

Kaiti Kōrero

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Kaiti's Natural Wonders

We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. The Tairāwhiti as a whole is pretty special but Kaiti has its share of natural wonders. The long stretch of Kaiti beach, tucked against Titirangi (Kaiti Hill), with its amazing view towards Te Kuri a Paoa (Young Nick's Head) and Mahia. Then there is Titirangi, standing tall over the city, cloaked in bush. And what about the hills that protect us, green and fertile? It is fair to say that, just like the people who live here, Kaiti is a real beauty.

But just like a person, a landscape needs tender love and care if it is going to stay looking its best. Sometimes decisions are made that aren't in the best interests of the environment. Development can slowly erode natural wonders, stealing away our heritage and a taonga that we should be protecting. And sometimes we don't treat the land with respect, littering beaches and hills as if we don't care.

But there's a lot you can do to make a difference. In this issue of *Kaiti Kōrero* we profile the work of Weed Busters, who are literally digging in and making changes on Titirangi. KaPai Kaiti also holds regular clean ups of Kaiti Beach, so why not grab your kids and spend some family time at the beach?

And looking longer term, the Gisborne District Council's Urban Development Strategy is asking us how we want our city to be in 30 years, including the natural environment. So why not have your say, and help keep Kaiti (and Gisborne) beautiful?

Ka Pai Kaiti!

Weed Busters on Titirangi

A cool name for a cool project, Weed Busters is dedicated to raising awareness of the danger that weeds pose to our environmental treasures. Now the organisation has started the Titirangi Community Project, to deal to the weeds on our famous landmark and keep it looking great.

Weed Busters want to restore Titirangi to its former glory, and get rid of all exotic plants, replacing them with natives. And they need our help.

If you want to be involved, then be at the top of Kaiti Hill at the Poverty Bay Lookout on the first Tuesday of every month at 9am. They will provide tools and training. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6 November 2007.

For more information contact Kirsty Maclaurin, East Coast Co-ordinator for Weed Busters, phone 869-0460.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Breast Screening Month

October is the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer in NZ women & the risk of developing Breast Cancer increases with age. Early detection by way of Breast Screening using mammography, is your best protection.

If you would like more information about enrolling for your **free** mammogram through the BreastScreen Aotearoa Programme or about the Breast Cancer Support Services available to you and your whanau, contact me.

Pollyanne Taare, BreastScreen Aotearoa Kaimahi

Te Aitanga a Hauiti Hauora

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Are you getting what you are entitled to?

Danny Fong works for Inland Revenue, and his job is to give advice about Working For Families, Child Support, KiwiSaver and personal tax returns to make sure whanau are receiving all the tax breaks they are entitled to.

He will be at the Kaiti Community House, cnr Oxford and Ranfurly Streets, first Tuesday of every month, 10am – 12pm. If you have any questions, concerns, or are just curious – he's the man to see.

Danny Fong, Family Liaison Officer, Inland Revenue

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Te Puna Reo o Puhi Kaiti Playgroup

An immersion te reo Māori playgroup for 0-5 yr olds. Want to learn and kōrero Māori with your baby? Come play, learn and have heaps of fun with your tamaiti.

When: **Tuesdays 9.15am – 12.00pm**

Thursdays 12.15pm – 2.30pm

Where: **Kaiti Playcentre, Rutene Road** (bright yellow building next to St David's Church on De Latour Rd)

Cost: **\$2 per session**

Contact: **Tarsh Koia**

Ph: 868 6889 / Cell: 027 4132068

Nau mai haramai ki te ako, ki te tākaro ki tō tamaiti mokopuna taha!

Kaiti School Reunion

Don't forget – Labour Weekend is the 100th Birthday Party for Kaiti School – if you attended Kaiti School some time over the last century then make sure you register for this awesome event. Celebrate the achievements of the school, students and staff!
Contact the Kaiti School Office for more information – TODAY!

Monthly Kaiti Community Forum

KaPai Kaiti host monthly meetings for Kaiti residents at 7pm on the first Monday of each month (other than January). These are now based at the Kaiti Community House, cnr Oxford & Ranfurly Street. The two remaining hui for this year are on Monday 5 November and 3 December.

For more information contact:

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NEW OFFICES FOR KA PAI KAITI

KaPai Kaiti has now moved into our new offices in the Kaiti Community House on the corner of Oxford & Ranfurly Streets.

We share the building with Housing NZ. Meeting space is available for other groups who want to use it.

Waitangi Day 2008

Come and have your say about next year's Waitangi Day event at Waikirikiri Reserve.



When: Tuesday 23rd October, 4-5pm.

Where: Kaiti Community House, cnr Oxford and Ranfurly Streets, Kaiti.