Your community, your place.

Summer’s on the horizon and the traditional end-of-year festivities are in sight, but everyone at Haumaru continues to be busy, working for the good of our tenants and village communities. We’ve recently completed our latest round of tenancy inspections (thank you for your support with these) and have also been holding our ongoing series of village get-togethers around the regions. We’re now looking forward to taking applicants from the Social Housing Register for homes in our exciting new Wilsher Village complex in Henderson. Other projects underway have included working with Volunteer Auckland to identify how corporate organisations might contribute to our villages by volunteering their time and energies on various village initiatives.

Enjoy the longer days and sunnier weather.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Seniors to get a new home in time for Christmas

Our brand new village in Henderson is set to open its doors to tenants, just in time for Christmas. Haumaru staff and Board Members joined with Ward Councillors, Local Board Members and staff from Auckland Council’s Panuku Development Auckland on 25 November for the blessing of the Wilsher Village development and its official handover to Haumaru.

With 40 one-bedroom, self-contained apartments, the four-level building represents a new style of housing for older people that will also boost tenants’ sense of belonging, community and social connection through its innovative design.

Gabby Clezy says: ‘This new village enables Haumaru Housing to offer affordable rental homes to yet more seniors in need of safe, secure and permanent housing within their local community.

‘We’re looking forward to welcoming our tenants and creating a vibrant community here, one that connects with the wider Henderson community and makes the most of what Henderson has to offer.’

Named in honour of a former Mayor and Mayoress of Henderson who had done so much to establish the site’s original pensioner flats, Wilsher Village will be the 63rd village managed by Haumaru Housing in Auckland.

Good Neighbour Programme

During October, four focus groups were held with tenants to discuss the development of a Haumaru Good Neighbour Programme. Group participants worked in small teams and debated key aspects of what a good neighbour is.

The lively discussions captured key points grouped into themes that we will use to inform how the programme might look across our villages. Watch this space for more updates to come.
Nice to see you!

We’ve been holding lots of our ‘Meet and Greet’ events around the villages recently. It’s been lovely catching up with everyone and welcoming Ward Councillors, Local Board Members and representatives from community organisations. Some events have also involved tenants from a number of villages in the same general area, which were organised specifically in response to requests in our last satisfaction survey for joint get-togethers. These provide further opportunity for people to get to know each other.

Airport Ambassador Hilda’s on hand with help and advice

The vast numbers of passengers and visitors travelling through Auckland Airport over the summer may well find themselves seeking help and advice from Leabank Court resident, Hilda Fraser. Hilda is one of the Airport’s Hospitality Ambassadors, providing invaluable assistance for air travellers and helping to smooth their passage through New Zealand’s busiest airport.

Hilda, who’s soon to turn 81 years young, has been a volunteer Ambassador for over ten years and is a veritable mine of facts and figures about all the various facilities and amenities that are available to travellers. She really enjoys the role and would recommend it to anyone interested in volunteering. She says it’s always busy and is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from many different countries. ‘You need a lot of patience and empathy, but just be yourself and enjoy what you do.’

Hilda drives to work each day for her mid-morning or afternoon shift. Together with her fellow Ambassadors, she recently enjoyed the annual festive dinner that the Airport puts on as a thank-you for all their hard work throughout the year.

Water-saving tips for summer

Inside your home
• Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
• Limit your shower to four minutes. While it warms up, use a bucket to catch water for your garden.
• Check for leaks behind your hot water cylinder and washing machine.

Outside your home
• Use a bucket of soapy water to clean your car. Only use the hose for a quick spray to finish.
• Use a broom to sweep paths rather than a hose.
• Water your plants in the early morning or evening to minimise evaporation.

If you find a leak, let us know on 0800 430 101.

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