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# Marathon champ

By Frank Neill

Wainuiomata runner Georgina Cox is a marathon champion.

Georgina was victorious in the Wellington inter-club women's marathon championship, held as part of the 2026 Wellington Marathon.

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Georgina Cox, wearing her medals and holding the cup she won as the Wellington women's inter-club marathon champion. Photo: Supplied.



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## Surprised to win the race

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Winning came as "quite a surprise," says Georgina, who runs for the Wainuiomata Athletic and Harrier Club.

"The weather wasn't that great, so it was good to run and to finish.

"Finishing a marathon is quite good for me," she says.

Georgina clocked 4 hours 2 minutes and 17 seconds for the 42.195km run.

As well as winning the Wellington title, Georgina also finished in second place in the women's 50 to 59 section of the Wellington Marathon, which attracts athletes from not only Wellington, but also around New Zealand and overseas.

Exactly 4,011 people from a record 27 countries took part in this year's 39th Gazley Volkswagon Wellington Marathon.

The Wellington Marathon will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year.

Georgina began running marathons around 30 years ago, when she was 21.

She moved from her home in the United Kingdom to New Zealand, settling in Wainuiomata, in 2002.

For the first few years, she was running on her own and then she joined the Wainuiomata Athletic and Harrier Club in 2011.

"It's been good to connect with the harriers and start running with them, as well as on my own," she says.

As well as a win and a second placing in the marathon this year, Georgina also featured in the New Zealand 24 hour championships, held in Auckland in 2015.

She finished second in the women's category, having covered just under 100 miles (160km).



Georgina Cox on her way to winning the Wellington Inter-club Women's Marathon. Photo: Supplied.

## Wainui Lions victorious again

By Frank Neill

The Wainuiomata Lions premier Rugby League team continued their outstanding season with a hard fought 26-20 victory over Toa on 18 July.

In doing so, the Lions qualified for the semi-finals of the Appleton Shield, symbol of supremacy in Wellington Rugby League.

Playing on Onepoto Park, the Lions outpaced Toa in the first half to lead 14-8 at the break.

The second half saw a very even struggle with both teams scoring 12 points.

Reihana Pahina-Kara scored two tries for the Lions, both in the second half.

Aleki Leala, Utu Tapueluelu and Galen Tuisila scored first half tries, and Emmanuel Solomona dotted down in the second half.

Ramase Taualofa kicked one conversion. In defeating Toa, the Lions finished second on the premier table.

Both the top two teams – the St George Dragons and the Lions – automatically qualified for the semi-finals.

They therefore have a bye next Saturday, 25 July, while the next four teams play in the quarter finals.

The Lions reserve team also won its match, beating the St George Dragons 32-26 on 18 July.

Playing on Cannons Creek Park, this was a top of the table clash.

With their victory, the Lions moved from second place to top place on the reserves table, two points ahead of the St George Dragons.

The Wainuiomata Lionesses totally dominated their match against the St George



Aethan Tuisila makes another good run for the Wainuiomata Lions. Photo: Frank Neill.

Dragons, winning 56-22 on 19 July.

Playing on Naenae Park, the Lionesses led 30-14 at half time.

Two Lionesses – Pasikalia Tuiatua and Manaia Maxwell-Puohotaua – scored two tries each.

Renee Savaiinaea, Mihiata Jury, Ella Sue, Hinemaia Uruamo-Taiaki, Hunny Taingahue and Tayla-Kei Rahuilaulau also dotted down.

Acacia Claridge-Te Iwimate kicked eight conversions.



Arohanui Strings+ performing at Parliament. Photo: Supplied.

## Arohanui Strings plays at Parliament

Arohanui Strings+, which runs sessions in Wainuiomata, put on a performance at Parliament recently.

"We were so honoured to perform ... in the breath-taking Legislative Council Chamber," Arohanui Strings+ says.

"Thanks to our amazing teaching team, volunteers and whānau, it was a huge success."

Labour leader and Remutaka MP Chris Hipkins hosted the Arohanui Strings+ performance.

"I felt really nervous performing in front of MPs, but also not used to performing in such a well-known area," one tamariki said.

"Performing was exciting, it gave me chills, and it was a great once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform there."

"It was an amazing and fun opportunity to play at NZ Parliament," another of the young performers said. "Through practice, I've achieved to learn new songs, and play the songs that we enjoy in front of an audience. I'll never forget the performance at Parliament."

"I loved playing at such a prestigious place, in a wonderful hall, and playing pieces I've

learned over the course of the term," a third one said.

"I feel proud that I played at Parliament, and I even got to meet Chris Hipkins," a fourth young performer said.

"It's such a privileged feeling to see the children shine and, most of all, feel special playing in a venue such as Parliament, and for an audience that has MPs, councillors, family and friends," one of the parents, Lavinia, who had three tamariki performing, said.

"A showcase of not only talent but the amazing opportunities that the children at Arohanui Strings+ are blessed with, opening doors to where music can take these talented young stars.

"It was also great to see the audience engage with the children afterwards and take a general interest in their musical talents, as well as taking photos with some familiar faces (MPs) and posting on their social media platform.

"We learnt afterwards that a cello that was gifted to our daughter from a previous owner was in the audience, and that he loved the way she played the instrument. This was definitely a full circle moment for her."



The new laundromat at the Wainuiomata Marae. Photo: Supplied.

# Laundromat at Marae opening soon

By Frank Neill

The new laundromat at the Wainuiomata Marae will open on 8 August.

The day will begin at 6am with a ceremony conducted by the laundromat's kaumatua to bless the new service, named Arohanui Laundromat, Horoia Ngā Kākahu.

When it opens it will be the first Marae-based self service laundromat in New Zealand.

In the meantime, work is progressing rapidly and nearing

completion.

"We are on the home straight," one of the laundromat owners, Nathan Waitai says.

The project, Nathan says, has "taken 12 months from concept to physical building".

It began with Nathan and his brother James seeing an opportunity "to do something for the [Wainuiomata] Marae.

"My brother and I formed a trust and we are funding the whole thing."

The two brothers thought that

"this is something we could give back to our Marae.

"We thought this would be a great contribution to our community in Wainuiomata.

"It was also one of the dreams of Aunty Linda [Olsen], who is our kaitiaki at the Marae.

"So I went back to them and said 'why don't we build one here at the Marae,'" Nathan says.

As well as being the first Marae-based laundromat in New Zealand, the other iconic thing about the project is that it is eco-friendly.

The new laundromat will have the first eco-friendly system of its kind in the country.

It will, for example, reduce water use by up to 30%, use 60% less detergent and will have hospital grade sanitation.

The new laundromat will also be one of the first MSD suppliers, accepting both the Gold Card and the Community Services Card.

The complex will include a coffee machine and a vending machine, so people using the laundromat can have a snack.

## Help electrify Wainuiomata

Recently owners of solar houses in Eastbourne opened their homes to people keen to learn about saving the planet and money by going solar.

Called "Watt's Inside Eastbourne?" the event saw 85 people touring homes using solar energy, talking to home owners about the pros and cons, the costs and different systems.

Experts were available to answer questions.

Electrify the Hutt is planning a similar event for Wainuiomata in late September or early October.

It is now looking for home owners who are using solar to take part. For more information or to become part of electrifying Wainui contact James Scott [james@electrifythehutt.nz](mailto:james@electrifythehutt.nz), phone 021 469 655 or Ginny Horrocks [vjhorrocks@gmail.com](mailto:vjhorrocks@gmail.com), phone 021 230 8210.

People at the event will be able to:

- see actual installation quotes, utility bills before and after, financing options used and realistic payback timelines;
- compare monitoring systems,



The Watt's Inside Eastbourne team arriving for a home tour. Photo: Supplied.

battery technologies, solar configurations, smart home automation and EV charging solutions; and.

- discover why home-owners invested and what excites them most, from reduced carbon emissions

to energy independence and contributing to New Zealand's renewable energy transition.

For more information visit <https://electrifythehutt.nz/events/watts-inside-eastbourne-bays>.

## inbrief

### Dance Fit

Free Dance Fit classes are taking place at the Wainuiomata Community Hall currently.

The classes are being held every Monday and Tuesday during the school term, starting at 6pm.

The classes cater for all ages and fitness levels.

### Flashing lights

Hutt City Council has posted that Hutt Hospital doctors, nurses and midwives on urgent business are now using a flashing green light, mounted on their roof or dashboard, to navigate areas impacted by traffic congestion around the city.

"If you see a vehicle displaying these lights, the NZ Road Code states that you must pull over and allow the vehicle to pass," the Council says.



