



## NORTH ISLAND LEISURE MARCHING 2025 TAURANGA

18<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### NEWSLETTER NO.3

Welcome to newsletter number three! Thank you to teams that have registered for our event. We have endeavoured to contact all unregistered teams by email to ensure closing date just not missed.

#### Late Registrations

Please note that a late fee of \$50 per team will apply to any team registering after the closing date of 30 June 2025.

#### Additional Team Member Registrations

If a new member joins your team after registration closing date, we will accept the paid registration fee of \$25 up until 1 October, however, it would be helpful if you could advise us as soon as possible of any changes to team numbers.

#### VENUE

The venue for the event is the Lion Foundation Arena in the Mercury Bay Park stadium.

<https://www.mercurybaypark.co.nz/about-us/visiting-information> will give more detailed directions to the stadium itself.

A map of the stadium and directions to our designated car parking area was included in the previous newsletter.

#### MUSIC

Please ensure that your CD or USB has your team name clearly written on the cover along with your team draw. **Remember – your team displays are limited to a maximum time of five minutes.**

#### RUN THROUGHGS

We will do our best to accommodate requested times for run throughs.

#### TIME FRAMES

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – stadium will open at 2pm for music drop off and those teams having a run through, and the doors will close at 5pm.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** – stadium will open at 8am and times will run as per the programme until doors close at 3pm.

**The team draws and run through time slots are scheduled to be posted late September. If your team has requested a run through, please check that the \$50 fee is paid.**



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## SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



As previously advised, the Saturday night function is to be held at Classic Flyers Museum, located at 9 Jean Batten Drive, Mount Maunganui.

The theme for the night is **“The War Years”**.

A very light supper will be provided during the evening.

**The venue will open at 7.30pm and closing time is 11pm.**

### **FOR YOUR INTEREST:**

We have listed below a few of the bigger shopping centres around Tauranga and Mount Maunganui—just in case you have a dollar or two that need spending before you leave us!

#### **BAYFAIR SHOPPING CENTRE**

19 Girvan Road, Mount Maunganui

The centre has over 140 shops including cafes and restaurants, supermarket, cinema and food court.

#### **MOUNT MAINSTREET**

Discover vibrant and boutique shopping, dining and self-care scene.

#### **TAURANGA CROSSING**

2 Taurikura Drive, Tauriko, Tauranga

Over 100 shops, Event Cinema, food court.

#### **BETHLEHEM SHOPPING CENTRE**

19 Bethlehem Road, Bethlehem, Tauranga

Village style shopping, 50 stores, cafes etc.

**For those teams that are arriving a day or two earlier or staying on in Tauranga for a while after the event, please also see on page 4 a list of activities you might enjoy during your free time in our lovely area. There is something there for everyone hopefully!**



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### Farewell to Tauranga Blue Belles

Our Tauranga Leisure Marchers Group was sorry to see the retirement of the Tauranga Blue Belles team from our group. We wish all the ladies the best and hope that they will still come along to our local event days to enjoy the music and team displays.

### Advertisers

Our special thanks to the businesses below - by advertising in our newsletters which assists offset event costs:

Just Blends (note the 20% discount offer to marching friends and family!)  
Matamata Country Club  
Hobbiton, Matamata  
Peter Lock Racing Stables  
Craigs Investments

Please support them where possible.

### Regards

**Glenice Dando - Secretary**

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## **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TAURANGA AND MOUNT MAUNGANUI**

- 1. Mauao** – Mount Maunganui. Top of the list is, of course, a walk to the top of ‘The Mount’, or at least a walk around the base. Beautiful!
- 2. Ice Cream and Relax** – If you’re not that energetic then perhaps visit the famous Copenhagen Ice Cream shop at the foot of the Mount then walk to Pilot Bay, sit on one of the bench seats there, enjoy your ice cream and admire the view!
- 3. Mount Hot Pools** – these are found at the base of the Mount on Adams Ave. Relax in the warming salt waters of the pools. Adults \$27.30 and seniors \$18.80 07 577 8551
- 4. Fernland Spa** – 100% Thermal Mineral Hot Springs – chemical free. 07 5783081  
If you want a quieter hot pool soak then maybe hop in the car and visit these pools at 250 Cambridge Road, Bethlehem. Just five minutes from Tauranga City Centre.  
Main pool – Adult \$18 Senior \$11 Private pool – Adult \$22 Senior \$15
- 5. Robbins Park** – 7 Cliff Road, Tauranga The park includes memorial trees, 28 rose garden beds, a tropical plant display house and has views across the harbour towards the airport and Mauao – Mount Maunganui. Free entry
- 6. Historic Village** – 159 17th Avenue, Tauranga  
Vintage inspired shopping complex, including art studios and galleries, eating establishments etc. Original and replica buildings and cobblestone streets. Free entry
- 7. Downtown Tauranga – The Strand**  
View the Hairy MacLary sculptures along the waterfront area. There are many restaurants and bars close by that could be included in a visit to these sculptures.
- 8. Papamoa Hills Regional Park** – for the energetic.  
The Park consists of 135ha of bush and farmland and includes six Pa sites. Entry to the Park is off Poplar Lane, between Papamoa and Te Puke. There are several walkways, but the big one is the steep climb to the Trig Station, 224m above sea level. Would take about 45 minutes and the views are worth the effort.
- 9. Hobbiton** – if you don’t mind a bit of a drive, then head over the Kaimai Ranges to Matamata and visit the Hobbiton movie set. There are a number of tours available – check the website or call 07 8881505. Cost \$120 for guided tour leaving from Matamata I-site building.
- 10. Te Puna Quarry Park and venue “The Gallery”** 110 Te Puna Quarry Road – 14km north of Tauranga. Beautiful garden walkways, outdoor art and sculptures – it takes about 45 mins to walk the circular track and ‘stout’ footwear is recommended. Fee – Donation
- 11. Hire a Cycle** and do some of the trails around Tauranga and Mount Maunganui. There are several firms that hire cycles and prices are similar.  
Coastal Rider E-Bike Hire 301 Maunganui Road, Mount Maunganui 07 9259920  
\$30 1 hour \$40 2 hours \$60 ½ day
- 12. High Tea at Trinity Wharf** 51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga 07 5778704 Bookings essential  
Spoil yourselves and book in for the High Tea experience at Trinity Wharf Hotel. \$45 per head. The dining room sits out over the waters of Tauranga Harbour. Friday-Sunday only.