



# TALK UP TAIHAPE

Taihape Community Development Trust

*September 2023*



## Spring Fling

10am to 3pm

Saturday 23 September 2023

Huia Street, Taihape

### Baby Animal Fair

Taihape Museum  
11am—1pm

### Food Stalls

### Competitions

Best shopfront display  
Colouring In Competition

### Community Displays

### Art Society Display

### Arts and Crafts

### Market Stalls

### Activities

Bouncy Castle  
Gumboot Throwing

### Entertainment

### Daybreaker Rally NZ

Service Park  
Kokako St

Find out more [www.taihape.co.nz/events](http://www.taihape.co.nz/events)



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*Mayor Andy Watson planting the commemorative totara tree.*

## Opening of the Taihape Ngā Awa Block and the Coronation Tree Planting

The Ngā Awa block has been completed and has been handed back to the community. The upgrade has provided four changing rooms, each with toilets and showers, two smaller multi-purpose rooms, extra referee rooms, and a small commentators/observation room. The building will be fully accessible, there will be three public toilets, two of which include showers and a car park.

The opening and blessing of the facility was held on the 12th of August at 10am. During the official opening of the Ngā Awa block there was also a tree planting to commemorate His Majesty King Charles the Third's Coronation.

Locals joined us in celebrating the completion and opening of this fantastic addition to our Taihape community with a family day of food and games.

## Theft and damage to Taihape and Council Facilities

Unfortunately, it seems we have some light-fingered people moving through our District.

The men's toilet at Taihape Memorial Park is closed due to the copper piping being stolen and the accessible shower facility at Te Matapihi is also closed due to vandalism and theft of fit out components. These are facilities that are provided for everyone in our communities, it's really disappointing to see them damaged and now unavailable for use. Please if you have any information around the damages/thefts let us know.

For more information phone our Customer Experience Team on 0800 422 522.


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# Council News

September 2023

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## FROM THE *Mayor's Desk*



Kia ora koutou, on 18 August our outgoing Chief Executive Peter Beggs left to take up his new position in Christchurch, Kevin Ross the Council appointment Interim Chief Executive took up the role on the following day. Thank you to Kevin for stepping in, it certainly makes things easy when you seem to know most of our locals, iwi and neighbouring Chief Executives. Applications close this week to select the new Chief Executive and I have been advised by Jackson Stone the recruitment agency that there has been significant interest in the position.

With the upcoming national elections in less than eight weeks each political party has been parading their policies and initiatives, although it is cynical to say so there is an element of vote catching rather than attempts to deal with issues. On the 23 August, I travelled to Parliament to hear Ian McKelvie one of our MP's giving his valedictory speech as a retiring MP before the House rises. Ian's service to Local Government and then to the country has been incredibly impressive, he was the Mayor of the Manawātū District from 2002 to 2011 and then he was elected to be the National Representative for the Rangitikei from 2011 to now. We acknowledge the 21 years of service and wish him well - knowing Ian it is unlikely to be a total retirement.

Government has now enacted or made into law the Three Waters legislation. The revised legislation has "stood up" 10 different water entities of which we are in Entity E made up of the Horizons Regional authorities. Who knows what will happen following the election? If National wins or forms Government in a negotiated partnership they have said that they will repeal and replace however as we don't know quite what that means all I can say is that interesting and challenging times lie ahead of us. Putting together our Council Long Term Plan in this uncertainty will be difficult.

**Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.**

### Have your say on Horizons Regional Public Transport Plan

Our region is home to people dotted between many diverse communities which people make connections between for a variety of reasons - visiting friends and whānau, work, education and more. Transport improvements, ranging from new highways to upgraded rail services, give us the opportunity to improve how we connect those communities through public transport.

The Regional Services Review is your way to let Horizons Regional Council know what new regional public transport options you want to make it easier to travel across and beyond our region. Give us your thoughts and ideas at [www.haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz)

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## NOTES FROM THE TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD

The Board will follow up on its July workshop by speaking to the Rangitikei District Council regarding some of the key traffic issues in Taihape at the Council meeting on 28 September. If you have any comments please email them to [taihapecommunityboard@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:taihapecommunityboard@rangitikei.govt.nz) by 22 September.

