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# Waihi Ward Reflections

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## Decisions Decisions Decisions

We recently reviewed our Alcohol Control Bylaw, which outlines the rules for alcohol use in public places, and asked for feedback from the community before making the following decisions.

### Dickey Flat Campground, Waitawheta will have an alcohol ban in place

A proposed permanent alcohol ban at Waitawheta's Dickey Flat campground, where there is currently no ban in place, will be introduced on Friday 10 November 2017.

Last year the police attended 10 incidents at the campground, three of which were very serious in nature. We're also aware of several unreported incidents that have caused a nuisance to campers.

"There is definitely an issue with the behaviour of some Dickey Flat campers, which of course is made worse when alcohol's involved, so we totally support the Police and Department of Conservation who want to see this become an alcohol free area," said Mayor John Tregidga.

### Whiritoa seasonal booze ban still in place

The existing seasonal ban in public places in Whiritoa during traditional Christmas and New Year periods will remain in place.

However, a proposed year round alcohol ban has been canned following an overwhelming response from the community.

A large number of residents and ratepayers submitted written feedback, took to social media, signed petitions, and verbally voiced their opposition to the proposed ban extension.

*"It's fantastic to receive such a passionate response. Having reviewed the feedback, we've made a pragmatic decision to respect the community view. That's what the feedback process is all about."*

Mayor John Tregidga

### other decisions...

- current alcohol bans in public places in Waihi, Ngatea and Paeroa will stay in place.
- the Waihi ban will be extended slightly to include the 100km/hr speed limit area on Parry Palm Avenue from Dean Crescent toward the town centre.

### Alcohol bans...

- do not apply to the transportation of alcohol in unopened containers. This means you can buy alcohol from a shop and walk home with it without breaching the Bylaw.
- only apply to public places such as reserves, beaches, community halls, school grounds and town centres. They do not apply to social gatherings on private property.
- are enforced by the New Zealand Police, not us. Police undertake a graduated response to breaches of alcohol bans, which means verbal warnings will be used before fines are given. In extreme cases arrests can be made, but each response will be proportionate to the incident.

### Dispensation

Dispensations to an alcohol ban can be sought from us for community events so alcohol can be provided.

**The new Bylaw will come into effect on Friday, 10 November 2017 and can be viewed at our offices in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi and on our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)**

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- 4.45am Dawn Blessing. There will be two dawn blessings held simultaneously at:
- \* Robert Findlay Wildlife Area, E Coast Road, Miranda
  - \* Kopu Bridge - access and parking will be at the layby on the Hauraki/Auckland side of the bridge
- 8.30am Gala Festival - 79 Kopu Road
- 9.00am Opening Speeches
- 9.30am Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 9.30am Rail Trail open for riding. Festival continues
- 9.30am Free Shuttle Services will operate to 3.00pm between Kopu and:
- \* Pipiroa - Buchanan Road;
  - \* Waitakaruru - next to the Country Store; and
  - \* Pūkoro-Miranda - Robert Findlay Wildlife Area
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