

Keeping it Central

Kia Ora Central Hawke's Bay!

Waitangi Day is Aotearoa New Zealand's national day, marking the first signing of the Treaty between the Crown and Māori Rangatira (chiefs). The Treaty has been described as 'the promise of two peoples to take the best possible care of each other' in the Te Roroa Report to the Waitangi Tribunal, 1992. Today, Waitangi Day is an opportunity to celebrate that promise, come together as a community, contemplate the shared history between Māori and Pākeha and experience Te Ao Māori.

This year Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc will be holding a Whānau Day at Mitre 10 Park on Waitangi Day in Hastings from 9.00am – 3.30pm where you can enjoy culture, music, kapa haka, fun, games and reo.

If you want to celebrate in Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay, there is plenty to do. For me, discovering our local history through Ngā Ara Tipuna has brought new significance to Waitangi Day, adding to our understanding of the past 184 years and before. If you take the Nga Ara Tipinua self-guided tour you will visit the site of Pukekaihau Pā in Waipukurau, once a thriving Māori settlement and seven more sites of cultural and natural significance around Waipukurau and Takapau:

https://www.ngaaratipuna.co.nz/about

The Otāne market, offers a wonderful opportunity to explore local produce and support our community.

Waitangi Day is an occasion for all New Zealanders to contemplate the nation's history, present, and future, emphasising unity, collaboration, and mutual respect. Let's enjoy it together.

Mayor Alex

Explore Central Hawke's Bay's exciting outdoors

Grab your bike

If you're a mad keen mountain biker, you'll want to pay a visit to Gum Tree Mountain Bike Park. Located at the end of Mt Herbert Road in Waipukurau this Mountain biking park has a number of tracks, ranging from beginner to difficult and is a great day out for the whole family.



Take a stroll

Discover A'Deanes Scenic Reserve, off SH50, an easy 30 minutes native bush walk (1km loop) including a stunning 34m tōtara. Or visit Ōtaia/ Lindsay Bush, on Scenic Road (off Lindsay Road), a 45 minute walk through 9.8ha of native bush.

Did you know? Locals with disabilities can book our Hippocampe All Terrain Wheelchair to get easy access to the great outdoors. Anyone can borrow it - phone Centralines Sports Complex on 06 858 8972 or complete the online form at www.chbdc.govt.nz and search wheelchair.



How about a round of golf?



Central Hawke's Bay boasts some of the most well-maintained golf courses around. With mature tree-lined fairways and pristine greens, there's a course suitable for every skill level. With a choice of five golf courses, each one presents a distinctive experience. Take a swing in Central Hawke's Bay, where the courses are in tip-top shape throughout the year.

To find out more, visit www.centralhawkesbaycation.com where you can explore the 'Local tee off spots.'



Looking for an exciting way to celebrate Waitangi Day?

Head along to the Otāne Waitangi Day Fair n Tuesday 6 February, from 9 am to 2 pm, and immerse yourself in the charm of this historic country village. Explore a diverse range of stalls, indulge in delicious food and discover local treasures. The fair offers a delightful atmosphere with live music, making it the perfect family-friendly activity.

Council Services: Waitangi Day Weekend 2024

Council Offices	Although our Council office in Waipawa will be closed on Tuesday 6 February, you can still contact our Customer Service team on 06 857 8060 (24 hour service).
Waipawa Library and The Knowledge & Learning Hub – Te Huinga Wai, Waipukurau	Closed Tuesday 6 Feb, otherwise normal hours. For information visit www.chblibrary.nz
AA Services	Closed Tuesday 6 Feb.
Mobile Employment Hubs	Closed Tuesday 6 Feb.
Kerbside collections	Operating as normal.
Transfer stations	All transfer stations open as normal.
Rural recycling trailers	Trailers operating as normal.
Central Hawke's Bay Museum	Open 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm. Closed Tuesday 6 Feb.
Waipawa and Districts Centennial Memorial Swimming Pool	The pool is open 3pm – 7pm daily, and 11am – 7pm weekends. Lane Swimming: 6am – 8am Mon, Wed, Fri. Closed Tuesday 6 Feb. Eftpos and concession cards available. Waipawa and Districts Centennial Memorial Pool

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