

Mark 26 years of magic

Fiesta of Lights set to astonish yet again at Tomoana venue

The Fiesta of Lights is set to dazzle and delight visitors once again as it celebrates its 26th anniversary. This beloved event, which began as a millennium project by brothers Te Rangi and Tama Huata, has become a cherished tradition in Hawke's Bay, attracting thousands of people each year.

The Fiesta of Lights features over 50 stunning light displays created by talented local artists, spanning a 1 kilometre trail around the Tomoana Showgrounds. From whimsical fairy tales and vibrant animals to enchanting Christmas scenes and Maori cultural themes, the displays promise to captivate and inspire visitors of all ages. Many installations are interactive, inviting visitors to play, run, or jump around the luminous art pieces.

Due to its popularity, the indoor glow-in-the-dark zone returns this year, offering fun activities like glow hopscotch, hula hoops, quoits and glow face painting. Visitors can also look forward to new light displays, including a breathtaking shower of hundreds of meteor lights, a garden of giant motion butterflies and engaging activities like grab stick games and water painting.

Every weekend, guests can revel in the fun of a foam party, where frolicking in a cloud of foam brings joy to visitors aged 5 and up. Be sure to bring a change of clothes and a towel!

The event also boasts a delightful culinary experience, perfect for enjoying Hawke's Bay's cool summer evenings under a starlit sky. Feast on New Zealand snack favorites like hot dogs and chips from Gala Caters, indulge in nostalgic treats like candyfloss and toffee apples from Fiesta of Treats, or refresh with real fruit juice slushies at The Slush Shack. For those with heartier appetites, Shani Rib Shack offers flame-grilled ribs, barbecue lamb chops, spicy chicken wings, fancy chips, and scotch fillet steak.

On New Year's Eve, the festivities will be elevated with a spectacular fireworks show, a live band, and bouncy castles, adding to the joyous atmosphere.

The Fiesta of Lights runs every night from 9 PM to 11 PM, from December 14th, 2024, to January 5th, 2025. Tickets are \$7



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Fiesta of Lights

- 9pm to 11pm
- Saturday Dec 14 to Sunday Jan 5, Tomoana Showgrounds
- Gate 3 Kenilworth Rd, Hastings
- www.fiestaoflights.co.nz

per person, with free entry for children under three. Organised by the Public Dreams Charitable Trust, the event supports training and jobs in the arts for people of all ages. The trust relies on fundraising, sponsorship, and grants to

keep the Fiesta of Lights affordable and accessible. This year, the trust raised \$35,000 through candyfloss, toffee apples, and retail fireworks sales. Hastings District Council has kindly funded the rental of the showgrounds, Eastwater provides a 35kva generator, and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc has generously loaned crowd control barriers, security fencing, and a 70kva generator.

Join us at the Fiesta of Lights and celebrate the creativity and diversity of Hawke's Bay. It's the perfect way to enjoy summer nights with family and friends and to mark the 26th anniversary of this magical event.

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He nui ngā mahi kua tutuki i a tātou e te iwi ahakoa ngā whakamātautau o te wā. Kia pai te Kirihimete, te tau hou me ōna hararei, heoi anō he wā e tika ana kia mahara ake ki te whānautanga mai a te Karaiti. Mei kore ake rā ko ia. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui tātou. Ngā tauwhiro tangā a te wāhi ngaro ki a tātou katoa kia noho haumarū ai tātou i ēnei hararei.

A big mihi from us at Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. It's been a big year with lots of achievements despite the obvious challenges facing Te Ao Māori at this time. Have a safe and merry Christmas with your whānau, and we look forward to the opportunities the new year will bring.

— From the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board & Staff



Ngāti Kahungunu Mātauranga Symposium planned for next year

In 2019-2020 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) undertook a review of its Mātauranga/Education Strategy.

The project was led by educational specialists Tawehi Munro and Whare Isaac-Sharland. In their refresh exercise, they found that although slight changes were made over time, the state of the education system was still failing Māori. A thorough process took place which included assessing strategic objectives, priorities, goals and aspirations to further grow the holistic wellbeing for the future of Kahungunu. The following six priorities were highlighted.

- Priority One: Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Priority Two: Te Reo me ōna Tikanga
- Priority Three: Te Mātauranga

Priority Four: Te Whanaungatanga

Priority Five: Te Rangatiratanga

Priority Six: Tipuria te Aroha

Each priority is likened to an aho or thread, woven together alongside the strategic objectives, creating a robust and vigorous whāriki from which the goals and recommendations can better flourish, as well as fulfil the following:

- Further advance education aspirations for all Māori learners living throughout Kahungunu; and taurahere Kahungunu whānau living beyond Kahungunu,
- Better enable our tamariki mokopuna and whānau to remain within education, as well as assure an enjoyable education journey for them,
- Further redress the persisting impacts

of colonisation which continues to plague Māori, and

■ Demonstrate, by Kahungunu for Kahungunu, educational pathways to better address educational issues.

