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Come and hit the trail

What on earth is a 'trilogist'?

Answer: someone who takes part in all three of Sport Waikato's Sunday fun runs or walks on the Hauraki Rail Trail over the next three months.

The aptly named Trail Trilogy drew about 530 individual and relay entries when it was launched last year. Of those, 55 people completed the triple challenge. But the series encourages anyone to enjoy getting out and getting active.

In the words of Waikino resident Simone Warn, a 2014 winner in the women's 50+ category, "The affordable entry cost and relatively flat course made the event achievable for so many people and teams, of all ages. We're so lucky to have the Rail Trail."

The races build in distance, with a 14km leg from Tirohia to Te Aroha on July 5, a 21.6km 'half marathon' from Paeroa to Te Aroha on August 16. The final stage of approximately 29km from Paeroa to Thames on September 27 is a perfect chance for family or school teams to hit the trail.

What's provided? Everything from race numbers, timing chips, drink stations, toilet facilities, and marshalling to spot prizes and a gear van. For anyone who needs transport to the start line or from the finish line, there's even a shuttle available by prior booking.

While the cycle trail will remain open and runners and walkers need to give way to bikes, the races promote the use of the Rail Trail in the off-peak season for cycling, and as always the 'Share with care' courtesy applies.

As well as attracting visitors to run or walk on the trail – a facility in which the Council has invested significant resources – the Trilogy gives locals an opportunity to use it in a different way.

The events will go ahead rain or shine, unless extreme weather poses a risk to participant safety. For more information or to enter online, visit www.sportwaikato.org.nz.



Ngatea dairy farmer Neil Gray traded his gumboots for running shoes to enter last year's Trail Trilogy.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Due to Monday, 1 June 2015 being a statutory holiday, kerbside collections scheduled for the week of 1 to 6 June 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 2 June	Refuse only
Kerepehi	Thursday 4 June	Refuse only
Ngatea	Thursday 4 June	Refuse and recycling
Turua	Thursday 4 June	Refuse only
Waitakaruru	Thursday 4 June	Refuse and recycling
Kaiaua	Thursday 4 June	Refuse and recycling
Waihi	Friday 5 June	Refuse only
Waikino	Friday 5 June	Refuse only
Karangahake	Friday 5 June	Refuse and recycling
Mackaytown	Friday 5 June	Refuse and recycling
Paeroa	Friday 5 June	Refuse and recycling

Collection days will be back to normal starting Monday, 8 June 2015.

COUNCIL & 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 June 2015.

Consultative Committee Water & Waste

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 – 10.00am

Judicial Committee

Monday, 8 June 2015 2014 - 9.00am (if required)

Monday, 22 June 2015 - 9.00am (if required)

Ward Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 9 June 2015

Plains Ward – 9.00am

Paeroa Ward – 12.30pm

Waihi Ward – 2.30pm

Operations Committee

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 - 9.00am

Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 - 1.30pm

Audit & Risk Committee

Tuesday, 16 June 2015 - 9.00am

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 24 June 2015 - 9.00am

Western Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 30 June 2015 - 10.30am

Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 30 June 2015 - 1.00pm

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Hauraki District Council

SITUATION VACANT

STRATEGIC PLANNER (Fixed Term 12 Months)

Hauraki District Council is looking for someone with a positive can-do attitude who can step in to assist in the Strategic Planning team to cover a Parental Leave 12 month fixed term. Part-time hours will be considered but you must be available for a minimum of 25 hours per week. We can offer you a friendly caring team environment in a workplace where we appreciate the value of work-life balance.

As the Strategic Planner you will play a key role in fulfilling the strategic and corporate planning functions of Council, ensuring the future of the Hauraki District is planned in partnership with the community. In the next year you will be instrumental in the production of the Annual Plan and Annual Report; you will need to be a good communicator and project manager, and be able to address any corporate planning issues as they arise.

A relevant tertiary qualification and experience in the key areas of strategic and corporate planning or business management is essential. Working knowledge of the Local Government Act and the ability to interpret legislation and apply it to processes and procedures will also need to be one of your strengths.

