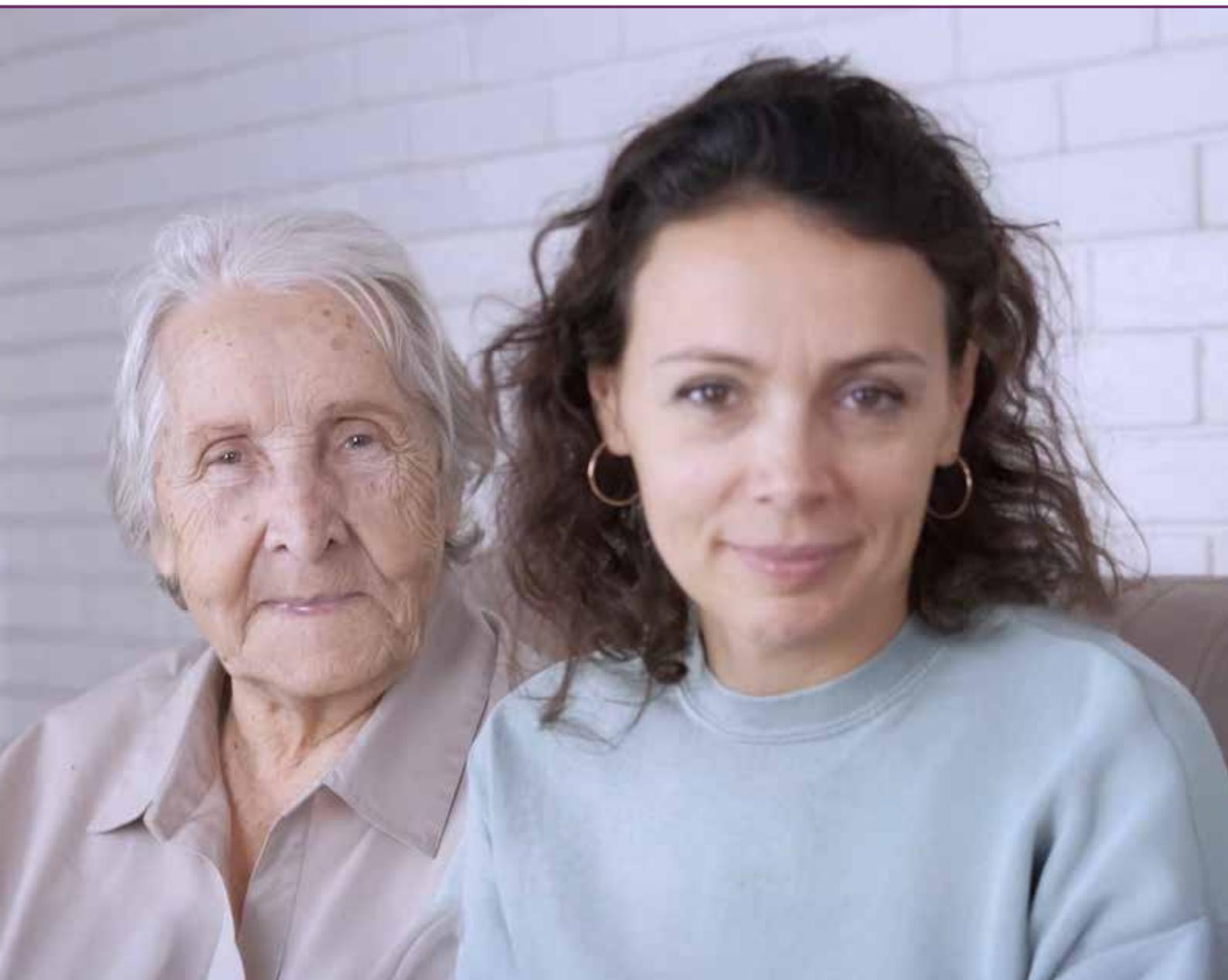


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From the Board Chair



It's been a fascinating first year as Chair of the Age Concern Wellington Region Trust Board. I've learnt a lot about the senior sector and have been amazed at the impact our organisation is having. Over the

past 12 months, we have reached more than 5,000 individual seniors – nearly one in every ten people over the age of 65 in our Region! I think this is a monumental achievement for a small charity.

I want to say a big thank you to our wonderful volunteer team of more than 250 who are the main reason for this success. Our volunteers represent the diversity of our community, and their dedication and desire to see seniors ageing well is inspiring.

