



HDC NEWS



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WOMAN OF HONOUR: Kerepehi's Janie Ikinofu receives her 2015 Outstanding Citizen Award from Mayor John Tregidga, in recognition of her services to children, young people and the community.

Award nominations final call Don't miss the chance

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things – they're the heroes we want to recognise with our annual Citizen and Young Achiever Awards. The closing date for this year's nominations is just around the corner, on Friday, 3 June, so if you know of a deserving volunteer, let us know!

Citizen Awards acknowledge the service of Hauraki residents who have committed substantial time and effort over a sustained period to benefit the community. Young Achiever Awards are a tribute to local 13 to 25-year-olds who have made a positive impact through community service, arts or culture, leadership or enterprise, academic fields, sport, or recreation.

Nominations can be made by organisations or by at least two individuals, on forms available from Council offices or on our website.

The 2016 awards will be presented at a gala evening in the Waihi Memorial Hall on 31 August.

Trail Trilogy - a ton of fun and challenge

"In it for the long run" will take on a whole new meaning in this year's Trail Trilogy. The Sport Waikato series of monthly fun runs or walks on the Hauraki Rail Trail includes a new 100 km ultra-distance option.

The last-gasp event is being offered as part of the third and final leg on Sunday, 18 September. Participants will start in the dark with a loop of the Te Aroha Wetlands, at either 1 am or 11 pm on the Saturday depending on their estimated completion time. Then they'll hit the trail to Paeroa and on to Waihi, return to Paeroa via the Karangahake Windows, and head for the finish at Thames.

The timing has been planned so that on the home stretch, athletes will have the company of competitors running and walking in the alternative Paeroa to Thames event – with everyone arriving before the 1 pm prizegiving at the Thames Rugby and Sports Club.

The 100k-er was suggested in feedback from a 2015 Trilogy entrant, and like all the low-cost events in the series can be tackled by individuals or relay teams. "We've already had a few solo entries," says Sport Waikato's Hauraki District coordinator Julie Stephenson. "It's created a lot of interest on our Trail Trilogy Facebook page, and inquiries have included one from an ex-Paeroa College student now living in Australia."



Ultra runners will need to be self-supporting until they reach Paeroa for the second time, and the long haul won't be for everyone. But the other popular event options will be repeated, building in distance. A 14 km leg from Tirohia to Te Aroha on 3 July will be followed by a 21.6 km "half marathon" from Waihi to Paeroa on 14 August. A 29 km finale from Paeroa to Thames on 18 September is a perfect chance for family or school teams to hit the trail.

The Trail Trilogy was established in 2014 to promote "off-peak" winter season use of the cycle trail – a facility in which the Council has invested significant resources – and give locals and visitors an opportunity to get active on

it in a different way. Entrants don't need to be elites, with most motivated by the personal challenge factor, says Julie. "People say they like the low-key atmosphere."

Councillor Toby Adams was among last year's "trilogists" who signed up for all three events. After footing it from Tirohia to Te Aroha, he said he "thoroughly enjoyed the run, which was well organised to cater for people of all ages and fitness levels. I challenge other councillors to take part in the series too."

What's needed? Running or walking shoes, some training appropriate to the distance; and in the case of the ultra, a little spark of madness. *What's provided?* Everything from race numbers, timing chips, drink stations, toilet facilities and marshals to some great spot prizes and a gear van.

The events will go ahead rain or shine, unless extreme weather poses a safety risk. For more information or to enter online, visit www.sportwaikato.org.nz.

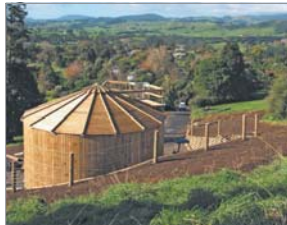
Ready, set... flow

Improved quality water – and more of it – is on track to flow from Waikino taps from the week of 6 June. That's when the switch to the new Waihi water supply is planned, after the associated works are commissioned and the controls set next week. The milestone comes in the wake of recent problems at the old Waikino water treatment plant, temporarily requiring drinking water to be boiled as a health precaution.

A 5.4 km-long, 140 mm-diameter treated water pipeline was constructed last year to bring treated water from Dean Crescent in Waihi along SH2 to Campbell Road, and then via Campbell Road and Old Waitekauri Road to Waikino. The \$645,000 project also included building a pump station near our Dean Crescent refuse transfer station, and a 200-cubic metre reservoir in Waikino, as part of a major Waihi water supply upgrade centred on the construction of a new water intake facility on the upper Ohinemuri River, directly upstream from the Golden Valley bridge.