The Board's workshop this month is looking at the long term vision the Board has for the northern Rangitikei

It's great to see that the new St Johns Ambulance base is closer to being ready. We can help make the ambulance staff's work easier by making sure all houses in Taihape and district have clear numbers. As St John says "When you call 111, you want the ambulance, fire service or police to be able to find you as quickly as possible. Without clear numbering at the front of your property, this becomes difficult and wastes precious time, especially in the dark. So being able to quickly and clearly see your property number, at any time of the day or night, is really important."

Your local Hato Hone St John Taihape Area Committee has initiated the 'Safety in Numbers' project to install better property numbering where required, to help make it easier for emergency services to quickly find the correct location. If you know of a property in Taihape that would benefit from clearer numbering, please let St John know so they can help.

Please remember that as the general election nears, and we are inundated with colourful billboards, we all should get out and vote. Voting means our voices are heard even in a small way, democracy is for all of us.

The RDC has been very proactive in notifying Waka Kotahi/ Land Transport NZ of our concerns over the slumping in in SH1 at Utiku. Our thanks to Mayor and Councillors for working with us on this.

Peter Kipling-Arthur

Chair, Taihape Community Board 021-023-39254

# Rotary



Taihape Rotary

invite you all to a

## **Candidates Night**

Candidates standing for the Rangitikei & the Te Tai Hauauru Electorates will be invited to speak

**7.00pm Tuesday  
26th September 2023**

Kokako Hall (old Bowling Club)  
Kokako Street  
Taihape

Do you have an issue you would like answers to? We are asking our constituents to email in questions and we shall select the best eight to ask the candidates on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Forward to [jlbyford46@gmail.com](mailto:jlbyford46@gmail.com)

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## Events Calendar

16 Sep	The Mudder
23 Sep	7.45am-1pm (approx.) Daybreaker Rally NZ service park
23 Sep	10am-3pm Spring Fling, Huia Street, Taihape
29 Sep	4pm Free Hip Hop concert, Taihape Area School
27/28 Oct	Targa New Zealand
2 Dec	Taihape Christmas Parade
2024	
27 Jan	Gumboot Day

### New Zealand Boot-throwing Association Inc. Annual General Meeting



6.00pm Wednesday 11 October

Fire Station, Taihape

Membership fee

President's Report

Year End 30 June 2023 Financial Report

Election of Board members

Everyone is welcome

### Rangitikei Guardians Inc

The recent Rangitikei Guardians (RGs), Annual and General Meetings were held on the 19th July and established that their stance, with regard to Meridian Energy Ltd's, now discontinued, Project Central Wind, is still valid. This includes that the RGs:

- Are not against renewable energy projects, and especially wind technology;
- Consider that all renewable energy projects, including Wind farms, should be evaluated on the same lines as "right tree, in the right place";
- Reiterate that Project Central Wind was in the wrong place. Manawa Energy, (Previously Trust Power), is currently looking to resurrect Meridian's discontinued Wind farm project on the same footprint.

The RGs confirm that they are opposed to this project but are looking for community input to gauge opinion. Please have your say by going to the Rangitikei Guardians Inc Facebook page. No personal details are required, however, if you live in the Northern Rangitikei your opinion will naturally carry more weight.

Secretary: Gill 0272551409





# NATUROPATH

- KAREN HUGHES -

## The Importance of Breathing Correctly

Breathing is one of the most immediate, basic necessities in life. If you are of good health, you can probably go for about six weeks without food and a few days without water. Without breathing, you will not survive more than a few minutes. We draw our first breath a moment after we were born and one day we will expire with our very last exhalation. In between this time, our breath is our constant companion. Our breath is nearer to us than anything else in life, and dearer to us than our wealth and the people we love the most. If we lose our breath, we lose everything. And yet, most people probably rarely, if ever, think about how, or even why, we breathe.

Although no one can survive without breathing, many of us manage to live a good portion of our lives without breathing properly. The stressful pace of this fast-changing modern life together with sedentary jobs and leisure pursuits, contribute to unhealthy breathing habits by creating tension in our body that inhibits the full expansion of our chest. Poor respiratory habits can take a very heavy toll on our physical, mental and emotional health as well as on our happiness. Shallow breathing can also contribute to many chronic stress-related health conditions.

We need to breathe out properly before we can fully breathe in. That is also one of the reasons why nature forces us to deflate our lungs by yawning or sighing when we are exhausted or bored - to force us to bring in fresh oxygen and revitalizing energy.