We have a strong Board and staff team, with a wide range of skills and experience. I want to thank them too for their dedication to what we do. The Board's main role is to lead the development of the organisation's strategy and ensure financial stability. Together, the Board and staff have worked hard over the past six months to produce a new three-year strategy and update the wording of our mission and vision statements. This is all work in the 'background', but none-the-less important for everyone helping us deliver our services and programmes.

I would be remiss not to mention the financial pressure the charitable sector is under right now. We have not been immune to this, and unfortunately our end of year result has seen us use up around \$85,000 of our reserves. Our challenge now is to ensure we are sustainable going into the new financial year. We need your help with this – you will see in this issue that we've launched our annual appeal. Every donation makes a difference, so if you could consider helping us in this way we would greatly appreciate your support.

Thank you to all of you who already give financially to Age Concern Wellington. Whether you give a small or large amount, and give weekly, monthly or annually, your donations played a significant part in helping keep valued services operating this past year. Please know every donation is very much appreciated.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Seniority.

Paul Swallow

Age Concern Wellington Region Board Chair

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04-08 August
08-12 September
13-17 October
17-21 November

Pure NZ roast pork with caramelised apple, roast vegetables, peas and broccoli. \$15.20

Beef rissole with caramelised onion, potato roasties and mixed vegetables. \$14.90

Slow cooked beef and brandy potato au gratin, carrots and steamed green beans. \$14.90

Pan-fried NZ fish, lemon caper sauce, chunky roastie potatoes and stir fried vegetables. \$14.90

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Beef stroganoff with steamed rice. \$14.50

Honey baked chicken with potato gratin and steamed green beans. \$14.90

Sticky sausages with sauted vegetables. \$14.90

Thai vegetable curry with rice. \$13.50

MENU FIVE

Delivery week starting
01-05 September
06-10 October
10-14 November
15-19 December

Roast leg of lamb, with pea and mint pesto, roast vegetables and creamed spinach. \$15.50

Pork steak with a gorgeous peppercorn cream sauce with baby beans, rosemary roast pumpkin & potatoes. \$14.90

NZ beef steak with béarnaise sauce, sauté potatoes, pumpkin & baby beans. \$14.90

Steamed fish with parsley sauce, creamy mash, peas and carrots. \$14.90

Classic mild chicken curry with steamed rice. \$14.50

Irish beef stew with potato colcannon \$14.90

Creamy boneless dijon chicken with pommes boulangerie and broccoli florets. \$14.90

Traditional cottage pie (premium NZ beef) with creamy mash top. \$14.90

Macaroni cheese. \$13.50

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South Island next day \$35.00
Wairarapa (Tuesday set day) \$18.00
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• Menu only available until stock sold out
• Standard meal NOT less than 400gm
• Up size to 500gms+ for \$1.50

MENU TWO

Delivery week starting
11-15 August
15-19 September
20-24 October
24-28 November

Pure NZ roast beef with cauliflower cheese and roast vegetables. \$15.20

Pork with apricot, potato au gratin and steamed green beans. \$14.90

Corned beef with mustard sauce, mash potato, buttered silverbeet, cabbage and carrot. \$14.90

Keralan fish curry with steamed rice. \$14.50

Peri peri chicken with pommes boulangerie and steamed greens. \$14.90

Steak and kidney pie (pastry top) carrot and potato mash, buttered spinach. \$14.90

French braised chicken with braised vegetables. \$14.90

Spaghetti bolognese. \$14.50

Debbies veggie ragu with penne pasta \$13.50

MENU THREE

Delivery week starting
18-22 August
22-26 September
27-31 October (Labour WE)
01-05 December

NZ lamb shank braised in red wine with creamy mash, carrot sticks, baby beans. \$16.00

NZ pork steak with creamy dijon sauce, creamy mash, pumpkin and green beans. \$14.90

Tender NZ beef steak with fried onion ring creamy potato, pumpkin, broccoli. \$14.90

Smoked fish pie (potato top). \$14.90

Beef rogan josh with steamed rice. \$14.50

Beef and bacon casserole with vegetable au gratin and steamed broccoli. \$14.90

Thyme roasted chicken with mushroom sauce, pommes boulangerie and broccoli florets. \$14.90

