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Connecting communities in Te Hiku

December 2019 & January 2020
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me nga mihi o
Te Tau Hou!!*

A TIME TO THINK



With summer just around the corner the Far North REAP Road Safety Education team are gearing up to launch a new local road safety campaign. This campaign is targeted at men aged between 30 and 55 years of age and it encourages drivers to 'Take 10 and

Think', meaning take time and think about their attitude and behaviour before and whilst they drive.

Jodi Betts, Far North REAP Road Safety Education, stated that men in this age group are increasing in the regions fatality and serious injury rate and a message specific to this demographic group is essential.

The campaign has begun with radio adverts, Northland wide, and is currently running on The Rock radio station. The Edge radio station will play the ads during December and January. These promotional messages relate to reducing speed, driving sober and wearing seatbelts.

The next stage of the campaign involves the development of a video production that depicts the ripple effect from a tragic road crash. It will involve Northland actors and will also be supported by a montage video of 12 known and respected men from throughout Northland speaking to their peer group.

The Far North Road Safety team (made up of a number of community groups throughout the Far North District) are also working together to encourage local people and visitors alike to take extra care on our roads this summer, as we see an increase in traffic volume and a mix of impatience and inexperienced drivers on some of our more rural roads. Angelene Waitohi, Far North REAP Road Safety Manager says "As a district we would love to see a zero fatality rate on our roads this summer. It's the season where people travel considerable distances to spend time with whanau and friends, we would love to see everyone get to and from their destination safely"

ADVERTORIAL

Boating Safety Code

Before you go boating on our seas, lakes and rivers, get familiar with New Zealand's Boating Safety Code. Five simple rules will help you to stay safe, no matter what kind of boat you use.

- 1. Life Jackets:** Take them – Wear them. Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.
- 2. Skipper Responsibility:** The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.
- 3. Communications:** Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so we can help you if you get into difficulties.
- 4. Marine Weather:** New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes.
- 5. Avoid Alcohol:** Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware.

Make sure your boat is properly and regularly maintained, has the right safety gear on board and if it has a motor, that it has sufficient fuel.

Radio a MAYDAY

If you are in imminent danger and need immediate help, radio a distress call.

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Upcoming events

MON 2 DEC

Taipa Bridge Opening Ceremony: Dawn ceremony begins at 5.30am, Taipa Bridge East. This is a Smoke Drug and Alcohol Free event. Breakfast @ 8am & Main Event @ 10.30am. Parking available, visit www.kaitiaicommunityhouse.co.nz/events/

WED 4 DEC

TAS Market Day: Come along and celebrate student enterprise at our Taipa Area School Market Day. Be in for a fun and exciting day, along with a range of games and plenty of yummy kai. For more information contact arohav@taipa.school.nz

Carer's Support Group: Meeting for the last time this year and celebrating with a Christmas Party and their person with dementia. Held at the Hope Christian Centre, Kaitaia.

4-6 DEC

IO 2019 - Call To All Maori artists & Maori stall holders: Indigenous Artists in the Far North are invited to submit an original piece for an exhibition on the theme of IO during this three day event starting from 8.30am to 5pm. Also call to Maori stall holders, stall space is free if your stall meets the kaupapa/criteria. For further information contact whenuatamana@gmail.com

THUR 5 DEC

2019 Kaitaia Indigenous Food Fest: The Indigenous Food Fest is just around the corner and we're on the hunt for vendors! Event held at Te Ahu Centre from 10am to 2pm. If you're wanting to run a stall register today at www.skygillett.com/kaitaiafoodfest2019

Christmas Shopping Night: Come down to the Take 2 Hospice shop from 5 to 7pm. Be in for a whopping 50% off everything in store. Spend over \$10 and go in the prize draw. Lots of goodies for Christmas at an affordable price. Light refreshments will be available.

