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# Kia ora koutou

I te wā o Matariki, arā, i te tau hou Māori, ka whakanuia te ao hou, ka titiro whakamua hoki te iwi ki te tau huanga kai e tū mai nei.

Nā, ko tā tātou, ko tā te tāone, he ‘whakatō i ngā kano mō te anamata’. He tuatahitanga te tautoko ā-pūtea a tā tātou Mahere Tauroa i te whakahaumanutanga o ō tātou wai e toru. Ko tāna, he tautoko i ngā panonitanga waka, he whakahou hoki i te Te Ngākau Civic Square me tētahi Whare Pukapuka ā-Pokapū hou. Kua puta hoki ētahi rautaki hou mō te Ōhanga, te Toi me te Ahurea, me te Rangatahi. Waihoki, mā tā tātou Mahere Whaitua e wātea ai he wāhi anō mō ētahi atu whare.

He wā anō a Matariki e hoki ai ngā mahara ki tō tātou ara whakahaumanu i te taiao i puta mai ai ētahi papa houkura, pēnei i a Zealandia me Ōtari, ki te mahi hoki a te manotini nō Te Whanganui-a-Tara i āwhina i te Kaunihera ki te whakahaumanu i ngā whenua rāhui mā te ngaki taru, mā te whakatō tupu, mā te whakamōti hoki i ngā konihi kīrearea. Ko te hua, kua tupu mai anō te ngahere, ā, kua ora mai anō hoki ngā manu taketake. Kia koa i te wā o Matariki!

Nā Andy Foster

**Te Koromatua**

Nā Sarah Free

**Te Koromatua Tuarua**

Matariki, the Māori New Year, celebrates new life, and looks forward to the coming crop season.

As a city we are ‘planting for the future’. Our Long-Term Plan for the first time fully funds proactive restoration of our three waters network. It invests in transport change, and rejuvenates Te Ngākau Civic Square and an exciting new Central Library. There are new Economic, Arts and Culture, and Young People’s Strategies. Our new Spatial Plan allows for more housing.

Matariki is also time to reflect on our remarkable environmental restoration journey, built on jewels like Zealandia and Ōtari, and on the work of thousands of Wellingtonians helping Council restore reserves by weeding, planting, and eradicating pest predators. The result? Regenerating bush and flourishing native bird life. Happy Matariki!

Andy Foster

**Mayor**

Sarah Free

**Deputy Mayor**



# He whakanui i ngā tūmanako

## A celebration of hope

He mea tuku iho i ngā tūpuna a Matariki, a Pūanga rānei ki ētahi, ā, he wā e hoki ai ngā mahara ki te hunga kua ngaro, he wā anō e whakanuia ai hoki ō tātou whakatutukitanga.

I mua, ko tā Matariki he tohu i te mutunga o te hauhake, i te rere hoki o ngā tūmanako me ngā whakahounga. E tino hāngai ana tērā whakaaro ināianei, i a tātou ka huritao ki ngā aituā me ngā toimahatanga kua utaina ki runga i a tātou e te mate KOWHEORI-19.

Kua nuku atu i te kotahi tau te roa o ngā herenga ā-pāpori, ā-hāereere anō hoki, nā reira e hirahira ai te wātea ki te hui ki te kai tahi ki te hunga nō ō tātou hapori, tae atu ki ērā e hoki mai ana ki a tātou i tāwāhi.

Mā ngā whakanui o Matariki e whakatītina ngā tūmanako kei roto i a tātou i te kitenga atu o te pae tawhiti e tata mai ana.

Nā Tākura Taku Parai  
**Nō Ngāti Toa**



Passed down through our ancestors, Matariki, or Pūanga for some, is a time of remembrance of our people who have passed, as well as the celebration of our achievements.

Traditionally marking the end of the harvest, Matariki is also about hope and renewal.

That is extremely relevant now when we reflect on the tragedy and hardship that has been brought on us by COVID-19.

After more than a year of social and travel restrictions, it feels very special to be able to meet and share kai together, with those from our communities as well as those who are returning to us from overseas.

Matariki, as a celebration, can reinforce the hope we have that we now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Dr Taku Parai  
**Ngāti Toa**

# Te hāpai ake i te maramataka

## Embracing the lunar cycle

I te ao Māori, he kāhui whetū a Matariki nō te whānau marama. Whai ai a Matariki i a Pūanga, arā, i te whetū nui e tirohia atu ai e Te Āti Awa Taranaki Whānui.

Haere tahi ai Matariki rāua ko Pūanga, i a tātou ka whakanui i ngā whetū e puta mai ana i te huringa o te maramataka Māori.

Ki a mātou, ko tā Pūanga he whakamihi te tau kua hori me te hunga kua ngaro i roto i ngā marama tekau mā rua kua pahemo. Ka tangihia rātou, ka whakaritea ngā māra, ā, ka whakanuia hoki ko tātou.

E koa ana te ngākau e whakanuia ana a Matariki huri noa i te motu, engari he tīmatanga noa iho tēnei. Me whakanui hoki e tātou ngā kanorautanga o ngā iwi e whai nei i ētahi whetū kē i te āhua o te wāhi e noho ai rātou me te āhua o tā rātou e kite ai i runga i te rangi, kātahi ka hāpai ake ai i ēnei whakanui i roto i ngā kāinga.

Nā Kura Moeahu  
**Nō Taranaki Whānui**



Matariki is part of the celestial cycle in te ao Māori, the Māori world view. Matariki follows Pūanga, which is the main star that Te Āti Awa Taranaki Whānui look to.

Matariki and Pūanga complement each other, as we acknowledge the stars in their various orders through Maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar.

For us, Pūanga acknowledges the past year and those we have lost in the last 12 months. We honour them, prepare our gardens and we celebrate who we are.

It's wonderful that Matariki is now being recognised nationally, but that's just the start.

We need to recognise the diversity of different iwi, who follow different stars because of where they live and what they can see above. And then bring these celebrations into the home.

