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**STAY HOME  
STAY SAFE**

**COMMUNITY  
WELFARE**

**BUSINESS  
SUPPORT**

Himatangi Beach, Manawatu District

## Easter, a time of hope

In the midst of loss, uncertainty and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored.

As we live in isolation and we all become marginalised and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it startlingly apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us too.

This love, seen in small and large gestures of hope and solidarity, is calling us to a new future and a new way of living. COVID-19 knows no borders but neither do faith, hope and love.

The answer to this crisis lies in all of us and in our unity.

Let us pray for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Let us pray to find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection.

Exerts from a letter by  
Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle,  
President of Caritas International.

Join the combined churches of  
Feilding for a united Easter  
service online Good Friday  
10 April 9.30 am

[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=xQh8AJ3VsaY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQh8AJ3VsaY)





## The New Normal

"As we get used to the new normal of lockdown, it is a good time to think about what life might look like after."

### Wendy Carr

Feilding & District Promotion Manager.

## How can we help? How can you help yourself?

With many companies now working remotely, it is a good time to assess how well this is working and what measures businesses can put in place to help staff transition into a more flexible working arrangement moving forward.

This could mean reviewing your servers and databases and looking into a cloud-based filing system.

It is also important to stay connected to your staff, customers and suppliers.

Communication is key. Pick up the phone, hold Zoom, or Skype get togethers and keep your team informed as to the plan for the coming weeks/months.

Connect with your clients. How are they doing?

How can you ensure that their patronage is secured moving forward? Do you have a website and/or social media, and how can you utilise this platform to keep people engaged? If you are not online, what can you do to connect? With local print media on hold, what can you do to stay connected? Are your debtors up to date? Cash is key to ensure business continuity, so now is the time to call in debts and look at your forward cash flow.



**We can get through this if we stay connected,  
stay home, be kind  
and ask for help when we need it.**

Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA), are holding excellent webinars to help businesses navigate the Covid-19 situation. For more information, please visit CEDA's website to register for the upcoming events and to review previous webinars:

<https://ceda.nz/covid-19-support/>

FDP will be conducting a survey in the coming week, to ask local businesses what support they need now, and in the future, to ensure continuity and survival. We are always here to help, so please reach out if you need support, information or a friendly chat.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all the fantastic people working in our essential services. From the amazing, friendly service at our local supermarkets to the health care workers, council team, security guards, farmers, truck drivers and everyone else, **thank you!**

Kia kaha, arohanui.  
Take care, stay safe 😊

Wendy





## Message from the Mayor Thank you!

A BIG thank you to our community for showing how much we care in this time of uncertainty. Especially to our essential workers who take the extra risk of going outside their bubble every day, to help others and keep the basic needs of life going, while the rest of us are in lockdown.

### Helen Worboys

Manawatu District Council Mayor

## Reviewing our position

In light of the impact of this crisis, behind the scenes your elected members and council management team are reviewing the projects, activities and levels of service that were proposed in our Annual Plan and the setting of rates for the coming year starting 1st July.

This is always a challenging process made even harder in the teeth of a crisis, that will have a long lasting economic and wellbeing impact on our people, businesses and communities.

Any major changes to our budgets, by law, must involve a public consultation process, which in itself is challenging given we are in lockdown mode, no local newspaper and using internet only is not acceptable. This is where we will need to be innovative and use our community connections.

We are under pressure by many lobby groups to freeze rates, provide relief packages and consider how best to implement any recent revaluation, which will impact most on our Feilding residential ratepayers. This is a careful balancing act, as Council wants to support financially stressed ratepayers, make good long lasting financial decisions, follow the rules and play our part in the economic recovery efforts ahead.

Given COVID19 is a national crisis, central government is rightly providing support packages for everyone: businesses to retain their staff, cover some lost income to be able to reopen, support those people now out of work and have allocated more funds to infrastructure projects that will help get the economy going again.

Our Council will be applying for financial support for a number of infrastructure projects we have planned and budgeted for, that will hopefully get the work started sooner, employ local people and provide the base foundations for our economy to flow again.

Our workshop meetings are held via Zoom which is working well so far, given our councillors live around the district, from the rugged hill country in the north to the sea in the south, with patchy, connectivity.

I will keep you all updated on our progress and decision making efforts.

Meantime, take care and stay safe in your bubble.



