



HIKURANGI DECEMBER BULLETIN 2023

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Hope everyone has been good for 2023



Hikurangi Friendship House would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe on the roads and we will see you all again in 2024

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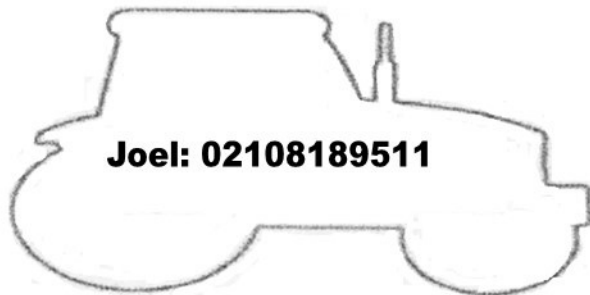
Church Services In Hikurangi

Hikurangi Village Church: Meet Sundays at 10am, in the Hikurangi War Memorial hall. Last Sun of month is a Shared Lunch. Phone/Text Stuart on 0274 575247.

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

Ko te tumanako kei te ora koe. (I hope you are doing well). Christmas is nearly here and the end and start of another year. Schools are nearly all done, our tamariki will be harikoa/happy. Parents will be pulling their hair out shortly. What a year it has been. I've been working in Hikurangi area for one year and so far have I enjoyed it. I've still got a long way to go to cement myself properly in this area but for now I have time on my side. Slow is Fast as they say in the military.

We have lost Josh. (He was the bad cop, I'm the good cop). I won't have a mate until March, April 2024 when Police advertise Josh's position. From the sounds of things, they will be advertising it as a permanent position, which is great, so watch this space. I don't think there is going to be any issues with applicants, I've had a few people whispering in my ear and wanting to apply. As we are all aware this job really needs two Police Officers working here.

Josh spoke about executing warrants on vehicle's doing burn outs in last month bulletin, I can confirm we impounded the vehicles that were involved, hopefully this sends some sort of message out. Unfortunately, there are areas that are not monitored by cctv cameras which are used for this type of activity. For those that are having issues with this behaviour please report it, call 111 or report via 105, if your able to get any clear footage, recordings and noted registration plates, Police would appreciate this.

With people being away over this summer period, houses vacant etc, please be vigilant, secure your property and keep a kanohi/eye out on your neighbour's property. If you see something suspicious, take some details of what you're seeing i.e., registration plates, description of person/s and give us a call so we can follow up. It may be nothing or it may be the call that stops further activity from this person or person's.

Again, apologies for anyone who comes to the Hikurangi Station finding it unmanned, if its important, call 111, if you're trying to get a hold of me call 105 and leave a message with the call taker, they will or often will send a email to me and I'll pick it up when I'm back on duty or when I open the email and read it.

For those of you that are lucky enough to have time off over the coming summer break, this summer is looking like a scorcher so hit those beaches, enjoy our backyard playgrounds, and keep the whanau safe throughout. Don't forget, Slip Slop and Slap on a pōtae, be waterwise, drive to the conditions, get to wherever you're travelling to safe. if It take's an extra hour, so be it.

In the last 3 weeks I've attended 2 motor vehicle crashes ending with 3 fatalities. I can't reiterate this enough, drive to the conditions. Let's make it home!

If you're working through, I'm feeling you, I'll be around Christmas day and boxing day, hopefully be able to sneak home for a kai in between. I'll be in and out over the New Year. There will be extra staff working the coastal areas and road Policing units patrolling the highways.

If anyone knows of anyone struggling over this period reach out, I have some food boxes here that I'm more than happy to provide and any other assistance we can offer I can look in to it.

For now, kia tupato, stay safe out there, take care and look after each other.

Ngā mihi o te Meri Kirihimete me te Tau Hou. Mauri Ora!

Kupu o te marama: Word of the month:

hau kāinga: home wind, homeland

Hoki mai ki te *hau kāinga*.

Return *home*. (Return to your *homeland*.)



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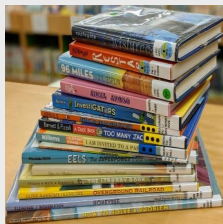
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Children's Lighthouse & Playgroup 20 George Street Hikurangi

Open Hours Tues & Fri 9.30am -1pm.