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# Hutt Tumuaki Māori awarded

Hutt City Council's Tumuaki Māori Kaanihi Butler-Hare has received the 2026 Sheffield Emerging Leader of the Year Award presented at the LGFA Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards held in Wellington on 18 June.

The award recognises local government leaders aged 35 and under who have delivered innovative projects and programmes with a positive impact on their communities.

Kaanihi was recognised for his leadership in strengthening relationships between iwi, Māori organisations, and central and local government agencies.

As an emerging leader, he has made a significant contribution early in his career.

He led the refresh of Tākai Here partnership agreements between Hutt City Council and Mana Whenua.

Kaanihi has built the Te Ao Māori capability of colleagues at Council and led the development of Te Herenga Kairangi.

This is the first Māori strategy consolidating all council work aimed at improving community outcomes in Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai, Lower Hutt.

First securing the role with Hutt City Council on secondment from Mana Whenua partner Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa, Kaanihi was instrumental in the co-ordination of the Covid-19 response, ensuring thousands of people had basic necessities.

As a result of the co-ordinated response our city had one of the highest vaccination rates in the country for Māori.

Kaanihi also facilitated tikanga processes including pōwhiri, rāhui, and kawenga whare.

He is a leader of his generation who will take up the mantle of his Iwi in the years to come.

At a governance level Kaanihi brings together the Quarterly Mana Whenua hui which includes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Māori Ward Councillor, Chief Executive and senior leaders alongside



Kaanihi Butler-Hare receiving his award. Photo: Taituarā.

the Chairs and Chief Executives of five Iwi entities.

This is a pivotal forum, firmly focused on changing outcomes for all who live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.

The judging panel described Kaanihi as representing "the pinnacle of next-generation bicultural leadership" recognising his abil-

ity to combine professionalism, humility and mātauranga Māori to deliver lasting impact.

As part of the award, Kaanihi will attend the 2026 International City/County Management Association Conference in Long Beach, California where local government leaders from around the world will share ideas, insights and best practice.



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One of the Ulalei events, Ulalei Touch 2006, with St Claudines playing Fernlea School. Photo: Supplied.

# Ulalei a double awards finalist

Ulalei Wainuiomata Sport has been named a double finalist in the 2026 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for Hutt City, recognised in both the Sport and Leisure, and the Heritage and Environment categories.

This dual recognition highlights Ulalei's unique contribution to community wellbeing – combining free, inclusive sport programmes with strong environmental leader-

ship.

Ulalei's free primary school touch, soccer and swimming programmes engage hundreds of tamariki and whānau each year, removing barriers to participation and promoting health, confidence, and community connection.

The club's kaupapa centres on accessibility and inclusion, ensuring every child can enjoy sport regardless of cost or background.

Ulalei's sustainability initiatives – including the Get Wainui Movin campaign, bootswap bins, recycling stations, electric vehicle, battery operated generator and partnerships with Free Ride and Uso Bike Ride – demonstrate how community sport can also champion environmental stewardship.

By hosting events locally and encouraging active transport, Ulalei reduces carbon emissions

while strengthening community connection.

Ulalei's volunteers, Wainuiomata's schools and the generous sponsors are the heart of its success. Together, they deliver safe, family-friendly events that celebrate and promote wellbeing and build a stronger, greener Wainuiomata.

"Being recognised in two categories shows the depth of our kaupapa. We're not just about sport,

we're about community, culture and sustainability," said Ulalei's Vatau Sagaga.

"This recognition belongs to every volunteer, all whānau and sponsors who help us make free sport possible."

Ulalei acknowledges the generous support from Nuku Ora, One Foundation, NZ Community Trust, ASB Bank, GJ Gardner Homes Hutt Valley and Hutt City Council.

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# Ulalei Puataunofo celebrate season's first win

Ulalei Puataunofo (Muzzy Shirts) have secured their first victory of the season, defeating Upper Hutt Maidstone United 59-52 in a determined and exciting Premier 3 grade netball clash last weekend.

After a slow start, Puataunofo found themselves trailing 17-12 at the end of the first quarter.

However, the team quickly regrouped, improved their connections on court and found their rhythm, fighting back to take a narrow 27-26 lead at halftime.

From there Puataunofo continued to build momentum and maintained control for the remainder of the game.