# Your Community Support Groups

Agency	Support Available	Website	Email	Phone
Christian Leaders Network	All local churches are available to offer fellowship and pastoral care	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Feilding-Christian-Leaders-Network-103407184641749/">https://www.facebook.com/Feilding-Christian-Leaders-Network-103407184641749/</a>		
Feilding & District Promotion	Business support; help with govt. applications; communication to public	<a href="http://www.feilding.co.nz">www.feilding.co.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:manager@feildingpromotion.co.nz">manager@feildingpromotion.co.nz</a>	Wendy Carr 027 5111 022 9am – 5pm, Mon – Fri
Feilding Health Care		<a href="https://feildinghealthcare.nz/">https://feildinghealthcare.nz/</a>	<a href="mailto:hello@fhc.nz">hello@fhc.nz</a>	06 323 9696
Manchester House Social Services	Food bank. Providing non-judgmental, non-discriminatory, compassionate, caring support for those in need	<a href="https://manchesterhousesocialservices.my-free.website/">https://manchesterhousesocialservices.my-free.website/</a>	<a href="mailto:reception@mhss.org.nz">reception@mhss.org.nz</a>	06 323 7191
Manawatu Community Trust	Offers affordable housing for pensioners and disabled	<a href="http://www.manawatucommunitytrust.nz/">http://www.manawatucommunitytrust.nz/</a>	<a href="mailto:mctooffice@xtra.co.nz">mctooffice@xtra.co.nz</a>	06 324 0491
Manawatu District Council	Support with any needs of local community	<a href="https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Home">https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Home</a>	<a href="mailto:public@mdc.govt.nz">public@mdc.govt.nz</a>	06 323 0000
Manawatu District Neighbourhood Support	Phone & Email support for residents; updating resident details; Sharing information to the public via social media and emails; forwarding important info received from the public to police / MDC etc.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/manawatu.neighbourhood/">https://www.facebook.com/manawatu.neighbourhood/</a>	<a href="mailto:info@manawatunsg.co.nz">info@manawatunsg.co.nz</a>	Trish Balmer 027 3237387 or 06 3237386
Manawatu Rural Support Services	Phoning/emailing families, especially those with vulnerability.		Tima <a href="mailto:mrssincrcw1@gmail.com">mrssincrcw1@gmail.com</a> Aevryl <a href="mailto:mrssincrcw2@gmail.com">mrssincrcw2@gmail.com</a>	027 422 3544 021 0823 4809
Ministry of Social Development	Wages subsidies, job seekers benefits, superannuation.	<a href="https://workandincome.govt.nz/">https://workandincome.govt.nz/</a>		
Police		<a href="https://www.police.govt.nz/105support">https://www.police.govt.nz/105support</a>		For emergencies please call 111, Non emergencies 105
Rapid Relief	Food parcels for families delivered via Police	<a href="http://www.nz.rapidreliefteam.org">www.nz.rapidreliefteam.org</a>	<a href="mailto:feilding@nz-rapidreliefteam.org">feilding@nz-rapidreliefteam.org</a>	Brett Wycherley 021 829 796
Salvation Army	Food bank for Feilding and surrounds	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyFeilding">https://www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyFeilding</a>	<a href="mailto:rance.stuart@salvationarmy.org.nz">rance.stuart@salvationarmy.org.nz</a>	Rance & Fi Stuart 029 771 2873
Te Manawa Family Services	Family Violence Services. Phone assessments, safety planning and programmes for adult men and women.	<a href="http://www.temanawa.org.nz">www.temanawa.org.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:office@temanawa.org.nz">office@temanawa.org.nz</a>	06 323 8330; 027 323 7330
Youthline	Support and guidance for young people	<a href="http://www.youthline.co.nz">www.youthline.co.nz</a>	<a href="mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz">talk@youthline.co.nz</a>	0800 376 633 or Free text 234





## Manchester House Senior Hub

### A Hub of Information A hive of Activity

Our Weekly programmes include Exercise class Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10am



Natty Knitters group, Bingo, Rummy-o, morning teas, informative talks, mobility assessments, community singalongs and more.

**We will be back. We are still working to support the community.**

We are working carefully with other key organisations to ensure people's needs are met around food and support for all for both physical and mental wellbeing during this uncertain time. Please, continue to support your community through donations which can be made on <https://givealittle.co.nz/search?q=Manchester+House>. Join us in helping make this an easier time for the vulnerable and elderly in our community.

**Phone 323 2410, 323 7191 or Manawatu District Council 06 323 0000**

### Covid19 Care Packs

Delivered to over 230 older people in our community.

A little pack to help get people through with important numbers and things to do.

