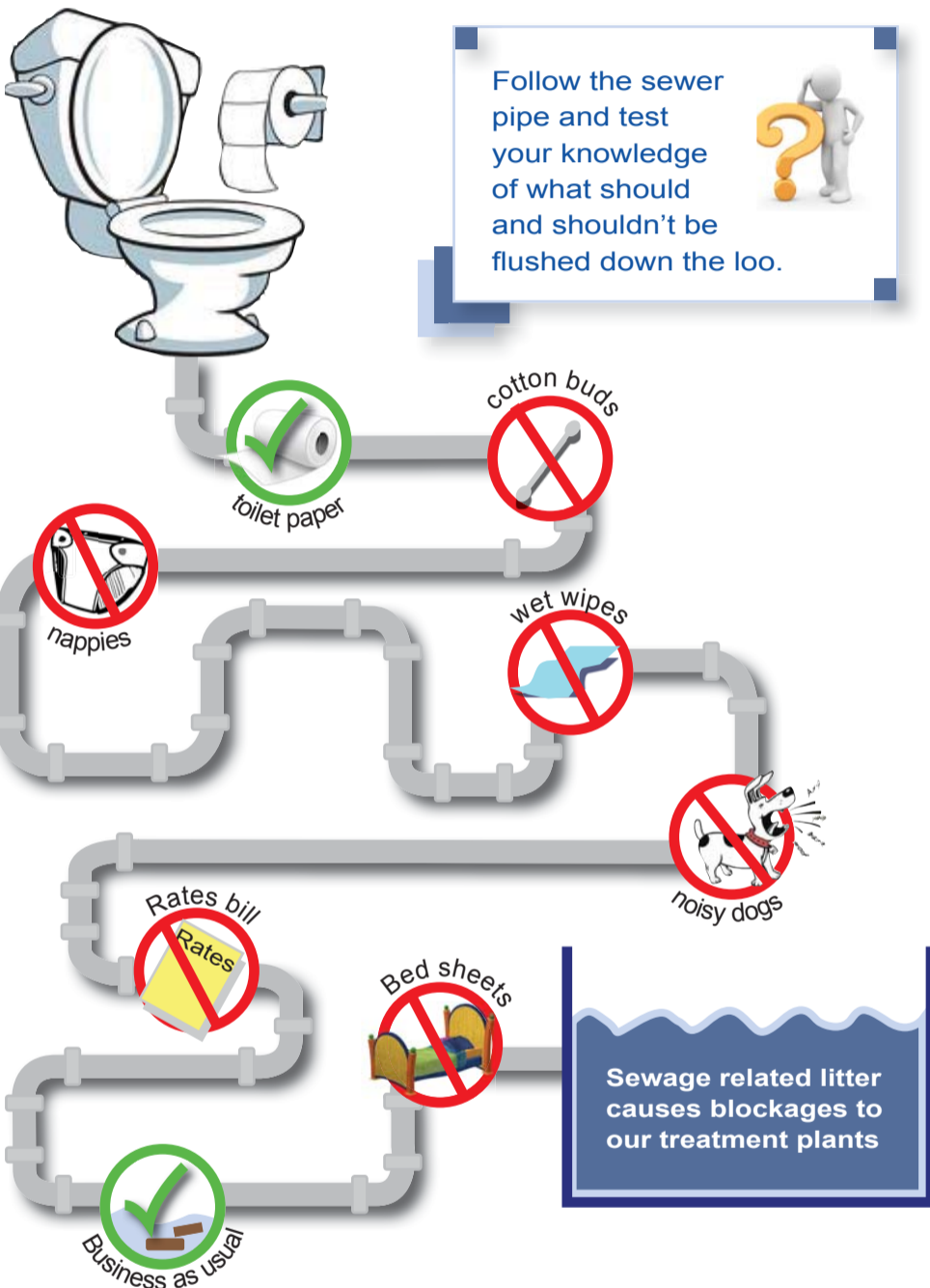


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To Flush or not to Flush? *that is the question*

We've never seen a sewer monster, but we've had some pretty strange things show up in our sewerage system over the years, including a full set of queen size bed sheets! The trouble is, things like this can get tangled around our pump propellers and increase the risk of blockages, back-ups and spills.



