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The Tom Parker Fountain, Marine Parade, illuminated blue for Blue September to raise awareness of prostate cancer

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Bill Dalton



Napier is on a roll.

That's a statement I made time and time again during the amalgamation debate.

Now the cloud of amalgamation has lifted from the whole province, we can get on with the job we are determined to do – make Napier the best place it can possibly be.

Napier is the gateway to the Bay playing host to the port, airport and 72% of Hawke's Bay's tourism beds. The best thing Napier can do for Hawke's Bay is to be as strong, prosperous and vibrant as it possibly can and we are making sure that happens.

2016 is going to be a big year for Hawke's Bay as projects delayed due to the uncertainty around our governance structure get underway. In Napier our major Marine Parade redevelopment project will be all go as will the strengthening and refurbishment of the War Memorial Conference Centre.

Planning for other projects such as the multi-use indoor facility featuring a velodrome and the rejuvenation of Anderson Park, which may include a destination playground,

continues. These projects will commence when the planning and business case process is complete and budget becomes available.

Importantly there is now a real commitment from all councils to look for efficiencies in all areas of council responsibilities. Already Napier City Council works closely and in concert with the Wairoa District Council and the Central Hawke's Bay District Council and with Hastings now fully committed, real progress can be made.

While we hear a lot about shared services, of equal or perhaps greater importance is shared systems. It doesn't really matter where the personnel operating the systems sit or reside, as long as the systems across the district are, as much as possible, the same. There will always be some differences such as regulations that protect Napier's Art Deco heritage but wherever possible rules and systems should be standardised.

So it's onwards and upwards for Napier as we make the best contribution we can to improved prosperity in Hawke's Bay. When I think of the future of the diverse communities of Hawke's Bay, that old song comes to mind: Do what you do do well.



A New Addition to Council

Baby Steps



Councillor Annette Brosnan and Daniel Brosnan

A special guest came along to the Napier City Council's September 16th meeting – and he was only four weeks old.

Napier City Councillor Annette Brosnan and her husband Greg are the proud first time parents of Daniel Thomas Brosnan, now six weeks old. He arrived on August 19th weighing a healthy 8lb 6oz.

Master Brosnan showed fantastic manners at the meeting with little interjection from his side of the room.

Daniel has earned his mum the honour of being the first serving Napier City Councillor to give birth while in office.

Cr Brosnan has only missed two committee meetings since his arrival and is now back into the swing of it.

Annette, who is on maternity leave from her job at the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Consent Advisor, is loving being a new mum. "It is a huge change in pace and so rewarding to be looking after such a gorgeous wee man. I'm looking forward to getting my first smile any day now."

Annette says it's nice to be able to bring the perspective of a 'young family' to the Council table and she hopes Daniel will be able to continue to join her at Council meetings every now and then.

Welcome Daniel and congratulations Annette and Greg.

Meet our Electoral Officer

Elaine Cooper

Elaine Cooper isn't usually a public face of Napier City Council; she's more well-known behind the scenes for her financial master mind and skill with Excel spreadsheets.

However, during the recent Hawke's Bay Reorganisation Referendum she was at the forefront of the Council Special Votes team, ensuring people who didn't have a voting paper were able to have their say.

Now the referendum is over, Elaine, who has a degree in Statistics, is back to her day-to-day role as Corporate Business Analyst in the finance team. One of her main projects is bringing the Council Long Term and Annual Plans together with other financial reporting, for Council and management.

Elaine says her team gets a lot of satisfaction when they see the final plans finished and printed.

"I really enjoy working with our financial spreadsheets, it is better than a giant Sudoku puzzle," Elaine says.

"The challenge is to get things right and not make mistakes. This involves a lot of cross checking."

Elaine has worked at the Napier City Council for more than 26 years and she is by no means the longest serving employee!

"I really enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience with other members of our finance team. However the challenge of new technologies will always be the best part of the job."

When asked if there was anything people would be surprised to know about her, she responded:

"I am the sort of person that what you see is what you get. I suspect there is nothing that people don't know.

Just be assured that I do have a life outside Council but it is nice to meet people on the street who I have met through my job."



Council Electoral Officer/Corporate Business Analyst, Elaine Cooper

Scenic Seaside view on the way

Marine Parade Viewing Platform

One of Napier City Council's most visible infrastructure projects currently underway is the Marine Parade viewing platform.