Goalscorer Bree Itula was in outstanding form, consistently finding the target from all around the shooting circle and capitalising on the recently introduced Super Shot rule, sinking valuable two-point shots during the final five minutes of each quarter.

Puataunofo pulled away in the final quarter, extending their lead to 10 goals, forcing Upper Hutt Maidstone United to rely on the Super Shot to stay in contention.

Remaining composed under pressure, Puataunofo focused on patient possession and accurate one-point scoring, limiting their opponents' opportunities to close the gap.

The coaching team was thrilled with the team's performance, describing the win as the result of weeks of hard work and growing confidence within the group.

"It took a full round for this group to really gel," the coaches said.

"Following on from their success at Matariki, there was a fresh outlook, a new start, a new philosophy and a new game plan.

"The connection, trust and belief within the squad have continued to grow every week, and this was evident in this performance."

The coaches praised the efforts of both the starting line-up and the bench.

"The impact from the bench was outstanding, with fresh legs and energy helping to challenge and unsettle the opposition.

"Most importantly everyone contributed to what was a convincing team performance, and we are incredibly proud of the way the group worked together for each other."

It was a standout day for Ulalei Wainuiomata Netball with nine wins, one draw and two losses.

In the Premier 1 Grade Ulalei Aute (TIME Insurance) and Ulalei Māhili (HEDZ) won their tight contests against St Orans Club 44-43 and Upper Hutt Maidstone



The victorious Ulalei Puataunofo team. Photo: Supplied.

United 50-45 respectively.

Ulalei Pūāhulu, Ulalei Wainui J7s, Ulalei Moso'oi and Ulalei Nonu were ruthless in their emphatic victories over their opposition.

Ulalei Pūāhulu defeated Nae-nae Collegians 36-27, Ulalei Wainui J7s beat Avalon Rugby 36-19, Ulalei Moso'oi were too strong for Upper Hutt Maidstone United 26-12 and Ulalei Nonu dominated Te Rito 44-12. The youth development teams

Ulalei Fuesina (Nuku Ora) won their closely fought game 33-31 over Upper Hutt Tigers, while Ulalei Ifilele (Nuku Ora) drew against the more experienced Upper Hutt Maidstone United 30-30.

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# Big wins for Reserves and Women

By Ryan Imray

The sun was out and Wainuiomata was full of action as 14 of the 20 teams at Wainuiomata Football Club, juniors and seniors, played their respective matches at home.

Bryan Heath Park was host to one game, The Undertakers against Stokes Valley in the Masters 5 division.

Wainui Undertakers got their season back on track after a tough few weeks as they walked away 2-1 winners.

Wainui Pasifika Originals were the only senior side playing away from home as they ventured out to Porirua to take on Porirua City.

It was a tough trip for the Wainui side as the hosts won 4-1 but Wainui remain top of the league.

Richard Prouse Park, the home of Wainuiomata Football Club, played host to 5 Senior games on Saturday afternoon 18 July.

First up at 12:30pm were the Wainuiomata Thirds and Wainuiomata Reserves.

The Thirds welcomed Western Suburbs and they were on the right side of a five goal thriller, winning 3-2.

The win sees them remain undefeated in the second round and sit

third on the ladder, just one win behind second and first place.

The Reserves played arguably their best game of the season and got the result to match against second place Upper Hutt.

Upper Hutt took the lead in the 13th minute but the lead only lasted two minutes.

Ollie Burton levelled the scores before Diego Castillo-Alcaino put Wainui in front just a minute later with a superb strike from outside of the box.

A combination of grit, determination and a solid defensive effort meant there was no change to the scoreline and saw Wainui climb to third on the ladder, just two points behind Upper Hutt in second place.

Three games at 2:30pm meant Richard Prouse Park was even more packed than it was for the earlier games.

In the Over 45 division, Pasifika Old Boys kept the pressure on the top of the table with an emphatic 5-3 win over Island Bay.

In Masters 6, a goal to Ben Rogers was enough to give the Wainui OC's a hard fought 1-0 win over Petone.

The main game was Wainuiomata against Seatoun in the Central League 2 fixture. Adam Ross and Jared Nicol returned to Wainui after

having a stint away and this fixture was Adam's 50th first team league appearance but sadly the game ended in heartbreak.

After going down 1-0 in the 80th minute, Tyrone Curtis with a moment of brilliance levelled the scores in the 88th minute and it seemed like the points would be shared in what was a tough and even contest but Seatoun found a winner in the 94th minute.

