



MOERA Community News

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Moera Community Garden Turns 15!

Our community garden beside the Moera Community Hall turns 15 in September.

It was started by some keen locals to learn to grow kai with their community. The māra has had its ups and downs as people come and go, but we are very grateful that it is still here, offering a space for people to enjoy, garden and harvest. All are welcome. We usually have silverbeet and parsley available and as spring starts to warm up, we will have more cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower ready.

We have a compost which is full up at the moment, but in the future, we may have space for vege scraps. We are always keen to have bags of dry leaves and twigs to add.

We meet from 10.30-12.30 on the first and third Saturday of the month. If you have any questions phone Michelle on 021 0574615.

Te Korero O Te Kereru O Moera.

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

What a great Matariki celebration we had at the Moera Community Centre Hall in collaboration with our local Marae Te Kakano. About 150 people attended, a great turn out. A big shout out to Cameron Kapua Morrell (number 1 MC), Rahera Davies (our guest speaker on Matariki) and her kapa haka group for their performance. A big thank you also to our Pot Luck group for their koha of kai for the occasion, and to all those that set up and cleaned up after everything was over.

Our shop owners in the area have a hard enough time running their businesses without having to deal with beggars on our streets, and so do those who shop in Moera. These beggars sometimes make a lot of noise and act disrespectfully. If this happens, it's a good idea to let the police know. Remember, we don't have to tolerate their behaviour, and if it bothers us, we can ask the police for help.

On a more positive note, our next event will be the Koanga Ahurei (Spring Festival). Every culture celebrates spring in one way or another, and we have a very diverse number of cultures in our area. If you want to be part of the Koanga Ahurei to perform or share something of your culture, register your interest with Christine on 022 6701058. Come and share your culture and kai with us all on 30 September. We will put out flyers closer to the date, so no one forgets. Finally, the roadworks on Randwick Road Works is coming to an end and everyone down that area should be glad that traffic will be back to normal hopefully. Well done Hutt City and Wellington Water for the wastewater upgrade.

The last thing I would like to korero about is people who access food from the Marae. It is not for people to fill up bags and bags of kai and run. It is for people in need. When our gates are closed at night, it means do not enter and it does not give people the right to unlock our gates and help themselves to things other than food. Our cameras pick up a lot at night. Please respect the Marae and Kapata Kai.

On that note a very big thank you to all people in Moera who donate food for our Kapata Kai (Food Cupboard). It is very much appreciated.

Hine Crown, Te Kakano O Te Aroha Marae



Moera Knitting Group

Everyone is welcome to come and join us on Thursday mornings at the Moera Cottage from 10-12noon. We knit for schools, Kohanga Reo, Moera Kindergarten and Te Kakano O Te Aroha Marae. We can help you learn to knit, crochet, and solve any problems with patterns. Any donations of yarn are gratefully accepted.



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Community Strollers

Everyone is welcome to join our new weekly walking group, the Community Strollers. We'll meet at the Moera Community Cottage at 10:00am Tuesday 5 September (weather permitting), walking back to the cottage for refreshments. There should be a group for everyone including those with walkers. For more information contact Christine on 022 6701058



Koanga Ahurei (Spring Festival)

Celebrate the colours of spring with us! Join the Koanga Ahurei (Spring Festival) on Saturday, September 30th, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Our area is a melting pot of cultures, each with its own unique spring traditions. Come and be a part of this festive occasion where we'll share delicious food from various cultures, plant sunflower seeds, and create community bunting(decorations). While food will be provided, feel free to bring a dish from your culture if you'd like, or contribute a koha. What truly matters is the sense of togetherness and sharing as we celebrate the season.



Discover the Magic of "The Monday Blend"

Starting 9th October at 10.30am at Moera Community House. Join us every Monday at our community house for a delightful blend of conversations and companionship.

Whether you're a seasoned sage or a youthful spirit, "The Monday Blend" welcomes all ages to come together, share stories, and create lasting friendships over cups of steaming coffee or whatever hot beverage of your preference.

Join us at "The Monday Blend" in October and let your Mondays be infused with the warmth of genuine camaraderie. Come for the coffee, stay for the company – because life is richer when shared.



Moera Community House Logo Launch

Exciting news! On 11.30am Tuesday 17 October, we are introducing our new logo that symbolizes our community's growth and unity. It also celebrates the Rising Stars of Randwick School who created it for us along with Esther our graphic designer from Moco who shaped it into our new logo. Save the date for the Logo Launch – a moment of pride and excitement! Join us as we reveal it on the building. It's a special moment for our community, and we want you to be a part of it!



October Kai and Connection

Join this community Event at 6-8pm, Saturday 28th October for a delightful time of connection and board games! If you want, you can bring food to share, and giving koha is also an option. Feel free to contribute in a way that feels right for you! The focus is enjoying each other's company.



Moera Christmas In The Park

We're searching for groups to showcase their talents at Moera Christmas in the Park to be held at Moera Park Randwick Cres, 2-4pm, Saturday 9 December. Contact Christine to register. Watch this space more details to follow.

Moera Cottage Mural

Your ideas matter. We still need your input. Sam our local artist would like us to write words that describe the Moera Community. We really would like to hear your words and ideas. Thank you to those who have already contributed. You can share your words and ideas in several ways which include visiting Moera library, Facebook page, call into Moera Community House, email Christine at moeracommunityhouse@gmail.com, or text them to 022 670 1058.



Opportunities to Support Our Community: Volunteers Needed

Friday Morning Craft Superstar Volunteer

Hey there! We've got a super cool volunteer gig for you – no crafting experience required! We need fun and friendly people to help us set up and tidy up tables at our Friday Craft mornings from 10.15 - 11.45 during term time. Oh, and guess what? You'll be the ultimate tea and coffee superhero too!

If you love meeting new folks, chatting over a cuppa, this is the role for you! You don't need to be a crafting expert – just bring your awesome people skills and a positive attitude.

Join our fantastic team and be part of the fun – making events awesome for everyone!

Social Media Superstar Volunteer

As a Social Media Superstar Volunteer, you'll be the driving force behind our online presence, making waves and creating smiles through your posts, stories, and interactions. Your mission? To help us shine bright in the digital world and keep our community engaged, informed, and entertained.

If you have a genuine love for social media and a knack for storytelling, strong communication skills, familiarity with platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and more. Reliable and self-motivated. A creative mindset and a willingness to dedicate a few hours each week to keep our social media game strong. This could be the role for you.

Want to make a difference in our community? We're seeking volunteers like you for exciting opportunities:

- Spreading good vibes through newsletter writing
- Event superheroes who help set up and clean up at our community events.
- Creative minds for planning festive Christmas and community events.
- Community Engagement Coordinators Volunteer Support
- Community Event Poster Whiz

Make an impact and connect with a vibrant community. For more information contact Christine on 022 670 1058 or email moeracommunityhouse@gmail.com.