

Climate Justice Taranaki Newsletter

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Tena koutou katoa,
ki nga mate o te motu, haere haere haere atu ra. Ko Rata Pue tenei (Ngati Maru, Taranaki whanui), ko Pita White (Ngati Tama), kua wheturangitia - moe mai ra. Ko te po te kaihari i te ra, ko te mate te kaihari o te oranga. Tena tatou, te kaupapa tangata!

Welcome to this month's panui. There are lots of activities coming up relating to sustainability, fracking, and another call for submissions. We hope you can come along to some of the events and meet each other. No reira, until next time,
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REPORT BACK from 'Save our Assets' hikoi and national fracktivist meeting in Wellington 4-7 May

A national gathering of scientists, farmers, councilors, parents and activists from groups around the country met in Wellington on 6th May to strategise for a frack free Aotearoa/NZ. The movement to stop fracking in Aotearoa is growing strongly as more and more frack-free zones are being declared and the push for a moratorium gathers momentum. A demonstration also took place, attended by about 100 people, visiting the Ministry of Economic Development, the mining lobby group Straterra and the Brazilian Embassy (Petrobras) sending a clear message that deep sea oil drilling and fracking are not acceptable.

This followed the 5000-people strong hikoi that reached parliament on 4th May in protest against the government's planned asset sales. The nation-wide groups working for a ban on fracking are planning some exciting events for later this year. We'll keep you posted.

PUBLIC FORUM 'The Reality of Fracking'

7:30pm Thur May 17th, Community House 32 Leach St (behind YMCA), New Plymouth. FREE screening of the Four Corners Australian TV documentary The Gas Rush, that investigates the coal seam gas (fracking) industry and the cost to farmers and the environment. Speakers include Gareth Hughes MP, Green Party energy spokesperson and concerned Taranaki locals. Organised by the Green Party.

SUBMISSIONS NEED: Review of the HSE (petroleum exploration and extraction) regulations 1999

An important review of safety regulations governing drilling is out now. We have had several accidents and deaths in this industry and companies with very poor safety records are now setting up shop here. Submissions to upstreampetroleum@dol.govt.nz are due at 5pm **1st June**. Please express your views to the Department of Labour to protect our workers: <http://www.dol.govt.nz/consultation/petroleum-regulations/petroleum-regs-discussion.pdf>

LEARN HOW TO MAKE CHEESE with Katherine Mowbray. 8th June 2012 6.30-8.30pm - an enjoyable introduction to cheese making and learning how to make Mozzarella. Cost: \$50pp and includes course notes, cheese and wine tasting. Venue: TBA, Urenui. Saturday 9th June 2012 9am-2pm - a motivational and fun demonstration where you will learn how to make Gouda, Camembert, Liptour and Quark. Cost: \$130pp and includes course notes, light lunch and glass of wine. Venue: TBA, Urenui. Book with Maria Lempriere <wheturangi.farmstay@gmail.com> 06 752 3929

PUANGA FESTIVAL to celebrate the end of harvest and the world premier screening of 'Tatarakihi'. 9th June at Parihaka Pa. Koha entry, all welcome. Powhiri 9am. Maara kai (garden) working bee 10-12, food court all day, film festival 1-6, talk on kahu whakatere (traditional, natural burials) 3pm, 'Tatarakihi' 6-10, bands 10pm-midnight. Drug and alcohol-free. <http://www.tihi.co.nz/puanga-kai-rau-festival>

OIL CONFERENCE POSTPONED. Nga Ruahinerangi invited iwi and oil companies to a conference to share information and thoughts on the petroleum industry in Taranaki. Because of conflicting appointments and the unavailability of some key note speakers we have decided to postpone the conference until next year.

EXCITING NEWS!

The 2013 annual NZ Permaculture Conference is to be hosted in Taranaki. Following the success of the 11th Australasian Permaculture Convergence in Turangi last month, with 500+ attendees, Taranaki has been chosen to host next year's event. The event should see inspiring solution-focused speakers and heaps of hands-on practical workshops to guide us on our way to a sustainable country. Keep you posted.

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