



# KAITAIA CONNECT

Mar 2019

## Connecting communities in Te Hiku

### Collaboration is key

Community collaboration is so important in small communities like ours.

In this month's edition of *Kaitaia Connect* — *connecting communities in Te Hiku*, there are plenty of examples of organisations working together to create the best possible events for all.

The teamwork starts with Kaitaia's celebration of Children's Day on Saturday, 2 March. Te Rarawa Anga Mua is leading this event but many services and businesses are involved.

Good community collaboration is needed to successfully hold annual events like Ngai Takoto's 90 Mile Beach Snapper Bonanza on 12 to 16 March, and Te Houtaewa Challenge on 16 March.

The pride of the community will also be showcased at the Annual Mangonui

Waterfront Festival on 30 March—let's hope the weather co-operates this year.

Speaking of teamwork and collaboration, Kaitaia Community House is working with He Whanau Marama Trust and up to 20 other organisations to create an online events calendar, which can be displayed on multiple community websites. The app is due to be launched shortly.

But don't worry, *Kaitaia Connect* will also continue to be produced in its current form, with 1000 copies printed each month!

Readers who want to receive *Kaitaia Connect* each month can sign up to our email list. Simply send your details to community relations officer Denise Piper at [denise@kfbs.co.nz](mailto:denise@kfbs.co.nz) and you will be added to the email list.



We are all working together in the Kaitaia and wider Te Hiku area.

### Reader giveaway

This month's giveaway is all about getting balanced. Lucia Reekers is offering one free meditative yoga class at Coopers Beach. Her next six-week block starts on 11 March and will run on Mondays at 5-6.15pm.

Lucia is also offering the winner a free one-on-one relaxing energy balancing and

healing session, complete with New Zealand flower essences.

To enter, send your name and contact number to [denise@kfbs.co.nz](mailto:denise@kfbs.co.nz) with 'yoga' in the subject line, or pop into Kaitaia Community House at 12 Puckey Ave. Entries close 22 March.

To find out more about Lucia's offerings, contact her on 021-266-9464 or [peacejourney@hotmail.com](mailto:peacejourney@hotmail.com).

### Regular events

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** If you want to drink, that's your business; if you want to stop then maybe we can help. First Steps group suitable for newcomers, Ngati Kahu Resource Centre, 21a Parkdale Cres, Kaitaia. Sundays from midday. Ph Lois 408-3360 or Graham 406-2414.

**Al-Anon Family Groups:** When you don't know where to turn because someone drinks too much. Ngati Kahu Resource Centre, 21a Parkdale Cres, Sundays at midday (AA meeting runs simultaneously in separate room). All welcome. Ph Reg 408-3360.

**Legal advice:** Taitokerau Community Law Centre outreach clinics held at Kaitaia Community House, 12 Puckey Ave, once a month on a Thursday. Ph 0800-155-529 for appointments.

**#Heitiaki New Mums:** Support and nutritional information for pregnant/hapu wahine or recent new mums. Wednesdays 10am-12pm at the Nurses' Recreational Hall, entry via Worth St. Ph Ruby Anne Reihana on 021-0221-5002 for information.

**Incredible Years Parenting:** 14-week parenting programme for parents and caregivers of three to eight-year-olds run by Te Rarawa Anga Mua. Morning tea, childcare and transport provided. Tuko Tumoana, 26 Matthews Ave. Tuesdays from 19 March or Fridays from 22 March, 10am-12.30pm. Enrol with Naomi on 0800-8367-2642.

**Maths and English Tutoring:** Run by Allan Daun. Year 9 and 10: Mondays and Wednesdays. Year 11-13: Tuesdays and Thursday. Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, from 3.30pm each day. \$10 a term, ph 408-1380 or email [allandaun2003@yahoo.com](mailto:allandaun2003@yahoo.com).

**Family History Centre:** Meet friendly and experienced consultants with access to a large collection of family history and genealogy resources. 106 Matthews Ave, Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

**Meditative yoga classes:** Held Mondays at Coopers Beach from 11 March, 5-6.15pm. \$12 casual or \$60 for six classes. Ph Lucia 021-266-9464.

**Gentle Exercise/Tai Chi classes:** Please bring supportive footwear, water and a towel. Tuesdays at Age Concern Kaitaia & District offices, 16 Commerce St, from 10am. \$2 per session.

