

# TALK UP TAIHAPE



Taihape Community Development Trust - *May 2022*

Welcome to another edition of the Talk Up Taihape.

## **Group Home Survey Update**

There was a strong response from the community to the group home survey, with seventeen out of eighteen people expressing interest in becoming residents at some point.

Eight people stated that they would be interested in occupying shared accommodation within 24 months in which each resident has their own bedroom and en-suite bathroom, while sharing common areas such as the lounge, dining room and kitchen. Six people said they would be interested in becoming a resident at some time in the future.

Between 12 – 14 residents are needed to make a group home for independent and mobile seniors and the elderly financially viable. Although the expressions of interest that have been received are a good first step, more potential residents will be needed to ensure the project's feasibility.

The Taihape Housing Steering Group and the Taihape Community Development Trust, which jointly administered the survey, have decided to reach out over the next few months to other nearby towns and the farming community to see if there is additional interest.

Watch this space – we'll let you know the results of the expanded survey as additional responses are received.

## **Taihape Community Development Trust...**

### **Projects**

CCTV

Plaque Project

### **Coming Events**

Mid-winter Christmas Lunch (Celebrating Matariki) - June

Spring Fling - September


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May 2022

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## FROM THE Mayor's Desk

*"E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangiatea". E ngā mate o te wā, e ngā rangatira o tāua rohe o Rangitikei, haere atu i te rangimārie. Kia kōrua e āku hoa e Robert kōrua ko Koro Mark, kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tōu huarahi, moe mai rā. Arohanui. "I will never be lost, for I am a seed of Rangiatea". To our recently departed, the two chiefs of our home Rangitikei, go in peace. To my friends Robert and your father Koro Mark, may the calm be widespread, may the ocean glisten as greenstone, may the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway, sleep well. Greatest Love.*

I will start firstly by acknowledging the recent passing of Mark and Bobby Gray. They both supported our Council and the Taihape wider community with great regard for many years. Koro Mark was in particular a fine friend of mine and someone that I truly respected so it was with sadness that I attended the tangi at Rakatapauma Marae last month.

I would like to focus at this time on where we are with roading. I have had a number of people contact me over the state of our rural unsealed roads in particular, something that I have asked the Chief Executive to look at. One of the reasons for this is that the principal funder of roads in New Zealand, including Council, roads is Waka Kotahi, or the old NZTA as some will remember. They effectively removed \$10m from the roading maintenance budget for Rangitikei District Council over a 3 year period. This inevitably leaves a significant hole and I have expressed concern to Waka Kotahi nationally and to the regional roading managers around deferred maintenance and the repercussions that we will face. If somebody asks me what keeps me awake at night this is right up there. I am hopeful that there will be submissions made to our Annual Plan around the need for urgent roading maintenance. One of the most telling points that was made to me was "Andy, often a station's internal roads are better than the Council network". What I will do is drive over, in particular the Turakina Valley Road right the way

through and including the Pohonui Road and the Annie through to River Valley to inspect this for myself. The second part of the roading concern is one over the damage due to forestry harvesting. What Council is looking at doing in the Annual Plan is putting what is called a differential on the roading rate. This applies to areas of land that are classified by QV as forestry blocks but won't apply to farms that have only a little bit of forestry within them. This money will be targeted at road maintenance, particularly with regards access for forestry harvesting. Over the weekend I spent some time with Joe Byford at the Hautapu Walkway. First of all my congratulations to Joe, Matt and all of the others involved in this walkway project. I think it is absolutely stunning. I would also like to acknowledge Horizons – they have recently removed the willow trees between the two bridges. Yes it looks a little bit messy at the moment with the piles of willows having been pulled out of the river, but overall this is fantastic work that has been undertaken and it will enable new plantings of natives over winter. Acknowledgement where acknowledgement is due.



**Ngā manaakitanga, Andy Watson,  
Mayor of Rangitikei District.**



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**14 May 2022** The Rangitikei Twilghter Train, Taihape, 2.05pm to 7.25pm, \$35 Adult/\$20 Child (2-14), book via <https://www.gvr.org.nz/event/rangitikei-twilghter>

**14 May 2022** Rangitikei Adventure Race, Taihape, 7am, to enter go to [www.rangitikeiadventurerace.com](http://www.rangitikeiadventurerace.com)

**21-22 May 2022** Rangitikei Heritage Weekend, Museum Taihape, Mangaweka or Hunterville, 10am to 2pm, Entry by Koha

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

**16 June 2022** Okaka Angus 2yr Bull Sale, 361 Okaka Road, Taihape, 1pm

## Taihape Library and Information Centre Re-opens

The Taihape Library and Information Centre is now open to the public.

