

TALK UP TAIHAPE



Taihape Community Development Trust - *February 2024*

Welcome to 2024

Taking a moment to reflect on the past, while eagerly looking forward to the future, Christmas 2023 featured the Taihape lolly-scramble, where our emergency services personnel and their vehicles traversed the town handing out sweet treats. It was great to have St John join this tradition in 2023.

On Christmas Day, the Community Christmas Luncheon was held in pleasant weather and in the delightful presence of remarkable individuals. This cherished event would not have been possible without the wholehearted support of the community, dedicated volunteers, and generous donations.

The Trust acknowledges the following organisations and individuals for their role in making this event a success: the Taihape Rugby & Sports Club for the venue, Taihape New World, Mokai Patea Services, Gray Family, Trevor and Kathy Clark.

Furthermore, the Trust's appreciation is extended to the volunteer kitchenhands, talented decorators, servers, table setters, and cleaners for their contributions.

Gumboot Day triumphantly returned to Memorial Park on 27th January, providing a day of joy and entertainment for everyone. The Trust thanks Pub Charity, our major funder, sponsors, suppliers, entertainers, and dedicated individuals who worked diligently behind the scenes to make our special day a resounding success.

Our commitment to our community and the numerous local groups who play their part in shaping Taihape into the exceptional place it is remains steadfast as we focus on future events in 2024.

In addition, we would like to express gratitude as we bid farewell to our administrator, Kathy Clark, and wish her abundant success in all her future endeavors.

Ngā mihi

Pania Winiata

Project and Events Coordinator

Events Calendar

Jan-Apr Summer Sunday sessions at Awastone
3 March Open Tournament, Ladies and Mens 18 holes,
Taihape Golf Club, start time 11am.

Save the date

List your event in Talk UP Taihape Email admin@taihape.co.nz or call 06 388 1307



Taihape Projects Update

Taihape Town Hall

A project work plan was presented to Council on 14 Dec 2023 and was accepted.

As for the scope of the project, two major items were kept open for the final selected tenderer to decide. One was the option to either retain, or demolish & rebuild, the facade in a similar outlook. The other was the option to retain or remove the first-floor offices. Keeping costs to a minimum will be biggest driving factor for these two decisions.

A User Group has been established and the Project Management Office have been in touch

with the group to keep them updated on any development.

The procurement process will be a two stage process with a Return of Investment (ROI) and then a Request for Proposal (RFP). We anticipate the ROI to be posted online in mid-February. In order to provide the tenderers with a design direction, Council staff are engaging with a design consultant to prepare very high level concept sketches which will form part of the RFP documents.



Ngā Awa Block - Taihape Amenities Building

The construction of the building was completed in August 2023 and Code Compliance Certificate is expected to be achieved in February 2024.

The building has been used since the construction was completed and very much enjoyed by the community.

In early 2024 the tennis/netball courts will also be painted in a grippy fresh colour.

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February 2024

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FROM THE *Mayor's Desk*

Welcome to 2024.

Everybody needed the Christmas break - the pressures that had been on staff and councillors for some time had been very high and the early feeling back this year is one of positivity, we are looking forward to the challenges of delivering the Long-Term Plan and other things such as Roading Procurement.

Over the break Beth and I attended the Christmas Day Community Lunch in Marton put on by Marton Christian Welfare and Emily Rayner and supported by a number of sponsors. Normally I attend Christmas Day lunches in Taihape and Marton on alternate years - this year was Marton and we enjoyed being part of that.



On 19 December, I attended Suze Redmayne's maiden speech at Parliament. This represents a new era for our connection with central government in the Rangitikei. Suze spoke incredibly well and has followed up her speech by becoming actively involved in a number of issues related to the Rangitikei. Suze is a breath of fresh air in this space.

Finally, we are working on finalisation of the Long-Term Plan Consultation document and the process we will use to engage with the community. We are looking to be able to reveal that position in late.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.

The latest Chorus Cabinet Mural in the Rangitikei District, "Manus of the whenua", has been completed!

Located on the corner of Hautapu Street and Goldfinch Street in Taihape, here's the story behind the mural by artist TeAranga Haapu:

"I was born in Taihape and spent a lot of time here with my whānau, especially my Nan on Moa Street, as well as endless days on our marae (Opaea Marae) we would fondly call the Pā. I loved art during my school days and now as an adult I've decided to reconnect with my passion for creating. Painting this Chorus cabinet not only allows me to grow my novice skills as an artist, but also an opportunity to reconnect with my whānau."

"The birds reflect the surroundings street names but also the close ties to the whenua (land). Since the Moa and Huia are no longer with us,



they are behind the mist but the birds in the forefront are with us today especially in the surrounding area."

"The top and side panels are a pattern found inside the wharekai of Opaea Marae. I have painted this because my marae is on the same stretch of road and holds a special place in my heart."

Ka rawe to mahi, TeAranga!



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Taihape Freemasons meets every 3rd Thursday 7pm

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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 Cate McCartin 021 988 024

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

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The Koha Shed Taihape open Mondays 9.30 to 12.30 and Wednesdays 10.30 to 1.30, contact Beryl Kawau 027 265 9414.

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

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 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

Mahjong Group meets every Monday in the back room of the Presbyterian Church at 1.30pm. New members welcome. Contact Betty Tierney 06 3880978 or 021 100 0065

Taihape Musicians Club meets every Friday night Jam - 7pm till late Contact Sandy Ross 021 292 0233



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Gardening in Taihape

It's the height of summer and our gardens are overflowing. (Don't mention the weeds - they have enjoyed the conditions as well!)- There are just so many shrubs and perennials in full bloom, right now.

Of shrubs hydrangeas are the stars of many gardens. They enjoy Taihape's soil and climate and are so useful filling up when the garden gets too large. Coming in a range of sizes, some are large and some tiny like H.

'Pia Maria.' These versatile shrubs are easy care and in colours ranging from white to red and blue to pink, depending on the soil. Hydrangea 'Annabelle' is a wonderful white mop-head enjoying some shade and needing pruning to head height in Winter. 'Limelight' is another very popular variety.

Propagate from cuttings taken in late autumn early winter you will be surprised how easy this is. An added bonus; as soon as the flowers are mature they can be dried for indoor decoration, lasting indefinitely.

Dahlias are a feature now and can be admired in many of our gardens. To begin the year our Club had an interesting talk from a lady who came to us from Eketahuna. This proved a good opportunity to learn more about these popular garden plants. A record number of members attended; the hall was packed. There was a wonderful display of dahlias on the the Bloom table. Large doubled flowers in a multitude of colours predominated. There were few singles on display. though. Dr Keith Hammett, an internationally famous Auckland plant breeder has developed a range with single flowers; readily available in garden centers. Great plants too.

Beside being famous for Gumboots, Taihape is also well known for Clematis 'Old Man's Beard.' Coming in to flower right now it is easily identified. Its common all over the northern Rangitikei and presents an enormous problem. While biological control is being developed, we can all play our part by cutting it down in our own gardens and painting the stem with a woody weed killer. Not so well known is another dreadful weed; a perennial, lamiastrum. Its valued in many gardens as a ground cover. Eradicate it now. Left to itself it will cover several acres in twenty years. Left to itself it has done just that in a local property.

Gordon Collier

Taihape Garden Club.

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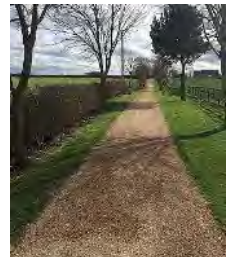
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