What rocky times we live in! Our friends in Kaikoura and north Canterbury have really suffered these past few weeks as they’ve dealt with multiple blows – a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake and loss of life, hundreds of aftershocks, massive land slips, road closures, and the terrifying reality of the effect on tourism.

And we’ve not been immune here in Napier. Many of us were rudely roused from our sleep at 12:02am on Monday 14th November. Our Police and Civil Defence teams were busy safely evacuating around 60 freedom camping vehicles and 30 houses from coastal areas, in case of a tsunami. The risk to our city and surrounds was relatively low, but it was an excellent ‘real world’ rehearsal, and we’ve taken many learnings from it. The most important of all are these key messages, which I hope you take a moment to digest.

1. There will be more earthquakes – maybe today, maybe tomorrow, maybe next month, or next year. But they will come.

2. If an earthquake is long (over a minute) or strong (knocks you to your feet), get gone. Don’t delay. Don’t wait for a siren. Get as far away from the coast and as high as possible. There is the potential for a tsunami.

3. Our Civil Defence sirens will only sound if there is the need to turn on your radios for more information. If you hear the siren, it may be an indication that a tsunami is approaching OR it might be that there’s an ash cloud, or a tornado. You need to listen to your radio to know for sure what course of action is required.

Napier City Council works hard to ensure the safety of its residents, but it’s like putting on the seat belt in your car – we can urge you to do it, and educate you about the requirement for the belt, but the responsibility lies with you all to put the belt on, and protect yourselves as much as possible from danger.

Have a wonderful month – and remember to drop, cover and hold if the world begins to move.
Napier Mayor, Bill Dalton says the Council supports Unison’s vision and sees EVs as an important part of the region’s transport future.

"While it’s still early days for EVs in Napier, we want to support Napier residents and visitors who currently use them and those who will in the future."

"EVs produce no emissions, and because around 80 percent of New Zealand’s electricity is produced from renewable energy, charging an EV is clean as well as cheap."

Mr Dalton says the Council is already seeing the financial and environmental benefits of the EVs introduced into its fleet.

"The staff who use them find them enjoyable to drive too," he says.

Unison’s electric vehicle charging station in Napier is free to use until 1 April 2017, and thereafter, a typical charge should sit at around $8.

There are plans to install further charge sites throughout Napier over time.
Olympic gold medallist Rob Waddell is our final Napier Business Breakfast speaker for 2016, on Friday 9 December.

Rob has long been a role model for many New Zealanders. He burst onto the rowing scene in 1995 as a young sculler and was New Zealand’s only gold medallist at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

More recently, he played a key part in the Emirates Team New Zealand sailing crew. Earlier this year he was Chef de Mission of the Rio 2016 New Zealand Olympic team, helping lead us to our most successful Olympics ever.

Rob has travelled the often difficult road to personal, sporting and business achievement and he knows the techniques we can all use to enjoy greater success in our chosen pursuits.

During his talk he will discuss the deep lows and massive highs he has experienced, the importance of goal-setting, what sport teaches us about perseverance, preparation, planning and management, as well as the roles determination, motivation, and self-talk play in pursuing a dream.

A role model, family-man and entrepreneur who is in constant pursuit of excellence, Rob is thrilled to take part in our Business Breakfast series here in Napier.

Registrations for the breakfast close on Tuesday 6 December. For more information, go to www.napier.govt.nz keyword #businessbreakfast

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**WOMEN’S WELLNESS WORKSHOP**

It’s a crazy time of year so why not take some time out for YOU for loads of inspiration, relaxation and fun?! Hear from three inspiring women who will give you tips for a healthier approach to life in today’s fast paced busy world.

Kate Southward, Yoga Practitioner, A Yogafied Life
Georgina Langdale, Natural Skincare Expert, Archeus
Alison Cowell, Holistic Nutritionist, Healthy Eating Ltd

Cost: $20 per person (morning tea provided)
When: Friday 2 December
Time: 8 - 10.30am
Venue: Ormlie Lodge, 17 Omarunui Road, Taradale

Bookings required by Wednesday 30 November. We hope you can join us!
Hawke’s Bay Summer Cycling Carnival

The Summer Cycling Carnival is back for its second year. It’s a true celebration of cycling combining elite and fun cycling events.

Carnival action begins with fun events for the kids, families and recreational riders and ends with the Elite Road National Championships and the Legends of Cycling Dinner.

With tons of events from professional road cycling, to the dress your bike competition, fun rides, kids rides and hard core challenges, it’s cycling all the way!

Corporate Hosting Opportunity

ANZ INTERNATIONAL CRICKET SERIES

Don’t miss out on our first-class entertainment packages available for the ANZ International Series, brought to you by Central Districts Cricket and catered by Orton Tailored Cuisine.

Limited single tickets and corporate tables of ten available.

Don’t leave it too late! For more information and to book contact pete@cdcricket.co.nz

To purchase your tickets simply go to iticket.co.nz

Search “Horse of the Year 2017”, select “HB Resident 2 for 1 offer” enter the unique code “RP17” and complete your order.

*TERMS & CONDITIONS: Restricted to Hawkes Bay residents only. Tickets cannot be resold. Applies to Adult Day passes only and excludes: Multi Day passes, VIP passes, Special event tickets, and Seniors and Kids passes. Offer valid until 15th January 2017. Restricted to 10 tickets per person.