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Ordinary people doing extraordinary things



THANKS – YOU'RE GOLDEN: Mayor John Tregidga (back left) acknowledges Citizen Award recipients Rino Wilkinson, Paeroa; Josey and Stephen McKain, Paeroa; Jim Sutherland, Turua; Warwick Buckman, Waihi; Janie Ikinofu, Kerepehi; Terry Watton, Paeroa; Rod Coe, Waihi; Colleen Marshall, Kaiaua; Pam Taylor, Whiritoa; Elizabeth McMurray, Paeroa; and Robin Straker, Waihi.

We may need to enlarge our town halls – judging from last Wednesday night's record crowd at our Citizen and Young Achiever Awards in the District's biggest Memorial Hall in Paeroa.

More than 250 people packed in to acknowledge ordinary residents who have been doing extraordinary things in the community, perhaps for decades. As compere Kit Wilson remarked, it was fitting to credit our local heroes in a way that sometimes only happens at funerals or tangi.

The Citizen Awards recipients were selected from public nominations by a special panel of Councillors, and hailed by Mayor John Tregidga as "truly the heart of our community. If the Council closed its doors tomorrow, it might take a week for everyone to notice. But if you volunteers stopped work, we'd know before the day was out."

Of the 12 awardees, two were honoured for outstanding service, recognising the breadth and long history of their commitment.

Retired secondary school teacher Warwick Buckman was a founder of Waihi's Habitat Enhancement and Landcare Partnership in 1997 and has chaired it ever since, in conjunction with other environmental enhancement work through the Department of Conservation, Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, local schools, Kauri 2000, Athenree Wetlands, Waihi Walkways, the Miranda Shorebird Centre, Forest and Bird, and the Ornithological Society of New Zealand.

Equally, Warwick is a real people person, dedicated to his home community as a church leader, Hetherington House management committee member, Waihi Heritage Vision committee member, local and national award winner for services to junior cricket, and Waihi College former Board of Governors member.

While quiet service was a theme of the event, the announcement of Janie Ikinofu's outstanding Citizen Award was greeted by a vocal and proud tribute from her big contingent of supporters: about 25 of them her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The Kerepehi and Hauraki District identity is also a much loved and respected but "no nonsense" sister, aunty, cousin, friend, whaea, and kuia.

Cited for years of "giving her time to supporting people of all ages and with all sorts of issues", Janie's advocacy for young people was highlighted, together with her care for others who are homeless, penniless, dying, or sick – despite her own cancer road bump.

As well as working in liaison with Government and social agencies, Janie was acclaimed for partnering with the Council to help the Chinese owners of the planned Kerepehi ice cream factory meet with iwi and wider Hauraki community members. In response, she said she'd sought exactly such a role, and considered that "John is not just a Mayor to us. He's our friend."

Janie was among award winners to share the accolade with a team of fellow workers. And yes, it can take a whole town to make a positive difference; but it often takes one of our exceptional citizens to be the catalyst!

HEARTFELT: Janie Ikinofu's award announcement prompts a waiata from her whanau.



Watch this page in the coming weeks for profiles of some our award recipients.

Young achievers set the bar high



AWARDS SPIRIT: Young Achiever Kelsey Trebes gets ready to give a kowhai to one of the Citizen Award recipients.

Paeroa's 18-year-old Kelsey Trebes hasn't let Down Syndrome stand in the way of recently attaining the highest honour in GirlGuiding New Zealand, the Queen's Guide Award. Last week, she capped that when she was named one of 13 recipients of Council Young Achiever Awards.

As a Queen's Guide, Kelsey has worked over several years to demonstrate initiative, reliability, leadership, community service; and earn the respect and recommendation of her peers and supporters.

As a Council award nominee, she was described as "a shining example of what can be achieved in a community that believes in the ability of youth, not disabilities".

Since 2006, the annual Citizen Awards evening has also recognised high achieving local 13 to 25-year-olds making a mark in their community. This year's Young Achievers have led the way in the classroom, sporting arena, arts and culture, social initiatives, and war commemorations.

After accepting their awards from Mayor John Tregidga, each recipient presented a Citizen Award winner with the added Council gift of a kowhai seedling.

