



## Library and streetscape celebrations



*"The new building will bring library services in Paeroa up to modern standards which of course include digital services as well as books."*  
 John Tregidga  
 Hauraki District Mayor



## New Paeroa Library is open for browsing

*Join the library. Join us on an exciting new journey!*

### Library features

- Public computer suite
- Quiet study and reading space
- Julie Bubb's corner – a space especially for the young, and young at heart.

### Programmes in the pipeline

- Computer mentoring
- Book group
- Toddler Time
- Arts and Crafts

### Paeroa Library Hours

5 Mackay Street  
 Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 4.30pm  
 Friday - 9.30am to 5.30pm  
 Saturday - 9.30am to 12.30pm



Winner of the 'Fiction Fashion' competition 8 year old Clara Brown, dressed as her favourite book character *Fantastic Mr Fox*, holds her new prized Samsung tablet.



*"It's like a community lounge room. It's a far more inviting place than the old cramped library and the streetscape makes it even more appealing. I can see it becoming the social hub of the community,"*  
 Julie Bubb,  
 former Paeroa Councillor



*"The new building has opened up so many opportunities to develop new programmes and projects and we're open to ideas from the community on this. There's such a diverse range of talent, skills and knowledge out there that we're really keen to tap into,"*  
 Lesley Young,  
 Library Team Leader



## Plans locked, loaded and looking good

The Council has locked in plans for the next financial year, and Mayor John Tregidga is pleased to report non-water rates will increase less than predicted.

"While the 2015-25 Long Term Plan signalled a 4.2% non-water rates increase for 2017/18, we've managed to reduce this number to 3.69%. Our water rates increase will 2%, which is in line with what was predicted."

He says we have six new Councillors following last year's elections and there is plenty of enthusiasm to complete projects.

"Our main objective has been to continue to provide essential services and community facilities while keeping rates affordable for our ratepayers," he said.

### Major projects for the year beginning 1 July 2017 include:

- increasing treated water storage on the Hauraki Plains
- Connecting the Kaimanawa community to the Paeroa drinking water supply
- upgrading the Waitakaruru water treatment plant
- completing the Wharf Street section of the Wharf/Mackay streetscape in Paeroa
- renewing wastewater pipes in Paeroa
- further development of Karangahake Reserve
- increasing the height of our stopbanks on the Hauraki Plains.

The 2017/18 Annual Plan comes into effect 1 July 2017 and a summary of the contents will be published in June 2017. A full copy of the plan is available on Council's website, [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

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