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Talking about OUR PLACE Tā tātou kainga

We've had a blast over the past few weeks chatting with you at events like Waitangi Ki Paeroa, Waihi Lions Market, Karangahake Hall Market, and Ngatea Family Fun Day. Thanks to all of you who told us what you think!

From looking at your feedback so far, we're seeing that we care about the same things as you do.

Next week we'll share the common themes from your feedback and give you a chance to comment further.

If you haven't had a chance to provide feedback yet, don't forget to have your say on our Facebook page or online at www.needtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/ourplace. Feedback closes 30 March



Ngatea main street update

On the home stretch

The third stage of the Ngatea main street road renewal, from the pedestrian crossing outside the primary school to just before Pipiroa Road, kicked off on Thursday 5 March.

Weather permitting, the final surface layer of asphalt is expected to be laid the length of the main street (Piako River Bridge to just before Pipiroa Road) in late April, followed by road marking. This will mark the end of the NZ Transport Agency part of the main street upgrade. The west bound one-way detour through Ngatea is still in place.

Thanks for your feedback on our proposed footpath design, we'll let you know what we heard and share the final plans with you when they are ready.

Once the road renewal work is finished, we'll be replacing the footpath in 100 metre sections.

This work can't start until the current work is finished. Trying to do it at the same time will cause safety issues and delay progress on the road. Luckily the footpath part of the project will be much less disruptive to businesses and the community than the current road renewal work.



Does your arts project need funding? We can help!

It's not every day you get to attend a musical theatre masterclass with Jennifer Ward-Lealand.

Thanks to funding from the Creative Communities Scheme, the acclaimed actress, director, and now 2020 New Zealander of the Year, has been teaching masterclasses at Waihi Drama Society.

"The contact I maintain with the Society tells me that the work we do together is showing results and practices taught continue to be used and enjoyed. That Creative Communities' funding exists to support these kinds of activities is just wonderful," she said.

Apply now!

If you've got a great idea for this year, we've got the money to help make it happen.

Applications for the next round of funding close Monday 16 March. Find out more at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme

"To have someone of Jennifer's stature accessible to our community because of Creative Communities funding is really inspiring and shows what can be achieved when a community group thinks big and funding is no longer an obstacle."
Mayor Toby Adams

If it weren't for our drains, where would we be?

We're looking for people to join our drainage advisory committees and help keep our land drainage networks working well.

Nominations are now being received. If you're a drainage ratepayer living on the Plains, care about our drains, and would be happy to attend monthly or bi-monthly meetings, get your nomination form to us before 31 March.

There's lots more info on our website including drainage districts and nomination forms <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/elections/drainage-committees>

There are 650 kms of drains in the Hauraki District. If you put them all in a straight line they'd stretch further than from here to Wellington. These drains are part of an overall land drainage network that includes floodgates, pumps and stop banks.

Most Hauraki Plains farmers would agree with Fred Dagg that they'd be lost without their gum boots. But if it weren't for its drains, the Plains would also be in deep water.



Don't flip your lid, use a wheelie bin clip

Sick of picking up after the wind?

We've found a wind resistant clip that keeps your recycling bin lid closed until you release it by hand or it's turned upside down.

Get yours for \$10 from our council offices in Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi.