

# MATATĀ MATTERS

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## NGĀ MIHI O TE WĀ!

It's the time of year when I generally wish everyone well for the summer holiday season, ask people to stay safe, and recap some of the key challenges and successes of the past 12 months.

This year, with cases of Covid-19 in the Eastern Bay and our move to the new traffic light system, the call to stay safe over summer couldn't be more crucial. We are now living with Covid in our community and the vaccine is our best protection. I encourage you all to get vaccinated, use masks, keep scanning and get tested if you're feeling unwell.

This week we were informed that we will be moving from the current red Covid-19 traffic light setting to orange from 11.59pm on 30 December. This will bring with it some more freedoms, but also comes with the need to be even more vigilant where it comes to following safety protocols.

Thank you to everyone doing their bit to keep our district safe. I wish you all a healthy and happy summer.

Aku mihi,  
Judy Turner – Mayor



## MATATĀ WASTEWATER SOLUTION UPDATE

There are multiple work streams continuing as we progress towards finding a preferred wastewater solution for Matatā. We're now in Phase Three of a Phase Five project.

Our co-governance group met in November and early December as we continue to refine a co-design partnership that determines how we work collaboratively together towards our end goal.

The environmental monitoring programme is underway to better understand the hydrology and water quality conditions of the current environment. This includes having trained people on site at different times and locations, testing different areas, over the next 12 months.

Our two new technical leads are progressing the cultural overlay workstream which is a critical part of our work programme and will help pave the way for our information sharing with the community in the first quarter of next year.



## Enjoy Christmas shopping at The Hub Whakatāne with Bayhopper buses!

There are new bus stops at The Hub, outside Farmers. Bus routes 131, 135, 143a and 143b all stop here now. Bus timetables have not changed.

Find out more at [www.baybus.co.nz](http://www.baybus.co.nz) or call 0800 4 BAY BUS (0800 4 229 287)



## MATATĀ BLUELIGHT

On Monday, 22 November, three Matatā Cadets were selected as part of a group of six Eastern Bay of Plenty youth to represent the community at a week long army lead camp in Taupō.

This camp pushed them to their physical limits! They performed marching drills and physical training and were pushed well outside their comfort zones. The action packed week concluded with a well deserved graduation ceremony.

The three cadets have taken away skills and knowledge that will help them contribute as valued members of our community. Congratulations on a successful camp, you made your whānau, community, and fellow Matatā Cadets proud!



Eastern Bay of Plenty Area Commander, Inspector Stu Nightingale with Matiaha Turnbull-Raynes (second from left), Ikin Ratahi (centre), and Tiare Taaroamea (far right).

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

### 1. CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

- If shopping online, always try to use trusted websites with https in the website name- the 's' indicates a security certificate
- Use secure methods of payment, rather than personal credit cards
- Avoid saving credit card information on websites
- Keep receipts and transaction statements safe in case there is a delivery failure or the parcel gets lost
- If you are going on a big Christmas shopping spree, avoid leaving your shopping unattended or expensive looking presents visible in your car

### 2. FIRE SAFETY

- Don't leave lit candles unattended
- Ensure power boards near the Christmas trees have a surge protection to avoid electrical accidents that could start fires

### 3. SPAM MESSAGES

You may get fake text or email messages claiming you have a parcel for pickup or delivery. They can look very real. Do not click on the links.

### 4. HOLIDAY SAFETY

If you are travelling to see family this holiday season, consider letting your neighbours know when you will be back, and how they can contact you if there is an emergency.

### 5. HEADING AWAY FROM HOME

- Don't leave spare house keys on a door ledge, under a pot plant, doormat, or in a fake rock
- Leave spare keys with a trusted neighbour
- If heading away for an extended period, make it look like you are still home. This can include things like
  - leaving lights on a timer
  - putting a TV on a timer
  - asking a neighbour to park their car in your driveway

### 6. SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING

Avoid posting information on social media

- about gifts received from Santa/family
- that you are going to be away

### 7. REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Don't hesitate if you see something suspicious. Call 111 Police.

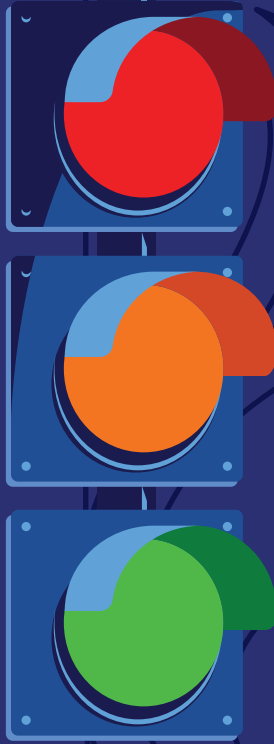
**We wish you all a great festive season, summer break and new year, we would like to wish all of you a better and more certain future in 2022.**





# NEW ZEALAND'S NEW COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

## How will it impact my whānau?



### IF FULLY VACCINATED YOU CAN DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Visit hospitality businesses ie; cafes, bars.
- Attend gatherings ie; weddings, tangihana, church.
- Take part in events like kapahaka, concerts and participate in sporting events.
- Visit gyms & close contact businesses like hairdressers.

### IF YOU'RE NOT VACCINATED:

You won't be able to visit hairdressers or gyms, attend events, or dine in at cafes and restaurants. Other restrictions will also apply.

## RED HIGH RISK



Record keeping or scanning is required.



Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, and recommended whenever leaving the house.



There will be some restrictions like capacity limits and physical distancing.

## ORANGE MEDIUM RISK



Record keeping or scanning is required.



Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, and encouraged elsewhere.

## GREEN LOW RISK



Record keeping or scanning is required.



Face coverings mandatory on flights, encouraged indoors.



## We're bringing vaccinations to you!

The COVID-19 Vaccine is available to all whānau, aged 12 and over.

Our mobile vaccination team is currently visiting locations throughout Mataatua including schools, businesses, marae, workplaces, and other groups like sports clubs and community groups.

We are also available to bring vaccinations to your home. Please talk to our team about mobile vaccinations today.

Book today on by calling us on **0800 628 228** or visit our website at [www.tpoom.co.nz](http://www.tpoom.co.nz) to find out where our mobile vaccination stations are closest to you.

# FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND

Be fire safe when holidaying this summer

Whether you're going to your family bach, a festival, your regular campsite, or exploring somewhere new in New Zealand this summer, Fire and Emergency want you to stay fire safe.

Follow these handy hints to stay safe over summer and make sure your holiday isn't ruined by a devastating fire.

- If you're camping- before you light a campfire or bonfire go to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) to check the local fire danger and fire season.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your bach or caravan. It can be easy to forget when it's not your everyday home, but smoke alarms save lives.
- If you're bringing out the BBQ- make sure it's clean, there are no gas leaks, and you're using it in a well-ventilated area away from anything that could catch fire. And just like at home- don't drink and fry.

Find more fire safety advice for your holiday at [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz)



## MATATA COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

**MATATĀ RUGBY CLUB**  
 12 Division St, Matatā  
 Tuesday 14 December: 12pm-6pm  
 Saturday 18 December: 10am-2pm

Find out more at [www.tpoom.co.nz](http://www.tpoom.co.nz)

## FREE COVID-19 TESTING NOW AVAILABLE

For locations and times visit our website or scan the QR Code.  
[www.tpoom.co.nz](http://www.tpoom.co.nz) or **0800 628 228**

Scan the QR Code to find out about updates to our services

# Keep in touch

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