TALK UP TAIHAPE



Taihape Community Development Trust - March 2022

Welcome to the March edition of the Talk Up Taihape. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. The Trust is involved in a few projects and I would like to share that information with you all.

UPDATE: TAIHAPE HOUSING STEERING GROUP

Taihape Housing Steering Group has established itself as a sub-committee of the Taihape Community Development Trust. This is to ensure consistent communication within the town. We have also become affiliated with a similar group, the Door of Hope Trust, which is based in Marton.

We welcome any opportunity people may have with increasing our housing in the township. There is also a survey that has been inserted in the middle of the TUT about Shared Accommodation/Group Home. The survey can be dropped off at REAP and Blush Florist or you can scan and email to info@taihape.co.nz

UPDATE: TAIHAPE PEOPLE PLAQUES

Despite the delays of the past year, the group of researchers soon will be able to complete the current portion of Plaques highlighting the people from Taihape who have had influence on New Zealand or the wider world. By the end of March all the biographies will have been checked and edited, plus Emeritus Professor Margaret Tennant will have audited them all. The aim is that at the middle of April the results for the project will be unveiled to Taihape and that it will inspire others to nominate names from our history for the next group of plaques. Taihape has often produced people who have gone on to greater deeds; the project is a way of celebrating them.

PKA., LKW. HB. JW.

Project and Events Co-ordinator Pania Winiata

Clubs and Organisations

As Council provides funding to other clubs and organisations they are offered an opportunity to provide a brief update on their activities:



Update provided by Taihape Squash Club:

Due to a strategic plan that was implemented three years earlier, the 2021 season was a very successful one for the Taihape Squash Club. We had the honour of receiving squash club of the year award at both district and then national level.

We have attempted to provide a facility and club culture that is warm and inviting for all members and their families, while also be appealing for other aspiring members in our community to join. Key drivers were the installation of two heat pumps, the growing popularity of our business house competitions and the highly popular steak meals from the kitchen. We are very appreciative and fortunate for the support we receive from local businesses and organisations. Along with fundraising efforts from club members and an active committee are providing the platform for our expansion plans. The committee finalised our building extension plans which will expand our club to four courts, a requirement to hold both larger district and national events. Upgrading the hospitality facilities to cater for our growing membership and larger events will also enable the club rooms to be rented out to other local community groups and organisations for meetings, conferences or functions. As a club we are looking forward to the future ahead.



Rangitikei is growing – have your say. We're creating a district-wide spatial strategy and plan that will identify how we want our communities to develop to 2050 and beyond. Have your say to ensure we capture your community's aspirations for the future. We want to hear your thoughts by 5pm Tuesday 19 April 2022. www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti





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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

am writing this on the first day of autumn, after having just read the Whanganui Chronicle article on Marton. In that article local developers had been approached seeking comment on the number of new houses put into our district.

Hayden Gould and Bain Simpson were interviewed by the Chronicle as well as myself, where we explained that there are about 700 new homes in construction or planned. This is really on top of the new homes that have been built over the last few months.

The growth in Marton and Bulls especially is outstanding and I am often asked as to what has driven this. There are several reasons for it. Council has been guite aggressive in terms of encouraging development throughout the district with incentives being put in place to allow subdivisions and first home purchases. Certainly, the imminent arrival of the Air Force No.5 Squadron coming to Ohakea has played a part, as well as an increased number of people working remotely. Our district is still incredibly affordable in terms of land prices and has so many advantages, the ability to be able to take children to school in a few minutes rather than sitting in traffic congestion, the ease in which you can go and play in our rivers, mountains etc.

With all of that growth people also come to me and ask "Do you have the infrastructure to support it?" We have plenty of water, the only issue with it is the improvements needed around the quality of supply so we have invested heavily within our Long Term Plan to the tune of about \$11m on a new water strategy for the southern part of our district. We are investing in the Three Waters space ahead of the Government's mandated changes to the Three Water entities. This is a "getting first in the queue" type of approach to make sure that our infrastructure is in place.



Having housing and infrastructure is only part of the picture. We have to make sure that our place remains an enjoyable one in terms of leisure. This is part of the reason why we are currently looking at the spatial planning for our district and are also developing a Parks. Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy, Spatial planning is really around how land areas are used and should not only be about providing land for housing, industrial and commercial growth, it is also about making sure that there are places to play, green spaces to relax in, and nature networks to connect all of these. The public engagement process commences on Friday 4 March and I urge everyone to get involved and have their say.