The bright red crane sitting near the water's edge, opposite MTG Hawke's Bay, belongs to Concrete Structures. It has been working on the platform, which goes out over the water's edge. It is reached by a short walkway across Marine Parade beach linking it to the existing Rotary Pathway.

Cleverly disguising a major CBD storm water outfall, the platform is made out of 10-12 tonne concrete slabs all pre-cast at the company's Hastings factory, transported to the site, then fitted together.

Once this is done Concrete Structures will start on the 'cloud' structure, handrail and glass end panel, as designed by Graham Weaver Architects.

The entire project, which has been funded out of the \$2.6 million Napier Council has set aside for the CBD storm water upgrade for 2015/16, is expected to be



Conceptual plan for the Marine Parade viewing platform

New Dog Park

Dog Park in Taradale

Following on from the success of the Dog Agility Track at Park Island, dog owners should be just as enthusiastic taking their canine friends to the new Dog Park in Taradale.

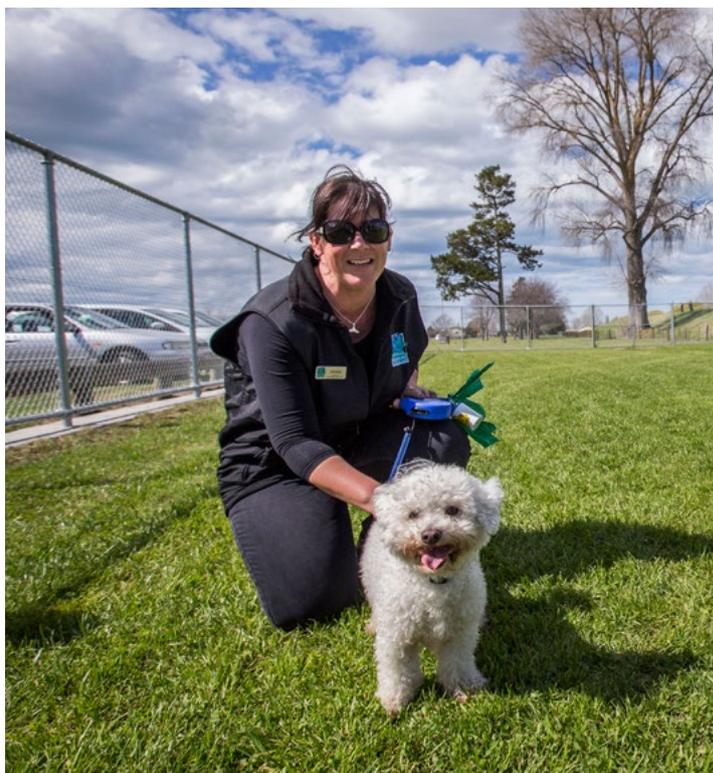
If you haven't spotted it yet, you'll find it behind the Pettigrew Green Arena (PGA) in Taradale. If you're driving to the latest doggy attraction, you'll need to take the PGA entrance and drive right down the back towards the playground – you won't miss it!

Napier City Council Planning Manager Richard Munneke said the usage of the new Dog Agility Track at Park Island has completely blown away the expectations they've had, so plans were fast tracked to have the new dog park ready for the spring and summer months.

"The Napier Dog Park also features a Dog Agility Track, dog drinking fountain and outdoor seating area like its Park Island cousin, the only major difference is that it is completely fenced."

Usage of the new Dog Park will be varied. Owners of dogs that are young or timid around other dogs can socialise them in a confined secure space and those with limited mobility can let their dogs free and have plenty of exercise without having to walk long distances to wear them out.

"In summary it's a great place to take your dogs and let them be dogs, have fun and get plenty of exercise."



Jacque Wilton and Bishon Frise Jesse at the new Dog Park in Taradale

Napier Library

Temporary Closure

Napier Library is closing for 4 weeks from **Friday 16 October 2015** until **Monday 16 November 2015** for painting and recarpeting.

