



Back to business...

Hi everyone,

We hope this month you've enjoyed getting back into the swing of busy, productive days. There's a lot of important information here so please take a moment to get up to date with the latest news.

- Te Ara Tangata / Fraters Lane
- The Waikanae Pop-Up Village
- Waikanae Community Board - Waikanae Town Planning Discussion
- Surpass Fitness Reopening

If anyone has an initiative that they would like to discuss or organise themselves, we really welcome this. There is a lot going on behind the scenes ensuring your interests are being represented so any support you can lend for promotional activity is really appreciated.

We are planning our first business get together in the coming weeks and look forward to reconnecting with you all. In the meantime, here's the latest news:

Te Ara Tangata - The Pathway of the People

You may have noticed a new sign outside The Stables, here's the story behind it courtesy of the KCDC Projects and Comms Team:

Council has worked closely with Te Ātiawa Town Centres Working Group since 2018 to improve the Waikanae town centre, integrate the marae into the town centre, and to embed the cultural identity, history, and heritage of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai.

The 'Te Ara Tangata' pathway is very significant to iwi because it's the route

from Whakarongotai marae to Ruakōhatu whanau Urupā (cemetery), which is located next to St Luke's Church on Pehi Kupa Street. It was also the original entry and exit laneway to the marae.

Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai requested the name change and received support from several groups including nearby landowners. Council Officers researched the origins of the naming of Frater Lane and were unable to find any relevant records. It is likely the lane was named after Dr Alec Frater, MBE, who served as Waikanae's only doctor between 1964 and 1971, operating from a surgery based on Frater Lane.

Te Ātiawa Town Centres Working Group supports recognising Dr Frater's contribution to Waikanae by using his name on an appropriate memorial.



Waikanae Pop-Up Village -

The site is really coming together and has an opening date of **Saturday 22th March.**

We will share further details as they become available.

There have been some discussions on the local social pages. Please see the content of our response below.

We have this opportunity in our town centre, please get behind it so that we can all be proud of the outcome. Positive comments and support will help whichever businesses or organisations decide to take the opportunity to be brave and try something new.

We all know that finding the right retail space here can be difficult and a big financial challenge. Let's bring in some fresh ideas and embrace building new community spaces.

Posted Tuesday 25th February on our FB and Instagram Pages:

With all the interest in the Waikanae Pop-Up Village, we'd like to clarify that this initiative is entirely led and managed by Kāpiti Coast District Council's Strategic Development Team.

The Waikanae Business Association was invited to some discussions and provided input on the project. However, the final decisions were made by the Council and we have not had any say in how the project has been implemented.

That said, we support the concept as a way to provide much-needed retail space for new businesses and community groups, helping them raise their profiles while bringing fresh energy to our Main Road.

We have shared recommendations with KCDC, including ensuring that new tenants do not compete directly with existing businesses and that the process remains fair and transparent.

We look forward to seeing the space take shape and hope it brings positive benefits to the Waikanae community and local businesses.

We're inviting expressions of interest from those keen to lease a pop-up space—whether you're starting out and looking to test the market or an existing business wanting to expand. Community groups wanting to share their interests, hold exhibitions or sales are very welcome too. Our goal is to create a vibrant hub that complements the offerings around Mahara Place and the Main Road.

Also, keep an eye out for an upcoming public art project that will involve and celebrate our community.

If you're interested in being part of this space, we'd love to hear from you!

Further details will be shared soon. Please visit the Waikanae Pop-Up project page on the KCDC website: [Waikanae Pop-Up - Kāpiti Coast District Council](#) or email economic.development@kapiticoast.govt.nz



Waikanae Community Board Meeting

Next Tuesday 4th March, 7pm, Reikorangi Hall

Join us at the beautifully refurbished Reikorangi Hall for our next Community Board Meeting, where you'll gain insights into Council initiatives that could influence your business or home. At the beginning there is a public speaking opportunity to voice your thoughts or promote your community group or business.

Next week there will be a discussion regarding Waikanae Town Centre Planning, presented by the Strategic Projects Team.