Carefully controlling our own breath helps us to lead a fuller life by ridding our body of waste products and maximizing oxygen intake. It also relieves the symptoms of anxiety - such as a furrowed brow, tight shoulders and stomach cramps and can calm our busy mind and improve our mood. As we practice the breathing exercises in a proper way, we will notice that we think more clearly, act with greater determination and confidence and are less carried away by our emotions.

### **CORRECT BREATHING:**

- boosts energy and stamina.
- counters tiredness and can reduce our need for sleep.
- relieves tension in our body and enhances our ability to deal with pressure and stress.
- boosts immunity and releases chemicals that promote good healing.
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- brings calmness to our emotions.

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## Local groups contact pages

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contact Esmé Haigh 027 309 1809

**Taihape Art Society** meets every Monday 10am to 2pm

contact Veronica Yardley 027 412 8855

**Taihape Community Garden** help out at the community garden, contact Evelyn George 021 089 8672

**Taihape Contract Bridge Club** meets every Monday 7pm

contact Marian Cleaver 06 388 0056

**Taihape Freemasons** meets every 3rd Thursday 7pm

contact Greg 0274887555 or Stu 0273743145

**Taihape Garden Club** meets every 1st Thursday at 7pm

contact Cate McCartin 021988024

**Mainly Music** for babies to pre-schoolers Thursday 9:30am to

11am at St. David's, contact Jessica Baird 021 143 1591

**Taihape Museum** open Sundays 11am to 2pm

contact Frances McKeown 021 0880 5952

**Taihape Men's Group** meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 1pm

contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199

Taihape has a vibrant network of groups for everyone.

List your group here for free.

Contact the Trust on 06 388 1307

or [admin@taihape.co.nz](mailto:admin@taihape.co.nz) for details.

**Taihape Older and Bolder**

contact Leslie Chapman 06 388 0109

**Taihape Rotary** meets every

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at

5.45pm, Rustic Steakhouse

contact Theona Ormsby 021 122 2792

**Taihape Spinning Group** meets every

1st and 3rd Wednesday 10.30am to 3pm,

contact Jenny Abernethy 06 388 1620

**Sustainable Taihape** sewing and working bees

contact Vanessa Witt 020 410 31577

**Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble** is a new community

band based in Taihape, contact Kathy 021 689 005

**Te Roopu Oranga** for Tai Chi/Sit Fit for Kaumatua 65+

Tuesday 2pm to 3pm and Thursday 10am to 11am

Hospital Cafeteria, contact Mokai Patea Services 06 388 1156

**Taihape Walkers Group** meets every 3rd Saturday

contact Warren Couper 06 388 0199

**Taihape and District Women's Club** meets every 1st

Wednesday at 1.30pm, contact Viv Tantrum 06 388 0635

**Whānau Hobby Hut** meets every Wednesday and Thursday

6pm to 8pm, contact Gary Johnston 027 446 4498



**Volunteer at the Whānau Hobby Hut**

We're looking for parents/volunteers to help run our  
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# Interactive court grand opening

Taihape Squash Club would like to extend an invitation to all community members to view our new Interactive Court in action.

**2pm to 5pm**  
**Sunday 10 September 2023**  
**12 Kokako Street, Taihape**

This is one of only three interactive courts in New Zealand.

The club will be open for the community to use the interactive court. There are hundreds of games to choose from, and something for all ages. Bring along a clean pair of non-marking shoes.

*We look forward to seeing you  
at the Taihape Squash Club.*



# Services Available in Taihape

## Horizons Bus

Pick up 1st Thursday every month to Whanganui

Pick up 3rd Thursday of every month to Palmerston North

Buses leave at 9am from the Taihape Railway Station and then at 9:05am from the Town Hall

Leaving at 3.00pm to return to Taihape

Return fare \$28.00pp, children under 5 are free

Gold card holders half-price

## 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, Information Centre & Services

102 Hautapu Street 06 388 0604 Daily 9am to 5pm

## Taihape Pharmacy

85 Hautapu Street, Taihape 06 388 0000

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## Taihape Neighbourhood Support

Contact Elizabeth Mortland 06 388 565 or 021 0261 6002

## Taihape Transfer Station

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- accessing grants
- understanding and working towards achieving meaningful outcomes for communities
- how individuals can contribute and make a difference in their community

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Did you know The Trust can help you find funding for your group?

