



# Children of the Dunes



Dec 30<sup>th</sup>  
to  
Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>





## Welcome. Children of the Dunes!

We cannot wait to have you on this  
journey with us. We hope these  
pages will inform, guide and inspire  
you as we approach our solar  
celebration of **love, growth** and  
**community.**

# Time and Space

We will be creating time and space to celebrate from the **30<sup>th</sup> of December** to the **2<sup>nd</sup> of January**.

We will be gathering in **Northland**, approximately **3 hours north of Auckland**. The exact co-ordinates will be provided shortly before the event.

We want to meet all your needs that we can! There will be spaces and facilities for washing, cooking, cleaning, relaxing, dancing and more.

We are asking for a **\$50 koha each** that will go towards organising camp facilities and equipment, amenities, gas, firewood, power, a koha for the sharing of the land and a delicious carbon offset. Do get in touch with us to discuss if this could be difficult for you.

There will be **optional vegetarian shared meals available**, three breakfasts and three dinners. If you would like to indulge in these, it will be an **additional \$50 per person**. Please do get in touch with any dietary requirements or questions – we are happy to work with each & every one of you to ensure a good time!





*If possible, please RSVP, confirm whether or not you would like to join in on shared meals, and send through payment to us by the **19<sup>th</sup> of December**.*

*Payments can be made into **12-3082-0235340-52**  
(don't forget to include your name!)*





# Attitude and Altitude

We have three key principles to ensure that we are creating the community we want to be.

These are **Making, Being** and **Caring**.

