



TALK UP TAIHAPE



DECEMBER 2021

What a year this has been. With so many of our events postponed and then to be cancelled, 2021 has been challenging for our town.

We did manage to hold the family fun focused "Go Throw Show" in January, Talk Up Taihape has continued to be published, and the Spring Fling Shop Display competition to herald in Spring with a great prize offered.

Like many of you, I am sure we are ready for

2022 to be a better year for all

'On behalf of the Taihape Community

Development Trust we would like to wish all of Taihape and the wider district a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

We thank all the clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals that have helped make the Taihape community even stronger and better connected'

Ngā mihi

Pania Winiata Project & Events Co-ordinator



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Late night Christmas shopping at participating stores

Thursday 16 December 2021 till 7pm

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Tempt your taste buds at Brown Sugar and the “Meat Candy” food truck that will be located on Tui Street outside Blush Florist.



Christmas Carolers

Come along and listen to some lovely Christmas Carols.

Straggle Musters

15th December 2021, 11.30am outside the Town Hall on the deck.

Tinsel Tuesdays Tooters

21st December 2021, 11am outside the Town Hall on the deck.

Community Board Comments

Finally we have reached the much talked about traffic light system with some relaxation of conditions. It would have been nice to be designated an orange light area and I am confident this can be attained if we all follow the rules—vaccinate, mask up and scan in. Remember Taihape is a popular stopping spot for coffee and toilet breaks while our Dog Park is becoming well known. It is so pleasing to still be receiving messages of appreciation as the Park is one year old now!

While I have not been able to be “out and about” I have continued to keep the Board’s projects moving along.

Extra signage directing travellers to the Dog Park is in place in the Outback and service lane behind Quickstop.

The Board has agreed on the wording for the plaque to be placed on the seat we donated to the Hautapu River Park and this will be printed and in place before the busy summer period.

Similarly the storyboard for the Tamatea Cairn in Gumboot Park has been translated to Te Reo for the Board and a big thankyou goes to local iwi for their support---- nga mihi nui. Once the storyboard is in place landscaping will complete the project. I look forward to this as it gives relevance to the Cairn and contributes to the history of Mokai Patea and the history of Taihape. The upgrade of the Events Board at Gumboot Park is underway with a quote received and currently before Council.

Talking of history—the Board is appreciative of the input of the Rangitikei District Council to the preservation of our grandstand. We also thank all members of the community who work so hard in a voluntary capacity to make Taihape such a pleasant place to live in. I won’t start naming people and organisations because I am sure to miss someone out! I thank all board members too for their input and especially Michelle my deputy

The importance of the railways to the history of Taihape is to be a focus in the new year and the board would love some input from community members.

Finally, it is disappointing that so many functions have had to be cancelled but let’s be positive as we look forward to 2022.

Best wishes from the Community Board for the festive season. Kia Kaha

Ann





Event Calendar

12 December 2021 Mataroa Carol Service, St Georges Church, Mataroa, 2pm

15 December 2021 Kawhatau Carol Service, St Stephen's Church, Kawhatau, 7pm

19 December 2021 Community Carol Service, Awastone, Mangaweka, BYO Picnic, Food also available, 5.30pm

23 December 2021 Moawhango Carol Service, Batley Memorial Chapel, Moawhango, followed by light supper, 5pm

13—15 January 2022 Gumboots Brass and Wind Summer School, Moawhango including free public concert 15 January in Taihape

26—31 January 2022 Kiwiburn, 136 Cooks Rd, Hunterville, 8am-1pm, Tickets available from www.kiwiburn.com

'Regretful Postponements'

25 December 2021 Taihape Community Christmas Lunch, Taihape Rugby Clubrooms behind the Taihape Workingmens Club, Kuku St, 12pm. A new date will be advised.