Traditional pork sausages, a balsamic onion gravy and bubble and squeak. \$14.90

Pasta pomodorro. \$13.50

MENU FOUR

Delivery week starting
25-29 August
29 Sept - 03 Oct
03-07 November
08-12 December

Succulent roast chicken with whole cranberry sauce, roast vegetables and peas. \$15.20

Pickled pork with parsley sauce, creamy mash, carrots and peas. \$14.90

Swiss steak, medley of sautéed vegetables. \$14.90

Cheesy fish mornay with creamy mash, peas and carrots. \$14.90

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Tuscan chicken with vegetable gratin and green beans. \$14.90

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Spinach and three cheese pie. \$13.50

HEATING INSTRUCTION

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MICROWAVE HEATING – for average 850w microwave

Step one – Remove the sleeve and place the tray in the microwave. DO NOT lift or puncture the film. (For FROZEN meals please defrost first!)

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Step three – Remove from microwave, leave to stand for 1 minute then peel back the film – Please ensure you protect yourself from steam burn by carefully pulling the film back towards you.

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6+6 Deal – \$120

6 different meals and a choice of 6 from the soup and dessert menu

5+5 Deal – \$100

5 different meals and a choice of 5 from the soup and dessert menu

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(Goldilocks sized meals, not too big, not too small but just right)

16 x 260gm potluck meals (8 twin packs) \$140

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Can You Help?

You can help us reach more lonely and isolated seniors. Do you have time to volunteer a few hours of your time? Or are you able to make a donation? Call 04 499 6646 for more information.

Thank you to the lovely people who already helped us! We are still in need of sponsors for our 50-year anniversary project, A Century of Stories. Maybe you or someone you know can help?



Funding Uncertainty Puts Pressure on Charities

Charities across Aotearoa are under pressure as government funding drops and demand for services grows.

Recent cuts to government contracts have resulted in a funnelling effect with charities previously receiving government funding forced to look to traditional grants and foundations for funding. This has overwhelmed funders, meaning smaller grants, and sometimes, no grants at all. At the same time, many funders are tightening their criteria, meaning it is becoming more and more difficult to get funding for general operational costs like keeping the lights on and the computers running.

With over 29,000 registered charities competing for limited donations and grants,



the funding environment is tough. While some organisations have longer-term contracts, most rely on one-off or yearly grants from philanthropic groups, gaming machine proceeds or corporate sponsors. This short-term funding makes planning difficult and keeps charities in a constant state of uncertainty. Long-term goals are often put on hold, and questions about sustainability arise.

In short, New Zealand charities are being asked to do more with less, raising real concerns about their ability to meet rising community needs.

This is certainly the case for Age Concern Wellington Region. Your support now is especially crucial. Please consider helping us so we can keep supporting seniors in the Wellington Region. To make a donation, please visit www.acwellington.org.nz or call 04 499 6646 (option 5). Thank you!



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ZOOMIE with Ann!

Steady As You Go is an exercise programme designed to help seniors maintain and build strength and flexibility.

Age Concern runs more than 45 weekly classes at various venues around the Region, thanks to our fantastic volunteer team. There is also an online class every Wednesday morning on Zoom for those who might not be able to get to a venue. And despite being online, the programme provides some social connection as well as the exercise.

An online participant recently told us how much she enjoys the online Steady As You Go class, particularly the part where everyone unmutes their computer and says goodbye to each other. She feels this is a



nice moment of social connection in her week.

Then another participant commented by email after a "Zoomie" session: "They are a happy bunch of people eager to greet me. I enjoy the sessions. I noticed tonight when I went out for a walk, I felt loose and relaxed."

The online class starts at 9.30am every Wednesday on Zoom. It lasts 45 minutes and everyone is welcome! And you don't need to turn your camera on either!

To join the online class, fill in the form at <https://www.acwellington.org.nz/saygoexercise/>

The link above also provides a more complete description of the exercise programme and full list of current Steady As You Go classes across the Wellington Region.

Staying Safe on the Road as We Age

Research results show that, if a person over 70 is hospitalised following a road crash, regardless of causation, the length of hospital stay increases. This is especially so of people 80 years plus. As we age, recovery takes longer.

Age Concern runs free classroom-based refreshers for older drivers, focussing on actions to keep safe on the roads. Practical information and all sorts of tips for safer driving are shared.

Age Concern Wellington Region runs these courses in the Wellington Region.

Our next courses are:

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A Century of Stories update: Reaching more than 900 years by the end of the week!