Stock up now! While Napier Library is closed you can:

- visit our lovely Taradale Library
- return books to Napier and Taradale Library
- pick up all reserves from Taradale Library
- use our eBooks and online audio books

You can renew items by phone 834 4180 or 845 9005, email info@napierlibrary.co.nz or online at www.napierlibrary.co.nz

A reminder that:

- reserves may take longer to process and there will be no book sales at Napier Library for the rest of the year

Check the website for more information: www.napierlibrary.co.nz

Looking to get out and about these school holidays? Why don't you take advantage of the many free and organised activities on offer in Napier? Here are just a few ideas:

Free Activities:

Dolbel Reserve

Dolbel Reserve on the hills of Taradale is a reasonably easy and popular walk for children and adults alike. More than 12,000 native and deciduous trees have been planted, complete with a water system, walkways established and bench seats installed in great viewing spots. Taradale Rotary has spent \$55,000 on this wonderful community project – enjoy the tracks and scenery these school holidays!



Otatara Pa

How about getting some exercise with an intriguing history lesson the side? Otatara Pa, also in Taradale, is one of the largest and most ancient Maori pa sites in Hawke's Bay. It includes an upper pa, Hikurangi, and a lower one, Otatara. Visitors to the pa can see the remains of terraces, dwelling sites and food storage pits. A loop track starts from Springfield Road car park – or set off from the end of Churchill Drive for a slightly longer walk. Maori protocol means you can't take food to wahi tapu (sacred places) such as this. The views from this site are outstanding. On a clear day it is possible to see Mt Ruapehu in the centre of the North Island! For more information about the Otatara Pa walk see www.doc.govt.nz

Marine Parade

Put a day aside to be a tourist in your own town by taking in the sights of Marine Parade. While there are many paid activities along the touristy stretch, there are also many free attractions. Get the kids warmed up on the pump track north of Marine Parade or the Junior Cycle Track, then wear them out a little more by heading to the exercise equipment on reserve land by the Aquarium. From there you could take a break and have a picnic at the Peter and May Harris Playground. Finish off your busy day by taking a stroll through the beautiful Sunken Gardens.

Estuary Walk

The Ahuriri Estuary walk is a reasonably flat track with a combination of limestone pathway and board walk across the estuary and Pandora Pond. Make sure you have plenty of time to take in the fascinating wildlife that can be seen along the way, including wading birds, fish, mud dwellers and aquatic plant life. Take your binoculars for a good look! More than 70 species of resident and migratory birds feed and rest in the Ahuriri Estuary.

Organised activities:

MTG Hawke's Bay: Art workshop with Emanuel Dunn

Thursday 1 October, 10am - 12.30pm and
Wednesday 7 October, 10am - 12.30pm

Hawke's Bay artist Emanuel Dunn creates extraordinary sculpture from everyday materials. His work Ranginui and Papatūānuku is on display in the museum foyer. During the holidays Emanuel is hosting two workshops. Designed for children and art enthusiasts, he will share some of the techniques of his sculpture method and participants can experiment with their own. Materials and equipment provided. Recommended for school age children. Years 1-4 will require adult supervision.

Cost: \$5 per person including materials.

Numbers restricted, call 835 7781 to register.
1 Tennyson Street, Napier

National Aquarium of New Zealand

It's all about the kiwi for the holiday programme. See our new Aquarium kiwi duo, Ngaio and Ed and help prepare their food. Are your senses as keen as a kiwi? The aquarium team will put them to the test. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about our iconic bird. **Sessions run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week of the holidays, 8.30am-12.30pm.** Cost: \$29 per child per session. **Bookings essential at www.nationalaquarium.co.nz**



Library fun – all activities are FREE

Millions of Minions!

Taradale Library, Wednesday 30 September, 10:30am

Build your own horde of loyal minions ready to do your bidding. Bring along a cardboard tube and let the strange sciences begin. Will suit ages 5-8.

Rhythm and Tunes

Napier Library, Thursday 1 October, 10:30am

Join Amy Ryan, the enthusiastic director of Rhythm and Tunes Music, for a fantastical session of music, rhythm, and activity. Will suit ages 4 to 8.

A Ukulele Extravaganza!

Taradale Library, Friday 9 October, 10:30am

Bring along your ukulele and join us for a ukulele extravaganza! Amy Ryan will host a ukulele sing-along session. There will be spare ukuleles for those without. Will suit ages 5 and up.



Maths is Fun

Napier Library, Monday 5-8 October

A free program for Years 1 to 8 that encourages children to have fun with number skills, increases confidence in maths, and shows how mathematical concepts are used in everyday life. **Register at Napier library.** Places are limited.