FRI 6 DEC

Essentials First Aid Training subsidised by Oxford Sports Trust We encourage volunteers and paid staff from sports clubs to attend this training, open to all Northland non-profit organisations. 8.30am - 5pm Join the refresher 10.30am-5pm) Held at the Kaitaia Fire Station. \$45 per participant / \$30 per participant

of organisations registered with Volunteering Northland. Please Ph 0800 865 268

Evolve Dance Kaitaia: Auditions 2020, opportunity for your child to audition for the elite dance team for 2020 for evolve dance. Held at the Children Complex Building (Back of Te Ahu Centre) 3.30-4pm (6-11 yrs) 4-4.30pm (12-18 yrs old), \$5 pp. For more information visit evolve.dance.kta@gmail.com

SAT 7 DEC

Kaitaia Santa Parade 2019/ Christmas In The Park: Annual Christmas celebration for Kaitaia and the wider Te Hiku Region. Join the rest of your community to officially welcome Santa to Te Hiku with amazing Floats and awesome Walking Parade's down Kaitaia's main street (Commerce Street). Later come to Jaycee/Centennial Park with your chairs and blankets to sing Carols by Candlelight.

SUN 8 DEC

Santa Photos: Come along and be part of the White Locket studio, \$40. Contact for booking information is info@whitelocket.com

16 DEC- 20 DEC

Flourish School Holiday Program - The Beach: Daily activities each day, morning, afternoon tea & cooked lunch all provided within the price. Weekly rate: Mon-Fri \$160, Daily rate: \$40, 8.15am-5.15pm. Bring own drink bottle. For more information email flourish.asck@gmail.com

SAT 14 DEC

Te Kao Christmas Parade: Held in the local town of Te Kao from 12pm. Nau mai haere mai.
Nga Hoe Horo Canoe Club Regatta: Free for spectators and paddlers under 19 - Adults \$10 per person or \$60 a team. Waka Ama sprints at Lake Ngatu from 9am-4pm. For more information contact Tony Clutterbuck on 4095 555.

Herekino Xmas Parade and Kids Xmas Party: Parents purchase a \$5 gift for your child. The parade starts at Herekino Tavern at 12noon followed by kids xmas party. Be in for some exciting prizes and fun games, including a bouncy castle on the day.

Te Hiku Spirit, Mind, Body Health Expo - Free Entry: Local Healers collaborating to bring awareness to natural healing and health practices. Come and enjoy some self-love and self-care healing,

with our beautiful exhibitors. Held at Te Ahu Centre from 10am to 5pm. Cash stalls available and Expo Only Specials. Not to be missed.

MON 16 DEC

Sponsored Governance Workshop

December Topic: Working with difficult people. These 90-minute workshops are live-streamed from Whangarei and shown at Te Ahu Centre, convened by Teresa Hart (Te Houtaewa Maori Trust). For anyone on a board of a Northland non-profit and for those interested to watch together and share a few slices of pizza. Funded by Foundation North. \$10 koha for pizza. 5.15 - 7pm. Ph 0800 865 268 [in-fo@volunteeringnorthland.nz](mailto:info@volunteeringnorthland.nz) www.volunteeringnorthland.nz

THUR 19 DEC

FNDC Meeting: Full Council meeting for the Far North District Council, will be held at Te Ahu Centre, from 10am-4pm. Nau mai, haere mai!

SAT 21 DEC

Rangikohu Marae & Waitomo Papakainga Christmas Housie:

Come along to Te Ahu Centre, doors open from 9am, games begin at 11am. \$100 package includes 40 Houses @ \$200 & \$300, Super 3 lines @ \$400 & Super House @ \$4000. Kai and raffles will also be available to purchase.

TUES 24 DEC- MON 6 JAN

AA Driver and Vehicle Licensing closing and opening days/ hours for the holiday season: Closed Tuesday 24th at 12pm
Open Monday 06th at 9am

25-26 DEC

Public Holiday: Christmas Day & Boxing Day

SAT 28 DEC

Sons of Zion, Tomorrow People, 1814 & Rei: Here's your chance to see Sons Of Zion, Tomorrow People, 1814 and Rei. Music performed live in OPONONI this summer at the Opononi Hotel! Tickets available now from www.ticketSPACE.nz

MON 30 DEC

FAT FREDDY'S DROP: Summer record tour. Featuring DJ Jazzy Jeff, Silva MC, Bailey Wiley, Tunes of 1. Tickets from Ticketmaster on sale from Thurs 19 Sep.

