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Tree spirit

Hauraki Rail Trail users will be able to pick plums and rest their tired legs in the shade thanks to a donation from Paeroa Combined Churches. The churches planted 200 trees in the Paeroa Ward this year to mark the 200 year anniversary of the first recorded Christian Service in New Zealand on Christmas day 1814 at Oihi Bay in the Bay of Islands.

"We planted deciduous trees for autumn colour, fruit trees so people have something to munch on along the Hauraki Rail Trail, trees to support the bird life, and native trees in recognition of our partnership with Māori," says Paeroa Baptist Church Pastor Alan George, who headed up the project.

The majority of trees were planted in Paeroa's Railway Reserve, on William Street, and alongside the Hauraki Rail Trail on Rangiora Road just north of Paeroa.

"The Gorge part of the Trail is absolutely fabulous, I think it's probably the best bike ride in New Zealand, but the other bits are not quite as interesting. Our hope is that this [corridor of trees] will be an extra thing, a point of interest on the Trail that people will keep building on," says Alan.

He and his wife Glenys, who have two grown sons, moved to Paeroa two years ago because of the town's friendly church community.

"We're also really enjoying the town's location. It's a wonderful place to live with a lovely church and lovely people."

The last tree was put in the ground at the end of last month and a commemorative plaque was laid during a special ceremony on the 30th of September at Railway Reserve.



Mayor John Tregidga unveils the commemorative plaque in recognition of the 200 trees planted to mark 200 years since the first recorded Christian service held in New Zealand.

Government receives special delivery from Hauraki

The Government received a special delivery last week. The second part of Hauraki District Council's application for broadband funding, its Digital Enablement Plan (DEP), has now been submitted and will be assessed in Wellington over the next few months. The submission marks the successful completion of an application process that began earlier this year when councils were asked to compete for a share of \$360 million to improve broadband and mobile phone services in regional New Zealand.

The process has given the Council a valuable insight into the digital needs of its communities, says Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga,

"Unsurprisingly, Hauraki residents and business owners want fast, reliable broadband that's affordable - regardless of whether they live in our urban towns or more rural areas," he says.

The DEP links to a comprehensive programme of work to improve digital infrastructure and utilise technology to enhance community and business growth over the next three to four years.

At this stage of the application process Ngatea, Waihi, and Paeroa have all made the funding long list, but Mr Tregidga says the Council is looking beyond that to the needs of the entire District and will find ways to implement the DEP regardless of the outcome of its application.

"In today's world, the internet is as important as our roads, it's the highway of the future and if we want people to come and live and do business here we need to keep up," he says.

Paeroa Ward Councillor and Economic Development Committee Chairman Toby Adams agrees.

"The availability of Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) is one of the first questions asked by businesses looking to locate in the area. We are extremely well positioned in relation to bigger cities, enjoy a great lifestyle and don't have to put up with rush hour traffic - throw in UFB and it's hard to find a reason not to come to Hauraki," he says.

Celebrating the International Day of the Older Person

Next Thursday, 1 October is International Day of the Older Person and to celebrate, Hauraki District Council and local community organisations are holding expos in Paeroa and Waihi.

A fun day of demonstrations, information, freebies, activities, entertainment and nibbles, the expos are a great opportunity to meet new people, catch up with friends, share your latest adventures, and boast about your grandchildren.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga says the expos are a not-to-be-missed opportunity to find out about the many services, activities and opportunities our communities have to offer older people.

"New Zealand statistics show there are an increasing number of seniors living in our community. The busy lifestyle of Auckland is not necessarily as attractive for the third generation as it once was and the rural areas, such as Hauraki, are becoming more welcoming for many."

Paeroa Expo: Thursday, 1 October 2015

10 am to 2 pm at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall
 Local transport is available on request
 RSVP for catering purposes
 Contact: Margaret Raddatz 07 862 8208 or
 Cheryl Lasenby on 07 862 6110

Waihi Expo: Friday, 2 October 2015

10 am to 12 noon at the Waihi Memorial Hall
 Local transport is available on request
 RSVP for catering purposes
 Contact: Council's Waihi Service Centre on
 0800 734 834.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Proposed Temporary Car Park Closure

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 redevelopment works it is intended to close the Waihi Silvertown Road Car Park to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure regular car park users will have to make other arrangements over the duration of these development works. Period of closure: 5 November to 18 December 2015.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the car park 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 9 October 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 unless otherwise stated during the month of October 2015.

Judicial Committee

Monday, 5 October 2015 - 9:00 am
 Monday, 19 October 2015 - 9:00 am

Ward Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 13 October 2015
 Plains Ward - 10:00 am
 Paeroa Ward - 12:30 pm
 Waihi Ward - 2:30 pm

Operations Committee

Wednesday, 14 October 2015 - 9:00 am

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, 14 October 2015 - 1:00 pm

Western Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 27 October 2015 - 10:30 am

Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 27 October 2015 - 1:30 pm

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 28 October 2015 - 9:30 am

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled to be held at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 September was cancelled.

Langley Cavers
 Chief Executive
 Hauraki District Council

Where has the Kaiaua bottle bin gone?

If you live in Kaiaua you may have noticed the big green bottle bin that was situated at the front of the Kaiaua Boating Club carpark/reserve has recently disappeared.

The bin was originally supplied by Council because there was no kerbside recycling collection in the small coastal village.

However, we're very pleased to say, Kaiaua now has a fortnightly kerbside collection service and all residents have been supplied with recycling bins to put their empties in, just in time for the Rugby World Cup!

No longer required, the big green bottle bin has been removed and will be put to good use somewhere else.

For more information regarding collection dates and times in Kaiaua go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or give us a call on 0800 734 834.

Rubbish - It's what you do with it that counts

We all produce rubbish. Some of us produce a load of rubbish. But as the saying goes; it's not how much you have it's what you do with it that counts.

To ensure people in Hauraki always have a place to put their rubbish, the Council contracts a waste management company to provide a whole range of services including kerbside collections and public refuse bins.

Unfortunately, some people have been getting a bit confused about the difference between the two lately and filling our public bins with bags of

household rubbish, which leaves no space for the disposal of ice block wrappers, drink cans, and fish and chip packets. It also causes the bins to overflow with refuse which then gets blown down the street.

Please help us keep our district clean and tidy by putting your household rubbish out on the street in an official council bag on collection day, or taking it to one of our transfer stations in Waihi and Paeroa.

For more information about kerbside collection days go to Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or phone us on 0800 734 834.