Group Contact Details

Taihape Contract Bridge Club; Meet every Monday at 7pm - contact Marion Cleaver on 06 388 0056

Taihape Art Society; Meet every Monday 10am to 2pm - contact Raema Mickleson 06 388 1138

Taihape Arcadian Singers; Contact Esmé Haigh 027 309 1809

Taihape Garden Club; Meet every 1st Thursday at 7pm. Contact 021 072 7500

Taihape Friendship Group; Meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 10am - contact Karen 027 240 2593

Whanau Hobby Hutt; Meet every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm - contact Gary Johnston 027 446 4498

Taihape Museum; Open Sundays 11am to 2pm - contact taihapemuseum@gmail.com or Frances McKeown 021 0880 5952

Taihape Women's' Club; Meet every 1st Wednesday 1.30pm - contact Viv Tantrum 06 388 0635

Taihape Walkers Group; Meet every 3rd Saturday - contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199

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Taihape Spinning Group; Meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 10.30am to 3pm - contact Jenny Abernethy 06 388 1620

Sustainable Taihape; sewing & working bee's - contact Vanessa Witt 020 410 31577

Taihape Community Garden; help out at the community garden - contact Vanessa Witt 020 410 31577

Taihape Older and Bolder; contact Beth Carter 022 174 6611

Te Roopu Oranga: Tai Chi/Sit Fit for Kaumatua 65+, Hospital Cafeteria, meet every Tuesday 2pm to 3pm and Thursday 10am to 11am - contact Mokai Patea Service 06 388 1156

Mainly Music; Meet every Thursday 9:30am to 11am Babies to Pre-schoolers at St. David's - contact Jessica Baird 021 143 1591





Taihape and Wellbeing Development December 2021 Update

**Collaborative Media Release agreed by;
Tracey Hiroa, GM Mokai Patea Services
Marian Cleaver, Chair Otaihape Health Trust
Jude MacDonald, CE Whanganui Regional Health Network**

It has been another busy month for all of the partners as we progress work streams associated to the Taihape development and moving the THL primary care workforce and Mokai Patea Whānau Ora service (as the core providers) back into the Rural Health Centre. The Taihape Development governance group met and along with a Manager from Rangitikei Council, moved several streams of work forward and this will be the focus of this newsletter update.

Jaime Reibel, Rangitikei District Council Strategic Advisor, Economic Development, has been leading a council-led approach of talking with the Taihape community to gauge interest in progressing the possibility of establishing an Abbyfield model group home which would offer shared accommodation, with staff support, for independent, mobile seniors and the elderly.. This would be an option proposed to utilise the current THL facility owned by Otaihape Health Trust. As the community trust will be the lessor of the entire DHB Hospital campus, Marian Cleaver reinforced that "it would be ideal to have all of the facilities occupied and providing key services for the community to keep people well." Anyone interested in being part of a volunteer coordination committee are asked to contact Jaime at the Rangitikei District Council office.

Whanganui District Health Board have agreed to remove two "eye- sores" on the campus before 1 July 2022. The old Domestic Services building, and Dr Edi's old General Practice facility will be either removed or demolished. This decision has met with a great deal of positive comments from the community and will enable the Trust to consider how they utilise that land. Marian Cleaver continues to have conversations with St John Ambulance with the shared desire to have them on site to support the collaborative model of services working together to achieve positive outcomes for the community. The DHB are also looking at another option to fuel the boiler so we are not using coal into the future, and how and where we could locate the new X-Ray machine they plan to purchase Taihape in 2022 so the service is integrated with other primary care services in the RHC.

Marian is keen to see some greater connectivity with Community Trust groups that are established to support the community. She is keen to ensure that a collective approach is taken as developments unfold. Please contact Marian directly.

Tracey Hiroa, GM Mokai Patea Services, reinforced that "through all of us working together we will get the best outcomes for the community, and this will future proof our services into the future." A couple of collaborative meetings have been held to bring the primary care team and Whanau Ora team together to discuss how they will work differently for the future. It is very apparent that the teams have confidence in each other and that the opportunity this facility design offers is to reassess how they work and to ensure the people they are caring for do not have to repeat their story over and over and get access to more connected care.

Duncan Sinclair has been contracted by Whanganui Regional Health Network as the Architect to assess the facility and to figure out how we will all fit in and what workspaces

will be shared or used flexibly. He has visited the site a couple of times and had casual conversations with some of the leaders and team members and community. He is impressed with the potential the facility has and in what good condition it is in. He is clear that while we must work with an existing footprint, that he can create a centre that has visual impact on entering the door, is welcoming, functional and caters for needs beyond health so that it contributes to community cohesiveness and belonging and wellness.

