



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, you will have received a letter from us before Christmas.

Cool news

So far we've inspected about 60 pools. It's encouraging to see many of them are cool, and that most of those that aren't as cool as they could be, only need minor repairs.

Common problems include:

- Gates not self closing and latching
- Gates latches placed too low
- Objects placed near fences that allow children to climb over, including; stacked timber, garden chairs and pot plants.

Why fence your pool?

- A short look at any given summer month will show you the sad statistics behind these rules.
- 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.
- Most of the children who have drowned were under three years of age.

The real question is, why wouldn't you fence your pool?

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.

Changes to Kerbside refuse and recycling



Auckland Anniversary collection changes

Due to Monday 28 January being a holiday, collections scheduled for the week of 28 January to 3 February 2019 will be carried out a day later than normal - as shown in the schedule below.

Location	Date	Items for collection
Whiritoa	Tuesday 29 January	Refuse bags & glass
Ngatea, Kaiaua & Waitakaruru	Thursday 31 January	Refuse bags only
Kerepehi & Turua	Thursday 31 January	Refuse bags & recycling
Waihi & Waikino	Friday 1 February	Refuse bags & recycling
Karangahake, Mackaytown & Paeroa	Friday 1 February	Refuse bags only

Waitangi collection changes

Due to Wednesday 6 February being a holiday, some collections scheduled for the week of 4 February to 10 February 2019 will be carried out a day later than normal - as shown in the schedule below.

Location	Date	Items for collection
Whiritoa	Monday 4 February	Refuse bags only
Ngatea, Kaiaua & Waitakaruru	Thursday 7 February	Refuse bags & recycling
Kerepehi & Turua	Thursday 7 February	Refuse bags only
Waihi & Waikino	Friday 8 February	Refuse bags only
Karangahake, Mackaytown & Paeroa	Friday 8 February	Refuse bags & recycling

EVOLVE Hauraki

We've joined forces with Te Waka (Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency), and Hauraki town promotional organisations, Positive Paeroa, Positively Promoting the Plains and Go Waihi, to create Business Bites which are a series of short business talks from experienced guest speakers.

Time for another bite!

The first Evolve Hauraki - Business Bites event was so successful, we're serving up seconds!

Business bites #2: Staff Matters

How to hire the right people and keep them!



Join us for breakfast and tips from experienced guest speakers on how to find good staff and encourage them to stick around!

Thursday 28 February, 7am – 8.30am
at the Waihi RSA

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details



For instant fun, just add water!

Our inflatable pool toys are available to use every weekend at our Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi pools this summer.

Dive into our website for more details
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/pools

Whiritoa Community Catch-up

28 January 2019
10.30am to 12 pm

Whiritoa Emergency Centre

Slip on your jandals and make tracks to our annual get together!

We want to share our plans and projects for the coming year and hear what's important to you in 2019 and beyond.

We look forward to seeing you there!