Kura Moeahu  
**Taranaki Whānui**





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# Sharing stories of the stars

For Toa Waaka's ancestors, understanding the night sky was a “matter of life and death”.

“It determined when was the safest time to move north and south of the equator, to travel upon favourable winds and currents or aramoana (ocean highways) to new lands.”

Toa - of Ngāti Toa, Te Āti Awa, Ngā Puhi, Ngāti Porou, and Ngāti Koata - is an actor, cultural advisor, education advocate, and Māori astronomer.

He says there are many tribal versions of stories of the stars, depending on a tribe's rohe (region) and what is relevant to them and their landscape.

“For my Taranaki whānau, Pūanga is the Taranaki Māori New Year star - the star (Rigel) that sits above Orion's Belt. Taranaki Whānui use Pūanga because from the West Coast of Aotearoa all the land mass, the maunga (mountains), and ranges, sit between you and the rise of Matariki but you see Pūanga first.”

Pūanga Kai Rau (the bringer of plentiful food) is a term recognising when Pūanga brings te rā (the sun) back to us in the Southern Hemisphere. And with the summer, our trees bloom, birds come out to feed, and there is kai for the people.

Toa says he is looking forward to sharing stories of the stars at Matariki ki Pōneke Festival, as part of the Ahi Kā celebrations.



Credit: Photo by Matt Dobson, costume by CKFilmDesign

He is passionate about ensuring this ancient knowledge isn't lost, and it's no surprise considering his whakapapa.

“My mum's an astronomer. She comes from a line where our ancestors, my great-great-grandfather recorded tātai arorangi - the cosmology of the universe - and had wānanga with other tribes.

“On a Saturday night we'd walk around the coastline of Hongoeka looking at and talking about stars. I guess that's the first thing I can recall as a child, learning about the stars because my mum was and is still so passionate about it.”

Toa is Māori Strategic Framework Project Manager at University of Otago, Wellington.

In 2008 he founded the Society for Māori Astronomy Research and Traditions, which provides opportunities for Aotearoa youth to engage with Māori astronomy traditions, celestial navigation, and space sciences.

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# Waiata from the marae to the stage

We caught up with one of the artists performing at this year's Matariki ki Pōneke Festival.

At the tender age of 25, Majic Pāora has achieved more than some would dream of accomplishing in a lifetime.

She's gone from busking with her brother Robbie at age 12, to gaining international recognition for her beautiful voice and songwriting talent.

In 2015, she was named Best Māori Female Solo Artist at the Waiata Māori Music Awards and she has recorded an album at Bob Marley's Tuff Gong Studio in Jamaica.

"I've done a little bit on my short journey," laughs Majic, now a mother of three.

Of Te Aupōuri, Ngā Puhī and Ngāti Whātua descent, Majic started singing when she was four. She's been performing professionally since she was 12, and has sung alongside many of Aotearoa's musical legends.

"What really built my confidence was singing on the marae growing up."

Earlier on in her career she focused on reggae music, but now she is bringing it back to her roots with acoustic soul. Her latest EP, *Ever Changing*, is a collaboration with her partner, Te Whaiao Manga.

Majic says she is looking forward to performing two shows at Wellington's Matariki Festival.

"Matariki is about revitalisation, rejuvenating and normalising our indigenous culture."

Majic will be performing at Ahi Kā, which is taking place on the Wellington Waterfront, 2-3 July, 5pm-8.30pm. Visit [wellington.govt.nz/matariki](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/matariki) for more information.



# Te iwa o Matariki

## The nine stars of Matariki

Waipunarangi



Ururangi



Tupuārangi



Hiwa-i-te-rangi



Waitī



Matariki



Tupuānuku



Waitā



Pōhutukawa



The star cluster of Matariki has long been linked to the Greek tale of the seven daughters of Pleione and Atlas.

Because of this, people sometimes think that Matariki is also made up of seven stars. However, in Māori tradition there are nine stars - Matariki (the brightest star) and her eight tamariki.

There are actually hundreds of stars in the cluster, but we can only see a few of them. Each of the stars has its own meaning and purpose.

## Ko Matariki i ēnei rā Matariki today

According to the Maramataka (Māori calendar), the rising of the Matariki star cluster in the northeastern sky brings the old year to a close and heralds the new year.

Some iwi also recognise this time with the rising of the star called Pūanga, which is in the Orion constellation.

## Where to look

Matariki is found low on the horizon in the northeast of the sky. Try looking there between 5.30am-6.30am.

To find the cluster, first find the row of three stars of Tautoru, or Orion's Belt (or The Pot). To find Pūanga (Rigel) look above Tautoru until you see the bright star.

From there, scan left until you find the bright orange star, Taumata-kuku (Alderbaran) and keep going until you hit a cluster of stars. That cluster is Matariki.

To help with your stargazing quest, download our Matariki app by searching 'Matariki' in the Google Play Store or iOS App Store.

Use the camera on your smartphone to scan this QR code to help you find our Matariki app!



## Top stargazing spots

### James Stellin Memorial Park

In Northland on Tinakori Hill, James Stellin Memorial Park has stunning 180-degree views over the city to the harbour as well as neat night sky viewing opportunities.

### Tawatawa Reserve

Tawatawa Reserve is a large flat grassed area that is dog exercise-friendly and is located on Quebec Street, in between the suburbs of Owhiro Bay, Kingston, and Island Bay.

### Ataturk Memorial Park

The Ataturk Memorial Park lookout can be accessed from the Tarakena Bay car park on Breaker Bay Road.

### Waihinahina Park

Located on Ladbroke Drive in Newlands, Waihinahina Park is an open grassed area surrounded by regenerating bush - an ideal spot for stargazing on a clear night!

### Homebush Park

Located on Homebush Road in Khandallah, this hidden playground down a gravel track has breathtaking views over Wellington harbour and the wide-open skies above.



# Matariki ki Pōneke Festival

## Friday 2–Saturday 10 July

Nau mai, haere mai.  
Wellington City  
Council invites  
you to come and  
celebrate the Māori  
New Year, at the  
capital's annual  
festival, Matariki  
ki Pōneke.

