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Waihi Ward Reflections

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Social media post **inspires beautiful thing**

An overwhelming response to a post on a community Facebook page has inspired an exciting local initiative.

Waihi Ward Councillor Anne Marie Spicer says a post about litter on the Waihi Grapevine Facebook page a few months ago generated a huge response from the Waihi community.

“Comments on the post were generally very constructive. People were keen to know what they could do to help clean up our town and this project has just grown from there,” she said.

Spicer, local resident Jonette Mead and other interested residents have since formed Keep

Waihi Beautiful which falls under the larger umbrella of Keep Hauraki Beautiful. The group will be working closely with Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB), a charitable trust dedicated to keeping our communities clean, safe and beautiful.

Keep Waihi Beautiful aims to encourage locals to take pride in their town.

To begin with the group is focusing on monthly public rubbish clean ups, coordinating clean ups with local school students, and designing an education programme. Future possibilities include street beautification and cleaning up waterways.

The Council has contributed \$2,226 to the project, which includes transfer station fees and KNZB membership which gives the District access to KNZB support and resources such as unlimited supply of gloves and bags.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga says the resources will be available for projects district wide such as the Aorangi Streamcare project coordinated by Eowyn Starr in Paeroa.

“In my experience, the most successful projects always start at a community level, and Keep Waihi Beautiful is another great example of that. It’s a beautiful thing” he said.



Image: Tomek Friedrich

**KEEP
WAIHI
BEAUTIFUL**



Keep Waihi Beautiful is holding its first public clean-up day on 21 May

More information is available at Keep Waihi Beautiful
www.facebook.com/keepwaihibeautiful/

Let's get our
rubbish sorted



7 APRIL - 8 MAY

We want your feedback on how we manage waste and recycling

Managing waste within our District is an important Council responsibility

The Hauraki, Matamata-Piako and Thames-Coromandel District Councils got together in 2011 and worked with the community and waste management professionals to produce a joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

The plan is now being reviewed and we're seeking your input into the next version.

The plan's vision is to “Minimise waste to landfill and maximise community benefit.”

Goals include:

- actively promoting waste reduction
- increasing the recovery and reuse of resources
- managing waste services cost-effectively
- minimising harm to the environment and public health.

Targets include:

- 13% reduction in the total quantity of waste sent to landfills by 2020
- 5% reduction in kerbside waste by 2022.

Join in the conversation

For more information and to view the plan visit our website
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/waste-management-minimisation/

Summary information and copies of the plan are also available at our council offices.

Submissions close 8 May Hearing date 1 June