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## Poppies on parade 'In Flanders fields the poppies blow...'

The red poppy, made famous as a war remembrance symbol by John McRae's 1915 poem *In Flanders Fields*, thrived in the disturbed soils of World War I battlefields around northern France, Belgium and Gallipoli.

In Hauraki, we can't grow fields of poppies to commemorate this year's Anzac centenary. However the next best thing is blowing on the main streets throughout the District, after the Council funded a set of poppy street banners for each ward. Placement of

the flags was decided by town promoters, with the Wards able to fund additional flags if required.

The poppies adorn the main road entrances to Waihi and Paeroa, and every lamp post in the town centres.

On the Hauraki Plains, the banners are not only flying on the main roads through Ngatea, Turua, Waitakaruru, Kaiaua, Kerepehi and Patetonga. They've also been distributed to the Hauraki RSA, Hauraki Plains College and the Ward's eight primary schools: Netherpton, Kaihere, Waitakaruru, Kaiaua, Kopuarahi, Ngatea, Kerepehi, and Turua. Four more will be used at the Ngatea and Kaihere Anzac

commemoration services tomorrow.

The flags will be hoisted again during late April and early May of each year through to 2018.

In Waihi, a Lions Club poppy fence 'planted' on the Martha Mine pit rim features a large poppy for every enlistment from the Waihi area – some 420 flowers in total. A \$500 grant from the Council's Waihi Ward discretionary fund has assisted this World War I centennial project.

In the District's three RSA clubs, 'knitting for the troops' has taken on new meaning – with hundreds of poppies knitted and crocheted by local women. Hundreds more have been sent away for mass display as part of the national *5000 Poppies Project*, and Paeroa coordinator Lyn Woodhead thanks everyone who contributed their time and wool.

About 200 blooms in the Paeroa RSA and a further 100 for the national effort were crafted by resident Lorraine Thompspon. Though not even an RSA member, she has knitted and crocheted for the likes of Ohinemuri Rest Home residents and Starship Children's Hospital patients for years, and saw the poppies as another way she could lend a hand.

At Ngatea, a huge woollen poppy wall in the Hauraki Plains RSA should be an even more stunning visual tribute when it's lit up tonight.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES

##### ANZAC WEEK COLLECTIONS

Due to Monday, 27 April 2015 being a statutory holiday, collections scheduled for the week of 26 April to 2 May will be carried out a day later than normal.

The schedule below shows the collection days for that week.

Township	Collection Day	What to put out
Whiritoa	Tuesday 28 April	Refuse and recycling
Kerepehi	Thursday 30 April	Refuse and recycling
Ngatea	Thursday 30 April	Refuse only
Turua	Thursday 30 April	Refuse and recycling
Waitakaruru	Thursday 30 April	Refuse only
Kaiaua	Thursday 30 April	Refuse only
Waihi	Friday 1 May	Refuse and recycling
Waikino	Friday 1 May	Refuse and recycling
Karangahake	Friday 1 May	Refuse only
Mackaytown	Friday 1 May	Refuse only
Paeroa	Friday 1 May	Refuse only

Collection days will be back to normal starting Monday, 4 May 2015.

#### 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 meetings will be held in the Council Office, William Street, Paeroa during the month of May 2015.

##### Judicial Committee

Monday, 11 May 2015 2014 - 9.00am  
Monday, 25 May 2015 - 9.00am

##### Ward Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 12 May 2015  
Plains Ward – 9.00am  
Paeroa Ward – 12.30pm  
Waihi Ward – 2.30pm

##### Operations Committee

Wednesday, 13 May 2015 - 9.00am

##### Western Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 26 May 2015, 10.30am

##### Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 27 May 2015, 9.00am

##### Hearing of Submissions to the Consultation Document for the Proposed 2015-25 Hauraki Long Term Plan

Wednesday, 27 May 2015 - 1.00pm  
Thursday, 28 May - 9.00am (if required)

#### CANCELLATION OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting is cancelled.

##### Western Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 28 April 2015, 10.30am

#### CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, it is hereby advised that the Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 29 April 2015 will commence at 9.30am following the Citizenship Ceremony.