Some of the centenarians I've had the pleasure of interviewing have been slow to open up – a little hesitant at first, unsure about the importance of the details they share with me. "The first memory I have is of horses. Big horses. Dad picked me up and put me on a horse. The memory is vague, fuzzy at the edges," 105-year-old Dorothy remembered recently.

But over a couple of hours, the conversation flows more freely. Dorothy eventually shared a dream with me: "During the war, I continued to work. And I worried. My brother Jim was away in Europe at war. I had a dream once – I saw him, lying by a river. He was wounded. Then someone knocked on the door. They had a telegram. He had been wounded. By a river. The River Po in Italy. I knew before they even said." Others have spoken about feeling their husband's presence nearby despite being deceased for more than a decade, about being in a plane crash, electricity arriving in their town, and about the Great Depression.

In 2026, Age Concern Wellington Region will celebrate its 50th anniversary. For this occasion, we are working on a project: A Century of Stories. It's an ambitious project: to interview, record and photograph between 20 and 30 centenarians for a book, an exposition, and likely some videos and a podcast.

I'm in Nelson this week to interview two centenarians. These will be the eighth and ninth centenarians I will meet for this project. The logistics are sometimes a little tricky around finding centenarians (they are rather rare!), explaining the project (usually to a daughter or friend), gaining consent for their contribution to the project, and arranging to meet them. But once all of that is sorted, the interviews are an absolute joy.

I feel like each time I walk into a room for an interview, I discover a fascinating person. And by the end of our shared time, I feel like I have made a new friend. We have some pretty amazing centenarians in New Zealand! I can't wait for you to discover their stories in September 2026.

Lorna Harvey

Century of Stories Project Lead

A CENTURY OF STORIES



MARGARET GUTHRIE
100 YEARS OLD



MOLLY TOOTELL
103 YEARS OLD



NEVILLE SANDIFORD
101 YEARS OLD

- A book showcasing the lives of 20-30 centenarians
- A touring exhibition with portraits and recorded voices
- Videos of highlighted centenarians

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Dear diary, James and I chilled today, ice cream was involved

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In all, our staff and volunteer team engaged with an older person more than 60,000 times!



\$32 covers the cost of helping two callers to our support line

\$52 provides an hour of social connection for three seniors

We all really do need support sometimes. And right now, Age Concern needs your support. It's been a tough year financially for Age Concern, and we will need to use some reserves to cover a \$75,000 end-of-year deficit. We need to grow our team of supporters to help us ensure we can continue our vital work with an often forgotten part of our community.

Will you partner with us in helping isolated and lonely seniors get the support they need?

Making a donation to Age Concern Wellington will help us continue our crucial services for seniors.

We all need support sometimes. Age Concern supports seniors when they need it most. You can help. Please donate now to our annual appeal.

\$105 funds the cost of four volunteers attending a training event

\$135 covers the cost of nine seniors attending our Making Connections Day event

Support Our Seniors: Why Donating to Age Concern Wellington Matters

At Age Concern Wellington Region, we're passionate about supporting older people to live life with dignity, connection, and independence. Every day, we work across Wellington, Porirua, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt to ensure seniors feel valued and supported – not isolated or forgotten.

As a registered charity, we rely on the generosity of people like you. Government support only goes so far: more than 67% of our funding comes from grants and donations. Every dollar you give helps us continue and grow the services that directly benefit thousands of older people in our communities.

What Your Donation Supports

Visiting and phone-friend services: Loneliness is a real issue for many older people. Our volunteers regularly visit or call seniors who live alone or feel isolated. These friendly chats and visits bring comfort, conversation, and connection into people's lives.

Steady As You Go and walking companions: Falls are a major concern for older adults. Our Steady As You Go classes are simple, fun,

and effective strength and balance sessions that help build confidence and reduce the risk of falls. For those who need extra encouragement, our walking companions provide support to help seniors stay active.

Community programmes and workshops: From scam awareness and safe driving courses to "Tea & Tech" sessions that help seniors get to grips with smartphones and tablets, our events are all about building confidence, community, and skills. We also run group lunches and social gatherings through our Connect! programme, helping older people stay connected and make new friends.

Help Us Make a Difference

By donating to Age Concern Wellington Region, you're helping us reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and bring joy into the lives of older people across our region. With your support, we can continue to be there – walking alongside our seniors with care, respect, and compassion. Thank you for standing with us.



