

Ngatea main street makeover

Ngatea will be streets ahead this summer, when preparation work for its main street makeover gets underway.

After seeking feedback from its communities last year, the council is investing \$1.5million to partially upgrade the main street. The upgrade will focus on the area between Dent St and Kaihere Road, and will include traffic speed reducing measures, footpath and parking area improvements as well as general landscaping.

Group manager engineering services Adrian de Laborde says the council will work closely with the community and NZ Transport Agency throughout the project.

"NZ Transport Agency resurfaced the main street in early 2018 but for reasons they're still investigating, the sealing work has since failed. They've told us repair work will be scheduled for the next resealing season which starts in October, and some of this work will be affected by the things we do, so we'll need to work together."

To fit in with Transport Agency timelines, council is currently working on designs for the hard engineering works related to the streetscape project such as kerbing and stormwater. Feedback from the community will be sought for the streetscape part of the project.

Plains Ward Councillor Ross Harris says the aim is to create a safe, welcoming place that looks inviting and functions well.

"The community knows best how the area currently functions and can provide valuable insight into what works and what doesn't, as well as ideas for landscaping and themes that are meaningful to the community."

"We want to encourage wide participation in the beautification of the main street (streetscape), so keep an eye out for updates and more information."

New drinking water reservoirs almost good to flow



Hauraki District Council's two new 4000m³ treated drinking water reservoirs at the Kerepehi Water Treatment Plant will soon be up and running.

We're installing the new reservoirs because the existing reservoir doesn't hold enough water to keep Plains taps running for long in the event of an unexpected plant shutdown.

There's a lot of business and residential growth in the Plains area and we need to make sure we can keep up with demand.

The new reservoirs will store enough clean drinking water to fill four Olympic-size swimming pools - that's enough to keep everyone hydrated for about 24 hours in the event of a temporary plant shutdown.

Who will benefit from the new supply

The new tanks will supply treated drinking water to everyone on the Hauraki Plains council water supply.

What you need to know

Sometime after June 16, we'll need to connect the new tanks to the Treatment Plant. We'll do this at night so you probably won't notice a thing, but the water pressure will be lower while we carry out this work and there might also be some brown water.

If this happens, be sure to run your taps until the water is clear. This should only take a few minutes. You can also store some drinking water beforehand if you're concerned, though the water will be safe to drink during and after the connection work.

We'll let you know the specific connection date closer to the time.

Timeline

All going well, the new reservoirs should be up and running by the end of June.

Thank you for your patience while we get this work done.

