

# Waihi Ward Reflections



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

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*



## Council services Christmas and New Year hours for the Waihi and Paeroa Ward

### HDC Service Centres

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

### Refuse Transfer stations

#### Paeroa Transfer Station

##### CLOSED on:

- 25, 26 & 28 December
- 1, 2 & 4 January

##### OPEN from 12.30pm to 5.30pm on:

- 23, 24, 27, 29, 30 & 31 December
- 3 January

#### Waihi Transfer Station

##### CLOSED on:

- 25, 26, 27 & 29 December
- 1, 2 & 3 January

##### OPEN from 10.00am to 4.00pm on:

- 23, 24, 28, 30 & 31 December
- 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
Waihi and 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
Waihi and Waikino	Thursday 5 January	Refuse and recycling
Karangahake Mackaytown Paeroa	Thursday 5 January	Refuse only

## Help us head off taste and odour issues until new UV system is installed

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 and Paeroa Water Treatment Plants, which both source water from the Ohinemuri 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 have been traditionally met by the Walmsley and Waitete streams. However, these streams don't carry enough water to support the towns demands during the dry season without water restrictions, so last year we installed infrastructure to take water from the Ohinemuri River for the first time.

So we don't have a repeat of the taste and odour issues experienced last year in Waihi, 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. Depending on rainfall between now and the end of January, this may allow us to keep drawing from that source until the new system is installed.

You can also help us by conserving water use over this time. We appreciate your understanding and patience while we work to solve this issue.

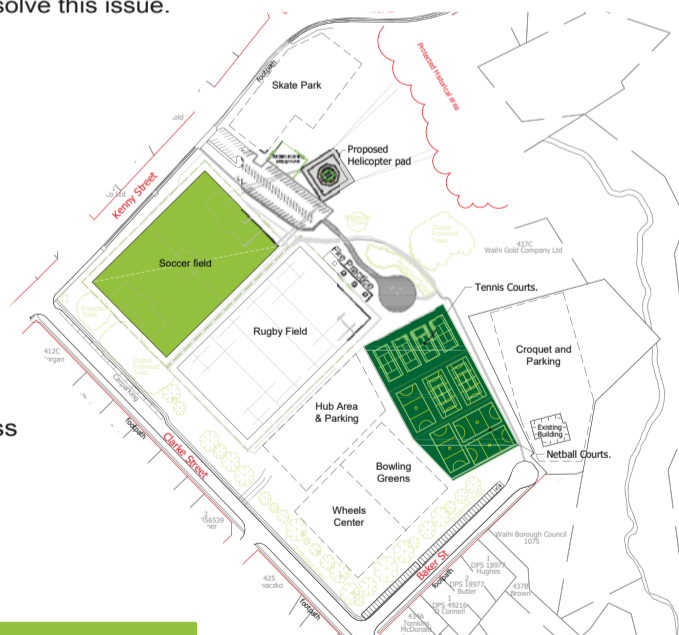


For more information and Frequently Asked Questions visit [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/news-page/water-treatment/](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/news-page/water-treatment/)

## Morgan Park work whistling along

There's been plenty of action on Sport 'n' Action Waihi's Morgan Park project over the last few months. Work is whistling along on the netball and tennis courts which have now been sealed. Surfacing is scheduled for April next year in time for the 2017 netball season.

To find out more and stay up to date with progress visit Sport 'n' Action Waihi's Facebook page.



## 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](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/draft-easter-trading)