

# activation

## Kia Ora.

February is almost over, but the great summer sport weather continues to shine through. Winter clubs are gearing up for another season with registrations underway, whilst Summer codes are edging closer to the end of the season.

For Activation, we have had a busy couple of months prepping for our amazing events. To start us off, Bike the Trail occurred Sunday 25th February, and was a great day, the weather was perfect for the event! Our next major event is the Community Celebration day for Te Kupenga o Rongomai. Thanks to the community for their ongoing support, it was great to see you at Bike the Trail and look forward to seeing more of you at the community celebration day!

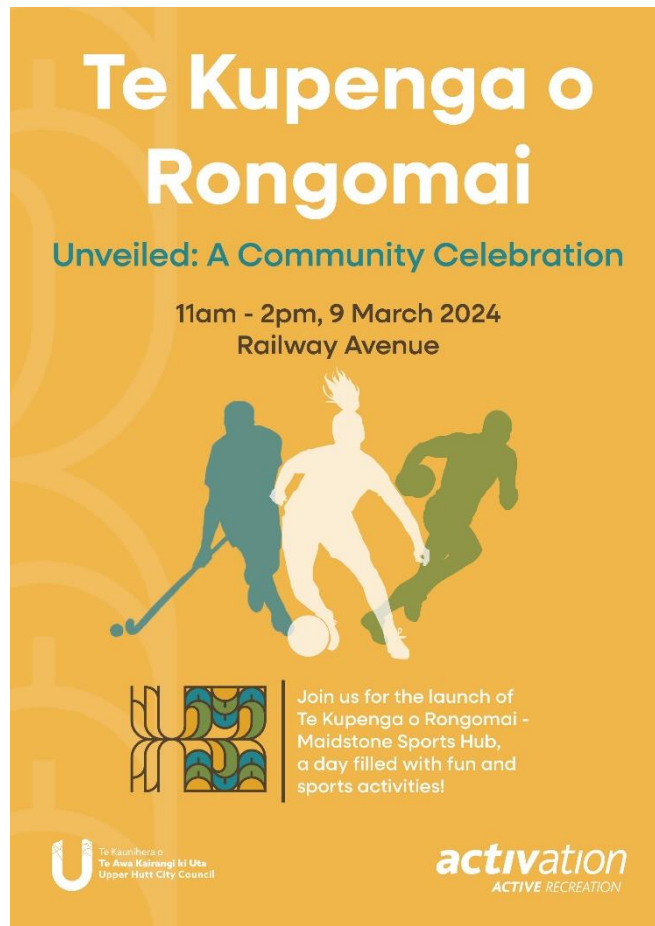
Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

### **Ngā manaakitanga.**

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**Te Kupenga o Rongomai, Maidstone Sports  
Hub Community Celebration**



The inaugural Te Kupenga ō Rongomai community event marks the beginning of a united gathering for the Upper Hutt community. The primary goal is to reveal the diverse nature of the sports hub, portraying it as a shared space that extends beyond its identity as a mere sports park. Envision three hours of vibrant festivities, featuring interactive activities led by both foundation and non-foundation club members.

This event is scheduled for Saturday March 9th 2024, with the postponement date Sunday March 10th 2024. Keep an eye out on Upper Hutt City Council social media pages and website for updates.

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## The Value of Sport



We know the value of sport and physical activity is wide-ranging and, in times where lockdowns and alert level restrictions have thrown up challenges, it's important for school principals, teachers and coordinators to remember these benefits and look forward to school sport getting underway again.

Sport NZ's [Value of Sport research](#) highlighted a number of benefits to individuals and communities:

- 92% of the people believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy, and helps relieve stress
- 88% believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence
- 84% believe sport and physical activity bring people together and create a sense of belonging
- 74% say sport and physical activity help build vibrant and stimulating communities

To read the full article, click [here](#)



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## D Sport Paralympic Qualification Tournament



## Volunteers Wanted - World Wheelchair Rugby Paralympic Qualification Tournament

D Sport are looking for volunteers to help with the Paralympic Qualification tournament (16 March – 25 March) in Wellington. Volunteers will be required when the teams arrive and depart NZ, and they are hoping you are willing to circulate their call for volunteers through your network.

The tournament will be held at NZCIS - NZ Campus of Innovation and Sport in Trentham, Upper Hutt in March, and will give Kiwis the chance to support the Wheel Blacks in their bid to qualify. NZCIS has the most accessible accommodation and high performance facilities in New Zealand and is an ideal venue for this tournament.

For more information on the tournament and how to register as a volunteer please visit the D Sport [website](#)

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## Sustainability Stimulus Grant



Council has funding available to support sustainable projects in Upper Hutt. Applications are open to businesses, organisations and individuals. All applications are required to:

- Demonstrate that their project or initiative aligns with one or more of the [Sustainability Strategy 2020 goals](#).
- Demonstrate that their project or initiative will be advantageous to Upper Hutt.

Over the last two rounds of our Sustainably Stimulus grant, the council have helped fund 14 projects, their details are below. If you have a project that aligns with the themes of our sustainable strategy and benefits Upper Hutt, our third round of funding will open at the end of the year!

Have a read through the information below, and if you have any questions or would like to discuss your application, please get in touch with the [Sustainability team](#)

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## Be Collective



Nuku Ora's Be Collective Volunteer platform is growing! We've seen great numbers with this year's Southern Cross Round the Bays Volunteer Team with over 300 volunteers registering on the platform!

Be Collective helps organisations better engage, manage and leverage their volunteer communities. Nuku Ora is excited to continue the conversation with those groups who may be interested in signing onto the platform. Once individuals and organisations register for Be Collective they will have full access to all functionality of the platform at no cost.

If you are interested, please contact [matthewr@nukuora.org.nz](mailto:matthewr@nukuora.org.nz)

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## H2O Xtream Update



The great news is that our customers still have access to swimming facilities whilst H2O Xtream is getting a well overdue upgrade, we have partnered with Fulton Swim School to offer public swimming and hydro, and with Trentham School for swimming lessons while H2O is closed.

Currently the inside of H2O has become a jungle gym of scaffolding, helping to install structural steel over the pool area and to remove the existing timber battens, vapor barrier and insulation.

In other areas like the plantroom, the concrete slab has been poured and in the front of house the piling (putting pile foundations into the ground to support the building) has been completed.

Finally, the ground beams have been poured and the structural steel is in for the hydro slides. This means they will be safe and supported for not just your first visit but for the many, many after.

To be kept up to date with the latest news about the rebuild, check out the [website](#)

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