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Life Education Trust - not just for kids

He's the famous mascot of the Life Education Trust, and Harold's mobile classroom is instantly recognisable by its large-as-life livery – which is very large when you're a giraffe.

But what happens inside? Most adults in our community have no idea, says the trust's Waikato East Chairman Keith Trembath. Even people who grew up knowing Harold will be wowed by the features of the recently refitted classroom.

Microsoft Kinect technology and software produce images that, when students react and move, appear to show their own skeleton and organs on a digital wall. "We can make it rain or snow – and the classroom has provision for incorporating new technology and teaching aids in the future," says Keith. "The possibilities are unlimited. If you can imagine it, we can do it."

He encourages parents, grandparents, councillors, and other community members to visit the mobile classroom when it's in their area; and invites sponsors to see first-hand what their support is helping to achieve. "Adults are

usually welcome to simply rock up and tag in with a class. You don't need to have children at the school."

The classroom will roll into Hauraki Plains schools from April 20 to May 5, and to the Paeroa area mid-year, with new educator Mike Budd aboard. He's passionate about the role, and resigned from his position as principal of HoraHora School to fill the big shoes of his popular predecessor, Hauraki resident Rachel Johnstone.

The Life Education Trust was started in our region, and the Council has been one of its biggest funders for over 25 years, says Keith. "Hauraki, together with three other District Councils (Thames-Coromandel, Waikato and now Matamata-Piako after a recent amalgamation), gives us huge support, as do a number of local businesses."

Plains ward Councillor and Deputy Mayor Bruce Gordon describes the mobile classroom as "absolutely outstanding. It's a valuable and very appropriate way of teaching health, covering some areas that schools can't. Kids love it and remember it."

LIFE EDUCATION



Learning with Harold

Where's the classroom?

Ngatea	April 20-24
Kopuarahi	April 28
Waitakaruru	April 29 - May 1
Kaiaua	May 4-5

Although Life Education is linked into the school curriculum, many people don't realise it's run by an independent non-profit organisation which receives no financial assistance from the Ministry of Education, says Bruce. "The volunteer trustees and all the sponsors who contribute funds and practical support have accomplished a huge feat."



2015-25 Hauraki Consultation Document the submission period closes soon....

If you would like to comment on the Council's proposed approach for the 2015-25 period, make sure you get your submission into Council before 4.30pm on Wednesday, 22 April 2015!

If you would like to view the Consultation Document, the supporting information, submit online, or download a copy of the submission form, then visit the Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/hltp or if you need further information please phone the Council on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).



Becoming familiar with dogs...

Tips for meeting dogs

If an unknown dog approaches you, stand still, be calm, and use a friendly

voice. Use firm words for commands, without shouting.

Let the dog sniff you, but don't pat the dog on the top of their head.

Keep the dog in front of you and don't stare him or her in the eye. Dogs regard this as a challenge.

You can walk away facing the animal, but don't run away, as this is likely to spark the dog's chase instinct.

Entering dog territory

If you're going on to a property where there's a dog or could be a dog, park your

vehicle as close as possible and have your mobile phone with you. At the gate of the property look for signs of a dog before you enter and make a noise that may attract the attention of any dog present. Carry something you can use to fend off a dog if necessary – such as an umbrella, bag, or heavy clipboard.

When leaving a property containing a dog, make sure you shut the gate to ensure the animal is still confined there.

We're here to help

Please contact the Council to report any problems about dogs, including dangerous dogs, instances of attacking or biting, and straying or wandering dogs.

We cannot accept anonymous complaints, but your identity will remain confidential unless an issue goes to court.

Unwelcome summer visitors depart

We may be savouring the last tastes of summer – but we won't miss the earthy taste of the water that comes from Tetley's Quarry reservoir at Waitakaruru.

