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On your marks, get set, *go!*

Voting has opened in the 2016 local council elections



What does this *mean?*

Voting papers are being mailed to registered voters this Friday 16 September. Most people will start receiving their papers on Saturday, with all papers expected to be delivered by Wednesday 21 September.

Hauraki voters will be able to choose their favourites from this Friday, 16 September

What if there is nothing in my *letterbox?*

People who are enrolled and have not received their papers by Wednesday 21 September should contact the Hauraki District Council on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834.

Voting papers

must be received by the Council before midday on Election Day, 8 October 2016. Voting papers should be returned by post but if it is close to the deadline or you are going past a Council office you can hand the papers in there.

Why should *I Vote?*

- Choose who will lead your town
- Make a difference in your community
- Choose the people who will be your voice for the next three years
- If you don't vote you don't have a say in who represents you around the council table
- Councillors make important decisions on your behalf. Choose who will make the decisions that affect you.
- Build a stronger local government

There's still time to *enrol*

So far 13,992 Hauraki voters have enrolled to vote and will receive voting papers in the mail. For anyone not yet enrolled, there is still time.

Although electoral rolls have been published, people can still enrol to vote. You can check your details are on the electoral roll at any Hauraki District Council office or Library, including the Whiritoa Library and at the Kaiaua Seaside Store.

If you're not on the roll you should enrol to vote, or update your parliamentary electoral details with Enrolment Services as soon as possible.

If you are wondering *why you have to register on the parliamentary electoral roll*, it's because these details are provided to your local authority for the purpose of including you on the roll for the local elections.

Application forms are available at all of the Council offices and libraries or alternatively you can enrol online at www.elections.org.nz or by phoning 0800 36 76 56.

After you have enrolled you will need to come into one of the Council offices to make a *special vote*. Special voting papers can be posted out, but make sure you allow enough time to post them back.

Voting closes at midday on 8 October.

Meet the *candidates*

Plains Ward Candidates

Thursday 15 September - 7.30pm
 Ngatea Hall Lounge

Paeroa Ward Candidates

Tuesday 27 September - 7.00pm
 Paeroa Memorial Hall
 (hosted by Rotary)

Waihi Ward Candidates

Thursday 22 September - 6.30pm
 Waihi Memorial Hall
 (hosted by Grey Power)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH NOTICE

Flush out your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

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HELP POLICE FIGHT P IN WAIHI



There's a villain in our towns. It's on our streets. It's behind many burglaries and other crimes. It's destroying families and ruining lives.

Methamphetamine (P) is not unique to Waihi but next week detectives from the Organised Crime Squad will be holding a public meeting in the town, designed to raise public awareness of the problem and empower the community. They'll be sharing first-hand information on what to look out for, signs and signals all is not well, how to keep safe, and what people can do to assist the Police. Just as importantly, they'll be pointing people to services that can help, should they know someone who has an issue with the drug.

Hosted by the NZ Police and supported by Hauraki District Council, Go Waihi and Waihi College, the meeting will be held in the Waihi College Hall, 7pm Wednesday 21 September.

"Success for us is reducing the harm caused by methamphetamine in the Hauraki Community. That is achieved by helping users to overcome addiction and preventing people from using in the first place through awareness of the negative effects of methamphetamine. Every person helped or stopped is a success for the community."

New Zealand Police