

## Māpua Community Hub Newsletter September 2022 edition

Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust ( MCWT) and Working Group members have continued to discuss and advance joint projects based on developing closer co-operative ties with as well as sharing resources and assets. with other community groups in Māpua and Districts

Such projects and schemes are generally in direct response to community residents' re-stated wishes in the 2022 MDCA Community Survey. Easily accessible transport services; local venues for health and social wellbeing appointments and services; locally provided and accessible programmes for the youth of the District are all examples of such community facilities/programmes requested which are being explored in partnership with other community groups.

This ongoing lack of locally –based facilities/programmes for the youth of our community is a specific & current example of such a co-operative response from both the Māpua Community Hall Committee and MCWT. Currently discussions are taking place on a dual approach to providing such programmes . Possibilities of the Community Hall Committee providing the Venue while MCWT accesses funding for the wages and professional supervision of Youth Worker/s facilitating appropriate programmes are being actively explored by both organizations.

MCWT is beginning its fundraising journey by holding a plant stall on 24 September. This will be held in the grounds of the old church in Aranui Rd, there will also be a sausage sizzle and the concept drawings for the refurbished building will also be available.

MCWT has also begun discussions with the local Māpua School as to how to meet their needs to regularly access a range of local venues both for pupils' activities & programmes as well as teachers' ongoing professional development opportunities . Reflecting this growing relationship, the Trust and Working Group members offer our deepest sympathies to the school whānau: children; families; teachers and other staff; Board of Trustee members for the sudden sorrowful loss of their beloved (recently retired) principal Neil Chalmer . A mighty totara has fallen in the forest of Tane and our whole community feels the tremors of its fall and notices the gaping hole left behind . Moe moe ra e te rangatira .

If you are interested in taking an active role with others in developing such co-operative ventures in our growing community, please contact:

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