This festival is a time for reflection, remembrance and renewal, with live and digital events, exhibitions, workshops and online activities. Matariki is a time for remembering and honouring our culture, heritage and community.

Matariki ki Pōneke Festival includes Ahi Kā, Mana Moana and Matariki Fireworks events.



## **Ahi Kā**

5pm-8.30pm, Fri 2-Sat 3 July  
Wellington Waterfront

Learn about the Māori New Year with a celebration of fire, food and whānau.

## **Mana Moana**

6pm-10pm, Tue 6-Sat 10 July  
Water screen at Wharriepo Lagoon

Enjoy a visual display on the water screen bought to you by Massey University and Storybox.

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## **Matariki Fireworks**

6.30pm, Sat 10 July  
Wellington Harbour

We mark the renewal of the year with a spectacular fireworks display. Postponement date Sun 11 July.

For more information on Matariki ki Pōneke, visit [wellington.govt.nz/matariki](https://wellington.govt.nz/matariki)



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If you notice any graffiti in your community or throughout the city, take a photo and let us know about it. You can report it via our FIXit app or contact us on 04 499 4444. For more information visit [wellington.govt.nz/report-graffiti](https://wellington.govt.nz/report-graffiti)



## Take your tops to the Tip Shop

The Tip Shop has partnered with Macaulay Metals to recycle metal bottle caps and jar lids. On your next trip to the Recycle Centre you'll find containers for these by the glass banks, so make sure to separate them from your bottles and jars and pop them in. Lids and caps are too small to be collected at kerbside, and contaminate glass or plastic recycling if they're left on. More info on the Tip Shop at [wellington.govt.nz/tipshop](https://wellington.govt.nz/tipshop)



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# Pitopito kōrero News

## Restoring the heart of our city

Resolving Te Ngākau Civic Precinct's resilience issues brings an opportunity to improve the space's connectedness, vibrancy, and accessibility. As we remediate Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Central Library) and decide on the future of the Municipal Office and Civic Administration Buildings, these and future developments require a strong vision to shape it as a thriving, resilient public space where everyone can experience art, culture, and democracy in action. After speaking with mana whenua and stakeholders to develop a draft vision and framework for Te Ngākau, we asked everyone for their views. In July, we will share these findings and the final vision and principles for making it an accessible, connected space Wellingtonians identify with and love. [wgtn.cc/tengakau](http://wgtn.cc/tengakau)

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## Playground upgrades

It's all go on the playgrounds front as we continue to work our way through the busy programme of renewals. Construction is underway for the community play area at Cummings Park in Ngaio, and the projects have begun at these neighbourhood play areas - Nuku Street in Strathmore and Pembroke Road in Wilton. The neighbourhood play area at Elizabeth Street in Mt Vic is also not far off the build stage. We're also nearing the start of construction for Shorland Park in Island Bay. Currently we're working through the design and consultation phase for the neighbourhood play areas at Pirie Street, Mt Vic. Watch this space! [wellington.govt.nz/recreation/activities-for-kids/play-areas/upgrades](http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/activities-for-kids/play-areas/upgrades)



## Visit Waiora Sports Hub

Waiora, the new Sports Hub at Alex Moore Park, was opened in March. The project has been a long time in the making and despite a small delay by COVID-19, its completion has been timely for the winter sport season. The partnership between Wellington City Council and Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Inc has resulted in a great multi-purpose space for both sporting and community groups. It includes meeting rooms and social spaces plus changing rooms, a kitchen and bar area, as well as storage. [wellington.govt.nz/waiora](http://wellington.govt.nz/waiora)

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## Check out the Community Sports Bank

Did you know you may be eligible for free sports gear for your kids? Getting out there, being active and having a go is such an important part of being a kid. Money shouldn't stand in the way of that and doesn't have to, thanks to a great initiative led by Wellington City Mission and supported by Wellington City Council. If you've got a LeisureCard/Community Services card or you'd like to donate some sports gear, check out one of their locations on their Facebook page. [facebook.com/communitysportsbank](https://www.facebook.com/communitysportsbank)

## Mana whenua representation

On 28 April, Council voted to appoint iwi representatives to sit on most Council Committees. This means that representatives from Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira will have full voting rights from 1 July as well as remuneration equivalent to that of a Councillor. This move honours the responsibilities of Council under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, ensuring Māori representation in the decision-making process as well as further strengthening key relationships between Māori and the Council.

During April we also engaged with the community on whether to establish a Māori ward for the 2022 local government elections. Feedback was encouraging and on Thursday 13 May Council voted in favour of establishing a Māori ward. The next step is to conduct a representation review later in the year. To read more about how a Māori ward works, visit [wellington.govt.nz/maori-wards](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/maori-wards)

## Get a free house health check

Keen to find out how energy efficient your home is? As part of the Te Atakura - First to Zero Plan, Wellington City Council has partnered with Sustainability Trust to offer local homeowners free Home Energy Saver Assessments. You'll find out how and where you can save money, all while getting sorted for a warmer, drier winter. A Home Energy Assessor will do a thorough walkthrough of your home and look at lighting, heating, insulation and ventilation, check for any moisture and draught issues, and identify ways to minimise water and energy use.

Book your free assessment at [sustaintrust.org.nz/home-energy-assessments](https://sustaintrust.org.nz/home-energy-assessments)

## Love going on walks?

Age Concern Wellington provides an amazing Companion Walking Service for our retired population but doesn't have enough volunteers to match the waiting list. If you're keen on walking, and would love some like-minded company, then visit [acwellington.org.nz/companion-walking-service](https://acwellington.org.nz/companion-walking-service)

## Tip Shop here to help

Got a zero-waste project on your mind or a school fair or office party? You name it, the Tip Shop will try and help make it happen. They support local school projects and initiatives such as 'wash against waste' and 'waste free waterfront' by lending reusable items like crockery to help reduce waste. Email [tipshopinquiries@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:tipshopinquiries@wcc.govt.nz) with your name, contact details, what you are working on, and what you need and they'll do their best to help. You can also phone the team on **04 383 4438**, or send a message on Facebook or Instagram - search [@TipShopWellington](#).





