



Waihi Ward

REFLECTIONS



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LOVEHAURAKI put your money where your heart is

Hey, we know you love Hauraki, and so do we!

Times are tough right now - for our businesses, for our workers, for our kids - and it's likely they'll be tough for a while. One way we can show our love for Hauraki is to put our money where our heart is - support local and spend locally.

To make it even easier to love Hauraki, we've created a website and Facebook page - a one stop shop for local businesses to list their services, and for you to find them.

- www.lovehauraki.nz
- www.facebook.com/LoveHauraki

"We have so many amazing businesses in the Hauraki District who are always there to support us. Now it is our opportunity to return the favour and encourage everyone to shop, eat and play locally. This is the perfect opportunity to make the most of virtual business services so let's get 'clicking' and show the love for our local businesses now and beyond Level 3"

Community Growth Committee Chair
Ross Harris

Hey, we're thinking about bringing back **development contributions** and we want to know what you think

We think it's time to bring back development contributions because we've had a lot of growth over the past five years. Which is great, but it also means we need more infrastructure, such as roads and sewer pipes, and we don't think our ratepayers should have to foot the bill for this.

Development contributions help to pay for growth related infrastructure like a larger water reservoir to supply water to a development. We want to continue to attract people, business and development to the District, but we don't think it's fair for our communities to be burdened with the cost of growth.

Find out more and tell us what you think
<https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/proposed-development-contributions-policy-2020>

Play it safe at Level 2

We're excited about the transition to Level 2, but it's still important to look after each other and play it safe. Check out what life looks like at Level 2 at www.covid19.govt.nz

Unite against COVID-19

What Level 2 looks like for our services

Here's a snapshot of what our services will look like in Level 2. We were still working on some of them when this page went to print. To stay updated go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/covid-19-council-operations-and-activities

Council meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Hauraki House, Paeroa.

Our offices are now open with some safety measures in place. Electronic payments are encouraged.

Parks, reserves and playgrounds are now open. Remember to wash your hands, cough into your elbow and maintain physical distancing while using our parks and playground equipment.

Library books can be returned to our afterhours bins and housebound services will start again. Our library doors will open with reduced hours on Monday 18 May. Hours will be 10am to 1pm on weekdays and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday. Online, and click and collect options will also be available.

Cemetery services are still available, however, only gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed for the first two weeks of Level 2.

Building inspections and site visits will continue in Level 2.

Building and resource consents continue to be processed. To arrange a meeting with a planner or building inspector, please phone us first to arrange a time.

Food audits will continue to be completed remotely as per Ministry of Primary Industries regulations. At Level 2, many more food businesses will be able to get back to making and selling food. To assist food businesses to reopen, easier processes have been created to allow them to change the way they do their business. For more information go to the Ministry of Primary Industries website www.mpi.govt.nz

Animal and noise control - All dog control and noise control services are back to normal.

Alcohol licenses and Duty Manager Certificates will continue to be processed remotely. However, the timeframes have been extended due to Covid-19, so please be prepared that you may have to wait up to an extra 15 days.

Urgent LIMS will be available in Level 2.

Most **public toilets** will reopen with increased cleaning. Only a few toilets will remain closed. For the full list go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/toilets

Our **Paeroa Refuse Transfer Station** reopened on 2 May with some safety measures in place. **Waihi Refuse Transfer Station** will remain closed for major upgrades. At Waihi, a skip bin will still be available every Thursday from 12.30-4pm inside the gate for yellow council bagged waste and recycling. A glass bottle bank is also available at these times.

Kerbside collections back to normal, but with a possible change in plastic recycling



Full kerbside rubbish and recycling collections with yellow Council bags, recycling in wheelie bins, and glass in crates, will start again from Monday 18 May.

Collection dates are on our website at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/collection-calendar

For the first 2 weeks of fortnightly collections all paper and plastics recycling will continue to go to landfill while the sorting centre in Kopu gets back up and running.

It's also possible there may be a change to the types of plastic we will accept for recycling.

This change involves collecting only plastic types 1 and 2, and has nothing to do with Covid-19. Plastics numbered 1 and 2 can be recycled but there is little to no demand for types 3 to 7 as they are no longer accepted by most global markets.

Waste sent overseas can end up as someone else's rubbish, or can end up dumped in the environment, including the oceans. Shipping our waste overseas also incurs a large carbon cost and it can end up being processed in countries with significantly different employment practices to New Zealand - potentially putting those workers at risk handling waste in unsafe conditions.

At the time this page went to print, the Council was due to consider this issue at its upcoming meeting on Wednesday 13 May.

To find out what was decided, and for more information about rubbish and recycling go to our website at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rubbish-and-recycling

18 May is the beginning of Week 1 of our fortnightly recycling schedule.

Look at the address sticker on your wheelie bin for the number 1 or 2 next to your collection day. That's your recycling week.

For example, Wed1 means your collection day is Wednesday and Week 1 is your recycling week to put out your wheelie bin and glass crate.

Yellow Council rubbish bags are collected every week.



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