



WAIPAWA 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS INC 1860 - 2010

Newsletter

December 2009

Parade and Gala Day - 13 February 2010

February the 13th 2010 is shaping up to be a day not to miss. Organisation is full steam ahead to ensure the day passes without a hitch.

Before the parade the Veteran Car Club will line Ruataniwha Street outside the Council building.

The day's festivities will commence with the parade at 10.00am. We have had huge interest. The Parade will include floats and participants representing days of old through to present day. There will be historic vehicles, horses, a spitfire replica and much much more.

The likely route will involve floats and participants gathering in the car park behind the town hall and then following Islington Drive down to the Main Road, where it will turn right into High Street and then right into Ruataniwha Street finishing at Coronation Park. This route is still to be confirmed.

Floats will be parked at Coronation Park to allow the public to have a look.

Coronation Park will host the gala day. There will be stalls galore. Bouncy castles, cart rides and events for young and old. Entertainment will also be provided during the day.

The Historical Committee will host an historic walk past many of the town's historic homes. Commencing outside Waipawa's oldest home, The Pines, at 3.00pm on the Corner of Rose and Ruataniwha Streets.

The day will end with a Picnic in the Park at Nellie Jull Park in the evening.

Upgrade of Nelly Jull Park Playground

Fundraising for this project has now been completed, with \$45,000 having been raised to install some new equipment. The upgrade to the play area was started in October 2009 and will be completed prior to Christmas. With the official opening scheduled for 13 February 2010. Much of the old equipment is being kept and upgraded, by Council, so the tractor, slide and seesaw will still be there along with some new modern playground equipment.

Beautification

Waipawa is looking beautiful. A big thank you to the Green Kiwi Trust, the Waipawa Beautifying Society and the Council Gardeners. Recent plantings will be at their peak in February.

The Waipawa Beautifying Society and Central Hawke's Bay District Council have completed the planting of the Swimming Pool bank. Further beautification of the Don Allen Reserve continues. The PD Workers have done a great job in tidying up the bush areas ready for further native plantings.

The Green Kiwi Trust have hung hanging baskets on High Street and the geraniums are beginning to flower.

Many thanks to the Rose Society and Orr Family who recently donated roses that now line the path at Nelly Jull Park. The fragrance as you walk through the Ron Orr memorial is breath taking.

Further information is available at www.chbdc.govt.nz

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Gifts to the Future Committee—Jan Gosling
Historical and Cultural Committee—Margaret Gray
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Sport

Local sports clubs are right behind the Waipawa 150 year celebrations. Many have organised special sporting tournaments to commemorate the town's milestone.

On January the 18th, the Waipawa Bowling Club will host a Hetero Triples Tournament. At Easter, the Waipawa Golf Club celebrates its Centenary in conjunction with the 150th Celebrations. Later that month the Waipawa County Club will host a snooker tournament (April 24-25th). Further sporting events are planned for later in the year and will be detailed in future newsletters.

History and Culture

The Historical and Cultural committee are working closely with the CHB Settlers Museum and have organised several fascinating events during 2010. The Museum will be having four exhibitions through the year. The first starting in November 2009—Historic Homesteads of CHB. They are also working on Cemetery walks and guided historic walks of historic homes in Waipawa.

Important dates in 2010

Nov 2009—Feb 2010	Historic Homesteads of CHB	CHB Settlers Museum
18 January 2010	Hetero Triples Bowling Tournament	Waipawa Bowling Club
13 February 2010	Parade and Gala Day	10am
13 February 2010	Concert at Nelly Jull Park	6pm
13 March 2010	Guided historic walks	CHB Settlers Museum
27 March 2010	Joy Cowley Book Launch	CHB Settlers Museum
27 March 2010	Mary Glover-Bibby Exhibition	CHB Settlers Museum
2-5 April 2010	Waipawa Golf Club Centenary Tournament	
24-25 April 2010	Snooker Tournament	Waipawa County Club
9 October 2010	150 Year Celebrations Ball	

Other activities during the year include:

Cemetery walks, snooker tournament, golf tournament, cycle race, 20/20 twilight cricket series to name a few. Dates for these events are still to be confirmed.

If you would like to be involved in any of the activities please contact any member of the committee.

Would you like to be part of the planning?

If you would like to be kept informed of progress please email waipawa150@chbdc.govt.nz to be included on our email list.

If you would like to submit ideas or be involved with the organising. Please contact a member of the relevant sub committee or email your suggestions to waipawa150@chbdc.govt.nz

Fundraising

Fundraising is continuing, with postcards and calendars still available.

Any funds surplus to the celebration events during 2010 will be spent/donated towards the betterment of the Waipawa township.