

# TALK UP TAIHAPE



Taihape Community Development Trust - *December 2023*

## **Christmas Parade a stunning success**

The weather was just right to welcome Santa at the 2023 Taihape Christmas Parade. A big thank you to our Parade participants and our market stalls, which brought the street alive and were loved by all.

## **Waka Tākaro—the play trailer**

The Trust and Kayla Hyland from RDC collaborated to fund the trailer and its contents for schools and community groups within the Rangitikei to use. Bookings are through the RDC website. The trailer was launched at Taoroa School on 24 November. Check out the photos of The Christmas Parade and the play trailer launch on our website [www.taihape.co.nz](http://www.taihape.co.nz).

## **Lolly scramble**

Our fireys and police, along with Santa will be going around the streets of Taihape on 22 December after 5.30pm.

## **Farewell 2023, welcome 2024**

This has been a year of highs and lows but as always, one that the Trust has filled with events and projects for Taihape.

On behalf of the trustees and staff, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi

Pania Winiata

Project and Events Coordinator

*The Taihape Community Development Trust offices will close on Friday 22 December 2023 and reopen on Monday 8 January 2024*



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# Late Night Trading

**Thursday 14 December til 7pm**

**Thursday 21 December til 7pm**

Lots of promotions in store, free gift wrapping and  
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- **Taihape Producers Market (14<sup>th</sup> only)**
- **Taihape Pharmacy (21<sup>st</sup> only)**
- **Angels Touch (21<sup>st</sup> only)**
- **Bonds Jewellers (21<sup>st</sup> only)**

Tempt your taste buds at the Thai Happy  
Takeaway food truck that will be located  
outside Blush Florist



# Thank you to our local groups

Group	Contact	phone
Taihape Arcadian Singers	Esmé Haigh	027 309 1809
Taihape Art Society	Veronica Yardley	027 412 8855
Taihape Community Garden	Evelyn George	021 089 8672
Taihape Contract Bridge Club	Marian Cleaver	06 388 0056
Taihape Older & Bolder	Betty Tierney	06 3880978
Taihape Freemasons	Greg Bennett	0274887555
Taihape Friendship Group	Karen Walls	027 240 2593
Taihape Garden Club	Cate McCartin	021988024
Mainly Music	Jessica Baird	021 143 1591
Taihape Museum	Frances McKeown	021 0880 5952
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Taihape Walkers Group	Warren Couper	06 388 0199
The Koha Shed Taihape	Beryl Kawau	027 265 9414
Taihape Rotary	Theona Ormsby	021 122 2792
Taihape Spinning Group	Jenny Abernethy	06 388 1620
Sustainable Taihape	Vanessa Witt	020 410 31577
Te Roopu Oranga	Mokai Patea Services	06 388 1156
Taihape and District Women's Club	Viv Tantrum	06 388 0635
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Mahjong Group	Betty Tierney	0211000065
Taihape Musicians Club	Sandy Ross	0212920233

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**TAIHAPE RUGBY CLUBROOMS**  
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and the team at Taihape New World*



## Taihape Projects Update



### Papakai Wastewater project update

Since 2020, Council has been investing in upgrades to the pump station. An upgraded pump station is now operational, which gives the overall wastewater system more capability. We are nearing the completion of the next stage in the project, which will lead to significant environmental improvements. Taihape residents will know that there has been quite a bit of construction activity happening at the park for the past few months, and we know that it's caused some inconvenience for users of this space. But it's with good reason. The current wastewater system in Taihape is not fit for purpose. There are well documented issues with the pump station at Papakai, which has led to sewage discharges into the Hautapu River.

Two fibreglass wastewater storage tanks have been installed at the park to reduce the chance of sewage overflows into the river during heavy rain events. The tanks are both 28m in length, and together can store up to 260,000 litres of wastewater, which then gets treated.

