

The coolest fun for just **\$1**

A \$1 coin is all you need to splash out in January for admission to our community heated swimming pools.

The special price includes the use of three whopper inflatable toys, complete with slides, obstacles, and even palm trees, which are afloat most days during the school holidays. They're rotated around the Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi pools, providing variety and different levels of challenge for kids and grown-up kids. For an extra treat, poolgoers can enjoy yummy ice blocks and drinks that are available on site.

"The season started slowly, then since Christmas when the weather heated up we've typically had 100 swimmers each day in Paeroa and Ngatea, and a few less at Waihi," says Pools Supervisor Kariann Treanor. Fortnight-long learn to swim programmes have been popular, and private swimming lessons are still available at Ngatea and Waihi.

Kariann encourages locals to make the most of extended public hours during the holidays, while schools aren't using the pools. Members of our friendly lifeguard team are on the poolside at all times, though children aged under 8 must also be actively supervised by a parent or caregiver. "It's been great to see whole families enjoying the water," says Kariann.

Lane swimming is available too from 6am to 9am, and in the lunch-hour during term time. The four-month public swimming season runs until March 22.

For more information about opening hours and pool services, pop into one of the pools or visit the Council website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

'Little Swimmers' for Little Swimmers

We love to see babies and young children having fun and gaining water skills at our family-friendly swimming pools. To help ensure that everyone has a clean, safe and enjoyable time, we encourage parents and caregivers to dress their little swimmers in Little Swimmers – because we know that accidents can happen.

If you don't want to buy a whole packet of these specially designed pants or haven't brought any with you, they're available for individual purchase at each pool. They don't swell up in the water, so your child will stay comfortable and have unrestricted movement. At the same time, the snug elastic sideguards will contain any accidents, saving a lot of personal embarrassment and public frustration.

Parents should also take youngsters to the toilet just before entering the water, and avoid bringing unwell children to the pool, out of fairness and respect for all pool users. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Last summer, several 'Code Browns' occurred in our pools. Each time this happens, the pool has to close for the rest of the day because we are serious about our thorough cleaning process, and health and safety regulations require the water to completely circulate three times before further use.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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 January 2015.

Ordinary Meeting of Council
 Wednesday, 28 January 2015 - 9.30am
 (Following the Citizenship Ceremony)

Western Plains District Drainage Committee
 Thursday, 29 January 2015 - 10.30am

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PAEROA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Council are inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the lease or purchase of the Paeroa Post Office building situated at 101 Normanby Road, Paeroa.

An information pack with details of the EOI is available from Council's Service Centres at William Street, Paeroa, or by phoning the Property Manager, Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609.

All EOIs should be sent to:

Attn: The Property Manager
 EOI - Paeroa Post Office
 Hauraki District Council
 PO Box 17
 PAEROA 3640

or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the Paeroa Service Centre, William Street, Paeroa.

The closing date and time for the EOI is 2.00pm Friday 30 January 2015.

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Paeroa JP Clinics

The weekly Tuesday JP Clinics in Paeroa will now be held from 12 noon to 1.00pm (instead of 11.00am to 1.00pm).

The Clinics are held at Council's Paeroa Service Centre on William Street - opposite Countdown supermarket.

Members of the public are welcome to simply drop in, or appointments can be made at our offices or by phoning the Council on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (freecall within Hauraki).

The Waihi JP Clinics will remain the same as they have been – the times are 11.00am to 1.00pm each Monday and are held at the Council's Waihi Service Centre and Library.

The JP Clinic service is free.

Smoother route for cyclists

A short stretch of the Hauraki Rail Trail behind McDonalds restaurant in Paeroa has been rerouted on a slightly lower level to make it more cycle-friendly. This allows for ramp access to the Criterion Bridge, eliminating the need to get bikes up and down the existing steps.

The new section of path was opened last month, after the installation of specially made bollards bolted to the existing concrete wall. There was no room for standard bollards without interfering with underground service cables.



Total open-air Fire Ban is still in place

We are definitely feeling the heat of summer at the moment and as the temperature increases so does the risk of an uncontrolled fire causing danger.

We remind the public to refrain from lighting any fire in the open-air. This includes braziers, chinese lanterns and fireworks are specifically prohibited, due to the fire risks they present. The ban also includes land clearing burn-offs, rubbish fires, beach fires, and the use of open-top incinerators of non-approved type.

For those backyard chefs the use of an adult-operated gas fueled barbecue and solid fueled permanent barbecue made of brick or concrete are exempt, and this year, approved type pizza ovens with a chimney and spark arrester are also permitted.

Traditional cooking fires such as hangi, umu or charcoal spit roasts are included in the ban, although for community or cultural events, permits will be considered by fire authorities. These can be applied for at Council service centres, with notice of at least 48 hours (two working days) required.

If you see smoke or you're in doubt about a fire - "ring it in" by calling 111.

Depending on the fair weather conditions, the fire ban may be lifted on 8 February. Any extension past that date will be reviewed daily, with signs and notices keeping residents and holidaymakers informed.

Questions about the ban or applying for a fire permit are welcome by calling Council on 0800 734 834 (from within the District).