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**New to Hornby or its
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welcome?**

**Contact Vicky Reid on 022
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email at
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**We would love to chat about
the awesome community
you've moved into and how
you can be a part of it!**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CAREY EWING

I always enjoy this time of the year as we leave the worst of winter and go into spring, towards the seasons of warming weather. With various projects in the pipeline, winter has been a busy time of planning and development. One of these was launching Seed Sunday in partnership with Hope Presbyterian Hornby and five other churches (see inside for more details), collecting over 400 packets of seeds that will go towards the prison community, school and church gardens. Look out soon for the release of new projects to come.

The release of the Community Survey has also been a highlight. 260 responses from residents of the Greater Hornby Area have been compiled into a report which will inform our work here in Te Whare Awhero - Hope House for the next five years. The findings from the survey were presented to the Hornby community and it was great to have our community MP and Cabinet Minister, Dr. Megan Woods along to hear the outcomes.

We have also seen welcome support from Rata Foundation and our other funding groups. This support will help us continue to provide subsidized counselling services and to keep costs low and affordable for Horizons OSCAR.

We also saw the unwelcome return of lockdowns. Forcing us back into our bubbles, we have sought to remain connected and available to our community through our Counselling and Mana Ake teams rolling out zoom and phone supports. Our prayers and hopes go out to all our community whanau through these challenging times.



COMMUNITY SURVEY: A FANTASTIC RESOURCE

The first half of the year saw Te Whare Awhero host two University of Canterbury Master of Social Work students to conduct the Greater Hornby Area Community Survey. 260 responses from Hornby, Wigram, Sockburn, Broomfield, Hei Hei and Islington residents were collected. The survey identified what local residents found the community does its best in, what it could do better, and gathered recommendations of what they would like to see more in the Greater Hornby Area.

In July, the students presented the findings of the Greater Hornby Community Survey to a 30 strong audience, including members of the Hornby community and MP for Wigram and Cabinet Minister, Dr. Megan Woods who gave this response to the survey:

“Fantastic to see this research for Hornby. There is so much to celebrate in Hornby and to be proud of. Like everyone else, I can't wait for the new library and pool to open. As the local MP, I'm interested in how we can work with this research to be part of the team continuing to make things happen for Hornby.”

The Community Survey can be freely accessed here: <https://tewhareawhero.org/publications>



HOLIDAY FUN!

Despite the cold of winter, Horizons OSCAR had a fun-filled July Holiday Programme! Activities included a trip to the Antarctic Centre which the children all loved, especially getting to see and pet the huskies. The Storm Dome was also a fun experience where the children got to see up close what the chilly winds and sub-zero temperatures of an Antarctic storm is like.

There was also the trip to the Winter Circus: the children certainly enjoyed seeing the entertainers and there were lots of gasps when they were entertaining with the fire sticks!

They also had fun swimming in the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and getting their ice skates on at Alpine Ice. Winter school holiday activities also included arts and crafts and game days at the South Hornby School Hall and in the St. Bernadette's School Parish Hall.

WELCOMING NEW FACES

During the winter months, we welcomed three new members to the Te Whare Awhero - Hope House team:

Jude McLean, our Counselling Manager who has brought much passion and a wealth of experience to her role, as well as lots and lots of greenery to our counselling spaces;

Christine Reyes, our Communications and Promotions Manager who made the words you're reading now appear;

and Mike Murray, our Cultural Support Advisor who will be our guide in the commitment to supporting bicultural practices, and in our kaupapa of "bringing hope to those who are facing life's challenges, helping empower them in achieving tino rangatiratanga and enriching the community with manaakitanga."

Exciting to see the Te Whare Awhero team grow!



SEEDS FOR HOPE

We are very proud to launch Seed Sunday in partnership with six churches across Canterbury: Hope Presbyterian Hornby, Hope Presbyterian Rolleston, Riccarton Community Church, Ilam Baptist Church, Redeemer Church and West Church.

With over 400 packets of seeds collected so far, seeds donated by the Hope community will support the establishment of the community church garden in Hornby while Gilberthorpe School and South Hornby School will also receive seeds for their school gardens.

Vege seeds collected will also go towards the community vege gardens in the Christchurch Men's Prison and the Christchurch Women's Prison.

The donated seeds are a reminder to these men and women that someone in the community cares for them, and at the same time, will help them give back to the local community with the produce from the prison community gardens distributed to people in need across Canterbury.

Graeme Hunter, Prison Unit Manager for the Christchurch Men's Prison gave this response to Seed Sunday:

"I would very much like to pass on my gratitude to all involved in the Seed Sunday community project for the donation of seeds.

Christchurch Men's Prison have been growing vegetables since the Christchurch earthquakes which have been distributed to various organisations in our community including Feed the Homeless and Women's Refuge, and now contribute to City Harvest who supply most of our community support organisations in the Canterbury region.

The initial project came about as a staff initiative to provide the men in our care with meaningful work, as well as provide an opportunity for them to give back to the community to help those in need.

The men currently working in our gardens take a lot of pride in their work and giving back to the community also gives them satisfaction that they are making a difference to someone in need, and I know that having community involvement supporting them with this initiative will be greatly appreciated."

OUR SERVICES

Community Counselling

Subsidized professional counselling for everyone in the community.

Horizons OSCAR

Quality, affordable childcare programmes across three South-West Christchurch locations.

Mana Ake

Primary school based mental health workers across Canterbury.

Community Development

Welcome to Hornby programme for new residents moving into the community.

THANK YOU OUR SUPPORTERS!

We are a registered charity and if you as an individual or a business would like to support our work with children and families across the south-west of Christchurch, then we would love to talk to you about how we can create value for you.



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