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Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council

## Be part of the Anzac commemorations



Trentham-based Warrant Officer Class 1 Paul 'Macka' McKinney will be back in the community where he grew up, speaking at the **9.30am Anzac gathering in the Kaihere Hall**. Macka spent five years welding at Quinn Bale Boys (now Quinn Engineering), and played rugby for Hauraki North – an association he maintained when he joined the Army at age 22.

In his 30-year career as a driver and commander, Macka has twice been deployed to Egypt as part of the peace process between Egypt and Israel, as well as to Angola and to East Timor. He still loves and enjoys serving his country, and feels privileged to share aspects of that at the Anzac commemorations – including a special Dawn Parade today at his old school, Hauraki Plains College.

In the **Waihi Memorial Hall at 11.00am**, the key speakers will be Waihi College head boy Cruize Murray-Falkner and cultural leader Josaye Frew. Some of their fellow students will have roles in other Anzac tributes at Waihi and Waihi Beach.

The **11.15am service in the Ngatea Memorial Hall**, where the New Zealand Defence Force speaker will be Lieutenant David Williams, will likewise be very student-oriented. "Hauraki Plains College comes out in full force," says Nola Walker of the Hauraki Plains RSA.

After the service, at the Memorial Wall in Hugh Hayward Domain, centennial plaques bearing the names of about 150 Hauraki Plains and Netherpton residents who served in World War I will be unveiled.

Everyone is welcome to attend the civic services, which will be preceded by street parades and 6.00am Dawn Parades.

A century ago, the wartime sacrifices made by the men and women who left home to serve their country had a huge impact on their small communities.

So Anzac tributes in small towns are especially significant, says Chief Petty Officer Grant Gaffaney – and he considers it an honour to be the invited speaker at tomorrow's **9.15am Anzac Day public service in the Paeroa War Memorial Hall**.

Though based at HMNZS Philomel in Devonport, Grant's home is Paeroa, where he settled three years ago. "I strongly encourage everyone to gather and be part of our local commemorations," he says.

Tomorrow is the 100th anniversary of the day that Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers landed at Gallipoli as part of an Allied mission to capture the peninsula; and three other civic services in the District will also give residents a chance to remember our servicemen and women.

## First sod turned at Northern Estate

Councillor Gill Leonard has long been working toward establishing Ngatea's newest residential subdivision. So it was fitting that she and Mayor John Tregidga, another strong proponent, put a spade in the ground at Northern Estate last week to turn the first sod.

"I'm very excited to finally be seeing some progress on this project which will bring growth to the Plains," says Gill. She hopes the Council development off Mahana Road and bordering Pipiroa Road will be especially attractive for families – offering affordable sections close to good schools and sports facilities, and with Hugh Hayward Domain on the doorstep.

A total of 22 flat, north-facing properties will be available for sale, ranging from approximately 700 to 840 square metres. Pricing of lots will vary depending on size.

While earthworks on the actual sections aren't scheduled to start until September, the formation and stabilising (preloading) of internal roads to provide for heavy vehicle access is now underway. Nearby residents can expect some dust and machinery noise, but the contractors will be taking care to minimise any effects on people living in the surrounding area.

We welcome any questions about the development work, and expressions of interest from anyone who would like to consider purchasing a section. Information is available by phoning Council property manager Dennis Lees on 0800 734 834 (from within the district), or emailing [dennis@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:dennis@hauraki-dc.govt.nz).



### SITUATION VACANT

#### PART TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Hauraki District Council is looking for someone with excellent customer service and proven teamwork skills to join our Hauraki libraries team. Ideally you will have library career aspirations and a passion for literature and reading.

The hours of work will be a minimum of 5 hours per week on a rostered basis – usually worked at the Waihi library, as well as two Saturday mornings per month – usually to be worked at the Paeroa Library. You will also be required to work additional hours as required at any of the three libraries in the Hauraki District on an on-call basis.

To be successful in this role you will need to have the ability to work with a diverse range of people and have the ability to multitask in a busy environment. A good working knowledge of a range of software programmes, database searching, social media, internet and great keyboard skills is also essential.

If you're looking for a part-time role and have the flexibility to work on Saturdays and do extra hours as required then this could be the opportunity for you.

For further details or to apply electronically please visit our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or Contact Sue Greenville on 07 862 5024 or Julie Sweeney on 07 862 5023

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