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**NP Positive Ageing, Newsletter - Taupaenui April 2025... Issue 122**

*Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Talohani, Bula vinaka, Ni Hao, Namaste, Greetings...*

**Tino pai Te Matatini**

*Message...  
from  
Lance  
Girling-  
Butcher*



**Anyone visiting New Plymouth late in February could well have thought they had slipped back 200 years or so. The city reverberated to the beautiful harmony of waiata or thundered to violent chants or energetic haka. It was Te Matatini the accumulation of more than 50 years of revitalizing Maori performing arts in New Zealand.**

More than 55 groups from around New Zealand and thousands of spectators swamped New Plymouth Bowl of Brooklands for five days to find the champion in various sections of these arts and revive a culture almost destroyed by colonization. The result is a testimony to the dogged determination of a proud indigenous population to revive its language and performing traditions in the face of widespread oppression.

From a senseless period when the speaking of Maori and associated cultural events were banned from our schools the country has done an almost 180° turn and use of both language and performance have now reached this amazing stage.

We now have kindergartens and schools where only Maori is spoken, large numbers of people taking courses in its use and there is growing evidence in the need to revive and further nurture this integral part

of our society.

It has also created a new benchmark for audience behaviour and participation with an alcohol and smoking ban that saw one of its best behaved group of spectators in a family-oriented wonderfully peaceful atmosphere.

The festival history began in 1972 known as the New Zealand Polynesian Festival. This event has become biennial and also has become a vehicle for Maori to let the rest of the world know what they are thinking about changes in this modern world. While performances remain symbolic of traditional methods, the message they convey is to express their opinions on anything from politics to their appreciation of their hosts at each festival.

This year there was emphasis on continuing the Maori Kings message of unity and combined resistance to unwanted changes. Acknowledgement of his life and achievements and best wishes for

his daughter who replaces him as Maori Regent.

Te Matatini has experienced significant growth in attendance over the years. While early festivals attracted modest crowds, recent events have seen substantial increases:

In 2019 the festival reached new heights with an audience of 1.1 million tuning in via television and live-streaming platforms, highlighting its status as a world-class event.

In 2023 Te Matatini was held in Auckland attracting over 70,000 attendees, contributing at least \$22 million to the local economy. These numbers underscore Te Matatini's role in promoting Māori culture and its significance in New Zealand's national identity.

Recognizing the festival's cultural and economic importance, the New Zealand government has progressively increased its support. Starting from July 1, 2025, funding is set

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**A Newsletter for those interested in improving the quality of life for all persons in Taranaki**

**Please note: The views/opinions expressed in this newsletter may not necessarily reflect those of Positive Ageing**



*Taranaki Kowhaiwhai panel - The Hammerhead shark, Mangopare - 'keep positive, see it through'*

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to increase to \$48.7 million over three years, approximately \$19 million annually, ensuring the festival's sustainability and growth. This financial commitment reflects the government's acknowledgment of kapa haka as a vital expression of Māori heritage and its broader contribution to New Zealand's cultural landscape.

As Te Matatini continues to flourish, it not only preserves and promotes Māori performing arts but also fosters unity and pride among all

New Zealanders, celebrating the nation's rich cultural diversity.

**Judging from the reaction of crowds in New Plymouth this government injection of funds seems well worthwhile, as does the impact this wonderful festival has on the pride and motivation of Maori young and old.**

For more information on Te Matatini and its upcoming events, visit the official website at: <https://www.tematatini.co.nz/>.



This Trust has invested in the redevelopment of its website...

[www.positiveageingtrust.org.nz](http://www.positiveageingtrust.org.nz)

The format provides easy access to the site, what we do, how and when we do it and of course... why.

There are copies of all our public notices, educational forums, advocacy issues, submissions, and of course, present and past copies of these newsletters.

The Trust committee are named as is our wide ranging involvement with other community and local and central government agencies and our current projects and focus.

If you have suggestions for improvement, please contact any Trustee.

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## Getting down to grass roots...

*The real cost of the luxurious lawns that garnish the bland suburban housescape.*



**According to its critics, growth will be the downfall of global capitalism. "Nothing," they proclaim, can grow forever." These people have never owned grass or mowed a lawn.**

Grass grows forever – it grows unhindered while you're sleeping, while you're away on holiday and while you're at work. If you're a golfer, it's growing under your feet while you tee off and, if you're enjoying a long picnic at the park, your blanket will be an iota or two further from the ground by the time you pack up and head home.