This year Tawehi and Whare introduced Te Ao Mārama – Everything Mātauranga Podcast.

The podcast is aimed at bridging gaps and nurturing understanding by sharing the rich tapestry of knowledge, wisdom, and perspectives from the Ngāti Kahungunu community.

This platform has been a good prerequisite for a new event that will take place in the new year called, the Ngāti Kahungunu Mātauranga Symposium.

The Ngāti Kahungunu Mātauranga

Symposium is two fold.

On Thursday, January 30 a special awards dinner will take place, where whānau members will be acknowledged for their hard work.

On Friday, January 31 9am-4.30pm the Mātauranga Symposium will take place in Hastings at the Toitoti Event Centre.

This event will bring together Mātauranga and innovation to inspire, connect, and enrich our community's education and cultural revitalisation journey.

For more information about the Symposium, check out the full page poster in this edition of Tihei Kahungunu or check out the iwi website: kahungunu.iwi.nz/matauranga-symposium.

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Hui for Ngāti Kahungunu iwi at Omāhu

Leaders seeking proactive and unified way forward across motu

Ngāti Kahungunu iwi will host a Wānanga-ā-Motu on January 10, at Omāhu Marae, Heretaunga. The wānanga will focus on rangatiratanga and kotahitanga and will allow thought leaders from the motu to discuss and debate Te Whare o te Rangatiratanga, which has been proposed as a way forward for Māori from the Te Amorangi ki Mua Working Group.

Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber says, "It's important that we wānanga this important kaupapa. We hosted the motu back in May, this is an opportunity to return to Omāhu and further refine the thinking. A full presentation will be put forward on Te Whare o te Rangatiratanga that can be dissected by the motu."

The Hui Taumata that was hosted at Omāhu in May had over 3500 attendees. "The wānanga in Kahukuranui is not envisaged to be this big. We encourage hapū, marae and iwi to send their rangatira and kānohi."

Omāhu amorangi Rev Zhane Tiopira Tāhau said, "We want to hold the wānanga inside our tūpuna whare, Kahukuranui, which can probably hold around 250 people. There will be an overflow outside, but we want to limit numbers to around 300 to 400 people total so we will be taking RSVPs."



Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber (right) says it's important to wānanga this important kaupapa.

Te Amorangi ki Mua Working Group has proposed that a Te Whare o Te Rangatira be established which leverages collective whakapapa, kaupapa, scale and economy to meet the aspirations of whānau, hapū and iwi.

"We believe that a united approach in responding to the challenges placed before us from this current coalition Government. We want to be proactive in the way we move forward together to ensure the collective success of iwi Māori."

Kahukuranui, who was Kahungunu and Rongomaiwahine's eldest son said, "He whare tū ki paenga, he kai mā te ahi, he whare tū ki te pā tūwatawata o Kahukuranui he tohu nō te rangatira." Tāhau said, "This proverb talks about not

being the house out on the fringes, but rather part of a collective within the safety of Kahukuranui's pā. We need to move forward together."

"We look forward to hosting the wānanga in January. Any solution going forward needs to have buy-in from our people."

Hui-ā-iwi

In preparation for the motu wānanga, Ngāti Kahungunu will host a hui-ā-iwi on Thursday, January 9, at Omāhu Marae prior to the motu arriving the next day at the same venue.

To view the "Te Whare o Te Rangatira" proposed documents, go to www.huitaumata.co.nz/tewhareoterangatira.

Ngāti Kahungunu Hui-ā-Iwi

Thursday, January 9
Omāhu Marae, 1857 Korokipo Rd, Omāhu

9am: Pōwhiri mō Ngāti Kahungunu
10.30am: Kōtahitanga & Rangatiratanga mō Ngāti Kahungunu

2.00pm: Karakia Whakamutunga
Kahukuranui Wānanga-ā-Motu
Friday, January 10

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Partnership offers options

Tim Hutchins Funerals offers iwi support

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has formed a new partnership with Tim Hutchins Funerals to help support whānau during times of need. We recognise the need to form partnerships to ensure whānau are well taken care of when things get tough.

Meet Tim.
My name is Tim Hutchins, born and bred in sunny Hawkes Bay. I am father to three amazing children Elyjah, Leilah and Shyloh. I attended St Mary's Primary, Heretaunga Intermediate, Karamu High School and St John's College. After schooling, I was lucky enough to get an opportunity to move to Samoa for a year as a volunteer teacher. I ended up spending 10 years in Samoa working for different resorts around the island.

