

HATAITAI HAPPENINGS

JUNE 2023

CHECK OUT HATAITAI'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVES!

If you've ever been to the Village Green on Arcus Way, or the Waipapa Reserve Playground you would have seen the Hataitai Centre (former bowling club) and the Hataitai Community House. But do you know what these spaces are used for?

Our spaces are for you!

We provide spaces where the community can come together. Locals use our facilities to participate in various group activities and classes. We run free community events, like the upcoming children's dance to celebrate Matariki, and our monthly village market is run from the Hataitai Centre. You can also hire our space for your next function, workshop, party, or to work or study!

Our vision is to foster a well-connected community that has the Community House and Hataitai Centre as a vibrant hub, where the well-being of the community is supported. Alongside providing spaces for activities that build social connection, we also provide a hub for community initiatives. These community initiatives are varied and support the community and our environment.

Hataitai Centre - Village Green

Community Garden - The garden is made up of six plots for our volunteers to build social connection, through producing delicious vegetables for the community to enjoy. Please get in touch to join our garden team or express interest in leading the team!

Community Compost - There are 8 compost bins available for community members to drop off their fruit and vegetable scraps, to be used in our Community Garden.

MenzShed is open weekly on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm and on the third Saturday of every month, alongside the Village Market. The

MenzShed is a space where individuals can work on independent projects making use of the tools on site, or contribute to the maintenance projects for the community. It is open to all.

Rat Trap Boxes built by MenzShed for Predator Free Wellington can be collected for a koha/donation.

E-Waste Recycling - Drop off your e-waste at the MenzShed during opening hours. They accept all goods except printers, monitors and televisions.

Library Box - A free swap-a-book box next to the Community Garden. Come down and read on the green, or take a book home.



Library Box & Community Garden

Community House

Period Poverty Basket - 'A give as you can, take as you need' basket filled with free sanitary products is available and the community is welcome to collect products needed, or drop off donations during office hours.

Small Goods Recycling - To reduce items going to landfill, we have a collection point for small items that can not be recycled in the kerbside collection. Currently we are collecting cleaned skincare packaging, #2 and #5 plastic lids, metal lids and hair care aerosol bottles.

Curtain Bank Drop Off - Donate your new or used curtains in the yellow wheelie bin at the Community House and support the Sustainability Trust Curtain Bank.

Fruit & Veg Co-op - With the cost of food increasing, we are continuing to



Small goods recycling and period poverty basket.

provide weekly crates of Fruit & Veg for \$15 and a dozen eggs for \$7.50. Plus a \$1 donation to support our volunteers. Collection on Thursdays. Check out our website for payment and order details. hataitai.org.nz/fruit-and-veg-coop.

Playgroup - there are 3 sessions a week aimed at 0 - 5 year olds.

Your Community Spaces

Hataitai Centre & Village Green,
157 Hataitai Road
Hataitai Community House,
112 Waipapa Road

Find out more about our community initiatives and classes/activities on offer, how to hire our spaces and our next community event on our website www.hataitai.org.nz. Or follow us on our Facebook page (@hataitai).

The Community House is staffed part-time and our opening hours are 9.30-2.30pm Tuesday to Friday. Collection and Drop off during opening hours, and 5.30 - 6pm Thursdays.

Coordinator - Kristal Collis - 0204 862 821, coordinator@hataitai.org.nz

Administrator - Chora Carleton - 0204 086 6900, bookings@hataitai.org.nz

WHAT'S ON IN HATAITAI?

ABOUT THE HATAITAI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

by Tim Beverstock

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

Hataitai Village Market

Third Saturday of the month, 10am - 2pm. Upcoming dates: 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September.

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER!

Friday 23 June

@ The Realm Bistro & Bar,
7 Moxham Avenue, Hataitai
Dinner served from 6pm.

Bingo starts 7.30pm

\$20 Entry Fee - includes 2 bingo cards

Help us fundraise for new signage and building maintenance of the Hataitai Community House!

Buy tickets online: <https://events.humanitix.com/hataitai-bingo-fundraiser>

MATARIKI CHILDREN'S DANCE PARTY (FREE)

@ The Hataitai Centre,
157 Hataitai Road

Friday, 14 July (6-7 pm)

Treats for the children and a cuppa for the adults provided.

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

Saturday Serenity Al-Anon Families

If you feel your life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking and you are wanting support, come along to an Al-Anon family group meeting at the Hataitai Community House (upstairs) on Saturday mornings, 10.30 - 11.45 am. Just turn up or call 0508 425 2666 for more information. al-anon.org.nz

Question: What do a Pharmacist, Business Credit Manager, Senior Business Analyst and Nanny have in common?

Answer: They're all Hataitai Residents Association (HRA) members! This diverse group meets once a month, sometimes at the Hataitai Centre, Community House or at Waitoa Social Club, to discuss issues related to the Hataitai Community and ways to enhance the well-being of the people who live here.

The current Committee consists of long-time Hataitai residents, recent arrivals, both renters and homeowners from all walks of life. All drawn together by the desire to give something back to the local Community.

From the outside, the HRA gives the impression of something similar to a City Council meeting, i.e. everyone dressed formally sitting around an oval table with a bundle of papers they need to memorise.