Sunday July 19 saw the Women's side welcome Western Suburbs to Richard Prouse Park.

It only took seven minutes for the first goal. Bailey Te Maipi gave Wainui the lead with a beautifully taken volley.

Twenty minutes later and it was 2-0, after Katie Hawley snuck around to the back post to beat the defender to the ball and calmly slot it home.

Western Suburbs pulled one back just before the break to make it 2-1 at half time.

Just like the Mens Reserves the day before, it was a second half where the defence won the game.

Led by captain and player of the day Victoria Mellow, Wainui dealt with everything that came at them and saw them remain top of the table with a 2-1 win.



Bailey Te Maipi (left) congratulates Katie Hawley after scoring Wainui's second goal. Photo: Imray's Snaps.



Shaelyn Kilburn and Abbey Humphrey are all smiles after the Women's win against Western Suburbs. Photo: Imray's Snaps.

## Rugby Reserves victorious

By Frank Neill

After booking a semi-final berth in the Women's Division 1 Tia Passi Memorial Cup competition, the Wainuiomata Women's Rugby team was unable to secure a place in the final.

They were comfortably beaten by Oriental-Rongotai 43-7 in the semi final on 18 July.

It was better news for Wainuiomata in the Men's Reserve grade, however.

They dominated the Upper Hutt Rams and cruised to a 36-5 victory.

After booking a spot in the Jubilee Cup competition, Wellington

Rugby's top tier competition, the Wainuiomata Premier team did not get the chance to play.

That happened as a result of a decision by the Wellington Rugby Football Union (WRFU) to move the competition into the semi finals on July 18.

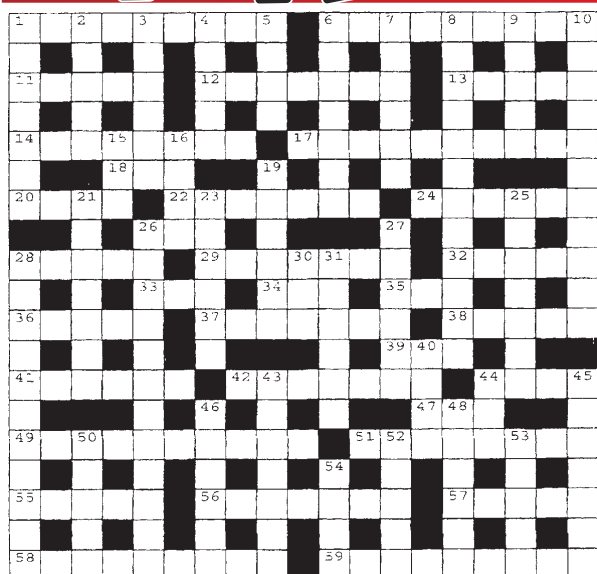
In doing so it meant that the bottom two teams that had qualified did not play their quarter final matches, and Wainuiomata had qualified sixth.

The WRFU decision came in the wake of the the Wellington Rugby Referees Association (WRRRA) deciding to withdraw from refereeing club Rugby on 11 July.

The WRRRA made that decision in the wake of three incidents of referee abuse on 4 July, and the WRRFA had earlier advised the WRFU that if further referee abuse was reported this season, they would not appoint referees to games the following weekend.

"This decision by the [WRRRA] Executive Committee was not made lightly, but given the widespread nature of this continued abuse, we believe all reasonable options have been exhausted and need to take this stand to support and protect our members," WRRRA's President and Chairman Ben Van Berkel said in a statement issued on 5 July.

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24. Unpowered aircraft (6)
26. For each (3)
28. Hidden (5)
29. Verbal retort (7)
32. Hang down (5)
33. Meadow (3)
34. Vessel (3)
35. Record (3)
36. Of the nose (5)
37. Sea god (7)
38. Bird of prey (5)
39. Sea fish (3)
41. Make redundant (3,3)
42. Smooth silk (7)
44. Imprint vividly (4)
47. War veterans club(abbr) (3)
49. Unclear (10)

