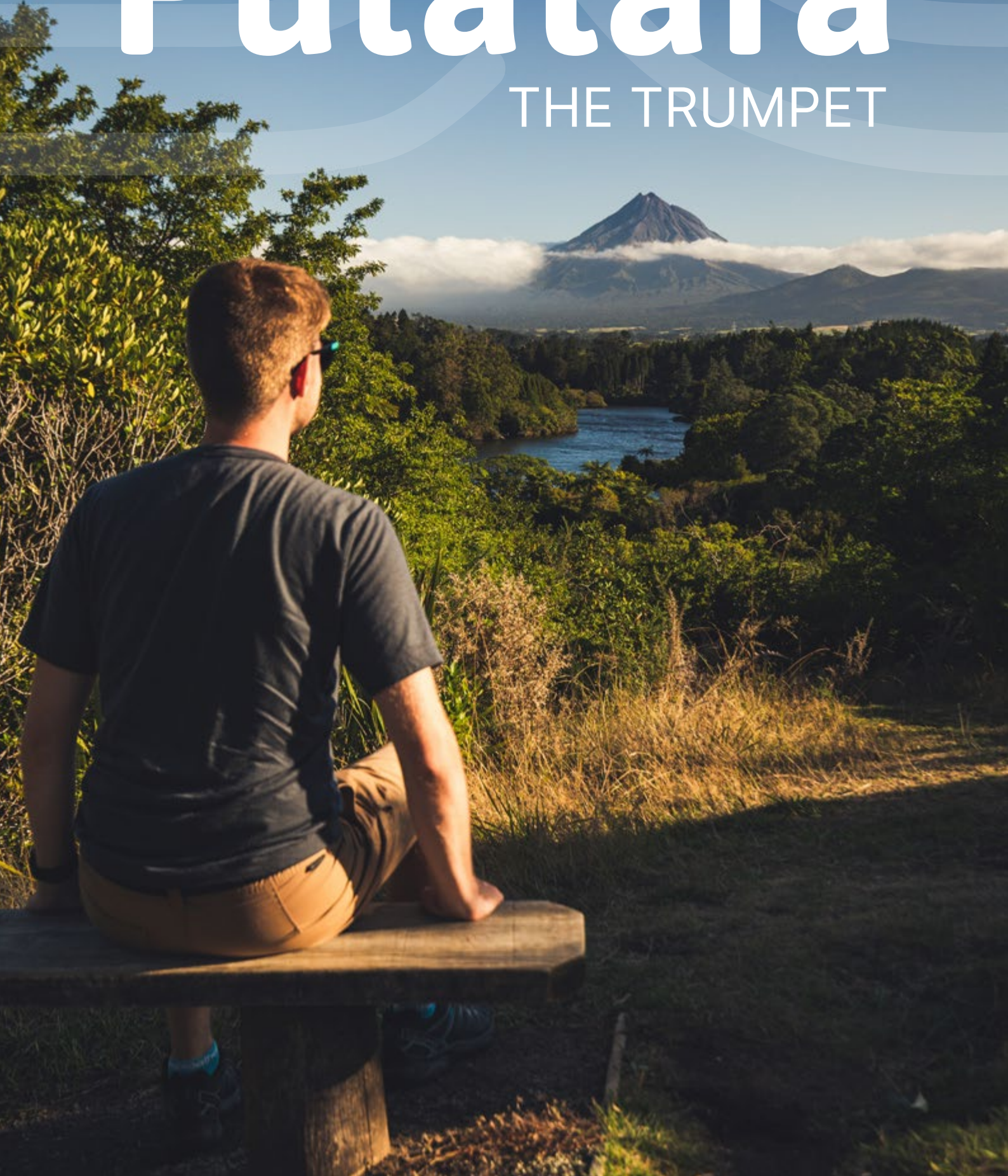


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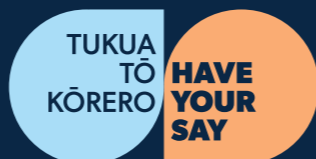
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Click here for details of upcoming council meetings.



We need your feedback!

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npdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

Welcome to Taranaki

It's a small predominantly rural region on the west coast of the North Island that produces one of the highest levels of economic output per person of anywhere in New Zealand.

As a result the people of Taranaki effectively subsidise many of their fellow Kiwis around the country and are proud to do so.

