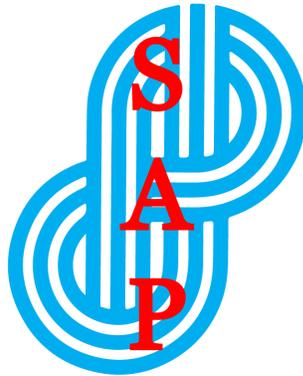


# St Anne's Pantry 2021 Year REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS

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**St Anne's Pantry**

**A Porirua Food Bank**

Promoting food security since 1984

## Introduction

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou, katoa.

We are pleased to reflect with you on our 2021 year. Margaret and I have had pleasure in many ways facilitating and overseeing St Anne's Pantry during this year. Despite my (Terry's) prediction in last year's annual report that grocery parcel deliveries would decline in 2021; they actually increased - nearly 30% to 1413!

As you know COVID-19 has hung around in its various mutations and, sadly, the gap between income and expenditure for Porirua households has grown. The rate of inflation has been well ahead of benefit increases and low wage rises. As often happens in New Zealand in difficult economic times, it is the poor households who take more than their share of the cost and the pain. And now Omicron rears its head and all that means!

That said, we rejoice that the Porirua community and SAP supporters have wonderfully supported our Food Bank operation. Thank you.

*Kia ora - Margaret & Terry Alve*

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## Whom We Serve

The Pantry's mission continues to be about improving the food security of households in Porirua City and the Linden Suburb of Wellington City. Over the course of the last two years 2020-2021 we have delivered 2,430 emergency grocery parcels to 950 households.

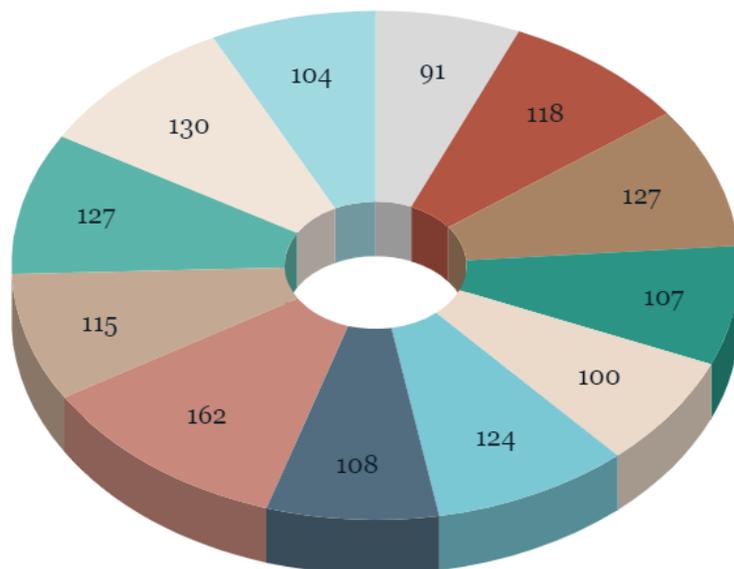
Food parcel requests came largely via our website request form with most of the rest - around 35% - via CAB Porirua. Other community organisations approach us from time to time requesting that we supply food parcels to their client/s. These include: Te Āhuru Mōwai, Te Whare Tiaki Wāhine Refuge, Changemakers Resettlement Forum, Porirua Asthma Service, Department of Corrections, Mary Potter Hospice, Plunket, Porirua Newcomers Hapori Kaiwhakahaere, Te Waka Whaiora Trust, MSD, etc.

**The following graphic compares delivery activity month on month during 2021.**

### SAP Deliveries 2021 by Month

**Annual Deliveries = 1413**

- JANUARY
- FEBRUARY
- MARCH
- APRIL
- MAY
- JUNE
- JULY
- AUGUST
- SEPTEMBER
- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER



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## **Volunteers**

Our volunteer pool numbers just under 30. They represent local churches and the wider community from Johnsonville to Plimmerton. Volunteers come and go depending on their circumstances; we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. We estimate the Pantry volunteers donated around 55 hours per week on average during 2021, i.e. around 2750 volunteer hours have been donated. As we enter 2022 Jane Dagger has replaced Margaret Alve as Pantry Facilitator having been a volunteer for two years.

## **Kiwi Community Assistance**

KCA operates out of a large warehouse in Grenada North, an 8 minute drive from the Pantry location. Each week we made 2-3 trips to KCA to collect donated goods that have been rescued from various food suppliers or distributors. All food from KCA is offered free of charge. Tracy and Team at KCA provide a safe, secure, clean and efficient operation. We estimate that during 2021 we received goods from KCA worth \$110,000. Amazing.

## **Other Grocery Donations**

During 2021 we continued to receive grocery donations from Church, Business and Community donors. Regular church donors are: Mana, Titahi Bay & Khandallah Presbyterian Churches; Pauatahanui, Whitby, Porirua Anglican Churches. Community donors included the Porirua Rotary Club, Summerset Aotea residents, Pauatahanui School and Tawa Intermediate School and Tawa College students and several other donors. Both the Porirua and Mana New World stores channeled donated groceries to St Anne's Pantry. New World Porirua made us recipients of over \$5,000 worth groceries that came via their June-July Family2Family Appeal and then they gave us a \$5,000 credit to buy groceries. The Porirua Rotary Club also collected over \$1,000 worth of groceries from the Aotea Community at the end of November. An individual donor gave Christmas donations of around \$1,000 of pet food.