**Pulse Pilates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays Te Ahu Banquet Room from 5.15pm. \$15 casual.

**Ballroom, Latin & Argentine Tango Dancing:** An hour of informal dance practice, step-swapping and socialising for all levels. Tuesdays, Te Ahu, 7pm. \$5.

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## March events

### FRI 1 MAR

#### Autism support group Kaitaia:

Helping parents and educators to support children of all ages. At the new Ministry of Education building, 2-12 Commerce St, Kaitaia. 10am-12pm. Contact Uschi 408-6937 or [Uschi.Eyer@education.govt.nz](mailto:Uschi.Eyer@education.govt.nz).

#### Environmentalist Khurram Rao:

Talk run by Transition Town Kaitaia on issues and policy recommendations to transform NZ's energy system. Solomon Group campus, 7 Redan Rd, from 6.30pm. Entry by koha.

### 1-5 MAR

#### Silent Insight Awareness Meditation Retreat:

Five-day silent retreat led by trained teachers. Tushita Mystery School, 1334 Oruru Rd, Peria. Koha, includes food and accommodation. [tushitamysteryschool.co.nz](http://tushitamysteryschool.co.nz) or ph Damalaya 021-208-3485.

### SAT 2 MAR

#### Children's Day:

A collaborative kaupapa, organised by Te Rarawa Anga Mua, with the theme of "put tamariki first". Includes swimming, games, stalls, prizes and performances by local youth artists. Kaitaia Town Pools, 10am-2pm. Free entry.

### SUN 3 MAR

#### Transformation through sound:

Workshop on using your voice to heal yourself. Run by John Haines at Coopers Beach. 9.30am-4pm, \$60 waged, \$49 unwaged. Bookings essential on 021-184-8661 or [johnpaulhaines@gmail.com](mailto:johnpaulhaines@gmail.com).

#### Power of Intention:

One-day retreat by Kate Clarke from Empowered Health Coaching, includes yoga, meditation, holistic care and lunch. NZ Surf Bros, 27 Kaka St, Ahipara, 10am-4pm. \$100, tickets from [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz).

### MON 4 MAR

#### In the Bin:

Learn alternatives to single-use plastic bin liners with the Eco Centre's Crafty Monday programme. Held at the Eco Centre, Bank St, 1-3pm. Koha entry, all welcome.

#### GIB TradeTalk:

With presentation from the GIB technical team. Far North RSA, Kaitaia, 5-8pm. Free, register at [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz).

### TUES 5 MAR

#### MINDA training:

LIC training for farmers who are intermediate-level users of the MINDA app. Kaitaia, 10.30am-1.30pm. Free, registration essential at [lic.co.nz/minda-training](http://lic.co.nz/minda-training).

### WEDS 6 MAR

#### Seniors Linking Together:

Networking meeting, Age Concern Kaitaia & District offices, 16 Commerce St, Kaitaia, 10am-12pm. Ph 408-2997.

### 6-7 MAR

#### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) workshop:

Two-day workshop by Matua Raki for frontline staff. Far North REAP, 33 Puckey Ave, Kaitaia, 10am-2pm each day. Free. Register at [matuaraki.org.nz](http://matuaraki.org.nz) or ph 04-381-6480.

### THURS 7 MAR

#### Plunket Te Roopu Arahina:

Grandparents raising grandchildren support group, Te Runanga-A-Iwi o Ngati Kahurangi Office, 21a Parkdale Cres, Kaitaia, 11am-1pm. Please bring a plate for shared lunch. Contact Anna 027-579-1143, [anna.anderson@plunket.org.nz](mailto:anna.anderson@plunket.org.nz).

#### Open Rhythms Dance:

Dance in the moment. All ages. Mangonui Hall, Waterfront Dr, 7.30-9pm. Entry \$10-\$20 (you choose). Ph Zsuzsanna 021-254-9535.

### 8-9 MAR

#### Soul Tour:

Intensive holistic development course for 16-28-year-olds, with Christian-friendly insights. Kaitaia, Fri 6-9pm, Sat 10am-9pm. \$195, booking essential at [soultour.co.nz](http://soultour.co.nz).

### 8-10 MAR

#### Devotional Heart:

Weekend retreat of meditation and Dances of Universal Peace. Tushita Mystery School, 1334 Oruru Rd, Peria. \$230 +koha for teachers. [tushitamysteryschool.co.nz](http://tushitamysteryschool.co.nz) or ph Damalaya 021-208-3485.