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2025 APPEAL



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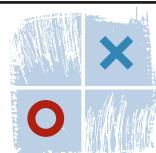
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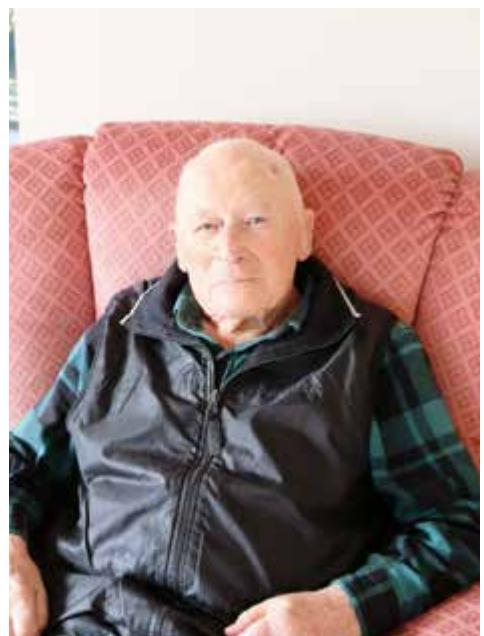
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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



... Age Concern in the Community



Upcoming Events

Making Connections

7 Oct, 9am

Upper Hutt Hub for Seniors

13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12pm

Wellington Central Coffee Group

New location - call for details. 28 Aug, 25 Sept, 10.30am

Linden Hub for Seniors

12 Aug, 10 Sep, 1pm

Omai Fa'atasi Pasifika Seniors, Hutt Valley

14 Aug, 11 Sept, 9 Oct, 10am

Omai Fa'atasi Pasifika Seniors, Porirua

5 & 19 Aug, 2 & 16 Sept, 7 & 21 Oct, 10am

Staying Safe course for older drivers

21 Aug, Lower Hutt

17 September, Upper Hutt

Tea & Tech, and Scam Prevention

23 Sep, Crofton Downs

7 Oct, Wellington Central

5 Nov, Seatoun

Pukeahu Tours

30 Sept

25 Nov



Services

Visitor Service/Phone Friend Service

Community Support

Connect Programme

Walking Service

Falls Prevention exercise classes

Staying Safe courses for older drivers

Technology and Scam Prevention

Read more about the impact our services are having in articles throughout this magazine.

Visit www.acwellington.org.nz or call 04 499 6646 for more information.



Steady As You Go Falls Prevention Exercise Classes

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Monday	10.30am	Karori Community Centre	7 Beauchamp St, Karori
Monday	11am	Quaker Meeting Rooms	7 Moncrieff St, Mt Victoria
Tuesday	11am	St Barnabas Church	35 Box Hill, Khandallah
Tuesday	11am	Koraunui Stokes Valley Hub	184 Stokes Valley Rd, Stokes Valley
Tuesday	11am	Wainuiomata Library	1 Queen Street, Wainuiomata
Tuesday	11am	Maidstone Park	11 Railway Ave, Upper Hutt
Tuesday	12pm	Newtown Community Centre	Corner of Rintoul and Colombo Streets, Newtown
Tuesday	1pm	Vogelmorn Hall	Mornington Rd, Brooklyn
Tuesday	1pm	Kilbirnie-Lyall Bay Community Centre	56-58 Bay Road, Kilbirnie
Tuesday	1pm	Johnsonville Uniting Church	16 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville
Tuesday	1.30pm	Walter Nash Centre	20/22 Taine Street, Taita
Wednesday	9.30am	Live Online Class	Zoom
Wednesday	12:00 PM	All Saints Church, Hataitai	90 Hamilton Road, Hataitai
Wednesday	12pm	Eastbourne Community Hall	Tuatoru St, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt
Wednesday	12.30pm	Te Tūhunga Rau – Strathmore Community Centre	108 Strathmore Ave, Strathmore Park
Wednesday	1.30pm	Island Bay Community Centre	137 The Parade, Island Bay
Thursday	1pm	Koraunui Stokes Valley	184 Stokes Valley Rd, Stokes Valley
Thursday	1pm	Tawa Community Centre	5 Cambridge Street, Tawa
Thursday	1.30pm	Walter Nash Centre	20/22 Taine Street, Taita
Friday	1pm	Loaves & Fishes, Wellington Cathedral of St Paul	2 Hill Street, Thorndon

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