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# Our Community



An innovative group of Waikanae locals made it their mission to breathe life into an area of Mahara Place where businesses had moved out and vacant shops offered little attraction. A small community market, showcasing local Kapiti produce, plants and goods would bring back that good old community mojo. Now, a year on, Mahara Midweek Market has certainly achieved that goal and more.

The market, not so small anymore, has become a Tuesday morning tradition. Stallholders from throughout Kapiti, set up shop every Tuesday from 9.30am - 12.00pm outside Waikanae library. Fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables compliment other local produce including honey, olive oil, seasonal berries, avocados and a great variety of seedlings and plants.

Craftspeople come with a huge variety of wares. Some useful, some beautiful and almost all unique

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including knitted garments, heirloom quilts, jewellery, handmade cards, candles, and soaps. Upcycled and environmentally thoughtful items also have their space.

The feelgood effect created by the market extends to businesses and café's in the immediate area, who enjoy the benefits of increased foot traffic and customers. The market is a not-for-profit entity run by a small group of volunteers, with the full support of the Kapiti Coast District Council. Charity and fundraising groups are welcomed to the market from time to time when space allows.

Stalls must be booked in advance as space is limited.

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