### SAT 9 MAR

#### The Yoga Nidra experience:

Workshop held in Coopers Beach. 9.30am-12.30pm, \$30. Ph Lucia 021-266-9464.

#### Facebook for Family History:

Workshop by the Far North Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists at Far North REAP, Puckey Ave. Arrive at 9.30am for a cuppa and 10am start. Entry by gold coin, all welcome.

#### The Great Whangaroa Kiwi Can Raft Race:

Create your raft and enter the race. Prizes for most creative, best dressed and best team spirit. Run by Whangaroa Kiwi Can Charitable Trust. Whangaroa Harbour 10am-12.30pm. Free.

#### Tatai Oranga kei Te Hiku:

Hui with healthcare professionals and the Muriwhenua community to better tackle disease like diabetes, gout and heart disease in Maori and Pasifika. Te Hiku o te Ika Marae, Te Hapua. Free, register at [tinyurl.com/tataioranga](http://tinyurl.com/tataioranga) or contact Conor on 021-0863-4675 or [cosullivan@themokofoundation.com](mailto:cosullivan@themokofoundation.com).

### SUN 10 MAR

#### Tatai Oranga kei Te Hiku:

A hui with healthcare professionals and the Muriwhenua community to better tackle disease like diabetes, gout and heart disease in Maori and Pasifika. Korou Kore Marae, Ahipara. Free, register at [tinyurl.com/tataioranga](http://tinyurl.com/tataioranga) or contact Conor on 021-0863-4675 or [cosullivan@themokofoundation.com](mailto:cosullivan@themokofoundation.com).



### SUN 10 MAR continued

**Race day:** Taipa Stock and Saloon Car Club race day at Taipa Speedway, Oruru Rd. Racing starts 1pm. \$5 adults, \$3 children, under-5s free, \$20 family.

### 11-12 MAR

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) workshop:** Two-day workshop by Matua Raki for frontline staff. Far North REAP, 10am-2pm each day. Free. Register at [matuaraki.org.nz](http://matuaraki.org.nz) or ph 04-381-6480.

### 11-13 MAR

**Learner's licence course:** Two-day course with test on the third day. Far North REAP, Puckey Ave. Free course but test fee is \$93.90. Register at 408-1380 or [farnorthreap.org.nz](http://farnorthreap.org.nz).

### 11-21 MAR

**Defensive Driving Course:** Advanced driving skills. Held Mondays and Thursdays, 4-6pm at Far North REAP, Puckey Ave. \$160, register at 408-1380 or [farnorthreap.org.nz](http://farnorthreap.org.nz).

### 11 MAR – 15 APR

**Meditative yoga classes:** Held Monday evenings at Coopers Beach, 5-6.15pm. \$12 casual or \$60 for six classes. Ph Lucia 021-266-9464.

### 12-16 MAR

**90 Mile Beach Snapper Bonanza:** Ngai Takoto's surfcasting competition. HQ at Waipapakauri, tickets now sold out. Ph John 021-923-922 or Dave 027-244-2423, [snapperbonanza.co.nz](http://snapperbonanza.co.nz).

### WEDS 13 MAR

**Alzheimers Northland Carer Support Group:** Hope Christian Centre, 236 Commerce St, Kaitaia. 10am-12pm. Ph 408-1123.

### 13-14 MAR

**Restricted to Full Licence course:** Held at Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, 10am-12pm. Free, register at 408-1380 or [farnorthreap.org.nz](http://farnorthreap.org.nz).

### 13-20 MAR

**Parenting with Peaceful Power:** Two-day NVC (Non-Violent Communication) workshop for parents and caregivers of all ages, run by Jocelyn Kennedy from Communication for Life. Ahipara Fire Station, Takahe Rd. Wednesdays 9.30am-2.30pm. \$150, register with Jess on 021-188-3204 or [jessica@communicationforlife.co.nz](mailto:jessica@communicationforlife.co.nz).

### SAT 16 MAR

**Te Houtaewa Challenge:** 90 Mile Beach Race. Te Oneroa-a-Tohe: ultramarathon and five-person relay starts at Maunganui Bluff, marathon at Hukatere, half-marathon at Waipapakauri Ramp, (see below for 6km walk) all finish at Paripari Domain, Foreshore Rd, Ahipara. 7.30am-5pm. Cost \$40-\$150, [tehoutaewa.co.nz](http://tehoutaewa.co.nz).

