



# The Te Mata Park Trust Board

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### Reinvigorated Trust Board Takes Te Mata Park Forwards

Over the next 24 months, the Bay's many users of Te Mata Park will notice a lot of exciting activity, with the roll out of a number of improvements to this much loved, privately owned and volunteer run Park.

New mountain bike tracks, public toilets, drinking water and improved signage are just some of the enhancements planned by the Trust as a result of strong community feedback.

To oversee and lead these changes, the Te Mata Park Trust will receive a significant boost with the announcement of three new energetic and committed volunteer Trustees: solicitor **Michael Bate**, agricultural research specialist and business owner, **Ian Gold**, and business development specialist, **Mike Devonshire**.

In commenting on his appointment, **Michael Bate** said, "The Park is a taonga for all people of Hawke's Bay and we are grateful to the Chambers family for this gift. I am looking forward to continuing the work of the Trustees and helping address the many pressing needs the Park faces – not only for improvement and development, but also its protection and day to day management."

"The challenge of building a sustainable model for the Park, now and into the future, is what excites me, particularly with the sometimes conflicting demands from the wide range of users and stakeholders. I'm delighted to have joined the Trust Board to help steer this process and contribute to this amazing community asset," said **Mike Devonshire**.

**Ian Gold**, the third new Trustee, commented, "The Park must be managed to maintain in its natural, wild beauty and this needs to be done in the face of increased use by the public. It is this balance between use and preservation that the Board needs to strike and achieve. Together we must ensure that our

children and grandchildren can also enjoy and be proud of this truly unique place. I'm pleased to be able to do my bit, and look forward to working with the Trust Board to make sure the Park, is indeed, 'Ours Forever'".

Trust Chairman, Bruno Chambers says, "It will be great to have the extra energy and skills that the three new members bring to the Board, especially with the challenges ahead."

The Trust still faces significant difficulties in securing sufficient funding to sustain the day to day operation of the Park and the proposed development programme, particularly given the ever increasing levels of use of the Park by Hawke's Bay residents and its popularity with tourists and visitors to the region.

The Trust is extremely grateful for the enlightened support of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council in providing a base operational grant and capital funding to enable the first phase of project work to begin.

It also thanks Hastings District Council for its commitment to some of the capital projects planned within the Park.

Te Mata Park Trust would like to acknowledge and thank its retiring Board members for the enormous contribution they have made to the Park over many years: **Jim Judd** (30 years), **David Sawers** (6 years) and **Mark Holder** (12 years).

To view the details of the proposed improvements to Te Mata Park or to make a donation to support the volunteer Trustees in continuing to operate and develop Te Mata Park for the enjoyment of the Hawke's Bay community go to [www.tematapark.co.nz](http://www.tematapark.co.nz).

### **The Te Mata Park Trust Board**

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