

Pānui Maramarima - May 2022



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Getting together, getting things done!

A huge part of the kaupapa of Timebanking is to strengthen our communities by building up networks of people willing to share their skills and knowledge. So events like Repair Cafés and Crop Swaps fit right in.

The **Paihia** Repair Café has been doing for some years now on the last Saturday of the month 1-4pm at Kaipātiki Eco Hive. This is being joined by the **Kaitāia** Mending Mornings (which happened mostly online last year then took a break) - the date is being shifted so that too is the last Saturday of the month, but 11am-1pm (see right).

For those (much!) further south, if you're interested in being part of a proposed Repair Café in **Paparoa**, Kaipara, contact local coordintor Margaret Baker, she'd love to hear from you. Look out for her with a Timebank stall at Paparoa Farmer's Markets, and also at the Waipu Market June 5th, do stop and say hello!

For those in Te Hiku West & East, Shona is at the EcoCentre Kaitāia 10am-12pm on Thursdays if you want to connect in person. She's also looking to set up a time to connect with Te Hiku East members and enquirers at the Bush Fairy Dairy on a regular basis.

MENDING MORNING

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH
ANŌ ANŌ (6 BANK STREET, KAITAIA)
11AM-1PM

SEWING MACHINES FOR MENDING CLOTHES/FABRIC ITEMS
VOLUNTEERS ANNA AND MERRYN TO HELP YOU IF IT'S TRICKY.

TOOL SHARPENING WITH PASCAL AVAILABLE OUTSIDE!
SCISSORS, PRUNING SHEARS, LOPPERS, SHREDDER BLADES,
LAWNMOWER BLADES, SHOVELS, SPADES, AND SCYTHES.
SOME KNIVES AND NAIL CLIPPERS MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT NO
SAWS!

LET'S HELP EACH OTHER KEEP OUR OLD STUFF CRANKING SO WE
DON'T HAVE TO BUY NEW STUFF!

KOHA/TIMECREDITS FROM TIMEBANK MEMBERS WELCOME.
COFFEE, TEA, AND BISCUITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TOO!



Hot soup for the regenerative soul

Saturday May 15th at 3pm at St Stephens Church, corner of Whimp Ave and Church St. Onerahi, Whangārei

Following on from the successful Regenerative Pizza evening on 24th April there will be another chance to connect. The topic of the meeting is to discuss the purpose of the regenerative group and how to work with the resources we already have. As well as to have fun and enjoy each other's company of course!!

It is for anyone anyone who wishes to connect with like-minded people committed to building stronger community networks with such things as repair café, tool library, food co-op, skill sharing, bike repair etc...

Co-hosted by Maara Kai Wai-a-Ariki Onerahi-Rahi and Tai Tokerau TimeBank.

It would be helpful to let us know if you intend to come.

Ngā mihi nui, Paul, Janey and Mary,

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Coordination team:

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Te Hiku East: *vacancy - contact Shona if you need help, contact Anna if you'd like the paid job for 5hrs a week!*

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Building community spirit

"Northland Healers" who in partnership with "Nourish & Grow" Homeschoolers created an amazing event at Taipa's "The Barn" recently.

How do we heal? How are we creating this 'new' way of being? What are our communities and how can we bring them even closer together?

There were talks on herbs, plants, homeopathy, energy...

There was music, dance, ceremony - and camping, sharing food.

TTT was invited to present to the group how timebanking can be an important part on this.

A short video taken by Barbara at the event interviewing some of the participants and organisers can be seen on our Facebook page https://fb.watch/cZk_8Z10HT/



Cleaning up

It all started with a Request from Di Maxwell...

"Request: Help cleaning up a reserve area at Haruru Falls: We have an old (80 yr olds) couple who are cleaning up the reserve at the back of their house. Note, this is not their land, they just want to clean out the rubbish along the creek. They have come up against some work too heavy for them to handle, so we are going to help them on Sunday 24th at 10am for a couple hours. Would love some extra help if anyone is available. I am happy to use my timebank hours for this project.

Will need gloves, maybe chopping tools if you want, but just brute force will do a lot. We have a big pile of rubbish (looks like someone has used it for their rubbish dump, disintergrating rubbish bags etc) to remove, then a chop back of noxious vegetation. We will bring a trailer and a wheelbarrow, and will take it to the dump.

If you can help, meet us at 325 Puketona Rd at 10am Sunday. This is at the bottom of the passing lane on the opposite side to the Twin Pines."

Bay of Islands coordinator Jane Edwards commented afterwards "I feel thoroughly uplifted! And sometimes that is the point. This morning a few of us made quick work of large pile of someone else's rubbish in a reserve. This was NEVER going to degrad! Or at least not in our lifetime. And then we shared tea, stories, ideas and knowledge. It feels like this is how it should be. Mahi and then celebration of the Mahi. Thank-you to those who came."

Of course we don't need individuals to use their own timecredits to pay out for events like this (although if you want to that's fine!) as that is the kind of thing our Community Fund is for. If you have a local area that is in need of some TLC and want to hold a Working Bee you can either post a Request like Di did, or contact your local coordinator to help you arrange something.

If you live in the Whangārei area organisational members F.O.R.C.E are on the look out for locations for their monthly Love Whangārei community clean-ups - if you have somewhere in mind contact them through their Timebank Request <https://taitokerau.timebanks.org/ad/3037-suggestions-of-locations-for-community-clean-ups> or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LWMCU>. Needless to say you can earn timecredits helping out at their regular events!

