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“Family and friends are the most important gift of all”

John Tregidga, Mayor



It's that magical time of year again! School's out, work's finished, the sun is shining (hopefully), and Santa's on his way.

There's no doubt the festive season can be a magical time, but the older I get the more I see the other side of Christmas. The financial stress it can place on families, the heartache of those who've lost a loved one.

Wherever you are and whoever you are with this holiday season, remember Christmas is not about tinsel and all the trappings. These days the only thing on my Christmas wish list is the opportunity to spend time with the people I love. Family and friends are the most important gift of all.

So stay safe and well, cherish the people you love, and I look forward to sharing a cracker 2017 with you all in Hauraki – the best place to live, work and visit in the world.

John Tregidga, Mayor

It's total Fire Ban time

No open fires allowed on the Coromandel Peninsula or anywhere in the Hauraki District from 20 December 2016 until 08 February 2017.

Includes land clearing fires, rubbish fires, beach fires, fireworks, sky lanterns, braziers, open top non approved incinerators, traditional cooking and hangi fires.

For more information visit www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/total-fire-ban/



Stop the clock!

The statutory processing clock stops over Christmas and New Year.

So, if you submit a resource or building consent after Tuesday 20 December 2016 it may take longer than usual to be processed due to the Christmas/New Year break. There may also be some delays in the processing of LIM (Land Information Memorandum requests due to statutory holidays.

We know processing delays can be frustrating for you and we thank you for your understanding.

Easter Sunday Trading

It may be Christmas, but we need to talk about Easter!

The Council is proposing to allow all shops in the District to open on Easter Sunday next year and we want to know what you think.

Find out more about the proposal and ways you can share your views on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/draft-easter-trading

Council services

Christmas and New Year hours

HDC Office Hours

Waihi, Ngatea and Paeroa services centres will be operating on the following days over the Christmas/New Year period:

23 December	8.00am to 12 noon
24 to 27 December	CLOSED
28 to 30 December	8.00am to 4.30pm
31 December to 3 January	CLOSED
4 January	8.00am to 4.30pm

Library Hours

Paeroa and Waihi Libraries

23 December	9.00am to 12 noon
24 to 27 December	CLOSED
28 to 29 December	10.00am to 4.30pm
30 December	9.30am to 5.30pm
31 December	9.30am to 12.30pm
1 to 3 January	CLOSED
4 January	10.00am to 4.30pm

Ngatea Library

23 December	8.00am to 12 noon
24 to 27 December	CLOSED
28 to 30 December	8.00am to 4.30pm
31 December to 3 January	CLOSED
4 to 6 January	8.00am to 4.30pm

Refuse Transfer stations

Paeroa Transfer Station	Waihi Transfer Station
Closed on:	Closed on:
• 25, 26 & 28 December	• 25, 26, 27 & 29 December
• 1, 2 & 4 January	• 1, 2 & 3 January
Open 12.30pm to 5.30pm on:	Open 10.00am to 4.00pm on:
• 23, 24, 27, 29, 30 & 31 December	• 23, 24, 28, 30 & 31 December
• 3 January	• 4 January

Swimming pools

23 December	6am-9am (Lane swim)	9am-5:30pm (Public swim)
24 December	11am to 5pm	
25 December	CLOSED	
26 December	11am to 5pm	
27 to 30 December	6am-9am (Lane swim)	9am-5:30pm (Public swim)
31 December	11am to 5pm	
1 January	CLOSED	
2 January	11am to 5pm	
3 & 4 January	6am-9am (Lane swim)	9am-5:30pm (Public swim)

Kerbside Refuse and Recycling

Christmas period: Collections for the week of 26 December 2016 to 1 January 2017.

Township	Collection day	What to put out
Whiritoa	Monday 26 December	Bags and glass only
	Wednesday 28 December	Bags and glass only
	Saturday 31 December	Refuse and recycling
Kerepehi Turua	Wednesday 28 December	Refuse only
Waitakaruru Ngatea Kaiaua	Wednesday 28 December	Refuse and recycling
Waihi Waikino	Thursday 29 December	Refuse only
Karangahake Mackaytown Paeroa	Thursday 29 December	Refuse and recycling

New Year period: Collections for the week of 2 to 7 January 2017.

Township	Collection day	What to put out
Whiritoa	Monday 2 January	Bags and glass only
	Wednesday 4 January	Bags and glass only
	Saturday 7 January	Refuse and recycling
Kerepehi Turua	Wednesday 4 January	Refuse and recycling
Waitakaruru Ngatea Kaiaua	Wednesday 4 January	Refuse only
Waihi Waikino	Thursday 5 January	Refuse and recycling
Karangahake Mackaytown Paeroa	Thursday 5 January	Refuse only



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Friday, 23 December 2016

Solution on the way for Waihi and Paeroa water taste and odour issues

Last summer drinking water in Paeroa and Waihi left a bad taste in many people's mouths. The 'earthy' taste and odour is caused by compounds released into the water by dying algae and other bacteria over summer. In Hauraki, it's most noticeable in water sourced from the Ohinemuri River which is more conducive to algal growth than our other streams.

