

What's on in Franklin this month

Exhibition - Waiou Pa Art Group

Friday 01 May - Sunday 03 May

Colorful display of paintings by local artists at Karaka War Memorial Hall. Friday 4-9pm, \$5 (wine and nibbles), Saturday (9am-5pm) & Sunday (9am-4pm) Gold coin donation. Contact-Janet Munroe Phone-09 232 1475

Firedance Workshop

Saturday 02 May 11am

Intense 1 day workshop. Make your own practice Poi and all the basics of Firepoi. \$60. Held at the Shardu Centre, 15 Percy Graham Drive, Tuakau. Contact-Gina or Julie Phone-021 121 9946 or 021 909 420

Tuakau Saleyards Stampede - Community Fundraiser

Saturday 02 May

Entertainment, period costume, cowboy gun fights, pony rides, Clydesdale Horse Demonstrations and stalls. Contact-Allan Harris Phone-09 236 8029, 021 258 422

Concert - Clearwaters

Saturday 02 May 8pm

A Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival. See this exciting show, hear all the hits. Pukekohe Town Hall. Adults \$35, under 15yrs \$20. Tickets available from i-site and Lewis menswear fashions, Pukekohe.

Community weight loss challenge

Monday 04 May 11:30am-1pm

Monetary prize for the biggest loser in 12 weeks. Cost \$35.00 for the 12 week challenge. Just come along on a Monday 11.45am to 1.15pm and learn about healthy eating. Anglican Church Hall entrance Coles Cres Papakura Contact-Daria Phone-09 2980504 www.eeziweightchallenge.co.nz

John Rowles - Showcase Entertainment

Tuesday 05 May 7pm

At age 61 Iconic NZ entertainer John Rowles shows no sign of slowing down. He is celebrating 40 years since hitting the UK charts and the release of his new album 'The Singer & The Songs' with an intimate concert tour. Hawkins Theatre, Papakura Phone-09 361 1000 info@showcasegroup.co.nz www.showcasegroup.co.nz

Best Medicine - Stand Up Comedy Revue

Friday 08 May - Saturday 09 May 8pm-11pm

Sure to be one of the standout performances of the 2009 International Comedy Festival with Kiwi comedy all-stars. Hawkins Theatre, Papakura. Adult \$25.00 Student \$18.00 Contact-iTicket Phone-09 361 1000 www.iticket.co.nz

Pukekohe 11th Annual Antique & Collectables Fair

Saturday 16 May

9-4.30 Sat, 10-3 Sun. NZ's largest fair of its kind. Held at The Indian Assn. Community Hall, Ward Street, Pukekohe. Refreshments, raffle in support of Pukekohe Volunteer Fire Service - onsite with the 1936 V8 original Pukekohe Fire Engine. roadshow.antiques@xtra.co.nz

Course - Healthy Eating on a Budget

Saturday 16 May 2pm-4pm

The course involves participants undertaking hands-on preparation and cooking of 2-3 different sample dishes/meals as well as interactive discussions. Valley School Hall in Pukekohe. \$5 donation to help cover food costs. Registrations are essential. Contact-Deborah Flynn - The River of Life Centre Trust Phone-09 299 9394 david.flynn@slingshot.co.nz

An evening with Sue Nicholson

Monday 18 May

Join Sensing Murder Psychic Sue Nicholson for an up close and personal evening of connection with The Other Side. Let Sue guide you to The Other Side and then be captivated as Sue connects with many of your loved ones. \$55 Hawkins Theatre - Papakura Contact-office@hawkinstheatre.co.nz Phone-www.iticket.co.nz www.papakuraarts.co.nz

Concert - The Romance of Europe

Thursday 21 May 11am

Experience the best music that Europe has produced: opera, operetta and songs by Strauss, Lehar, Puccini, Verdi, and Mozart - a concert with variety, humour, passion and romance! \$25 with lunch included in the ticket price. Phone-Free phone: 0508 266 237 susan@operatunity.co.nz www.operatunity.co.nz

REGULAR EVENTS

Cycling Franklin

Sundays Weekly 8am

Leisurely bicycle rides on quiet country roads. Free bicycle safety and maintenance tuition. All ages welcome. Meet at the Subway Rd - Station Rd junction, Pukekohe. No club, no fees. Just be there. Contact-Ed Austin edaustin@xtra.co.nz

Franklin Chess Club

Thursdays Monthly 7 May 7pm

Adult and junior members enjoy the challenge of this strategic game. Some nights tournament matches are played and some nights we have different challenges to add a variety to the monthly sessions. \$10 per annum. At Franklin: The Centre, Pukekohe.

Franklin Country Market - Pokeno

Sundays Weekly 9am

Held every week end in Pokeno village. Contact-Rodger Vincent Phone-09 238 8831, 021 2303172 www.franklinmarkets.co.nz

Franklin Market - Pukekohe

Saturdays Weekly 8am

Fishmarket, Fruit & Veges, New Books, Thai Kai, Fast Food, Flowers, Pre-loved furniture, Jewellery, clothing, asian veges, berries, organics, food, bric-a-brac. Carboot stalls also available from \$10 a site. Fundraising stalls FREE Contact-Rodger Vincent Phone-09 238 8831, 021 2303172 www.franklinmarkets.co.nz

Franklin Toastmasters

Mondays Fortnightly 4 May & 18 May 7pm

Fortnightly meetings - Mondays in the Concert Chambers at Pukekohe Town Hall. Guests most welcome. Contact-Karen or Robyn Phone-09 235 3997 - 09 299 7005 franklin@toastmasters.org.nz www.toastmasters.org.nz

Tuakau Scottish Country Dancing

Tuesdays Weekly 7:30pm

Come and join the fun at the St Stephens Ave church hall. Beginners welcome, young and old. Contact-Ruth Oldfield Phone-09 232 6723 g.r.oldfield@vodafone.co.nz

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