



Christmas Community Event Support Fund

2025-26 Report

The Christmas Event Support Fund provides financial assistance to community-led events and activities that bring people together to connect, celebrate, and share in the festive spirit across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt. The fund supports a vibrant mix of community and cultural events that foster a sense of belonging, encourage participation, and create positive experiences for residents and visitors during the holiday season.

The fund prioritises events that reflect the values of manaakitanga through hospitality and kindness, are whānau-friendly, support local businesses, and contribute to positive community outcomes. Through financial assistance, event advice, and marketing support, Council helps enable accessible, visible, and environmentally responsible celebrations that enhance the vibrancy of our city.

This report outlines the organisations and events that received Christmas Event Support funding during the current financial year.

Organisation	Event	Funding purpose
Maungaraki School	Maungaraki community carols	Nick Tansley Carols Caravan
Love Wainuiomata	Christmas in the Nui	Entertainment, bouncy castle
Hutt River Valley Rotary	Stokes Valley Xmas Parade	Traffic management, sound system, waste
Stokes Valley Kai	Christmas community potluck lunch	Compostable cups, plates and cutlery
Petone Baptist Church	Christmas in Bethlehem	Event supplies – straw, petting zoo, activities
Te Kakano Marae	Moera Christmas in the Park	Event activities
Hutt City Chorale	christmas concert	Fees and venue hire
Pomare Taita community house	Christmas in the hood	Genertor, Portaloos, Waste, performers
Taiohi Morehu	Te Rito Hana Koko	Hana Koko Grotto gifts

Hutt Multicultural council	Seniors Multicultural Christmas party	Venue hire, decorations, performers
Team Naenae Trust	Te Ngaengae Christmas Block Party	Sound system, koha, petting zoo
Community Connections	Community Connections Christmas Event	Karakoe and games
Hutt City New Life Trust	Come to the Table	Kai
Te Roopu Kaumatua Kohikohi	Manaaki – Kaumatua Kohikohi event via SV Kai	Miri, games, activities and koha