

New Wainuiomata Masonic Village hub blessed

The blessing of the new community hub at Wainuiomata Masonic Village took place in mid-May at an event attended by residents, representatives from Wainuiomata Marae, and staff from the Masonic Villages team.



The purpose of the blessing was to open the completed areas to the residents for use.

“The blessing supports our Village Hub to be a valued and positive place for our Village community.

The Hub is a welcoming place where our residents can connect and enjoy experiences together. It also offers a great opportunity to connect residents with each other, and our wider community, through a range of activities,” says Wainuiomata Masonic Village Manager Esther King.

“We continue to deeply appreciate the support and guidance of Iwi and Wainuiomata Marae throughout the development of Wainuiomata Masonic Village.”

Most of the Village Hub is complete, apart from flooring in the lounge and conservatory, which was delayed due to Covid-19 and is expected to be installed in a few months.

However, the foyer, dining room, kitchen, office, meeting rooms, and bathrooms are complete and the Manager has started working from the facility.

This blessing was arranged through the Wainuiomata Marae by Linda Olsen, and the village will have an official opening in October.

Stages one and two of the village are now complete and are currently home to 44 residents.

Currently 33 out of 80 villas are completed.

Stage three is nearing completion and will include an additional eight villas for winter and six for spring. Bookings for these villas are filling very quickly with more than 300 people on Wainuiomata Masonic Village’s mailing list.

Stage four will have four villas ready for occupation this spring too, and the remaining 15 will be completed next year followed by stage five which will likely be complete by the end of 2023 or early 2024.



Masonic Villages Trust seeking new members



Marie Gillies - The Trust Board's Chair

The Masonic Villages Trust, which manages our retirement villages and aged care facilities, is seeking new members to join the Trust.

Special General Meeting

✓ July 25 ⌚ 12 noon

📍 Woburn Apartments,
Wai-iti Crescent, Lower Hutt

👥 All welcome

The Trust Board's Chair, Marie Gillies, says the Trust is reviewing its constitution at an upcoming Special General Meeting (SGM). The meeting will be held on July 25, 12 noon, at Woburn Apartments, Lower Hutt, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

“Joining the Trust gives you a better understanding into how the Masonic Villages Trust is administered from a governance standpoint,” she says.

“And that, in turn, will provide Trust members with a clearer insight into our long-term goals and aspirations, and how we bring them to life through our organisational strategy, including how those things impact the work we do in our villages.”

Members of the Trust can also stand for election to the Trust Board, she says. A key component of the constitutional change to be ratified at the SGM in July is to reduce the number of Trust Board members to seven, down from 10-11, and to open up three of those places to non-Freemasons. Previously all Board members were Masons.

This change allows the Trust Board to seek suitable governance experience and qualifications from outside of Freemasonry.

But Marie says the priority is to encourage new membership of the Trust, a move that will facilitate diversity.

“Our organisation needs to reflect the communities in which we operate and the New Zealanders we support.

“So we will welcome anyone, especially those in our retirement villages, who'd like to join us and to attend our Special General Meeting.”

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