No matter what you're doing, that fuzzy foliage which coats the un-gardened parts of your property is growing; inexorably creeping towards the sun like the hyperactive legume stem that sprouted from Jack's bargain seed in the fairy tale.

The burgeoning grass growth is admirable at first – you have to

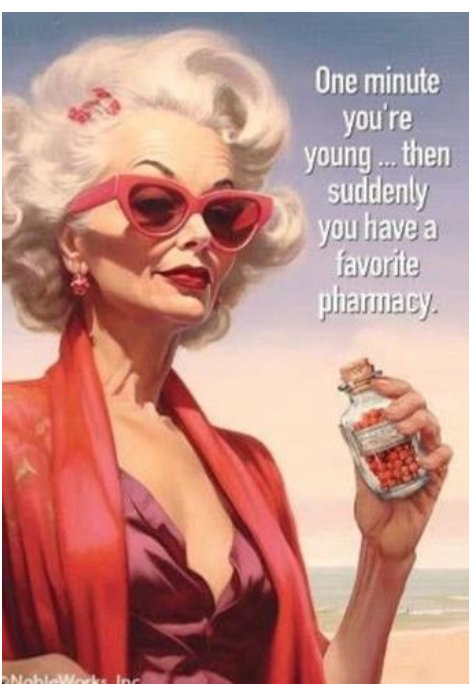
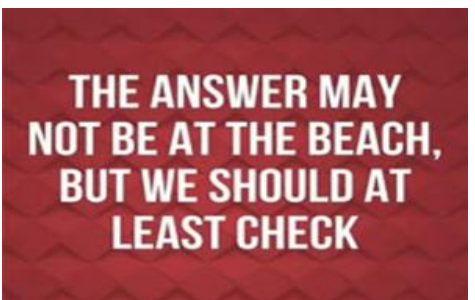
respect those tenacious little shoots, sprouting upwards against gravity, droughts and floods. But suddenly you end up with the scruffiest frontage in the street. A lawn that stands out like someone with dreadlocks on parade at a military boot camp.

It's time to get down to some serious grass grooming.

Everybody else in the street is probably groaning about the unruly state of your frontage anyway, so a sure fire revenge is to fire up the lawnmower first thing on Sunday morning while the rest of the neighbourhood is still huddled between their bedcovers nursing raging hangovers. Nothing slashes through the fragile sensibilities of an alcohol battered brain than the high pitched scream of a two stroke motor mower.

The US government passed a law banning two stroke lawn mowers years ago because of the pollution they cause but manufacturers developed four stroke or electric alternatives in retaliation. But here in New Zealand we're still importing cheap, noisy carbon spewing two stroke machines from overseas.

Thank you Lyndsay Wright



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# Don't blame individuals for homelessness

Opinion: by Councillor Amanda Clinton Ghodes—first printed in the Taranaki Daily News... Friday, March 21, 2025.

Last Friday morning I started my day reading a press release. The New Plymouth District Council announced that it was going to be serving notice on members of our community who are homeless.

If they didn't remove their possessions, the council would confiscate them.

The details of where the belongings would be taken and how people could get them back were to be confirmed - a clear sign that this was being done in a rush.

If I was being diplomatic, I would say I was disappointed at the tone. If I was being honest, I'd say I was horrified. I have since been even more disturbed by some of the online toxicity supporting this approach.

Not because of the lack of humanity, because in the long term - hell, even in the short term - it will be ineffective. It will only shift the problem and probably cause even further trauma and upset in the meantime.

What makes it worse is that the decision to take this action, led by some of my colleagues, was being broadcast like we were the heroes, doubling down on oversimplified and unhelpful rhetoric at the expense of our most vulnerable.

I should be clear: having people hanging out, storing their possessions and sleeping on our CBD footpath is not acceptable. It has been causing problems for businesses. Customers and clients have in some cases been avoiding the area, and business owners and workers have at times been unable to access buildings.

It is also confronting, and at times, intimidating.

