Happy New Year!

I hope you’re enjoying the summer and that you’ve had the chance to catch up with family and friends and get out and about during the fine weather.

Everyone at Haumaru Housing is looking forward to another successful year, providing quality services to our tenants and meeting up with you all at our various village morning teas and community events.

In the last few weeks, the first new occupants have moved into our brand new Wilsher Village development in Henderson. We’re expecting to have a ‘full house’ very shortly, when all 40 units are let and the new arrivals have settled comfortably into their new homes. To our new Wilsher villagers – welcome to our Haumaru community and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2020.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Haumaru staff raise funds for Australian bush fire relief

The Haumaru Housing team organised a very successful Sausage Sizzle fundraiser on 10 January in aid of the Red Cross Appeal and Currumbin Wildlife Hospital, which are currently dealing with the devastating effects of the Australian bush fires.

Held in the car park at the front of their office building, the event had great support from all the other organisations based at the same address, raising a fantastic $638.30 for the people and animals displaced by the disaster.

From left are Haumaru’s Jo Lant (Executive Assistant), Andy Ferrer (Facilities Maintenance Support) and Lyndsay Fortune (Tenancy Quality Manager) doing their bit for the Australian bush fire relief effort.

Upbeat BBQ at Belmont Court

The 2019 end-of-year festivities may be in the distant past, but we wanted to share this colourful photo of the Christmas BBQ get-together which tenants of Belmont Court in Devonport enjoyed on 12 December. As you can see, it was a beautiful day which added to the relaxed, feel-good atmosphere. Many thanks to Gregory McNamara who kindly provided the use of his BBQ, and to Paul Bennett and Joe Brown (see our article overleaf) who played some amazing Christmas tunes on the guitar, which prompted a sing-a-long and some spontaneous dancing by members of the audience!
Celebrating wisdom and community support

Congratulations to Bill Tangariki of Te Atatu’s Kaumatua Court who’s received an Honorary Member Award from Te Whānau O Waipareira for his esteemed service in Maori culture, community development, sport and church planting. Bill has been involved with Te Whānau O Waipareira since 2001 and is a member of its Rōpu Kaumatua. This group of over 55s plays a supportive role to all of the trust’s activities and its work with whanau in West Auckland to support positive life changes and enhance wellbeing.

The Rōpu Kaumatua are greatly involved across all community events and initiatives, contributing a wealth of experience and wisdom to the benefit of younger generations.

Anyone for dumplings?

Another wonderful example of our tenants giving back to the community took place at a fun dumpling making session in the Otara Music and Art Centre on 4 December. Otara Court’s Shu Xia He was one of the tutors, and a number of our other tenants also helped out in this joint initiative for local residents put on by the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board and the Independent Living Charitable Trust. The event was organised to promote intergenerational engagement and community teamworking with seniors. Shu Xia is pictured in the centre of our pic with some of the participants showing off their handmade dumplings.

Let the music play on

Belmont Court’s resident musicians Paul Bennett and Joe Brown are truly masters of their craft, and their music brings great joy to their fellow tenants across the Devonport villages. Musicians by profession, they both play bass guitar, with Paul mostly on vocals and Joe also excelling on the mandolin and piano. The duo enjoy playing a wide range of different genres – everything from country and western and folk to popular tunes from yesteryear, and they can often be found practising new pieces to add to their repertoire.

Having performed separately around New Zealand and Australia in earlier times, they paired up after meeting at Belmont Court and now delight the locals with their performances at various community festivals. They’ve played at charitable events by the score and are always happy to entertain their Haumaru neighbours at village morning teas, which lends a special touch to every occasion. Paul and Joe derive as much enjoyment from performing as their audience does from listening to their melodic rhythms.

When not in music mode, Joe can be found tending his garden, whilst Paul is a talented artist – they’re also great fishermen!

Thank you, both, for everything you do to enhance our Haumaru events with your wonderful music and song. We hope to see you again at another village get-together some time soon.

Don’t let blocked drains spoil your holiday

The summer holiday season is a time for long leisurely get-togethers and meals with friends and family. But, after all your entertaining, if you tip hot cooking fat down the sink, it won’t go far before it cools, solidifies and blocks your drains as well as public wastewater pipes. A blocked drain is not only an inconvenience, but can also cause overflows into your unit and in local streets and waterways.

- Always leave fat, oil and grease from your cooking to cool, then scrape it into the rubbish bin. You could also add it to compost or dig it into your garden.
- Scrape left-over food from pots and pans into your rubbish bin before rinsing and washing.

Enjoy the holidays without any unnecessary inconvenience and help keep our waterways clean.

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