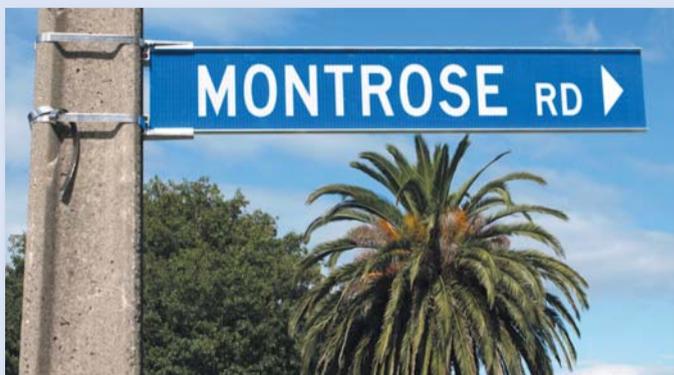




# Waihi Ward Reflections

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**STREET TALK:** Montrose Road – formerly part of Rosemont Road – was re-named by residents after being created as a result of the street renumbering project.

## Change of address? Thanks for your patience!

It's been two months since many Waihi residents changed their address – without moving anywhere.

The renumbering of 650 properties took effect on 1 March, with a quarter of those affected also having a new street name. The changes were needed to reduce confusion for emergency services, to make postal and delivery service more efficient, to allow for future development, and to meet Land Information New Zealand national standards.

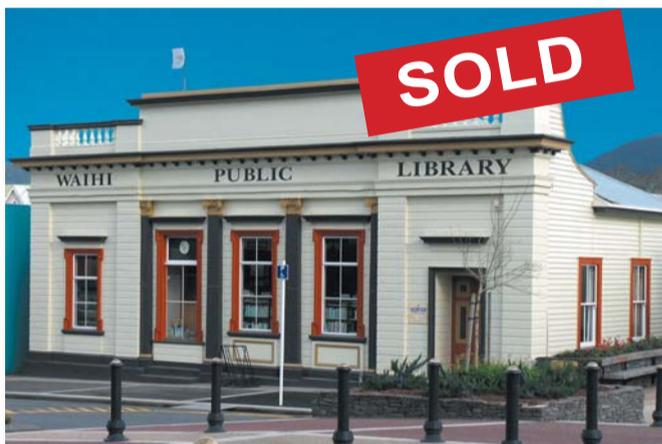
While the vast majority of locals realised and accepted the need for this, instituting the long-planned renumbering project was always going to be a challenge, and some frustrations have been experienced – particularly by people trying to update their address details on the databases of some national organisations.

“Obviously some residents have been inconvenienced, and we want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding,” says Councillor Harry Shepherd.

The Council can't physically make changes to data records other than our own, but anyone with ongoing problems should keep letting us know, and we'll do our best to help.

One way we've been able to give a hand is through a \$1350 Waihi ward grant to the Waihi Lions club, for additional expenses incurred in publishing the 2016-17 edition of its Waihi and Waihi Beach community directory as a result of the new addresses and maps needed.

Harry says the book is an excellent and well-used resource, and since it was ready to go to print before the address changes were announced (and then its publication delayed so it could include the up-to-date details), “it was only right that the ward cover the extra costs.”



**I'M SOLD:** the landmark Waihi Library building will soon be in use again.

## Back to the future for building's new owners

A historic Waihi building will soon be in use again. Following the construction of a purpose-built library in Rosemont Road two years ago, we've sold the former town library in Seddon Street. It will be home to Clark & Gay Barristers and Solicitors, which plans to relocate to the bigger premises at the beginning of July.

Acquired by the Council in 1977, the building began life as a Bank of New Zealand branch in 1901. So it's fitting that it will be occupied by another early Waihi business – in fact Clark & Gay was established around 1880.

The new owners say they intend keeping the landmark as it is: it won't change in appearance or be extensively modernised.

The Council has retained part of the rear parking area to accommodate about 10 public carparks, with users of the adjacent Memorial Hall in mind.



## Feedback must be received by Monday, 2 May

## Changes afoot - dog control submissions close soon

Creating a dog-free zone at the south end of Whiritoa Beach to better protect the endangered northern New Zealand dotterel nesting there is among key proposed changes to the Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The Department of Conservation has requested a dog ban southward of the Moray Place beach access, as part of our scheduled periodic review of dog control.

Another proposal is to ban dogs from the burial ground area at the summit of Waihi's Ngati Koi Domain (Black Hill Reserve), because of its cultural and spiritual significance to local iwi.

At Waikino, it's intended to give dogs a space to go leash-free but under control, with the establishment of a designated exercise area in the vicinity of the Waikino Domain and Waitekauri Road.

The Council also plans some changes regarding dogs classified as dangerous or menacing. For instance if their owners fail to have them neutered or comply with other requirements of the Dog Control Act, our dog control officers will make greater use of their authority to seize the animals. At home, the fenced portion of a property where dangerous or menacing dogs are required to be contained will have an enforceable minimum yard size and fence height requirement.

To see all the proposed changes, you can pick up a full copy of the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw from any of our service centres, or view it on the Council website. Submission forms are also available for anyone who wishes to support, oppose or comment on any points – but feedback must be received by Monday, 2 May. Councillors will consider the submissions at a hearing meeting on Wednesday, 25 May.



## Big Anzac Day

Veterans and supporters parade to the Waihi Memorial Hall ahead of the Anzac Day civic service. This year, as well as the traditional dawn service at the Waihi RSA, an Anzac Day remembrance service was held for the first time at the World War I New Zealand Engineers Tunnelling Company Memorial at Gilmour Lake – a tribute to those who served underground on the Western Front.