

# CATCH KAPITI



SUMMER EVENTS  
2011



JENNY ROWAN  
Mayor, Kapiti Coast District

## Kia ora Koutou

It's my pleasure to introduce this summer's Catch Kapiti programme. This is really a "must have" for every household over the Holiday Season and beyond.

Catch Kapiti invites you to explore the district, have some adventures you've never had before, and do it all without travelling hundreds of kilometres to get there. It also invites you to play host to your friends and family – encouraging them to visit and enjoy all we have to offer.

The beauty of this programme is that it has something for everyone; it's affordable; it offers a great opportunity to get fit; learn about new activities, or sports and find the hidden treasures in the District – fabulous

walking and cycling tracks, great picnic sports and a rich arts culture.

Much of the great environmental work being done in Kapiti is performed by volunteer groups, and a number of them are offering excellent summer events. A couple you might like to consider are: the Hidden Forest Evening Discovery Walk, organised by Nga Uruora to look at the kohekohe forest above the Paekakariki railway, and a walk from the Otaki River mouth to Chrystall's Bend, organised by the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

This is only a taste of what's on offer. Visit one of our i-SITE's to pick up brochures and ask for suggestions about other options in the region.

“ I invite you, your family and friends to adventure close to home and experience THE BEST OF KAPITI ”

### Mahara Gallery

Mahara Gallery, 20 Mahara Place, Waikanae  
For more information on any of these exhibitions visit [www.maharagallery.org.nz](http://www.maharagallery.org.nz)

#### 1-23 RE-CONSTRUCTED JAN

Recent work from contemporary New Zealand artists associated with the Real Art Roadshow collection. Anne Noble, by light, photographs, 1982-2008, courtesy of McNamara Gallery Photography.

#### 29-6 THE ART OF THE GARDEN JAN-MAR

Contemporary and historical art in various media including sculpture, painting, ceramics, photography. Opening weekend coincides with the Lions Super Garden Trail. Open from 10am Saturday 29th with a special opening and book launch at 5pm.

#### 12-30 ADELE YOUNGHUSBAND JAN-APR

Selected linocut prints, drawings and paintings by this important early 20th century New Zealand artist in partnership with Whangarei Art Museum.





# ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

## KAPITI ISLAND NATURE TOURS

JAN

WEDNESDAYS, SUNDAYS

### WAIORUA BAY

Weather permitting, special daily guided walks for locals at the wonderful north end of Kapiti Island, with **Kapiti Island Nature Tours**. Get to know your own backyard and share it with family and friends. Bring three others (adults) and one tour is free (just tell us you're a local of Kapiti Island when you book).

JAN, MAR

### AMAZING KIWI-SPOTTING OVERNIGHT STAYS

Your unique kiwi experience on one of the world's most precious nature reserves - and it's in your own backyard! Bring three friends (adults) and one overnight stay and tour is free (just tell us you're a local of Kapiti Island when you book).

JAN, FEB, MAR

Stay during the week in our lovely eco lodge and we'll throw in a cosy hot-tub soak. This is one of most stunning nature-inspired experiences around - and it's in your own backyard! For more information or to book your visit to Kapiti Island visit [www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/](http://www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/) locals or **phone Minnie on 021 126 7525**.

XMAS BREAK

### NGA MANU NATURE RESERVE

**281 Ngarara Rd, Waikanae**. Daily over the Christmas Break, 9am-3pm. Join in with our ranger for the day and follow the daily routine of the staff for your behind the scenes look at Nga Manu Nature reserve. Max two children per day, fee applies, bookings required. Eel feeding is daily at 2pm. Standard entry fee, no extra charge for viewing the eel feeding. Feedout tour, 11am daily. Join the staff on a guided tour as they feed the birds, bookings preferred, fee applies. Nga Manu is open 10am to 5pm daily.

KAPITI

## MINIATURE RAILWAY

**Raumati Gardens, Raumati Beach. 1pm – 4pm, weather permitting.**

The railway hosts a collection of live steam, internal combustion and battery electric locomotives. The track is a doubleloop and includes one station, two tunnels, two spirals and two viaducts in a run of about ½ kilometre. **For more info visit [www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)**

FORTNIGHTLY ON SATURDAYS

WAIKANAĒ

## ESTUARY

### CARE GROUP

The Waikanae estuary is a significant habitat for wading and migratory birds. The group meets fortnightly on **Saturdays 9am – noon**, to restore the native plant habitat in the estuary. On arrival, look for WECG flag. Cancellations are broadcast on Beach FM on the day. A "meet and greet" person will welcome all-comers at 9am. Under 15 years must be supervised. Wear strong footwear and all-weather clothing (gardening gloves are advised). Morning tea provided.

