



Welcome to the Waiwaste pānui

Kia ora from a very autumnal Waiwaste hub. We're loving the crisp days, but the chilly nights are a challenge!

It's been a busy first quarter here at Waiwaste, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our local producers, from large scale growers to members of our community who bring in fruit and vegetables from their own home gardens. It's all so appreciated and our community groups love having fresh fruit and vegetables to distribute to local whānau. Thank you, you really make a difference.

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

REUSE Project

In November 2024 Waiwaste and Bev Jack from The Wairarapa Community Centre partnered up on the REUSE project. This was an initiative created to bring culled venison out of the bush and into tummies. With the help of Steve Olds from Eketahuna Meats, this project saw over 4000kgs of venison sausages, patties and mince go out to local community groups for distribution to those in need in our region. What a success! Huge thanks to Bev, Steve and their teams for all their mahi getting this project up and running.





**Fund
raiser
alert!**

The wonderful team at Miss Maude sewing in Greytown raised a whopping \$3000 for Waiwaste with the proceeds of their remnant sale earlier this year- huge thanks team, we really appreciate it! If you'd like to run a fundraising event for us, please contact our fundraising volunteer, Jen, at fundraising@waiwaste.org.nz

Volunteer Spotlight

Debbie Mansfield



This is the fabulous Debbie who has been a volunteer with Waiwaste for over a year. When asked what she likes about volunteering with Waiwaste, she said 'I like Waiwaste's backstory, and the fact that we're rescuing food that will then go to people who need it'. Debbie is also president of the Carterton Foodbank, so has experience of Waiwaste as both a volunteer and a recipient. In her spare time, Debbie likes travelling, farming and keeping fit - which is handy when we need someone to lift crates of potatoes! Thanks so much for your mahi aroha Debbie, you're awesome.



FRUIT RESCUE

Our fruit rescue project has been hugely successful thanks to Katie, her wonderful team of volunteers and all our lovely donors - well over 4000kgs of fruit rescued to date! Huge thanks to the Masterton District Council Climate Change Fund and WBS for their grants to get this project on its feet. If you have excess fruit and would like to donate it to your community (or if you'd like to be a volunteer picker), please contact Katie at fruitrescue@waiwaste.org.nz or on 0204 368 204.

Ka pai team!



**KEEN TO VOLUNTEER WITH WAIWASTE? CONTACT LAURA AT
LAURA@WAIWASTE.ORG.NZ OR ON 0204 925 000 AND COME AND MEET
THE TEAM!**

www.waiwaste.org.nz

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GIVEALITTLE.CO.NZ/ORG/WAIWASTE**

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