"The work was needed to meet new national drinking water standards," says Mayor John Tregidga. "The pipeline has been tested, and we can assure residents of the highest quality water. However people may notice a difference in taste, due to the different source."

At a recent public meeting, community members had the chance to hear about the new supply and raise any related queries with the Council's Engineering Services Group Manager Adrian De Laborde, the Mayor, and local Councillors.



The Waikino reservoir provides 200 cubic metres of storage – more than double the 90 cubic metres of the present supply. It adds up to enough storage to last 24 hours of demand.

In case there are any hot water cylinder overflow problems resulting from higher water pressure, we've arranged to have a plumber on standby to adjust cylinder valves if necessary. This service will be provided at no cost to residents during the "settling in" period.

Anyone who experiences issues with the changeover should get in touch with the Council on 0800 734 834.

Gremlins in our phone system

If you've phoned our main office over the past few weeks and had difficulties getting through, thanks for your patience!

Intermittent external problems in the phone network most commonly resulted in connections repeatedly cutting out and back in. Some callers may have been able to speak to a staff member, only to have been seemingly hung up on. Others would have got the "no such number" signal.

We logged a number of faults with our phone service provider, but the fix-ups usually lasted only a few days at a time. At one stage, the issue was compounded by a major outage of our provider's network in Hamilton, lasting about three hours.

At times when we became aware of significant disruption, we diverted calls to our after-hours service even during the day. Unfortunately this process wasn't instant, so more people were affected before the diversion kicked in – some of whom used emails, online requests, Facebook, or office visits to get in touch. We apologise for any inconvenience and frustration caused.

Before any of these problems occurred, we were part way through upgrading our internal phone system to address exactly this scenario – by having both incoming and outgoing calls automatically switched to our Waihi service centre should our Paeroa connection be disrupted.

The connections and automatic switchover hardware are now in place in both offices, and are in the final phases of testing. We trust this will resolve the issue and avert similar ones in the future.

Situation Vacant

Contract Engineer

Here is your opportunity to make a real difference in the community, working for Local Government to deliver the essential services that make New Zealand a great place to live.

The role of Contract Engineer involves providing technical support and project management assistance with road network maintenance contracts and managing associated civil engineering projects such as road rehabs, reseals, footpath upgrades, drainage upgrades, and minor safety works. Contract administration and engineering design support will also be key elements of this role.

We are ideally looking for someone with a Degree in Civil Engineering along with at least 5 years practical experience in design and contract management.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate great communication skills and have an ability to be organised and self-managing. Your values will need to align with the HDC values of Respect, Communication, Commitment and Positive Attitude. Combine that with a working knowledge in civil engineering, engineering design and project management and this could be the job for you.

The Technical Services team offer a friendly, supportive and professional work environment. This is your opportunity to take up an interesting and satisfying career move where you can contribute directly to the future of the community.

For further details or to apply electronically please visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, or contact:

Sue Greenwey on 07 862 5024, or Julie Sweeney on 07 862 5023

Applications close 2 June 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICES

KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Due to Monday, 6 June 2016 being a statutory holiday, kerbside collections scheduled for that week will be carried out a day later than normal. The schedule below shows the dates for collections in the Hauraki District for the week of 5 to 11 June.

Collection Day	Township	What to put out
Tuesday 7 June	Whirotoa	Refuse and recycling
Thursday 9 June	Kerepehi	Refuse and recycling
	Ngatea	Refuse only
	Turua	Refuse and recycling
	Waitakaruru	Refuse only
Friday 10 June	Kaiaua	Refuse only
	Waihi	Refuse and recycling
	Waikino	Refuse and recycling
	Karangahake	Refuse only
Saturday 11 June	Mackaytown	Refuse only
	Paeroa	Refuse only

Collection days will be back to normal starting Monday, 13 June 2016.

Transfer stations will be closed on Monday, 6 June 2016 - all other days they will operate as normal.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa during the month of June 2016.

Consultative Water & Waste Committee (if required)
Tuesday, 7 June 2016, 10.00am

Judicial Committee (if required)

Monday, 13 June 2016, 9.00am

Monday, 27 June 2016, 9.00am

Ward Committee Meetings - Tuesday, 14 June 2016
Plains Ward, 9.00am; Paeroa Ward, 12.30pm; Waihi Ward, 2.30pm

Operations Committee

Wednesday, 15 June 2016, 9.00am

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, 15 June 2016, 1.00pm

Audit & Risk Committee

(Hauraki Room) Tuesday, 21 June 2016, 9.00am

Western Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 28 June 2016, 10.30am

Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee

Tuesday, 28 June 2016, 1.30pm

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 29 June 2016, 9.00am

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