I’m sure by now everyone’s looking forward to enjoying the holiday period with family, friends and neighbours. 2018 has been a busy year for the Haumaru team, with many highlights and successes to be proud of. More events are now taking place around the villages, and tenants are also getting out and about in the community vans and connecting with others through the ‘Forever Young’ strength and balance programmes and ‘JUST COOK 4 Healthy Ageing’ courses, for example. This year, we’ve also been working hard on our maintenance response, on enhancing the grounds, lawns and communal areas and generally creating an attractive environment for everyone to enjoy.

Another area of focus has been boosting our communication on what’s happening in your particular village, with more information flyers and signage, so you know what’s coming up as regards maintenance and activities. All this, and with increased opportunity to provide your feedback, comments and suggestions by various means as well.

Of course, a major highlight was our first anniversary celebration in July, when we were all able to get together and enjoy being part of this unique housing partnership.

We’re now looking forward to next year and the opening of our new 40-home development in Henderson in July, which will allow us to provide safe, secure and affordable housing to even more older members of society.

Wishing you and yours a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Contacting us over Christmas and New Year

Over Christmas and New Year, we will be attending to urgent maintenance requests and other emergency issues only.

A number of our Community Managers and office staff will be on duty during non-public holidays. You can call us 24/7 on our general number: 0800 430 101.

Calls made out of office hours will be answered by our after-hours service. This service manages emergencies only.

Any non-urgent jobs will be undertaken after the New Year period, with other general matters also followed up then.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Tenants from Belmont’s Preston Court celebrated the start of the Christmas season on 7 December over morning tea with Devonport Peninsula Trust and then a tasty BBQ lunch. A cute furry Santa arrived, with lots of cuddles to give away, and guests from nearby Belmont Court and Cambria Court entertained everyone with Christmas carols and other well-loved songs. Preston Court’s music maestro, Mr Patrick O’Dwyer, also joined in the festivities on guitar, and Community Manager Mirela Sandu displayed her culinary skills on the BBQ, with everyone sharing in the fun, laughter and village togetherness.

Meanwhile, on the same day in Papatoetoe, a joint Christmas BBQ celebration was underway on the lawn at Acacia Court for 20 tenants of both Acacia and Whitehaven Courts. In the shade of two pop-up gazebos, tenants were thrilled at the arrival of children from the local Holy Cross School (a surprise visit organised by Community Manager Faith Hyland), who sang a selection of Christmas favourites, adding to the joy of the occasion. A lovely time was had by all, with tenants also extending a warm welcome to Faith, Haumaru Operations Manager Roland Phillips and, of course, Santa Claus.

And not missing out on the Christmas cheer, Wiri’s Inverell Court is currently showcasing the most fantastic array of festive lights – on a par with the much feted Franklin Road in Ponsonby! Les and Christine Kirrane’s solar-powered Christmas lights sparked imaginations and creativity, with more tenants joining in the Christmas spirit and adding to the wonder of it all. Many of the village’s 25 units are now adorned with colourful illuminations and its trees are also decorated, providing a spectacular display at night and adding to the atmosphere and community ambience at this special Christmas time.

As we go to print, further celebrations are underway at Glen Eden’s Westview Village, where a staff group of volunteers from independent research organisation, Gravitas, are hosting a Christmas party in the village hall. And there are many other events still to come across the villages, as we lead up to the 25th, so do join in and enjoy.

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