It’s been busy, busy, busy! There’s been plenty going on across the villages lately. Tenants have been participating in a wonderful range of trips and excursions in the community minivans, and getting to know new people at the various events that our Community Managers have been organising on your behalf.

Not only has there been an array of outings on offer, but tenants have also been taking part in the new programme of ‘Forever Young’ strength and balance sessions currently underway in Mairangi Bay. Funded by Haumaru Housing and delivered on our behalf by Selwyn Community, this 10-week course helps improve strength, balance and physical ability and so reduces the risk of falls in older people – with much fun and laughter thrown in for good measure.

And what’s more, tenants are benefiting from the in-home telehealthcare monitoring programme which is also ongoing with Selwyn Community. All this in addition to the regular village meetings and morning tea events arranged by our Community Managers, enabling people to catch up with their neighbours and representatives of local community associations.

Make sure you’re not missing out – speak to your Community Manager next time about what’s coming up in your neck of the woods.

Kind regards

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer
Anyone for tea?

To mark the ‘Celebrating Community’ theme of events held recently at their local Community Houses, a group of sixteen tenants from Shepherds Park Village, Birkdale Court and Lancaster Court attended a special High Tea event at Beach Haven Community House, which was arranged for older people living in the Beach Haven and Birkdale community.

The event was organised by Haumaru Community Manager, Lisa McKinnon, in conjunction with the manager of both venues. Staff from Ray White real estate agency (who volunteer regularly at both Houses) also assisted Lisa in making a bountiful selection of sandwiches and cups of tea.

While enjoying musical entertainment and a sing-a-long over refreshments, our tenants and the other seniors who attended from the area were also updated on the weekly CMA (Companionship and Morning Activities for Seniors) get-togethers held at the same House on Friday mornings. Over great food and conversation, tenants enjoyed meeting up with their fellow Haumaru villagers during what was a truly community-focused and fun event.

Community Houses are supported and funded by Auckland Council and the Local Boards. Speak to your Community Manager for information on events near you.

VIP at Kaumatua Village

Linda Cooper, one of the two Waitākere Ward Councillors, popped into Te Atatu’s Kaumatua Village recently for a visit.

Linda takes an interest in the housing and support services available to older people living in the Massey area and other communities ‘out West’. She’s always keen to hear about Haumaru Housing’s work in delivering the range of additional services that benefit our tenants’ general wellbeing and enjoyment of village life. Linda met with Gabby and Haumaru’s Community and Cultural Liaison, Adele Hamilton, and had a guided tour, hearing of our aims and aspirations for our villages in the Ward.

We’re now looking forward to also welcoming Councillors from the other Wards and Local Board members at our village morning tea events over the next few weeks.

SuperGold Card makes photo ID easy

Did you know you can include your photo on your SuperGold Card and use it as proof of ID? This is helpful if you don’t have a current form of photo identification, such as a driver’s licence or passport.

To have your photo taken and added to your card for free, visit an AA Driver and Vehicle Training Licensing outlet with your card and three forms of identification that verify your name, date of birth and address.

This handy hint comes to you from Walt, your friendly Selwyn Community minivan driver.

For further details, see www.aa.co.nz/about/events-affiliations/government-services/supergold-card

Green Waste Bins on the way

We’ve engaged Green Gorilla Waste Services to supply 240L garden waste bins for tenants to use – a total of 84 bins across all our villages. They intend to deliver them between 15th and 18th April 2019 and will empty them every four weeks thereafter.

There are a few rules around the use of these bins:

- Please only deposit green waste in these bins.
- Put the bin back in its designated home immediately after use or it may not be emptied.
- Depositing branches or large twigs will quickly fill the bins up, so these must be cut up into small pieces.

We know that tenants have been keen to have these garden waste bins, so we’re very happy to oblige.