Email: playgroup@hikurangi.co.nz

Contact Sharlene on 021 616 755

Justice of the Peace: NELLY NAIKER Phone 021 0814 4539



Tai-Chi:

This has now finished for 2023.
It will restart on Feb 7th 2024. Ph Linda
on 4338062 or 021 142 3679)

Hukerenui Playcentre

Our centre is located at 9 Crows Nest Road.
Contact us about coming to us in 2022
Email: hukerenui@playcentre.org.nz

Session Times:

Monday to Friday 8.45am to 12.45pm. For more info please call in and talk to us @ the above address.

Justice of the Peace: SHAYN ROUSE Phone 433 8471

Hikurangi Badminton Club

We have had a steady year with our morning session regulars enjoying their badminton, crosswords, coffee and the odd debate.

After some enquiries we have started up both juniors and an evening session at the Hikurangi School hall.

We last had an evening session over 3 years ago due to both Covid and flooding of the school. Carpet was laid in the hall to provide temporary classroom space and it has only recently been lifted. We have had a few regulars return along with some new faces so please come along and enjoy this fantastic sport.

Session Times are:

Morning: Wednesdays 9am-12noon @ Memorial Hall.

Juniors: Wednesdays 5pm-6pm Hikurangi School.
Term only @ Hikurangi School Hall.

Evening: Wednesdays 6.30pm-9pm @ School Hall.

Cost per session \$2 school students & \$3 adults. We do have rackets available. Shuttles are provided.

We wish everyone a happy & safe Christmas.

Contact Robyn on 4338718 or 027 8242803 for 2024 dates.

Hikurangi Library Christmas/New Year Hours.

The Library will close at 2pm on Friday December 22nd 2023 and will Reopen on Monday January 8th 2024 @ 10.00am. Please enjoy your holidays.

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Well, another year draws to a close and what a busy year it's been for our club, with the grand finale being the Santa Parade of course!

We, as a club, were very proud and humbled to have been awarded the Community Group Contribution Award at the recent Hikurangi Community Dinner. Thank you so much Hikurangi this was really appreciated, helping out in our community is what we are about, please let us know if there is anything you need a hand with. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to helping out again next year

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Hikurangi Community Development Co-ordinator

Happy December Hikurangi! I am looking forward to the summer break and seeing what 2024 has in store for the Hikurangi district. It has been a very busy month for me with numerous events, including the Hikurangi Fireworks, the Hikurangi Trial Ride, the Hikurangi Community Dinner, and the Hikurangi Christmas Parade all within a month of each other. Our events are getting bigger and better each year and I really want to thank all of those who work hard to make them successful behind the scenes, and of course our awesome community who keep showing up to support the events we run. Our fireworks was the biggest yet, the trail ride raised over \$8000 to go back to local groups and initiatives, our community dinner celebrated a productive year with 16 guests speakers and a big congratulations to our award winners:

Ani Hemara (long service), Paul Cook (good bugger), and the Hikurangi Lions (group contribution). We still have many projects to get stuck into in the new year, and we will be upgrading the HCDC page on the hikurangi.co.nz website so keep an eye on that to see all the projects I'm working on in 2024. We will also be starting a community vision to see what our community members want Hikurangi to be like, look like, and feel like in the future for our next generations. This will be a huge community consultation process and I hope you all get involved and put your ideas and visions for our community forward. I hope you all enjoy your Christmas and New Years and have a enjoyable summer break with family and friends.

Hikurangi Community Notices.

Badminton (Social): Wed 9 - 12noon @ Hiki Memorial hall \$3 per session. Rackets available. Contact **Robyn 433 8718.**

Children's Lighthouse Playgroup: George St. Tues & Fri 9.30 am - 1.00pm. Contact **Sharlene 021 283 7944**

Fire Brigade: Training Monday Nights at 6.30pm in the Fire Station. **More Volunteers needed.**

Friendship House Trust: Meets every 4th Tues of the month at 5.30pm held in the Hikurangi Hall.

All welcome. **Phone 433 8452 for more information.**

Hikurangi Business Association: Meets monthly.

If interested in attending or joining us please contact hba@hikurangi.co.nz

Hikurangi Freemasons Lodge No 140:

Contact **Ivan Berryman 4335847** or **Steve 435 5601.**

Hikurangi Transfer Station Please Note Summer Hours Mon to Fri 8pm to 1pm, Sat & Sun 8am to 5pm.

Hikurangi Golf Club: Ph **Paul Allen 027 3212041.**

Hikurangi Hall: For Hire. **Phone 433 8452**

Jack Morgan Museum, Hikurangi: Open 10am-3pm daily.