Our district is going from strength to strength yes certainly there are speed bumps along the way but our future is incredibly bright. For those new residents we welcome you to our paradise, make sure you introduce yourself to the number of community sports and recreation groups that we have on offer.

Ngā mihi, Mayor Andy Watson.





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Event Calendar

20 March 2022 2022 Taihape Swazi Kids and Adults 22LR Shoot - Limited Spots, Deacons Road, Taihape, 9.30am to 2pm, for tickets go to https://z-p3-upload.facebook.com/ events/587027542384855/, Taihape Deer Stalkers Association

03 April 2022 Daylight Savings ends

25 April 2022 ANZAC Day

14 May 2022 Rangitikei Adventure Race, Taihape, 7am, to enter go to www.rangitikeiadventurerace.com

28 May 2022 Targa NZ, Rangitikei, please visit https:// targa.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Itinerary-for-Webpage-1.pdf for details of the progamme

Notices

The Koha Shed is taking a break, however can be contacted via their Facebook page The Koha Shed - Taihape.

Food Bank enquiries and support are available for families from Mokai Patea Services, Taihape Health, Neighbourhood Support and WINZ.

The Taihape Information Centre and Library are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19. There is a click and collect service for library books, please phone 06 388 0604.

Welcome to Taihape

New World - Dalvinder and Kirsten, Taihape Takeaways - Harry and Miki and all other families who have recently moved to the community.

Local Group Contact Details

Taihape Arcadian Singers; Contact Esmé Haigh 027 309 1809 Taihape Art Society: Meet every Monday 10am to 2pm contact Raema Mickleson 06 388 1138 Taihape Community Garden; help out at the community garden - contact Vanessa Witt 020 410 31577 Taihape Contract Bridge Club: Meet every Monday at 7pm contact Marion Cleaver on 06 388 0056 Taihape Friendship Group; Meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10am - contact Karen 027 240 2593 Taihape Garden Club; Meet every 1st Thursday at 7pm. Contact 021 072 7500 Mainly Music: Meet every Thursday 9:30am to 11am Babies to Pre-schoolers at St. David's - contact Jessica Baird 021 143 1591 Taihape Men's Group; Meet every 2nd Friday 1pm - contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199 Taihape Museum; Open Sundays 11am to 2pm - contact Frances McKeown 021 0880 5952 Taihape Older and Bolder: contact Beth Carter 022 174 6611 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 Te Roopu Oranga: Tai Chi/Sit Fit for Kaumatua 65+, Kokako St Hall (Bowling Club), meet every Tuesday 2pm to 3pm and Thursday 10am to 11am - contact Mokai Patea Service 06 388 1156 Taihape Walkers Group; Meet every 3rd Saturday - contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199 Whanau Hobby Hutt: Meet every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm contact Gary Johnston 027 446 4498 Taihape Women's' Club; Meet every 1st Wednesday 1.30pm contact Viv Tantrum 06 388 0635

Taihape Rural Health Centre Progress

February 2022

Progress has been made for the Taihape Health Centre development despite there being no obvious changes to be visualised just yet! WRHN, Taihape Health, Mōkai Pātea, Otaihape Trust and Rangitikei District Council representatives have been working together to move this vision into a reality. An Architect, Duncan Sinclair from Blackpine, has been working with the various groups to understand the space required for services /community and for business activity.

Jude MacDonald reports that an engineer has been commissioned to survey the campus and understand what modifications are possible to support the access and layout if possible and whether we can utilise the "footprint' of the campus surrounding the Rural health centre better.

The old hospital building will be getting a new lease of life, with the first draft from the architect focusing on zoned areas so we can be sure that there is dedicated and logically designed space to serve the various needs. The zoned campus drawing was endorsed in principle by the Integrated Development Group at their February meeting. The design will keep to the current structure of the building as much as possible, while creating spaces that the community and stakeholders have identified as important, as well as considering how to link spaces that are currently isolated.

The Development Group heard a strong voice from various invited community members and Kaumatua at a Hui before Christmas. Tracey Hiroa and Jude MacDonald heard from the community regarding the emotional attachment people have to the facility and the difference it will make having access to spaces in the facility that are 'theirs' to use without disturbing the health and social service providers or impact on the privacy of clients accessing services at the centre.

