

## Hey, we need to talk about the HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL



Image by OUR COROMANDEL

Plans to build the 10km leg of the Trail from Pūkoro Mirando to Kaiaua township are well underway.

Before work starts, we want to find out from you if there is anything we've missed.

We've also been working on draft designs for a parking area and toilet facilities at the Kaiaua end of the new Trail leg.

### WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Pop in to our drop-in session at the Kaiaua Bowling Club between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 11 May. Plans and draft designs will be on display.

### Drop in and tell us WHAT YOU THINK

#### Hey, we've started a new conversation about the future of the Ngatea Library and Service Centre

We want to know more about what you want to see in the future library and community space.

*How does it look and feel? What services are important for your community, both now and in the future? What's possible?*

#### Drop in to one of our community workshops:

**TURUA – 9 May, 5:30pm to 7pm, Turua Hall**

**KAIAUA - 11 May, 3pm to 4pm, Kaiaua Bowling Club**

**NGATEA – 14 May, 5:30pm to 7pm, Ngatea Memorial Hall supper room**

**WAITAKARURU - 15 May, 5:30pm to 7pm, Waitakaruru Hall**

**KAIHERE – 16 May, 2:30pm to 5:30pm, Kaihere Hall**

**KEREPEHI – To be advised**

#### Can't make it?

Feedback forms at our service centres and libraries, or go to <https://weneedtotalk.haurakidc.govt.nz>



### TRASH TALK



**The three Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, are even more important now as the cost of getting rid of our rubbish continues to rise.**

Fees and charges related to solid waste haven't changed for five years. In that time there have been significant changes in the industry overall, including rising costs in maintenance, operation, solid waste disposal fees and carbon tax/emissions trading scheme charges.

So, because it's a user-pays system, landfill charges and the cost of yellow refuse bags will soon go up to cover the increased costs.

Head to our website for the new rates, which kick in from 20 May 2019.

#### Save the cost of getting rid of your rubbish

We can all save money by reducing as much rubbish as possible at home and work.

Putting the three Rs into place – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - will save you money and it's also better for the environment.

## Rates changes ahead

**Heads up!** Your next rates invoice might look a little different... All non-water property rates for 2019-2020 will be updated after 1 July 2019 for two reasons:

- The average rates increase of 5.7 per cent we set in our Annual Plan
- The changes to your property valuations in 2018

#### Why the 5.7 per cent increase?

After seeking feedback from you last year, we set an average increase of 5.76 per cent to non-water rates in the Long Term Plan. This was then lowered to 5.7 per cent in the Annual Plan. We've been doing a lot of fine tuning to try and keep costs low, but there are a lot of things we must do, and the cost of delivering our services and infrastructure - such as roads and storm water, is forecast to increase significantly. In the longer term, we can expect a greater number of high spend items due to population growth, climate change and other natural hazards like storms, earthquakes and tsunami.

#### What about the new property valuations?

Last year's recent property valuations will also affect your rates. We have no control over these property valuations, which are prepared by Quotable Value. Changes to property valuations make up just a part of your overall rates payment, so any change in your valuations will only affect part of your total rates invoice.

Find out more at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rates](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rates)



## Nominations are now open for the 2019 Citizen & Young Achiever Awards

Recognise those who go the extra mile to make our communities a better place.

These people dedicate their time to doing things for others and these awards are an opportunity for us to acknowledge and thank them.

We know they won't put themselves forward, so we need you to nominate the people you know who are achieving great things, no matter how big or how small.

**Nominations close 4pm Tuesday 4 June 2019,** and award winners will be celebrated at a special awards event.

More info at:

[www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/awards](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/awards)