This summer we're installing two specialist UV peroxide water treatment systems, designed to remove taste and odour, at our Waihi Water Treatment Plant (sourced from Walmsley Stream and the Ohinemuri River) and the Paeroa Water Treatment Plant (sourced from the Waitawheta River).

All going to plan, the new systems, which are manufactured in Canada, will be up and running in mid to late January.

Waihi's water needs are currently met by the Walmsley Stream and supplemented by the Ohinemuri River to keep up with summer demand. As there are two water sources in the town, we're trying to avoid switching to the Ohinemuri supply until the new UV system is installed. To help maintain water levels in the Walmsley Stream we've reduced water pressure where possible in Waihi town, which may allow us to keep drawing from that source, depending on rainfall between now and the end of January. Residents can also help by conserving water over that time.

Regrettably, there is no alternative water source in Paeroa but we hope there will be enough rainfall (at night so we can still enjoy the sun during the day) to minimise taste and odour until the town's new UV system is installed.

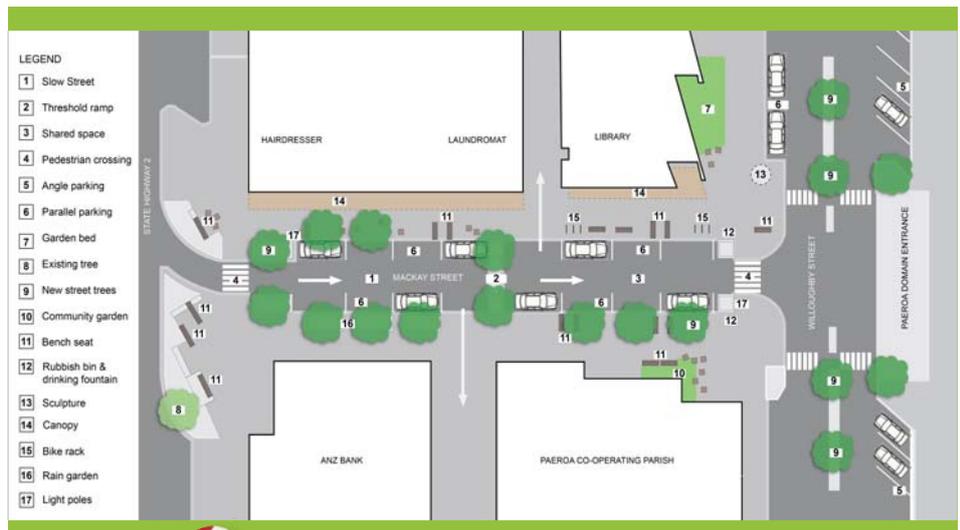
We appreciate your understanding and patience while we work to solve this issue.



For more information and Frequently Asked Questions visit www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/news-page/water-treatment/

Mackay Street Facelift *underway*

Plans to transform part of Paeroa's CBD into a shared community space are well underway. The Mackay Street upgrade will create a fresh, new-look town centre and provide a better link between the Paeroa Domain, new library, Paeroa Information Hub (in the old Post Office building) and the Hauraki Rail Trail. Although not entirely off limits to motorists, the street will become a 'slow street' with priority given to pedestrians and cyclists. Bollards at each end will allow closure on special occasions. The project is expected to be completed in March next year, around the same time as the new Paeroa library.



Thanks for helping us improve our service

To help us provide the best possible service, we survey our customers every year to find out what they think about the facilities and services we provide. A longer (triennial) survey is conducted every three years. Our 2016 Triennial Survey included questions about communication, voting, ultrafast broadband, rates, pensioner housing, and recycling, as well as asking residents to consider what they thought the three most important matters to address over the next three years were.

It turns out we're doing quite well in most areas, but there is always room for improvement and the survey has provided some valuable insight into which areas we need to focus on the most.

The three most important matters survey respondents think we should address over the next three years are:

1. Roads
2. Drainage
3. Public facilities

Rates, housing, employment/job prospects, refuse collection, and internet also made the top ten list.

A big thank you to those who took part in the survey.

We're looking forward to improving our service in 2017 and will keep you all updated on our plans and progress.

Visit our website to view the full survey results.



Soon you'll be able to anyway. Paeroa's new library is taking shape and on schedule for completion in March next year.

Paeroa Ward councillors were given a tour of the inside recently and predict a very happy ending to the town's new library story.



Help your dog beat the heat this summer

Cars can be death traps for dogs, even with the windows open. A car can go from comfortable to oven-like in minutes, so never leave your dog (or kids) alone in a car.

And don't think that a cloudy day or parking in the shade reduces the risks. The sun moves during the day and clouds can actually magnify the heat.