

WESLEY RĀTĀ VILLAGE

OUR 2018 MAHI

41 TIMEBANK EXCHANGES
totalling
122 HOURS



welcomed

4 KIWI CAN DO COURSES 
and celebrated the graduation of **35** RANGATAHI

126 HUI with 
1040 VISITS
and time for a chat, a cuppa and a laugh

730 LITRES 
of food waste diverted from landfill to compost

including

3 AGEING WELL COURSES 

250 RĀKAU
TREES PLANTED 

 **25**
KĀINGA PLANNED
an investment of \$8.4 million

1 MOVIE FILMED 
1 MOVIE NIGHT 

Wesley Rātā Village – Our journey of renewal

Since we stopped providing residential aged care at Wesleyhaven resthome and hospital in Naenae in August 2017 we have made a significant amount of progress on our journey of renewal.

We are now working towards achieving our vision for Wesley Rātā Village as a place to re-weave community, to support wellbeing and build resilience. We want it to be a home to enjoy living in and a place to visit for inspiration and strengthening connections. It's a place for all generations, with a special position for seniors/kaumātua.

During 2018 we made progress in six areas of mahi:

1. **Kāinga** | Homes – Affordable rental housing in an intentional community

In December 2018 we signed a contract to build 25 new homes at the Village. This \$8.4 million project will take the number of warm, healthy rental homes at the Village to 55.

2. **Mahi** | Jobs skills and support for young people seeking a job

We started hosting the Kiwi Can Do job-skills training course in our old hospital building. By the end of 2018 we had welcomed and celebrated 35 young people through this course. We also prototyped a number of other events to bring rangatahi and their skills to the Village.

3. **Tamariki** | Children – Space for parents, babies and children to play and learn

We continued hosting the Rātā Playgroup and started a new playgroup, Ngā Weriweri ō Naenae Nature Playgroup. We also won a contract with the Ministry of Education to run the Incredible Years parenting course at the Village in 2019.

4. **Kia tūhono ngā kaumātua** | Connecting in ageing – Ageing Well Network

We designed and started running a successful 10-week Ageing Well course for isolated older people in a dementia-friendly environment. We also secured some funding to work with course graduates, their whānau and the wider Lower Hutt community to design a community response for how to care for seniors/kaumātua.

5. **Wāhi hui** | Gathering space – Hosting community

We hosted 126 events and had 1040 visits, many of them repeat visits by people who regularly engage with us. From community lunches to exercise classes and movie showings, we have had people from across the community come and be a part of the Village.

6. **Taiao** | Nature – Restoring the bush and environment so it can help restore us

We partnered with the Naenae Nature Trust to plant trees and bring people into nature to connect and be inspired.

Our focus for 2019

The building project at Wesley Rātā Village will be a major focus for us during for 2019. In terms of our community development work, we will focus on two major pieces of mahi during 2019:

1. Establishing a new community-driven approach to support older people to lead good lives. This will build on the existing Ageing Well course and extend it to the next stage.
2. Developing a plan to welcome the residents of the 25 new homes. We will prepare the social infrastructure alongside the physical buildings necessary to make the Village a great place to live.