

Northern Matters

Taihape Community Board August 2024.

It was enjoyable to be at Mangaweka in July for the first of the boards workshops in smaller rural communities. A fuller report of items discussed has been written by Les Clarke. Les is to be thanked for his organization of the evening. The next two key dates are Mataroa 11 September; Moawhango 13 November. Members of the public will be invited to have their input on these and other issues they would like help with from the TCB individual board members will be organizing each meeting.

I have been liaising with TCDT staff over the changed date and extended scope of Spring Fling 2024. This is an evolving event as is aimed and showcasing all that Taihape can offer to both residents and visitors. While the acknowledgement of the centenary of the Grandstand at Memorial Park is one of the key points, the use of the Papakai tracks are also being highlighted. My thanks to Councillor Duncan for her enthusiasm and communication on these items.

Councillors and Staff continued to keep us informed about process involved in the rejuvenation of the Town Hall and Memorial Park Grandstand. The current economic climate and the restrictions on the RDC budgets have added another degree of difficulty. We hope that some progress is being made that will be visible soon as the contract has been let for the Town Hall

I have been working with Jan Byford and other members of Keep Taihape Beautiful, as they begin the resurrection of their focus on improving the presentation of the town. The fact that they have been able to work along side Parks and Reserve staff to reach a plan is great news.

The work of the Council through Jarrod Calkin should also bear fruit in involving key business and residents in a positive manner

I am still awaiting the contact details for key personnel to assist the Board with providing solutions to the mobile phone coverage issues that have been highlighted to the board.

The photo board at Gumboot throwing area at the Outback was pushed off its base in late May. And has been restored and strengthened . =

As board members we must continue to strongly push the wider public to use the Rangitikei District Council's RFS system for as the best means of bringing people's concerns to the attention of the RDC staff.