Moving back to New Zealand I was employed by the Hawke's Bay District Health Board, working in the community achieving health results. From there I was offered an opportunity to be involved in an up-and-coming funeral home, and the rest is history. I have been in the funeral industry for eight years, and constantly remember how privileged I am to support people and their families through some tougher times.

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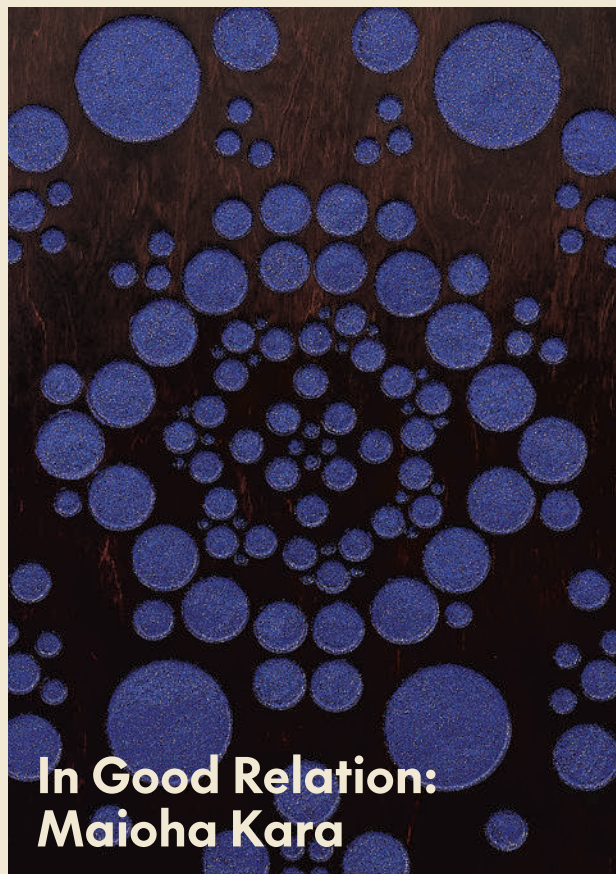
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Tim Hutchins has been in the funeral industry totalling eight years.



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Kahungunu rohe teams get physical

Whānau rivalry sets tone for inter-marae sports match-ups

Things were competitive but whanaungatanga was the main theme as sports returned to the agenda at Ngāti Kahungunu's 18th annual AGM Pā Sports Day on November 23.

The Splash Planet-hosted event attracted thousands of participants representing numerous 50 marae from throughout the Kahungunu rohe. It was the first time sports had been included since 2021 as the iwi had been hit by tough financial times in 2022 and 2023.

"This was a beautiful day. We had an awesome AGM where we announced a huge surplus compared to the prior year loss".

"We were able to bring sports back after a couple of tough years and there was plenty of positive feedback from everyone which shows all our systems are working," a jubilant iwi chairman Bayden Barber explained.

Barber, 51, got to play alongside four of his sons in the Waimarama team which beat Tangoio 48-39 in the final of the six-team basketball competition. Two of them, Kaea and Mana, were particularly prominent.

"Their grandmother was also on the bench. Because of the AGM I could only play in the final and I managed 12 points and a couple of rebounds," Barber recalled.

Waimarama were also triumphant in the 11-team volleyball competition and completed an unbeaten run with a 32-27 victory over the Waipatu Warriors in the final.

Volleyball Hawke's Bay stalwart Jo



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Lucas impressed with her leadership for Waimarama. For the Warriors 52-year-old Matt Marsh displayed the benefits of his vast experience while 8-year-old Noah Whaitiri proved he has a big future in the code.

Earlier in the day Marsh was on the Waipatu touch team's roster as it beat Taraia 8-3 in the final of their eight-team competition.

"It was a whānau effort and we were fortunate to have four players who had played in last weekend's Fijian Cup

tournament. Today was another one of those finals between the Cardies and the Bartletts and the Bartletts came out on top," Marsh recalled.

Tamaki nui-a-Rua retained the Ki-o-Rahi title they won in 2021 with three wins and a loss in their five-team competition. Their key player, Kaia Walker-Waitoa, captured the award for the Most Outstanding Female.

"We're all whānau and we know how each other plays. We've played together for seven years and we've just finished

our weekly module competition back in Dannevirke," Walker-Waitoa explained.

"Everybody will be back next year to try and retain our title," she added.

Second place went to a Waimarama team which boasted Wiremu Manaena and Te Paeru Makea-Karaitiana as their influential players.

Omāhu's Luc Harmer took home the award for the Most Outstanding Male player. He played alongside his two daughters, Te Hineariki and Te Awihiorangi Araia-Harmer.