Getting dug in, or out as the case may be...

Saturday 14th May 9am-12pm Te Hui Growers need some help with their kumara harvest at 576 Martin Rd Kaeo 0478. Come along and meet your neighbours, bring your children and have some fun whilst harvesting. Lunch provided. You can earn timebank hours from Garden Ninjas Kaeo for this event. For more info Gardenninjaskaeo@gmail.com

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/1i3BmDYxz>



Vine pruning workshop/social

Saturday 11th June 2022 at 2pm

7a Waimahanga Road, Onerahi, Whangārei

Brent has very kindly offered to run a vine pruning workshop for us which will double up as a social.... and a garden tour.

Even if you don't have a grapevine this will be an informative and fun gathering.

Brent and Wanda's garden is a wonderful food forest filled with exotic fruit and veggies - grapes, apples, pears, plums, figs, feijoas, jaboticaba, lucuma, atemoya, kei apple, pimenta, surinam, casimiroa, sreen and lots of others. He also grafts new and interesting fruit tree varieties onto his existing trees and has a huge wealth of horticultural knowledge to share.

No need to register – just come and join in.

If you wish to bring children with you, it's very important that they are adequately supervised as the section is steep and full of trees and plants!

There is a toilet inside their home which is available.

As this is obviously an outdoor event, it means we will need good weather!

Brent and Wanda will provide teas and coffees and we suggest you bring a plate of something yummy to share for afternoon tea.

Parking: Please park on Waimahanga Road and walk up the driveway. Please consider carpooling through Timebank as an option to minimize the number of cars.

For more info contact Janey Pares Edney
janeype.ttimebank@gmail.com

Timebanker Tale: Swapsies!

The whole point of Timebanking is that you don't have to do a direct exchange both ways with someone, instead it works on a pay-it-forward kind of system. But sometimes folk do end up helping each other out within a short timeframe.

Anna bought a Welsh dresser on TradeMe that wasn't that far from where Charlotte lived, and then a few weeks later Charlotte bought a bannister and balustrades from near where Anna lived. With the assistance of Charlotte's dad and Anna's housemate the two things were swapped over between Bay of Islands and Kaitāia; as it was all tied in with other errands it saved return trips being made specially in each direction.



A win win, although Anna is rather jealous that her dresser got to visit Charlotte's place before she did! Have you got a Timebanker tale to share? We'd love to hear your stories, email/messenger your local coordinator, or email Anna on taitokerautimebank@gmail.com

We have a volunteer willing to do an interview/quick chat with you and write it up for our newsletters and publicity, and for sharing with our funders. Also The Northland Age are wanting some anecdotes for a feature they're running - if you'd be happy to be in that please contact Barbara Belger barbara.ttimebank@gmail.com



The inaugural Garden Bomb Squad tackle Jatinder's garden in Kaitāia (see next page for more info!)



Garden Bomb Squad working bees

Can I sign you up for the official Te Hiku Garden Bomb Squad? There will be monthly Garden Bomb Squad working bees. There is no obligation to come to each session, all I ask is that you please RSVP yes or no to me for each event so I can make sure I have a head count and enough people.

I'm still in the beginning stages of getting this going, but the gist is that it will mostly be held on the 1st Saturday of each month, unless the first weekend is a long weekend, in which case it will be the next weekend. We'll aim for the morning, but some projects may call for a full day affair.

I wanted to start this project as I saw a need of Timebankers wanting help in their home or work gardens but just don't have the time, energy, or health to tackle it just themselves. So, that's where we can come in, as a team!

You'll all get timecredits for the amount of time you spend helping, and those of you not yet on Timebank I am tracking your hours manually right now until I get you sorted and signed up!

The regions we may cover will be throughout all of Te Hiku, and carpooling is always welcomed and encouraged!

The first garden was Jatinder's in Kaitāia where we cleared 5 trailerloads of green waste! Tasks included pruning, weeding, removing invasives and tidying up building debris. The cuppas and snacks and chances to get to know each other better were a welcome bonus!

The next garden we'll have coming up is the one outside of Kaitāia Gymnastics. The owner is recovering from chemotherapy at the moment and needs our help. Are you keen?

There's lots of moth plant needing removed so wear old clothes as the sap stains, and bring gloves as some folk find it irritates their skin.

Get in touch if you're keen to join us!
Shona shona.tttimebank@gmail.com

Did you see...

Radio NZ's feature on the Crop Swaps at Mahoe?
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/countrylife/audio/2018839967/swapping-crops-and-building-communities>

Clothing repair & upcycle workshop

Bring something that needs fixing/ hemming/ upcycling & bring it to the....



make do and mend.

Saturday May 14

1-4 pm

EcoHive

195 Puketona road
Haruru Falls

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COMMUNITY GARDEN MAKE-OVER WORKING BEE & LUNCH

SUNDAY 15th May - 9AM START

Kerikeri Organic Community Garden
1188 Bulls Road, SHW10

We need help with: repairs & building work including tool shed, potting bench, noticeboards, reading nook, outdoor kitchen area, sign making and more! Bring your tools!

Also, building materials wanted: roofing iron, pallets, untreated timber. Calling all skilled helpers to the rescue!

Contact Asha: 021 181 9919



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