

March

Covid and food bank met head on! The entire operation of the food bank went to a whole new level with a twenty fold increase in expenditure, and in storage of stores. The team at the food bank very quickly found their stride, and not only were policies for safety quickly implemented, a second to none supply and delivery system became operational!

Food Bank

The Te Kūiti Food Bank has been a long standing work faithfully led by the late Sarah Ashby and her team. Journey church assumed leadership, and became the new location in 2018.

When Covid first struck in March 2020, the food bank went through a rapid upgrade from its storing capacity to delivery and, ongoing purchasing of food supplies. Due to the fact that everything was 'locked-down', the church foyer was the store front. However, in August, it moved next door to its now permanent home at 4 Sheridan Street in Te Kūiti.

The primary driver was Rowena, and she has been brilliantly supported in the past by the Keller's of Canada, the Boroevich's, the Brandon's Liz and Simone, the Vollerts who continue today, Heni and Raana Haenga, Leone Kretschmer, Gloria, Jo, and now Deeanna Bradley, have all taken their place in the line.

Under current Government restrictions, the food bank can be accessed by a 'Here to Help U' referral, or by simply turning up. Once this demand begins to fall, we shall revert back to a coupon chit referral system, which is easily accessed from WINZ, Housing New Zealand, Te Kūiti Community House, the Medical Centre, Whanau Ora, Te Kūiti Police, and the local schools.