



FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

WAITANGI DAY

6 February 2008

Elsdon Park

NEWS ITEM

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 2008 FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

Planning is already underway for the 2008 Porirua Festival of the Elements and organisations, groups, artists and performers should be applying now to take part in the Waitangi Day event.

Coordinator Margaret Armour said the festival, organised by the Porirua Community Arts Council, is one of the major Waitangi Day events in New Zealand. "It uses the arts to celebrate New Zealand's cultural diversity which is made possible by the Treaty of Waitangi."

Ms Armour said the Festival of the Elements provided great potential for sponsors, participating groups and performers to reach a wide audience both within the Porirua basin and greater Wellington.

With construction work occurring on Te Rauparaha Park, next year's festival will be held on Elsdon Park and the grounds of Mana College. Though the new venue is a little less central, "the site is considerably larger than the park we have used in recent years" said Ms Armour. Organisers are particularly pleased that the location makes it much more practical to work in closely with our local iwi Ngati Toa and Takapuwahia Marae.

"We are talking to as many groups in the area as we can." Cultural groups and acts, as well as food and craft stall holders are strongly advised to register for the event so that arrangements can be finalised before Christmas.

Details for prospective stalls or entertainers can be obtained by phoning Margaret Armour on 027 224 5670 or emailing armour@xtra.co.nz and forms will shortly be available from the website - www.elementsfestival.org.nz

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