



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025



Vision

Our Wairarapa communities are well nourished through no-waste, local food systems.

Mission

Feeding people, not landfills.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Statement

Waiwaste recognises that hapū in Aotearoa never ceded sovereignty and we tautoko whānau, hapū, and iwi assertions of tino rangatiratanga.

Trustees

Jeremy Logan

Elise Sadler

Liat Gush

Frances Dearnley

Joanne Waitoa

Management Team

Victoria Ross

Laura Garland

Leadership Report

Waiwaste's mission statement is 'feeding people, not landfills' and we've certainly lived up to that this year, redistributing over 150,000kgs of beautiful, rescued kai to our community. We have transitioned from an Incorporated Society and now operate under Waiwaste Charitable Trust.

Championing the environment

We know we lead the way in the Wairarapa in creating a circular food system and supporting environmental issues. This year we have teamed up with the following:

Te Koru Kai: An organisation that collects household food scraps to feed pigs and chickens. They return edible food to donor households via eggs and bacon. We send our van and a volunteer out on their run, once a fortnight,

The Wairarapa Community Centre REUSE project: We partnered up with WCC to distribute culled venison that would usually be left in the bush by hunters. Thanks to WCC and funding from the DIA, it was brought out of the bush and made into mince, sausages and patties by Eketahuna Meats. This was then distributed out to our community groups. Over a five-month period we distributed more than 4000kgs of venison.

Kai Ika: Kai Ika is an organisation that rescues fresh fish heads and frames from fisheries that would otherwise go to landfill and redistributes them to local communities. Kai Ika now comes to us, from Wellington, approximately once a month, with around 400kgs at a time, for distribution to local community groups and marae.

Food sharing

We have spent this year cementing already strong relationships with our donors, funders and recipients. We've welcomed Kai Ika as a new donor and new recipients Te Āwhina Community Hub, Wahi Reka Te Kohanga Reo and the Parish of the Epiphany. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors - The Warehouse, Woolworth's, Pak'NSave, New World, Moore Wilson's, Yos and Rita from Four Corners Organics, Dan and Julie from D & J Farms, Buzz from Greenway Farms and all our local producers and community members who donate to us so generously - thank you. And to Courtney and the team at NZFN who work so hard to provide our community with what it needs - we are so grateful. Also, to our recipient organisations - we love seeing you at the base every week and are constantly in awe of how much mahi you put into our community - you are amazing.

Telling our story

We were thrilled and humbled to be the recipients of the Masterton Trust Lands Trust Not-For-Profit award at last year's Wairarapa Business Awards - it was the highlight of our year and confirmed for us that we're on the right track strategically. Winning the award has led to greater exposure of our mahi, which has led to a better understanding in the community of how we work.

We have partnered up with SWDC on starting a South Wairarapa kai resilience group, involving anyone who works with food i.e. foodbanks, growers, producers, community groups etc. This has been great exposure for Waiwaste and has been pivotal in us expanding our work in South Wairarapa.

We continue on with comms and marketing, with our social media and newsletter proving very popular. We also attended both the regional and national AFRA huis - and we were able to share our stories and hear from our sister organisations, which has proved to be very informative and inspirational.

Organisation Resilience

We continue to rely on our funders and donors to keep the lights on. Huge thanks to WBS, Woolworth's, Foodstuffs, Masterton District Council, MSD, SWDC, Masterton Trust Lands Trust, Lotteries, EECT, and The Nikau Foundation for their continued support.

Our plan for next year is to start our own fundraisers so we can be less reliant on donor organisations. With this in mind, we are currently looking for a Volunteer Fundraiser.

We successfully renewed our level four Social Services accreditation this year, with some caveats around policy updates. We have since updated all our governance policies, so they are now in line with current legislation. We will next be focusing on updating our Business Continuity Plan.

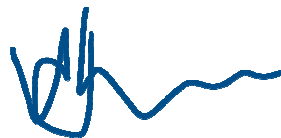
We would like to thank all our stakeholders that have supported us this year, especially our volunteers who work so hard to support our mahi. We couldn't do this without you!

Signed:



Jeremy Logan
Chairperson, ChangeAbility

Signed:



Victoria Ross
Manager, Waiwaste

Testimonials

Pasifika O Wairarapa Trust has been fortunate enough to have received food from Waiwaste since Pasifika o Wairarapa Trust opened in 2022. Through the Covid pandemic, Waiwaste was a very important organization to partner up with as this was able to benefit our many, many families that needed this and was desperate for assistance. Waiwaste is a massive impact for the Trust, as we are still able to continue the support to our families, as it is still a need. We get phone calls from families or referrals that families are still struggling to get food on the table for their families. The food has truly helped many of our Pasifika families, but also our non-Pasifika families, throughout our community, as our motto within our Pasifika is to serve those that are in need of support. It gives us the opportunity to connect with our families and build trust in allowing them to reach out in times of need. As a trust we are so very grateful to Waiwaste for providing them food in times of need. We would like to acknowledge Waiwaste and their lovely team for doing their part in helping our Pasifika community and wider community.