## Animal control officer, the pawfect job

Vicki Harwood's life revolves around one thing and one thing only – dogs. She's fostered about 50 kūrī over the years, her favourite adoption being a wee Griffon named Frog.

She confesses she doesn't really have any other hobbies, and spends pretty much all her spare time exploring Wellington's trails with her beloved furry friends, including Elsa, who she adopted from Wellington City Council's Moa Point animal shelter.

This is where Vicki works as a Senior Animal Control Officer. On a Monday morning not long after her shift begins, in comes a call about a dog owner who's been bitten by a rushing dog in an on-lead area. Fortunately, attacks in Wellington are relatively rare, Vicki says.

Next on the agenda is following up on some noise complaints, barking coming from a property where no dog is registered. No one is home, so a friendly note with Vicki's contact details is left on the doorstep.

Responding to roaming dog reports is another common occurrence, but when

she's not doing any of the above, Vicki is busy finding new homes for unclaimed or surrendered dogs that would make suitable pets.

A four-month-old pup hasn't been claimed from the Hutt City animal shelter after seven days on site, and therefore, under the Dog Control Act 1996, ownership of that dog has now been transferred to Animal Services. Hutt City and Wellington have a shared Animal Services contract.

Vicki collects the playful little Bearded Collie, who's been named Ash, and he's taken back to Moa Point where he'll stay in the newly upgraded facilities until he's adopted out.

She says the Moa Point animal shelter is never very full, as Wellington has an impressively high reclaim rate and many responsible dog owners.

Another large part of the job for Vicki is education - both for dog owners about their responsibilities, and school children about staying safe around kūrī.

Before joining the Animal Services team 16 years ago, Vicki managed pubs in England, where she is originally from.

“People often think this job is all about dogs, but really most of it is dealing with people. That's where my skills from the hospitality industry have been really useful. We deal with everything from fluffy adoption stories to being called every name under the sun. We're dealing with people's dogs and that can be very emotive. The trick is not to take things to heart.”



## Animal shelter upgrade

Clean, comfy kennels are making life better for both pups and people with a well-earned upgrade to the Moa Point animal shelter completed.

The upgrade includes new black and yellow cages and self-contained kennels, new security systems, and improved security cameras.

Built in 1968, the site has had several upgrades over the years with the last renewal in 2015.

All the impounded dogs are provided with donated blankets and toys during their stay, and sometimes even home-made dog biscuits baked by volunteers.

Owners of impounded dogs must pay a fee at the time of release - the first being \$106, which increases to \$170 with subsequent impounding in the same registration year.

**[wellington.govt.nz/lost-dogs](https://wellington.govt.nz/lost-dogs)**

# Ngā mahi whakangahau

## Put it on the calendar

Check out some of the exciting events the Council is supporting over the winter months. For more, visit [wellington.govt.nz/events](http://wellington.govt.nz/events)

### Lōemis

Until Mon 21 June | Various venues

A mystical winter offering staged during the darkest nights of the year - Lōemis festival showcases a vibrant array of new shows, bespoke food events, installations and craft workshops, culminating with a fiery solstice procession. For information and tickets visit [loemis.nz](http://loemis.nz)



Lōemis Solstice

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### City Gallery Seniors

11am, Wed 16 June, Wed 21 July  
City Gallery | Free

Join us for a free guided tour of our current exhibitions for visitors aged 65 and over, followed by complimentary morning tea. No prior knowledge of contemporary art needed. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

### Curiously Good Art Club

10am-12pm, Sun 20 Jun, Sun 18 July,  
Sun 15 Aug | City Gallery | Koha

Our new monthly art club is for tamariki aged 1-5 and their whānau. Enjoy story time, messy play, and curiously good fun. Booking is essential. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

### NZIA City Talks

6pm, Mon 21 June | City Gallery | Free

Be inspired by and learn about the role of architecture in our lives at this ongoing series presented in partnership with New Zealand Institute of Architects Wellington Branch. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

### The Marriage of Figaro

Wed 23, Fri 25, Sun 27 June | The Opera House

Our national opera company, NZ Opera, presents one of Mozart's most popular and enduring operas, *The Marriage of Figaro*. [nzopera.com](http://nzopera.com)

## Down and Dirty

10am-3pm, Sat 26 June | ZEALANDIA

This is your chance to get down and dirty with nature by taking part in critical conservation mahi at Zealandia. [visitzealandia.com](http://visitzealandia.com)

## Capital E Ngā Whetū Rerekē

5pm-8pm, Fri 2-Sat 3 July

Wellington Waterfront

Join Capital E at the Ahi Kā Festival to experience the artistic creations of tamariki curated by Wellington artist George Awatea. The installation showcases visual and audio art inspired by the story of Matariki. Learn more at [capitale.org.nz](http://capitale.org.nz)

## Tuatara Open Late

5pm-10pm, Thu 1 July, Thu 5 Aug

City Gallery | Entry by donation

Art, music, films, talks, beer, wine, and food. Enjoy this ever-changing programme of late-night events on the first Thursday of the month. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

## Matariki at Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne

Fri 2-Sat 10 July | ZEALANDIA

Celebrate Matariki at Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne. Join us as we launch into Māori New Year with a Sanctuary Star Search on 3 and 4 July followed by a series of talks, walks,

and more throughout the week. There will be something for everyone! [visitzealandia.com](http://visitzealandia.com)

## Galactica Calling

6pm-10pm, Sat 3 July

Wellington Museum | Koha

Get your space jam on with a Matariki fundraiser! Local singer-songwriter Terry Shore and the VolunTerry Band play all the sounds of the galaxy to raise funds for Cloud 9 Children's Foundation, which supports children and teens with Asperger's Syndrome. [wellingtonmuseum.nz](http://wellingtonmuseum.nz)