**6km Walk for Life:** Alongside Te Houtaewa Challenge, fundraiser for Kaitaia SPCA. Includes Bark on the Beach for well-behaved dogs on a lead.

Prizes for best dressed as animals. Paripari Domain, Foreshore Rd, Ahipara. Register from 10am for 11am start. \$10 adults, \$5 children, register on the day or at [tehoutaewa.co.nz](http://tehoutaewa.co.nz).

**Charity fish auction:** Snapper Bonanza fish weighed in on Thurs and Fri will be auctioned for charity. Kaitaia Markets from 8.30am.

### SUN 17 MAR

**Girls Rugby Muster:** Be part of the fastest-growing code for girls and join a club that supports wahine rugby. Under-15 and under-18 girls. Te Rarawa Rugby Club, Ahipara. 12-2pm.

### TUES 19 MAR

**Incredible Years Parenting:** 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of three to eight-year-olds run by Te Rarawa Anga Mua. Tuko Tumoana, 26 Matthews Ave, 10am-12.30pm. Enrol with Naomi on 0800-8367-2642.

**BPW Kaitaia:** Business & Professional Women Kaitaia dinner meeting, 5.30pm arrival. Set menu \$30pp. Booking essential, contact Pam on 408-0556 or [bpwkaitaia1987@gmail.com](mailto:bpwkaitaia1987@gmail.com).

### WEDS 20 MAR

**Teacher Aide Professional Development Day:** For all teacher aides. Refreshments and kai provided. Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, 8.30am-2.30pm. Ph 408-1380 or register at [farnorthreap.org.nz](http://farnorthreap.org.nz).

### 20-21 MAR

**Framework for Autism NZ:** Two-day introductory course about autism. Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, Wed 11am-4pm, Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm. \$50 whanau, \$110 teachers/professionals, \$80 teacher aides. Register by ph 408-1380 or [farnorthreap.org.nz](http://farnorthreap.org.nz).

### THURS 21 MAR

**Health promotion:** Learn the signs and risks of stroke with community stroke advisor Lynelle Ngakuru. Age Concern Kaitaia & District offices at 16 Commerce St, Kaitaia, 10am-12pm. Free, light refreshments provided. Ph 408-2997.

**Support group:** For people living with the effects of brain injury and their families/whanau/carers and friends. Far North REAP, 10am-12pm. Contact the Brain Injury Association 09-459-5013.

### Ngahuru Maramataka Wananga:

Wananga (learning event) and mentoring for those practicing maramataka (planting with the Māori lunar calendar). Nga Karoro, 68 Ngakarua Rd, Ahipara, 10am-4pm. Tickets \$160, details on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

### FRI 22 MAR

**Incredible Years Parenting:** 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of three to eight-year-olds run by Te Rarawa Anga Mua. Tuko Tumoana, 26 Matthews Ave, 10am-12.30pm. Enrol with Naomi on 0800-8367-2642.



  
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# March events continued

**22-24 MAR**

**Wahine Maori business programme:** Three-day business programme sponsored by Maori Women's Development Inc and run by Moana Tamaariki-Pohe from HineBoss. Held in Kaitaia, 9am-4.30pm each day. \$37 for committed wahine Maori in business or interested in starting a business, available from [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz).

**SAT 23 MAR**

**Te Runanga Nui o Te Aupouri Trust AGM:** AGM for the year ending 30 September 2018. Held at Potahi Marae, Te Kao, from 8.30am. Ph 0800-236-376.

**Kaitaia Whanau Trytime:**

"Tryathlon" for those who have not completed a triathlon before: 300m swim, 9km bike, 3km walk. Held at Kaitaia pools and Kaitaia Memorial Park from 8am. Tickets \$30 +fees, available from [pulse35.com](http://pulse35.com) or ph 021-853-804.

**Annual Flower & Vegetable Show:** Run by Mangonui Garden Club. All gardeners welcome to exhibit, with local stalls, displays, raffles and refreshments. St John Ambulance Hall, Coopers Beach, 11am-3.30pm. \$2 entry. Phone Julie 406-0221 or Chris 406-2270.

**St Patrick's Day dinner:** Fundraiser for Kaitaia College Europe Trip. Food, drinks, music, dancing, koha courtesy van. Kaitaia College, Redan Rd. Tickets \$50 from college office during opening hours.

**SUN 24 MAR**

**Back and knee pain workshop:** Run by John and Lucia in Coopers Beach, 9.30am-4pm. \$60, \$49 unwaged. Ph Lucia 021-266-9464.