**For more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/waikanaeestuary](http://www.gw.govt.nz/waikanaeestuary)**

KAPITI WEEKDAY

## WALKERS

Parking and meeting place is at the North East Corner of the Paraparaumu Community Centre Car Park. **Fortnightly on Mondays. 8.45am for a 9am departure; 8.15am for an 8.30am departure.** Adults \$4.00, students free. Entrance is through Ngahina St off Kapiti Rd or off Rimu Rd beside Council and Library. Waikanae Walkers – meet New World Car Park Parata St side. **For more information and the full schedule contact Reg on 04 904 7558 or Martin on 04 904 7877.**

FEBRUARY - APRIL

PARAPARAUMU BEACH

## GOLF CLUB

9 HOLE

BUSINESS HOUSE LEAGUE

**376 Kapiti Rd. February to April, 5.30pm** Shotgun at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. \$10 per person per round, tickets available at the Golf Club. In this year's Business House League it's all about having fun, playing as a team, and being in to win \$5,000 worth of prizes. Held over eight weeks during daylight savings this is your chance to play one of the most challenging courses in the world in one of the most enjoyable ways.

**For more information visit [paraparaumbeachgolfclub.co.nz](http://paraparaumbeachgolfclub.co.nz)**

DAILY

SOUTHWARD

## CAR MUSEUM

**Otaihanga Rd, Paraparaumu. Open 9am - 4.30pm every day.** The Southward Car Museum houses a collection of over 350 vehicles, as well as three aircraft and various other exhibits including motorcycles, bicycles, fire engine etc. **For more information visit [www.thecarmuseum.co.nz](http://www.thecarmuseum.co.nz)**

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS &

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

WELLINGTON

## TRAMWAY MUSEUM

**Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackays Crossing Entrance.**

Operating from 11am until 4.30pm, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Heritage Electric Tram rides to the beach and back on the historic restored Wellington Tramcars. It's great fun for all the family. Your tram ticket also provides access to our working Tram Barn/ Museum with its King Kong Tram and video, ex Wellington Cable Car and photographic history of Wellington Tramway days.

**For more information visit [www.wellingtontrams.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontrams.org.nz)**

THURSDAYS

KAPITI THURSDAY

## WALKING GROUP

**Walks start at 10am at different locations each week.** The schedule of walks give an indication of the nature of each walk and walkers take part entirely at their own risk. Walks are always within the Kapiti Coast District extending from Paekakariki in the south to Otaki in the north and last for up to two hours.

**For more information visit [www.sportsground.co.nz/kapitithursdaywalkers](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/kapitithursdaywalkers)**

3, 17, 31 JAN

21 FEB, 7, 21 MAR

## 5KM RUN & WALK

**Enter on the day from 5.45pm, start times 6.15pm walkers, 6.30pm runners.** \$5 per person with a \$10 family maximum. A series of 5K races open to all runners and walkers. Spot prizes after each event. **For more information and starting venues visit [www.kapitiharriers.org.nz](http://www.kapitiharriers.org.nz)**





# JANUARY

**2 JAN** **HIDDEN FOREST**  
EVENING DISCOVERY WALK  
6pm – 9pm (meet at St Peter’s church, Beach Rd, Paekakariki at 5.45pm). Hidden high above the railway on the Paekakariki, Pukerua Bay escarpment is a secret forest that survived the wholesale forest clearing. This kohekohe forest is the centre piece of Nga Uruora’s habitat restoration project. A steep climb brings you to a rough and rocky track leading through magnificent Kohekohe Forest. Spectacular views out to Kapiti and the South Island. Dress for the weather. Bring a drink, a snack, binoculars, camera and a torch. **For more info visit [www.kapitibush.org.nz](http://www.kapitibush.org.nz)**

**3-28** **SPORTS JAM**  
SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
Paraparaumu College (Community Gym), Mazengarb Rd, Paraparaumu. Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm. \$5 per child plus family deals available. Heaps of sports, games, fitness, sports coaching and fun activities. For Kapiti kids aged between years 5 - 8. Fully supervised programme with trained sports coaches. All Kapiti kids are welcome any or every day. **For more information phone Ben on 021 116 0086.**



**4** **INTERISLANDER**  
SUMMER FESTIVAL  
FAMILY DAY RACES  
Otaki Racecourse, Te Roto Rd, Otaki. **From midday.** \$5 adults, under 18’s free entry. Treat the family with loads of free activities and entertainment especially for the kids. Come see The Funky Monkeys, join in kids fashion in the field, have your face painted, take a pony and cart ride, play on the bouncy castles galore and sack race on the actual race track! **For more information visit [www.theraces.co.nz](http://www.theraces.co.nz)**

**5-14** **OTAKI BEACH**  
SUMMER PROGRAMME  
Otaki Beach, Surf Club. **10.30am.** A free activity every day on Otaki Beach to show the variety of fun things to do at the beach. A billboard at the Surf Club will list each day’s activity, such as sandcastle making, tour of Otaki Surf Club and IRD rides, combat exercise class, guided walk in amongst the dunes, guided bike ride along Otaki River. Participants just turn up on the day, no booking required. **For more information contact Penny Gaylor 027 664 8869.**

**6** **NGA MANU** EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS  
Nga Manu Nature Reserve, Ngarara Rd, Waikanae. **1pm - 3pm** Practical uses for plants. Normal entry prices apply. **For more info phone 04 293 4131.**

