



Our community celebrating 125 years of guiding in the Waitomo Glowworm Caves

LIMESTONE, PEOPLE & TIME is a nine day, dynamic programme of music, commemorations, exhibitions, community party spots, dinners, a grand ball, screenings, story-telling, recorded histories, guided walks. Twenty four events and activities in and around the Waitomo Glowworm Cave and Village.

Most events are FREE. There is something going on for everyone, locals & visitors alike. Come and join the celebration!

Saturday 6 September – Sunday 14 September 2014

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 6 September 2014

The Ohinetemaire Service - Saturday 6 September

The Limestone, People & Time Event begins with a blessing service and unveiling of a commemorative plaque to acknowledge the owners who opened the Caves to visitors in 1889. A musical interlude in the Cathedral of the Cave will take place and then people will gather on the Restaurant Deck for the opening of the Legacy Exhibition.

Venue: Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
Time: Gather at the top of the Caves car park by 7.15am
for the Mihi Whakatau at 7.30am
Unveiling & Whakatau 7.30am

Legacy Exhibition - Dedicated to the late Te Aue Davis & Diggeress Te Kanawa - Saturday 6 September

The Legacy Exhibition brings together artists who have a connection to Waitomo through whakapapa, marriage, from settling in the area or having a passion for the place. Artists reflect upon their personal connection, its people, places and history in different mediums including stainless steel sculpture and design, carving, weaving, painting and photography. Korowai woven by renowned Maniapoto weavers the late Te Aue Davis and Diggeress Te Kanawa will be on display on weekend dates during the nine days of celebrations.

Venue: Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
Opening: Saturday 6 September at 9.00am
Exhibition Ongoing: 7.30am
Entry: Free

The Waitomo Cultural Trail - Saturday 6 September

The Waitomo Cultural Trail is a lovely introduction to the unique history of Ngati Uekaha and Ngati Ruapuha. On this walk local kuia, Josephine Anderson will take you to Ohinetemaire, a hilltop above the Waitomo Domain and share with you the history of pre-European Waitomo.

Venue: Walk departs from the Rugby Pavilion at the Waitomo Domain
Time: 11.00 am (allow 2 hours – good walking shoes required)
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Then & Now Exhibition - Saturday 6 September

The opening of a special museum exhibit around the theme “Then & Now” captures developments over the last 125 years through a pictorial time-line. Among other topics, view some of the evolution of tourism at Waitomo Caves. Consider the challenges facing early tourists and settlers, such as roading and transport. Why not reflect on some of the many people who have participated in the Waitomo tourism sector and those who work in it today?

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre (Museum)
Opening: Saturday 6 September at 2.30pm
Exhibition Ongoing: Open daily 9am to 5pm
Entry: Free for the opening, otherwise Adults \$5 & Children under 15 free

Passages of Time Exhibition - Saturday 6 September

The Passages of Time Exhibition is an eclectic collection of photographs traversing a hundred years of settlement in Waitomo. The exhibition is a pictorial record of the different eras in Waitomo's history and focuses on people, places, buildings and transport.

Venue: Waitomo General Store
Opening: Saturday 6 September at 3.15pm
Exhibition Ongoing: Open daily 9am to 5pm
Entry: Free

Remembrance Exhibition - Saturday 6 September

The Remembrance Exhibition focuses on the ancestors of the Māori and Pakeha families who continue to live in Waitomo after a hundred years or more of their ancestors arriving in the area. The photographs capture the well-worn faces of loved ones who through hard work and perseverance carved out a life for their families in Waitomo. In this exhibition special acknowledgment is given to those ancestors born from the mid 1800's to the early 1900's.

Venue: The Red Shed
Time: Open daily 10am to 3pm
Entry: Free

Reunion of Waitomo Glowworm Caves Staff - Saturday 6 September

Past and present staff of Waitomo Glowworm Caves are invited to attend a reunion gathering to celebrate 125 years of guiding at the Caves. Bring your memories, catch up with old friends and make new friends at an event that acknowledges the many people who have worked at the Caves. Please register for this event.