Sometimes, because of the behavior of the individuals, and other times because it is confronting to see poverty like that, particularly as we have never really seen it in our region before.

**But most of all it is very visible evidence that our system has failed.**

In some cases we failed them as children - we failed to protect them from trauma and abuse, then failed to support them to recover.

For others, who experienced job losses, or relationship breakdowns which eventually led to them being homeless, we failed to wrap the supports around them.



For some who are on the street because of family violence, we have failed to give them other options.

For those who have mental health needs, we have failed to resource a system that actually helps them.

Increasingly, it feels like government support is systematically getting harder to navigate and access.

Nationally, poverty and a lack of housing availability is at a crisis point.

Successive governments have failed to provide sufficient social housing, particularly in Taranaki. Under the last government there were 126 public housing places allocated to "Taranaki" (which actually includes Ruapehu and Rangitikei) as part of the Public Housing Plan - 2018-25.

Proportionately, that is significantly lower than any other region in the country.

As of today, the Government has delivered 67 of these, with no current long-term plans to increase public housing stock in the region, despite the fact that there are currently 330 people and whānau in New Plymouth on the public housing register waiting for a home.

Last year the Government said that instead of investing in Kainga Ora, it would fund community housing providers to provide housing. So far there has been an allocation of zero for Taranaki.

Now Government policy is to reduce the numbers of people in emergency housing, mostly by telling them that they can't have access to it, so find somewhere yourself. Combine that with an economic downturn and it should be no surprise that the number of homeless people is growing.

We also know that the number of people living on Devon Street is just the tip of the iceberg. Some reports estimate that

there are 200 to 300 people in our district who are currently living in cars, on couches, in garages, and that number is likely to grow.

The visibility of the issue started to increase a couple of years ago, with homeless individuals hanging out and storing possessions in some of our little-used reserves.

In response to complaints, the council moved them on. They started sheltering at Richmond Cottage. We moved them out. Now, they are in our main

street, and here we are again.

So what can we do about it?

The council can continue to enforce a by-law, shifting the issue around. Or, as a community, we could band together to find a better solution.

From our Government we need a significant increase in social and transitional housing, including giving the green light to all the Kainga Ora community houses that have already had the planning done. In the longer term, across both central and local government, we need to fix the regulatory system to allow for the timely development of more appropriate housing.

In the nearer term locally, the YMCA and other organisations are currently working on a proposal to establish a night shelter, with appropriate well-connected wrap-around support.

There is also an option to set up a day centre. This model is shown to be best practice around the world.

But it will take funding. Funding from central government would be more than welcome, but given that they are currently refusing to fund any other type of additional housing, I'm not holding my breath. Which means it is up to the rest of us.

Surely there is a part for the council to play, and perhaps the Toi Foundation, but it also needs help from businesses, philanthropists and regular people.

Thank you Amanda Clinton-Ghodes.

Editors note.

**Mayor Neil Holdom took a similar stance in his opinion piece in the same issue of the Taranaki Daily News. His view included a much stronger push for government funding as the homeless issue is not unique to Taranaki but rather is a national disgrace and should be addressed at a nation-wide level. How true.**

*We are living in most unusually challenging times...*

Very few people will recall ever living in a time where there is so much international tensions with some inevitably heading our way.

How can it be that such imperialistic powerful predators such as Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and Donald Trump, when there is not a gram of decency between them, even as they race to secure their blatant expansionist policies.

Nor a gram of decency in defying globally respected organisations fighting for peace, providing food and resources to those adversely affected by war and famine, withdrawing from world organisations endeavoring to attain peace where distress is rife, from global organisations working towards a cleaner more sustainable world and shunning all attempts to work with the rest of the world.

No, it is all about increasing their power base within their own countries and aggressively seeking self-promoting policies that benefit their own empires at the expense of everyone else.

The same self-centered approaches to increasing their countries power abroad is reflected in their own countries where laws are made, seemingly at random, by the all powerful, benefiting the richer while further denigrating the poorer. Russia and China seem to have cemented their positions of power



Many older adults in Aotearoa / New Zealand will have experienced either first hand or via their parents and whanau, the horrors of war.

This was a time when New Zealand pledged close on 35% of its GDP to fight against the tyranny of the time.

for life while America's Donald Trump is working tirelessly and often deviously to do the same within his country.

