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Get ready for the big Shake Out

New Zealand

9.15am 15 October 2015

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Big Shakeout on the way!

What will you be doing on Thursday, 15 October at 9.15am?

We encourage you to **Drop, Cover and Hold**, as part of the world's biggest earthquake drill. The aim is to have 1.5 million New Zealanders practise the actions we would take in a real earthquake – at home, school, work, or wherever else we are.

Individuals, families, workplaces, schools, preschools, and groups can sign up to take part at www.shakeout.govt.nz. If you can't do the drill at 9.15am on 15 October, you can choose another time within two weeks of that date.

We can't predict when an actual shake will occur, but the website has lots of tips and information not only for doing the drill, but also being prepared for an earthquake. *ShakeOut* is a great opportunity for everyone to check their plans and their knowledge of what to do if an earthquake occurs. Businesses and farmers can assess their continuity plans, families can stock up on their emergency supplies and refresh their household plans, and schools can remind children and parents of their processes during an emergency.

ShakeOut began seven years ago in California, and was last held in New Zealand in 2012, with 1.35 million people involved. This year, judging by previous figures, New Zealand will have the highest proportion of people taking part of any country; and we'll be the first in the world to Drop, Cover and Hold.

Talk to your families, neighbours, colleagues and workmates now about getting involved!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Property for Sale - Turua

Hauraki District Council is offering a property for sale at 3 Matai Street, Turua. The land area of the section is 1012m². The buildings on site are 126m² shed and a 58m² sleepout. Asking price is \$139,000 for the property.

To arrange a site inspection please contact Dennis Lees, Property Manager, Phone 07 862 8609 or 027 4875 609.



Council & Committee Meetings

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 11.50am.

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Judicial Committee
Monday, 13 July 2015 - 9.00am (if required)
Monday, 27 July 2015 - 9.00am (if required)

Ward Committee Meetings
Tuesday, 14 July 2015
Plains Ward – 9.00am
Paeroa Ward – 12.30pm
Waihi Ward – 2.30pm

Operations Committee
Wednesday, 15 July 2015 - 9.00am

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, 15 July 2015 - 1.30pm

Western Plains District Drainage Committee
Tuesday, 28 July 2015 - 10.30am

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Wednesday, 28 July 2015 - 9.00am

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Wanted: Mobile Book Buddies

Do you use the Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi Libraries regularly? Would you like to help another library member when you visit?

Some of our senior patrons can no longer drive or have become less mobile, and really miss getting to the library as they used to. So we'd like to take the library to them – and would love to hear from any volunteers who could deliver books to a person in their local urban area and pick them up again within a couple of weeks for return.

Librarians would make the arrangements and get the books ready to go. The 'couriers' would just need to have a little time available, and an affinity with older people.

If you're interested, please contact Lesley Young at the Paeroa Library or Karen Wickliffe at the Waihi Library.



The little library with a big heart

Its home may be a glorified shipping container, but the tiny Kaiaua Community Library receives 200 fresh books every eight weeks. They're chosen from the shelves of the Paeroa Library by volunteers who make the 110km round trip from Kaiaua to collect them.

Though Kaiaua's facility isn't an official Hauraki District Library, the Council owns the Lipscombe Road property and "gives us a lot of support", says library coordinator Ann McGinn. That assistance includes a \$500 annual grant toward the community library's costs, and paying the modest power bill. When the Waihi Library relocated to its purpose-built new premises in March 2014, some of the shelving and books no longer needed were gifted to Kaiaua's library.

The bulk loan arrangement is facilitated through Paeroa Library rather than the closer Ngatea branch because of its larger collection. "The girls there are lovely, and go out of their way to help us and accommodate special requests and access," says Lesley Castle – who at 94 is the oldest of Kaiaua's library's eight current volunteers. She also claims to be its biggest beneficiary. "I do this [job] because I read more books than anyone else."

Prior to the building's arrival, the library was housed in an even smaller room at 'The Pink Shop', the Seaside Store then owned by Winston and Viv Coker. It was Winston, together with Lesley, who first inspected the container building when it was for sale on a Franklin District farm. "My recollection is that it cost \$2,000, which Winston thought was a bit steep," says Lesley. "But it was perfect for our purpose, even with lights installed. It just needed to have power connected."



Saturday morning at the Kaiaua Community Library, with Ros Mason on duty and Ann McGinn (centre) assisting.

The purchase price was paid by the Franklin District Council, which until 2010 included Kaiaua in its territory; and a local resident provided free truck transport. The building consent issued in February 1999 records the structure's life expectancy as "indefinite, but not less than 50 years".

Its rotation of additional books originally came from the Pukekohe Library. Now, the Paeroa Library selection augments a core collection of about 5000 donated books, regularly sifted to ensure they're in good condition and titles remain relevant to readers' needs and interests. Any withdrawn volumes are recycled if possible, for instance through Lions Club book fairs or donations to District rest homes.

While the library opens only on Wednesdays and Saturdays, about 150 people in the community of almost 800 permanent residents take direct advantage of the free lending service. Patron Elaine Smith, who has lived in Kaiaua for 19 years, says it's something she has really

appreciated since retiring five years ago.

The borrowers include weekend and holiday residents; and some patrons also take home books for their husbands or other family members, says volunteer of six years Ros Mason.

"I should have been a librarian. Helping at the library is a great way to meet and get to know people, and we get to know what kind of books our regulars will like."

Both fiction and non-fiction are popular, and the extensive large-print range is well used. In keeping with the community's demographic, most of the books are for adults, with Kaiaua School providing the main library service for young residents.

Audio books and jigsaws are also on offer, with all items date-stamped in the traditional way, and the issues recorded in a filing card system.

Paeroa librarian Lesley Young says she and fellow staffers enjoy the relationship they have with the Kaiaua Library volunteers, and it's satisfying to support a service that gives as many people as possible local access to books. "Only about 10 to 15 Kaiaua residents regularly visit the Ngatea Library, so this community service is definitely meeting a need."

Hauraki District Libraries also support the volunteer-run libraries at Turua and Whiritoa.