

# FEBRUARY 2023 Issue

## The Hikurangi BULLETIN

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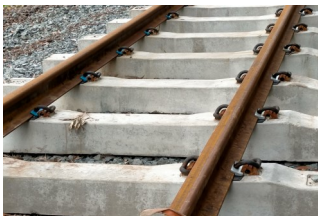


## BULLETIN DEADLINE March 10th 2023

### Progress On The Rail North of Waro Lake



Notice the new concrete sleepers piled up on the left and the new rails. Also on the left a tripod for the surveyors the odolyte. There is a truck in the background and vibrating roller in the foreground.



The New Rails on the new Sleepers.



On the left are various buckets the excavators use to prepare for the new surface. Behind them is the drum of forged connectors for holding the rail to the sleeper.

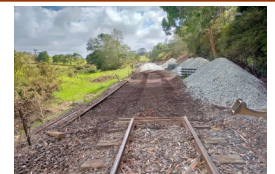
### HIKURANGI AUTO MADNESS 2023



Hikurangi School  
Sunday March 12th 10am to 2pm.



This is the way the rail is attached to the new sleepers. Presumably a Teflon type plastic allowing the rail to slide with expansion & contraction



Here we see the old rails cut & removed. The old scoria underneath and the new metal/ballast overlaid.

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<b>HIKURANGI</b>	<b>550 mm</b>
<b>MARUA</b>	<b>723 mm</b>

We would like thank the following people who give us these Rain Results each month.

**Hukerenui:** Lillian Reid, Hikurangi Linda Vanstone and Marua Rob Roest

These rain measurements are taken from their rain gauges in their local back yards.

### 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.

**Hikurangi Catholic Church:** Valley Rd Sundays 8 am Mass 1st Sun & Liturgy 2nd, 3rd & 4th 10 am.

**Hikurangi Christian Fellowship:** Sundays 10am or contact 4338654 and please leave a message.

### Hikurangi Mountain Lions News

Well, due to our glorious summer weather this year, we unfortunately had to postpone our annual Golf Tournament.

But the good news is, it's still going to go ahead, so save the date! Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March!!!

Just a reminder, this time we are raising funds for "Kind Hands" an amazing local charity that provides incredible support for children, and their families, who are dealing with the many challenges they face through illness or disability.

We would love you to help us with this, why not get a group of friends, whanau or work colleagues together (a great team building opportunity) and have a fun day out! There will be delicious food and of course drinks available, raffles and an auction!

If you are not able to come on the day, you can still help! Why not donate a raffle or auction prize? Or be a sponsor— any help, large or small, would be very much appreciated.

If you can help or would like to join us for the day, or have any questions then Marc is the man to contact on 027 322 6128 or [marc@wscas.co.nz](mailto:marc@wscas.co.nz).

Please remember we are always here to help where we can, so get in touch if you need us  
The Hikurangi Mountain Lions

A Good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness gathers love.

### Hikurangi Police

#### Policeman Rado (Greg)

Hui-tanguru/February

*Tēnā koutou katoa,*

Well, I made the cut and have been appointed one of the Community Constable positions for Hikurangi. The other successful applicant is Constable Joshua MORGAN, whom I am yet to meet. I know nothing at all about this Tāne/man but over the coming years we shall get to know each other very well. (I'll get him to write the Poutu-te-rangi/March bulletin).

You will now see me driving the Mitsubishi Triton, again wave me down if I'm driving past or stop in at the station if you see the truck in the driveway.

I have been away in Waitangi as part of the Police Iwi Liaison Team. This team deploys to the Waitangi celebrations each year. The Police Iwi Liaison teams are made up of wahine/woman and tāne Police officers from around Te Tai Tokerau/Northland. We do not wear the blue uniform. This helps us connect easier with the people, being more approachable. We bring a unique style of Policing to the celebrations that occur over the week.



The ILO team.

Kura/School is back for another year. Parents must be relieved. I hope you all enjoyed some quality whanau/family time together over the raumati/summer.

Drownings this summer! To date worst year, 19 drownings.

Jacinda ARDEARN, called time on her rein of Prime Minister for NZ. Personally, I take my hat of to her, she did a great job given what incidents/pandemics we faced as a country. My opinion, what ever government was leading us during her/those challenging times would of probably received the same praises, backlash from disgruntled people. Its not a job I would choose to do.

Good luck to Mr Christopher HIPKINS as he steers us into the next election. Don't forget to vote this coming 14<sup>th</sup> of October. If you don't vote you can't moan about things.

Unfortunately, Covid is on the rise. If we all continue doing the right thing, all the restrictions of the past stay in the past and we can continue living life as normal.

For the few that are reading this and have a WTA (warrant to arrest) sort it out, nothing worse than being woken in the middle of the night because you failed to appear at court. If you see me at the station stop in, I'm happy to transport or work something out.