But strangely, despite the high productivity and gross domestic product, the bureaucracy in Wellington which runs the country has little interest in supporting Taranaki, meaning we have to battle to attract an equitable share of government investments and have been falling behind for years.

Specifics are helpful. So here is an example. Over the last seven years Central Government has built 12,000 new social houses across the country. By rights 200 of those houses should have been built in Taranaki to provide us with an equitable share of the nationwide investment.

But, despite a 300% increase in demand for social housing in Taranaki and hundreds of families on the waiting list, the public housing stock in Taranaki has not grown materially.

As of 30 June 2018, the total public housing places in Taranaki was 1271. The most recent data available as of 30 June 2023 indicates 1270 public housing places, reflecting a net decrease of one public housing space.

To be fair, Kāinga Ora has recently opened a new three-story facility in New Plymouth with 48 units but the reality is places smaller than New Plymouth, including Rotorua and Whanganui, have had massive

increases in social housing while the central government bureaucrats based in Taranaki have played down local needs and we simply missed out.

And now our government has decided not to build more social houses through Kāinga Ora.

But it gets worse.

Twenty years ago we had three or four homeless people in New Plymouth and most people knew and supported them.

Now there are more than 100 living on the streets and in cars. So many, a local charity set up a donations-based café in a publicly owned building in town to at least feed them, given they have fallen through the cracks in our welfare system.

Asked to help address the problem of homeless people in town, the bureaucrats determined it would be useful to arrange for the closure of the only homeless shelter in New Plymouth by burying the volunteer organisation in costs and red tape.

These state-employed decision-makers have made it clear that Central Government does not and will not support shelters for men or for women in Taranaki.

When asked to help, our local senior civil servants provided a comprehensive and impressive list of all the things the public service was not prepared to do to assist rough sleepers.

As a collective, they have indicated that their view is that 'if' there is a problem in our towns with homeless people it is ultimately one where Council would be best placed to lead, somehow conveniently



ignoring the well-known fact that the issues with homelessness in our CBD reflect a combination of welfare, health and housing issues. Welfare, housing and health... all issues where Central Government is supposed to be leading.

But no...the bureaucrats feel that Council should be climbing into expensive social policy issues related to mental health, housing and welfare, while they sit back and provide advice that no money or resources are available from Wellington to try anything new.

Actually, they congratulated Council for committing \$12 million to invest in social housing, because that takes some of the pressure off them for Taranaki's non-delivery in state-funded social housing growth.

And so New Plymouth District Council has made a start to tackle the homelessness problems in town, with an investment of \$120,000 in a pilot programme to help 20-30 of our most vulnerable people.

And we asked Central Government if they would match us with funding, or better yet provide resources to help really make a difference, and reconsider funding of a new shelter and welfare wrap-around service.

No answer. No commitment. No money.

Council is pulling every lever it can in an effort to grow the available

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Arts and culture updates

Without centre, without limits
6 July—13 October
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery

Featuring the work of Taiwanese-based artists Lafin Sawmah, Eleng Luluan, Akac Orat and Malay Makakazuwan *Without centre, without limits* exhibition opened at Govett-Brewster Art Gallery in July.

With more than a year in the making, it follows the quartet's involvement in an artists' in residency programme with the gallery last year which sought to build connections and understanding between their own and our indigenous cultures.

The resulting artworks and exhibition, curated by Zara Stanhope and Taarati Taiaroa, presents thinking and practices that resonate across of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa (the Pacific Ocean).

The exhibition has attracted international support from the



Lafin Sawmah, *Dreaming of the Kuroshio*, 2021; *The Direction of Fuis*, 2023; *Loop of Ocean*, 2022.

Taiwanese Ministry of Culture, Asia New Zealand Foundation, Indigenous People's Cultural Foundation, and Kaohsiung Museum of fine Arts.

NPDC Cultural Experiences Director Dr Zara Stanhope says

the two shows present important perspectives demonstrating the significance of culture at a local and global level.

Find out more at govettbrewster.com ■

Homework showcases local talent

Works by more than 70 emerging and established local artists will feature in *Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024* in the downstairs gallery at Puke Ariki Museum, with works selected by a panel of judges from more than 200 entries from across Taranaki.

This is the fourth exhibition in the museum's Home Work series, held every two years, and a chance for new artists to show their work

alongside more established artists. For some it will be the first time they have had the opportunity to show their work.

Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024
6 July – 10 November
Downstairs Gallery at Puke Ariki Museum

Visit pukeariki.com for more information. ■



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Available at Puke Ariki & Inglewood libraries.

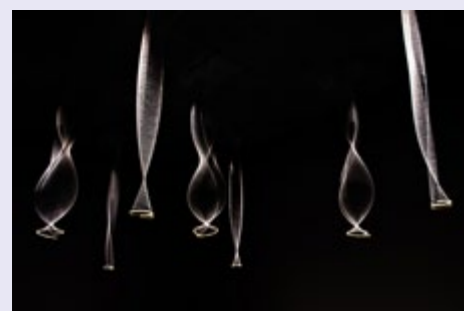
Visit Pukeariki.com for times.



Crackerjacks

Under 5s fun! Join us for a heap of fun stories, rhymes, crafts or songs. Available at Puke Ariki, Bell Block, Inglewood & Waitara libraries.

Visit Pukeariki.com for times.



Len Lye: Motion Compositions

18 May—17 Nov 2024

Much like a composer might write a musical score, Len Lye composed sequences of motion, harnessing intangible energetic forces to sculpt matter.



British and Irish Film Festival

24 October—6 November 2024

The Len Lye Centre Cinema will again be hosting the British and Irish Film Festival in 2024, showcasing the best of British and Irish cinema in an incredible selection of film.



Toi Mā Te Whānau Family Art

10.30am—12.30pm every Sunday

Drop into the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery on Sunday mornings, for a free hands-on artmaking session inspired by the current exhibitions.

Free, donations appreciated.



Clocktower (2022). Pauline Sutherland

Get your summer tickets now!

It's shaping up to be an epic summer in Ngāmoutu / New Plymouth—just look what's coming our way!



11 JAN

L.A.B, Stan Walker & Corrella

L.A.B return to the Bowl of Brooklands celebrating the release of their new album, L.A.B VI. Joined by the all-star line up of Stan Walker & Corrella.



5 FEB

Freestyle Kings LIVE 2025 Tour

World-renowned athletes, including the legendary Robbie Maddison and his two sons, are back with this adrenaline-pumping family fun event!



29 DEC

Rock the Bowl

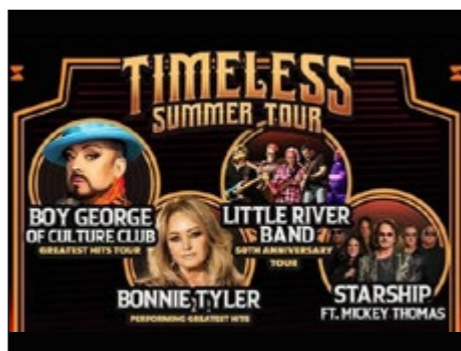
Rock the Bowl returns with a star-studded line-up of international and homegrown talent, with a major headliner still to be announced!



13 JAN

BNZ Breakers Vs Melbourne United

Returning for the third consecutive year, check out this slam-dunk performance at TSB Stadium.



16 JAN

Timeless Summer Tour

Don't miss all your favourite classic hits from Boy George of Culture Club, Little River Band, Bonnie Tyler and Starship featuring Mickey Thomas.



23 JAN

Sarah Millican – Late Bloomer Tour

Join British comedian Sarah Millican at the TSB Showplace as she hilariously takes us on her journey from a quiet child to a confident comedian.

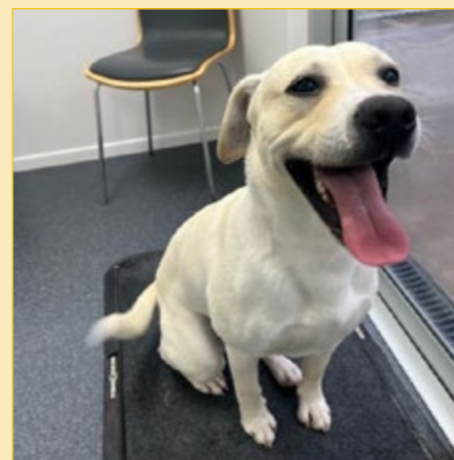
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Dogs for adoption

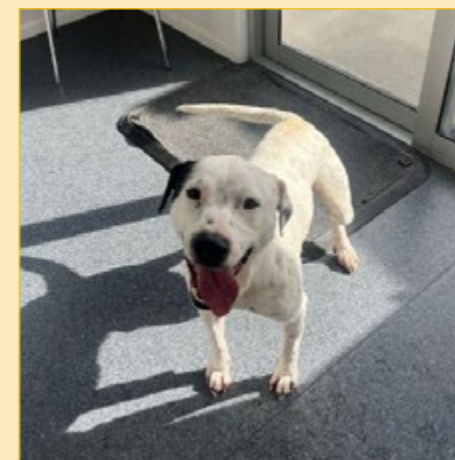
We have some furry friends that are looking for their forever home!