### Upcoming grants

J R McKenzie Trust EOI for Impact Grants closing 22 September

<https://www.jrmckenzie.org.nz/funding>

RDC Creative Communities Rd 1 2023/2024 closing 4 October

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/creativecommunities2023>

Pub Charity monthly rounds closing 11 October

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Four Regions Trust closing 31 October

<https://www.fourregionstrust.org.nz>

Email [admin@tahaihp.co.nz](mailto:admin@tahaihp.co.nz) or call 06 388 1307 to find out how we can help.

## TAIHAPE MUSEUM

### *Are you our next superstar volunteer?!*

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**Photographer** to capture the town in photos, to keep our History of Taihape Businesses up to date.

**Custodian** – be the smiling face of the Museum every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday to open up the Museum to visitors.

Ring or email Frances for more information on 021 0880 5952 or [taihapemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:taihapemuseum@gmail.com)

## Taihape Community Market

10.00am—1.00pm

Saturday 10 Sept 2023

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## Gardening in Taihape

Our September meeting will be well attended. Our guest speaker is hellebore specialist Ken Telford, who is traveling up from his home near Gore bringing double flowered hellebores for us to enjoy. Ken's wife, Kate, pollinates each plant by hand so each is unique; probably the Telfords are the only people in the country carrying out this extensive breeding programme.

Most hellebores available for sale these days are propagated by 'tissue culture' producing hundreds, in fact thousands of identical plants. Many of these are outstanding but are usually cultured over seas.

After dull winter days many plants will start to enjoy spring. Camellias are wonderful shrubs and there are small growing varieties available.

Camellias with smaller leaves (*C.sasanqua*) are less liable to petal blight which disfigures the larger leaved (*C. japonica*,) varieties. Of these varieties 'Fairy Blush' is currently the most favoured and highly recommended; in Taihape it starts to flower in mid winter. Despite frosts it continues to open its small blush pink flowers for months.

Enjoying popularity world wide, this camellia was bred by Mark Jury in Taranaki. Turning to rhododendrons many gardens have pink flowered 'Christmas Cheer' in bloom, even in winter. If you prefer red as a colour, our own 'R.'Rubicon' is another New Zealand bred plant enjoyed overseas; bred in fact by the late Ron Gordon, one of our long standing garden club members. With bright red trusses of flowers carried over glossy green leaves , it is a winner. A spring shrub not seen so much these days is forsythia, again there are several varieties. It flowers with a burst of bright yellow flowers on a deciduous medium sized bush.

A big advantage of forsythia is that it is easily grown from hard wood cuttings.

The September issue of the New Zealand GARDENER featured the garden of our own Brook O'Donnell. Well done Brook.

With Thanks

Gordon Collier

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Kuku Street, Taihape

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 - on the day if NOT  
staying for lunch

\$10.00 - on the day if you would like to  
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Taihape Community Board  
Community Matters - Lottery Communities



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Films coming up at the

# *Majestic Theatre*

5c Tui Street Taihape

*“Cinemas are where memories are made”*

\*Some of the dates and times are tentative and may be liable to change without notice\*

**MET OPERA DON GIOVANNI 220min**

4pm Thurs 7th Sep

**OPPENHEIMER (M) 180min**

7pm Sat 9th FINAL

**JULES (M) 87min**

4pm Sun 10th, 7pm Sat 16th FINAL

**RETRIBUTION (M) 90min**

7pm Fri 8th, 4pm Sun 17th, 7pm Sun 1st Oct

**EQUALIZER 3 (R16) 109min**

4pm Sat 9th, 7pm Sun 17th, 7pm Sat 23rd

**RIVER OF FREEDOM (E) 154min**

7pm Sun 10th Sep

*SCHOOL HOLIDAY FILMS – DO CHECK TIMES ON WEBSITE*

**BLUE BEETLE (TBC) 127min**

7pm Fri 15th, 4pm Sat 16th, 4pm Sat 23rd, 7pm Fri 29th

**MEG 2: THE TRENCH (M) 116min**

7pm Fri 22nd FINAL

**PAW PATROL: THE MIGHTY MOVIE (G) 88min**

2pm Sun 24th, 10am Fri 29th, 10am Sat 7th Oct

**RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN (TBA)**

1pm Sat 30<sup>th</sup>, 2pm 6th Oct

**TEENAGE MUANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (PG) 99min**

1pm Fri 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Sun 1st Oct, 2pm Sat 7th Oct

**MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3 (PG) 92min**

7pm Sun 24th, 7pm Sat 30th, 4pm Sun 8th Oct.

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