## L.A.B

Sat 3 July | TSB Arena

With undeniable talent and musicality that's helped them top the charts, L.A.B. are set to brighten up Wellington with their unique sound - an eclectic mix of reggae, electronic, blues and funk. [loop.co.nz](http://loop.co.nz)

## Conservation Kōrero

6.30pm, Wed 7 July, Wed 4 Aug

ZEALANDIA

Dive into Conservation Kōrero as we reflect on the state of nature in Aotearoa. During these talks, engage in conversation with leading experts and discover ways you can make a splash for freshwater in New Zealand. [visitzealandia.com](http://visitzealandia.com)

## NZSO 2021: Matariki

Fri 9 July | Michael Fowler Centre

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra will perform the world premiere of *Ngā Hihi O Matariki*, celebrating Matariki as an event embracing New Zealand's past and present. [nzso.co.nz](http://nzso.co.nz)



Stream at Zealandia

### **Glow in the Dark Titiwai Tours**

7.30pm and 8.30pm, Fri 9 July, Fri 6 Aug  
Botanic Garden

Join the Friends of Wellington Botanic Garden for a fascinating tour into the world of titiwai, New Zealand's glow worms! Space is limited so bookings required. Tickets \$10. [wellingtongardens.nz](http://wellingtongardens.nz)

### **Winter school holiday fun**

Sat 10-Sun 25 July | ZEALANDIA

These school holidays join us at Zealandia for nature-inspired fun. With a mix of performance, craft and drop-in sessions, come and discover nature in a whole new winter light! [visitzealandia.com](http://visitzealandia.com)

### **School Holidays at Capital E**

Sat 10-Sat 24 July | Capital E

There's something to interest all children ages 0-12 at Capital E Nōku Te Ao on Queens Wharf, from digital workshops to our new

PlayHQ activation, Home Is Where the Art Is. Learn more at [capitale.org.nz](http://capitale.org.nz)

### **Winter artisan school**

Sat 10-Sun 18 July | Botanic Garden

Join local artists and artisans for a winter workshop as they share their skills and tools. [wellingtongardens.nz](http://wellingtongardens.nz)

### **Virtuoso Composer**

Sat 17 July | Michael Fowler Centre

Orchestra Wellington will perform stunning symphonies from both Mozart and Beethoven, as well as a world premier from John Psathas. [orchestrawellington.co.nz](http://orchestrawellington.co.nz)

### **City Gallery Family Day**

Sat 17 July | City Gallery | Free

Our popular Family Day returns with fun art activities for the whole whānau during the school holidays. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

### **Calling young readers, writers, and creators!**

Our fantastic librarians are gearing up to deliver several creative, engaging events for tamariki and their whānau to enjoy over winter! First up is Beyond the Page 2021. Between 16-19 July join this mini-festival of fantastic performances and events across the Wellington region, in-person and online. Later in August, we are joining forces with the National Library for the 2021 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. This will be followed by ComicFest 2021 - New Zealand's largest celebration



of home-grown comic books and the well-known authors and illustrators who create them. And encouraging young ones to read? Visit any of our 14 libraries to join the annual free HELL Reading Challenge which is also part of the awards. [wcl.govt.nz](http://wcl.govt.nz)



Mums and bubs at City Gallery

### **Gallery Babes**

11am and 1pm, Tue 15 June, Tue 20 July

City Gallery | Free

Bring the baby and enjoy a tour of our exhibitions, followed by a complimentary morning tea. Gallery Babes is best suited to those with babies up to 12 months. Spaces are limited for this popular tour, so booking is essential. [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

### **Royal NZ Ballet presents Firebird**

Thu 29–Sat 31 July | The Opera House

Don't miss the RNZB perform the spinetingling work *Firebird*, the mesmerising ballet that is adored the world over. [rnzb.org.nz](http://rnzb.org.nz)

### **Visa Wellington On A Plate**

All of August | Various locations

New Zealand's biggest culinary festival celebrates the best talent and produce the region has to offer. [visawoap.com](http://visawoap.com)

### **Winter Wednesdays at the Zoo**

Every Wednesday in August

Wellington Zoo

Have a winter adventure at the Zoo with half-price entry every Wednesday in August. [wellingtonzoo.com](http://wellingtonzoo.com)

### **Madagascar The Musical**

Thu 5–Sun 15 Aug | The Opera House

Join your favourite characters from the DreamWorks film, live on stage with an all-Kiwi cast in a family event that will make you MOVE IT, MOVE IT! [wellingtonnz.com](http://wellingtonnz.com)

### **Beervana**

Fri 13–Sat 14 Aug | Sky Stadium

Celebrate all things hoppy, meet the brewers and taste the frothiness at New Zealand's premier celebration of good beer. [beervana.co.nz](http://beervana.co.nz)

### **K-Culture Festival**

12pm–5pm, Sat 28 Aug

Michael Fowler Centre

Enjoy and experience highlights of Korean culture including traditional and contemporary performances, activities, food, and the New Zealand finalists of the K-Pop Contest. [facebook.com/kculturenz](https://facebook.com/kculturenz)

### **Foraging Tours**

Last Sunday of the month

Learning Pavilion, Botanic Garden

Join professional forager Mike King for a two-hour walk and learn about edible plants, natives and exotics, and sample homemade foraged ice cream flavours! Cost \$65. [wellingtongardens.nz](http://wellingtongardens.nz)

### **Brown bag lunch with friends**

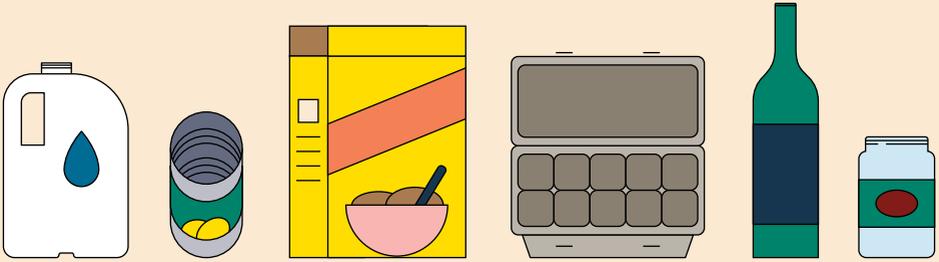
12pm–12.45pm, first Tuesday of the month

Treehouse Visitor Centre,

Botanic Garden | Free

Join the Friends of Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā for a lunchtime lecture!