As I am still settling in out here, there are people and or businesses that I have not introduced myself to. Feel free to contact me for any assistance or advice.

Stay safe out there, keep an eye on our tamariki/children while there on their way to and from school. Make the most of the sunshine as we near the end of summer. Be waterwise.

Once again remember if it's an emergency and it's happening now call 111. If It's a non-emergency, it's happened already but needs to be reported call 105.

Mā te wā/bye for now/see you later





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Please either **Phone or text Theresa to book a place on 021 243 6889**. Also someone is available to take locals to appointments etc in Whangarei when necessary. Phone or text **Stuart on 027 457 5247**.

## Children's Lighthouse & Playgroup 20 George Street Hikurangi

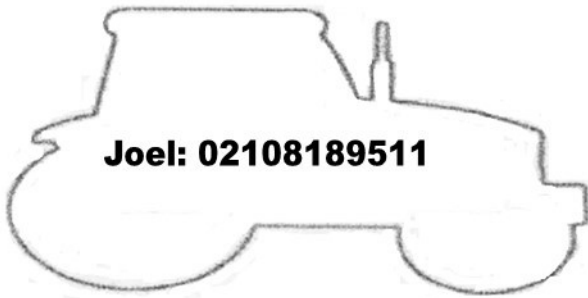
### Public Session Open Hours

Fridays only 10am -12noon.

Email: [playgroup@hikurangi.co.nz](mailto:playgroup@hikurangi.co.nz)

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Session Times:

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



**Tai-Chi:** Every Wednesday at 1.30pm  
Hik Memorial Hall. Cost \$4 per session.  
Ph Linda on 4338062 or 021 142 3679  
(Not in School Holidays)

*If anyone has any stories they would like to see in the bulletin please either drop them into Friendship House or email them to [friendship@hikurangi.co.nz](mailto:friendship@hikurangi.co.nz)*

## Thanks for supporting our Hikurangi Bulletin.

### 2023 Donations are now due.

Your **\$10.00** annual Bulletin Donation would be very much appreciated, this helps to keep this community publication operating. Unfortunately due to postage going up each year we have to raise our postage, so if you would still like it posted to your address, then please add \$17.00 for postage. **Please note!!!** If you still require the Bulletin to be posted to you please let me know that you wish to continue. Thanks Linda.

### Suggested ways to pay:-

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**Children's Lighthouse Playgroup:** George St. Tues & Thurs 9.30 am - 12.30pm. 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:** Meet 2nd Wed of each month, 7.00pm Hikurangi Bowling Club. **All Welcome.**

**Hikurangi Freemasons Lodge No 140:**

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

**Hikurangi Transfer Station Please Note Winter Hours**  
Open Hours: Monday to Sunday 8am-1pm.

**Hikurangi Golf Club: Phone Blue on 4337453**

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

**Jack Morgan Museum, Hukerenui:** Open 10am-4pm daily.

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

**JP and Marriage Celebrant:** Paul O'Dea **0275348374**

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

**Library Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 2pm Tues & Thurs 10am - 6pm 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 [Hukerenui@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:Hukerenui@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 9.30 am. **Phone Linda 433 8062 or please Email: hikurangi.museum@gmail.com.**

**Opuawhanga Com Hall:** For Hire Ph 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 for more info.

**Whakapara Pony Club: Steve Martin**

**Whakapara Women's Institute: Contact Marie 433 9900.**

**Whangarei District Council: Phone 430 4200.**

**Yoga:** Marua Hall. Thursday 6pm \$8. **Allison 09 434 4330**

If there any changes needed to these notices please let us know before our deadline which is on the front page.

We are not responsible for information that is wrong if people do not let us know of any changes.

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## **Hikurangi Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Hi Hikurangi

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Keep in contact with family and friends that may be in those high flood risk areas.

Please take care in the weather, only go out if its essential, watch for fallen debris on the roads, treat all fallen powerlines as live, and don't drive through floodwater. Call 111 in an emergency. We will always give top priority to calls where life and safety is at risk  
We are here when you need us.

## **SAVE THE DATE – HIKURANGI AUTO MADNESS 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The Hikurangi Auto Madness Team have planning underway, we will be there with the trucks on display we will also be manning the BBQ again. This is a great day out for the family seeing some great cars, watch for more info on the Hikurangi Auto Madness Facebook page, we will also share any info on our page.

Have you got smoke alarms installed? This is a vital tool in your home safety kit. When you're asleep, you lose your sense of smell, so make sure its in working order. Test it once a month, also give it a vacuum now and again, dust build up can trigger the smoke alarm to sound vacuuming the smoke alarm will prevent false alarms.

January finished up with a total of 17 calls, Down on January 2022.

We have only had 1 weather related call despite the wet January.

