



K.H.A KAI SERVING UP THE BEST

K.H.A Kai is a food truck and catering business, and the team knows how to please the most diverse and picky palates on a budget.

K.H.A Kai was set to open on 25 March this year, but had a small delay after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. K.H.A Kai is now up and running, and the team is super busy serving delicious kai around the Whakatāne District.

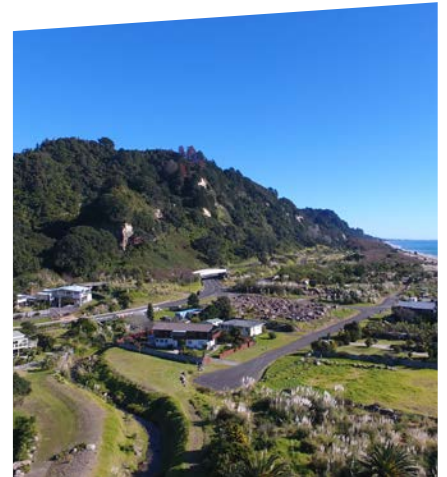
Stop by K.H.A Kai for hearty, home-cooked meals including steak, seafood chowder and gourmet burgers. Please check their Facebook page for opening hours and setup locations.



AWATARARIKI FANHEAD

Independent commissioners released their decisions supporting two proposed plan changes aimed at avoiding loss of life on the Awatarariki fanhead in Matatā from a future debris flow event.

One appeal to both decisions was lodged with the Environment Court and a hearing has been scheduled to start on 7 December 2020.



KĀHUI AWATARARIKI

A reference group, called Kāhui Awatarariki, will be formed to create a final design plan for acquired land in the Awatarariki Fanhead.

The group will include key stakeholders, including iwi, and members of the wider Matatā community.

If you are interested in being part of Kāhui Awatarariki, please contact Vicky Richards or Chris King-Hazel:

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TE REO MĀORI CLASSES

A Māori language course for beginners will start Monday, 27 July from 6pm at the Matatā Public School Hall. Local Matiu Wiki will be teaching the classes, which will run for the rest of the school term (nine weeks). Pre-registration not required, nau mai, haere mai!



PRE-LEARNER LICENCE COURSE

For anyone wanting to get ahead of the game, pre-learner licence courses are held every Wednesday evening from 5:30pm at the Matatā Bluelight Hub on Wilson Street. Contact Ashlee 027 321 6505 for more information.





NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

There has never been a greater need to help our community become safer, more resilient and better connected.

COVID-19 changed the landscape for all of us. It has been invaluable to have Neighbourhood Support groups in our area keeping in touch with each other, checking that our more vulnerable and elderly neighbours are safe, sharing garden produce with each other and much more.



Neighbourhood Support has the wonderful opportunity to donate 10 x \$50Pak N Save food vouchers to members of new Neighbourhood Support groups. We all know of whānau or individuals who would benefit from not only being part of a Neighbourhood Support group, but also a food voucher.

Matatā has had a few criminal events recently. The good news is that Neighbourhood Support has new resources, such as security camera operating signage to improve your household and neighbourhood safety. These are free to Neighbourhood Support groups and work as great deterrents.

The most important action you can take to make our community safer is to get to know the people that live around you. Neighbours who know each other are more likely to offer, accept and ask for help when they need it.

If you would like to learn more about Neighbourhood Support, please phone Shelly on 027 429 0161.

Reach out – Look out – Help out

FIXED ALERT SIRENS DECOMMISSIONED

Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki District Councils will no longer use fixed alert sirens for tsunami warning and will rely on a range of other alerting tools including Emergency Mobile Alerts (EMA), radio, stinger sirens and internet-based systems.

Whakatāne District Council Chief Executive, Steph O’Sullivan, said that it was a carefully-considered decision of both Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki District Council that weighed the very high cost of replacement sirens and the frequent issues and misunderstandings of the system.

A reminder that good community spirit is the best way to prepare – please check on neighbours, call older family members and have a whānau plan for emergency situations.

KAI KOHA SHELF UPDATE

The kai koha shelf on Wilson Street is still open to donate various food items for the Matatā community.

If you have any spare kai – be it fresh fruit/vegetables/canned goods, please donate if you can.

Please don’t be whakamā/shy to take what you need, while still leaving some for others.



Keep in touch

Find information, ask us questions or give the District and Regional Councils your feedback by contacting us as below:



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