Venue: Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
Opening: 5.30pm to 7pm Meet & Greet, followed by a buffet dinner
Cost: \$20 per person
Enquiries: Waitomo Glowworm Caves Reservations Team - 07 878 8227

Sunday 7 September

Hill Tops Walk - Sunday 7 September

Join Peter Chandler on a Sunday walk along the Waitomo River to Woodlyn Park and up to his hill top property along Waitomo Caves Rd. From there you will go on to Opapaka Pa site once used by Ngati Hia as a fortress. Spectacular views of the village, Waitomo Valley and Te Kuiti are guaranteed on this walk so bring your camera to capture the stunning scenery. Bookings are essential.

Venue: Walk departs from Spellbound next to the Waitomo General Store
Time: 9am (allow 2-3 hours – good walking shoes required)
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Walk with Pictures - Sunday 7 September

A nice way to meet new people and share ideas and thoughts as you walk to the four exhibitions being presented in Waitomo. There will be a stop at the General Store for refreshments before heading down to Woodlyn Park to take part in the Waitomo Gathering.

Venue: Meet at the Waitomo General Store
Time: 12.30pm
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Waitomo Gathering - Sunday 7 September

Beginning in the afternoon this event is about bringing the Waitomo community together. There will be a kids programme, hip hop dancing, live entertainment and kai. So come along and enjoy a lazy Sunday at Woodlyn Park. Dinner will be served at 5.30pm.

Venue: Woodlyn Park
Time: 3pm to 8pm
Cost: Free entry
Kai tickets: \$10 Adults - Kids under 12 \$7 – Under 5's free

Monday 8 September

An Evening of Storytelling - Monday 8 September

An evening of storytelling with local identities. They will share their heritage stories and funny memories of growing up in Waitomo over dinner. Guest speakers include Josephine Anderson, Miria Tauariki, Alister Stubbs, Bill Millar, Clive Morgan and Bill Johnston.

Venue: Waitomo General Store
Time: 5.30pm
Cost: \$25 per person (two course meal)
Bookings: Waitomo i-SITE - Bookings essential – Limited spaces
- www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Tuesday 9 September

Waitomo Caves School Recorded History - Tuesday 9 September

What do our young people have to say about life in Waitomo? With the intention of creating a video 'time capsule', school pupils will interview each other about the now or the future. The 'time capsule' can be used as a resource in future Waitomo celebrations - something for our young people of today to look back on in 25 or 50 years' time.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre
Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm

Waitomo 2039 - Tuesday 9 September

Following on from previous talks about the future of Waitomo, Hinurewa Te Hau will lead a talk and discussion on Waitomo 25 years from now. Hinurewa, born locally (Maniapoto), is a thought provoking speaker. She provides an opportunity for people to come together and explore what could be an 'outlook for the future of Waitomo'. This will be a stimulating and fun evening. Bookings are essential.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 6.30pm
Entry: Free
Bookings: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Wednesday 10 September

Taonga Waitomo - Wednesday 10 September

An inaugural public meeting about commissioning art projects in Waitomo Caves village and what kind of possibilities that could create for people, business and for awakening new perceptions of Waitomo. Refreshments will be served. Bookings are essential.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 10am
Cost: Free
Bookings: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Rangatahi Space - Wednesday 10 September

Waitomo rangatahi (12 plus years) are invited to the studio of local carvers and ta moko tattooists Mitchell Hughes and Daniel Ormsby. Mitch and Dan will talk to rangatahi about discovering their own creative talents. Afterwards rangatahi can relax and have fun down at the rugby pavilion, listen to music, have a meal and catch up with one another. Bring a friend.

