

Maungaraki Views

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EV charge stations are coming



Electric vehicle charging stations are coming to Maungaraki Shopping Centre

Hutt City Council has secured co-funding from the Government's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund to install 20 charging stations for electric vehicles across eight locations in Lower Hutt, including Maungaraki.

The new charging stations will add to the six fast charging units already in place across Lower Hutt. Together these will create a

charging network to facilitate 'neighbourhood' travel by residents and other drivers from throughout the region.

"Expanding the electric vehicle (EV) charging network will give people more confidence to invest in EVs, knowing the infrastructure is there to support them if they choose to go electric," says Cr Josh Briggs.



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Naenae Pool & Petone Wharf set to cost \$90 million. Rates set to increase 6%

Despite 51% of the city's residents who provided feedback on the Petone Wharf repair project saying they'd prefer it be delayed for a decade, Hutt City Council is moving ahead with plans to fast-track repairs at a cost of \$21 million.

Councillors have also agreed on increasing rates by 5.9 per cent annually over the next three years and then bumping them by 7.0 per cent each year until 2031.

In the year beginning July 1, Hutt residents will have to pay an additional \$249 for a new rubbish and recycling service in addition to the increase. From next year, the cost will be included in general rates.

A lot has been said already about council's new rubbish and recycling services. Some of the feedback has been positive, but most of it has been on the negative side as local businesses were sold out to foreign suppliers. Unfortunately, it seems the 'Support Local, Shop Local' campaign (<https://www.support->

local.nz/) fell on deaf ears with councillors. With the Naenae Pool rebuild set to cost \$68 million and now Petone Wharf at \$21 million, Maungaraki ratepayers will be paying higher rates for years to come. With council elections just over a year away, these issues will no-doubt become key election issues. Maungaraki Views wants to know how our readers feel about these decisions and paying higher rates. Send your comments to views@maungaraki.co.nz. Ed.



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Dirt Duathlon race at Belmont Regional

The Dirt Duathlon is coming to Belmont Regional Park.

Made up of 3 mini adventure races between June and August. In teams of 2, 3 4 you can enter 1, 2 or all 3 events on foot and bike, experiencing the Big Bang Dirt Duathlon in the day or by night!

Races 1 and 2 will allow you to explore your adventure racing skills during daylight hours. Race 3 will test these skills to the max - in the dark!

We like to spread the love, so the events are held between the Wellington, Kapiti and Horowhenua regions.

To keep things easy, we know that's how you like to roll, the day events will start at 10 am so you can have a lie in. The night event will start around 6.30 pm.

Race 2 : 25th July, Belmont Regional Park, Lower Hutt

Race 3 : 21st Aug, Kapiti, in the dark

For more information visit, <https://dirtduathlon.co.nz> & <https://bigbangadventure.co.nz>

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Cross Country Interzone Results

Congratulations to these Maungaraki School student athletes who competed at the Interzone Cross Country event in Trentham recently.

Congratulations to Jay Schulz and Alavro Grave Medrano for placing 3rd in their age group races respectively.

Special mention to Kolbe Stellenberg who finished 13th at South-West Zone Cross Country to qualify for Interzone.

Unfortunately, the regional cross country event was cancelled due to Covid Lev 2 but Primary Sport Wellington did host an Invitational Cross-Country event which was well supported by student athletes throughout the Wellington region.

Special congratulations to Alvaro Grave Medrano who finished 13th at this event held in Tawa. Well done!

Year 4 Girls

Claire Browne 20th

Year 4 Boys

Jay Schulz 3rd RQ

Adam Larkin 5th RQ

Rio King 34th

YEAR 5 Boys

Noah Kleinveld 17th

YEAR 6 Girls

Mackenzie Gwerder 6th RQ

YEAR 7 Girls

Briallen Aberhart 15th

Year 7 Girls

Maddison Munroe 16th

Year 7 Boys

Alvaro Grave Medrano 3rd RQ

Toby Schulz 16th

Year 8 Girls

Sanne Kiddle 7th RQ

Year 8 Boys

Rhys Nixon 17th

Storm King 21st

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