Speaking of treatment, many questions have been asked about treated wastewater being discharged to land rather than into the river as it does currently. The amount of land needed for such an operation is significant. Initial calculations suggest that depending on the soil type and other factors, 170-630 hectares would be needed, and it has to be flat land without runoff into any waterways. There is not a lot of land around Taihape. While we continue to look into the best practical option for the long term future we are also looking into ways to upgrade our treatment plant to achieve a better quality of the discharge.

This will see wastewater treated to a better level before returning to the river systems. While it won't completely remove all the discharge, it will be an improvement on what currently goes into the river.


Council staff will be meeting with locals in the next month to discuss the restoration of Papakai Park to its recreation use, as part of our Making Good strategy.





# Council News

December 2023

0800 422 522 (24 hrs) | [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz) |  RangitikeiDC

FROM THE *Mayor's Desk*

## Merry Christmas everyone!



Beth and I attended the Christmas Parades in Bulls followed by Taihape and Marton which is always a logistics challenge – I would have loved to have spent more time in each of the towns.

Congratulations to all of the businesses, schools and community groups that put floats in. I really look forward to seeing these every year. I would have to say that the single standout float across the district was the effort that the Downs Group did in producing Gru's Airship from the Minions – quite an amazing effort.

Myself, Beth and Councillors would like to express our best wishes to you all. This has been a very tough year and I hope that you take the time to enjoy some genuine family time over the holiday break. Forget about work and all the other issues for a while, reflect on our successes, enjoy the festive season and please be safe.

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



## Council Temporary Holiday Hours



The operating hours for our council offices, libraries and waste transfer stations will be changing over the Christmas period.

- Council offices will be closing from midday Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Monday 8 January 2024.
- All waste transfer stations will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2023, and 1 and 2 of January 2024. Operating hours may also differ slightly outside of these days.
- Libraries and Information Centre hours:

Taihape Library	Closes - 12 noon, 24 December Reopens - 27 December (business as usual)
Te Matapihi	
Marton Library	Closes - 12 noon, 23 December Closed - 25 and 26 December Reopens - 27, 28, 29 December Closes - 12 noon 30 December Reopens - 3 January 2024 (business as usual)

**If you have an urgent issue to report, please remember you can always call us on our 24/7 phone number 0800 422 522.**

## SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS



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DISTRICT COUNCIL



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## Taihape Community Board

As we reach the end of the first year of the term as a community board there is time to reflect and to look forward to the next twelve months.

The first three months were heavily involved with visiting the district and covering the whole Northern Ward and listening to the needs of the smaller Communities. Once the LTP and Annual Plan were out for discussion; the Board was part of the strong emphasis from the community to have the Council preserve the Civic Centre on the current site of the town hall complex. The turnout of the community organisations to the RDC engagement process on the Town Hall was fantastic. While not all items on the wider wish list will be undertaken at least we know that the Town Hall/Civic Centre will be preserved and improved.

This year also saw a wider number of submissions to the Public Forum of the Community Board. It was great to again to see the smaller communities seeking support or funding from the TCB. In 2024 the Community Board will be taking its workshops and perhaps one standing meeting out to those smaller communities, to recognize that the TCB represents all the Northern Ward of the Rangitikei District Council.

In the light of this, the Board this year has reviewed the legal role it has been given under the Local Government Act 2002. The delegated responsibilities and authorities were reviewed and those that were outdated have been removed. We are considering name change at the next representational review to reflect that as a Community Board we represent communities from Ohingaiti to Moawhango, Mataroa and others.

The Board has submitted to the RDC on road safety in the region. This was well received, and we are awaiting feedback from both RDC and the government agencies as to what is feasible.

Some small projects have been completed, including the repainting of the Photo Board at the Outback. Others are awaiting completion in 2024.

The use of the Rangitikei District Council's RFS system for notification of concerns etc, is continued to be recommended as the best means of bringing people's concerns to the attention of the RDC staff. The regular articles in TUT have also provided information on our role as a Community Board, who we are and how people can contact us with their concerns. This was aimed to encourage people within the district to approach members, to write to us and to take part in both public forums and workshops.

Working with the staff and trustees of the Taihape Community Development Trust in their efforts, has continued and it has been enjoyable building a relationship with them.