Justice of the Peace: Shayn Rouse **Phone 433 8471 &**

Nelly Naiker 02108144539

Kindergarten: 5 Park St, **Phone 433 8535**

Hikurangi Civil Defence contact Cory Haslam 0221915709

Hik Library Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 2pm Tues 10am -4pm Thurs 10am - 3pm Sat & Sun closed. **Ph 433 8773.**

Hikurangi Lions: Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

Phone either Cyndy Verryt on 946008 or 021544531 or Carol Head on 0273661029.

Hikurangi Plunket: Whanau Anhna Plunket Holly 027 203 2863, Mon & Thurs Home & Clinic visits. Drop-in Clinic at 33 King Street Kensington, 9am to 1pm Wednesday & Friday. No appointment necessary.

Hukerenui Playcentre: Email Hukereui@playcentre.org.nz

Marriage Celebrant: Jeanette Logie Contact 0210359313

Museum: Hours are: Tues, Thurs, Sat 10am-11.30 am, or by appointment. **Contact number 433 8062**

Museum Committee: Meet in the Museum every 3rd Sat of the month at 9.00 am. **Phone Linda 433 8062 or please Email: hikurangi.museum@gmail.com.**

Opuawhanga Com Hall: For Hire Phone Joan Dempster on 0211614872

Eureka Taekwondo: Self Defence for all age groups.

Hik Sch Hall, Tues & Thurs 6pm -7pm. Please just turn up on those nights for more information. Thanks.

Tai Chi: Held in the Hikurangi Hall @ 1.30pm every Wednesday (except school holidays). Please Phone Linda on 4338062 or 021 142 3679 for more info.

Whakapara Pony Club: Steve Martin

Whakapara Women's Institute: Contact Marie 433 9900.

Whangarei District Council: Phone 430 4200.

If anything needs to be changed in these Community Notices please let us know before our deadline which is on the front page. Of the Bulletin. We are not responsible for information that is wrong if people do not let us know of any changes.

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December already, it really is a busy month for us all, with so much going on and trying to get squeezed in. Remember you're not the only one stressing to get things done, we all are. As the Holiday approach we head into the busy time on our roads. Also remember to take your time with your travels, be patient, share the driving if you can, expect delays, expect roadworks, so please drive to the conditions.

If you see us out on the road please pay attention to what's in front of you and follow directions given to you by our members or police, we know the Facebook community page has posts about some of our incidents by members of the community, we have had incidents were people see something on Facebook and then come for a look, this adds more work for us and we can't concentrate on what we need too. If a Facebook post says there is a detour, please pay attention to this. Help us help our community

Last month a group of our members were out at the Hikurangi Community Trail Ride, they were there to help if needed. What a great weekend despite the weather. This is a great event for Hikurangi helping out our local community groups, bringing more people into our community.

As summer approaches the greatest risk to your home is from an ember attack when embers from a wildfire are carried by the wind. Keep roofs and gutters clear of dead leaves, debris and pine needles. Move anything that could burn (mulch, flammable plants, leaves, needles and firewood piles) away from wall exteriors, decks or porches. Ensure your house number is easy for us to find and that we can fit fire trucks down your drive. Updates on the fire season can be found on our Facebook page and checkitsalright.nz

The lolly run planning is underway and we will keep everyone updated on this on our Facebook page.

We have had 15 Calls this month

- 02/11/23 Hika 641 Whan 127 Medical Punaruku
- 04/11/23 Hika 6411, Kamo 191, 192 Whan 121 Roof Fire Tikipunga
- 04/11/23 Hika 641, 6411 Kamo 191 Oakura
- 05/11/23 Hika 6411 Whan 127, 124 Alarm Activation Whareora
- 06/11/23 Hika 6411 Kamo 191 Whan 121 Ceiling Fire Kauri
- 11/11/23 Hika 641 Kamo 191 Fire on Mountain Hikurangi
- 11/11/23 Hika 6411 Whan 121 Port 151 Maun 2171 Papa 8171, 8176 Shed Fire Waitira
- 12/11/23 Hika 641 Whan 6171 Couch Fire Whananaki
- 13/11/23 Hika 641 Kamo 191 Whan 127, 9926 MVA Kauri
- 15/11/23 Hika 641 Whan 121 MVA Whakapara
- 19/11/23 Hika 6411 Whan 127, 124 Alarm Activation Whareora
- 20/11/23 Hika 641 Kamo 191 MVA Kauri
- 24/11/23 Hika 641 Kamo 191 Alarm Sounding Kamo
- 26/11/23 Hika 6411 Port 151 Whan 121 Shed Fire Otaika
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If anyone has any of these that would be suitable for the Hikurangi Bulletin please call into Friendship House with them or email us at friendship@hikurangi.co.nz. They would be very much appreciated. Linda (Editor).

