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UNI GAMES COMING TO TARANAKI

For the first time in the history of the event, the University Games are coming to Taranaki for an experience 'like no other!'

In April more than 1200 students from New Zealand's 10 Universities and tertiary institutions will compete in 25 sports at more than 20 venues in every corner of Taranaki.

The consortium behind the event, which includes Sport Taranaki, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council, South Taranaki District Council, WITT, and Venture Taranaki Trust and long time supporters of University Sport NZ, The Radio Network and New Zealand Community Trust, are banding together to ensure this year's games are truly like no other.

"We're actively encouraging the whole Taranaki community will get behind the Games," says University Sport New Zealand Games Director Katrina Mansfield.

"The Games will present some great competition and a lot of sporting talent in venues throughout the region. There will be many opportunities for the Taranaki community to get involved and enjoy the atmosphere."

"Taranaki beat some much bigger regions for the rights to host the games this year, with the range of sporting facilities on offer, absolute support from local councils and stakeholders, and positive attitude of the Taranaki locals tipping the balance in Taranaki's favour."

Sport Taranaki's CEO Howie Tamati acknowledges support from members of the consortium. "Organising the Games is a huge logistical exercise and with the support of the Taranaki Councils and sporting bodies I am confident the Games will be a success. Past experience working with the people of Taranaki on other sporting events has shown a tremendous enthusiasm and willingness to be involved to make events like this memorable for all".

Two Taranaki-based co-ordinators are now employed full-time to assist University Sport New Zealand in organising the tournament, which will be staged at various venues throughout Taranaki from April 15 to 17.

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