The algal bloom that caused taste and odour issues in this water is now rapidly dissipating. The 'explosion' of natural algae caused by high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients combined with long spells of hot dry weather seems to have run its course with the advent of cooler weather. However the Council hasn't just been waiting for temperatures to drop. In conjunction with active monitoring, our focus has been on managing the reservoir issue with strategies that don't need chemicals.

We've reduced the algae's ability to survive by using the installed pumps to aerate the water; and plan to install an aeration system ready for next summer – which will work by aerating the reservoir from bottom to top. We already draw water from the lowest levels, rather than the surface where algae are most prolific.

Some people are more sensitive than others to tastes and odours in water, and the problem is expensive to treat. Our present treatment uses powdered activated carbon added to the water during the filtration process. This is proving effective, so we'll continue this treatment as needed.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

From 16 April 2015

Notice to all residents of the Hauraki District
For all areas of the District, until further notice, all water restrictions are lifted.

Thank you for your cooperation in observing the water restrictions through the dry season.

Rainfall and the diminishing demand have improved the situation enough to lift the water restrictions.

Efforts to conserve water help to ensure a reliable water supply for all users as well as essential and emergency needs. Information for about ways of conserving water can be found on the Hauraki District Council website at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, by clicking on the SmartWaterUse logo.

For further inquiries please phone (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (not from cell phones) from within the Hauraki District.

Ken Thompson
District Engineer - Hauraki District Council

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting will be held in the Council Office, William Street, Paeroa during the month of April 2015.

The **adjourned meeting of Judicial Committee meeting** held Monday, 13 April 2015 will be reconvened on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 10.00am.
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Chief Executive - Hauraki District Council

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION PARADE AND SERVICES

Citizens are invited to attend Public Commemoration Services to be held in the Hauraki District on **SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 2015** at the following locations:

Paeroa: 9:15am War Memorial Hall, preceded by a Parade at 9.00am

Waihi: 11:00am Memorial Hall, preceded by a Parade at 10:45am; Wreaths will be laid at the Services Cemetery following the service

Ngatea: 11:15am Ngatea War Memorial Hall, preceded by a Parade at 11.00am

Kaihere/Patetonga: 9.30am Kaihere Hall
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Mayor - Hauraki District

THE NUGGET



Entry information is available on the event website www.thenugget.co.nz.



entries, says registrations administrator Ali Howie. That's almost triple the number as for the same time in 2014, when entries totalled 365 (about 500 competitors).

Many of the entrants for 2015 are first-timers, including gym and school contingents. There's plenty of team bonding shaping

up, and in the case of Waihi College participants, a healthy dose of rivalry between students and teachers.

The Nugget evolved from the Waihi-based event in the trans-Tasman 2010 Anaconda Adventure Race series. It was then run by Total Sport for three years, until the professional event management company gifted it to the Vision Waihi Trust in 2014.

The result is a truly local event, says Ali. Community volunteers, sponsors and participants have always got behind it, and now 100% of the proceeds go back to the community – last year and this year to boost the major sports facilities redevelopment project planned at Waihi's Morgan Park. "We appreciate that the Council has contributed \$500 toward the

running costs of The Nugget, for the second year."

Councillor Harry Shepherd, himself a volunteer marshal, says the Council has supported the event since it started. "The festival is unique and caters for all ages and abilities, from elite competitors to non-athletes."

The full Nugget race can be tackled solo, or as a relay with up to five athletes per team. It incorporates 32km of road cycling in two stages, a 10km harbour paddle, a 10km coastal trail run, a 23km mountain bike leg, and a final 2.2km run inside the Martha Mine pit – normally accessible only through a guided tour. In the team division, all members complete this final dash together.

The Half Nugget for individuals or pairs comprises the same mountain bike, trail run and mine run challenges. Three adventure run or walk distances are also on offer: 21km, 10km or 5km.

All the races have junior, open, and age-group prize categories (from 40-plus Masters through to 60-plus Legends), and some amazing spot prizes are on the line. So there really is something for everyone!