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## Financial Donations

As food bank requests increased, three significant things continued to happen financially:

1. People, largely from the northern suburbs of Porirua and Khandallah, increased their donations in support of the Pantry to an average of over \$3,500 monthly.
2. The Nikau Foundation gave us \$12,500 and the Whakatupu Foundation \$1,000.
3. Access to Government financial resources was given via MSD - \$5,750.

By year's end 2021 total income amounted to \$63,305 which enabled Pantry buyers to significantly supplement donated grocery supplies. Groceries have been purchased, after research looking for best deals, from Gilmours, PakNSave, Uncle Bills, Countdown, New World and The Warehouse with specials from other sources as available.

## True Costs to Run the Pantry in 2021 (estimated)

ITEM	RATE	TOTAL
Operating Costs	\$4,695 per Month	56,350
KCA rescued food donated (est.)	Net \$2,200 weekly	110,000
Other donated food & goods (est.)	Net \$587 weekly	30,500
Donated time (est.)	55hrs/wk @\$22.75 (living wage rate)	62,560
Donated kms.	120km/wk @ 50c	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Net \$5046 weekly</b>	<b>\$262,410</b>

The summary above makes an attempt to assess the true running costs of the St Anne's Pantry operation in equivalent financial terms. It seeks to make a realistic assessment of the dollar value of time, goods and good will donated in addition to actual expenses. As you see, if St Anne's Pantry was a commercial business, the bottom line would have operating costs around \$262,400. In fact, \$56,350 (or 21.5% of this) was spent running the Pantry. Thank God for volunteers and generous people and organisations like you.

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## Feedback

Any assessment of the value of the Pantry has to account for what it means in the lives of families served. Here are two feedback reports - others are indicated [HERE](#):

*This was the 1st time I have ever had to ask for a Food Parcel & I just want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart. It took a lot of courage for me to even ask for this, and you guys helped me out in a time of need. Very much appreciated. Keep up the wonderful work you are doing! Merry Christmas! JM*

*You guys are amazing im a single mum to 4 boys i moved towns 9 month ago to get away from a violent relationship things have not been easy for my boys and I am with lovely people like yous makes thing a bit easier I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Lisa*

## Looking Forward into 2022

After a second roller coaster year, the Pantry closed from 23rd December until 11th January 2022. During this time the new Pantry premises in Mungavin Avenue, Ranui were completed and the Pantry content was moved there.

Below you will find our draft budget for 2022. It envisages that Pantry requests will likely increase over the year as Omicron (and any other COVID-19 variants emerge). We estimate deliveries will likely be 1500+. Already we have delivered 106 parcels to the end of January, mindful that we were not operating for 10 days of this month!

We have allowed \$15,000 from reserves to account for improvement to our Mungavin property and \$11,000 for the Administrator position that is fully funded from an individual donor. \$6,000 of this was given during 2021 and \$5,000 will be received during 2022. Fiona Bell has begun work as the Administrator 8 hours weekly.

We will pack grocery parcels 5 days and deliver 3 days a week. We have moved our same day delivery cutoff time to 8am so packers know accurately how many parcels have been requested before they start their day. We look forward to continuing working with KCA Warehouse, Nikau Foundation, New World Porirua and with CAB Porirua as our major partners. We anticipate working more closely with high user households (we identified 25

in 2021 who were given 7+ grocery parcels). Our desire is to better link these households with community support services in an effort to more proactively address and help reduce their food insecurity.

We will continue to lobby government, national and local, to address the gap between income and expenditure in our communities; more so as recently news was released that Porirua City has the highest average house rental in New Zealand - \$700 per week. This compares with the national average weekly house rental of \$560. While many of the higher rents are in the wealthier northern suburbs - rents in Porirua East, Elsdon and Titahi Bay are also disproportionately high when measured against household income.

### SUMMARY (NET) BUDGET 2022

<b>Income</b>	
Capital Drawdown from reserves	15,000
Institutional Grants	25,000
Other Financial Donations (\$3,500 per month)	42,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$82,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Groceries & Meat (\$4,167 monthly)	50,000
Administration	11,000
Capital Expenditure (Mungavin Ave. contribution)	15,000
Travel Allowances	3,000
Misc. Expenses	3,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$82,000</b>

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## In Conclusion

It has been a pleasure to be part of a team of stakeholders that is so committed to giving feet to our (Diocesan, Parish and Gospel) vision to serve the least, the last and the lost in our community. We are constantly aware that government allocated resources do not meet the needs of many in our region. We know many families go to bed at night hungry. The families we served in 2021 with at least one grocery parcel delivery are constantly grateful that our combined effort has made a significant difference for them. Their feedback tells us this. Many, many thanks for your ongoing support.

**Nga mihi nui and may God bless you in 2022,**

**Terry Alve,**  
Priest in Charge of St Anne's  
Porirua Anglican Parish<sup>1</sup>

10th February 2022



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