We have heard from community members about how this development is putting right the wrongs of the past, and how relieved they are that this good building will finally be in use again. People talked about their desire for social spaces including a place that our youth might wish to use and access and perhaps even extending to after school job opportunities. Midwifery service was discussed as a critical service and the role it provides in supporting our emerging next generation. The community have talked about wanting to see a merged model with "no door the wrong door".

The Architect believes the process to completion will take eighteen months from now. This is partly due to issues in getting contractors / undertaking work in a COVID environment and all the streams of work that will be required to bring the facility up to today's expected standards. THL / WRHN are keen for cost to be kept to within \$2 million which will be funded by Taihape Health Limited. WDHB will continue to take care of the maintenance of the RHC and that cost will be passed on in the lease agreement. Additional funding will need to be found for equipment and design bits and Mokai Patea Services will fund the cost of their renovations.

The team associated with the Taihape Development take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and healthy Xmas period. Be sure to take your covid passports with you, scan in, wash your hands and wear a mask!

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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

As my children would say "there's only about 20 big sleeps to Xmas." It is the time that we reflect on the year that has been and what a tough year it was.

The Covid pandemic has caused all sorts of things, some people have lost their jobs, businesses have been put on hold or in a couple of cases lost, work programs have suffered, and I fear that the worst is yet to come. The Rangitikei with the Whanganui DHB region has had a wake-up call with being declared in the red traffic light zone. This call was made by Government because of our low vaccination rates, the solution is in our hands—get vaccinated, scan in and carry your vaccination passport. On a positive note, I would like to thank all of the people involved in the Taihape Covid response groups you have been leaders not only for Taihape but also our district.

I would also like to acknowledge Pania and the trust, Mokai Patea and the Ward Councillors, you have represented and supported the Ward incredibly well.

There are several project milestones to update this month. We are in the final stages of awarding a build contract for the new Amenities Block in Taihape. This has been a project years in the making and it's great to see construction nearly ready to start.

Council also spent time discussing the various options for strengthening the Grandstand and are now looking to do a high level costing evaluation. Council is committed to progressing this work early in the new year. This is likely to involve a steel reinforcing structure within and I do note that the building already has a form of steel framework within it. It involves a whole lot

of the tidy-up work associated with bringing the building up to spec such as painting and redoing stairways etc, re-roofing and upgrading power and fire protection.



The Mangaweka Bridge replacement construction is near completion and we are expecting the project to be finished in July next year. The good news is that we are on target for dates and operating within budget. There is still work needing to be done around how the old bridge is to be managed as part of the retention.

Each year Beth and I help sponsor the Xmas lunches in Taihape and Marton, attending them alternately on Xmas day. With the restrictions of Covid I understand that this will not happen this year. Instead, we will support the foodbanks. It is a pity that the lunch will not happen because there are those in our communities that look forward to being able to celebrate Xmas with others.

The new year will see projects long in the making being built which is exciting. Finally, we will see new facilities on the park becoming a reality. I would also like to acknowledge the work that is and has been done by the Papakai Park group. I look forward to being able to support Charity Davis and her work with the playground update. It has been a tough year, enjoy Christmas with your families and please travel safely.

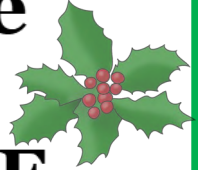
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Emotional Wellbeing; FOMO to JOMO

FOMO (fear of Missing out) let's turn this emotion into **JOMO** (Joy of Missing Out)

FOMO has been described as the feeling of having to be constantly available, mentally or in person, wanting to do everything and be everywhere. It can cause anxiety, fatigue, stress, and problems with sleep. We have all made a social commitment at one time or another, just because we were afraid of missing out, and can be exacerbated by the use of technology and social media. Spending too much time on social media is a significant contributing factor, since it can lead to comparing our lives to others which in turn makes us think that we are leading inadequate or lesser lives.

Going from FOMO to JOMO

JOMO doesn't mean declining every social event or being an anti-social hermit. Rather its knowing when re-allocate personal resources – time, money, energy, attention. It isn't about missing out - as making time for important things that truly matter in our lives.