Should staffing numbers be insufficient to operate all public facilities due to illness, the library will revert to a click and collect service.

**There are no entry limits, and no vaccine passes, but masks are still mandatory at our public facilities.**

## Welcome to New Residents

The Trust welcomes all families who have recently moved to our community.

## Local Group Contact Details

**Taihape Arcadian Singers** contact Esmé Haigh 027 309 1809

**Taihape Art Society** meets every Monday at 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** meets every Monday at 7pm, contact Marion Cleaver on 06 388 0056

**Taihape Friendship Group** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10am, contact Karen 027 240 2593

**Taihape Garden Club** meets every 1st Thursday at 7pm, contact 021 072 7500

**Mainly Music** meets every Thursday 9:30am to 11am for babies to pre-schoolers at St. David's, contact Jessica Baird 021 143 1591

**Taihape Men's Group** meets every 2nd Friday at 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** meets 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** meets every Tuesday 2pm to 3pm and Thursday 10am to 11am for Tai Chi/Sit Fit for Kaumatua 65+, Kokako St Hall (Bowling Club), contact Mokai Patea Services 06 388 1156.

**Taihape Walkers Group** meets every 3rd Saturday, contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199

**Whanau Hobby Hutt** meets every Wednesday and Thursday at 6pm to 8pm, contact Gary Johnston 027 446 4498

**Taihape Women's' Club** meets every 1st Wednesday at 1.30pm, contact Viv Tantrum 06 388 0635



## Smokefree countdown for Te Awhina

The Countdown is coming! June 27th marks a huge day for health at Te Awhina, Whanganui Hospitals Acute Mental Health ward. Embracing wellness and change, Te Awhina will become smoke free from the June 27th onwards.

“we have chosen the 27th of June to align with Matariki and to strengthen the message around positive change” Rosie McMenam, Kaihoe- Tobacco Control Coordinator for the Public Health Centre.

What people may not be aware of, is that smoking contributes to poor mental health. There have been many studies completed internationally and nationally which have all confirmed that smoking is a negative contributor to mental health. There are proven links to increases to anxiety, depression, panic attacks to name a few.

We are making these changes not only to assist our Tangata whai ora (client’s/patients) with their physical journey to health, but also their mental journey.

We have all heard about the damage tobacco does to our bodies, this is not a new message. What may be new for some of us, is the messaging around how smoking affects our mental health. For those people struggling with the thought of quitting smoking, vaping is an excellent tool having been proven to be 95% less harmful. We have a comprehensive support cessation process in place and Vortek disposable vapes being offered to assist with the stopping process. For those who would normally smoke, it won’t be a “cold turkey process”. There are many options for support-patches, lozenges, chewing gum and Vortek vape pens. There are qualified Quit Staff around to coach and help with the change of mindset and habit.

We are being proactive for our people’s wellbeing. With the Whanganui DHB Vape position statement being completed it allows us to offer every support for success that we have. It aligns with the national target of Smokefree Aotearoa 2025.

The 10 week countdown started on the 18th of April, with Tangata whai ora (client’s/patients) and their support networks having time and support to be ready for the change. Te Awhina will be officially smokefree from 27th of June.

It takes a community to grow a community, and it is the same for the success of this pathway to wellness. There is a great collaborative approach to this happening with clinicians, staff, whānau and Tangata whai ora (client’s/patients) being involved throughout. Robust follow up care and support services are available and accessible when people are discharged to help keep them on the path to being smokefree, Tangata Whai ora (patients/clients) will have at least 4 weeks of follow up and support from the Whanganui Stop Smoking Service.

If you are a smoker and would like free help and advice on how to quit then pop in or contact Whanganui Stop Smoking Service - Ngā Taura Tūhono, located at 49 Ingestre Street, or you can give them a ring on 0800 200 249 / (06) 349 2306 it’s a great place to start.

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**Taihape 9.30 a.m.—12.00 noon  
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# NATUROPATH

- KAREN HUGHES -

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With constant changes in our communities, we may be facing infections on an ongoing basis.

As winter approaches, the incidence of respiratory viral infections may increase. Therefore, support your **Immune Health**, by providing the body with the following Immune system support;

- **Zinc**
- **Vitamin C**
- **Vitamin D**
- **Andrographis**
- **Echinacea**
- **Olive Leaf**
- **Quercetin** –has a strong antiviral activity towards a wide range of viruses.
- **Vitamin C** can protect quercetin against oxidative degradation.