Relief on the way for Karangahake Reserve toilets

Holiday hordes are causing more than traffic congestion in the Karangahake Gorge. Many of the tourists who visit the area each year also pay a visit to the reserve carpark toilets, and the existing waste water treatment system is struggling to cope.

To relieve the issue, we're spending around \$640,000 on a new scheme to pump wastewater from the toilets to the Paeroa Waste Water Treatment system. It's expected the new scheme will be in place before next summer.

Read more on our website at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/karangahake-reserve-toilets/

Coming soon

Good taste Paeroa drinking water

Paeroa residents have good taste in general (that's why they live in Hauraki) but they'll have good tasting drinking water too before the month is out. We successfully installed a specialised UV peroxide water treatment system at our Waihi Water Treatment Plant last month, now it's Paeroa's turn.

The systems are manufactured in Canada specially to remove the unpleasant taste and odour caused by compounds released into the water by dying algae and other bacteria over summer.

Read more on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/water-treatment/

Karangahake and Mackaytown water upgrade work almost complete

Karangahake and Mackaytown residents will soon be connected to the Paeroa water supply, which has recently been upgraded to a very high standard. This upgrade is part of a programme to upgrade all our rural networks, and will reduce the water quality/contamination issues experienced in both communities over the last few years.

We understand there have been taste and odour issues in Paeroa and water quality/contaminaton issues in Karangahake and Mackaytown for some time which has caused some frustration, and would like to thank these communities for their patience while we've worked to provide a solution.

Once upon a time in Paeroa

Chapter 1:

The Council started building a new library.

Chapter 2:

The project went smoothly, with no unexpected plot twists or villains showing up to ruin everything

Chapter 3:

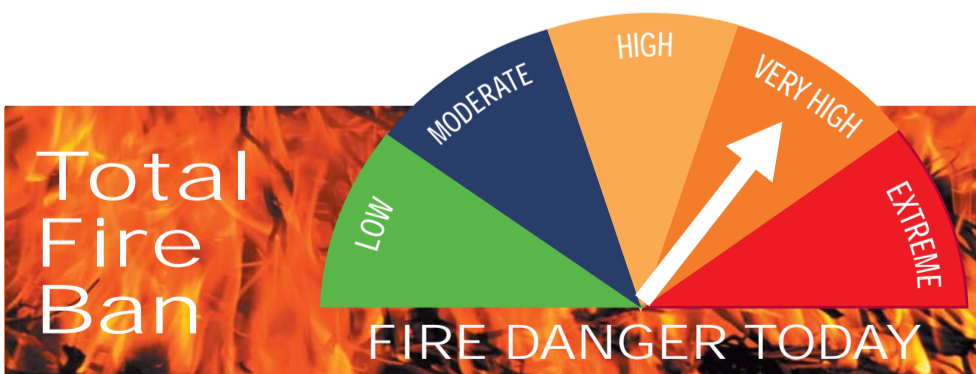
A very happy and predictable ending and grand opening is expected around the end of March.

On the Trail in Kaiaua

Work on the Kopu to Kaiaua leg of the Hauraki Rail Trail, which includes a clip-on cycle lane attached to the Piako Bridge, is chugging along nicely. Still under construction but on track for completion before winter sets in, the Kopu to Kaiaua leg runs mostly along the stop banks beside the Firth of Thames and borders one of the most important areas for shorebirds in the country.

Finishing this stage of the Trail will be a significant milestone for the seven year Hauraki Rail Trail project, bringing it to the verge of completion.

A further \$1.2 million is still needed to cover the last 15 km from Pūkoro/Miranda to Kaiaua.



Smoulders on

Usually our Total Fire Ban totally fizzles out on 8 February, but this year it'll be smouldering on until further notice. Although it feels like summer hasn't actually downloaded yet, it's actually been really dry and the fire risk is still very high.

Find out more about the Total Fire Ban here at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/total-fire-ban-extended