The first draft of the design discussions highlighted the need for undercover parking, where COVID and other transmissible illness assessment and treatment can take place. Gemma Kennedy talked about the preference that this area has its own access in and out and away from any public access way. A corridor linking the underutilised wing (where the general practice used to be years ago) and the main area of the building is in discussion. Specific areas for maternity and X-Ray, remain a priority, however they may be 'rejigged' depending on whether the barium walls needed for the radiology service plant and equipment are still in situ.

It is disappointing that St John Ambulance has declined being part of the campus. The Taihape campus has incredible potential for health providers, private businesses and the community, and by working together to create a shared vision many of the broader issues of health and wellness can be addressed.

At the February meeting, Marian Clever and Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor, Economic Development at Rangitikei District Council discussed some activity that had occurred regarding the current facility the general practice is operating from (owned by Otaihape Health Trust). Marian and Jaime invited an architect to view the facility to identify if it had potential for a redesign into a group home with individual residential apartments once THL vacated the facility. Marian reported that "our preference at the moment is to wait and see who is accommodated within the redesigned RHC and possibly consider accommodating the overflow". There was general discussion that before any residential shared accommodation model was progressed there was a need to survey the community (identify level of interest), access some population projection data (measure growth), and gauge a level of commitment from the community to run the service.

Jaime reported that a Housing Steering Group had emerged in Taihape with shared membership with the Taihape Community Development Trust, "which made sense and ensured connected planning and discussion". This links in well with Rangitikei District Council, which are leading a housing workshop in March.

For further comment please contact WRHN Communications & Technology Coordinator, Karen Veldhoen on (06) 348 0109 extn 708

Memorial Park Projects

Strengthening the Grandstand:

As part of the development of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan the public was consulted about the future of the Taihape Grandstand. This showed



there was strong support from the community to continue investigating the refurbishment and restoration of the Grandstand so Council included \$1 million in the 2021/22 budget towards seismic strengthening. A detailed seismic assessment was completed in July 2021 which concluded that, when in use, the grandstand has a New Building Standard (NBS) of 17% and would need to be strengthened.

As with all earthquake-prone buildings there is no legal requirement to vacate the building, so the Grandstand will remain open, with signage advising anyone using the grandstand of the possible risks, leaving it up to users to choose whether they enter the building.

Council has engaged an engineer and an architect to do detailed designs for a steel-frame strengthening option, which was assessed to be the most favourable and least invasive of the four options provided to Council.

Once the detailed design has been completed it will be presented to Council, with estimated costs and options on how any funding in excess of the \$1 million pledged by Council could be fundraised by the community.

Update on the Taihape Town Hall

In December 2021 the Taihape Town Hall and Library was closed due to the risk it posed to staff and the public following a detailed seismic assessment (DSA) report.



The Taihape facility received a rating of only 10% National Building Standard (NBS).

The 2021-31 Long Term Plan includes a project to develop an improved civic facility on the



Town Hall site. As part of the development of the 2022/23 Annual Plan Council will be considering the timing for this project.

A Better Business Case will be conducted over the next 4-6 months to provide guidance for the Council to decide on next steps. Part of the option analysis will be to provide a concept strengthening design and cost estimate.

Other Council Initiatives Underway

Council is developing a Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy for the District. The objective of this strategy is to determine what



the district needs for the future provision of parks, open spaces and sporting facilities. It is important that future significant investment in the District's parks is aligned with future needs and is affordable for the community, including for ongoing maintenance.

Council is undertaking an Urban Design study of the Taihape Domain this will be completed by 1 July 2022. This study will look at what facilities are available at the Domain and how to align all these facilities and activities to make sure they are working cohesively to improve the visitor experience for all users and sporting codes.

A fundraising campaign to upgrade the existing playground in the Taihape Memorial Park is underway by the Taihape Playground Group. Council has given a commitment to contribute up to \$50,000 to support this project, the exact amount required from Council will depend on how much is raised by the community.

Public consultation on the discussion document for Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond, the district's spatial plan, starts on Friday, 4 March. The plan will provide a blueprint of how we want our communities to develop to 2050 and beyond. We've developed a discussion document to create a conversation with the community about the future of Taihape. Visit www.rangitikei.govt. nz/paetawhiti to find out more and get involved.

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Children's Health

Discussed here is key information around children's health, on common childhood conditions and provide a practical guide for parents.