**8** **OTAKI BIG DIG**  
Otaki Beach, Otaki. **10am.** A Kapiti Coast tradition - dig your way to great prizes. Slip, slop, slap and wrap when you join in the fun and games at Otaki Beach. **For more information phone Liz or Andre on 06 364 5558.**

**8,12** **BEGINNERS’ GUIDE TO OWNING A PONY**  
Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing entrance. **11am-11.45am, 11.45-12.30pm, 1.30pm-2.15pm, 2.15pm-3pm,** \$25 per person. Join the Stables on the Park team for an introduction to riding and looking after ponies. No experience necessary. Wear long pants, closed in shoes with a heel. Max 12 riders per session. For ages 5-15 years. Bookings essential. **Email: [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz), phone 04 830 4041 or visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events).**



**8-16** **FESTIVAL OF POTTERY & GARDEN ART**  
Trinity Farm, 202 Waitohu Valley Rd, Otaki. **10am - 4pm.** \$5 entry includes raffle ticket. As well as having pots on display and for sale there will be demonstrations on how to use a potter’s wheel and the opportunity for those interested to have a go. **For more information visit [www.kapitipots.co.nz](http://www.kapitipots.co.nz)**

**10,17, 24,31** **MATES IN BOWLS**  
Waikanae Beach Bowling Club, Huiawa St, Waikanae Beach. **5.45pm - 8pm.** \$10 per player, pay on arrival, playing wet or fine. For non-players of all ages to have a go at lawn bowls. We’ll show you how from 5.45pm, followed by two 1-hour games in teams of three. Bring your own team, or we can put you into one. Bowls are provided. Flat-soled shoes are essential. **Phone Fran Kell on 04 905 6881 or visit [www.waikanaebeachbowls.com](http://www.waikanaebeachbowls.com)**

**12** **NGA MANU**  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES DAY  
Nga Manu Nature Reserve, Ngarara Rd Waikanae. **1pm - 3pm.** Host of activities for all ages. Normal entry prices apply. **For more info phone 04 293 4131.**

**15-16** **LAVENDER CREEK**  
FARM HARVEST DAY  
123 Settlement Rd, Te Horo. **10am - 5pm.** Watch a harvester at work and follow the distillation process to the production of pure essential oil. Photography & art competitions, tea & coffee available, gift shop and lavender plants. Enjoy the summer with a walk through the lavender at its peak. Bring a hat and camera. Donations taken for Epilepsy New Zealand. **For more info phone Suzi White on 06 364 3682 or visit [www.lavendercreek.co.nz](http://www.lavendercreek.co.nz)**

**16** **PEDALING IN THE PARK**  
Queen Elizabeth Park, Wellington Rd entrance, Paekakariki. **4pm-7pm.** Explore the flatter rides of Queen Elizabeth Park on a late afternoon/ evening bike ride with friends and family, ranging from an easy 1km to a moderate 6km. Led by Sport Kapiti and the Paekakariki Peddlers. There will be some ramp jumps and seesaws to play on too. Or sit back with your picnic and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. **For more info visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**





## 21 HARNESS RACING

**Otaki Racecourse, Te Roto Rd, Otaki. 3pm.** The Kapiti Coast Harness Racing Club's annual meeting is a twilight event with free entry for an evening of exciting harness racing. Beach FM will be hosting an event which includes entertainment, continuous meal, drinks, and various competitions. Tickets \$50. **For tickets or further information contact Beach FM or Mary Colman on 06 364 8001.**

## 22-23 TRAMWAYS FUNDAY

**Tramway Museum, Mackays Crossing Entrance, Queen Elizabeth Park. 11am - 4.30pm each day.** Tram Rides: adults \$8, children \$4, family \$20 (2 adults/2 children), gold coin donation for Tram Barn Display. Sausage sizzle, model railway, scratchy record memorabilia, King Kong Tram, tram videos, tram rides. **For more information visit [www.wellingtontrams.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontrams.org.nz)**

## 22-23 HOROWHENUA

### AP&I SHOW

**Levin Showgrounds, Levin.** Displays of rural excellence in showing of livestock, equestrian competitions, home industries, wood-chopping and shearing together with craft stalls, trade exhibits, sideshows and fantastic affordable family entertainment. For more information visit [www.levinapishow.co.nz](http://www.levinapishow.co.nz)

## 23 BEACH AND BUSH

### SUMMER EVENING WALK

**WITH NGA URUORA 6pm - 9pm. (meet at St Peter's church, Beach Rd, Paekakariki at 5.45pm).** Stroll down a sandy beach, explore a rocky shore, return via a dune forest and then climb into regenerating bush all on a Sunday evening walk. Spectacular views out to sea. Watch the sunset from 100m above sea level. Good walking shoes or boots recommended, dress for the weather. Bring a drink and something to eat, binoculars and/or camera recommended. **For more information visit [www.kapitibush.org.nz](http://www.kapitibush.org.nz)**

## 23 ALL FORD DAY

**Kapiti Primary School, Rimu Rd, Paraparaumu. Gates open at 10am.** Gold coin donation for vehicles. This event is open to Ford vehicles of any description or age and is a great opportunity to see what other Ford owners have been up to. An excess of 250 cars will attend throughout the course of the day. There will be food and drink stalls available.



