

HATAITAI HAPPENINGS

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A chat with Motukairangi / Eastern Ward City Councillors

by Anaya Vallabh & Lily Challenor

Our Motukairangi/Eastern Suburbs councillors were elected in October 2022: Tim Brown, Sarah Free and Teri O'Neill. We've been getting to know a bit about them and their priorities.

Tim Brown lives in Mt Victoria with his wife. They have three adult children — two in Wellington and one in Auckland. Tim's had a successful career, and last year was Business Wellingtonian of the Year. He is the director of NZ Opera and the chair of the Arts Trust, which produces CubaDupa and Fringe, and the past chair of Wellington Hockey.

Growing up, Tim always believed he had the skills to help make Wellington a better place to live. On housing affordability, he says, "A year after leaving Victoria University, my partner/wife and I bought a (terrible) house in Kelburn for about 3x our after-tax income. The equivalent today would be a house in Mt Victoria for about \$300,000. But the cheapest available is probably three times that."

What's the most frustrating thing about being a councillor? "It's very hard to be effective. Council is involved in hundreds of activities. It's very important to only pick a couple to really work on." But on the positive side, he says, "Wellington is a city with everything, and it's all close. Home, office, theatres, bush, sea, friends, all within walking distance. And Wellington is full of active people who want to be social and participate."

Sarah Free was born in Christchurch and moved to Wellington when she was six. Sarah enjoys gardening, swimming, and hanging out with her family.

Why did she become a councillor? "I saw the potential to make a real difference to people's everyday lives through creating a better city. Before Council I worked at Sustainability Trust as an energy advisor, and I saw the effect

poor-quality, expensive housing had on people's lives and opportunities. I thought I'd rather try to be the fence at the top of the cliff, than the ambulance at the bottom."

What skills help her as a councillor? "I am good at seeing the big picture stuff, but also working with local communities to make sure we get the details right. I can persevere when needed. I really care about the city and its people and doing the best we can for everyone."

What are her priorities/plans for this next term as a councillor? "My main priorities are to see improved transport choices — particularly infrastructure for public transport, walking and cycling. And as part of that, a second tunnel through Mt Victoria. We need to keep providing good community and recreational facilities. We need to step up investment in fixing broken pipes and better address resilience issues, particularly the risks of slips and coastal flooding."

Teri O'Neill once dreamed of solving crimes. Now she's a 25-year-old Hataitai resident, a local councillor, and a skate coach at Kilbirnie Rec Centre.

Why did she become a Wellington councillor? She grew up in Kilbirnie

/ Lyall Bay, experiencing first-hand the effect an unhealthy home could have on people's lives. "It always frustrated me that our local representatives didn't seem to care or show up for people in our community. I became a councillor because I hope to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people struggling right now."

What's the most frustrating thing about being a councillor? "Slow progress! We're currently facing massive challenges responding to the Housing, Water and Climate crisis — we need to act now to ensure a future for our tamariki."

Something Teri would like to change is children being born and raised in emergency housing. "I believe that the Council has a key role in maximising the delivery of more housing options for Wellington."

Teri wouldn't be on Council if she didn't love the local community. "You never know what's going on — you could come across a little blue penguin or an interactive theatre performance." A perfect day for Teri is spotting geckos around the peninsula, getting her hair done at SALT, brunching at Queen Sally's, or grabbing dinner from Green Chilli Indian Takeaway.



City Councillors From Left To Right, Teri O'Neill, Tim Brown & Sarah Free

WHAT'S ON IN HATAITAI?

AT HATAITAI CENTRE, 157 HATAITAI ROAD

Seniors Morning Tea

First Monday of the month, 10-11.30 am (If on a public holiday, it's the following Monday). For details, contact Frances Le Fort at frances@hataitai.org.nz or on 027 835 4374.

Salon Group

A fun, casual group meeting once a month, Saturday, in people's homes, discussing various topics. All welcome! Contact Frances Le Fort (details above).

Community Yoga & Exercise Classes

Multiple classes per week. Learn more at www.hataitai.org.nz/community-yoga and www.hataitai.org.nz/group-exercise

MenzShed

Wednesdays 10 am - 1 pm

AT COMMUNITY HOUSE, 112 WAIPAPA ROAD

Hataitai Community Playgroup

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9am-12 pm. Email playgroup@hataitai.org.nz.

Matairangi Community Kindergarten

Monday - Friday, 8.30 am - 2.30 pm

Hataitai Residents Association (HRA) Meeting

First Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm.

Fruit & Veg Co-op

Collection Thursdays 12.30 -2.30 pm and 5.15-6 pm. Orders close the previous Thursday.

Email: fruit&veg@hataitai.org.nz

Saturday Serenity Al-Anon Families

Saturday 10.30am - 12pm.

THE HATAITAI VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS!

18 March – 10am-3pm.

Under new management. Markets have moved to the third Saturday of each month 10-3pm for 2023!

@ The Hataitai Centre,
157 Hataitai Road.

Connecting with neighbours over a load of laundry @BigWash Hataitai

by Katie Sharp



I had the pleasure of catching up with Danny Mulholland, owner of Big Wash Tunnel Laundrette in Hataitai.

Our whole catch-up encapsulated what it means to be in Hataitai flat whites at Coolsville Cartel, friendly dogs, and hellos from the locals. We were even lucky enough to see the sunshine. No place we would rather be.

Danny is a Wellington local, growing up in and around Island Bay for most of his life. "I love the South Coast – it is a pretty special place to be."

Aside from living and loving Wellington – a big part of Danny's life is the Big Wash Tunnel Laundrette, which has been in his family for

nearly 35 years. Starting off as a laundry service, the laundrette as we know it now is completely self-service, with tokens in store. Together with his young family, Danny hopes the laundrette will remain a family business for years to come.