**Give us a call if your feeling alone**







# Are you in COVID-19 isolation?

**DO YOU NEED SUPPORT,  
NEED GROCERIES, JUST NEED TO CHAT?**

For people who have a need for essential supplies but don't have the means or transport to get it themselves, are over 70 years of age (60 for Māori or Pasifika) or have underlying health problems, the Manawatū District Council can help.



Complete the short Covid-19 Support Request form at [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz)



Call the Manawatū District Council Customer Service team on **06 323 0000**.

We'll work with our partner agencies to help you get the support you need.

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Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngāti Kauwhata is one of four organisations responsible for the successful delivery of around 94 flu vaccinations on Thursday 2 April 2020.

Other organisations included the Manawatu District Council (MDC), Te Tihio Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance, and Think Hauora.

Those receiving vaccinations included MDC frontline staff and local Māori.

We understand that there will be more opportunities for vaccinations in the near future and further information will be provided via the Integrated Whānau Approach (IWA) Network once dates have been confirmed.

Local iwi are part of a wider network supporting whānau throughout the district to remain safe, happy, and well. Primary concerns are for the wellbeing of kaumātua (elderly), those who are pregnant, and those with younger tamariki (children) ages 0-5yrs.

To contribute to their wellbeing, local iwi will implement a district wide delivery of around 400 sanitation packs to help whānau Māori keep their homes clean and safe..



kia atawhai-Be kind

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IWA Network Coordinator

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COVID-19

GETTING  
THROUGH  
TOGETHER

WHĀIA E TĀTOU TE PAE TAWHITI



## **Mary-Ellen Steele** **Business Growth Advisor**

for the Feilding area would like to hear from you on the challenges your business is facing, to help support our local business community throughout this unprecedented time of change and disruption.

To find out how CEDA can support you and your business contact

**business.enquiry@ceda.nz or**  
**06 350 1830.**

## **Supporting local business through challenging times**

Are you facing challenges to your business, or concerned about the future impacts your business will encounter due to COVID-19?

The Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) is available to support you through this unprecedented time and the challenges that will be faced. As providers of the Regional Business Partner Network across Manawatū-Whanganui, we have an important role, funded by government to link businesses to available support.

CEDA's team of Business Growth Advisors are here to support you and provide guidance, advice and connections with the right expertise to work through your concerns. They are here to help connect you with information and services; including support that is available through the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) Regional Business Partner (RBP) programme.

For a summary of the Governments support package for COVID-19, and the key links and information regarding all things COVID-19, from workplace preparedness to tax relief and more, visit [CEDA.nz](http://CEDA.nz).

We've compiled the key resources to help you navigate and access the right information.

Some of the ways CEDA can help include:

Connecting you to professional service providers to assist you with the issues that you are facing e.g. cash flow management, business continuity management, HR support, marketing and more.

Provide you with relevant and up-to-date information on how and where to access Government support including navigating the Wage Subsidy Scheme and the recently announced Business Finance Guarantee Scheme.

Assist Māori businesses on Government support available.

Provide you with an experienced Business Mentor to provide additional guidance over the next 12 months. Business Mentors come with specific skills and are matched depending on your needs.

Facilitate funding for Research and Development including project grants

Find out more at [CEDA.nz/covid-19-support](http://CEDA.nz/covid-19-support)

**CEDA**  
**CENTRAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**





## CEDA's Navigating COVID-19 Business Webinars

Over the coming months CEDA will be working closely with our Regional Business Partners and service providers to deliver a series of free webinars for businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CEDA will work with partners across Palmerston North City, Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Tararua, Horowhenua, Whanganui and Manawatū, to deliver this series for the wider Manawatū-Whanganui region and beyond.

The webinars will take place every Tuesday and Thursday and will cover a range of topics, from business continuity planning, communications and cashflow management to resilience and leadership training.

The webinars will be 30 minutes long and will include Q&A with the presenters.

**Register for upcoming webinars and watch previous webinars here.**

### Upcoming Webinars

Communicating in a Crisis Webinar

Date: Thursday 9 April 2020

Time: 2.30pm – 3pm



Join Lizi Guest from Little Kōwhai as she covers practical marketing and communications strategies to support you through the crisis and hit the ground running for what comes next. The webinar will cover:

- Communicating in a crisis and where to start
- How we can go back to basics, and why knowing your audience is more important than ever

- Five questions to ask yourself before you talk to staff, customers and stakeholders
- What to do when you can't do anything
- How to start an action plan for an uncertain future

Lizi Guest is the owner of Little Kōwhai, a marketing and communications agency with clients across New Zealand. With communication more important than ever, Lizi works with her varied client base to manage how they communicate with their audiences now, and build their capability to plan for the “new normal”.