Eating and Digestive Health Constipation

A common problem where a child has trouble passing a stool. It isn't just about how often they go to the toilet, but also how hard their stool is when passed. Constipation is defined as the stools are hard, dry, usually large and can be painful to pass. Kids can complain about feeling uncomfortable, having a sore belly and bloating. They may say that it hurts when doing a poo. Common causes of constipation include lack of water, not enough fibre in their diet or they may not be getting enough exercise. Constipation can also result from children holding back from going to the toilet or ignoring the urge. These issues can be addressed with diet and establishing a regular toilet routine. Constipation in babies needs special care.

Diarrhoea + Vomiting

These can be caused by different things, including a virus, stomach bug, food poisoning or your child eating something that they may have an allergy to. Vomiting usually lasts 1-2 days and diarrhoea can last up to 10 days. It's common for babies to have loose stools (unformed, watery faeces) occasionally, and some children between the ages of 1 and 5 can have diarrhoea. This is more serious in babies because they can lose too much fluid and become dehydrated, requiring extra fluids. Babies under 6 months should be checked by a doctor.

Also see your doctor if:

Your child is not drinking &/or is dehydrated The diarrhoea doesn't improve after 2 – 3 days The diarrhoea doesn't improve after 12 hours, in infants over 6 months They're vomiting & can't keep any fluids down They have bad stomach pain There's blood in their poo They have green vomit They develop a high fever, greater than 39°C You're worried The best way to avoid diarrhoea and vomiting is to have good personal hygiene. Wash hands thoroughly – after changing nappies, assisting your child with toileting, or going to the toilet; before eating; after touching animals.

Food Intolerances

These are a reaction to a food that your child has eaten. Symptoms of food intolerances include bloating, diarrhoea, and stomach pain, - immediate or delayed. See your healthcare practitioner if you suspect your child may have a food intolerance. **Gastroenteritis**

Symptoms include diarrhoea, loss of appetite, vomiting and nausea, stomach cramps and fever. Most cases aren't serious, as long as your child is getting enough fluid. See your doctor if symptoms persist or your child has a high fever, greater than 39°C. **Worms**

Symptoms of woms include an itchy or red bottom, poor sleep, increased appetite, and irritability or being generally "out of sorts".

While worms aren't usually dangerous, it is common for infections to return. Treatment needs to be addressed as ongoing infection can result in nutritional deficiencies. Repeated infections are common even with treatment, making it important to find the source of infection. Often, in children who have just started toileting independently, it's lack of hygiene – so ensure that your child is washing their hands after toileting.

Many other childhood issues can be treated with natural remedies. In the clinic we have dropper remedies which are an A-Z for health issues, and are taste friendly!

Immune health, Skin Health, Mental wellbeing, & so on

LunchBox Ideas

Was in last months article, and a reminder to consider mealtime routines,

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Gardening in Taihape

A few cooler mornings this month as we kick off the start of autumn. However, if your garden is anything like mine it would have had a slight rejuvenation. Our flower beds can be awash with colour this month and great contrast.

As stated our flower gardens can be a wash with colour this month and it's important to continue on maintaining health blooms. Remember to dead head and disbud all spent blooms and encourage fresh shoots and spray for the pest like aphids and caterpillars that may take a liking to fresh growth. Thereafter begin preparations for the cooler seasons ahead. Roses may be coming to an end in areas that have a cooler climate also and winter preparations are always a good idea to prevent winter born disease and stem die back. This is also a great time to do semi-mature tip cuttings of your favourite shrubs.

In our vegetable gardens this month will mark the start of sowing and planting of winter crops. We may do late plantings of broccoli and cauliflower, silverbeet and spinach. Again, if we find that these are being the target of pest and insects then spraying, and maintenance applies in order to keep a healthy crop.

If we began preparations for new lawns or maintenance on existing one last month, then now will be the time to consider autumn sowing. The right seed will also help in this situation as this can be the beginnings of a great lawn. Your local wholesaler should be able to point you in the right direction for the right seed to suit your site but if in doubt brands such as Yates always do a topical mixed seed to suit most conditions.

Happy Gardening

Brook O'Donnell

This FEATURE is written with advice from the Taihape Garden Club. Like/share/read comment on their Facebook Page



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Taihape Rural Health Centre

3 Hospital Road, Taihape 06 388 0926 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 12pm

Taihape Public Library, iSite & Services

Town Hall, 102 Hautapu Street 06 388 0604 Daily 9am to 5pm.