Many thanks to the efforts of the Board Members and the Northern Ward Councillors.

Peter Kipling-Arthur

Chair, Taihape Community Board 021-023-39254



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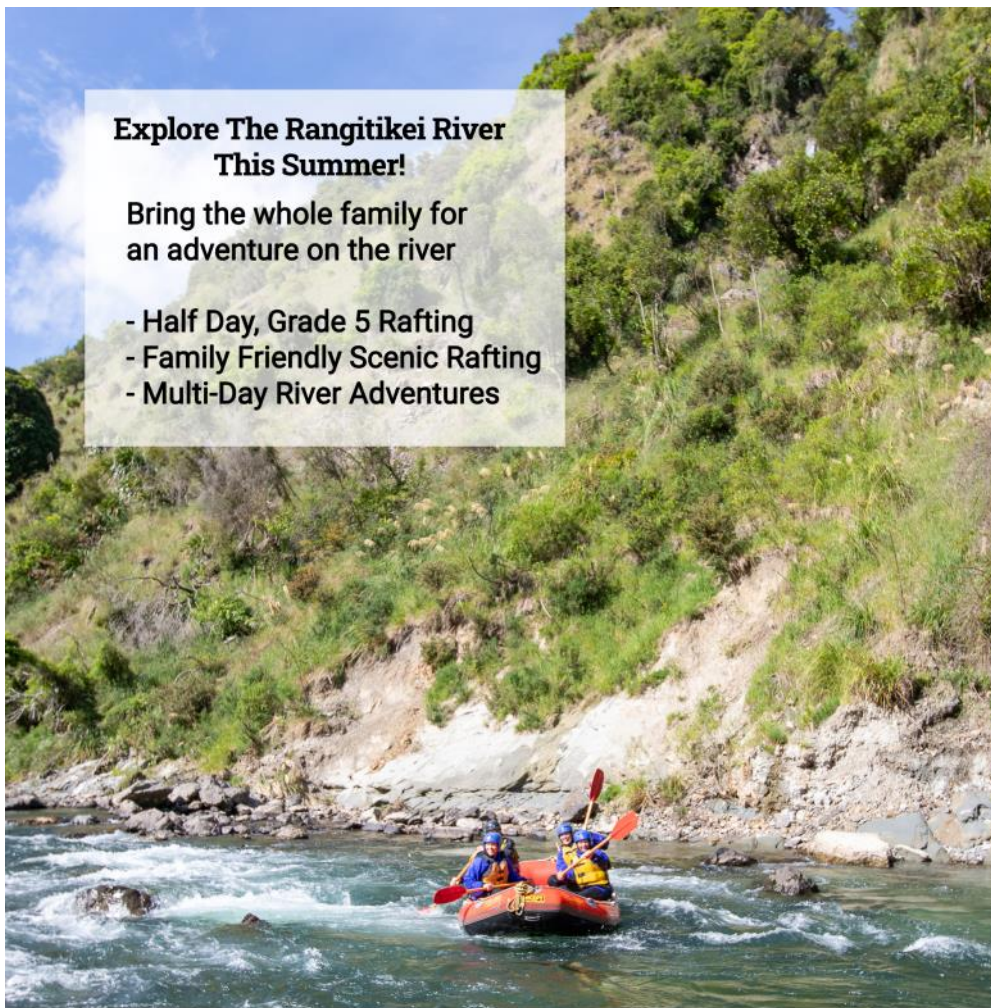
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**10am to 3pm**

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**Registration forms can be downloaded from  
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# **TAOROA**

## **TIKI TOUR**

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**Māori Land Court.** Their key purpose is to promote the retention of Māori land in Māori hands, and to support landowners to use, occupy and develop their whenua for the benefit of all landowners, their whanau and hapu. Heartlands are proposing to bring a representative from the Māori Land Court to Taihape in February to give a presentation and talk with the community. We need to gauge interest to make this happen, please contact us if you are interested in coming along.

