



The Te Mata Park Trust Board

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Outstanding Contribution Recognised as Te Mata Park Appoint New Chairman

After 20 years of service, Bruno Chambers is stepping down as Chairman of the Te Mata Park Board of Trustees. Professional Director, Mike Devonshire, now assumes the position of Chairman, following the Te Mata Park AGM held on Monday night.

“It has been a privilege to be Chairman for the last 20 years, and an honour to have served the Board and community for the ongoing preservation of our Park that is much loved by many,” comments Bruno. “It is time for a new change in direction, and I wish all the very best to Mike.”

Under the stewardship of Bruno Chambers, the Board have promoted and fostered positive progress in many aspects of the Park.

A major milestone in recent years was the development of the Management Plan, which gives the Board a clear strategic direction. An outcome of the Plan was securing, in tandem with Hastings District Council, significant government funding, \$380,000; a game changing result achieved by Bruno and the Board.

Further achievements include securing \$1.7 million in funds for the proposed Visitor Centre. Whilst the project may have been cancelled, most of the funds were carried over and allocated to other initiatives. Bruno devoted considerable time and energy to raising funds, allowing the Park to continue with its recent developments and activities.

“My main motivation has always been to protect the integrity and special nature of our Park for all users, and for future generations”, comments Bruno. “I feel a great responsibility and connection to Te Mata Peak, and am very privileged to have had the opportunity to contribute to this outstanding place of significance in Hawke's Bay.”

Bruno has steered the Te Mata Park Board through many challenges and projects, which have become increasingly frequent, as the demands on the Park have increased significantly in recent years. “The Park is experiencing increasing pressure from a wide range of users. Trying to ensure a balance for all user groups, as well as preserving the park's distinctive features, has been a major focus for myself and the Board,” adds Bruno.

Bruno Chambers will remain on the Board as a Trustee, and is looking forward to continuing to contribute, whilst making time for other focusses and interests.

“Bruno has created a foundation and vision for how the Park is managed. Whilst we are working on some exciting enhancements to the Park, the Board will ensure that the unique character of Te Mata Peak will remain,” comments Mike Devonshire.

As a Professional Director, Mike serves on the Board of several other companies and associations, including Central Districts Cricket Association, Elwood Park, Hawke's Bay Wine Investments and Hustler Group.

“The challenge of building a sustainable model for the Park, now and into the future, is what excites me. I’m humbled and honoured to now lead the Trust Board to steer this process and contribute to this amazing community asset,” comments Mike.

“This is an incredibly exciting time for the Park. We wish to build on the legacy that Bruno has left behind, and further cement Te Mata Park as an outstanding asset for all of Hawke's Bay to enjoy,” Mike adds.

“On behalf of the Te Mata Park Trust Board, we would like to acknowledge Bruno's visionary leadership and thank him for his incredible contribution towards ensuring that Te Mata Park is preserved for current and future generations.”

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