### Resilient Leadership in Uncertain Times Webinar

Date: Tuesday 14 April 2020

Time: 2.30pm – 3pm

Join Lauren Parsons from Lauren Parsons Wellbeing as she covers how to be a resilient leader in these uncertain times. The webinar will cover:

- Why your personal resilience as a leader matters more now than ever
- Keys to building a resilient mindset and traps to avoid
- How to increase your Emotional Intelligence to respond, not react, and perform at your best even during a crisis
- The biggest challenge your team faces and how to overcome it

Lauren is an award-winning wellbeing specialist, passionate about equipping and inspiring people to truly boost their health and happiness.

Based in the rural Manawatu, she specialises in helping organisations create a high-energy, peak-performance team culture, which enables people to thrive.



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OUT TO GET YOUR GROCERIES.**

The Manawatū District Council is here to help our districts residents

You can either fill out the short Covid-19 Support Request form on our website [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz) or call our Customer Service team on **06 323 0000**.

We can take your order and our staff will shop for you and deliver the groceries to your door.



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**Together let's  
REACH OUT  
LOOK OUT  
& HELP OUT**  
to keep our communities  
safe, resilient and connected.

## **Trish Balmer**

Field Officer  
Manawatu District  
Neighbourhood Support

## **Good Neighbour Awards launched**

As New Zealanders continue to lockdown in their bubbles, Neighbourhood Support New Zealand is launching the Good Neighbour Awards, recognising those who are helping others while staying safe.

"I know there are plenty of wonderful, caring people in our amazing community, so let's recognise them," says Trish Balmer.

The weekly Good Neighbour Award is about celebrating Kiwis supporting each other, by helping those who live nearby.

Chief Executive Tess Casey says keeping to our own bubble and maintaining a two metre distance doesn't mean neighbours can't still be there for each other.

"We're really keen to hear how New Zealanders are utilising Kiwi ingenuity to creatively solve problems and support each other, while still keeping themselves and their neighbours' bubbles intact."

**Nominations are open now at:**  
**[www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/good-neighbour-awards](http://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/good-neighbour-awards)**

New Zealanders have shown a strong sense of community spirit since the Covid-19 lockdown began on March 25, and the Good Neighbour Awards are about applauding and encouraging more of the same behaviour, she says.

"By sharing stories of neighbours helping each other out, we're also creating a resource for others to tap into. We know that number eight wire Kiwi mind-set is alive and well around the country and we want to hear about it," she says.

Neighbourhood Support has created a nomination page on its website and will close off each week's competition on Sunday evenings. The winner will be announced on Tuesdays.

"The nomination page is open for entries now, so we're encouraging people to spread the word and get those nominations rolling in. There are lots of good neighbours out there, people who are making a difference for those living next door."

Tess Casey says each week's winner will exemplify what a good neighbour is all about –

"be kind, be safe, make a difference by supporting and caring for those around you."



**Creating safe, resilient and connected communities**



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**MAN,  
WHO  
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GONNA  
CALL  
BEFORE  
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IT ALL?**

**We're all here to help**





From Ranfurly Road, Feilding



## Easter, a time of hope

Spooners Railway Tunnel is part of the Great Taste cycle trail near Nelson. At 1.35km's it's the fifth longest cycle and walking tunnel in the world. It was built in the 1890's for the Nelson to Glenhope railway and was used until 1955.

We approached from the Kohatu end, three weeks ago. It was steep. But in our favour. And it was unusually dark. This isn't because it's long, it's because it's curved.

Only a short distance in and you can see neither end. No light at either end of the tunnel. We kept biking, it did seem to take forever, but then light appeared and before we knew it we were back out in the open.

The light at the end of the tunnel is often used as a symbol for hope. The end is in sight. And for our world at the moment we don't know if it's in two weeks, four weeks or more? And that's challenging. Especially when you look at the stats and the graphs. It can look darker than ever. It can look pretty hopeless.

Well, this weekend is Easter and Easter is about hope.

How? Well let's roll back to Christmas. God cared enough about humanity that Jesus came to earth. Jesus lived as we did, suffered as we do, but died in a way that is hard to imagine.

Jesus has solidarity with us. Jesus understands humanity well. Jesus died that we might have life, and on the third day rose again, breaking the power of death.

