

# St Anne's Pantry Update - 1st Trimester 2020



*Addressing Food Insecurity in Porirua*

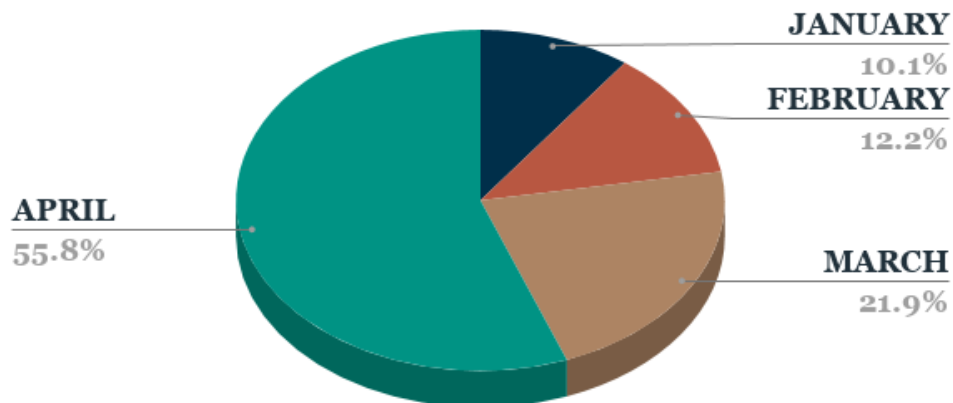
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## 1250 People Served

278 Household Deliveries!

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### ST ANNE'S PANTRY DELIVERIES by MONTH



Sofia Ali & Margaret Alve - St Anne's Pantry Co-Facilitators

## Quietness to Busyness

What a start! It was a sedate beginning to 2020 as we took over the Pantry from Diane and Bob Stuart, Val and Roger Grace. In three months it developed into a 7-day a week operation.

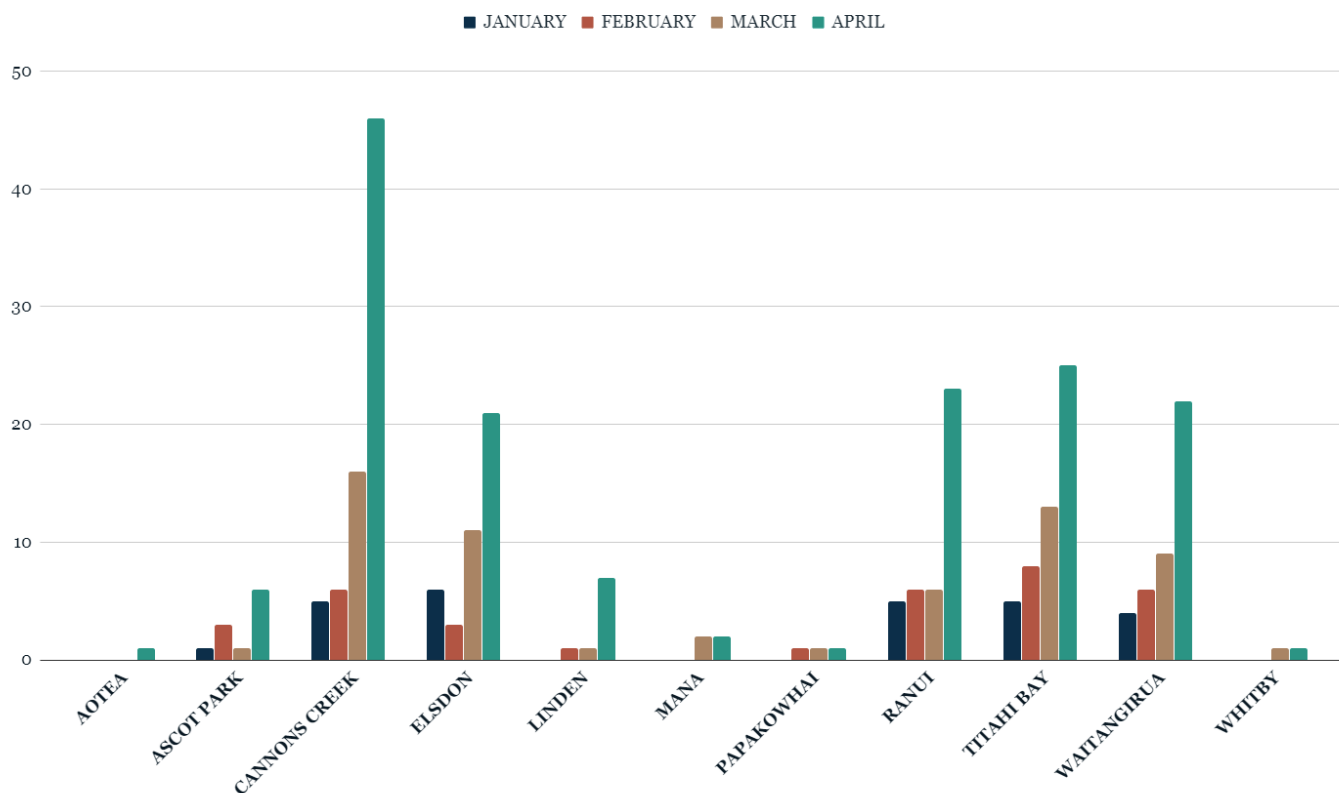
During January the Pantry was relocated to new premises - pictured below. New shelving and a new freezer were purchased and stock was sorted and transferred. Our first delivery was on the 15 January to a household in Warspite Avenue, Cannons Creek. Since then, to the end of April, another 277 household deliveries have been made; over half during the 4+ weeks of the Level 4 lockdown.



We have progressed through Level 3 & 4 and now back to Level 3 Pandemic busyness. With the national lockdown in response to the Covid-19 virus, the number of deliveries of grocery parcels in the Porirua region has tripled. The graphs in this Update vividly depict how St Anne's Pantry has become a busy, essential operation as the nation ground to a halt and many suffered financially.

# Deliveries by Suburb

## ST ANNE'S PANTRY DELIVERIES - JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH and APRIL 2020



The suburbs of Cannons Creek, Titahi Bay, Ranui, Waitangirua and Elsdon have received about 90% of deliveries with the remainder spread over Ascot Park, Linden, Mana, Papakowhai, Whitby and Aotea.

## News in Brief

- Following the implementation of Pandemic restrictions and increased demand for grocery parcels, in addition to requests via the Porirua Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) - our normal referral agency, requests have been accepted via the Porirua Emergency Operations Centre (Civil Defence), our website form and other smaller agencies.
- A MSD grant of around \$7,000 enabled the Pantry to purchase grocery items to supplement the generous donations we receive via Kiwi Community

Assistance (KCA) who have responded magnificently. Other smaller grocery donations and individual financial contributions have made a great difference. At the time of writing we have an indication that another grant of \$2,500 is on its way from another quarter.

- We estimate that during this trimester we have delivered groceries to the value of \$35,000 to Porirua households. We have spent \$50 per delivery (\$14,000) and delivered donated food worth about \$21,000.
- With the lockdown on 25 March we have operated with a skeleton crew of volunteers who shop, pack and deliver. Special thanks to Jane and Maurice Dagger, Mary Clare McCarthy, AJ Bhai and Terry Alve who join Sofia and Margaret to meet increasing demand for grocery deliveries in Porirua - all keeping their distance from one another of course.
- And finally, we have appreciated the generous financial and grocery donations of several people, churches and other institutions, especially during April. We are a little bit behind acknowledging and receipting these, but know that your donations which total in excess of \$2,000 are great support. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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