

## STREETS AHEAD IN NGATEA

State Highway 2 at Ngatea will be closed for two weeks from from mid January, but the town is still very much open for business.

The road closure, which extends from the Piako Bridge to the first pedestrian crossing near Dent Street, marks the start of two separate projects to upgrade the town's main street and will be in place from 14 January to 3pm Friday 24 January.

The full closure may continue for a short period after Auckland Anniversary weekend, depending on construction progress.

Hauraki District Mayor Toby Adams says NZ Transport Agency is renewing the main highway and it's important that Council upgrades the kerb and channel at the same time.

### Roadworks begin 14 January

#### Expect delays

NZ Transport Agency says motorists can expect some delays and ask for patience and to plan ahead for the delays.

Signs advising that Ngatea is open for business with access via Pipiroa Road and State Highway 2 at Mangatarata, will be at the entrances to the detour.

The bulk of the construction work, which includes the highway renewal and kerb and channel is expected to take about 16 weeks, depending on other aspects such as weather.

### Journey with us

#### Slow down and enjoy the village

Mayor Adams says while there will undoubtedly be disruption, Ngatea is still very much open for business and visitors are very welcome to stop and enjoy the town's boutique shopping and award winning cafes.

"Council, the Transport Agency and our contractors are doing everything to ensure customers will have easy and safe access into all businesses while work is underway," he said.

"Summer travelling is no picnic and Ngatea is the perfect spot to stop, stretch your legs, grab a bite to eat, get away from malls and chain stores, and check out its unique village-style shops."

### Detours in place

"It's important for us to fit in alongside NZ Transport Agency timeframes to minimise disruption and the cost to our ratepayers. The two projects must be done in alignment," he said.

A detour, via State Highway 25 and Hauraki Road, will be in place during the initial two-week road closure. Ngatea will be accessible from State Highway 25 at Pipiroa Road and State Highway 2 at Mangatarata. After the full closure, motorists heading from Auckland to Bay of Plenty will continue to be detoured, while traffic going from Bay of Plenty to Auckland will travel through the town on a one lane system.

### Detour Map

The main detour for Auckland to Bay of Plenty traffic starts at intersection of State Highway 2 and State Highway 25. Access to Ngatea is from Pipiroa Road, off State Highway 25. Detour continues to Hauraki Road.

Alternative route for traffic from Auckland/ Mangatarata is State Highway 2 into Ngatea.

North bound traffic will be diverted at Hauraki Road to State Highway 25, with access to Ngatea from Pipiroa Road.

Check out the full detour map and alternative parking maps on our website. Copies are available at all our service centres, Hauraki Plains Golf Course and Ngatea swimming pool.

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### Alternative Parking

Thanks to Ngatea Tavern, parking is available in their car-park.

Another smaller carpark is available behind the shops on the west side of the main street.

Parking areas will be made available as the construction progresses.