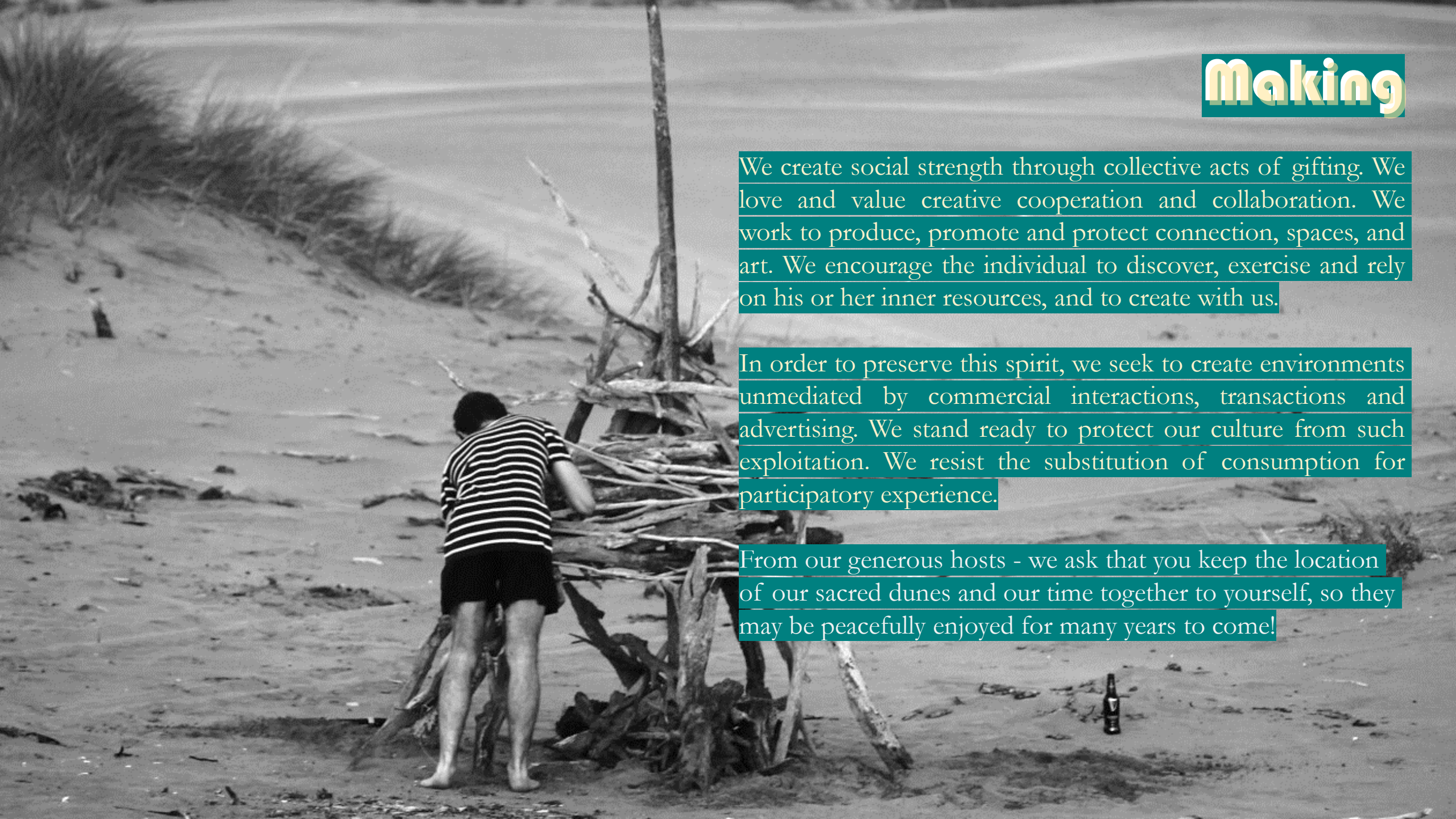




We create social strength through collective acts of gifting. We love and value creative cooperation and collaboration. We work to produce, promote and protect connection, spaces, and art. We encourage the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources, and to create with us.

In order to preserve this spirit, we seek to create environments unmediated by commercial interactions, transactions and advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

From our generous hosts - we ask that you keep the location of our sacred dunes and our time together to yourself, so they may be peacefully enjoyed for many years to come!



A black and white photograph of a person running on sand dunes. The person is wearing a white t-shirt and dark shorts, and is captured in mid-stride, kicking up sand. The background shows the undulating curves of the dunes under a bright sky.

## Being

We think that immediate experience is an important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, appreciation of the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world.

We are committed to radical participation. We believe that transformative change, in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation in experience. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.



An aerial photograph of a lush, green forested landscape. A winding path or streambed is visible, cutting through the dense vegetation. The lighting suggests a late afternoon or early morning scene, with long shadows and warm tones. The word "Caring" is overlaid in a stylized font on the left side of the image.

# Caring


We respect and love the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor to leave such places in a better condition than when we found them.

We value society and community. We encourage everyone to respect and honour civic and social responsibilities.

Our location includes a rare and fragile dune ecosystem. We ask that you, when in this space, read the signage and carefully keep to the paths so that these flora may survive to see in the new year, too!



# Kai & Wai



The dunes will be abundant with food! Together we shall dine on food fit for a hangover, replenishing your energy for the days and nights ahead. The kitchen will producing a delicious array of vegetarian meals, also catering to a vegan and gluten-free diets.

If you would like to be a part of this, the details are:

**\$50 per person** to cover the food costs (*we can scale for less days*)

**Three breakfasts and three dinners.**

**Vegetarian**, with **vegan** and **gluten-free** options available.

(and please let us know any other diet restrictions!)

The more hands we can get in the kitchen, the better – come and find us there to help out.

If you would prefer to organize your own food, all cooking facilities will be available for you to make use of at any time.



# facilities

The following facilities will be available on site.

Drinking water.

A shower and toilets.

A cooking space (BBQs, bench space and sink).

Cold storage for drinks and food.

Space for camping (van access possible).

Shade and shelter for any sun and rain.

A sound space and a fire space.

Power for charging devices (although we recommend batteries).

Open land, air, beach and sea for the soul.





The background image shows a beach at dusk or dawn. In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders are visible. In the middle ground, two people are performing fire dancing, with large, bright flames trailing behind them. The ocean waves are visible in the background under a dark, overcast sky.

# Events and Happenings

The Dunes want YOU! Answer the call - with creativity, beauty, practical-nous and know-how... this gathering is for all and by all. Have an idea? Share it. Have a great story? Tell it. Have some nifty gear? Bring it along. Have an idea for how to make a hot-shower in the middle of an empty field? Paul you're amazing - we love it.

During this gathering, we invite you to dance, sing, swim, wander, ponder, wonder and more. There will be happenings and activities galore. Alternatively, if you're feeling worn out by it all – find some shade and park up with a good book and even better friends.

