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11th Hororata Highland Games Cancelled

The Hororata Community Trust has made the difficult decision to cancel the 11th Hororata Highland Games planned for the 6th of November 2021.

“The Hororata Highland Games is a significant outdoor event attracting around 10,000 people annually, and can only operate in alert level 1.

It is not a decision we take lightly, but our community has been through a lot recently with floods, wind and snow, and given the current uncertainty with COVID alert levels we have needed to make a firm decision now to cancel the Games. The Trust, first and foremost, is here for the wellbeing of our community and in uncertain times we need to give certainty,” explained Chair Richard Lang.

“We were lucky to be able to run the Games in 2020, however this year is different. This year our community have had many other challenges, Delta is a very different proposition, and as people come from all over New Zealand for our festival the whole country would need to be at level 1 for the Trust to feel confident that it was safe to run the Games.”

Ticket sales for the Hororata Highland Games have been strong since opening in August, well ahead of any other year. “We know that people will be disappointed but we hope they will understand and support our community with this decision.”

All tickets have been sold through Eventfinda will be offered full refunds. Ticket holders will also have the option to donate their purchase to the Hororata Community Trust and in return will be offered a 50% discount off tickets to the 2022 Hororata Highland Games. Any donations will go towards the work the Trust does supporting its rural community. Competitors and stall holders will also be refunded.

“The support of our sponsors and patrons has again been steadfast. We thank them for being willing to support our community to hold the Games but equally for their support with the decision to cancel.

The most important thing to the Trust is our community. Together we have faced many challenges and through them all by focusing on our people we have remained a strong and resilient community. The Trust is committed to the Hororata Highland Games and looks forward to bringing this festival back in 2022,” concluded Richard.

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