



**Wednesday, 6 February
2009**

Waitangi Day, PORIRUA

***Te Rauparaha Park & Arena,
Aquatic Centre & Pataka***

Welcome to another Porirua Festival of the Elements! I'm looking forward to Waitangi Day on February 6 when once again this now famous one-day festival will offer a superb programme of arts and culture.

This year we return to **Te Rauparaha Park**, and the outstanding new facility in Porirua - **Te Rauparaha Arena**. The festival will also utilise the **Aquatic Centre and Pataka**. The day starts with an opening ceremony at 11am, with a wide range of arts and entertainment programmes continuing through until 7pm.

The Festival uses the arts to celebrate the cultural diversity of Porirua, made possible by the Treaty of Waitangi. The elements of earth and air, fire and water embrace concepts of significance to all cultures, concepts around which we can all unite. Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti rejoice together on Waitangi Day by way of the arts.

Past festivals have attracted up to 30 thousand people, and we expect big crowds again on February 6 to enjoy a premiere event that truly reflects New Zealand's cultural and ethnic diversity.

The Festival of the Elements remains a great day out! Don't miss it!