Since the last bulletin we have had 10 calls

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|----------|---|
| 15.01.23 | Hika 6411, Whangarei 121, Burning Fire Poroti.                              |
| 20.01.23 | Hika 6411, Whangarei 121, 127, Kamo 191 Switch Board Fire Ruatanagata West. |
| 21.01.23 | Hika 641, 6411, 6429, Kamo 192, Scrub Fire Hikurangi.                       |
| 22.01.23 | Hika 6411, Portland 151, Whangarei 121 Grass Fire Portland.                 |
| 24.01.23 | Hika 6411, Portland 151, Whangarei 121 Grass Fire Oakleigh.                 |
| 25.01.23 | Hika 641 Animal Rescue Hikurangi.   |
| 27.01.23 | Hika 641, Kamo 191, Whangarei 121 Branches on Powerlines Kauri.             |
| 30.01.23 | Hika 6411, Whangarei 121, 127, Alarm Sounding Kensington.                   |
| 03.02.23 | Hika 641 Fire in vicinity Hikurangi.  |
| 03.02.23 | Hika 641 Fire out of control Hikurangi.                                     |

Until Next Month  
OS Bain.




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### A BIG THANK YOU TO DAVE WHEELER & TEAM

Shout out to Dave Wheeler and his team. Within a day of our 4 Square getting broken into he is out there with his merry men building bollards to make it safer for our town and store. If that is not enough a new seating and dining area pops up outside the chicken takeaways. A fresh herb garden finishes it off. Hikurangi community at its best.

**I hope everyone stayed safe and well during this Awful Cyclone Gabrielle.**  
**Linda (Editor)**



## CIVIL DEFENCE

Hikurangi has a civil defence committee who has been working in the background to update the 2012 village emergency plan. It is not quite completed yet but we are able to advise that we have secured a number of facilities to be evacuation bases if the need arises. The primary base for evacuation is the Hikurangi War Memorial Hall. However this is not always accessible in a big flood. If you or anyone you know needs emergency accommodation or has any other civil defence related requirements please contact the Hikurangi Civil Defence Chairman Cory Haslam on 022 191 5709. To keep up to date with the most accurate information please follow guidelines issues by NZ Civil Defence via the Radio, TV, or through Social Media.



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### HIKURANGI HISTORICAL MUSEUM



A local branch of the 'Dominion's Women's Institutes' started in Hikurangi in May 1929 (Later known as the NZ Country Women's Institutes aka: CWI). The motto for the CWI was 'For Home and Country'. The CWI intended to increase

opportunities and activities available to rural women; developing the 'intellectual, cultural and spiritual potential of both the individual and society'.

Each CWI meeting was organised around a demonstration, sharing, discussion and competitions.

CWI members were heavily engaged in their community; raising money by making and selling items, running dances and organising donated goods/ clothing drives. They sent these funds and items to soldiers serving overseas, refugee communities, orphanages, the Red Cross and local health camps.

The Hikurangi branch started with 14 members and had increased to nearly 80 by July 1931. Popularity of the CWI grew in NZ during the Great Depression, most likely because of the emphasis on sharing knowledge, whilst practicing thrift and self-sufficiency. Members shared tips on what to do with stale bread; competitions were held to see who could make the best article from a flour or sugar bag, best baking without sugar, or best egg-less cake. The popularity of the CWI is evident in the number of other branches operating at the same time in the wider Hikurangi district: Helena Bay, Riponui/ Jordan, Opuawhanga, Maromaku, Whakapara, Otonga, and Marua. The Hikurangi branch met monthly. They saw themselves as non-sectarian, non-political, and existing solely for social good. In 1947 they raised enough funds to commission a monument for the school in commemoration of nine soldiers who lost their lives during in the second-world war. All nine were once children who attended the Hikurangi school. Remember, over the Summer period the Museum is trialling longer opening hours: 10 – 1pm (Saturdays only). Also, the Hikurangi Museum renovation project begins Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be working bees every Saturday up until 25<sup>th</sup> March; including some Tues and Thurs evenings. Please get in contact with the museum either through email, Facebook, or visit us to register your interest in helping. More info about the project is available on our Facebook page – Hikurangi Historical Museum. All help will count!  
E: hikurangi.museum@gmail.com.

### Opuawhanga Community Hall

What a great time was had by all at the Waitangi Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to be able to host this event once again and bring our community together. Abundant food, a fascinating guest speaker and of course a raffle. Thank you to all that were able to join us.

Our next event is our inaugural pumpkin day judging day on 26<sup>th</sup> March! Not only will this be the moment of truth for our pumpkin growers but will be another great community event!

Come join us! As well as the pumpkin judging there will be a pumpkin themed poster competition, market stalls and delicious food to purchase and enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming you, more information to follow next month. But in the meantime, if you would like to have a stall, please contact Joan on 021 161 4872 or email on joandempster6@gmail.com. (there is no charge for a stall).

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**Funny Stories: 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.**

Thanks Linda (Editor).

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