For further details or to apply electronically please visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, or contact:

Sue Greenville on 07 862 5024, or

Julie Sweeney on 07 862 5023

Applications close 5 June 2015

"At Hauraki District Council ...
It's More than Just a Job!"

Entitled to a rates rebate? Apply before time runs out!

Low-income homeowners may qualify for a rates rebate of up to \$605 – but it's not automatic. With applications closing on June 30, we've so far received about 80 fewer applications than last year.

Under government thresholds for the scheme, ratepayers who receive a maximum annual income of \$27,870, plus \$500 for each dependent, can be eligible for a full \$605 rate rebate. But people with an income of up to \$42,000 may be entitled to some assistance, depending on their total rates amount (District, water charges and Regional Council rates) and the number of dependents in the household.

Last August, the Council sent out letters to about 1300 Hauraki residents who have previously received a rebate, encouraging them to apply again. Brochures were also distributed with school newsletters, in an effort to get the message home to families.

Rebate applicants need to make a 15-minute appointment with one of our customer service advisors. These are normally held at Council offices in Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi, where every endeavour is made to ensure that the short interviews are friendly and private.

For anyone physically impeded from coming to the Council, home visits are available by arrangement. Our staff really will go the extra mile to assist!

Wage or salary earners should bring to the appointment a summary of earnings and a bank interest statement, for the 12-month period to March 2015. Self-employed workers need to supply an income and tax summary from the IRD or an accountant. No documents are required from those on a benefit, as the Council will be able to access the relevant information on their behalf.

Those applying for a rates rebate must normally live at the relevant property; and must sign a statutory declaration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING FOR LOCAL ARTS

Applications for funding assistance to local arts projects and initiatives within the territory of the Hauraki District Council are now being received.

The scheme's three funding criteria are:

- Broad community involvement** – Your project will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities;
- Diversity** – Your project will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity; and
- Young people** – Your project will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Application forms are available from council offices at: William Street, Paeroa; Rosemont Road, Waihi; Orchard Road, Ngatea.

Applications close 4:00pm Thursday 25 June 2015

For further information contact:

Administrator - Creative Communities Scheme

Hauraki District Council

07 862 8609

toll free within the District 0800 734 834

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Chief Executive - Hauraki District Council



Are you on the move? Please let us know

Hundreds of four-legged and two-legged District residents will hit the road around 'Gypsy Day' – the traditional June 1 start of the new dairy season when farms change ownership and sharemilking and grazing contracts begin.

If you're shifting stock on foot along roads, you'll need a permit from the Council. One of the main issues is effluent left on the road; and this can be minimised by keeping animals off green feed for at least four hours before travel.

As a consideration to other road users, drivers should have plenty of people on hand, wearing high visibility clothing. But we also ask motorists to be patient if they encounter a herd on the road.

Regardless of your mode of transport, if you're on the move, please let us know so we can update your contact details now. This is especially important if you're a dog owner, as it will ensure that information for the 2015/16 dog registration year beginning on July 1 is sent to the right address. If you're shifting to or from another District, both Councils need to be advised.

Even if you don't own a dog and don't pay the rates for the property you live at, a move is a good time to confirm or give us current contact details including a mobile phone number or email address. This can help us to help you, for instance with Councils increasingly able to use texts to get information out to residents.

Updating your address and contact details takes just a few minutes. You can pop into of our offices, phone our friendly customer service team, or do it online with a service request.

To farmers and their families who are leaving our District, we wish you the very best for the future. To new rural residents, a warm welcome.

Good grounding for winter

Rejuvenation of Paeroa Domain's No.1 field was recently completed, putting it in top condition for the winter sports season. The surface was detached – a process involving the removal of all the dead plant material between the living grass and the soil. This 'thatch' becomes a problem when it builds up because it affects drainage, and water penetration to the roots of the grass. It can also be a breeding ground for turf insects and fungus.

Sand was applied to level the ground, and a superior grass species was planted.