Randall Walker | Kapiti Observer

## 23 RAUMATI SPORTS FISHING CLUB ANNUAL SURFCASTING

**COMPETITION Raumati Beach, from 7am.** Prizes galore including kids' prizes and \$1,000 cash for heaviest Kahawai. Bring the family, bring a picnic and make a day of it! All welcome. Entry is on the day at the competition base and weigh station at Marine Gardens, Raumati Beach. Registration is from 6am. Fishing is between 7am - 3pm. Prize giving is at the Village Inn from 4pm. Adults \$20 per rod, juniors \$10 per rod (juniors defined as 14 years or younger on the day). **For more information phone Mark on 04 905 8100 or 027 443 4156.**

## 23 MATES IN BOWLS TASTER DAY

**Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club, 9 Toru St, Paraparaumu Beach. 1pm.** A no-cost chance to find out how to bowl, or to brush up those skills before the main event. No need to register for this day, just turn up. **For more info contact Robin on 04 902 0784 or Michael on 04 902 4509.**

## 23 INTERISLANDER SUMMER FESTIVAL DAY

**Otaki Racecourse, Te Roto Rd, Otaki. Gates open at 9am, entertainment at 11am and the first race is at 12pm.** Entry is \$5 and under 18 free. There will be free children's entertainment and local bands to enjoy. Also Taste the Region will bring to the event unique delicious local foods and wines to add to the atmosphere of the day! Bring all your friends and family for a great day out of fun and entertainment. **For more information visit [www.theraces.co.nz](http://www.theraces.co.nz)**

## 23 PAEKAKARIKI ROAD RACE

**Paekakariki Memorial Hall, The Parade, Paekakariki. 9am.** 5km & 10km run and walk and 15km run. All races start at Campbell Park and run a scenic and interesting 5km lap around the streets of Paekakariki, including The Parade, Beach Rd, Wellington Rd, Tilley Rd and into Queen Elizabeth Park. \$5 age 19 and under, \$10 age 20+, \$3 late entry fee. **Visit [www.kapitiharriers.org.nz](http://www.kapitiharriers.org.nz)**

## 25 BMX RACING ALL AGES

**Kapiti BMX track, Corner Percival and Donavon Rds, Paraparaumu.** Free for beginners for first 2 club nights, then \$4 per night, or \$2 if become a member. Register at the track shed on the night. BMX racing for riders age 4 to 50+, arranged into ability classes, not necessarily age. Beginners always welcome on any clubnight. BMX bikes ideal, mountain bikes OK too. Safety gear is needed including long sleeve top and trousers, helmet and shoes and the bike needs to be in safe condition. **For more information visit [www.kapitibmxclub.wetpaint.com](http://www.kapitibmxclub.wetpaint.com)**

## 28 NGA MANU BIRD FEEDERS

**Nga Manu Nature Reserve, Ngarara Rd Waikanae. 1pm - 3pm.** Design and build feeders to attract birds to your garden. Normal entry prices apply. **For more information contact 04 293 4131.**



**26** **MATES IN BOWLS**  
**Jan** Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club, 9 Toru St, Paraparaumu Beach. 6.15pm – 7.45pm. \$6 per person per evening. All you need is a good sense of humour, flat soled shoes, a couple of mates if you can. We will provide the gear (and even the mates if necessary). Coaching or practice available from 5.30pm. **For more information contact Robin on 04 902 0784 or Michael on 04 902 4509.**

**27** **TWILIGHT BOWLS**  
**Waikanae Bowling Club, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae. 6.30pm – 8.30pm.** Entry fee is \$10 per team member, plus \$2 per player each night. BBQ sausages, raffles and bar facilities. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers and the Club will provide bowls for you to use. **For more information visit [www.bowlswaikanae.com](http://www.bowlswaikanae.com)**

**28** **BOWLS TWILIGHT GALAS**  
**Waikanae Beach Bowling Club, Huiawa St, Waikanae Beach. 4.15 pm.** \$3 per player for bowls, pay on arrival, no play if it's wet. Bowls are provided. Flat-soled shoes are essential. People new to bowls are most welcome. A light meal is available after the bowls at \$5 per head. **For more info phone Tom Simpson on 04 293 1101 or visit [www.waikanaebowls.com](http://www.waikanaebowls.com)**

**29-30** **WAIKANA E LIONS SUPER GARDEN TRAIL**  
**10am-5pm each day.** Thirteen stunning town and beach gardens in Waikanae will be on display in this summer's Waikanae Lions Super Garden Trail. Tickets for the Garden Trail and a brochure showing the location of each garden are available from Kapiti Garden Centres or from the individual gardens on the weekend of the Garden Trail. \$15 per person, per day. **For more info phone John Todd on 04 293 6607.** Also check out The Art of the Garden exhibition at Mahara Gallery on page 2.