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HIKURANGI HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Henry Samuel Taylor (Bull Taylor) 1923-2009

Henry and his four younger brothers grew up on a farm in Peats Rd, Kaurihohore. Being five boys they got up to a considerable amount of mischief. Their mother often got phone calls beginning Mrs Taylor your boys are..... All five played rugby for Hikurangi, Henry, Gordon, Bruce, Donald and Stuart all feature in the museums collection of sporting photos. Henry played both Prop and Hooker and admitted to being one of the bad boys, if someone hit him he whacked them back. I believe on more that one occasion he wore an opposition sock, handy in the scrum. Henry disliked farming with a passion and as soon as he could he joined the Air Force and spent 'his war' in the pacific mainly in Fiji and also Guadal Canal. He was in the beaching party for the Catalina Flying Boats. On his return he worked at the Brickworks in Kamo. Henry then joined the Army and went to Japan as part of a J Force. While in Japan he was in the 2nd NZEF Rugby team that won the Duntroom Cup in 1948, beating an Australian side. Back from Japan he headed to the South Island and worked on the Hydro Dams at Lake Pukaki and Lake Tekapo. While there he played rugby for the Geraldine Rugby Club. Henry then settled with his wife Betty, in Hikurangi and worked in both the Hikurangi and Kamo mines until their closure. Henry then worked for the Whangarei Council County as a grader driver until he retired aged 60. He joined the Hikurangi Volunteer Fire Brigade and rose up the ranks and became Fire Chief. He received his Gold Star in 1985 and retired from the Brigade reluctantly aged 65. The Taylor family lived in View Rd and although the section was on a hill it was flat because as I have mentioned Henry had a grader. His idea of gardening was everything at ground level. In the early 1970's a new road was formed that ran behind a group of houses in View Rd, back yards became front yards. Some people adapted but not Henry, his back yard remained his back yard despite hints from the council that he should tidy things up. Grader blade tips made good reinforcing in concrete, another of Henry's gardening favourites. Sometime in the 1980's Telecom were installing new underground cables and came to an abrupt halt when they encountered Henry's concrete. Henry when in his 70's along with his brother Bruce, caretaker at Kaurihohore Cemetery, made a decision to repair the flagpole in the RSA section. An incident occurred and the flagpole knocked Henry to the ground. An ambulance was called and on arrival at hospital Henry soon became the butt of many jokes for cutting down a flagpole. Henry made his final journey from Hikurangi May 6th 2009 on the back of a 1980 Jeep borrowed from the Ngunguru Fire Brigade. He is buried in the RSA section of the Kaurihohore Cemetery. A fitting place for him as his family farm adjoined the cemetery. Henry's granddaughter was dating a young man whose mother grew up at Kaurihohore and was asked if she was one of those "Mad Taylor's from Kaurihohore". She proudly responded "Yes I am". You can contact the museum by emailing them on hikurangi.museum@gmail.com or Facebook Hikurangi Historical Museum. Our opening hours are as follows: Tuesday, Thursday 10am-11.30am, Saturday 10am-2pm or by appointment.

HIKURANGI SCANDAL NOVEMBER 25th 1911

THE HIKURANGI CASES AUCKLAND, Nov. 25

At the Supreme Court, the lad named Charles Berry Simons, found guilty in connection with the opening of a love letter in the post office at Hikurangi, was brought up for sentence.

Judge Edwards said that the disclosing of private correspondence in this way was a very serious offence. He could not at present see his way to do anything but inflict severe punishment, but he would take further time to consider the matter.

William Henderson, another lad found guilty of destroying circulars sent through the post and not claimed, was ordered to come up for sentence when called upon and to pay £12 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Sentence on Joel Rowley for having opened a letter at the Hikurangi post office was deferred.

HIKURANGI SENIOR CRAFT CLUB

Please note this is not just for seniors anyone may come along.



Our first one for 2024 is on Mon January 22nd 24.

So please come along to the Hikurangi Christian Fellowship Hall @ 9.30am to see what we do.

If you would like more information on our club contact Linda on 4338062 or 021 142 3679. We wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

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