The reality couldn't be further from the truth. Most meetings are conducted in a half circle of chairs with a trestle table,

sometimes digressing from the agenda depending on where the topic or discussion goes. The only formal part is the AGM in July, which is usually dealt with in under ten minutes.

The Association has undergone many constitutional changes over the years, from having a formal structure with membership fees (anyone remember the yellow newsletters and dropping their 10-cent membership fees at the Hataitai Four Square collection box??) to the more relaxed atmosphere today. Throughout that time, the main purpose of the HRA has remained unchanged: to be an apolitical voice for the Hataitai Community and keep residents informed of issues important to Hataitai.

Mindful of the busy pace of modern life, the HRA effectively leverages the skills and strengths of its members, following the mantra: if we all do a little, we can achieve a lot.

Some recent community wins from the past few years have been the new village roundabout, Meet the Councillor events and the twice-yearly Litter Blitz. Future activities include a local tree planting session using plants from the Wellington City Council nursery. As with all HRA events, the focus is always on creating happy fun events involving

everyone across the Community. Close connections have also been forged with local businesses, the Community Constable, MenzShed and the Hataitai Community Recreation Trust.

Communities develop through participation rather than just living in a place. Volunteering is part of the fabric of New Zealand society and why Wellington is such a successful and friendly city. With this outlook and the enthusiasm of the Committee and members, the HRA will continue their work to benefit Hataitai for many more years to come.

The HRA always welcomes new faces and new ideas. To find out more, attend regular meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm or read past meeting minutes (hataitai.org.nz/hataitai-residents-association-minutes).



UPCOMING AT THE HATAITAI CENTRE

Meditation Retreat

One Mindful Breath is hosting a day-long meditation retreat on Sunday, 23 July 2023. Retreats provide a chance to step away from the busyness of everyday life, find calmness, and deepen your meditation practice. All are welcome, and the meditation will be secular (non-religious).

Entry is by koha/donation, and bookings are essential. Learn more at www.facebook.com/OneMindfulBreath or by emailing omb.retreat.2023@gmail.com



Video viewing

Video afternoon at the Hataitai Centre, showing "Blue Smoke" and "Dancing Fence" on Sunday, 30 July from 4 pm. Cheese, crackers, and bread provided. BYO wine.

Thank you to our event sponsors!

The Hataitai Community events team would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our local businesses,

The Children's Bookshop and Pak 'N Save, for their kind contributions towards the Treasure Hunt and Community Picnic for Neighbours' Month. The Treasure Hunt was very successful, with many kids and their families participating, and attendees enjoyed the picnic.

Zero Together Workshop Series

Floods, cyclones, heatwaves, and droughts – news of climate-related disasters keeps coming and many of us are increasingly worried. One of the best ways to deal with our anxiety is to take action.

Zero Together is a series of five practical, interactive sessions for individuals and households, provided by Wellington City Council. Join other concerned Wellingtonians to explore simple, low or no-cost actions to reduce the carbon emissions of our everyday lives – because when we act together, it adds up! Led by Hataitai locals, Clare and Christy, you'll be looking at transport, energy use, waste, food, shopping habits and more.

Dates: Wednesdays - 12 July, 19 July, 26 July, 2 August, 9 August from 6.30 - 8.30pm

Cost: \$25 for all five workshops

More information on our website: hataitai.org.nz

Meet Chora - the new Community House Administrator

Chora is well known to Hataitai, having grown up in the area. She's an artist, dog trainer, scout leader, gardener and lots more. Chora joined the small team at the Hataitai Community House in March 2023 as our Administrator. Pop in and say hello next time you are passing by, or get in touch to discuss your next event; at bookings@hataitai.org.nz or 02040866900.



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Bella's Wine Bar - Cozy, Cute and Comfortable

Launched in February, Bella's Wine Bar is the newest edition to the BambuchiSan & Coolsville Trading Post family. Opened in Hataitai by Lindsay Phillips and managed by Penny Lawrence, it's a wine bar with a different vibe from any other drinking spot in the surrounding area. Think loungey, homey, and relaxed; Lindsay and Penny have created a place that feels like someone's living room, where you can catch up with friends and not clean up afterwards!



Even the entrance to Bella's is a little different! The front door is shared with BambuchiSan; you wander through the

back patio and kitchen before you set eyes on a beautifully decorated space, complete with fairy lights, vintage armchairs and sofas.

Bella's boasts a small, niche wine and cocktail list. The wine selection is unique and different, and the selection changes every one or two weeks. You are always in for a surprise!

The food at Bella's has the same Asian fusion vibe as BambuchiSan but is more finger food. And like Bambuchisan and the cabinet food at Coolsville, it is all Gluten Free. The seasonal menu currently includes snacks like salmon pate loaded toast and an eggplant kasundi dip! Yum!

The vision for a "cozy, cute and comfortable" space, as explained by Penny, has definitely been achieved. It seems many residents agree, particularly on a Friday and Saturday night. Bookings are not essential but are recommended,

particularly for larger groups on Friday or Saturday nights. Bella's is available for private hire, too, perfect for groups between 12-20 people.

For those that know Penny and Lindsay, you know that they are always looking to add to their offerings. In the next couple of months, look out for a wine club launch where you can meet winemakers and sample wines, cocktail-making courses and whisky tastings!

For more information, see bambuchisan.com/bellas, or ph: (04)386 4615.