Natural remedies not only boost your immunity and reduce the chances of getting sick in the future, they also help you feel better quicker by reducing your symptoms, and possibly the duration of illness.

### Tissue Acidity Reduces Immune Function

Another mechanism that supports our Immune function is an internal alkaline environment. Local and metabolic acidity increased generalised inflammation and impairs immune activity. Green superfoods such as barley grass, wheat grass and chlorella promote system alkalinity, and encourage optimal **Immune Health**

### Other Recommendations

Incorporate these handy tips into your life to improve your resistance and support

**RECOVERY** from colds and flus:

- \* Rest! Give your body a chance to gather strength and make sure you get a good night's sleep
- \* Eat a large variety of vegetables and fruits
- \* Drink water to keep yourself well hydrated

Post viral fatigue's long-term immunity and energy levels has been bought into sharp focus. Research shows that viruses can persist in the body for some time following initial infection. The outcome of viral persistence is physical and mental fatigue along with immune system dysfunction presenting as a decreased resistance to infection, difficulty sleeping, and headaches.

If symptoms persist then seek out the help of your Health Care Provider.

For an appointment for a  
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More information on previous topics of discussion, go to Facebook;  
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## Gardening in Taihape

The month of May brings with it the hint of winter, and this is the start of growth rates slowing for many plant varieties.

However, we are now entering into the cooler months for development. Leading on from last year's design and preparation series I wrote, this year we shall do the same. So the month of May starts too cool but not to fret this doesn't mean our gardens need to be dull. Native plants are well adapted to cooler situations but can also provide great shape, texture and colour.

As we move through the cooler months, begin to think about what that means for your garden and what you want to achieve next year, because that comes around very fast and now's the time to think ahead.

Smaller gardens I feel benefit hugely from a wide variety of native plants. Not only are they good for the environment but also the wildlife. A careful selection of plant species that can achieve your goals of texture and colour can be the way to go. I would suggest however to only choose varieties of the smaller kind or that which are dwarf. These provide year-round impact without the maintenance.

Consider the style of garden you are prepping for, also the shoe and size. Then choose a colour palette to suit or a palette purely of texture.

To get you started

*Chionochloa flavicans* - Dwarf Toitoi, this would have to be a favourite. Its small compact nature does wonders in a smaller garden.

However, the most important thing is to have fun. Natives include ferns, grasses, small trees and shrubs and every moss. All with rich characteristics.

Happy Gardening  
Brook O'Donnell

This feature is written with advice from the Taihape Garden Club.  
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COGS closes Wed 18 May 2022. All allocation meetings will be held in July 2022.

Whanganui / Waimarino / Rangitikei COGS committee local priorities for 2022 are as follows;

- Grass-root organisations are strengthened and sustained.
- Local communities are connected, vibrant and thriving.
- Communities have equitable opportunities to engage.
- Community volunteers are recognised, supported and valued.

Priority will be given to locally based organisations.

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### **Taihape Neighbourhood Support**

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## Rangitikei Guardians (RGs), Notice:

Project Central Wind (PCW) will no longer be pursued by Meridian Energy Ltd (MEL).

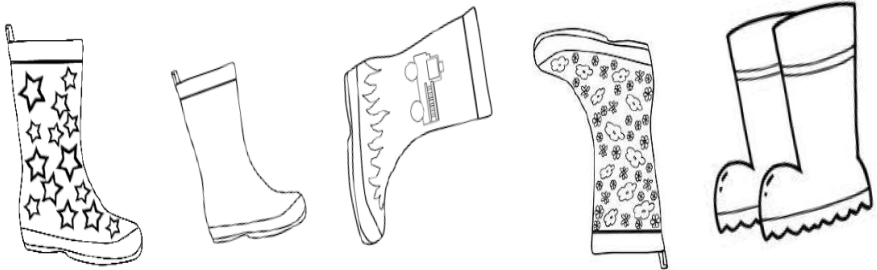
In February this year MEL advised they have done an “in-depth review” and made the decision to stick with their Harapaki, (Hawkes Bay), and Ruakaka, (Marsden Point), wind generation installation projects.

One of the reasons given for the change of heart is the cost of civil works that has risen 150% in the last 5yrs. PCW has around 60kms of roading required, where other projects only need 10kms of roading to link the turbines etc.

MEL extended their thanks to the local community for their interest and involvement.

