’ve received some excellent comments from tenants about the quality of the work undertaken and the speed of response. And the lawns are starting to look good, too!

We’ve had the usual teething problems here and there, of course, and the team would like to thank everyone for being so understanding during our early days. Do keep your feedback coming in. Call us any time on 0800 430 101 – we’re here to help.

‘Bye for now.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

	

Haumaru Housing waiata

We would like to say a big ‘Thank you!’ to two Haumaru Housing tenants for their collaboration and composition of a Haumaru waiata! Te Kerei Tiatoa (Gray Theodore) of Otara Court in the South wrote the lyrics, and Paul Bennett of Belmont Court on the North Shore provided the music arrangement.

The original idea for Haumaru to have a waiata came from Area Manager, Adele Hamilton, following waiata practices for the official Haumaru Housing launch event on 1 July. Adele invited Te Kerei and Paul to lend their creative skills and expertise to the initiative. (Te Kerei has been Adele’s Maori cultural advisor since she moved to Auckland in 2007, and he had previously provided lyrics for a competitive senior Kapa haka team, of which Adele is a member.)

Taking into account the meaning behind the Haumaru Housing name and our mission and purpose, Gray and Paul composed the following waiata which was then performed by Paul at Haumaru’s offices on 31 July (with all the Haumaru team joining in!):

Haumaru. Housing that’s for me and you
Where we can be so happy too
Haumaru.

Haumaru. Kindness and compassion too
Working to take care of you
Haumaru.

Tui tuia, tika te haere (meaning ‘go forward (walk) in confidence’)
Tui tuia, ata haere (meaning ‘go forward (walk) in an appropriate manner’)
Tui tuia, kia pai ki te haere (meaning ‘go well, (walk) together in wellness’)

Haumaru. Housing that’s for me and you
Where we can be so happy too
Haumaru.

Humarie (meaning ‘humility’), Rangimarie (meaning ‘peace, walk in peace’), Haumaru.
Car parking

Just a reminder that only tenants’ cars should be parked on village property and only in those areas that have been designated for parking. There are no allocated car parks for specific tenants at any of our villages – all parking spaces are available to all tenants at any time, with no more than one vehicle per household to be parked on site. This means that you may need to park your car in the surrounding streets on occasions. Where possible, we will try to accommodate tenants with registered disabilities who have a disability mobility card. There is no parking for commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, motor homes, trucks or other similar types of vehicle.

As we have only limited parking space in the villages, all visitors (except those displaying a mobility card) must park on the streets.

In the interests of good neighbourliness, please be mindful of the above parking restrictions.

Ventilation during the cooler months

Did you know that we should all be ventilating our homes for 10 minutes every day? Our homes require fresh air to remove all sorts of things, such as dust, pollen and other pollutants, household cleaners, mould-causing moisture and other particles generated by everyday activities like cooking, bathing and even breathing.

During the colder months, we tend to keep our houses sealed up, which means that the quality of the air inside can deteriorate. However, when the air outside is cooler and drier than indoors, opening the windows for just 10 minutes a day will let that fresh air flow through. If it isn't windy out, opening two windows will better encourage air movement, both into and out of the home. Just one of our useful tips for healthy living every day!

Tenant safety

Our tenants’ safety and security in their home are of the utmost importance to us, and we work to ensure that your village is a safe place to live at all times. There have been a few unfortunate incidents around the villages lately, when unwelcome callers have deceived residents. This problem is not unique to our villages, which is why we encourage tenants to be vigilant and on the look-out for any strangers in your village. All Haumaru Housing staff and approved contactors/tradesmen will always clearly display their ID. If you receive an unexpected knock on the door and would like to check the person’s authenticity, please don’t hesitate to ring your Community Manager or contact us on our 0800 number.

Tenant engagement

In the coming months, our Community Managers will be meeting with tenants across the villages, to hear your thoughts about how you wish to receive information and connect with us on an ongoing basis. We’re also currently working on our Maori Engagement Strategy – any tenants who would like to get involved in helping us develop this plan should contact Chief Executive Officer, Gabby Clezy, directly on 0800 430 101. It’s important that we know the views of all our tenants and understand your communication needs and preferences. We look forward to hearing from you!

We always appreciate your feedback. You can do this by talking to your Community Manager on 0800 430 101, email us on info@haumaruhousing.co.nz or visit haumaruhousing.co.nz