



Wednesday, 6 February 2010

Waitangi Day, PORIRUA

Te Rauparaha Park & Arena, Aquatic Centre & Pataka



Official Festival of the Elements website

<http://www.elementsfestival.org.nz>

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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 once again 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.

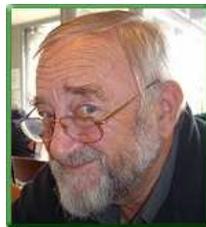
In 2010, the Festival of the Elements will be taking another step towards looking after our planet's elements by trying to reduce our waste. Like they did last year, to ensure that valuable resources are not sent to the landfill, our friends at the [Sustainability Trust](#) and [Mana Community Enterprises](#) will be setting up waste stations around the festival site to collect as much recyclable and compostable waste as possible.

We are also working together with our stall holders to help them do their part in reducing the waste at the festival. You will be able to recognise which stalls are doing their part from the 'Zero Waste Porirua' signs and will be running a 'most Elements friendly stall' competition to help us find the most environmentally friendly stall at the festival.

You will be able to find our waste stations by the bright yellow flags, and there will be a team of dedicated waste monitors on site all day to help you know which type of waste should be put in which bin (look out for their Zero Waste Porirua T-shirts). More information about waste minimisation in Porirua City, and the chance to get involved in some great community projects will be available at the Sustainability Trust stall.

There are 3 community groups who enable us to deliver a safe festival to the community. They are Porirua Community Guardians, Titahi Bay Lions Club, and the Maori Wardens

This Festival continues to be a non-profit event, organised by the Porirua Community Arts Council. I'm happy to say entry is still free.



Festival Chairman
Bob Cater

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!