How do we practice JOMO?

Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Relish the downtime each day !
- Digital downtime (disconnecting from all devices)
- Kick off your shoes and enjoy nature, let your bare feet come in contact with – grass, sand, and dirt.
- Walk on the beach, by the river, in the forest or wherever that connects you with nature.
- Meditate or let's say "compulsory sitting!" 5- 10 minutes a day, sitting quietly and focus attention on lengthening your exhaled breath. This stabilises your nervous system & provides increased calm throughout the day.

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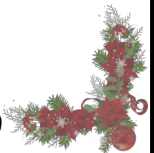
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Gardening in Taihape

We will now be in the full swing of summer and our garden bursting with life and colour.

Our vegetable gardens should be or thereabouts brimming with the fruits of hours or care and attention just ripe for the picking.

Over the next few months as the warmer season dries everything out we need to pay particular attention to watering. In some cases where water via hose or sprinkler is not an option careful consideration should be placed on specific watering of plants either special, vulnerable to drought or juvenile. I find that newly planted trees may require a few litres every other day via bucket just to keep them from drying out. If we have mulched through the winter then we are already ahead of the game as this will help retain moisture levels.

In our vegetable gardens, we are entering into a time of harvest for those **summer crops but this doesn't come without its drawbacks.** Watering, spraying and weeding will all be needed through that warmer season to keep everything in tip top condition.

Our flower gardens will be the same. Watering, spraying and weeding will come to the forefront during these warmer months and pay particular attention to those more tender species to get them through summer. If your garden beds are heavily mulched or underplanted with thick ground covers then moisture retention will be higher than garden beds with exposed surfaces. One plant in particular I have found to provide not only great structure but is also a fantastic ground cover is *Phlomis russeliana* or Jerusalem Sage although rather common its popularity is coming back around. I find giving it a cut back once or twice a year keeps it in peak form for its summer flowering.

Happy Gardening



Phlomis russeliana

This FEATURE is written with advice from the Taihape Garden Club.
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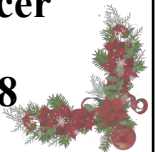


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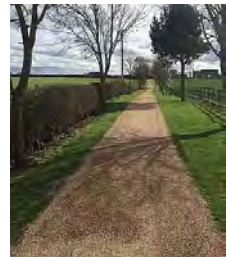
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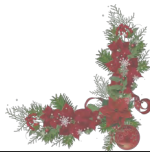
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- Photography & HD video
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THANK YOU

The TCDT would like to thank the following organisations for providing grants towards projects and events that were organised for our community

Taihape Community Board,
Earl Creativity and Development Trust,
Community Matters - Lottery Communities



Earle Creativity Trust



Whanganui
Community
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TALK UP TAIHAPE

Advertisement Pricing and Deadline

Voluntary Groups and Organisations, advertise your meetings and events in a classified advertisement (between 1/8 and 1/4 page) for FREE (subject to availability).

1 page (A5) \$50

1/2 page \$30

1/4 page \$15

Advert formatting & assistance \$15

Advertising deadline Thursday 3rd FEBRUARY 2022

Publication and distribution Thursday 10th FEBRUARY 2022

Email Sarah: admin@taihape.co.nz or call 06 388 1307.



Films coming up at the Majestic Theatre

5c Tui Street, Taihape

Cinemas are where memories are made

**RED LIGHT – Masks, Signing in & Vaccine Pass are
Mandatory.**

**A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS (PG) 104min – 7pm Sun 12th
final**

**ENCANTO (TBA) 107min – 4pm Sun 12th Dec,
4pm Sun 18th Final**

**SPIDERMAN: NO WAY HOME (TBA) 148min
7pm Fri 17th, 7pm Sat 18th**

**School Holidays: Sing 2, Clifford the Big Red Dog, The Kings
Man, West Side Story, Addams Family 2: The Road Trip,
Spiderman: No Way Home – For Dates & times watch
Website, Facebook & Theatre window**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE,

**Myself & the Committee, Thank you for your continued
support throughout the year**



We are closed from 19th Dec- 7th Jan Inclusive



**Do check website that dates and times haven't changed & any new films added*

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