The Rangitikei Guardians acknowledge the hard work and dedication by the 60 strong locals who fought to preserve our landscape. It has been heart-breaking and heart-warming over this unsettled time.

The committee thanked Geoff for his twelve years as Chairperson and welcomed Rita into the role.



### Taihape Older and Bolder Inc. Annual General Meeting

1.30pm Thursday 19 May

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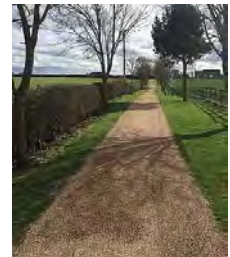
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Over the weekend of the  
**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY.**

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## Taihape Neighbourhood Support Inc.

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Taihape 4720

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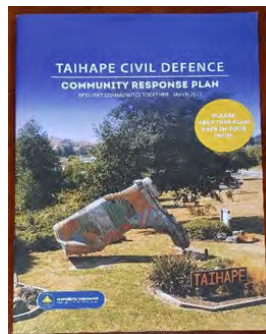
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### Taihape Civil Defence Community Response Plan

**- Please keep this Plan safe in your home -**

The Taihape Civil Defence Community Response Plan was first started in 2014 by a group of local people, together with the RDC Emergency Management Officer, guided by the Taihape Community Development Trust's Manager. Several training courses were organised for these Community Response Group members, e.g. First Aid and 2-3 two-hour sessions + a final four-hour session of CIMS<sub>2</sub> (Coordinated Incident Management System – today's ITF, Integrated Training Framework). After the snow event in July 2017 the Civil Defence Plan was reviewed. Consequently, Taihape Neighbourhood Support has amended the Plan and RDC has printed it for distribution to all households in Taihape and Mangaweka.

Although the original Community Response Group members may have changed, page 9 lists the organisations that form the Group plus skilled and/or interested individuals and other appropriate organisations depending on the emergency.





# Taihape Projects Ngā Awa Block

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.



Thanks to the recent clear weather Ngā Awa Block (Taihape Amenities) project continues to track along nicely. Piling has now been completed and the structure has been built for the floor panels. You can head along to the tennis and netball courts to view the progress from outside the barrier.

Preparation work for the carpark has started. Once complete the carpark will accommodate approximately 30 vehicles and provide the easiest access to the new building.

## Want regular project updates?

Sign up to our e-newsletter by following the QR code, or tell us what you would like to hear more about by emailing [comms@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:comms@rangitikei.govt.nz)



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## Taihape Projects Ngā Awa Block



Laminated timber floor panels have also arrived on site and will be placed on the structure this week. The panels weigh a huge two tonnes and are 12 metres in length. Storm water pipes under the courts have been cleaned out and will be relined in the next few months.



**Welcoming  
Communities**  
TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HĀPORI



### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS - TAIHAPE

11 May: Community workshop

19 May: Online focus group –  
Culture & Identity

21 May: Drop-in session

24 May: Online focus group –  
Civic Engagement & Participation

25 May: Business After 5

See our website for more information.

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## THANK YOU

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

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



**Earle Creativity Trust**



Whanganui  
Community  
Foundation

Rangitikei District



## TALK UP TAIHAPE

### Advertising Prices 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

*All prices include GST*

*Advertising deadline* 12pm Thursday 2nd June 2022

*Publication and distribution* Thursday 9th June 2022

Email Sarah: [admin@taihape.co.nz](mailto:admin@taihape.co.nz) or call 06 388 1307.

On line version available through [www.taihape.co.nz](http://www.taihape.co.nz)

## **Films coming up at the Majestic Theatre**

5c Tui Street, Taihape

**Cinemas are where memories are made**

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**THE LOST CITY (M) 112MIN –**

7pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Sat 21<sup>st</sup>

**THE LAST BUS (M) 86min – 7pm Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

**BLACKLIGHT (M) 104min - 7pm Sat 14<sup>th</sup> FINAL**

**DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA (PG) 125min - 4pm Sun 15<sup>th</sup>,**

7pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>

**DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (M) 126min –**

7pm Fri 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June

**TOP GUN: MAVERICK (TBA) 131min – 7pm Sat 28<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Sun 29<sup>th</sup>,**

7pm Sat 4<sup>TH</sup> June , 7pm Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Fri 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Fri 17<sup>th</sup> FINAL

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**OPERATION MINCEMEAT (M) 127min**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm May

In conjunction with Taihape Anglican Church, Tickets \$20 includes welcome drink and fantastic supper Doors open 6.30pm Film 7pm

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

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