I hope everyone enjoyed last month’s anniversary celebrations for Haumaru Housing’s first year of operation.

Over a three-week period, we held a total of 53 events and hosted Mayor Phil Goff, Haumaru Housing and Selwyn Foundation board members, as well as 20 Local Council board members and councillors – and served 1,893 cups of coffee/tea in the process! I’d like to thank everyone again for your participation, and especially my team members for all their organisation – particularly our events person extraordinaire, Amanda, who you’ll all have met and who attended on each and every occasion.

We’re looking forward to another successful year and the completion of a new, 40-unit development in Henderson, which will enable us to provide yet more affordable rental homes for older people.

Don’t forget, if you’d like to sign up for any of Haumaru Housing’s additional services to tenants, such as the telehealthcare monitoring programme or trips out and about in the community transport minivans, do speak to your Community Manager.

Here’s to some warmer Spring weather.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Construction underway on new village in Henderson

Gabby and Auckland Mayor Phil Goff were on hand on 24 August to help mark the start of construction of a new apartment development for older people at 33 Henderson Valley Road. The new building will offer 40 one-bedroom, wheelchair accessible homes configured into four ‘neighbourhoods’. Gabby says: “The apartments represent a new style of housing for older people and will provide warm, dry, safe and secure homes that will set the standard for our other housing developments to come.”

Gabby Clezy (left) and Helen Melrose, Chair of the Haumaru Housing Board, with Mayor Phil Goff at the launch event.

Happy 60th wedding anniversary

Congratulations to Noelene and Russell Perry of Manurewa’s Gallaher Court, who’ll be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on 20 September. Noelene and Russell met while both in the NZ Navy in Devonport and lived in their first home in Manurewa for 22 years, where they raised their four sons. They’ve been tenants of Gallaher Court since it opened in 2010, where Russell enjoys gardening and keeps a beautiful veggie garden, and Noelene likes a good book and day trips in their car. Happy diamond wedding anniversary, both.
First anniversary village celebrations

We thought you’d like to see a few more photos of our first anniversary celebrations around the villages.

Tenants of Henry Curd village (Pukekohe) enjoyed the community atmosphere with Haumaru Housing staff and Board Member Vicki Sykes (centre).

Hills Court tenants in Otara took part in a sing-a-long, accompanied by Haumaru Housing’s Community and Cultural Liaison Adele Hamilton.

Dale Court’s celebrations in Pakuranga attracted quite a crowd!

Windsor Court tenants (Mairangi Bay) enjoyed catching up for a chat.

Kay Hawk (Selwyn Foundation Board Chair) and Mayor Goff chatted to Kaumatua Court residents in Te Atatu.

Be ‘scam savvy’

Our Community Managers have organised a number of workshops around the villages lately, which have offered advice on how tenants can spot and avoid scams – whether online or in person – and keep themselves safe from fraudulent activities.

The photo above shows Westview Village tenant, Subhash Sharma, of Glen Eden and BNZ staff volunteer, Andy, discussing how to identify, report and avoid scamming tactics. On the left, Louise from Neighbourhood Support Waitakere enjoys morning tea with Hutchinson Village tenants in New Lynn, after her talk on keeping safe, door-knocking scams and calling 111 if in doubt.

We always appreciate your feedback. You can talk to your Community Manager, call us on 0800 430 101, email info@haumaruhousing.co.nz or visit www.haumaruhousing.co.nz