



Matariki Community Event Support Fund

2025–26 Report

The Matariki Puanga Event Support Fund provides financial assistance to community-led events that celebrate Matariki and Puanga across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt. The fund supports whānau-friendly events that bring people together to reflect, connect, celebrate, and honour this significant time in Aotearoa New Zealand's calendar.

The fund encourages events that embody the values and principles of Matariki Puanga, showcase local talent and places, support community participation, and create positive outcomes for our communities. Through this support, Council helps enable a diverse programme of accessible and inclusive events that strengthen connections between people, place, and culture.

This report outlines the organisations and events that received Matariki Puanga Event Support funding during the current financial year.

Organisation	Event	Funding Purpose
Te Ngahere O Te Rangimarie Kohanga Reo	40-year anniversary of Te Ngahere Kohanga Reo intertwined with Matariki	Workshop activities
Te Mangungu Marae, Naenae	Matariki community celebration open day	Kai, activities
Kai, Kōrero, Kēmu – Te Awakairangi	Matariki Tukutuku	Tukutuku panels and supplies, Kai, event supplies
English Language Partners, Lower Hutt	Matariki – Cultural Exchange Event	Teaching resources, artist and supplies, kai
Stokes Valley Kai	Winter Warmer Matariki Celebration	Event supplies, Facepainting, generator
He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua Free Kindergarten Association	Ko Puanga rāua ko Matariki – Pōhutukawa	Kai, Marque hire, koha
Hutt City New Life Trust	Oasis Naenae Hautapu	Kai, event resources

Atiawa Toa FM	Te Tai o Puanga Ted Talk	AV, video and audio recording, operators, venue hire, marketing
Foundation for Equity & Research NZ	He Whetū Rerehua: Community Action Groups Unite in Matariki Celebration	Kai, event activities
TEAM Naenae Trust	Naenae Matariki Celebration	Hangi, sound system, venue hire, equipment hire, koha
The Intersection	The Intersection (Matariki Edition)	Venue hire
Love Wainuiomata	Wainuiomata Matariki – Whakaoho I te wairua	Venue hire, kai, koha
Boulcott School	Boulcott School – Matariki ki te Wai	Kai, gas bottle, BBQ grill plate, coffee cart
Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa	Te Tai o Puanga	Hangi
Te Kakano o te Aroha Marae	Matariki	Entertainment, koha, Kai
Matariki Konohete	Upoko Ā Uranga Kōhanga	Venue, koha, AV, activity supplies