The Mayor noted that in years to come, the young awardees are themselves potential candidates for Citizen Awards – and for his job.



LEADERS IN THE MAKING: Young Achiever Award recipients celebrate with Mayor John Tregidga (back right). Pictured from back left are Cameron Keeyes, Paeroa; Shaun Hill, Hauraki Plains; Nicole Taylor, Waihi; Adrienne Erasmus, Waihi; Cameron Loft, Hauraki Plains; Coel Kerr, Paeroa. From front left are Briely Schuler, Paeroa; Elena Schouten, Hauraki Plains; Kelsey Trebes, Paeroa; Eleanor van Bysterveldt, Hauraki Plains; Cheyenne Ballantine, Hauraki Plains. Absent: Ben Broad, Hauraki Plains

On Labour Day it's all about Kaiaua

Do you live or holiday in the Kaiaua area and want to hear about progress on the Kaiaua-Kopu leg of the Hauraki Rail Trail? About new local solar-powered compacting rubbish bins? About coastal stormwater and mangrove management, rates, or bus transport?

These are some of the topics up for discussion when the Council hosts its annual public meeting at the Kaiaua Bowling Club starting at 10.30am on Monday, 26 October. All residents and ratepayers are invited to get together with Plains ward Councillors, the Mayor, and staff representatives, for this informal occasion that's timed to encourage holiday home owners to attend. This is a way of directly updating the community on recent, current and planned Council projects; and we welcome your queries or comments related to any issues.

We always enjoy coming to Kaiaua," says Councillor Gill Leonard. "It's an opportunity to have a good chat with locals about how things are going."

Community groups such as the Kaiaua Rural Fire Force, St John, and the Boating Club will also give a briefing on their activities. The meeting will conclude over a cuppa and light refreshments.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Kerbside refuse and recycling

Changes to collection - Labour Day

Due to Monday, 26 October 2015 being a statutory holiday, all collections scheduled for the Hauraki District that week will be carried out a day later than normal.

Please see the schedule below showing the changes to your collection day for the week of 26 October to 30 October.

Township	Collection Day	What to put out
Whiritoa	Tuesday, 27 October	Refuse and recycling
Kerepehi	Thursday, 29 October	Refuse and recycling
Ngatea		Refuse only
Turua		Refuse and recycling
Waitakaruru		Refuse only
Kaiaua	Friday, 30 October	Refuse only
Waihi		Refuse and recycling
Waikino		Refuse and recycling
Karangahake		Refuse only
Mackaytown		Refuse only
Paeroa		Refuse only

Collection days will be back to normal starting Monday, 2 November 2015.

Annual Kaiaua Community Meeting

Calling all Kaiaua Residents and Ratepayers

Want to hear what's happening in the Kaiaua community straight from the Councillor's mouth?

Head down to the Kaiaua Bowling Club, Lipscombe Road, Kaiaua this Labour Day for our Annual Kaiaua Community meeting on

Monday, 26 October - from 10.30am

Councillors and Council staff will share what projects have been completed over the last 12 months, discuss projects in the pipeline over the next 12 months, and listen to the views of Kaiaua residents and ratepayers.

A cup of tea and light refreshments will be provided, so rustle up your neighbour, gather your thoughts, and we'll see you there!

Proposed Temporary Road Closures

Ngatea Christmas Parade

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the **Ngatea Christmas Parade** organised by Positively Promoting the Plains, it is intended to close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Period of closure: Thursday, 10 December 2015, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. In case of weather issues the event will be held on Friday, 11 December.

Roads to be closed: SH2 (Orchard West Rd) from River Rd to Darlington St; River Rd from HDC yard to Orchard West Rd, NGATEA.

Paeroa Santa Parade

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the **Paeroa Santa Parade** organised by Positive Paeroa, it is intended to close the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Period of closure: Friday 11 December 2015, 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Roads to be closed: SH2 (Normanby Rd and Belmont Rd) from Victoria St to Marshall St; Princes St, Queen St and Wharf St; Willoughby St from Arney St to Corbett St, PAEROA.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the proposed period of closure.

Any objections should be directed to Technical Services Business Unit Administration on 07 862 8609 or info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz by 6 November 2015.

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