**MON 25 MAR**

**Bamboo workshop:** Hosted by Eco Centre Kaitaia, learn how to split bamboo and make cups, straws, scoops and sculptures. Sweetwater Rd, Lake Ngatu, 10am-4pm. Tickets \$10 from Eco

Centre or [Facebook](http://Facebook).

**Kaitaia Floral Art Club:** Relaxed group catering to all levels. Bring your own lunch. Cornerstone Church, cnr Watts Ave and Matthews Ave, 10am-2pm. Ph Suzanne 408-1990, Raewyn 409-4959 or Raewyn 406-8807.

**WEDS 27 MAR**

**Make Your Home a Safety Zone:** Workshop held by Safe-kids Aotearoa for those who want to share a safety message with tamariki and whānau. Toka Tu-moana, 26 Matthews Ave, Kaitaia, 9am-2.30pm. Free, lunch provided. Register at [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz) or email [charism@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:charism@adhb.govt.nz).

**THURS 28 MAR**

**Open Rhythms Dance:** Dance in the moment. All ages. Mangonui Hall, Waterfront Dr, 7.30-9pm. Entry \$10-\$20 (you choose). Ph Zsuzsanna 021-254-9535.

**FRI 29 MAR**

**Cancer support group:** Peer support group for anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis. Te Tai Tokerau PHO office, 182 Com-

merce St, Kaitaia. 11am-1pm. Ph Solvey Poulson 021-423-385.

**Trivial pursuit night:** Fundraiser for Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Pukemiro. Far North RSA, Kaitaia, from 5pm.

**SAT 30 MAR**

**Annual Mangonui Waterfront Festival:** A celebration of locally produced food, beverages, art and music. 100+ stalls, 20+ performances, children's entertainment. Shuttles provided. Waterfront Dr, Mangonui, 12-6pm. \$10 adults, gold coin children, under-5s free. [doubtlessbay.co.nz](http://doubtlessbay.co.nz).

**SUN 31 MAR**

**Blue Warrior Trail:** Run or walk around Lake Gem, spot prizes and prizes for best dressed in blue. Bring your own lunch. Lake Gem, southern end of Lake Ngatu, 9.30am start. Free, register with Annaleah on 0800-808-4024 or [annaleah.cassidy@hauora.net.nz](mailto:annaleah.cassidy@hauora.net.nz).

**Race day:** Taipa Stock and Sagoon Car Club race day at Taipa Speedway, Oruru Rd. Racing starts 1pm. Entry \$5 adults, children \$3, under-5s free, family \$20.

## Save the date

- 1 APR:** Upcycled crafts and beeswax wraps (Eco Centre).
- 2 APR:** MTA WoF Technical Update Course (Kaitaia).
- 3 APR:** School Administrators PD Day (Far North REAP).
- 3-6 APR:** Houhora One Base (Houhora Big Game and Sport Fishing Club).
- 4 APR:** Early years forum (Far North REAP).
- 6 APR:** Using Electoral Rolls (Far North REAP).
- 9 APR:** SafeTALK by A-OK NZ (Kaitaia).
- 10 APR:** Kindergartens Far North AGM (Far North REAP); How to pay off your

home loan faster (ANZ Kaitaia).

**12-14 APR:** Yoga Retreat (Tushita Mystery School).

**13 APR:** Fight for Kids 1 (Te Ahu); Herekino Wild Food Festival.

**18-22 APR:** Easter Family Camp (Coopers Beach).

**20 APR:** Sounds of Support (Collards).

**26-28 APR:** Mountains to Sea Wananga 2019 (Waimanoni Marae).

**27 APR:** Offshore Powerboat Racing (Doubtless Bay).

**4 MAY:** Far North Branch of NZ Society of Genealogists AGM; Kaitaia MetalFest2 (Collards).

**6 MAY:** Soap Making (Eco Centre).

**3-9 MAY:** Silent Insight Awareness Meditation Retreat (Tushita Mystery School).

## Far North Link

Far North Link is a bus service run by CBEC for the Te Hiku area.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays its Kaitaia service runs around town, including to the new Work and Income office.

There is a Monday to Friday commuter service between Ahipara and Kaitaia, with extra times on Wednesdays, and a commuter service to Doubtless Bay with extra times on Tuesdays. The service also runs between Pukenui and Kaitaia on Thursdays.

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