

# Update

MARCH 2023

## What we've been up to

Since re-opening after the festive break we've been reconnecting with our local communities and collaborative partners to start scoping out what opportunities 2023 has in store. Following the Auckland flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle storms, we partnered with Awahi Shed and opened our doors to whānau who needed kai, clothing, household goods and other support.

The community response was overwhelming and the generosity shown by Massey locals keen to support those who needed a hand was incredible. Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations, lent a hand or offered support. It is deeply appreciated.

**Census 2023** is happening on Tuesday 7 March, and we collaborated with Statistics NZ to bring **Whānau Day 2023** to Triangle Park on Saturday 25 February. It was a great day with kai, games, inflatables and sports activities, as well as a chance to fill in Census forms in advance. Check out the pics on our Facebook page, and visit [www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz) to learn more about Census 2023.

Our **Hubs** have been steadily humming too, with a range of group and private bookings using the spaces. We have rooms and spaces of all sizes, so if you're looking for a venue to host a party, have a meeting, work with clients or even just use a desk to catch up on some remote work, have a chat to our Hub Managers – [hub@masseymatters.org.nz](mailto:hub@masseymatters.org.nz) for Massey Hub or [hub@manutewhau.org.nz](mailto:hub@manutewhau.org.nz) for Manutewhau Hub.

**Ka kite ano!**  
– The Massey Matters team

# Kia ora Massey!

## Welcome to the first edition of the Massey Matters Update.

It is already March and our team have been busy supporting our communities and working on some exciting projects within the Massey and Manutewhau Community Hubs, and across the Massey area more widely.

A little about this newsletter first though – this is a monthly update that will share some of the awesome stuff that we've been getting up to, as well as keep you informed about upcoming projects, events and activities that you might be interested in. We'll have some printed copies of this *Update* available at our Hubs and other sites each month, or you can receive it straight in your inbox by subscribing via our website.

In fact, if you do **subscribe during March 2023**, you'll **be in to win a Summer Picnic Hamper pack** – check out our website for full details.

## What's coming up

While the wild weather has pushed our plans back a little, we are still working on some cool stuff aimed at bringing our communities together and celebrating the awesome things Massey has to offer.

During March we're celebrating **Neighbours Day Aotearoa** and will be cooking up something special to mark the occasion. Also on the horizon is something fun for Massey's youngest residents... Our **Easter Teddy Bear's Picnic** in early April! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for full details of both these events.

Finally, the **Auckland Council Annual Budget 2023/24** is open for consultation until Tuesday 28 March. A number of proposals have been put forth that could impact on how community-based organisations like ours are funded, so if you have found value in what we do, please consider sharing your thoughts online at [www.akhaveyoursay.nz/budget](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz/budget)

And, as always, visit us online any time at [www.masseymatters.org.nz](http://www.masseymatters.org.nz) for up-to-date information on upcoming events, activities and programmes.