



PĀNUI

WAIWASTE

AUTUMN 2026

Welcome to the Waiwaste pānui

Kia ora, it's been a time of change over the past couple of months, both in the weather and here at Waiwaste. Victoria has moved on to an exciting new opportunity, and I was delighted to join the team in mid-March.

Although I've only been here a few weeks, I can already tell that this is an incredible organisation to be part of. I want to say a big thank you to Laura, our Operations Manager, the Waiwaste Board, our amazing volunteer team, and all of our recipients and donors for making me feel so welcome.

A very special thanks also to the wonderful Elise, who held the fort for six weeks between Victoria's departure and my arrival, ensuring a smooth handover — we're really grateful for everything you did.

Some things haven't changed at the Waiwaste hub — and one of those is just how busy we've been. So far this year, we have already rescued and redistributed nearly 50,000kg of kai. We simply couldn't do this without our incredible donors, including our local commercial growers, as well as members of our community who drop off excess fruit and vegetables from their home gardens for us to distribute. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

***Ngā mihi, Fleur and the
Waiwaste team***

Donations of Homegrown Produce

With Fruit Rescue currently out of action, we're turning to our local community for support to help ensure that fresh, homegrown produce doesn't go to waste.

If you have an abundance of fruit or vegetables from your garden, we warmly welcome your donations. While we're unfortunately unable to assist with picking at this time, we are still able to receive drop-offs during the week.

Donations can be delivered Monday to Friday, between 8:00am and 1:00pm, to 15 Hope Street, Masterton.

Your contribution—no matter how big or small—helps us continue supporting those in need while reducing food waste in our community. Thank you for being part of this effort.



Pictured: Operations Manager Laura and volunteer Roger with his generous donation of homegrown grapes.



On 23 March, we had the privilege of hosting a team of eight firefighters from the Masterton station during their strike hour. Their willingness to lend a hand meant a great deal to us, and it was a pleasure to support such a dedicated group. These individuals play a vital role in our community, and we're truly grateful for everything they do.

Volunteer Spotlight

Mike



Let there be light!

Meet Mike — one of our volunteer extraordinaires!

Mike has been part of the Waiwaste whānau for 18 months, and he says it's the people and the chance to give back to the community that keep him coming back.

Mike is a true all-rounder who's always ready to help wherever needed. He plays a key role in organising the freezer, keeps the team energised as our resident DJ, and is our go-to DIY expert—most recently restoring the lighting in our walk-in chiller.

When he's not at Waiwaste, he enjoys listening to live music, hiking, and surfing. Thank you Mike!

WAIWASTE FOOD RESCUE

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Have a passion for fundraising?
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kai out of landfill and in
tummies? Call us!

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