## FEBRUARY

**2,9,** **MATES IN BOWLS**  
**16,23** **Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club, 9 Toru St Paraparaumu Beach. 6.15pm – 7.45pm.** \$6 per person per evening. All you need is a good sense of humour, flat soled shoes, a couple of mates if you can. We will provide the gear (and even the mates if necessary). Coaching or practice available from 5.30pm. **For more information contact Robin on 04 902 0784 or Michael on 04 902 4509.**  
**Feb**

**3** **SPORT WELLINGTON BUGGY WALK**  
**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing entrance. 10.30am – 12 noon.** Join Sport Wellington and Greater Wellington for a stunning buggy walk along the Coastal Route and back via the Inland Route. Good walking shoes required. Complimentary coffee provided by Caffè L'affaire. **For more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events) or [www.buggywalk.co.nz](http://www.buggywalk.co.nz)**

**3,10,** **TWILIGHT BOWLS**  
**17,24** **Waikanae Bowling Club, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae. 6.30pm – 8.30pm.** Entry fee is \$10 per team member, plus \$2 per player each night. BBQ sausages, raffles and bar facilities. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers and the Club will provide bowls for you to use. **For more information visit [www.bowlswaikanae.com](http://www.bowlswaikanae.com)**

**5** **FARM TO COAST**  
**Battle Hill Farm Forest Park to Queen Elizabeth Park. 7.45am - 5pm.** \$8 per person. Fit and interested in the route less travelled? Meet us at Queen Elizabeth Park before busing to Battle Hill. From there we walk up through pine forest to the native bush of Mt Wainui and the trig before dropping into Whareroa Farm and back to Queen Elizabeth Park. For the fit only. Max 30 people. **Bookings essential [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz) or phone 04 830 4041 or for more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**

**5** **DUCK RACE**  
**Otaihanga Domain, Paraparaumu. 10.30am.** About 2pm, 1,000 numbered yellow ducks will take off downstream from the Otaihanga Park bridge on the outgoing tide. There will be a variety of prizes for the winners. The Duck Race will be only part of the fun; there will be children's races and games, dodgem rides, sausage sizzle and much more. Entry is free – the only charge is \$5 to back your duck in the race. Come down on your bikes, save petrol and the hassle of finding a park. During the day Parafed Wellington and Sport Wellington Kapiti will offer a range of bike rides around the area – come and explore.

TEDDYBEAR'S PICNIC WOMEN'S TRIATHALON





## 6 KAPITI ISLAND

## WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Celebrate Waitangi Day on Kapiti Island, with Kapiti Island Nature Tours.** Join the whanau at Waiorua Bay at the north end for a full day tour and inspiring history and nature talks. Stay overnight and go kiwi spotting to really make this one of the highlights of your summer. Get to know your own backyard, and experience a really magical day and/or overnight stay on Kapiti Island - your local nature playground. Gift vouchers are available. **For more information visit [www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/](http://www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/) locals or phone Minnie on 021 126 7525.**

## 6 WAIKANATHLON

## WAIKANA E ALL COMERS TRIATHLON, DUATHLON, FUN RUN &amp; SWIM RUN

**Marina Lagoon Park, Sth end of Tutere St, Waikanae.** Cost from \$10. Online entries from the website or download a paper entry and post in to Box 407, Waikanae, 5036. This triathlon, duathlon, fun run, swim run or swim is achievable for anyone. Do a part of it or the whole thing or make up a team. 500m swim (in calm estuary), 17km flat draft legal cycle, 5km graded riverbank track run/walk. Water safety provided, great relaxed atmosphere and spot prizes. **For more information visit [www.splashanddash.co.nz](http://www.splashanddash.co.nz)**

## 6 TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

**Southwards, Otaihanga Rd, Paraparaumu. 11am-2pm.** Entertainment with the Funky Monkeys, good old fashion races like the egg and spoon. Lolly scramble face painting and prizes galore for Teddy's. Brought to you by Pak'n Save and Village Beads. Come and enjoy good old fashion family fun, just remember to slip, slop and slap on that sunscreen. **For more information phone Beach FM on 04 296 1399.**

## 6 WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Tainui Marae, Otaki. 10am to 4pm.** Come and commemorate Waitangi Day 2011. Co-hosted by Ngati Kapumanawhiti, a hapu of Ngati Raukawa and the Kapiti Coast District Council, this day aims to bring the community together and build an understanding of the significance that this has for past, present and future. There is something for young and old - nau mai haere mai! **For more information phone Monica Fraser on 04 296 4839.**

## 6 WAITANGI DAY

## DRIFT SESSIONS

**Drift Café, 1 Waimea Rd, Waikanae Beach.** A free concert in the carpark celebrating Waitangi Day and the release of Ryan Edwards' new album. Bring your family, a picnic, and something to sit on! **For more information phone Emily on 04 902 9033.**

## 8 OPERATUNITY

## THE BEST OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

**Southwards Theatre, Otaihanga Rd. 11am.** Fantastic music from this icon of modern music theatre featuring best loved songs from his shows. Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and more. Casual bookings: \$27. Discounts for five bookings or more and for season ticket and groups (ticket price includes lunch). **For more information visit [www.operatunity.co.nz](http://www.operatunity.co.nz)**



DUCK RACE

## 11 BOWLS TWILIGHT GALAS

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## 12 HARAKEKE FLAXWEAVING ON THE COAST