Fa'afetai tele lava - Pasifika o Wairarapa Trust



Waiwaste support our Whaiora pātaka kai. Being recipients of rescued kai allows us to be able to fill the pātaka every morning. Sometimes we have tangata waiting for us and they are so grateful for the kai. We have spoken to many different people from many different walks of life that would not have kai that day if it wasn't for the pātaka and sometimes this allows us the opportunity to support them in other ways. We are very grateful for the mahi that Waiwaste and all their volunteers do, and we are very grateful recipients of this mahi. Ngā mihi nui Waiwaste!

Jo Walker, Whaiora



Good Bitches Baking are stoked to be recipients of WaiWaste. Our Kaupapa is spreading kindness, one treat at a time. Our network of 80 volunteers here in Wairarapa do this by providing baked goods to organisations that work with people having a hard time who distribute it for us. Because we are all volunteers, the cost of ingredients comes from our own purses. The supplies we get from WaiWaste are so appreciated in helping reduce the burden on our volunteers. Also, we know that many of the organisations that WaiWaste supports, are organisations that we support too – so it's like being part of this awesome microcosm of kindness right here in Wairarapa. **Eve Williams, Good Bitches Baking**



Service Performance Summary

Description of the Entity's Outcomes*:

Waiwaste is an incorporated society that rescues surplus edible food from food retailers and producers and distributing it to organisations who provide food for people facing hardship.

Our vision is to have zero food poverty and zero food waste in the Wairarapa.

We aim to be the link between the food industry and those that support people in need.

We undertake such other activities and enterprises to further the vision and purposes of the Society.

	Actual*	Actual*
Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs:*	This Year	Last Year
Total kilograms of food distributed from food rescue activities	158,380	131,669
Number of meals distributed (from rescued and non-rescued food)	351,950	376,573
Carbon emissions prevented from food rescue activities	475,140	348,923
Number of food donor businesses	10	9
Number of local community groups supported	32	30
Number of volunteers engaged with the organisation	30	24

Additional Information:

Waiwaste rescues and redistributes good quality food otherwise destined for landfill. Our work helps to reduce food waste to landfill and food poverty. During the past year we have experienced increasing demand for our services whilst central government funding from MSD for food rescue has significantly decreased over the past two years.

MSD funding this year was \$32K.

On a positive

note, income from grants and donations increased in 2024-2025 - \$111K compared with 2023-2024 income from grants and donations - \$107K.

In the past

year we have been well supported locally including funding from Masterton District Council (\$29,500); local Trusts - Masterton Trust House (\$10,000); Masterton Trust Lands Trust (\$5,000); Nikau Foundation (\$10,000); Lotteries Community Grants (\$20,000); Foodstuffs (\$7,000) and Woolworths (\$12,000).

Financial Summary

Statement of financial performance – for the year ending 30th June 25

	Note	Actual* This Year \$	Actual* Last Year \$
Revenue			
Donations, Koha, Bequests and other general fundraising activities	1	3,010	2,723
General Grants		111,480	107,500
Government service delivery grants/contracts		25,000	32,114
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		4,235	-
Other revenue		-	-
Total Revenue*		143,725	142,337
Expenses			
Expenses related to fundraising			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		93,180	79,359
Volunteer related expenses		1,863	251
Other expenses related to service delivery		48,371	48,489
Other expenses	2	16,909	18,635
Total Expenses*		160,323	146,734
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year*		(16,598)	(4,397)

Statement of financial position as at 30 June 25

	Note	Actual* This Year \$	Actual* Last Year \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash*		68,742	185,278
Debtors and prepayments		-	-
Other Current Assets		104,235	
Total Current Assets		172,977	185,278
Non-Current Assets	3		
Property, plant and equipment*		26,597	30,431
Investments*		-	-
Other non-current assets - van		42,540	50,643
Total Non-Current Assets		69,137	81,074
Total Assets*		242,114	266,352
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses*		1,600	9,851
Employee costs payable*		6,995	3,444
Deferred revenue		-	-
Other current liabilities		182	3,122
Total Current Liabilities		8,777	16,417
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans*		-	-
Other non-current liabilities		-	-
Total Non-Current liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities*		8,777	16,417
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)*		233,337	249,935
Accumulated Funds			
Capital contributed by owners or members*			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)*	4	223,337	239,935
Reserves*		10,000	10,000
Total Accumulated Funds*		233,337	249,935

This performance report has been approved by those charged with governance.

Date	7th October 2025	7th October 2025
Signature		
Name	Jeremy Logan	Liat Gush
Position	Chair	Treasurer

Funders and Partners