# Your guide to recycling in Wellington



We know that recycling is really important to Wellingtonians, but a recent survey found quite a few of us are ‘wishcycling’ – recycling items we’re unsure of and hoping for the best!

The pull-out guide on the next page covers the most important info at a glance - what can be recycled, and how to prepare it for collection. Cut it out and stick it on your fridge or somewhere you can refer to easily.

Only some plastics can be recycled. Wellington’s clear PET  and white HDPE  are recycled in New Zealand. Domestic markets are developing for PP  and coloured PET and HDPE, and until then we can recycle them offshore. By checking an item’s packaging for a ,  or  before you buy, you can make positive choices to ensure your packaging at home can be recycled rather than landfilled.

## How to recycle right

How you prepare your recycling is just as important as what’s put into your bag or bin.

Contamination is one of the biggest recycling issues in Wellington. If you put in too many non-recyclable items, or don’t prepare them correctly, the whole load can end up in the landfill.

People working on the recycling sorting line need to pull out contaminated items by hand. Taking the time to recycle right will make their job much nicer - and the process easier for everyone.

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## For more information

- On what can and can’t be recycled, visit [wellington.govt.nz/waste-search](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/waste-search)
- On preparing your recycling, visit [wellington.govt.nz/prepare-recycling](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/prepare-recycling)

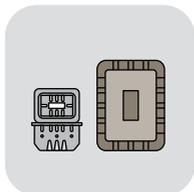
# What can be recycled in Wellington



## Plastics grocery packaging only, such as:



Drink & milk bottles



Food containers including meat trays



Bottles & containers from your bathroom, kitchen or laundry

## Glass



Clear & coloured glass bottles & jars

## Paper & cardboard



Cereal boxes & toilet paper rolls



Egg cartons



Office paper & envelopes



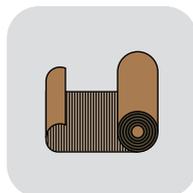
Aluminium drinking cans



Domestic junk mail, newspapers & magazines



Flattened cardboard boxes, includes pizza boxes (remove scraps & cheese residue)



Brown corrugated cardboard



Steel food & pet food tins

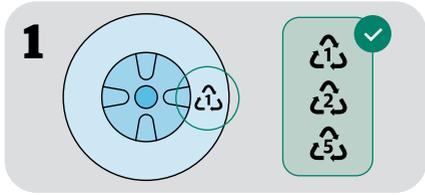


## If in doubt, leave it out

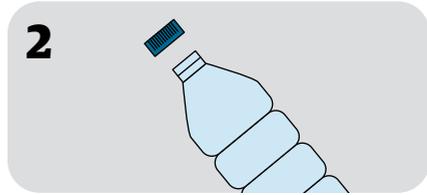
If an item isn't listed above, it should go in the general rubbish.



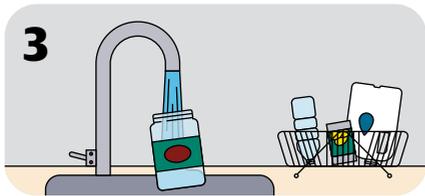
# How to prepare your recycling



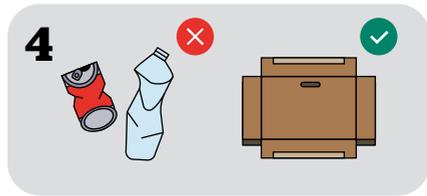
**Check** plastic grocery bottles and containers for the numbers 1, 2 or 5



**Remove** all lids, triggers and pumps from bottles, containers and jars, and put them in the rubbish



**Rinse** all plastics, tins, cans and glass



**Don't** squash plastic, tins and cans  
**Do** flatten cardboard

## Common mistakes - don't put these in your recycling



Plastic numbers 3, 4, 6, 7 or no number



Items smaller than a credit card



Containers larger than 3 litres



Lids, triggers & pumps from bottles, containers & jars

### Other items that can't be recycled include:

- Soft plastics, polystyrene, Tetra Paks & non-grocery plastics (like toys)
- Aerosols
- Food or items still containing food
- Coffee cups & compostable packaging

For more information visit  
[wellington.govt.nz/prepare-recycling](http://wellington.govt.nz/prepare-recycling)  
[wellington.govt.nz/waste-search](http://wellington.govt.nz/waste-search)

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**Your dad  
would hate  
this one.**

**That's  
why  
I like it.**

# **City Gallery Wellington**

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## Tō tātou hāpori Our community

# 60 years serving our city

During six decades of Council work, Michael Arthurs has seen incredible change across the city he knows like the back of his hand.

In a way, Michael Arthurs has always had Wellington city in his blood.

His dad Jack Arthurs was a city councillor for three terms in the 1950s, and after joining the City Council himself in 1962, Michael is now closing in on six decades of proudly serving the capital.

In that time he's played a number of key roles for the Council, most notably as Chief Quantity Surveyor for 23 years, and seen significant changes across Pōneke.

He's also witnessed the evolution of the workplace, from hand-written reports and typing pools to the modern digital office.

“It's been a privilege and really exciting to see how the workplace has changed with technology coming in to make everyone's lives a lot easier.”

Michael's first taste of Council work came in the form of a school holiday job at Berhampore Nursery in about 1959.



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Celebrating our people

He then started full-time at the Council on 15 January, 1962, as a 17-year-old quantity surveyor cadet.

