



FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

WAITANGI DAY

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Elsdon Park

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RELOCATION OF FESTIVAL OF THE ELEMENTS

The Festival of the Elements is facing a new challenge. The popular Waitangi Day festival is moving to Elsdon Park, Porirua next year.

For the past six years, the festival has been held at Te Rauparaha Park, but construction of the new Sports and Events Centre will change this.

Festival coordinator, Margaret Armour says the move will not change much about the festival. Some events may be cancelled or changed to suit the different location, but new events will replace them. Margaret is optimistic about the move. "There will be changes, but these will be new opportunities," she says.

Around twenty groups have already been lined up for next year, and will be announced later this year. Coordinators are currently looking for keen artists to enter their popular recycling sculpture competition.

The Festival of the Elements has become one of New Zealand's biggest Waitangi Day celebrations attracting 30,000 people. It involves more than 1000 artists and entertainers performing across a number of different venues. For more information please contact Margaret Armour on 233 8436.

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