51. Confusion (8)
55. Friend(Sp) (5)
56. Taps (7)
57. Incite (5)
58. Begged (9)
59. Prevented (9)

### DOWN

1. Tasted (7)
2. Cleave (5)
3. Digest (6)
4. More pleasant (5)
5. Terrible (4)
6. Most beautiful (7)
7. Women's stockings (6)
8. Reacted to (12)
9. Theme (5)
10. Disaster (11)
15. Newt (3)
16. Assistant (4)
19. Blunder(inf) (4,2)
21. Women's bow (7)
23. Task (6)
25. Dry spell (7)
26. Trick (4,1,4,3)
27. Pick (6)
28. Last but one (11)
30. Refuse (3)
31. Dies(sl) ... it (6)

40. Rows (4)
43. Amassed (7)
44. Spike of corn (3)
45. Rushed violently (7)
46. Nonconformist (6)
48. Informal gathering (6)
50. Wander (5)
52. Offspring (5)
53. Deceived (5)
54. Quick look (4)

### Solution

Week: 15 July 2026



# Hill run early bird extended

By Frank Neill

The early bird discount for the 2026 Mitre 10 Mega Wainuiomata Hill Run has been extended until 31 July.

People can register for the run at [wainuiomatahillrun.co.nz](http://wainuiomatahillrun.co.nz) and registrations will close at 7:30pm on 11 September.

The third annual hill run, it will take place on Saturday 12 September.

Proceeds from the run will be used to support the Kokiri Marae Pōtaka Kai, which distributes kai to whānau in need in the community.

Starting in central Wainuiomata, the 6.5km run goes up the hill to the lookout and back, and the 10km option goes all the way over the hill and back.

There are six events in the hill run.

As well as the full hill run of 10km there is a 6.5km half hill run, a 10km full hill walk, a 6.5km half hill walk, a flat 1km dash for children aged 5 to 10 and a 6.5km half hill "buggy" hikoi.

The runs starts with the 10km event at 7:30am, followed by the other events and closing with the prizegiving at 11am.

The prizegiving will be held in the Mitre 10 Wainuiomata car park, or inside the store if it is raining.

The inaugural Wainuiomata Hill Run in 2024 proved a big success, attracting 250 entries and raising more than \$4,000 for the Lower Hutt Food Bank.

Last year "we had an incredible day at the Wainuiomata Hill Run," says Alex Harty-Morris of Inspired Events Co, which organises the run.

"The sense of community was really special.

"There was so much warmth between all the athletes, volunteers and locals popping by to see what was going on."

One special feature of last year's run was that there was a mix of really serious athletes, along with others doing the run just for fun or as a fundraiser.



Eric Speakman celebrating his victory in last year's 10km Wainuiomata hill run  
Photo: Jo Morris.

# Fund to help with Te Wiki events

A community fund is now open and daily themes are unveiled to inspire participation throughout Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week) runs from 14 to 20 September.

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori and Te Mātāwai are opening the Te Reo Towns Activation Fund from 7 to 31 July, offering grants of up to \$3,000 to support launch-day public events on Monday 14 September.

The fund is designed to help communities create visible celebrations of te reo Māori in public spaces and get planning under way early.

Funding is limited and groups are encouraged to apply quickly.

Applications are welcomed from councils, iwi, schools, trusts and community organisations, with preference given to collaborations between councils and community groups. Applications close on 31 July.

Proposals will be assessed against criteria including community impact, geographic spread, public visibility, strong planning and alignment with the Te Reo Towns kaupapa and normalisation of te reo Māori. All information is available on [reomaori.co.nz](http://reomaori.co.nz).

"The fund is to help communities kick off Te Wiki with a bang," says Ngahiwi Apanui, Chief Executive of Te Taura Whiri.

"Incredible things are already happening, with parades in planning for Whanganui, Christchurch and Wellington.

"We want to help more communities bring their ideas into their spaces so everyone can show their love for te reo."

"Some communities already have strong



traditions of hearing and speaking te reo Māori every day. Others are just beginning. Te Reo Towns celebrates both," says Mātai Smith, Co-Chair of Te Mātāwai.

"Māori language has a normal place in everyday life. Whether you're in a major city, a small rural town, a sports club, a workplace or at the dinner table, every community can be a Te Reo Town.

"We want people to encounter te reo Māori in places they might not expect. That's how a language becomes part of everyday life, Mātai says.

Communities do not need to start from scratch.

Resources, activation ideas and practical tools will be available to help towns and groups participate in ways that reflect their own identity and strengths.

Full details on the fund and daily themes for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026 are available at [reomaori.co.nz](http://reomaori.co.nz).

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