



## **Covid updates**

We are very happy to relay that Jacinda made an announcement we can all be excited about – both the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy have been deemed essential services. It has been noted however that as both the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy do find themselves in the same situation as many people with families, it is possible they won't make it every household in a timely manner.

We can very happily report that as of April 9<sup>th</sup>, the number of new cases has been decreasing each day for the last four days, plummeting from Sunday's new case total of 89 to today's new case total of 29. Like everyone else, we are relieved to see we are on a great trajectory and cautiously optimistic for what this could mean for the country, our communities, and the **hub** moving forward.

### **Covid-19 and Your Business Wage Subsidy**

If you are looking at your business and wondering how you will manage to continue paying workers, please make sure to consider the government's wage subsidy scheme during this time. We intend to use it at the **hub** as we move through this uncertain time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail Jamie at [toituhub@gmail.com](mailto:toituhub@gmail.com) since he is familiar with the process.

## **Staying Active**

How are you staying active? We would love for you to send us updates on what you are doing to keep healthy and busy. Post any updates or ideas you have to [our facebook page!](#)

## Community stories

Wellington is such a warm collection of communities. That idea of missing out on that hit me very hard in the days leading up to lockdown. Amidst all of the logistics of trying to prepare, I kept being struck by how much I would miss the things I had taken for granted. Neighbours, friends, quick chats at local businesses, live music. There was no way to prepare, really, for what was coming, but like everyone I handled what I could at the time and braced myself for impact. That night carrying all sorts of preparations of my many, many Aro Valley stairs, my neighbor began to play the cello from their deck . It was beautiful, and I was very happy to have a final taste of live music.

The first day felt almost like something of a relief after the incredible hustle and bustle of preparation. As the sun set though, it started to hit me that this was the new normal. And it was not going to be easy. I was deeply, existentially sad. And then we heard it – our neighbor again. It was the same song as the night before. It wasn't a happy song – it was actually quite a sad one. And at the end we clapped. It turned out people from all over the street had come out to listen to this melancholic tune, and for those brief couple of minutes we were all experiencing the same thing, we were on the same journey with our neighbor. She plays every night at 8 o'clock on the dot. The same song with variations, and every night we're all in it together. Our communities haven't gone anywhere.

## Local Business Update

If, like me, one of your weekly traditions is one of Wellington's excellent vegetable markets, or if you're a little less than comfortable doing your produce shop at the supermarket, then I have some good news! Lokai (local kai) is an organization that now offers delivery boxes of veggies from the vendors who stock our local markets. Check them out [here](#).

**As always, we wish you all all the best and hope that you and yours are staying happy, healthy and safe. Please send us any updates you have, and any stories you would like to share. E-mail us at <mailto:toituhub.ops@gmail.com>**