

Ōtaki

UPDATE



A monthly newsletter
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Powhiri at Pukekara 1936

TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI
in partnership with Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki

Kāpiti Coast
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Me Huri Whakamuri, Ka Titiro Whakamuri

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki te rā ō Waitangi

Raukawa Marae, Ōtaki 6 February

Powhiri @ 10am

followed by entertainment

a variety of stalls and childrens activities

Raukawa Dining Room opens @12pm

for Devonshire Teas, Pipi fritters, Hangi

Historic Bus Tour begins @ 2pm

Pipi Trail Guided Tour @ 3pm

Exhibition featured at Ōtaki Museum

Get involved and help Kāpiti become a winner!

Give Kāpiti the chance to win speedier internet access and become a leading digital innovation hub in New Zealand by taking part in the Gigatown competition.

The nationwide competition, run by the ultra fast broadband installer Chorus, measures the number of posts using the hashtag #gigatownkapiti on Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram for every community taking part.

Top prize, access to a gigabit of internet connection for three years at the standard broad band price, will go to the community with the highest number of posts (adjusted for each town's size).

This is 100 times faster than what will be available anywhere else in the country, providing real-time downloading of videos and games, as well as opening up the winning town as a viable place for digital innovation and business.

The competition runs through to September 2014 when the five towns with the top scores will be announced. Scores for those five towns will then be reset to zero and they will compete to get the most points (in the same way) before the close of the competition to win.

"Early access to such internet speed would be a huge boost to residents, to the way our kids learn, to local business, to employment and to the way we share information," says Councillor Gavin Welsh, Chair of Council's Corporate Business Committee.

"Winning this competition would give us a huge advantage over other towns as we shift into the digital world. But this competition is more than just about winning, it's about establishing connections and using modern technology to remain in touch, as well as promoting Kāpiti as a great place to live or visit."

How you can enter the competition:

Go to the www.gigatown.co.nz site, click 'Join up' and type in your details. Once you've been sent an email from Gigatown, verify your account and choose 'Kāpiti' from the menu.

You then need to include the hashtag #gigatownkapiti in as many posts on Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Flickr as possible to earn points. Retweets, including the hashtag, also score points.

On Facebook, Chorus will only be looking for our hashtags on registered public pages and groups. You should therefore do most of your posting and tagging on the gigatown Facebook page www.facebook.com/gigatownkapiti. People may also wish to blog on www.gigatownkapiti.co.nz. Hashtags on personal or private pages won't be counted.

If 40% of the Kāpiti population register on the gigatown.co.nz site alone, then the Kāpiti campaign will generate approximately 200,000 points.



Libby Hakaraia (right) will direct two filming sessions so people can share their memories on screen.

Be part of Waitangi Day commemorations in Ōtaki

Waitangi Day commemorations for the Kāpiti Coast will be held on Thursday 6 February at Raukawa Marae in Ōtaki.

The theme for the commemorations – 'Arohanui te rā o Waitangi' (great love of Waitangi Day) – was chosen by host iwi Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Ngāti Raukawa.

"This theme puts the name Raukawa, the ancestor of Ngāti Raukawa, in its true context as he is embodied in the marae where these commemorations will be held and where the people bearing his name have flourished for more than 500 years," says Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki Chairman, Rupene Waaka.

"Hosting this event opens the gate for the community to come and be part of Waitangi Day and our Treaty partnership. It's a fun and friendly way to experience marae protocols, enjoy local food and watch cultural performances."

The commemorations also include:

- a free bus tour of historic sites with Queenie Rikihana-Hyland, departing the marae at 2pm (register by emailing maia.whiterod@kapiticoast.govt.nz)
- an exhibition of photography, carvings and artefacts at Ōtaki Museum
- the screening of a selection of films from the NZ Film Archive's Taonga Māori collection throughout the day and two filming sessions with producer/director Libby Hakaraia of Ngāti Raukawa – between 12 to 2pm – where people can share memories about Raukawa Marae, people, events or places that appear in the archival films (screenings and recording both at Ōtaki Museum).

Workshops on draft Annual Plan

Council workshops on the draft Annual Plan for 2014/15 will be held next month with a public consultation to follow from late March.

Eight workshops are planned from 11 February to early March, where Councillors will take a critical look at what is being spent in each of Council's 16 activity areas from footpaths, roads and drainage through to social support services.

"The new Council is determined to ensure it gets the very best return on each dollar spent," says Mayor Ross Church who will Chair the workshops. "We will be making sure every

dollar we commit can be justified for the long term good of Kāpiti."

Residents are welcome to attend the workshops, held in Council Chambers in the Civic Building, to listen to the discussion. They are scheduled on:

- Tuesday 11 February: 11am-4pm
- Tuesday 18 & 25 February: 9am-4pm
- Thursday 13, 20 & 27 February: 1.30-4pm
- Tuesday 4 March: 9am-4pm
- Thursday 6 March: 1.30-4pm

Following the workshops, the draft plan will be presented to Council for formal consideration on 20 March.

Once adopted, it will be open for public consultation and submissions from 26 March to 28 April 2014.

The draft Annual Plan and submission form will be published on Council's website www.kapiticoast.govt.nz from 26 March. Printed copies will also be available at Council service centres and libraries.