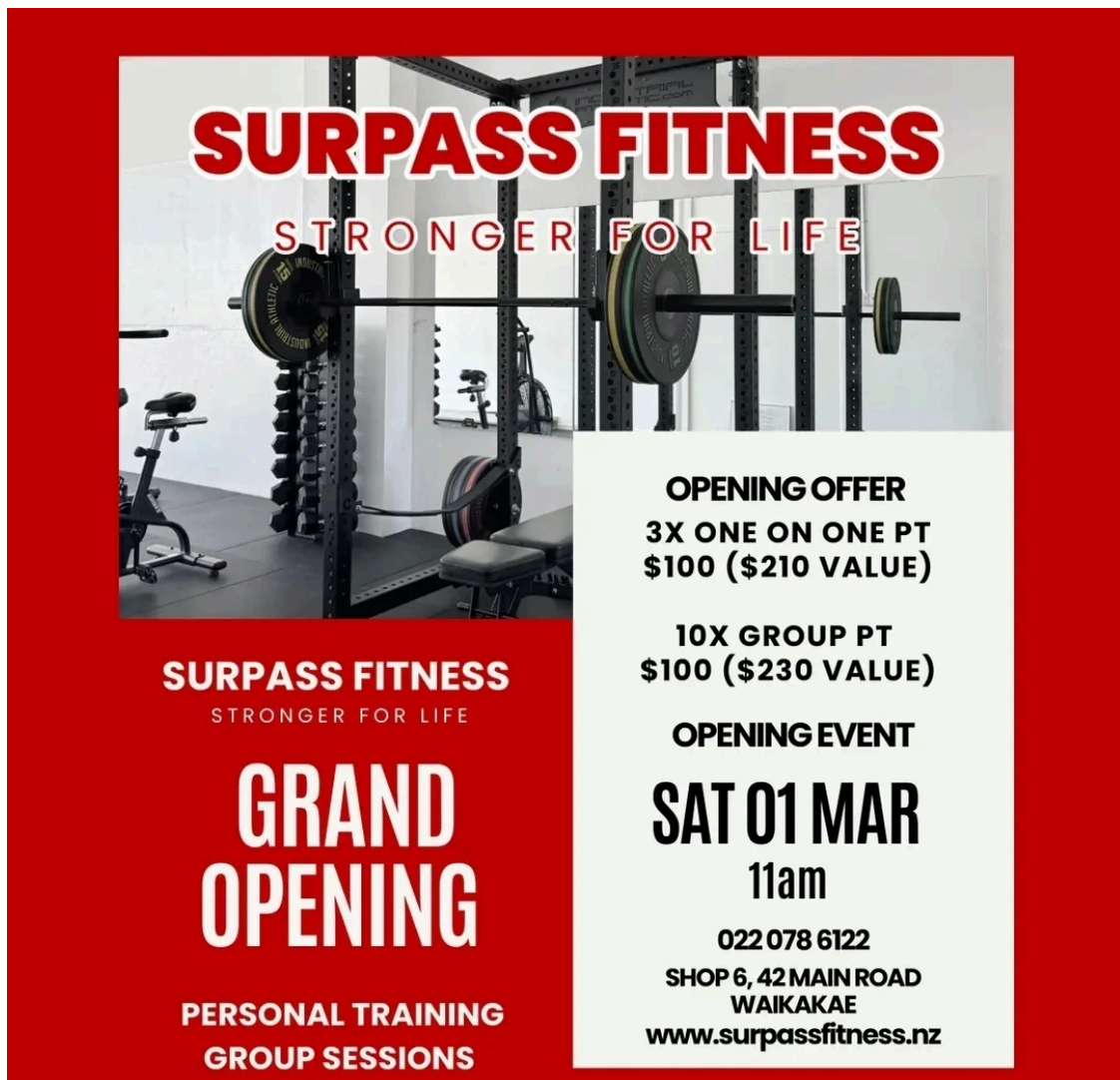
A copy of the agenda is available [here](#)

Surpass Fitness Opening Celebration this Saturday

Surpass Fitness, the Waikanae-based personal training studio, is reopening at it's new location, Shop 6, 42 Main Road, where the drycleaner used to be.

They are having a grand opening event at **11am on Saturday 1 March**. Come along on the day and check out the gym.

There are \$100 special offers (around half price) for 10 pass group fitness and 3 x personal training sessions. They also offer a specialist post partum course for women to regain their core function after giving birth. Check the website at surpassfitness.nz or call Natsumi on 022 078 6122 to start training.

A promotional poster for Surpass Fitness. The top half features a photograph of a gym interior with a squat rack, barbell, and weights. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'SURPASS FITNESS' in large, bold, red letters, and 'STRONGER FOR LIFE' in smaller, red, spaced-out letters below it. The bottom half of the poster has a solid red background with white text. It includes the 'SURPASS FITNESS STRONGER FOR LIFE' logo, the words 'GRAND OPENING' in large white letters, and 'PERSONAL TRAINING GROUP SESSIONS' below it. To the right, on a white background, are the details of the opening offer and event: 'OPENING OFFER 3X ONE ON ONE PT \$100 (\$210 VALUE)', '10X GROUP PT \$100 (\$230 VALUE)', 'OPENING EVENT SAT 01 MAR 11am', and contact information: '022 078 6122', 'SHOP 6, 42 MAIN ROAD WAIKAKAE', and 'www.surpassfitness.nz'.

Dates for your diary

- **Waikanae East Emergency Response Practice**
 - WREMO run, all welcome
 - Sunday 2nd March, 11am
 - Waikanae Memorial Hall
- **Waikanae Community Board Meeting**

- Tuesday 4th March, 7pm
- The newly refurbished Reikorangi Hall
- **International Women's Day**
 - Saturday 8th March
- **Otaki Kite Festival**
 - Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March
- **Waikanae Pop-Up Village Opening**
 - Saturday 22nd March
- **Kapiti Classic**
 - Saturday 22nd March
 - Behind Southwards Car Museum
- **Mahara Place Easter Market**
 - Saturday 19th April

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