We have created some events of our own in the pages to follow. **If any of these spark ideas of your own**, something you'd like to host, build, share or put on – let us know and bring it along! **We will be adding to this list closer to the date!**



## 10AM - OPENING OF THE DUNES

If you arrive early enough you will surely find us frantically doing things that should have been done days ago. Come and contribute to the chaos, or set up your tent and smugly survey the scene. The choice is yours!

## 4PM DRONE QUIDDITCH

Not enough drones in Harry Potter for your liking? Let us amend that for you before the year is out.

## 7PM to 9PM. DUNES DINNER

Bring along any cooking, stirring, chopping or cleaning skills you may have to help the dunes community eat!

# Events and Happenings - Day 1

## 6PM. TIK TOK. SLOW DANCING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Love contemporary hip hop and r&b but not quite your tempo? Be transported to a realm where the music moves slowly and the hips move slower. Gyaaaaal aaaaaa whiiiiinneeccc.

## 9PM 'til LATE.

Music, fire dancing, and general shenanigans in no particular order.

## 930PM SPOTLIGHT WITH A (LIME) TWIST.

Torches - necessary, cocktails - critical, further explanation - not.





## 9AM to 11AM. DUNES BREAKFAST

Bring along any cooking, stirring, chopping or cleaning skills you may have to help the dunes community eat!

## 5PM. ARBITRARY OBJECT ORCHESTRA

Do you find the distinction between kitchen and live music venue arbitrary? Do you think that the noise of every-day objects are often underrated? Find your favourite sounding item from around camp to partake in maybe the first, but definitely the last, Arbitrary Object Orchestra of the year.

## 9PM 'til LATE. SUMMONING OF THE SUN

It takes heat to makes heat. Help us summon the new years sun. Followed by music, fire dancing, and general shenanigans in no particular order.

## 1100AM. WAKE UP AND TOW

The sand, sea and wake-car is calling. Harness all three forces at once in this half hazardous two hour wake car session. Fling behind the vehicle in a blend between kitesurfing, skimboarding and wakeboarding. or watch from the 'Wake bed' for a perfect view of people carving it up.

## 3PM CHARCOAL WITH CHIKO (R18)

Come and find out what you can do with charcoal. Some things you might know, some things you might not.

## 7PM to 9PM. DUNES DINNER

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# Events and Happenings - Day 2



## 9AM. EARLY BIRD YOGA

For all those with new resolutions.

## 10AM to 12AM. DUNES BREAKFAST

Bring along any cooking, stirring, chopping or cleaning skills you may have to help the dunes community eat!

## 1130AM. LATE WORM YOGA

A second chance for those rapidly aging resolutions.

## 12PM UNDERWATER TOURS WITH YOUR HOST - M.P. DAVID SEA-FLOOR

Start the new year with your eyes wide open.

## 9PM 'til LATE.

Music, fire dancing, and general shenanigans in no particular order.

# Events and Happenings = Day 3

## 7PM to 9PM. DUNES DINNER

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# What to Bring

## Basics

Tent or shelter-equivalent.  
Bedding and warm clothes.  
Plates, bowl, mug, cutlery.  
Food (if you are not joining us).  
Lighting source.  
Togs and towels.  
Sunblock, hat, mosquito repellent.  
Toiletries, any medication you require.  
Hand sanitiser.  
Power bank/batteries.  
Yoga mat.  
Walking shoes for exploring.  
Earplugs if you like.  
Your beautiful self.  
An open mind.  
Love and non-judgement.

## You're an animal baby

Animals are welcome at the gathering—  
please just let us know so we can prepare accordingly!

## Bonus items & ways to contribute

*Get in touch if you can help with any of the following.*

Ideas for any events to host or help with.  
Decorations! Lights! Projectors!  
Gazebos and marquees.  
Cushions, rugs, blankets and warm things.  
A chest freezer to help keep drinks cool.  
Fire dancing gear.  
Instruments and tunes.  
Sports equipment (beach, land and water).  
4WDs.  
Toys and tricks.  
Sense of enlightenment.  
Anything else you would love to share.

## My Vaccine Pass

As we will be a gathering of more than 25  
people, we are required to comply with  
government requirements: at Red Level, all  
persons must be vaccinated (or have a medical  
exemption).  
Please do get in touch if you would like to talk  
more about this.





*We can't wait to see you there!*

*There will be more information to come closer to the time.*

*Until then you can find us hanging out at*

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*With love, the Children of the Dunes*