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Waihi Ward Reflections

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Seat celebrates 95 years of good stuff

It takes more than torrential rain to dampen the spirits of Hauraki Women's Institute members.

"Of course it's still on, just bring your brolly," they said when it bucketed down on the day of the unveiling of the seat they've had installed at Karangahake Reserve carpark to celebrate 95 years of Women's Institute good stuff in New Zealand.

"You're an incredibly active group, and I take my hat off to you for all the great work you do in the community, and also for turning up on a day like today," Mayor John Tregidga said.

Former president Elaine Jolliffe said the group does a lot of fundraising and nationally the Women's Institute recently raised \$36,000 for kidney kids.

"Everybody thinks we just do cooking and knitting, but we do a lot more interesting things than just that, like music, drama and crafts. We cater for all sorts of interests," she said.

New president Jean Westbury said she is revelling in the role.

"We're all good friends, we have a great team of people. It's about friendship as much as anything."

The New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes began in 1921 and has been offering friendship, fun and support for women in town and country communities ever since.

Winter work-out

Blowing away the winter cobwebs in Waihi



Rocket Park a nicer space to be

Aka Victoria Park

We have lift-off on a new plan to make Waihi's Rocket Park a nicer space. The project includes a revamp of the tunnel mound and its surrounds, as well as a repaint of the covered seating area, which could involve tapping into the creativity of local school children.

The concrete skate bowl, which no longer meets the needs of modern skaters, will be removed completely to make better use of the existing space.



Going for gold

Waihi town's crucible rubbish bins have been replaced with more efficient solar bins, but that doesn't mean they have to look like rubbish!

This spring the crucibles will be overflowing with gold after Keep Waihi Beautiful plants them with yellow arctotis flowers supplied by Council.



Our car park overfloweth

Gilmour Lake Reserve is such a popular place to be, we've had to build a new car park. On the corner of George and Gilmour Street, the new parking area will provide 14 extra spaces and solve the problem of cars being squeezed out on to the street.

Work is currently underway and expected to be completed within another two weeks.

Work swings into action on new Whiritoa playground

A new modular playground is being built next to the Whiritoa Surf Life Saving Club, starting Monday. It will replace the old playground, which is being removed due to rust damage caused by exposure to sand and salt.

The new playground should fare much better as it is made of more robust material designed for coastal conditions. Swings on the site will also be replaced by the end of July.

More bumper room on Bradford St

Council contractors are currently widening a 450m section of Bradford St, Waihi, from one lane to two lanes. The work is expected to be completed at the end of July.



the BIG FUN day!

In celebration of Matariki and the Winter Solstice, please come and join us for a fun-packed afternoon at Gilmour Lake. Lots of children's activities, free sausages for kids plus live music!

postponed to **Saturday July 1st,**
2PM onwards,
Gilmour Lake Reserve.

see you there!



After Waihi Ward Chair Max McLean upcycled a bunch of old council rubbish bins into braziers, he needed an excuse to use them.

Councillors decided a celebration of Matariki and the winter solstice at Lake Gilmour was in order and the Big Fun Day was born.

Postponed until this Saturday, due to custard pie weather last weekend, the celebrations begin at 2pm and will go until dark.

"We're going to light about ten braziers, placed a few metres offshore and they'll look like they're floating on the lake," said Councillor McLean.

As well as free entertainment and sausages and bread for the kids, a make-a-wish tree will be available.

"We want to get some feedback about people's aspirations in the community, and in life," he said.

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