

Hey, we need to talk about TOURISM!

Do you have an interest in tourism in our District?

We're developing a new tourism strategy and action plan and would love your input.

We're sure you won't be surprised to hear that the Hauraki District is becoming increasingly popular with visitors.

The money they spend while they're here has also increased by more than 25 percent in the last five years.

Jobs in the sector have gone up too!

With all this upward activity, we think it's time to have a conversation about how we can continue to work together to add value to the sector and make the most of all the great things we have to offer.

Share your ideas!

Join us at our
Tourism Strategy Workshop

Thursday 21 March
9am – 12pm

Paeroa and District War Memorial Hall

We want to know what you think!

RSVP by 18 March to Rebecca Jenks
tourism@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Pool season comes to an end

This Sunday 17 March is the last day of our swimming pool season in Waihi and Ngatea.

The good news is, our Paeroa pool will stay open until 7 April.

Opening hours and more information
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/pools

Money for arts sake!

Applications for the next round of funding for local arts projects are closing soon.

Find out more now!
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme

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Council MARK™
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The Independent Assessment Board that oversees Local Government Excellence Programme CouncilMARK™ has described Hauraki District Council as "a small Council doing big things" and awarded us an A rating, citing a stand out performance in governance, strategy and engagement with the community.

We signed up to the voluntary CouncilMARK™ Programme with the aim of finding out what we did well, and where we could do better.

As part of the programme, we were assessed by an independent board of experts in four key areas including governance, strategy and leadership, financial decision making, delivery of services, and communication and engagement.

We're the only council in the country to achieve an outstanding result in both governance and community engagement.

That's not to say there's no room for improvement.

A few areas of improvement were identified and we'll be looking into those areas further and building on our strengths to further improve the service and value we provide to you.

For more information about CouncilMARK™ and to read the full report go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/councilmark

"I've always believed we have one of the most united councils in the country and that's been fully endorsed by this report. That doesn't mean we agree on everything, but it does mean we can hotly debate an issue around the council table then break for a cup of tea with no hard feelings at all. We all genuinely respect each other and we're all deeply and genuinely invested in achieving the best outcomes for our communities, which means listening to a diverse range of ideas and points of view".

Mayor John Tregidga

"It's truly humbling to receive such positive feedback, this is a reflection of the whole organisation, and I'm especially pleased for my staff who are committed to serving our communities and really deserve this recognition."

Chief Executive Langley Cavers