



MOERA Community News

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Te Korero o te Kereru o Moera

(The Kereru is a pigeon from Moera that is talking about things in Moera.)

Na mihi na whanau whanui.
(Greetings to all the extended families of the Moera community.)

Na mihi o te tau hou koutou katoa!
(Happy New Year to you all!)

Our marae supports the Moera community with kai for those in need, and we would like your support please! If you can donate any of the following items, we would be ever so grateful.

- breakfast cereal
- tinned food and vegetables
- rice and pasta
- flour and sugar
- other dry goods.

Every little bit makes a difference! You can drop off any donations at the Marae between 10am and 1pm or leave it on the shelf in the alcove to the left of the front door of the Marae.

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou.
(Peace be with you).



Te Pātaka Kōrero o Moerā – Moera Neighbourhood Hub

The new Moera Neighbourhood Hub is open! Enjoy library services, free internet access, and printing and photocopying facilities. You'll also find a refreshed outdoor space and upgraded public toilets. For upcoming activities, follow @MoeraNeighbourhoodHub on Facebook, or ask the library staff.

Moera Reserve

Upgrades are coming, including a better playground, improved access, and new landscaping. View the proposed design for the Reserve at www.hutt.city/moerahub and email parks.reserves@huttcity.govt.nz by 19 March 2025 to share your preferred BBQ location.

Ava Rail Bridge walkway

Great news! The closure of the public walkway across the Ava Rail Bridge has been pushed back until the end of the year. Hutt City Council is working with KiwiRail to find a solution to maintain access for pedestrians and cyclists in the longer term. Stay alert for local news updates.

Have your say on Hutt City's proposed District Plan!

Hutt City Council's proposed District Plan is out, and it will shape the city for the next 10–15 years. **This is your only chance** to have a say. **Proposed changes for Moera include:**

- **Moera Neighbourhood Hub and Reserve** (and other libraries): Proposed re-zone from 'recreational use' to 'mixed use,' which would allow industrial activity.
- **Natural hazards:** Many properties in Moera may no longer be able to be developed further, due to risks from flood, tsunami, and sea-level rise.
- **Māori cultural site:** A new site of significance for Māori is proposed at the Seaview entrance, recognising the area's cultural importance.

You have until **Friday 4 April 2025** to submit your thoughts. Whether for or against, your submission matters. For more information, visit the Hutt City Council website www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/district-plan/district-plan-review





With the community, for the community, by the community

The Moera Community House Board is made up of eight volunteers, whose role is to work with the community to create safe and vibrant, welcoming spaces for everyone.

Our 2025 programmes and activities in the House and Cottage are underway, including the Mindfulness for Children programme, gardening, chair yoga, walking and knitting groups.

Our first community event at Randwick School on Waitangi Day was smaller than expected, but those who attended had a fun afternoon — with prizes for everyone! A big thank you to Randwick School, Kainga Ora, Petone Community Patrol and Evo Cycles for their support.

Save the date! Join us on Saturday 5 April, 2–4pm at Moera Community Hall, for our Neighbours' Get Together, complete with a BBQ and a chocolate egg hunt.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter, especially the articles on Neighbourhood Support and Emergency Management. You're welcome to join us at as many events as possible, and we'd love to hear ideas for future events and programmes.

Kind regards from the Board



Connect with your neighbours

March is Neighbours' Month, the perfect time to meet people in your street and build meaningful relationships. The 2025 theme, **Let's Celebrate**, focuses on bringing neighbours together, to create stronger, more connected communities.

Neighbours' Get Together!

Saturday 5 April, 2–4pm
Moera Community Hall



Join your neighbours for a fantastic afternoon of free fun just before daylight saving ends! Enjoy a BBQ, tasty treats, face painting, creative art activities, games for all ages and an Easter Egg hunt. Meet new friends, connect with the community, and celebrate what makes Moera special. Come rain or shine—see you there!

Neighbourhood Support



This community-led movement works with Police and partners to help residents stay safe, connected, and prepared for emergencies. For more information about Neighbourhood Support or how to join or start a group, contact Kat on 021 770 594 or email hutns@gmail.com.