**Event.** Tidy Taihape 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (NOT 1 Jan). Picking up litter for approx. 1 hour followed by Mocktail Monday and home baking. Meet at Heartlands Office 10.30am.

### **Monthly Health Tip.**

Give yourself a break. Don't fool yourself that long hours equal best results. Being productive is about working smarter not harder. Make time off a goal. Plan your break and just do it. During busy periods schedule micro-breaks, even 10 minutes to yourself helps you reset.

### **Joke time.**

Have you heard about the garlic diet?

You don't lose much weight, but from a distance, your friends think you look great.

**Heartland Services** – 0800 809060

Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 98b Hautapu Street (Heartlands/MTFJ Office)

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Jay - [heartlandstpe@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandstpe@gmail.com)

Wednesday, Thursday – 100a Hautapu Street (The Lobby)

Kayla 021 1347492 or [taihapeheartlands@gmail.com](mailto:taihapeheartlands@gmail.com)



## Events Calendar



- 14 Dec Late Night Trading til 7pm—Taihape
- 16 Dec 4 pm 'Enchanted Garden' Taihape Dance Academy, Taihape Area School
- 17 Dec 2pm Fakes and Forgeries exhibition closing event, Yellow Church Gallery, Mangaweka
- 21 Dec Late Night Trading til 7pm—Taihape
- 22 Dec TCDT office closes for 2023
- 22 Dec Taihape Lolly Scramble (after 5.30pm)
- 25 Dec 12.30pm Community Christmas Luncheon  
Taihape Rugby Clubrooms, Kuku Street

### Save the date 2024

- 8 Jan TCDT office opens for 2024
- 27 Jan Gumboot Day—Memorial Park 10am to 3pm
- 17 Feb Taoroa Tiki Tour

*List your event in Talk UP Taihape  
Email [admin@taihape.co.nz](mailto:admin@taihape.co.nz) or call 06 388 1307*



**Wishing you all a safe and  
happy Christmas**



*Elisabeth Bunn*

Call 027 282 4895

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## Taihape Rotary News

The Taihape Rotary Chapter has had a busy couple of months.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> September, we organized the “Candidates Night” for the electoral candidates to give the party policies and to answer questions given to Rotary before the night. It was a good night and all candidates that arrived were well received, we had representative from National, Labour, Greens and NZ First.

Our thanks to the district council for allowing us to hold the night in the Kokako Hall, this was most appreciated, and also TCDT for advertising the event in TUT.

In October, a social evening was held at Rustic Steak House with members from the Rotary Club of Marton and the Rotary chapter of Raetihi Ohakune, along with our District Area Governor Glenn Coogan from Feilding and our President Adrian Gregory from Otaki.

Targa Rally was held on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct and we were asked to organise a packed lunch for 250 for the drivers and crew. This year it was held down at the McInty Reserve at Ohingaiti. Friends of Rotary, Margaret Baird, Elizabeth Strange and Jane Bell and members from the Taihape Playground, Charlotte Oswald, Charity & Warwick Davis and children, Solomon & Lilly helped to prepare and make up the lunches.

Our sincere thanks to Pak ‘n Save, Chilly Box from Palmerston North, and Sam from Coin Mart in Taihape for their generous support, without their support we would not have had such a successful day.

Thankyou from Taihape Rotary.

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- KAREN HUGHES -

## Reminders!

The Christmas season is upon us, and for some, this can be a time of increased activities, which can cause more worry and tension. Here are some things to remember to help increase our wellbeing, and enjoy this time of year.

### Breathing

By simply lengthening our exhale scientific studies reveal we produce more serotonin and gabba, our calming neurotransmitters.

### Gut Health

Eating out, with foods we have infrequently, can stress the gut microbiome. Have on hand a good quality pro-biotic to help the unexpected influence of rich foods and beverages.

### Sleep

A good night's sleep helps to lessen most worrisome situations. Magnesium, a good vitamin B and other herbal remedies are available to increase the quality of your sleep

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Calm Christmas,

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Contact details: Fiona 027-557-4073  
Email: [livingwell@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz](mailto:livingwell@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz)

## **Wanganui Eyecare**

Due to a change in circumstances, Wanganui Eyecare Optometrists will no longer offer appointments in Taihape and Raetihi. We wish to thank the community for their support of this service for many years.

