

The Word on the Street

Questions you've been asking us lately...

What's happening with the new Paeroa Library?

The walls are up. The roof is almost on. All going to plan, people should be browsing our new bookshelves by the middle of March.

Check out plans, pictures and project updates on our website. You can also view the plans at the current Paeroa Library, Paeroa Council Office and Paeroa Information Hub.

In case you're wondering...

- The new library will have public toilets and a baby changing station.
- There will be no parking onsite, but plenty of parks will be available on nearby streets.
- Disability parking will be provided directly in front of the library entrance.
- We will gauge the need for designated mobility scooter parking once the library is open.

What's going on at Morgan Park?

Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust has started the first stage of its multi-million dollar community sports hub project and is building six new netball/tennis courts, ready for use next netball season.

Want to know more? Check out the new SportnAction Waihi Facebook page, and stay up to date with progress.

Do I have to buy bottled water to store in case of emergency?

In case what never happens, happens it's recommended you store three litres of water per person, per expected day in case of an emergency.

But you don't have to buy it. It's perfectly acceptable to store ordinary tap water in empty water, juice and fizzy drink bottles. If you add non-scented household bleach (half a teaspoon for every 10 litres of water and don't drink for at least half an hour after mixing) it will keep for up to a year

Did you know?

If you put all our drains in a straight line they'd stretch further than from here to Wellington!

It's 543km from Paeroa to Wellington and we have 650kms of drains in Hauraki. Much of our District is low-lying so it's often our drains that mean the difference between driving and rowing to work in the morning!

You can help us look after them by keeping them clear of household rubbish (your old couches and garden refuse are welcome at our transfer stations) and ensuring the placement of buildings, fences, vegetation and silage bales allows access to drains for maintenance staff and machines.

Heads Up

New 9pm curfew for Hauraki bottle stores

Our community came together last year to create a policy about when and where businesses should be allowed to sell and supply alcohol in Hauraki. This policy was approved by the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority on 1 July 2016 and the last of its rules came into effect on Monday 7 November 2016.

One of the more noticeable changes is that off-licences (bottle stores, supermarkets) are no longer allowed to sell alcohol after 9pm.

The full Local Alcohol Policy is available on our website or from our offices.

Jaded Jetty out of bounds

You can still launch your boat at the Puke Bridge Boat ramp in Paeroa, but the Puke Bridge Jetty is currently out of bounds for safety reasons. More than a little bit under the weather, it will be closed for the foreseeable future while we work out the best remedy for its ailments.

Hauraki Plains - say Kapow! to the villain in town



Methamphetamine is not unique to the Plains, but next month detectives from the NZ Police Organised Crime Squad will be in Ngatea to share first-hand information about what to look out for, signs and signals the drug may have been used in your home or rental, and what people can do to assist the Police.

Plains Ward Chair Gill Leonard urges everyone to attend the community meeting at 7pm on Monday 5 December in the Hauraki Plains College Hall.

"It's easy to think something like this couldn't exist in our own backyard but rural areas like the Hauraki Plains are attractive to P dealers and users because they are so remote. We all need to be vigilant and know what to look out for, especially when renting out farm cottages," she says.

Pools opening soon

Pools open on Saturday 19 November, so get your togs out, stock up on sun-block, grab a really cool hat and come on down!



Hauraki a great place to live, work, visit and do business

New Economic Development Officer offers fresh perspective

Returning to the Hauraki area after six years in Germany our new Economic Development Officer Rebecca Jenks says the view is quite different from when she left.

"The changes are really noticeable. The Hauraki Rail Trail has obviously had a big influence on the towns which seem to be thriving in a way they weren't before I left. There are lots of more interesting businesses, arty cafes, and industrial activity too."

Raised in Katikati, Rebecca finished school and went to Germany where she became fluent in the language, completed a bachelor of science majoring in human geography then worked in Economic Development in German Local Government.

In her new role she is looking forward to establishing relationships with the local business community and organisations outside the District.

"One thing I learnt in Germany is the importance of having strong networks, so I know who to go to for information and help. I see so much potential in Hauraki and am really excited about being a part of growing that," she said.



Read our Economic Development Strategy in Mandarin

Council's new Economic Development Strategy is now available in Mandarin.

This aligns with our strategy to attract international business of scale to the District and encourage foreign direct investment that provides jobs for people living in the District.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga says more and more businesses are noticing Hauraki is a place worth investing in.

"This is something simple we can do to make it easier for Mandarin speaking people to learn about our district, and also a way we can show respect for people from other parts of the world and help them feel welcome here."

The translated strategy is available in Mandarin and English on the Business Hauraki page of our website.