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# Waihi Ward Reflections

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## MEET THE TEAM

### Community Services Manager a fresh pair of eyes



*"I'm looking forward to getting involved with the community and listening to locals; to facing the challenges we have together."*

Daniel Sales

A previous life in the funeral industry has taught Council's new community services manager Daniel Sales a lot about being positive, approachable and upfront with people in good and bad times.

"People do appreciate honesty, and I have a fresh pair of eyes. A sense of humour is vital, too. My philosophy is to get the work done, and laugh a lot," he says.

Daniel welcomes people stopping him in the street to talk, and hopes to inspire positive perceptions of what Council does.

Moving from the UK, where he managed one of the largest funeral home groups in the country, to New Zealand with his wife Jayne and the couple's two daughters in 2004, Daniel was a Thames funeral director for two years before shifting to Auckland to manage the Waikumete Cemetery for Waitakere District Council.

"We came for the lifestyle and the people, and have never looked back. This is our home. We're Kiwi citizens now," he says.

After spending the last two years commuting back and forth from Sydney where he worked for the New South Wales Government as an operations manager, Daniel is excited to be back in the Hauraki-Coromandel area working for local government.

## HELP POLICE FIGHT P IN WAIHI

There's a villain in our towns. It's on our streets. It's behind many burglaries and other crimes. It's destroying families and ruining lives.

Methamphetamine (P) is not unique to Waihi, but next month detectives from the Organised Crime Squad will be holding a public meeting in the town, designed to raise public awareness of the problem and empower the community. They'll be sharing first-hand information on what to look out for, signs and signals all is not well, how to keep safe, and what people can do to assist the Police. Just as importantly, they'll be pointing people to services that can help, should they know someone who has an issue with the drug.

Hauraki District Council Chief Executive Langley Cavers urges everyone to attend.

"The better informed our communities are about the devastation this drug causes, the better off everyone will be. It's time to fight back. We don't have to tolerate this. We can make a real difference by coming together and helping the Police fight P," he says

Hosted by the NZ Police and supported by Hauraki District Council, Go Waihi and Waihi College.

**The meeting will be held in the Waihi College Hall, 7pm Wednesday 21 September.**



**Say 'Kapow!' to the villain in our towns**



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## Town centre spruce-up underway

It's been a few years since the Waihi streetscape breathed new life into the town's CBD and quite frankly, it's been looking a little under the weather lately. Dirty pavements, broken tiles and issues with tiles becoming slippery when wet, have been raised by a number of residents over the last few weeks.

Newly appointed Hauraki District Council community services manager Daniel Sales, says the comments are valid and his team is focussed on blowing away the CBD's winter blues over the next few months.

Last week Seddon Street and Rosemont Road pavements were treated with a 'wet n forget' type product in preparation for a full water wash sometime over the next few weeks. Broken and cracked tiles are currently being replaced and long term solutions are being looked into.

"We're looking to lift the CBD areas across the entire district," says Daniel, "we'll be refreshing everything from cleaning programmes to gardens and plantings. Colours and types of plants will be more reflective of each town's individual character."



### Tired tiles

Problems with the town's tiles may take a little longer than its gardens and overall cleanliness to fix.

Hauraki District Council roading manager Gene Thomsen says the tiles are just not that robust, especially in vehicle entrances, but replacing them all at once would be a very expensive exercise.

"Council has a small stockpile of replacement tiles that will be used to replace broken individual tiles on an as-needed basis. For bigger areas we are looking at using an exposed concrete aggregate solution which can be cut to look like tiles," he says.

He accepts the tiles can be slippery when wet. Over the last few years a number of solutions have been trialled with little success, including acid washing and water blasting. Recent investigations have uncovered a new system of very high pressure water blasting that appears to have some promise.

"Basically it roughs up the surface by removing all the fines (sand and cement)," says Gene.

The cost of this solution is currently being investigated and depending on the outcome, could be implemented within the next few months.

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