TUE 31 DEC

New Year's Eve Party: Hawaiian theme, evening with fun entertain-

ment. 7.30pm until 1am.

For more information, contact Tracy Russell, Club Manager Far North (Kaitaia) RSA Inc.

Email farnorthrsa@gmail.com, Ph 09 4080520.

New Year Eve Band: Chermamari performing LIVE at the Herekino Tavern from 8pm, enjoy an evening out to welcome in the New Year.

Otehei Bay New Year's Eve Party: See in 2020 with friends, family, live music by 'The Legacy Band' There will be bar snacks and drinks available for purchase onsite from the fully licenced cafe and bar, starting from 5pm until 1am, visit www.exploregroup.co.nz to purchase your ticket. For more event information, please head to www.exploregroup.co.nz/destinations/urupukapuka-island/otehei-bay/otehei-bay-groups-events/

January 2020

1-2 JAN

Public Holiday: New Year's Day & Day After.

FRI 3 JAN

Oruru Rodeo: Hosted by Oruru Valley Rodeo Club (Peria) from 10am-3pm. Come along and watch some performances on Open Bareback through to Open Bull Rides.

3-5 JAN

BOISC Juniors Fishing Tournament 2020: This is a fun weekend for all involved and there are great prizes to be won. Registrations will be held Friday 3rd January, from 5pm at the Paihia Swordy Bar & Bistro with briefing kicking off at 6:30pm. Fishing Saturday and Sunday. This years theme is Pirates & Princesses, so bring the kids dressed up if you wish. Entry forms will be available soon on our club website: www.swordfish.co.nz or contact our office.

SAT 11 JAN

Far North Joy Fest: Entertainment by Jason Kerrison, Nopera, Chaidaze and Mudwood. Workshops, talks, healing zones and nutritious food available on the day. \$33 tickets from eventbrite.co.nz. Butler point, Hihi, Far North. 10am-6pm. Alcohol and Drug free event.

10-13 JAN

Silent Insight Awareness Meditation (IAM) retreat: Meditation retreat (4 day) Tushita Mystery School, 1334 Oruru Road,



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Peria. Start on the 10th at 3pm, finishes on the 13th at 1.00pm. \$50 registration/administration fee, (accommodation and meals included) plus Koha/Donation for retreat. For more information contact: tushitamys-teryschool.co.nz or phone/text Damalaya 021 208 4385

14-28 JAN

Meditative Yoga: A 5 week course starting. 25 Braemar avenue, Coopers Beach. Please contact Lucia 021 266 9464 or peacejourney@hotmail.com.

18-19 JAN

The Extravaganza Fair: Invitation to a free entry, fun day out with something for everyone. We are bringing to NZ a unique style of interesting market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment, circus shows, performers, unique to NZ tiny homes, including open home and kid's shows & games. Held at Te Tiriti O Waitangi Marae from 9am until 5pm. For more information visit [The Extravaganza Fair](#) on FB.

SAT 25 JAN

Hollie Smith and Band with special guest Nathan Haines: Coming to Butler Point, Mangonui from 3-6pm There is free parking onsite. Entry for children under 12 is free. Purchase tickets through www.eventfinda.co.nz

25-26 JAN

Bay Of Island- Music Festival: An extraordinary lineup of roots, funk, country and rock artists will perform at the Bay of Islands Music Festival over two incredible days. **Day One:** Shaggy, Toots & The Maytals, The Black Seeds, LADI6, Otium + DJ Big G. **Day Two:** Shihad, Wolfmother, Blindspott, Mel Parsons, Latinaoteaoroa + Valkyrie. For more information on the artists, the festival, transport and accommodation options, please head to www.boimusicfestival.com **Far North ITM Doubtless Bay Fishing Contest & Auction:** Two day fishing competition. It's going to be a huge event in one of the best fishing spots in Aotearoa. Where fish is caught and gets auctioned off at the Eastern Rugby Club. Buy tickets

online at Eventfinda or at the following stores: Far North ITM Kaitaia and Mangonui, Riders Sports Depot, Coopers Beach Sports and Tackle, McCoy & Thomas Hunting and Fishing Kaitaia, Reel Rods Taipa, Gasoline Alley Coopers Beach, Taipa Tavern, Tuatua Tavern-Whatuwhiwhi. \$40,000 prize pool.

