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Start-up Incubator in Petone



The Settlement Startup Incubator is a six-month programme based in Petone

Applications are now open for a business incubator programme giving local entrepreneurs a step up to make it in the business world.

Hutt City Council is offering placements for businesses in The Settlement Start Ups incubator programme that provides wrap around support to emerging businesses. Hutt City Council's Director of Economy and

Development Kara Puketapu-Dentice says "The goal is for these businesses to turn into thriving, sustainable and ultimately successful organisations.

The incubator is another way we're fostering an innovative, agile economy and attractive city by supporting a community of like-minded entrepreneurs and supercharging their journey."

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THE DIFFERENCE IS MAKING

EVERY MOMENT COUNT

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Maungaraki Resilience Group

The Maungaraki Resilience Group is a group working to make our community more supportive and resilient in both emergencies and everyday life.

We want to make it easier for everyone to safely connect with one another, whatever our personalities and circumstances. So we're working to develop a local resilience network. At the moment we're looking for people to be contacts in groups of neighbours.

The neighbours in each group should be able to easily walk to one another's houses and contact each other by at least one other method e.g. phone, text, email or social media.

If you're interested in starting a group like this, we can help you break the ice. If you're already part of a group like this, we'd like to know! We can connect you to community-level information and resources. It's fine (good, actually) for groups to have more than one contact person.

Our group is also working on other projects related to emergency planning and preparedness,

meeting everyday needs and making it easier for people to connect and work together.

If you're interested in being a contact person for a group of neighbours or joining the working group, or if you have any questions, please email Margie at resilience@maungaraki.co.nz.

Playcentre Playday postponed

Kia ora! Like all fun events this summer, we had to pull the plug on our Playday event to keep ourselves and our community safe. BUT we are still hoping to hold it before the end of the year.

We will keep you posted and really hope you can visit our lovely Playcentre soon.

By the way - we offer 3 free visits if you'd like to join our play based sessions with your children, just send us a message through our Facebook page or email - maungaraki@playcentre.org.nz

Alicetown Fire Station closure puts Maungaraki homes at greater risk



The Marsden St Fire Station closed in Nov 2021

Homes, businesses and lives are at greater risk following the closure of Hutt City Fire Station on Marsden St, Alicetown, because its roof required fixing.

as fire crews are travelling farther and are taking longer to respond to emergencies.

The NZ Professional Firefighters Union (NZPFU) says it is taking up to 10 minutes longer to get to parts of the southern Hutt Valley after the "Ten minutes is a long time when you can't breathe, or your house is burning down," said secretary of the NZPFU Wellington local branch Alan Collett.

Crews covering central Lower Hutt and the Western Hills now had to come from Avalon Fire Station, approximately five kilometres north.

The southern part of the valley was not being as effectively served as it had been when the station was open. Crews also responded to medical events, and longer response times meant the community was waiting longer for potentially life-saving services.

After 15 years a location for a new station was still yet to be identified.

Fire and Emergency Wellington district manager Nick Pyatt in a statement said "between the crews based at Avalon and Seaview fire stations, the Lower Hutt community can be assured they will get assistance from Fire and Emergency when it's needed".

The issues with Hutt City Fire Station's roof were yet to be resolved. "We are actively working through what the resolution will be for our Hutt City crews, and what this means for Hutt City fire station." Credit, Matthew Tso, Stuff.

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Hutt Park Run 10th Anniversary

On 7 May the Lower Hutt parkrun will have its 10th anniversary.

The free weekly 5km walk-jog-run event takes place at 8am every Saturday morning. The course starts and finishes at the south end of the riverbank carpark, and is entirely on the riverbank path or grass.

Lower Hutt parkrun was the first parkrun event in NZ, and is organised and attended by many Maungaraki locals. Since 2012 another 35 parkrun locations have been set up around NZ.

In the last ten years, 7,397 people have finished the Lower Hutt parkrun, and 676 awesome volunteers have made 480 individual events happen.

Our official Lower Hutt parkrun anniversary is scheduled for the first Saturday in May (7th May 2022). There will be laughter, fancy

dress, cake, and of course a community volunteer-led, free, 5k walk-jog-run on the riverbank. www.parkrun.co.nz/lowerhutt

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The Settlement co-founder and programme leader Meredith Walshe says "Start up businesses are great people with great ideas - we deliver workshops on marketing, intellectual property law, finance, people and culture and much more, arming them with all they need to be a thriving and sustainable business."

Applications are now open at thesettlement.co.nz/startups for the next intake starting June 2022.

Maungaraki Views goes bi-monthly

Starting from June 2022 Maungaraki Views will be published bi-monthly. This will allow more time for more local news stories to reach us in time before our print deadline and greater opportunities to produce larger double issues. *Ed.*



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