

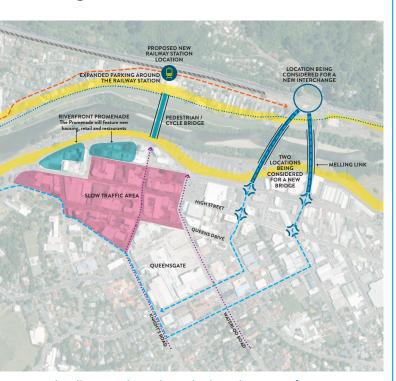
Better flood protection, transport and lifestyle for Lower Hutt

# Newsletter 10 May 2018



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPENING SOON

The RiverLink team invite you to give us your feedback on options for a new Melling interchange and river bridge and get an update on our progress with the flood protection design work.



The diagram shows how the key elements of RiverLink fit together.

#### **OPEN DAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT**

#### THE DOWSE ART GALLERY:

Thursday 10 May from 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 12 May from 10am to 3pm

• Wednesday 16 May from 4pm to 7pm

The RiverLink Project Team will also be available at the following locations.

#### **RIVERBANK MARKETS:**

Saturday 12 May 8am to 2pm

Saturday 19 May 8am to 2pm

• Saturday 26 May 8am to 2pm.

#### **QUEENSGATE MALL 24-27 MAY:**

• Thursday 24 May 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm

• Friday 25 May 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 26 May 1pm to 5pm

• Sunday 27 May 1pm to 5pm

Public engagement will be open from 7 May to 10 June 2018. Feedback can be provided online at RiverLink.co.nz, by emailing us at RiverLink@gw.govt.nz or by completing a feedback form at an open day, the Riverbank Market or the Queensgate Mall.

### RIVERLINK SUMMER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The RiverLink Summer events programme showcased the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River as a destination while promoting the vision for RiverLink.

The Riverbank beach provided a fantastic backdrop for casual conversations to occur at the information container on market days, after people had bought their veggies for the week. Plenty of people making use of the Hutt River Trail stopped to find out what the container was all about as well. With the RiverLink container having a presence over the summer, the team got to know some of the families regularly using the space – which was lovely.

Over the lazy summer days, (with a few downpours to keep us on our toes) all sorts of issues were covered such as transport linkages, city growth, the future of the market, the Hutt River's water depth and toxic algae. There was also interest around associated projects including the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt Environmental Strategy Action Plan and Hutt Central City spatial planning.





## RIVERLINK EASTER ROCK HUNT – 1 APRIL 2018

The RiverLink Easter Rock Hunt was buckets of fun on Easter Sunday.

Kids searched the beach for a blue rock, and then with chocolate in hand decorated their rocks with splendid creativity. The last event in our summer series, 240 people (adults and kids) enjoyed the space with us on a glorious sunny day. While the kids were out hunting it gave their parents a chance to pop in for a coffee and chat about the RiverLink project with the project team.

We had such a great time together at the River and there's no doubt that the Riverbank beach will be teeming with locals next summer too.



## THE FESTIVAL OF ROCK - 11 FEBRUARY 2018

The Festival of Rock was designed as an opportunity to discover what hides along the shores of the Hutt River. The

kids marvelled at the creepy crawlies living in the Hutt River and were particularly amazed at the crabs!

The Riverbank beach was a hive of activity with rock art, skimming competitions, rock pools and face painting. We made sure that marvellous local coffee was part of our container talks too.















## **RAMBLE ON OVER!**

Due to a severe weather warning the RiverLink Ramble scheduled for April was postponed then later cancelled. Thank you to everyone who registered.

RiverLink would like to extend an open invitation for groups (minimum 10 people) for a guided walking tour of the RiverLink city section between Ewen and Melling Bridges. Get your friends together and once we have the minimum number we will send out an invitation to arrange a date and time.

It's an opportunity to stand in the space and visualise where things will be and how it all fits together.

Register your interest at RiverLink@gw.govt.nz