We in Aotearoa / New Zealand are at the mercy of America's wildly fluctuating and damaging tariff wars, at the same time as we see China playing war games in the Tasman Sea. Just, like Trump, Jinping can do, so does. So there!

Putin is in a game of his own, toying with the gullible Trump while laughing at the inadequacies of the powerless peace keeping organisations. Not much honesty or decency to be seen there. Actually, none at all.

**So there are the three faces of global evil that are directly impacting, so negatively, on their own populations that are not among the powerful while they each search out new international victims that may be of use to them, or simply fair game.**

Certainly, there are many other countries also experiencing, either as invaders or invaded. Sometimes, these situations are worse than most others.

Today, since relative peace has reigned for 70 years or so, we have decreased our spending on defense to the position where we now have planes that don't fly, ships that have all but sunk, a few armed forces playing with too few resources and low staff morale within the whole sector.

But. All of a sudden, a few weeks of American madness and China's whim to move into the Pacific rim has wakened us all to the need to upgrade (replace?) our defense machinery and increase its personnel. This will come at eye-watering costs. But to choose not to is not an option, it seems.

**As older adults, we will be even more concerned about what sort of future our offspring will have.**

Are our current politicians savvy enough to not only keep evil forces at bay but also to play our part in attaining world peace - in the face of the ravaging damage achieved by the likes of Putin, Jinping and Trump. It is a delicate balance of idealism and realism. Is Aotearoa / New Zealand up for the challenge? You sure?

Opinion: Gordon Hudson

◀ **What do we learn from cows, buffalos and elephants??**

**It's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass and salads and walking.**

**A quote from the Listener...**

*"God knows there have always been stupid people in the world, and nasty people too. But rarely has stupidity been so nasty, or nastiness so stupid."*

British writer Nate White on Donald Trump.



## Activities in April...



**AQUA WALKING: Tuesday: 8, 15, 22 and 29: 10-11** - It's amazing! Great for improving stability and fitness. Held at the Methanex Pool, Bell Block. Cost \$4. Please register with Pauline (06 759 9196) prior to entering the class.

**SPOONS AND TUNES: Wednesday 12 and 26:** held at 33 Liardet Street, NP. 9.30-11.30am. "Chill" with us and enjoy great music and some tasty summer fruits and ice-cream. Gold coin donation.

**DROP IN CAFÉ / SOCIAL MORNING: Thursdays, 3, 10, and 17: 9.30-11.30am.** Held at Age Concern premises, 33 Liardet St. Socialise, connect and make friends. Varied programmes including occasional guest speakers.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE: Thursday 24.** An opportunity to meet, reflect and honour 'Lest We Forget'. Light refreshments and special guests participating.

**OUTING in APRIL: Wednesday 16th April, from 12.30am** and let the fun begin Meet at the Fitz Restaurant/ Café for a delicious roast. Please register your attendance with Pauline.

**INGLEWOOD Social Afternoon: Thursday 10 and 24:** Held at Lifegate, 6 Mamaku St. Connect and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea.

**COASTAL CONNECTIONS OKATO** Tuesday 4th March at the Hempton Hall Supper Room. lovely food, great company and a special guest on the day.

**WHAT'S ON IN WAITARA: FRIDAY 4, and 11:** Singing and fun and afternoon tea. 1—3.30pm—3 Warre Street, Waitara

**Please Note:** Programmes will not be happening on Easter Friday, Easter Monday or Anzac Day.

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Age-Connect Service Coordinator  
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*Office Hours:*  
9.30-1.30pm Monday to Friday.

**Waimanako:  
The Hope Centre...**  
*Taranaki's kai and support hub.*  
Naumai, haere mai, welcome to "Te Huinga, the Gathering". It is part of Taranaki Retreat - supporting people going through challenging times. A real community support.



The Hope Centre is based at 33 Devon Street West, and operates 5 days per week. There is also an excellent range of food and beverages for a koha.

Waimanako/Hope Centre is a 'Pop In' support hub - here to help people through the tough stuff. A good safe place for all. The retreat also offers a peaceful residential space to recover.