With Neighbours' Month coming up, we spoke about the Hataitai community and what makes it great.

Danny thinks the world of the Hataitai community – especially since the fire in 2016. "Everyone was just amazing, you know? They were understanding and ready to support us when we reopened."

Big Wash Tunnel Laundrette
23 Waitoa Road



The laundrette wall in the 80's and the wall today.



Neighbours' Month Celebrations!

by Sarah Scott

March is Neighbours' Month in Wellington/Te Whanganui-a-Tara, so let's celebrate it together.

Neighbours' Month encourages all of us to connect with our neighbours and communities. Getting to know each other a little better helps to develop a resilient and supportive community. Let's celebrate the regular day-to-day connections we make, that help to create a community we all can belong to. Each of us contributes to a strong neighbourhood.

Wellington City Council has identified that 'Isolation is an increasing challenge in New Zealand's communities and fostering a sense of Whanaungatanga and Manākitanga for ourselves and our neighbours makes the places we live safer, more resilient and all-around happier places to be.' Connecting with others in our community creates a sense of belonging and inclusion, which in turn makes us happier and healthier.

Community Picnic - Let's Share!

Come along and bring a picnic, meet locals, take a wander through the community vegetable garden, and take home some free fresh produce for your whānau. Check out our new small goods recycling!

The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Let's Share'. The wonderful volunteers from the Hataitai Events Committee will provide yummy baking and snacks and drinks for the kids.

There will be kids' games, a supervised craft table for them to make beautiful creations drawn from nature, and (weather permitting) we encourage people to just take the time to sit outside and enjoy Hataitai's beautiful bowling green and gardens in the sunshine. And it's a lovely opportunity to meet people from your community. Even if you've lived here for a while, you may meet someone new. If you're a new resident, please come along; we would love to see you!

When: Sunday 19 March 11.30am-1.30pm

Where: Hataitai Centre (Former Hataitai Bowling Club) 157 Hataitai Road (inside if it rains)

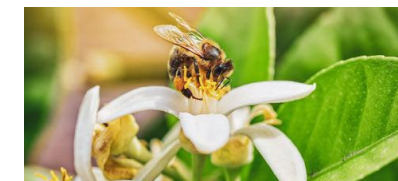
What: Free baking, activities, fresh veges! BYO picnic.

For more information:

www.facebook.com/groups/hataitaicommunitygarden/

www.hataitai.org.nz

<https://neighboursaotearoa.nz/>



Kids' Treasure Hunt

The much-anticipated Kids' Treasure Hunt is back! Bring your kids along to this free, community-organised event. Shortly after 2pm, we will read out the first clue to all participants. They will then try to find the next clues (all clues will be inside the bowling green and surrounding playground). The first child to find the final location wins a wonderful prize, kindly donated by a local business. All participants will get a lollipop!

When: Sunday 26 March 2-3pm

Where: Hataitai Community House 112 Waipapa Road

What: Kids' Treasure Hunt



Get fit and find balance for 2023!

At the Hataitai Centre, we proudly provide space for community recreation activities. This year, yoga and exercise classes are offered almost every day of the week. Find out more at: www.hataitai.org.nz/community-yoga and www.hataitai.org.nz/group-exercise. If you have children keen on dance or drama, contact Love of Dance (www.loddance.co.nz) and In the Wings (www.inthewings.co.nz), who are running classes this year.



Thank you, Louise Brockway



The Hataitai Community Recreation Trust would like to thank Louise for gifting the picnic table she won at Christmas on the Green to the Hataitai Centre. Check it out next time you are down at the Village Green.

Please look after our community assets

The community showed great support last year and helped the Hataitai Community House purchase a shade sail for the sandpit at the Waipapa Reserve Playground. We are aware that children are climbing on top of the shade sail, which is dangerous to them and risks damaging the sail. Please support us by helping keep people off the sail for their safety and to prevent a costly replacement.



Interested in Hataitai Property Values?

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Hataitai's No.1 Agents

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Committee Members Needed!

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference to your community?

The Hataitai Community House owns and maintains the building where Matairangi Kindergarten and Plunket is housed, as well as providing a space for community groups to meet. We also run a Playgroup for tamariki under 5, 3 times a week, and run community initiatives like the Period Poverty basket, printing of the Hataitai Happenings newsletter and run community events that bring connection into the community like Christmas on the Green and Neighbours' Day.

The Committee would love to extend the invitation to our residents to join our Committee, for fresh ideas and new energy. Come along, make some new friends, and give as much, or as little time, as you like.

Administrator Needed!

We are sad to say goodbye to our current Administrator! Our Administrator supports us to maintain the buildings and manage the bookings of both the

Hataitai Community House and the Hataitai Centre. This is a 15 hour per week position - where the hours worked can be negotiated.



This role interacts on social media, on-line communications of events and activities in the community, involvement with co-ordinating community events and other initiatives for the benefit of residents of Hataitai and surrounding suburbs. Excellent communication and social interaction skills are a must, with a love of community!

If this sounds like you, please get in touch! If you are interested in

becoming involved as a Committee member or as the Hataitai Community House Administrator, please contact coordinator@hataitai.org.nz.

Next Hataitai Community Litter Blitz 12 March

HATAITAI LITTER BLITZ

**3PM-5PM
SUNDAY 12 MARCH**

Calling volunteers to help pick up rubbish from the neighbourhood.

Meet at 3pm, Hataitai Centre, downstairs, 157 Hataitai Road

Thank you refreshments and sausage sizzle supported by our friendly Hataitai

Rubbish bags and instructions provided. BYO gloves if possible.

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