



ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



AGM Reports

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Ministry of Social Development
Masterton District Council
Masterton Trust House Trust
Lotteries Grant
Eastern and Central Community Trust
Masterton Trust Lands Trust
Countdown

We thank the **New Zealand Food Network** for the food they transport into our region for distribution through Waiwaste,

And thanks to the following businesses who donated to us, or from whom we collect food:

Countdown
New World Masterton
New World Carterton
PaknSave
Moore Wilson
Breadcraft

Old Bakehouse
Molewood Orchards
D&J Farms
Four Corners Hydroponics
Greenway Farms

We wish to acknowledge the support we get from our neighbours and local businesses.
Printcraft, Loader Engineering, Hireshop

We wish to acknowledge our partnership agreements with:

Carterton Village
Carterton Foodbank
Changeability
Community Kitchen
Community Kai
Connecting Communities
Eketahuna Health Centre
Emerge
Featherston Foodbank
He Kahu Wairarapa
Lakeview Primary School
King Street Artworks
Kingdom Kai
Masterton Primary School

Manaaki
Masterton Foodbank
Pahiatua Help-n-Hand
Pasifika o Wairarapa
Rangitāne o Wairarapa
Resource Centre
Safer Communities Trust
Te Hauora Runanga o Wairarapa
The Ruth Project
UCOL
Women's Refuge
Wairarapa College
Yellow Brick Road

To our numerous volunteers, without whom Waiwaste would not exist, thank you. Many organisations and individuals continue with their contribution of support, energy and wisdom, and for this we are sincerely grateful.

Co-Chairs' Report 2023

The past year has been a challenging one for Waiwaste.

While the Covid disruptions are behind us, increased costs of living and inflationary pressures have meant increasing numbers of New Zealanders do not have access to adequate daily nutritious food. Across the Wairarapa we have seen increasing demand for Waiwaste food rescue services. Over the past year we also faced a significant reduction in income due to substantial declines in MSD funding in 2022 compared with the previous three financial years. However, by remaining flexible and readjusting some of our ways of working, Waiwaste has continued to grow as the major food hub for rescued and donated food across the Wairarapa. Waiwaste distributed 142,481 kgs of food in 2023. This was an increase of 7.7% on the 132,277 kgs distributed in 2022.

Our vision is for Waiwaste to play a key role in feeding people, not landfill across the Wairarapa.

Our strategic plan 2021-2024 has four key focus areas.

Strategic Plan 2021-2024



Championing the Environment

Food rescue plays a significant role in addressing climate change, both in preventing carbon emissions and savings in water consumption. In line with our environmental focus, we have worked over the past year to strengthen our key relationships with our three local Councils and their climate change staff. Our aim in discussions has been to both raise awareness of Waiwaste's role in addressing climate change and to discuss opportunities to work with local councils and communities in minimising food waste in the Wairarapa. In June 2023 we were very pleased to secure Masterton District Council funding for a food waste recycling feasibility study in Masterton. This project will take place over the next financial year.

Food Sharing

Waiwaste has experienced significant growth in demand for its services over the past three years. Consequently, our focus has very much been about setting up the infrastructure, processes, and policies to accommodate the collection and redistribution of large quantities of rescued food. In February and March, we worked closely with the NZ Food Network to distribute food to the eastern Tararua and Wairarapa districts as part of the Cyclone relief program. This included restocking foodbanks such as Pahiatua HelpnHand. We continue to grow both the number of food donor businesses we work with, and the number of community groups supported.

Telling our Story

As a Board we are keen for our community to better understand the role food rescue, and Waiwaste, plays in food security and food waste minimisation in the Wairarapa. We engaged the Community Comms Collective to review our current communication systems and develop a communications plan. This report has provided some key recommendations to adopt in the coming year. We are currently working on updating our website, and plan to start a newsletter to our friends and supporters in the coming year to keep them uptodate with our activities.

Organisation Resilience

As a charity, we are reliant on grants and donations for our continued operation. The reduction in funding from MSD (in large for establishment costs) has forced us to turn to other funding sources. We are pleased to have the support of a number of the locally established charitable funders. We continue to tell our story and seek financial and in-kind support from our community. It is gratifying to see that continue to grow.

The past financial year saw the departure of our Coordinator Geoff Roberts in April 2023. Geoff had been with us since July 2021 and played a key role during the Covid disruptions in 2021. We welcomed Aaron Middleton as our new manager in May 2023. We know that Aaron is very ably supported by Laura, our Operations and Volunteers Coordinator. We are very appreciative of the huge effort and commitment that both Aaron and Laura put into their work for Waiwaste. We could not achieve what we do without them.

At Board level we farewelled James Chapman who stepped down for personal reasons and welcomed Elise Sadler, our first Coordinator, to the Board. Our thanks to our fellow Board members for giving their time and energy to Waiwaste.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our funders, volunteers and staff. We couldn't get through the work we do without each and every one of you. Your contributions make a real difference!

Manager's Report 2023

It has been another extremely busy year at Waiwaste with the large turnover volume achieved in the previous 12 months, maintained over this year. This has been made possible thanks to our strong relationships with local donors and the New Zealand Food Network.

Also, encouragingly we saw a massive increase in produce donated by local growers. Greenway Farms, Four Corner Hydroponics and D & J Farms donated many hundreds of kilos of potatoes, pumpkins, and lettuces throughout the growing seasons.

We provided 142,481kgs of food to 30 community organisations across the Wairarapa. Demand for food has increased markedly due to rising living costs.

Our long-standing relationships with Masterton Foodbank and the Community Kitchen remains stronger than ever and we have made a real effort to ensure food is delivered to these recipients in a timely manner.

Laura and I have focussed on improving efficiency and service to our recipients with new procedures around collection and security. I believe these have made things both safer and fairer for all involved. In addition, we have updated the signage on the Waiwaste vans to lessen confusion around the service we offer.

We have had several new volunteers come on board this year including two Makoura College students. This has been a worthwhile venture for both parties with the students gaining skills and work experience as well.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and food donors this year. Without you, none of this would be possible and we should never underestimate the importance of the work being done here daily. We look forward to working with you in the coming year so we can continue to feed people, not landfills.

Aaron Middleton

Manager

Financial Report 2023

Following the organisation's significant growth over the 2021 & 2022 financial years, Waiwaste recorded a small deficit this financial year, mainly as a result of the COVID related funding contract with MSD coming to an end in June 2022. This has led to a 66% reduction in income from MSD.

There has been an increase in other grants received this year including: Masterton District Council, Masterton Trust Lands Trust, Lotteries, Trust House & Countdown.

Waiwaste had some one-off legal expenses relating to a dispute that has been settled, but which contributed to an increase in Other Expenses.

Employee costs increased slightly as a result of holiday pay for Geoff Roberts when he left, and also as a result of employing two staff for a complete year for the first time.

The organisation continues to closely monitor cash flows and the Board receives regular financial updates. The Board is exploring ways to secure new funding sources to ensure the organisation maintains its viability.

Waiwaste ended the year in a healthy financial position, with a deficit of \$6K and a bank balance of \$106,740.

Thank you to all the organisations and individuals who allow Waiwaste to grow and succeed.

Jeremy Logan

Treasurer