27 JAN

Public holiday: Northland Anniversary Day

2020 School Term

Start Date: Between Monday 27 January (at the earliest); and Friday 7 February (at the latest)

End Date: Primary, intermediate and special schools, no later than Friday 18 December. **Secondary and composite,** no later than Wednesday 16 December.

To confirm your school dates, please contact your school to check.



SAVE THE DATES 2020

1 FEB: Puketi Kauri Challenge 2020

6 FEB: Public holiday: Waitangi Day

11&18 FEB: Meditative Yoga 5 week course

15 FEB: SIX60| Semenoff Stadium Whangarei

18 FEB: Parkinson's Support meetings begin for the year.

25 & 28 FEB: The Incredible Years Parenting Programme – Ngā Tau Mīharo o Aotearoa.

7 MAR: Te Houtaewa Challenge, Te Oneroa-a-Tohe (90 Mile Beach Race) .

14 MAR: Annual Mangonui Waterfront Festival.

20 MAR: Colour Kaitaia

17-21 MAR: Ngai Takoto 90 Mile Beach Snapper Bonanza Surfcasting Competition (Waipapakauri HQ).

16-19 APR: Peter Lyndon-James Tough Love NZ 2020 Tour .

Enjoy your Summer Season and Be SunSmart

Slip on a shirt
Slip into the shade
Slop on sunscreen
Slap on a hat
Wrap on sunglasses

For more information visit www.sunsmart.org.nz/

Regular Events

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting: If you want to drink, that's your business. If you'd like to stop, we can help. Fridays 7 pm at the Community House, Puckey Avenue. Ph 0800 AA Works for more information

Whare Timatanga Hou Ora Inc: Womens Refuge support & education programme Ki te Ao o te Marama. Ph 094082946 or 0800733843 held every Wednesdays 10am-2pm lunch provided.

Coffee Group Kaitaia: Meet ups are the first Friday of every month. If you have any questions contact Don on 027 808 3942 or email northland@parent2parent.org.nz

At a Stroke Art Group: Meets weekly, except during school holidays, on Fridays at 10.30am at 1 Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia. Supported by the Stroke Foundation New Zealand. Phone Jen on 0210588890.

Baby Day Out in the Library: Held at Te Ahu, first Tuesday each month 9.30-1.30am

Support group for children with learning difficulties: Held the first Friday of every month at the new Ministry of Education building, 2-12 Commerce St, Kaitaia. 10am-12pm. Contact Uschi 408-6937 or 021-240-6616.

YOGA Kaitaia: Come along and join in our Iyengar Yoga class in Rangiputa on Wednesday from 10-11.30am and in Ahipara on Fridays from 1-2pm. All levels welcome and a friendly, supportive environment for beginners and those recovering from injury.

Tuesday Night Markets: 5.30- 8pm weekly. Next to Mangonui Hotel. Produce, food, craft and Live Music. Contact Linley, 0274846791 or linley_main1904@gmail.com.

ZUMBA: Every Wednesday @ Oruaiti school 6-7pm. First class free! For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/farnorthzumba.

RepcO Caffeine n Classics: Get together every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Ramada Taipa Bay Resort for brunch, from 10am- 12.30pm.

Top 10 Water Safety Tips

1. Always supervise children in and around water.
2. Never swim alone
3. Don't dive or jump into water that you can't see through
4. Never turn your back on the ocean.
5. Don't depend on floating toys to keep you safe
6. Children and non-swimmers should always wear life jackets in open water
7. Don't prolong the time you hold your breath underwater
8. Swim only in designated swim areas
9. Don't leave toys or other floatables in an unsupervised pool
10. Learn to swim

For more information, please visit www.water-safety.govt.nz water safety New Zealand.

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