3 ways to connect with your neighbours:

- **Reach out** – say hello, wave, take time to chat or invite neighbours over
- **Look out** – Keep your community safe by looking out for neighbours. If something doesn't look right, let them know or get help.
- **Help out** – Share surplus from your garden, take out the rubbish for someone in need, or work on a shared project.





Moera Community Garden

Gardening is a fun way to enjoy the outdoors. Join us in keeping our community garden thriving. All skill levels welcome – bring your energy, and we'll provide the tools!

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am
Moera Community Cottage
Kumar 022 566 0152

Be prepared for emergencies!

Tsunami emergency: Travel north

Moera is in earthquake and tsunami zones. If you feel a strong earthquake (**over a minute of shaking or strong enough to knock you down**), **move inland or to higher ground immediately** after the shaking stops. Most in Moera should **travel north over the road bridge across the railway tracks**.

Be prepared! Have a grab bag ready!

www.wremo.nz/get-ready/home-ready/grab-bags



Emergency water tanks

Store 200-litre of water tank for emergencies. Connect a tank to your gutter downpipe to collect rainwater. \$130 at local Neighbourhood Hubs.



Stars of the Month!

Thank you to the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust, Pulse Energy, and donors for funding wool for the Moera Knitting Group, and to Pulse Energy for featuring us on the TV1 Breakfast Show on 21 Feb.



Lower Hutt Food Bank

The Lower Hutt Foodbank provides emergency food parcels for people in need across Lower Hutt. You can donate food or money, request a parcel or volunteer. Call 04 568 7392 for help or to get involved.

Keep our kids safe on Moera roads

Children learn by watching adults. Set a good example by using the pedestrian crossings, especially in busy areas near the shops and school. Let's help keep our kids safe!

Enjoy the Hutt River Trail!

Moera residents are fortunate to have the Hutt River Trail for walking and cycling. Take advantage of autumn's beauty by staying active and enjoying the peaceful scenery.



Book a room or meeting space

Book the Moera Community House or Cottage for a meeting, celebration or a birthday party with the playground! Contact 022 670 1058, moeracommunityhouse@gmail.com

Keep your dog safe!

Dog owners beware of a Parvo outbreak in Moera —vaccinate dogs, avoid walking in high-risk areas such as parks and footpaths, and maintain hygiene. Watch for toxic algae in the Hutt River; keep dogs away, as it can be deadly.



What's on

Weekly activities at the Moera Community House and Cottage

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Cost	Contact
Tuesday	10am–12pm	Moera Community Strollers	Moera Community Cottage	Cafe	Anne 027 713 9810
Wednesday	5:00pm Beginners 5:30pm Everyone	Ukelele group	St Paul's Church, Waiwhetu Rd	Koha	Julie 021 022 62513
Thursday	10am–12pm	Moera Knitting Group (Yarn appreciated)	Moera Community Cottage	Free	Kathy, text 021 085 89807
	1–2pm	Chair yoga (Beginners welcome)	Moera Community Cottage	Free	Chevanne 027 427 3529
Friday (Term time only)	10:30-11:30	Crafts and cuppa	Moera Community House	Free	Community House 022 670 1058
Saturday (1st & 3rd week)	10:30	Moera Community Garden	Moera Community Cottage	Free	Kumar 022 566 0152
Sunday (Register now for Term 2)	10:00-11:00	Mindfulness for Children	Moera Community House	Koha	Community House 022 670 1058

Refresh the Moera shops

The Moera Community House Board is asking the Hutt City Council to lead the cleanup of the shopping area alongside the new Neighbourhood Hub and Reserve upgrade. Talks are underway, and the community's help will be key.

Possible improvements:

- clean gutters and drains
- replace rubbish bins
- water blast footpaths
- remove graffiti
- water blast and paint shopfronts
- pick up rubbish from nearby areas
- clean empty shop windows
- fix broken windows
- care for green spaces
- repaint road markings.

Community input is welcome — watch for meetings or contact the Board to help. Let's work together to make Moera shine!