“When I started there was also a lot of opportunity for advancement,” he says. “You came in at a young age and started from scratch, and there was a lot of on-the-job learning.”

Michael studied while he worked, organised his own training, and attended night school.

He quickly became involved in the financial side of building contracts, helping with tenders and estimating the materials and labour required for a job.

Early projects included building the Newtown flats and Arlington Apartments, but also libraries and swimming pools.

In 1972 Michael became the city's Chief Quantity Surveyor, leading a team of four.



Perhaps Michael's most high-profile project was being part of the Civic Centre development team.

Michael moved into a role as Buildings Manager in 1995, as staff came from offices all over the city to work in the Municipal Office and Civic Administration Buildings.

Michael's unit was in charge of everything from maintenance and contracts, to security and furniture.

In 2006 Michael became a Building Officer, where as part of the Building Warrant of Fitness Team he makes sure building owners are carrying out their responsibilities as required by the Building Act, that buildings are safe for the occupants, and that life safety systems like fire alarms are being tested and maintained.

"I'm passionate about making sure buildings in our city are safe. I've inspected nearly every building in Wellington that needs a WOF - and there's about 3000 of them. I know them inside and out."

A father of five children and grandfather to six, Michael says he's proud of his service record, and is the patron of the Council's 20+ Club - the group of staff who have worked at the organisation for at least two decades.

Back then they were based on the fifth floor of the Municipal Office Building, which was made up of "lots of corridors and individual offices", and in which smoking was allowed.

"Everything was done by hand, you wrote everything down. And you'd end up with hundreds of pages of documents."

For the schedules of quantity all the calculations had to be done by hand or using a Friden calculator, then double-checked.

Once the documents were prepared they were taken to the typing pool, typed up and then proof-read.

"And because you were wanting to make 30 copies the typists typed the data onto stencils, then duplicated using a Gestetner machine.

"The document might have 200-300 pages, and once they were all printed out they had to be collated by hand.

"We used the desks and any empty floor space to lay them all out and collate them, then it all had to be sent to the libraries department for binding. It was a big job."

It's 2021, so we're sharing stories about 21 of our people who have worked at Council for 20 years or more. Check them out at [wellington.govt.nz/ourwellington](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/ourwellington)

# Mahi toi Capital arts

## Coming up at Toi Pōneke Gallery

**Bianca Hyslop, Rowan Pierce  
and Tūi Matira Ranapiri Ransfield**  
*Te Mauri o Pōhutu*

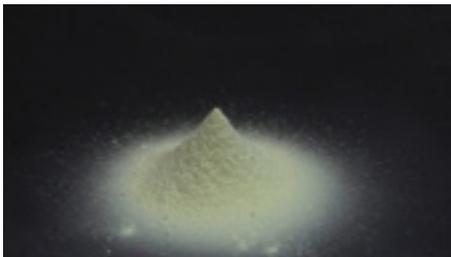
Until Sat 26 June

*Te Mauri o Pōhutu* is a new series of collaborative installation and time-based artworks by Bianca Hyslop, Rowan Pierce and Tūi Matira Ranapiri Ransfield. The work responds to the loss of mātauranga Māori due to cultural interruption and assimilation. It is a sensual offering that addresses the fragility of memory, connection to whenua, and reclamation of culture from within foreign frameworks.

**Maisie Chilton** *Where does it hurt?*

Sat 3–Wed 21 July

Te Whanganui-a-Tara based artist Maisie Chilton explores the intersection of trauma, disability and radical vulnerability. Her work is motivated by the urge to heal and process complex experiences via the mediums of painting and poetry. Chilton's work ushers us into the depths of her own psyche while inviting us into a safe place where we can share, examine, and explore our own painful histories and experiences.



**Ruby Joy Eade** *A Gentle Reminder*

Sat 31 July–Fri 27 Aug

*A Gentle Reminder* explores the intertwined lives of people and the textiles that surround them. Memories are pieced together into large-scale quilts that create new narratives where these fragments come together.

Visit [toiponeke.nz](http://toiponeke.nz)

### Below (left to right)

Bianca Hyslop, Rowan Pierce and Tūi Matira Ranapiri Ransfield, *Whānāriki*, sculpture, 2021.

Maisie Chilton, *Nameless faceless*, oil on canvas, 2018.



## Coming up at City Gallery Wellington

Marianna Simnett *CREATURE*

Until Sun 11 July

Horror meets fairy tale in Berlin-based artist Marianna Simnett's first New Zealand show. Visceral and theatrical, her large-scale video and sculptural works tell wicked tales of transformation with a cast of children and mutant beasts. Experience this 'breathtakingly good' (*Time Out* London) work in the flesh.

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**Every Artist**

Until Sun 1 Aug

Art history is too important to be left to art historians. Local, national, and international artists remap, rethink, queer, and even gamify the history of art - often by subverting the tools of art history (maps, charts, diagrams, books). This is art history as fodder for art making, not the other way round.

Visit [citygallery.org.nz](http://citygallery.org.nz)

## Courtenay Place Park light boxes

Keri-Mei Zagrobelna *Whakahoki*

Fri 18 June - Sun 26 Sep

Curator: Awhina Tamarapa.

Photographer and Digital Artist: Norm Heke.

Te Whanganui-a-Tara based artist Keri-Mei Zagrobelna's new exhibition *Whakahoki* draws inspiration from the Maramataka Māori lunar calendar to celebrate this year's Matariki in the Courtenay Place Park light boxes. In *Whakahoki*, the artist considers how Te Ao Māori can bring balance and meaning to our lives.

## Cobblestone Park light boxes

July 2021-Jan 2022

Architectural Practitioner and Academic Derek Kawiti explores new intersections between customary Māori geometry and digitalisation in a new series of artworks for the light boxes on Vivian Street.



**Left**

From Every Artist, *The Cool Couple*, *Emozioni Mondiali*, 2018.

# Kaupapa pūtea Funding

## Dates extended for funds

We are updating our Grants Management System this year to improve its functionality and usability for everyone. This means that applications for funds which would normally close at the end of July will now be due by 26 August.

