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Season's greetings and a happy New Year

As another year has rushed by, I hope you can take an opportunity to reflect on what it has meant to you. It's so easy to become engulfed by the busyness and sometimes stresses of Christmas – just when we should be taking a breather to recharge our batteries, enjoying the beautiful District we live in, and spending some quality time with family and friends.

Christmas is not about the presents and commercialism, but about people: acknowledging and respecting those close or important to us, celebrating and relaxing with them.

The spirit of that is demonstrated in festivities like the Open Door Christmas Dinner in Waihi, and I thank the volunteers who give their time and effort to make it happen, as well as the many volunteers who work throughout the year for the benefit of the people in our community.

I appreciate all the support from residents over the past 12 months, and on behalf of our councillors and staff, we wish you a happy, refreshing and safe Christmas and New Year.

John Tregidga, Mayor, MNZM, JP

SAVING WATER STARTS WITH YOU



The mercury's rising and weather's getting drier, which adds up to less water to draw on but a greater demand for it.

While no water restrictions are signaled or in place in the Hauraki District at present, we ask residents and holidaymakers to be mindful of conserving water now.

If everyone plays a part, it can make a huge difference to the amount saved and the delay or avoidance of restrictions later in summer – especially with Waihi's new additional water supply not expected to be operational until March or April in 2015.

Here are a few small ways you can save a lot of water:

- Put water in the sink to wash fruits and veges or to rinse dishes. Running the tap for this can use 10 litres of water a minute.
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving. Leaving the tap trickling with water wastes about five litres a minute.
- Use the half-flush button on the toilet when appropriate. This would save about 5,000 litres of water per person each year.

For more tips, click the smart water use logo on the Council website, and look for tips in this page over the coming weeks.



Happy camping!

If you're campervanning in Hauraki this summer, we hope you enjoy the attractions, hospitality and services of our District.

The Council encourages responsible freedom camping – recognising that it's part of Kiwi culture, and for many visitors a valued tourist experience. We especially value the co-operative relationship we have with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, as we try to protect sensitive areas and at the same time make motorhome owners feel welcome.

Ray's Rest at Kaiaua offers absolute beachfront sites for self-contained vehicles displaying current certification, on the only Council reserve where camping is possible. (This excludes the south end of the reserve, adjacent to the Department of Conservation wildlife refuge.)

A maximum stay of two nights in any calendar month is permitted at Ray's Rest, so that many people have the chance to camp there. The same rules applied under the old Franklin District Council bylaw, when Kaiaua was part of that District.

In Ngatea, designated motorhome parks are available behind the Hauraki District Council office. In Paeroa, there's overnight parking in Marshall Street beside Railway Reserve, just metres from the Hauraki Rail Trail.

Dump stations are also provided at all these locations.



Ray's Rest at Kaiaua

HDC Service timetable for 24 to 31 December 2014

	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31
All Council Offices Paeroa, Waihi and Ngatea	8.00am to 12 noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.00am to 4.30pm	8.00am to 4.30pm	8.00am to 4.30pm
Waihi and Paeroa Library	9.30am to 12 noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10.00am to 4.30pm	10.00am to 4.30pm	10.00am to 4.30pm
Ngatea Library	8.00am to 12 noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.00am to 4.30pm	8.00am to 4.30pm	8.00am to 4.30pm
Swimming Pools - Paeroa - Waihi - Ngatea	6.00am to 9.00am (lane swimming) 9.00am to 5:30pm (public swim)	Closed	11.00am to 5.00pm (public swim)	11.00am to 5.00pm (public swim)	11.00am to 5.00pm (public swim)	6.00am to 9.00am (lane swimming) 9.00am to 5:30pm (public swim)	6.00am to 9.00am (lane swimming) 9.00am to 5:30pm (public swim)	6.00am to 9.00am (lane swimming) 9.00am to 5:30pm (public swim)
Paeroa Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	12.30pm to 5.30pm	12.30pm to 5.30pm	12.30pm to 5.30pm	12.30pm to 5.30pm	Closed
Waihi Transfer Station	10.00am to 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	10.00am to 4.00pm	10.00am to 4.00pm	10.00am to 4.00pm	Closed	10.00am to 4.00pm

KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Whiritoa Only	Extra collection Bags & glass only			Extra collection Bags & glass only		Normal collection Refuse & recycling		Extra collection Bags & glass only
All other areas	Refuse only Ngatea Kaiaua Waitakaruru Refuse & recycling Kerepehi Turua		Refuse & recycling Waihi Waikino Refuse only Karanghake Mackaytown Paeroa					Refuse & recycling Ngatea Kaiaua Waitakaruru Refuse only Kerepehi Turua