Jesus came not to condemn the world (John 3:17) but to save the world.

Jesus came not to take life, but give life, give fullness to life now and in the future (John 10:10). This gives me confidence now, gives me courage going forward, and hope for what is to come.

While we were freewheeling down from the tunnel at over 20 kmph, aided by a strong southerly behind us, others were going up.

Their faces didn't have the joy of ours! That might feel like the grind we're in now as we wait for lockdown to end.

Let's remember that God is not locked down. God isn't in quarantine. God is looking to hear from us both in the uphill and the downhill, always there for us to reach out and talk to.

Let's ask for God's wisdom to live with courage and grace, for strength and endurance, and hope for the future.

May your Easter be filled with love, peace and hope.

## Martin Baldwin

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Rongotea, Manawātū District

## Rural Support Trust

Here for rural people and farming families

"We will get through this together.

Now is the time to rely on each other,  
be sure to talk to your rural neighbours,  
reach out, stay connected.

We're all in this together."

**Ellen Bartlett**

Manawātū-Rangitikei Rural Support Trustee

**Call us on 0800 787 254**

## Double whammy for our farmers

COVID19 is putting extra pressure on us all, including farmers who may already be in drought crisis.

It's a worrying time for farmers having no food for their stock because of the drought. This is happening at a time when they would normally send stock to the meat works, but can't.

The meat works have had to reduce their production levels to meet the COVID19 criterion that allows essential businesses to operate during the lockdown. A requirement for workers to remain two metres apart at all times has seen plants reducing to half staffing, limiting the amount of stock they can put through.

"These are things that are impacting farmers right now, and while we have had a bit more activity, the concern is that people are not talking, so we have to get the message out to stay connected, stay in touch. "

**Manawatu-Rangitikei Rural Support Trust is ready to help.**

**Our services are free and all calls are confidential.**

The Trust has access to networks, services, and government funding following an adverse event to help you get back on your feet.

**CONTACT US, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

For others having to hold on to stock, they'll already be relying on their winter feed now. Already they will be worrying about the months ahead when the feed is depleted and there's nothing left to get through the winter months.

These are the things that can consume farmers who need to feed their stock.

"What can happen in these situations is, you just can't see a way out, you end up pushing it all away and shutting down and can't actually see the wood for the trees of how to farm through it."

**We can help at these times.**

**Sometimes it's just about having a chat with someone who really understands the issues.**

Rural Support Trust covers all aspects of rural agribusiness, and support all rural people - owners, managers, staff, and contractors.

If you need more than just a cuppa and a yarn, we can connect you with the professionals who can provide further support, including farming or business advice, financial information, health, mental health and counselling services.





**St John**  
Here for Life

# *Caring Caller*

## Just a phone call away



## Friendship is a precious gift

People in our community may be feeling isolated, alone and just need a friendly phone call

Our **FREE** Caring Caller service is available to your community



**Brighten up someones day,  
give a gift of friendship today**



**Contact:**

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Caitlyn 0800 785646 ext7841

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**Feilding  
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PROMOTION INC

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## There's no place like home, Feilding & Manawatū District

Ours is a growing place; our economy, employment, population and standard of living, and the opportunities are constantly expanding.

The legacy of commerce in our town started in 1873 with farming, and we've been helping to grow our country ever since.

Today our industries are as diverse as our landscape, creating jobs for us all, enabling us to support our families.

Home to the largest stock Sales Yards in the Southern Hemisphere, we are the agricultural mecca that has made Manawatū the food basket that supplies the nation and the globe.

Prolient, meat manufacturers and exporters, national farm suppliers and international farm machinery are in business in Feilding to service this important centre of the agricultural industry.

RNZAF Ohakea is a major employer in our district with over 1000 personnel and contractors working on base at NZ's third largest airfield.

## Belong

We have a strong force of locally owned and operated businesses including an army of trades and services helping to keep us humming.

Global brands, supermarkets, real estate, food and hospitality are all major contributors to our economy too.

Feilding's Ultra-Fast Broadband makes it possible for small business to compete globally and provides opportunity to work from home.

With our central location and affordable homes, first class schools and learning centres, hundreds of clubs and activities to get involved with, a consolidated Health Care Centre with health services and 12 GPs under one roof, outstanding retirement villages and elder care facilities, Feilding is the perfect place for families.

Everytime that you have shopped locally and supported the local businesses within Feilding and district you enabled us to survive, provide and thrive. Thank you.

**31,700 residents across our beautiful district belong, we're all in this together.**