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All sorts of good sorts

Waihi is usually full of good sorts, but there will be more helping hands than usual in town on Wednesday 31 October.

Local volunteer groups will be at the Memorial Hall from 2pm to 7pm and would love to chat with you.

Waihi Ward Councillor Max McLean says the 'Volunteer Day' event is the perfect opportunity for the groups to showcase what they do.

“ These groups play an incredibly important role in our communities. People might be surprised to see what they do and inspired to get involved too. ”

Waihi Heritage Vision Chair Roger Pearce hopes the event will allow the community to get a better understanding of what's available, either for assistance or to be part of,

“ We have a lot of newly arrived residents in Waihi. That means lots of people who may not know what the town has to offer, but also lots of people with skills, time and knowledge that can be put to good use. This event is designed to put all of that together. ”

So far there are nine groups involved in the open day event but organisers say there is plenty of room for more to join the fun.

If your group wants to be part of Waihi's Volunteer Day please contact:

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Come along and see us next Wednesday



Is your pool cool?

Changes in the rules around residential swimming pools mean we now have to inspect more pools, more often, to make sure they are safely fenced.

Each year we have to inspect one third of all pools in the district. If your pool is to be inspected this summer, we'll send you a letter to organise a time that suits.

We have also introduced 2 new inspection fees to cover the cost of the extra time and resource needed to more actively monitor our residential pools:

- \$80 first inspection fee
- \$160 if a follow up inspection is needed.

The good news is, if your pool is cool and meets all the safety requirements, you won't need another inspection for three years.

Get it right the first time!

More information about residential swimming pool requirements is available on our website.

did you know?

Even the portable pool you bought at a Boxing Day sale may need fencing off from your home and the public.

Any pool with a maximum depth of water of more than 400mm must have barriers that restrict access by young children if they are filled or partly filled with water.

Why fence pools?

- Research shows that fencing reduces drowning of young children in home pools.
- Before pool fencing legislation came in, an average of 10 young children per year drowned in residential swimming pools.
- This average has reduced to two young children per year - but of course, this is still two too many.
- Most of the children who have drowned were under three years of age.

Source: WaterSafety New Zealand

The real question is

“ why wouldn't you fence your pool? ”

TOG time

Bust out your board shorts, dust off your bikini, it's almost swimming season!

Paeroa pool

Open limited hours from 29 October to 16 November

Mon-Fri: 6am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm

Sat & Sun: 11am - 5pm

Normal hours from 17 November onwards

Waihi and Ngatea pools

Season starts 17 November