**Help the Taranaki Retreat help others.**

If you would like to know more, contact the Retreat:  
06 215 0993



*I'm glad we met later in life. I don't think my mother would have let me play with you.*



**Community House**  
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New Plymouth

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[www.cab.org.nz](http://www.cab.org.nz)

**Do you ever get the feeling that your call is not as important as they say?**

*"Your call is important to us. Please hold until your call is no longer important to you"*

**At least that should be what they say.**

Opinion: Gordon Hudson.



Taranaki Kowhaiwhai panel - The Hammerhead shark, Mangopare - 'keep positive, see it through'

**HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU REQUIRE FOOD  
in Ngamotu/ New Plymouth (updated\* February, 2025)**

**Community kai is run each week at these venues...**

Day and time...	Who and where...
<b>Monday</b> 8am -3pm	<b>Waimanako</b> (Taranaki Retreat hub) 33 Devon St Plaza
<b>Monday</b> 9am – 2pm	<b>New Plymouth Community Foodbank</b> 40 Vivian St. behind St Mary’s Peace Hall oppo- site the cathedral.
<b>Monday</b> 5pm - 6pm	<b>On the House - Moturoa</b> redistributing quality surplus food. 2 Lawry Street, St James Church, Moturoa
<b>Tuesday</b> 7.30am to 10am Breakfast	<b>The Good Café</b> Cathedral Church Vicarage 37 Vivian Street NP
<b>Tuesday</b> 8am 7.30pm	<b>Waimanako</b> (Taranaki Retreat hub) 33 Devon St Plaza
<b>Tuesday</b> 10am –12.30pm Appointment only	<b>Salvation Army</b> 118 Powderham & Dawson St. For appointment ph 7589338
<b>Tuesday</b> 9-2pm	<b>St Andrews Café</b> Liardet St., NP
<b>Tuesday</b> Dinner 5.30pm 2 course meal.	<b>St Joseph’s Catholic Church Hall</b> Devon St (down from the Clock Tower)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8am -7.30pm	<b>Waimanako</b> (Taranaki Retreat hub) 33 Devon St Plaza
<b>Wednesday</b>  9am -2pm	<b>New Plymouth Community Foodbank</b> 40 Vivian St. behind St Mary’s Peace Hall oppo- site the cathedral
<b>Wednesday</b> 1:30pm -2:30pm Off week of NZ Super	<b>On the House – Over 65</b> Liardet Street Methodist Church Hall
<b>Thursday</b> 8am-7.30pm	<b>Waimanako</b> (Taranaki Retreat hub) 33 Devon St Plaza
<b>Wednesday</b> 9-2pm	<b>St Andrews Café</b> Liardet Street, NP.
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<b>Thursday</b>  5pm- 6pm	<b>On The House - Fitzroy</b> redistributing quality surplus food. 10 Henui St Fitzroy. Community Hall next to Holy Trinity church.
<b>Friday</b>  8am-7.30pm	<b>Waimanako</b> (Taranaki Retreat hub) 33 Devon St Plaza
<b>Friday</b> 9am – 2pm	<b>New Plymouth Community Foodbank</b> 40 Vivian St. behind St Mary’s Peace Hall oppo- site the cathedral
<b>Last Friday of month</b> 5.30 -7.30pm Meal	<b>Methodist Church Hall Liardet Street</b> (behind Church)
<b>Sunday</b> 6.00 pm Dinner	<b>City Life Church</b> 28 Egmont St. Next but one to Frederics

**Love your hips...**

*Are you at risk?*

Unless you’ve injured yourself in a fall, avoiding’ a fall is probably the last thing on your mind.

Falling over shouldn’t be considered part of the normal ageing process, but we need to be realistic. As we grow older, underlying conditions or problems, with balance, strength or mobility do increase our risk of falling.

**Each year, one in three people aged 65 and over will fall. For people aged 80 and over, the risk increases to one in two. That said, many falls are preventable.**

One of the ways everyday New Zealanders are reducing their falls risks is by attending exercise classes especially designed for them.

Community group strength and balance classes will support participants to improve their strength and balance and help them live stronger for longer.

**Strength and Balance classes...**



*Participants not only benefit physically, but socially as well.*

For further information please see [www.livestronger.org.nz](http://www.livestronger.org.nz) or contact Hilary Blackstock via email...

