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Waihi Ward Reflections

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Game on! Council contribution gets ball rolling on Waihi Sports Hub

Next winter, Waihi netballers will be winning their games on six brand new courts at the back of Morgan Park, thanks to an \$800,000 contribution from Council. The new courts will also service the tennis club.

"Ground instability at the current netball courts is a big issue, and the tennis courts need renewing too, so the situation has become quite urgent" says Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust Chairperson Mary Carmine.

The work, due to begin in November, is a real milestone for the Trust, which has been in the planning and feasibility stages of a multi-million dollar Recreation and Community Centre Project at Morgan Park since 2005.

The Trust's overall vision for the project is to promote an active and healthy community by offering increased participation opportunities in sport and recreation.

Morgan Park will become the hub of sport and recreation in Waihi over the next five years

Long term game-plan includes:

- **Shared clubrooms**
- **Collaborative approach to overheads, maintenance, sponsorship, funding and marketing.**
- **Netball, tennis, football**
- **Indoor sports centre for inline hockey**
- **Squash courts**
- **New bowling greens and croquet facilities.**

Former Waihi Ward Chair Harry Shepherd, who hung up his councillor hat this month, has been involved in the project from the beginning.

"It's quite fitting that one of my last decisions as a Councillor is to approve funding to get the ball rolling on this project. No one will be happier than me to see the first sod of earth turned at the park," he said.



Max McLean



Anne Marie Spicer



Duncan Smeaton



Austin Rattray

Snap Chat

A quick hello from your new Waihi Ward Councillors

Max has enjoyed representing the Waihi Ward for the last six years and is thankful to those who have re-elected him for another three.

"I'd also like to thank the Councillors I've worked with in the past to make our district such a great place to live. Few people realise how hard they have worked. Having said that, the new team is also a high calibre and diverse group with many talents I'm sure will be of huge benefit to Waihi in the future. I'm truly proud to be a part of Hauraki District Council, which I believe really cares for its community."

Anne Marie is looking forward to working collaboratively with the many community minded groups and individuals already doing tremendous work in the Waihi Ward.

"There are so many people doing great things in our community that you don't always hear about. I'd like to work on stronger communication from Council so that everyone knows more about what's going on, both here and in the rest of the District."

Duncan already has some idea of what Council does but is excited about the opportunity to find out more and figure out how to do things even better.

"I look forward to meeting some of the Council staff and coming to grips with current issues and operations such as water supply, waste disposal, management of traffic through Waihi, social services for young and old, and how all this stuff gets funded!"

Austin is excited about his new role and ready for the challenge of making Hauraki an even better place to be.

"Thank you to everyone who voted in the elections! I'm looking forward to working with the great team you have chosen to represent us. I believe our region has exciting times ahead and we need to work together as a community to make our region the best it can be, both now and for future generations."

Do you

- Live in Waihi East?*
- Want to see your community prosper?*
- Have some spare time?*

If so, you could be the Waihi Community Forum's new community representative.

Due to her recent election as a Waihi Ward Councillor, Anne Marie Spicer is stepping down from her role as Forum chairperson. However, she will still be on the Forum as one of two Council representatives, along with re-elected Waihi Ward Councillor Max McLean.

"I really enjoy being part of a forum that continues to work hard for residents in Waihi East and believe the role of Chairperson should be filled by a Community Representative," she says.

A new Chair will be elected at the next Forum meeting in November and it is hoped the Forum can appoint a new community representative at the same time.

Find out more about the Waihi Community Forum and register your interest in being the next Community Representative here

<http://www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz/>

Waihi East Streets Ahead

Help the Forum figure out how to spend \$160,000

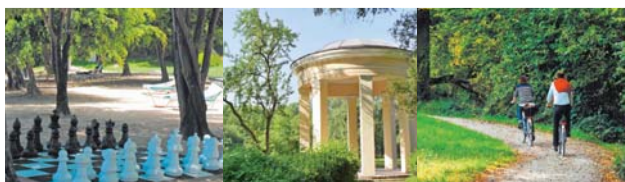
The Forum has at least \$160,000 in its community coffers to spend on enhancing the area near the Correnso Underground Mine. Having completed two Streets Ahead projects to date, a home maintenance grant and a community playground, it is calling on the community for more creative and innovative ideas.

Some ideas in so far:

- Movie nights at Boyd Road theatre
- Cherry Blossom Planting
- Memorial Gardens
- Tree planting
- Dog walking park
- Cycle trail (connected to Hauraki Rail Trail)
- Street Art

To share your ideas visit

<http://www.waihicommunityforum.co.nz/>



DIVE IN!

Opening date for the Waihi Swimming Pool is Saturday 19 November

Under fives free

You don't have to splash out to enjoy a swim. Entry is free to under fives and only \$2 for everyone else, with a 50 percent discount from January onwards.

Perky new paint job

The pool is currently receiving a fresh coat of paint and will be looking a million dollars on opening day so get your togs out, stock up on sun block, grab a really cool hat and come on down.