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***All the Best for 2024***

[www.taihapemuseum.wordpress.com](http://www.taihapemuseum.wordpress.com)

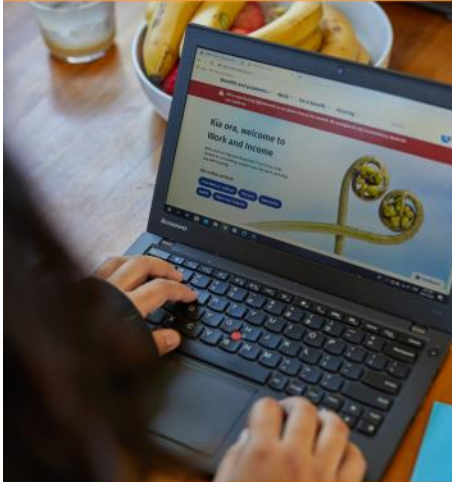






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# WHAT'S NEW AT MSD?



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Identity Check provides an additional option for people applying online for a benefit or payment in MyMSD for the first time.

It makes applying faster and easier.

If you can't or don't want to use Identity Check, you can still verify your identity by coming into a service centre.

For more information on this new service, visit our website [workandincome.govt.nz](https://workandincome.govt.nz).

## Kimi Mahi Mai Find a Job

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**CHRISTMAS CLOSING 12PM 24 DECEMBER 2023  
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## Taihape Pharmacy

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## Taihape Neighbourhood Support

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Friday 7:30—11:30am  
Saturday 8am—3pm

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**CHRISTMAS CLOSING  
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## Gardening in Taihape

Members had another treat at our November meeting where Samantha Matthews from Fordell was the guest speaker. Samantha talked and showed wonderful slides of roses and in particular the new varieties coming on the market from her family firm, Matthews Roses. 'Chawton Cottage,' a white climber with a dark eye was an eye stopper. So too were 'Bright Eyes' and 'Cappucino' - if you missed this meeting ask Mr Google to help. Matthews Roses is a family business with a show garden on S H 5 between Turakina and Whanganui. It's well worth a stop.

It's almost Summer time as this goes to print and it seems we are in for a hot summer. Spring has been a bit disappointing with some deciduous trees failing to come in to full leaf but weeds enjoying the conditions never the less. Perhaps this reflect the dull spring weather.

Rhododendrons and lilacs have put on a good show. In some local gardens an annual, 'Corn Cockle' has continued to brighten the days with its dazzling yellow daisies. It an annual and so easy to grow. Get some seed, there's plenty to share. Its been in full bloom for yonks.

But now its rose time. The triangle roe garden at the southern end of town is in full bloom. Notice how well they have been pruned to give a great display. So too the red carpet roses planted at the corner of the former Post Office; passing traffic gives them a quick go by due to their thorns - nearby tussock grasses are no deterrent due to their thorny nature. In the triangle flowering cherries put on a good show, spring past. As well, soon to flower are the rowan trees (*Sorbus hupehensis*). The flowers are nothing to write home about but wait for their autumn display when there are masses of china pink berries. Birds love them too.

Vegetable gardens will soon be full on. Baring a late frost pumpkins, cucumber, squash, and the like are enjoying the weather and now leaping away. Tomatoes too. Some more adventurous gardeners will be planting kumara. Again ask Mr Google for directions. There is no need to confine all these edibles to isolation in a garden on their own. Silver beet, lettuces and cabbages can be popped in any where there is a gap - the varieties with red leaves can make an early show and can end up on the pot if hunger demands and if need be. Corn too. This is a very ornamental plant, Try it !

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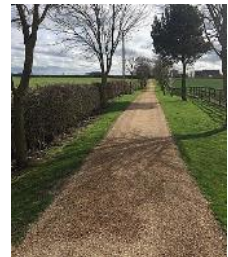
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