



KEEPING IT CENTRAL

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IN THE OFFICE WITH KAREN BRAY

Some of you may know me, as I have been involved in Rates for some time. In 1974 I started my role as a Rates Clerk with the Patangata County Council, working out of the main Council office on Northumberland St, where the police station is now located.

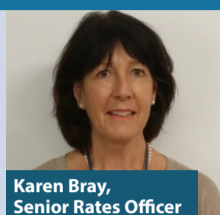
Although I can't influence the rate amount, I can ensure you receive a good customer service as I am passionate about helping people with their rating enquiries.

Quarterly 7,621 rates statements are processed and sent out to CHB ratepayers. This is a very busy period and to assist the process, people now have the option to receive their rates statement by email, simply by registering on the Council website.

It's great being able to assist other organisations with information they require. Solicitors/ lawyers frequently contact us when properties are purchased and sold in our district. We notify Hawke's Bay Regional Council when a property is sold and provide regular updates to Quotable Value, and they use the information to determine the local property values.

With the thriving property market in Central Hawke's Bay, the rating database is also being regularly updated with change of ownership details. In the last 12 months, there were 799 change of property ownerships in our district.

If you have any rate queries, whether it's big or small, please contact me. My direct dial number is 06-857 7738.



Karen Bray,
Senior Rates Officer



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME IN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

All craft and activity sessions are from 10.30am to 11.30am.

■ Waipukurau Library

Monday 2nd Oct:

Stained Glass Pictures

Wednesday 4th Oct:

Vege print pictures

Tuesday 10th Oct:

Make your own duck for 'Duck Day'

Friday 13th Oct:

Paper flowers

■ Waipawa Library

Tuesday 3rd Oct:

Paper flowers

Thursday 5th Oct:

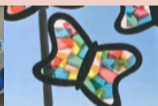
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Monday 9th Oct:

Stained glass pictures

Wednesday 11th Oct:

Make your own duck for DUCK DAY



LINDSAY BUSH

Lindsay Bush/Otaia is one small remnant of the lowland podocarp forest that once covered vast areas of Hawke's Bay. The Council owned reserve features large kahikatea, mātai and tōtara, all about 400 years old. It provides important habitat for many native creatures including kererū ,tui, long tailed bat and wētā. The reserve has been maintained and enhanced by CHB Forest and Bird in partnership with the CHB District Council. This is being done through trapping pests and weeding out undesirable plants. Community awareness is raised through an education programme with the scouts and by working alongside the public at working bees. An annual planting day is held as well as several working bees during the year. These are open to the public and are well supported

by the local scout, cub and rover group.

The bush reserve is only 5 minutes out of Waipukurau. It is off Lindsay Road adjacent to the Tukituki River. There is an easy 45 minute walking track.

Lindsay Bush is a precious taonga that needs to be cared for and preserved for future generations. Forest and Bird and Council will be working with Taiwhenua o Tamatea to recognise this area as an important area as part of the Tamatea Trails.

Workday at Lindsay Bush is on Thursday 26 October 9.30am -1.00pm. Also Saturday 25 November 9.30am -1.00pm. Everyone is welcome. The focus will be on weed control.



For more information go to:

www.chbdc.govt.nz