**Queen Elizabeth Park, Tilley Rd entrance. 9am-12noon.** \$10 per person. Take a trip into the past of Maori weavers. Learn how to harvest, prepare and weave flax. Materials provided. Sausage sizzle to follow. Max 50 people. **Bookings essential. Email: [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz) or phone 04 830 4041. For more info visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**

## 12 MANAKAU

## MEDIEVAL MARKET

**Levin Showgrounds, Levin. 9am - 4pm. \$2 Students, \$7 Adults, \$15 family of four.** The merry wenches and robin hoods of the shire are readying their wares and feasts for Her Majesty Queenie. There will be hundreds of medieval merchants, much feasting with two food courts. **For more information visit [www.medievalmarket.co.nz](http://www.medievalmarket.co.nz)**

## 12-13 PAEKAKARIKI

## IN THE PARK

**Campbell Park, Wellington Rd, Paekakariki. Saturday 12pm - 6pm, Sunday 12pm - 2pm.** A free event. The inaugural Paekakariki in the Park Festival is a celebration of music and Paekakariki's famous hospitality. The event features a fabulous line-up of bands including Christchurch country music legends, The Eastern and local favourites Rosy Tin Teacaddy plus other local stars. Ethnic food stalls will complement the BBQs provided for those who fancy a BYO cook-up. There will be a skating competition on the Saturday and Sunday and The Fat Teddies will host a picnic for young families.

## 13 SHOW WHAT YOU RIDE

**Railway Hotel, Otaki from 9am-3pm.** A large range of motorcycles on display with raffles and a sausage sizzle. **For more information contact the Otaki i-SITE.**

## 13 WAIKANA E MUSIC SOCIETY

**PRESENTS KEITH LEWIS (TENOR) AND MICHAEL HOUSTOUN (PIANO) PERFORMING SCHUBERT'S WINTERREISE SONG CYCLE**  
**Waikanae Memorial Hall, Waikanae. 2.30pm.** Public \$30, WMS members \$20, students under 25 \$5. Tickets available from Waikanae New World, Moby Dickens Books and Bookstacks. This concert offers a rare opportunity to hear Schubert's epic Winterreise (A Winter's Journey), widely considered to be the greatest song cycle ever written. Keith Lewis is one of the world's busiest tenors, most often to be found in the opera houses and concert halls of Europe. **For more information visit [www.waikanaemusic.org](http://www.waikanaemusic.org)**



**13** **HEART AWARENESS WEEK**  
**PUBLIC WALK**  
Feb **Otaihanga Footbridge, Otaihanga Domain, 9.45am.** Family friendly easy walking pace, good pathways around Waikanae lagoon area, no hills, approximately one hour duration, socialised pooches on leads quite acceptable, same for small children except leads not mandatory!

**19** **THE KAPITI**  
**GREAT GRAVEL GRAB**  
**SH1, Otaki. 10am-2pm.** Help prevent flooding on the Kapiti Coast! Join Greater Wellington's Flood Protection team on the banks of the Otaki River and take river stones for your garden. Bring a trailer and shovel. No bookings required. **For more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**

**20** **TWITCHING**  
**ON THE COAST**  
**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing. 9am-11am.** An easy leisurely stroll past wetlands, remnant bush and down to the dunes enjoying the diverse birdlife of Queen Elizabeth Park. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Bookings essential [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz) or phone 04 830 4041 or for more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**

SUSTAINABLE HOME & GARDEN SHOW



**19-20** **LINDALE**  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**Lindale Complex, SH1, Paraparaumu. 10am – 4pm.** With local and iconic kiwi musicians, plus many children activities. Tickets available from the Lindale office or Coastlands ticket centre. **For more information visit [www.lindale.co.nz](http://www.lindale.co.nz)**

**19-20** **KAPITI MINIATURE RAILWAY**  
**OPEN WEEKEND**  
**Marine Gardens, Garden Rd, Raumati Beach. 10am - 4pm.** \$1.50 single ride, \$8 for 6 trips, \$15 for 12 trips. Spend as long as you like riding or watching the trains go by as the riders enjoy the scenery and seeing the different trains that visit us on this very special weekend. There are steam, diesel and electric models - something for everyone. There will be a barbecue to sooth the hunger pangs as well. **For more information visit [www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)**

**26** **ART FAIR**  
**Waikanae Memorial Hall, Waikanae. 10am – 4pm.** Art from local Artists and donated works. Art can be delivered to Kapiti News, Otaki RSA, Mahara Gallery, Jade Artisans Paekakariki, Lush at Raumati Beach, Shona Moller Gallery at Paraparaumu Beach and Double Winkel Real Estate or for art/s to be collected phone Diane on 04 902 4736. The proceeds will go to the Aquatic Centre.