Venue: Meet at the Red Shed
Time: 4pm to 8pm
Cost: Free

Pub Party 1 & Pub Party 2 - Wednesday 10 & Friday 12 September

For 125 years visitors have flocked to Waitomo and now it's time to acknowledge their help in making the Waitomo Glowworm Caves a success. Let's celebrate our international guests, Curly-style! On Wednesday night, we play games of the world in a round-robin competition. On Friday night, music of the world will dominate the scene. Bring your favourite nation's flag, or dress up in their national attire on either night. There will be prizes for best dressed, and of course, enjoy the world-famous hospitality of the crew at Curlys Bar

Venue: Curlys Bar
Time: 6pm
Entry: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Thursday 11 September

Screening of Waitomo Movies - Thursday 11 September

Waitomo has fascinated locals, visitors and movie makers for decades. Come along and see some of our archived movie footage that includes local families, tourism and caving.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 5pm to 6.30pm
Entry: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Your Stories - Thursday 11 September

As a progression from young people recording their say on Tuesday, Martha Ash facilitates this free flowing fun evening extracting history, anecdotes and stories from four of our local adults. An evening not to be missed but be warned Martha may involve some of the audience as well!

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 7.15pm to 9pm
Entry: Free
Enquiries: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Friday 12 September

Kids Movies - Friday 12 September

Yay, school is over for the week so kids come and relax in front of the big screen for a couple of hours.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 3pm to 5pm
Cost: Free

Lanterns & Stargazing - Friday 12 September

Bring along your children and a lantern and form a circle of light at the Waitomo Domain. Guitarists, singers, flautists, drummers welcome. Dress warmly.

Venue: Waitomo Domain
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Cost: Free - Hot drinks will be on sale
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Saturday 13 September

Ngapikowai Event - Saturday 13 September

Celebrations throughout the week culminate with the Ngapikowai Event which will take place at the Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre. During the morning there will be weaving and carving demonstrations and entertainment. At 3pm a Mihi Whakatau will begin and acknowledge the 125th anniversary of guiding at the Glowworm Caves. There will be a concert programme involving the children from Waitomo Caves School, Te Wharekura o Maniapoto Kapa Haka roopu and members of Titiwai Choir. Jo Harawira will entertain people with his extraordinary storytelling and the talented Whaanga Brothers will complete the programme with an uplifting segment of singing. Light refreshments will follow.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
Programme: 10am to 12pm – weaving, carving demonstrations and entertainment
3pm – Mihi Whakatau (please be seated by 2.45pm in the Restaurant Deck)
4pm – Concert Programme

Glowworm Ball - Saturday 13 September

Enjoy a night of fun and excitement at the Glowworm Ball. Good music, good food, good company and lots of dancing are on the cards for this special event. So come along and experience the charm of the Waitomo Caves Hotel. Smart evening wear required. Tickets are limited so be in quick to secure your place.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Hotel
Time: 7pm to 12am
Tickets: \$75 per person – Includes canapés on arrival, a three course meal and live entertainment
Bookings: Tickets on sale from 15 August
Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Sunday 14 September

Screening of Nga Ingoa o Nga Waahi i Waitomo - Sunday 14 September

This will be the first screening of Josephine Anderson's 'doco' about sites of significance to Ngati Uekaha and Ngati Ruapuha. This is a wonderful account of local Māori history. Bookings are essential.

Venue: Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre Audio-visual Room
Time: 9.30am to 10.30am
Cost: Free
Bookings: Waitomo i-SITE - www.waitomocaves.com/community/whats-on/

Karakia Whakamutunga - Sunday 14 September

Following the screening of Nga Ingoa o Nga Waahi i Waitomo a gathering will take place at the Waitomo Glowworm Cave Visitor Centre where Minister Barney Winikerei will close the Limestone, People & Time Event and set the scene for celebrations 25 years from now in 2039. Following the closing ceremony guests are invited to come to Tokikapu Marae for refreshments.

Venue: Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre
Time: 11am



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