

Your community, your place.



I'm sure all our gardeners have appreciated the rather showery weather we've had recently, and there are some exciting gardening projects taking place around the villages at the moment which you'll read about below.

Please do continue to give us your feedback on how you think we're doing. You can do this via the electronic assessment tool on your Community Manager's hand-held computer, or call us on **0800 430 101**, email info@haumaruhousing.co.nz or fill in the feedback form on our website (www.haumaruhousing.co.nz).

One initiative that we would really like your opinion on is our draft Maori Engagement Strategy, which you can read on our website (under 'About us' - 'Vision and Values'). We've been developing this with a group of our Maori tenants and staff, and your viewpoints, suggestions and general comment will be a great help to us in putting the finishing touches to the plan. Please ask your Community Manager, if you would like a paper copy.

Until next time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Clezy'.

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to my garden, our garden, our patch

Green-fingered tenants at Parkway Village in Pukekohe and Otara Court are championing some innovative, community-focussed gardening schemes which will benefit not only to their neighbours but also the local environment.

At Parkway, plans are in progress to provide the village with four 240 litre compost bins, which will be placed around the village for tenants to recycle their garden waste. To increase the speed of the decomposition, an aerator will also be provided to regularly turn the compost pile and eliminate odours, so that a ready supply is available to put back into the gardens.

The project is being coordinated by Community Manager, Sue McMillan, with the village's many

keen gardeners delighted at the reintroduction of the bins as a practical use for their garden weeds. The scheme will take place as a three-month trial and, if successful, may be rolled out to other Haumaru villages.

Meanwhile, at Hills Court in Otara, villagers are working with Community Manager, Danielle Tasi, in developing a new community allotment with raised beds. Whilst currently in the planning stage, the project will involve renovating the green space for the whole village to enjoy.



Parkway Village tenant, Mr Grahame Nicolls, spends many a happy hour in his garden and enjoys designing garden plots around the village.

Spotlight on...

Casey Boyed and Brianna Poolman of our Lettings and Service Administration team.

Casey and Brianna have a shared role as Lettings and Service Administrators. In supporting the Lettings function, they perform a wide range of duties, such as administering the application process, organising interviews with applicants and assisting with signing-up new tenants.

On the Service Desk, Casey and Brianna log incoming calls on our 0800 number and any queries or maintenance concerns that our tenants might have. Knowing that people appreciate their help adds to their enjoyment of the role.

Outside the office, Casey is an avid soccer player and enjoys outdoor pursuits, whilst Brianna enjoys spending time at the beach and caring for animals.

You can contact Casey and Brianna on **0800 430 101**, or email them on Casey.Boyed@haumaruhousing.co.nz Brianna.Poolman@haumaruhousing.co.nz



Casey (left) and Brianna

New in-home telemonitoring service will help tenants stay well and socially connected

A number of villages have been invited to take part in an innovative telemonitoring programme, which uses technology to assist tenants to remain healthy and well at home, maintain their independence and stay in touch with others, all from the comfort of their own home.



The new programme will be available for three groups of ten tenants each and will be run over the next year for up to 16 weeks. It has been developed for use by people with no computer experience and is free to those who are participating. By using a small touch-screen tablet computer (similar to an iPad) and health measuring devices, tenants will be able to monitor their general health and wellbeing (by taking their own blood pressure, for example). They will also receive daily healthcare support and advice by videoconference from a telehealth nurse.

The programme is designed to help those with long-term conditions – such as high blood pressure, chronic airways disease, congestive heart failure and diabetes – to better understand and manage their condition at home. It also encourages some online group interaction that enables participants to stay connected, maintain social contact and to gain access to useful online resources.

This initiative has been made possible through the generosity of two separate grants from the Charles Rupert Stead Charitable Trust and the Louisa and Patrick Emmett Murphy Trust – both provided via The Selwyn Foundation (Haumaru Housing's partner organisation).

The service is being delivered by Inviga, which is a Selwyn Foundation joint venture company focused on using technology to support those living in the community.

By the end of the programme, participants will have gained a better understanding of how to manage their health and wellbeing and will have greater confidence in using technology in the home to remain socially engaged.

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