**27** **KAPITI WOMEN'S & GIRLS**  
**TRIATHLON & DUATHLON**  
**Marine Gardens & Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu. Start from 9am.** Variable from free to \$38. In its 28th year, this iconic Kapiti event began in November 1983 to encourage women and girls to get out and have a go, focusing on fitness and health. We consider every entrant getting to the start line a winner. Variety of events including half and full distance tri & Duathlon & team events. **For more information visit [www.kwt.org.nz](http://www.kwt.org.nz)**

**27** **EXPLORE THE**  
**OTAKI RIVER**  
**AND CHRYSTALLS BEND**  
**9am from Otaki Beach or 10am from GW dept, SH1, Otaki.** Join Greater Wellington's Flood Protection team and the Friends of the Otaki River along the walkway from either the start of the river mouth or the GW depot to the hidden gem of Chrystalls Bend. A chance to hear more about the planting plan and flood works along this stunning river or just take a wander and take in the views. Transport will be available for the return leg if required. **For more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**



THE BIG DIG



**20** **KAPITI PARENTS CENTRE**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**Otaihanga Domain, Paraparaumu. 11am – 3pm.** Free entry. A fun day and picnic in the old style with races, games, sausage sizzle, chips, drinks and ice blocks. **For more info visit [www.parentscentre.org.nz/Kapiti](http://www.parentscentre.org.nz/Kapiti)**

**26** **KAPITI OBSERVER**  
**BIG DIG**  
**Raumati Beach, noon.** A Kapiti Coast tradition, dig your way to great prizes. Bring the entire family to this great event and enjoy digging deep into the sand for awesome prizes! You can even bring a bucket and spade to create a sand sculpture that will impress the crowds. Remember your sunscreen, sunhat and sunglasses!

**27** **YOUTH VARIETY FESTIVAL**  
**PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
**Otaihanga Domain, Paraparaumu. 12pm - 4pm.** Gold coin donation. Everyone is encouraged to bring a rug and a picnic hamper and for the cost of a gold coin donation enjoy a fantastic line up of youth entertainment all sourced from our schools and colleges in Kapiti. BBQ, candy floss and soft drinks will be available on site. Organised by the Rotary Club of Kapiti. **For more information phone Jim Dryburgh 021 620 118.**



# MARCH

## 5 KAPITI COAST YOUTH FESTIVAL

**Maclean Park, Paraparaumu Beach.** Kapiti Coast Youth Fest is a chance to celebrate being young and enjoy music, arts, skating and food. Heaps of activities planned for young people to come take part in. **For more information visit** [www.naturecoast.co.nz/events](http://www.naturecoast.co.nz/events)

## 5 HOSPICE GARDEN PARTY

**Holmsleigh, 62b Eatwell Avenue, Paraparaumu Beach.** (Off-street parking available). 1pm - 4pm. Tickets are \$20 and available from Mary Potter Hospice, Warrimoo St, Paraparaumu. Refreshments, stalls and entertainment. **For more information phone** 04 298 3975.

## 5 FARM TO COAST

**Battle Hill Farm Forest Park to Queen Elizabeth Park, 7.45am - 5pm.** \$8 per person. Fit and interested in the route less travelled? Meet us at Queen Elizabeth Park before bussing to Battle Hill. From there we walk up through pine forest to the native bush of Mt Wainui and the trig before dropping into Whareroa Farm and back to Queen Elizabeth Park. For the fit only. Max 30 people. **Bookings essential.** Email: [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz). **For more information phone** 04 830 4041 or visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)

## 6 KAPITI MINIATURE RAILWAY CHARITY RUN DAY

**Marine Gardens, Garden Rd. Raumati Beach. 10am - 4pm.** \$1.50 single ride, \$8 for 6 trip, \$15 for 12 trip. A great day to get enjoyment and help a worthwhile cause in your area. A lot of trains will be running. **For more information visit** [www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)

## 12 TARARUA MOUNTAIN RACE

**Kaitoke, 7am.** It is the hardest mountain run in New Zealand and it follows the classic Southern Crossing route of the Tararua mountain range, north of Wellington. There is a total ascent of 2,250m and a total descent of 2,475m, with a total distance of 35.4km. Start time 7am, \$65 Individual - \$120 Team. **For more information visit** [www.tararua-race.org.nz](http://www.tararua-race.org.nz)

## 13 WAIKANA E MUSIC SOCIETY

**PRESENTS THE ANTIPODES TRIO**  
**Waikanae Memorial Hall, Waikanae. 2.30pm.** Public \$30, WMS members \$20, students under 25 \$5. Tickets available from Waikanae New World, Moby Dickens Books and Bookstacks. The Antipodes Trio is a dynamic young ensemble of string players – New Zealand's Christabel Lin (violin) and Nicholas Hancox (viola), plus one of the USA's most outstanding young cellists, David Requiro. **For more information visit** [www.waikanaemusic.org](http://www.waikanaemusic.org)

## 3,10 TWILIGHT BOWLS

March

**Waikanae Bowling Club, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae. 6.30pm – 8.30pm.** Entry fee is \$10 per team member, plus \$2 per player each night. BBQ sausages, raffles and bar facilities. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers and the Club will provide bowls for you to use. **For more information visit** [www.bowlswaikanae.com](http://www.bowlswaikanae.com)



