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# Waihi Ward Reflections

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## Water We're on a mission

The Council is upgrading all of its drinking water supplies

### Water all clear for Mackaytown and Karangahake

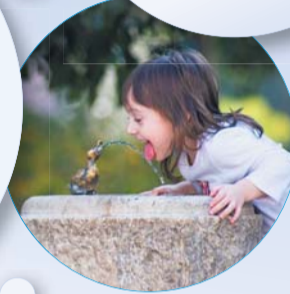
Last week the last few properties in the Mackaytown/Karangahake area were connected to the much superior Paeroa water supply.

This marks a real milestone in our mission to improve drinking water quality in our District.



"Precautionary boil water notices have been more or less a permanent feature for the Mackaytown and Karangahake communities for some time, so it's a really nice feeling to be able to tell residents they can now drink water straight from the tap to their heart's content,"

Adrian de Laborde  
Group Manager  
Engineering Services



"Water is our most precious resource and it's fantastic to see such good progress being made in its delivery throughout the District."

Acting Mayor  
Toby Adams



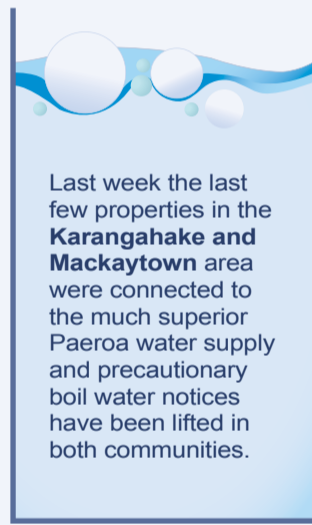
The District's main water treatment plants in **Kerepehi, Waihi and Paeroa** have all been upgraded over the last few years.



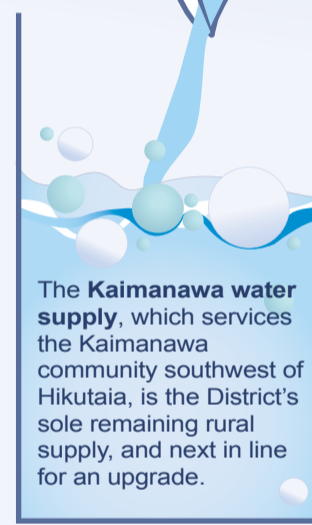
Last year the **Waikino** community was connected to the Waihi water supply.



Muddy tasting water experienced over the last few summers in **Waihi, Waikino and Paeroa** is now a thing of the past following the successful installation of specialised UV peroxide treatment systems designed and built in Canada to remove taste and odour.



Last week the last few properties in the **Karangahake and Mackaytown** area were connected to the much superior Paeroa water supply and precautionary boil water notices have been lifted in both communities.



The **Kaimanawa water supply**, which services the Kaimanawa community southwest of Hikutaia, is the District's sole remaining rural supply, and next in line for an upgrade.

## Fine weather spells GO at Morgan Park

A welcome window of fine weather has been put to good use by Waihi Sport 'n' Action. The asphalt surface on 10 new netball and tennis courts at the back of Morgan Park has now been completed.

Waihi Sport 'n' Action Chair Des Mulhern says the work was planned for earlier in the year but has been held up due to the recent weather events.

"The asphalt contractor's main work stream is roads, and after the recent weather events they were snowed under fixing those, which understandably took priority over our courts. But it's great to see the work's now done and it's going to be even better to see people playing on them," he said.

**Stage 1: still-to-do list** (expected completion 3 months - except for rubberised surface):

- Lights - special LED lights that use half the power of normal lights. Bulbs don't need changing for 10 years
- Line marking
- Nets, goal posts and fencing
- Rubberised surface - 4 of the 10 courts will have a specialised rubberised surface suitable for tennis (will be laid once the weather warms up in spring/summer).

**Stage 2: to-do list**

- Move the netball pavilion and create shared clubrooms for all sporting disciplines
- Create new croquet and bowling greens

**Stage 3: to-do list**

- Redevelop football and rugby fields

### Morgan Park Recreation and Community Centre

The Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust's overall vision for the project is to promote an active and healthy community by offering increased participation opportunities in sport and recreation. The project will achieve this by providing up-to-date facilities in an easily accessible environment.

Morgan Park will become the hub of sport and recreation in Waihi, with shared clubrooms and a collaborative approach to overheads, maintenance, sponsorship, funding and marketing.



"I'd like to thank Waihi Sport 'n' Action and key Council staff for working so hard to move work forward despite the regular rain interruptions. It's great to see the hot seal has gone down and I'm looking forward to the court markings, lighting and fences being completed"

Councillor Max McLean  
Waihi Ward Chair



## Save our drains for rain

### Did you know?

- There are around 70km of stormwater pipes servicing private and public property in Waihi, Paeroa, Ngatea, Turua and Kerepehi.
- These pipes are important to prevent flooding and blockages from rainwater during a storm.
- These pipes all lead to the sea.
- You can help prevent flooding and/or pollutants entering our waterways by:
  - Keeping your drains, gutters and downpipes clear of leaves, sticks and rubbish
  - Picking up rubbish and recycling that may have fallen out of your bins on rubbish collection day
  - Washing your car or boat on the lawn (not in the driveway or paved areas that allow soapy water to run into the drains)
  - Taking used engine oil to one of our transfer stations
  - Cleaning up outdoor spills with rags, sand or newspaper, rather than washing it down the stormwater drain.

For more drain dos and don'ts

[www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/save-our-drains-for-rain](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/save-our-drains-for-rain)