

HDC NEWS





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Tagger turned talented artist

Ten years ago he was made to scrub his drawings from the old Paeroa skate bowl. Today he's being paid to paint a mural at the town's new skate park at Railway Reserve.

Paeroa street artist and house painter Reuben Levien, says his interest in art began as a 12-year-old mimicking skate board brands in vivid on the old Norwood Street skate bowl afterschool.

"It wasn't really tagging, more cartoon stuff, but I had to scrape it all off," he laughs.

Going on to achieve excellence in NCEA art at Paeroa College, he practiced his artwork on everything from friend's cars to flat fridges, and set a goal to one day become good enough that his customers would cover the cost of the spray paint he used to do it. Being contracted to paint the skate park mural has exceeded this goal and inspired the budding artist to promote his work more widely.

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Reuben credits growing up in Paeroa for a large part of his creativity. With no movie theatre, shopping malls or other entertainment on tap, local kids had to find their own fun. In his case, that meant rainy days listening to music and painting pictures. His teenage bedroom is still covered in wall to ceiling art.

"Even now, people ask me what there is to do in Paeroa and I always say, I do art, which is exactly what I would do if I lived anywhere else. If you're bored, you're boring."

"It's great to have such a bold and colourful piece of artwork to brighten up the well-used skate park, but it's even greater to give a young local artist an opportunity to shine and earn some money at the same time."

Paeroa Ward Chair Paul Milner



"This is the most fun job I've ever had in my life, it's a dream come true for me and it's not over yet".

ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2018

"THEY FOUGHT TOGETHER AS BROTHERS-IN-ARM. THEY DIED TOGETHER AND NOW THEY SLEEP SIDE BY SIDE. TO THEM WE HAVE A SOLEMN OBLIGATION."

ADMIRAL CHESTER A. NIMITZ

COMMEMORATION SERVICES

Paeroa

9:15am War Memorial Hall preceded by Parade at 9:00am

Waihi

11:00am Memorial Hall preceded by Parade at 10:45am

Ngatea

11:15am Ngatea War Memorial Hall preceded by Parade at 11:00am

Other Services

KEREPEHI

6:00am War Memorial Hall, Kerepehi

HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE

6:00am Hauraki Plains College, Ngatea

KAIHERE/PATETONGA

9:00am Kaihere Hall, Kaihere

TUNNELLING COMPANY

9:00am Gilmour Reserve, Waihi

RSA Dawn Services

Dawn Services start at 6:00am at the foot of the War Memorial Cenotaph on Primrose Hill, Paeroa, and at Waihi RSA in the memorial area behind the club.

Dawn Services are run by the RSA and are listed on the RSA website rsa.org. nz/find-an-anzac-day-service

Wreaths

If you would like to lay a wreath at one of our services, it's not too late. Contact us on 0800 734 834



Fibre rollout kicks off in Waihi

The Waihi community will be the first in Hauraki to be able to connect to Ultra Fast Broadband as Chorus begins the roll out of their fibre network in May this year (completion May 2019). Fibre is also being rolled out at Waihi Beach at the same time.

Find out more

Chorus will be holding 2 drop-in meetings in the Waihi area on April 18 designed for locals to pop by and ask questions around how and when they can connect to fibre. From 11am till 2pm experts will be at Waitete Orchard, Waihi. Later in the day, from 3pm to 7pm, they'll be at the Farm Gate Deli and Kitchen at Waihi Beach.

Other Hauraki towns bumped up the list

Chorus also recently announced Ngatea, Paeroa and Turua will receive Ultra Fast fibre earlier than originally planned. The newly announced completion dates for Hauraki towns are outlined below.

TOWN COMPLETENgatea October 2019
Paeroa April 2020

May 2020

Turua



Let's go to the library

Don't be bored these April school holidays

Pick up an Ancient Civilization activity booklet from the library and keep busy with:

- Word puzzles
- Art and craft ideas
- Links to fun online activities and games
- Make your own catapult!

It's almost time for Wriggle and Rhyme

Calling babies and toddlers from far and near Movement classes are almost here Wriggling and rhyming, and fun times for free Down at the library is the cool place to be

Coming to Paeroa and Waihi in term 2!