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Telephone: 021 480 180

**Some sayings to tickle your fancy...thanks Wally...**

When I ask for directions, please don’t use words like “east”.  
Don’t bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That will freak you right out.  
Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call these people cops.





**'Age is Just a Number'  
Free conference - NP.**

As an attendee at Age Concern Taranaki's 9.30 - 3.00pm free conference on "Age is just a number" I can say that this organisation should be very pleased with the 150 participants enjoying a varied programme and a lunch that every school aged child would be pleased to have. No sign of expensive marmite sandwiches or apples to be seen.

The feedback would have been positive. Some serious discussions, some light humour and primary, intermediate and secondary students involved along the way.

Carolyn Cooper, Aged Care Commissioner, was the keynote speaker. She delivered well what we all wanted to hear. The importance of celebrating age, diversity and the real value that we all give to the community whether in financial terms, family/whanau support or voluntary time and resources.



Neil Wolf and Ted Normanton with the support of their wives gave a most enlightening and at times humorous discourse on living with dementia.

Students from Inglewood High, Sacred Heart and NP Boys High along with four older adults convincingly spoke of their hopes and dreams...and you know what... The views pretty well coincided. How about that?

Opinion: Gordon Hudson.

**Positive Ageing NP**

**Your 2024/25 committee is:**

Co Patrons - Peter Tennent and John Major

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Deputy Chair - Richard Andersen,

Secretary - Stephanie Hansen

Committee - Michel Archer, Brian Eriksen, Lance Girling-

Butcher, Gordon Hudson, Kate Knuckey, Margaret

McCall and Callum Williamson

Newsletter - Gordon Hudson.

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The Abbeyfield Steering Committee has been reaching out to our wider community in the past 12 months and there are many people that now know a lot more about what an Abbeyfield House can offer to our community.



An Abbeyfield House offers alternative communal living for older people, i.e. people over 65 of limited means. The occupants who each have their own en suited bedroom are supported by a housekeeper who provides two meals a day.

**From a recent NPDC meeting we learnt that statistically our elderly are making up a far larger proportion of the population. From 2013-2023 the number of over 65's grew by 37% in our district. The proportion of social housing applicants aged 65+ has increased from 8.5% to 12.6% in just 5 years.**

More and more older folk are falling through the cracks for a multitude of reasons and an Abbeyfield House is one small part of helping the overall housing situation in terms of looking out for the elderly and their accommodation needs.

An Abbeyfield House is a very viable, proven accommodation alternative, that is cost effective with no further cost to the ratepayer/taxpayer once established. This is very different to the standard social housing concept where there are always ongoing costings.

The Abbeyfield Steering Committee is looking to attract people with specific skillsets to help with our endeavours, bearing in mind that the journey is likely to be of a 4-5 years duration, so we'll need people with some stamina.

**If you feel that there is something you could offer by joining the Abbeyfield Steering Committee please feel free to contact me through my email which is:**

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Wally Garrett – Chair, N.P. Positive Ageing Trust

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Taranaki Kowhaiwhai panel - The Hammerhead shark, Mangopare - 'keep positive, see it through'

# *‘What your Council is doing for you in the community’...*

## **Free public forum**

**Thursday, 10th April 2025**

**At the New Plymouth District Council’s debating chamber  
9.30am—11.00am**

**This is a golden opportunity to hear from Council representatives about ‘Community’  
their perspectives and plans**

**Local Councils are increasingly being criticized by the Coalition Government for not  
sticking to their knitting and not even doing that effectively and efficiently.**

**All three Mayors in Taranaki avidly dispute these claims.**

**Do come along to hear just what is being done by our council to improve the lives of  
you and yours in the community...**

- *Age and Accessibility Working Party*
- *WHO Age Friendly Initiatives and collaborations*
- *Food Security and access to emergency food.*
- *Housing for the Elderly Project: future options for growth and improvement*
- *City Centre initiatives including our work providing shelter for rough sleepers*
- *Youth engagement (from the perspective that we know it's important for any with grandchildren in  
the District what opportunities we're giving them)*
  - *Community Funding to community groups*

**No registration is necessary  
Coffee and tea available**

**You may wish to check out the available parking at the YMCA carpark across the  
road from the Council. Just \$1.00 per hour—(pay at their office)**

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