Te Whatuiapiti travelled home with the Ki-o-Rahi Sportsmanship award.

Tangoio took out the 12-team Mixed Netball competition for the first time with three wins and a draw. Second-placed Tamaki nui-a-Rua posted three wins and a loss.

Te Ohomairangi and Ahmali-Rose Ratima along with Evanaleeigh and Equalizae Collier were all prominent for Tangoio.

Pickleball was introduced for the first time and eight teams representing six marae participated. The interest in this code exceeded expectations and it will be included again next year.

First place went to the unbeaten Te Aranga Marae team of Cynthia, Teina and Meliano Fameitau and Kylie Stevens.

Second place went to Nuhaka's Kahungunu Marae team of Paddy Owen, Hine Flood, Austin King and Waaka Edwards.

Events manager Te Rangi Huata said: "We've got so many talented sportspeople across all codes and our young people need to see the pathways available to them."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated was pleased for participants in all sporting activities from the AGM Pā Sports to representing Aotearoa at International events.

"Our mission is to enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu."

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AUNTY'S GARDEN

Log on for new take on an old favourite

Chocolate sponge roll comes with bananas and a taste of nostalgia

Aunty Hanui Lawrence.

Another Christmas looms so quick it seems, as each year comes and goes. It's a bit like our weather, atmosphere, and planting conditions, hot, hot summers, and season changes that have a grower's pattern turned upside down. And so it has been in Aunty's Garden.

The kumara plants slowly producing – with nurseries and people screaming out for plants which I don't have enough to supply. The lettuces slowly growing during early spring to now with an over-supply which goes to nourish for nil.

An early November frost means our cucumbers gone, and some potatoes and sweet corn nipped but picking up again now. For several weeks we've had very little rain so farmers are frantically irrigating to boost their crops, potatoes, corn, squash, onions and brassicas. Unpredictable circumstances, weather, financial hardship, unemployment, cost of living and homelessness seems to be the order of the day. On the positive side we live in hope with the conditions we live through. If only everyone had work and an income manageable to keep our families happy with sufficient food on the table and shelter over our heads like the good old days.

The Christmas trend for many is expensive gifts and buy now and pay later options. But in reality, that is totally not necessary. The gift of family, of happy



Chocolate logs, an oldie but a goodie.

children and parents of being together of having fun, sharing talents, playing games, visiting relatives, singing, crying, laughing, and mocking one another (and others) is enough to keep us happy.

I thank all that come to Aunty's Garden at Waipatu Z Service Station in Karamu Rd, who pays for my petrol and diesel for the tractor and the mowers, and Good in the Hood where I got \$1608 to buy my rotary hoe. I thank the Corrections Department for the help given by the men and women who come to the garden, and to the many school groups and clubs, and kindergartens that come to learn. Thank you to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints helping hands team, to TPK for their continuous sponsorship, and, of

course, to our Ngāti Kahungunu iwi for always supporting me by putting my stories in the paper.

This months recipe – Chocolate Log (Edmonds Cook Book Recipe)

Years ago chocolate logs were very fashionable, so I used to make these cakes on a regular basis but I haven't made them for years. Last week I attempted to make one for a friend using the recipe from the Edmonds book. Take one, a flop, Take 2, still not perfect. Take 3, still not right. I left something out. Choc Log the fourth time lucky. I think that ingredients are a little different nowadays, so it pays to play around and have a go.

Ingredients

3 eggs
½ cup caster sugar
½ tsp vanilla essence
25g butter, melted
1 Tbsp hot water
2 Tbsp cocoa
¼ cup Edmonds Standard Grade Flour
1 tsp Edmonds Baking Powder
Chelsea icing sugar
Filling and Icing
Mashed bananas and whipped cream
Chocolate Butter Icing

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Lightly butter a 20 × 30cm sponge roll tin and line the base and 2 sides with a piece of baking paper.

Beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla until pale yellow and very thick and fluffy. About 10 minutes.

Fold through the melted butter and hot water, and then sift on the flour, cocoa and baking powder. Fold gently through until the mixture is smooth and has no streaks.

Pour the mixture into the greased and lined sponge roll tin and bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the cake springs back when lightly touched. While the cake is baking put a piece of baking paper on the bench, dusted with icing sugar.

Turn the cake on to the baking paper and spread it thinly with jam, then roll it up from a short side, using the baking paper to help it roll.

Leave the roll wrapped in the paper until cold, then unroll it and fill with mashed bananas and whipped cream.

Roll and spread it with chocolate butter icing. Use a fork to make bark patterns in the icing and place walnuts.



The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's.

The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:00. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth and adults. Children's Sunday school

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The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is

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