## Natural Environment Fund

We support environmental projects that help grow our natural capital. This fund focuses on projects that connect people with nature, or protect our biodiversity and ecosystems. Applications close 26 August.

## Arts and Culture Fund

This fund provides support for arts and cultural projects in the city. Applications close 26 August.

## Social and Recreation Fund

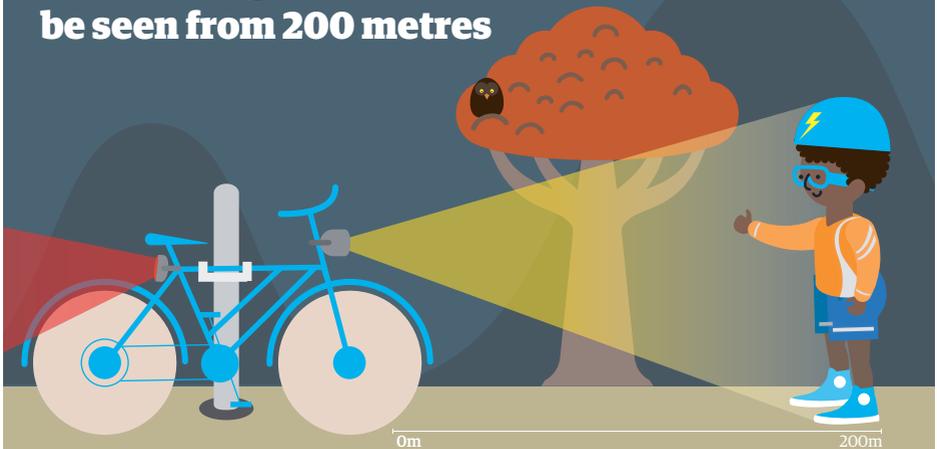
This fund supports community projects which make the city safer, more resilient and connected, and a great place for children and young people to thrive. Applications close 26 August.

## Creative Communities Funding

We fund groups and individuals for projects that encourage participation in the arts, reflect our diversity and creativity, and get young people involved, especially for projects by and for young people under 18 years old. Applications close 19 August.

Contact our funding team for more information or to talk through your idea for a project, and check our calendar for closing dates. Visit [wellington.govt.nz/funding](http://wellington.govt.nz/funding)

## Your bike lights need to be seen from 200 metres



Lock your bike with the lights turned on and take 200 long strides. If you can see the lights then you are good to go. For more tips and tricks visit [bikethere.org.nz](http://bikethere.org.nz)

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# Ngā huihuinga o te Kaunihera, ngā komiti me ngā poari ā-hapori

## Council, committee and community board meetings

Council and Committee meetings are livestreamed via our YouTube page, so please tune in at [youtube.com/WgtnCC](https://www.youtube.com/WgtnCC). You are also welcome to attend any meeting listed here, depending on the COVID Alert Level.

Meeting dates and locations sometimes need to change, so please check final details at [wellington.govt.nz/meetings](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/meetings) or phone **04 499 4444**.

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**Wednesday 16 June**

4pm - Youth Council  
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**Thursday 17 June**

9.30am - Finance and Performance Committee  
7pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board  
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**Tuesday 22 June**

9.30am - Social, Cultural and Economic Committee  
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**Wednesday 23 June**

9.30am - Infrastructure Committee  
1.30pm - Planning and Environment Committee  
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**Thursday 24 June**

9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee  
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**Tuesday 29 June**

5.30pm - Accessibility Advisory Group  
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**Wednesday 30 June**

9.30am - Council  
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**Monday 12 July**

5pm - Environmental Reference Group  
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**Wednesday 14 July**

4pm - Youth Council  
6pm - Pacific Advisory Group  
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**Tuesday 27 July**

5.30pm - Accessibility Advisory Group  
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**Wednesday 28 July**

4pm - Youth Council

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**Thursday 29 July**

7pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board  
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**Wednesday 4 August**

9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee  
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**Thursday 5 August**

9.30am - Social, Cultural and Economic Committee  
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**Monday 9 August**

5pm - Environmental Reference Group  
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**Wednesday 11 August**

9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee  
4pm - Youth Council  
6pm - Pacific Advisory Group  
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**Thursday 12 August**

9.30am - Infrastructure Committee  
7pm - Tawa Community Board Meeting  
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**Wednesday 18 August**

9.30am - CEO Performance Review Committee  
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**Thursday 19 August**

9.30am - Finance and Performance Committee  
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**Wednesday 25 August**

9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee  
4pm - Youth Council  
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**Thursday 26 August**

9.30am - Council  
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**Tuesday 31 August**

5.30pm - Accessibility Advisory Group

All meetings take place at Council headquarters, 113 The Terrace, or in the suburbs for community board meetings.

# Te Koromatua me ngā Kaikaunihera

## The Mayor and Councillors

### The people who represent you

Wellington City Councillors are elected by Wellington residents every three years. Their role is to represent the views of residents and help the Council make the best decisions for the city. Not sure which ward you're in?

Visit [wellington.govt.nz/wards](http://wellington.govt.nz/wards)

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#### Citywide



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Council  
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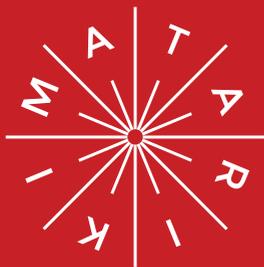


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**Deputy Chair**

Regulatory Processes Committee



**2-10  
JULY 2021**

# **MATARIKI KI PŌNEKE FESTIVAL**

## **Nau mai, haere mai!**

Celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year at our free whānau events.

Find out more at  
[wcc.govt.nz/matariki](http://wcc.govt.nz/matariki)

## **AHI KĀ**

**Fire, kai & whānau**

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 July,  
5pm–8.30pm  
Wellington Waterfront

## **MATARIKI FIREWORKS**

Saturday 10 July, 6.30pm  
Wellington Harbour

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