## 4 BOWLS TWILIGHT GALAS

**Waikanae Beach Bowling Club, Huiwai St, Waikanae Beach. 4.15 pm.** \$3 per player for bowls, pay on arrival, no play if it's wet. Bowls are provided. Flat-soled shoes are essential. People new to bowls are most welcome. A light meal is available after the bowls at \$5.00 per head. **For more information phone Tom Simpson on** 04 293 1101 or visit [www.waikanaebeachbowls.com](http://www.waikanaebeachbowls.com)

## 6 KAPITI EXPO

**Southwards Car Museum, Otaihangā Rd. 10am - 4pm.** There will be plenty to keep all ages entertained with activities including Police Dog demonstrations, a comms demonstration, police car demonstrations, and lots more. Southwards Hall will be turned into a vibrant marketplace with representatives covering services from youth to the elderly and special guest. **For more information email** [info@safercommunity.org.nz](mailto:info@safercommunity.org.nz)

## 15 OPERATUNITY

**THREE TENORS AND A SOPRANO**  
**Southwards Theatre, Otaihangā Rd. 11am.** Presenting our New Zealand Three Tenors, Benjamin Makisi, Derek Hill, Bonaventure Allen-Moetaua with soprano Susan Boland in a tribute to the great tenors, both past and present. Casual bookings \$27. Discounts for five bookings or more and for season ticket and groups (ticket price includes lunch). **For more information visit** [www.operatunity.co.nz](http://www.operatunity.co.nz)

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March

**KAPITI COAST  
BEGINNERS GUIDE  
TO FLY FISHING**

**SH1, Otaki. 8am–12 noon, repeat session, 1pm–5pm.** Members of the Kapiti Fly Fishing Angling Club will guide you on tackle, knots and different fishing techniques. Then a mentor will help you give it a go. Bring gumboots or wading shoes, sunglasses. Rods and other equipment will be supplied if you don't have your own. Max 20 people per session. **Bookings essential. Email: [bookings@gw.govt.nz](mailto:bookings@gw.govt.nz) or phone 04 830 4041 or for more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**

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**KAPITI  
CYCLE CHALLENGE**

**Waikanae, registration at 7am, ride begins 8.30am.** This fun ride will follow SH1 to go over the Paekakariki Hill, pass through Pauatahanui, climb over the Haywards hill, then proceed up River Road to turn onto the Akatarawa Road, to climb over the summit to descend down to Waikanae. **For more information visit [www.kapiticyclechallenge.co.nz](http://www.kapiticyclechallenge.co.nz)**

26-27

**SUSTAINABLE HOME  
& GARDEN SHOW**

**Kapiti Primary School, Rimu Rd, Paraparaumu. 9am to 4pm.** Gold Coin Entry. This Home & Garden Show focuses on healthy homes and gardens. Over 70 vendors and displays, children's activities, entertainment and our inspiring demonstration workshops will provide many reasons for you to visit. **For more information visit [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz)**

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**HAVE-A-GO  
ORIENTEERING**

**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing. 11am-2pm.** Orienteering is all about using a map and a compass to navigate courses. Join the Wellington Orienteering Club and try courses for beginners, family groups and experienced orienteers in the dunes and valleys of Queen Elizabeth Park. No dogs please. [www.wn.orienteering.org.nz](http://www.wn.orienteering.org.nz). **For more information visit [www.gw.govt.nz/events](http://www.gw.govt.nz/events)**



BIRD LIFE ON KAPITI ISLAND



# APRIL

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April

**KAPITI MINIATURE RAILWAY  
TWILIGHT RUN**

**Marine Gardens, Garden Rd. Raumati Beach. 5pm till 9pm.** \$1.50 single ride, \$8 for 6 trip, \$15 for 12 trip. Enjoy the fun of riding the Miniature Trains at Night. Headlights exploring the dark whilst you see the twinkle of red tail lights of other trains. Experience the thrill of seeing the beautiful park at Night. Why not bring a late Tea to the park and enjoy the atmosphere. **For more information visit [www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)**

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**WAIKANAЕ MUSIC SOCIETY  
PRESENTS  
THE AMICI ENSEMBLE**

**Waikanae Memorial Hall, Waikanae. 2.30pm.** Public \$30, WMS members \$20, students under 25 \$5. Tickets available from Waikanae New World, Moby Dickens Books, Bookstacks. The Amici Ensemble's programmes are always amongst the most popular in the Waikanae Music Society season. Led by NZSO Associate Concertmaster Donald Armstrong, their programme this year features two masterworks - a Mozart Quartet and the beautiful Clarinet Quintet by Brahms. Joining Donald for this performance will be the NZSO's brilliant principal clarinetist Philip Green and string players Cristina Vaszilcsin (violin), Julia Joyce (viola) and Rowan Prior (cello). **For more information visit [www.waikanaemusic.org](http://www.waikanaemusic.org)**



23-24

**LINDALE  
FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**

**Lindale Complex, SH1, Paraparaumu. 10am – 4pm.** Free entry. An incredible variety of music, dance and food. The focus of the event is to bring the community together in celebration of both our uniqueness and diversity as New Zealanders. **For more information visit [www.lindale.co.nz](http://www.lindale.co.nz)**



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(between GJ Gardner and PSIS)  
Phone 04 298 8195

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