Taihape Pharmacy 85 Hautapu Street, Taihape 06 388 0000 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 10am to 12pm



Projects Happening in Taihape

Through this newsletter Council will provide regular updates on Council projects and initiatives that are currently underway; consultation that is occurring in Taihape; and updates from sports clubs who receive Council funding on their club's activities.



Taihape Amenities Building - Construction about to start

Rangitikei District Council (RDC) is pleased to announce that construction of the Ngā Awa Block (Taihape Amenities Building) in Memorial Park is starting on Monday the 7th of March 2022 and is scheduled to be completed by October 2022. The building will provide much-needed facilities for our community, sport clubs, visiting teams and visitors.

This project, which is being managed and funded by RDC, has been in the pipeline for a number of years, with the aim of the project to:

- Increase and optimise the use of Memorial Park;
- Support an active community;
- Enhance Taihape town's image;
- Attract new event and sporting activities; and
- Improve options for public bathroom and shower facilities for tourist and truck drivers.

At a total estimated project cost of \$4.65 million, W&W Construction from Whanganui were awarded the contract to construct the 298m2 facility adjacent to the tennis and netball courts. W&W Construction have extensive public and commercial building experience in the Rangitikei district. Throughout the design process Council staff sought feedback and engaged with the Park User Group (which is comprised of the following groups: A & P Show Event Organisers, Clubs Taihape, Equestrian / Dressage, Mokai Patea Services, Netball, Northern Wanganui Rugby Sub Union (NWRSU), Shearing Sports, Squash, Taihape Community Board, Rugby, Show Jumping, Swim Centre, Touch Rugby, TAS, Clubs Taihape (TCDT), Tennis, Rugby Union Old Boys (UOB) to achieve the best outcomes. The final design comprises of four changing rooms, each with toilets and showers, two smaller multi-purpose rooms, additional referee/accessibility changing rooms, a small upstairs control room, which overlooks the tennis courts and rugby fields, public toilets and a car park.

As with any project that is being undertaken in the current climate there are risks; inflation in the construction sector is higher than general inflation, (however, we have managed to lock in a contract price that takes this into account); and the risk of potential delays that could be caused by Covid-19 disruptions, both to the workforce and requirement for building materials. Council will attempt to mitigate these risks as best we can.





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TAIHAPE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Socially meet 10am to 1pm, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the NEW LOCATION, Taihape Rugby Rooms, 24 Kuku St (just down the road from the supper room)

\$15 Annual Membership Fee

\$5 charge on day if NO lunch had or if not arranged at rooms (covers cost morning tea & hireage)

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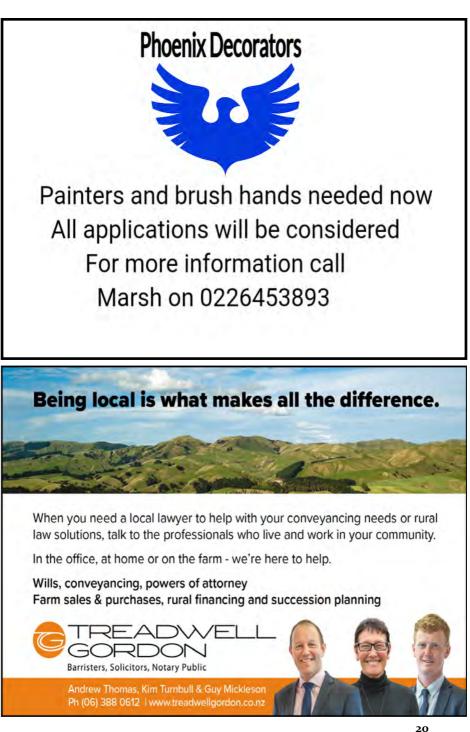
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Uncharted (M) 116min – 7pm Fri 11th, 7pm Sat 19th, 7pm Fri 25th

Off The Rails (M) 94min – 4.30pm sun 20th, 7pm Sun 27th

THE BATMAN (R13) 175min – 7pm Sat 26th, 7pm Sat 2nd April, 7pm Fri 8th

Dog (PF) 102min 7pm Sun 3rd, 4pm Sun 10th

Coming Soon

Backlight, Fantastic Beasts the secrets of Dumbledore, Sonic the Hedgehog 2, My sweet Monster *Do check website that dates and times haven't changed & any new films added

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