Bean

Male | Labrador | 6–7 months old

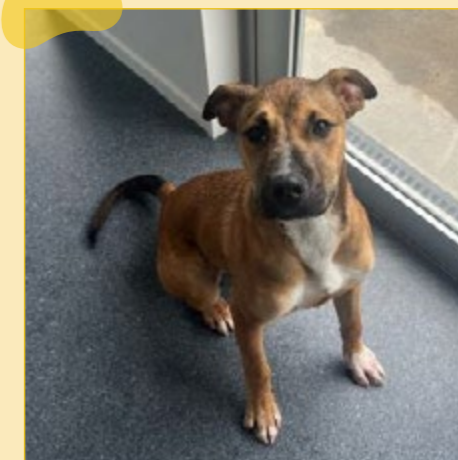
Bean is a people-loving pup with a heart as big as his playful personality.



Tama

Male | Fox Terrier X | One year old

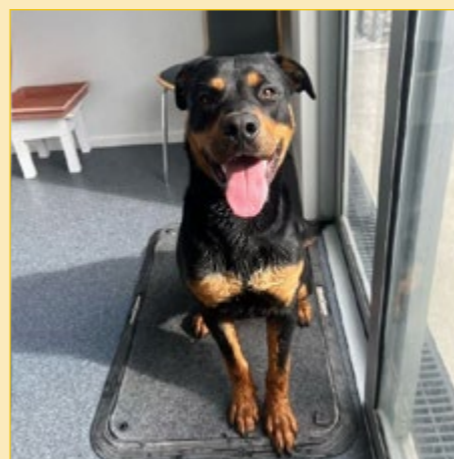
This charming boy is as adventurous as he is affectionate.



Joey

Male | Shepherd X | Six months old

Playful and very bouncy boy. Will need to go to someone who can provide him with the exercise he needs to burn off all that energy!



Tato

Male | Rottweiler X | Two years old

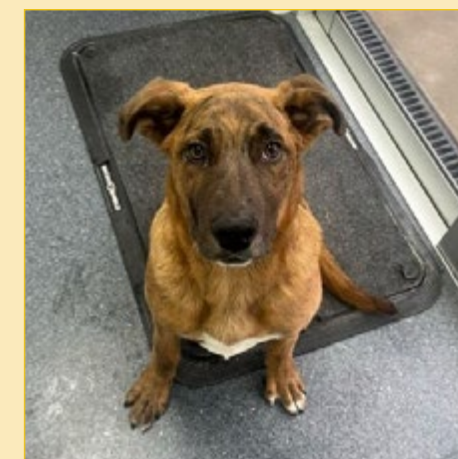
Meet our handsome boy with a heart of gold! This energetic boy is bursting with enthusiasm and ready to find a loving home where he can thrive.



Penelope

Female | Cross-breed | Three months old

Penelope will require someone who has the time and dedication to raise and train a young puppy and give her the exercise she needs.



Niko

Male | Cross-breed | Six months old

Niko might be a bit shy when you first meet him, but with a little patience and love, he'll quickly warm up and show you his affectionate side. He's great with other dogs!



Adoption cost: \$311 which includes desexing, registration and microchipping.

To enquire please ring New Plymouth District Council on 06-759 6060 and ask for Animal Control. An adoption form will need to be completed to assess eligibility and suitability of new owners.

Take the plunge and join NPDC's lifeguard crew this summer

NPDC is on the hunt for new aquatic superstars, so we have enough people to keep swimmers safe and our pools open this summer.

A nationwide shortage of qualified lifeguards meant NPDC, like many other councils, didn't have enough qualified people available so had to close or shorten hours at pools last summer.

"Our lifeguards play a key role in making sure that customers have an enjoyable and safe experience in our pools over the busy summer period and when we don't have enough, we have no option but to close or restrict hours," says NPDC Aquatic Lead Mike Roberts.

Find out more and apply to be an NPDC lifeguard on our careers website npdc.govt.nz/jobs ■



Adult lessons

Looking to learn to swim and build confidence, or wanting to push your swimming abilities? Check out our adult lessons.



Baby and preschool classes

Our baby and preschooler classes are based on fun, development, and water safety.



Aquarobics & 50's Forward gym classes

We offer both shallow and deepwater aquarobics classes and 50s Forward gym classes. Find out more at Aquarobics and 50s Forward (npdc.govt.nz).

TSB Showplace Box Office on the move to new home

The Box Office at NPDC's TSB Showplace is embarking on a new chapter – relocating to the New Plymouth isite and Visitor Information Centre from 5 August.

The shift comes as Eventfinda is welcomed as the exclusive ticketing provider for TSB Showplace and TSB Stadium events. Yarrow Stadium and Bowl of Brooklands retain an exclusive ticketing partnership with Ticketek, which has been in place since 2016.

Located in the Puke Ariki Museum building on St Aubyn Street, the New Plymouth isite is open seven days a week from 10am – 5pm and located in the foyer of Puke

Ariki Museum on St Aubyn Street. It will serve as a one-stop hub for local residents and visitors for information about local attractions and accommodation and will now be the place to go for information and ticketing options for all New Plymouth Event Venues shows and events.

The TSB Showplace Box Office will be open on nights when an event is on at the venue.

Tickets to events at the TSB Showplace, TSB Stadium, Yarrow Stadium and Bowl of Brooklands can be purchased online at the New Plymouth Event Venues website. ■



Leisure

28 Sep TSB Showplace

Playing grooves from all of their hit albums, LEISURE are fresh home from sold-out tours in NZ, AUS, USA, Europe, and Mexico.



Bad Jelly the Witch Glow Show

29 Sep TSB Showplace

The much-loved, utterly loony Spike Milligan classic, is this year's Glow Show! Come and join the fun with the frolicking, witchy-poo, super-fun Badjelly the Witch.



The BeeGees Night Fever

1 Nov TSB Showplace

Night Fever is set to take over when this superb musical tribute comes to town! Expect all the disco dancefloor-fillers and smooth 70s ballads you know and love.



NPDC digging into big projects

New water pipe for Ōākura

Ōākura's water capacity is being increased thanks to a new two-kilometre water pipe.

The existing pipe is being replaced with a larger one along Wairau Road, which will help the growing town meet its water needs while improving the supply for firefighting.



Clearing the way for less flooding in Waitara

The removal of pest plants, weeds, litter and overgrown vegetation from a section alongside Waitara's Tangaora Stream will help reduce flooding in eastern Waitara and also enhance the mana of this culturally important stream.



Road safety improvement

Check out the changes made at the Lorna/Devon intersection, making it easier for ambulances from Taranaki Base Hospital to exit Lorna Street.

Top Image: Workers install new water pipe along Wairau Road.
Bottom left: Tangaora Stream. Bottom right: Lorna/Devon intersection.

Meters Installed

67%

16,797 meters out of about 25,500

Leaks Fixed

287

Total litres per day saved

903,000

Equal to 60 Milk tankers

1 milk tanker = 15k litres

As of 31 July 2024

Water meters

Water conservation is the best thing we can do to ensure the health of our rivers and the environment.

We're working to have water meters for all 26,000 homes in our district by mid-2025 as our district is one of the thirstiest places in Aotearoa.

On average we use 304 litres per person per day, up to 60% more water than places of a similar size and makeup.

Your rates 2024/2025

Like other councils and businesses, our budgets have been hammered by global inflation and we're getting less government help.

Everyone's getting less for their dollar, so we have to spend more on core services like keeping our roads up to scratch.

The average residential rates rise is 11.5% this year – for some it will be less, for others more.

You'll see some changes on the rates bill in the way we all pay for services like water and sewerage.

The Mayor and Councillors agreed the new rates after two rounds of public feedback and a major restructure of the organisation.







You can see what's in and what's out of the budget in the 10-Year Plan for 2024-34: Long-Term Plans (npdc.govt.nz).

You can contact the councillors to discuss their decisions: [Mayor and councillors \(npdc.govt.nz\)](http://npdc.govt.nz).

If you're having trouble paying, we can talk about a payment plan. ■



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