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WE NEED TO TALK
about...



Tā tātou kainga
OUR PLACE

Tell us about it...
Catch up with your Councillors

Your Councillors' job is to represent your views when making decisions on behalf of you and the community.

To make it easier for you to share your ideas, views and suggestions, your Waihi Ward Councillors will be available to listen on the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30am – 1:30pm, in the Waihi Service Centre.

No need to make an appointment, just show up and share what's important to you.

Next session is on Wednesday 4 March



Apply now!

Do you have a creative local arts project that needs funding?

We want to hear from you!

If your project provides creative opportunities for your community; engages with young people (under 18 years) or celebrates and promotes the diverse arts and cultural traditions of your community, then don't delay! Applications close 4pm, Monday 16 March 2020.

Find out more www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme



“Arts and Creativity are our nation's greatest taonga”

Michael Moynahan

“If someone tells you that you have enough art supplies and you don't need anymore, stop talking to them! You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.”



What makes the Hauraki District a great place to work, live and play?

We're starting to look long term, into the next 10-30 years, and we want to know what's important to you. What do you like about the Hauraki District? What would you like to see more of? What would you like to see less of?

This isn't just about our services – we want you to think about what would make life better for you. There are no wrong answers – just let it flow.

How to tell us what you think He aha ōu whakaaro, korero mai

Write to us or fill in our online feedback form at <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/ourplace>

We'll be at the Paeroa and Ngatea Family Fun Days on Sunday 1 March. Come and chat to us and give us your feedback. You'll get a chance to win spot prizes, plus go into the draw to win a Fitbit. Feedback closes 30 March.

Follow us on Facebook for more event times and places for the month of March.



Our first pop up stall at the Waitangi Ki Paeroa 2020 celebration got the community conversation started. We received over 220 suggestions. Thanks!

What's next? | Hei muri

After all the feedback has been received, we hope to develop some new community outcomes based on what you tell us, which means we will have a new focus or vision of where we hope to be in the future. Check out our current community outcomes <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community-outcomes>

Hey, thanks Waihi!

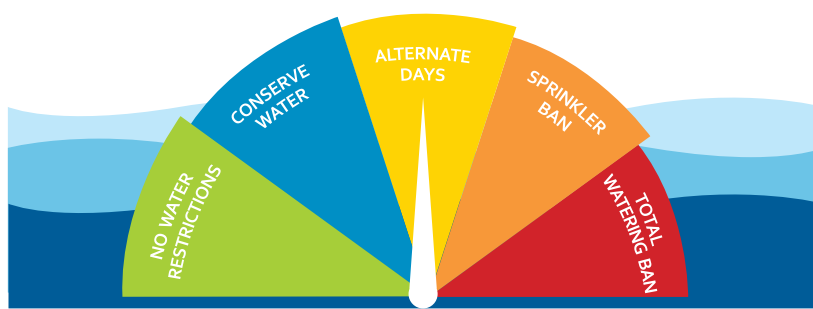
On 11 February, a major raw water pipe break saw the Waihi well run completely dry.

But, thanks to a phenomenal effort from the community, the town was back on tap reasonably quickly, and the treated water reservoir level is now bobbing around at about 90 per cent.

Total watering ban lifted

With the rain last weekend and the community's prudent use of water, we've lifted the Total Watering Ban for Waihi and Waikino. However, due to the ongoing dry weather an Alternated Watering restriction is now in place for outdoor water use from Thursday 27 February.

Odd numbered addresses, only water on odd days of the month and even numbered addresses, only water on even days of the month. Thanks Waihi!



How Waihi ran out of water

The main pipe that transports raw (untreated) water from the Ohinemuri River to the Waihi Water Treatment Plant burst at about 5pm on Tuesday 11 February.

Council's water services team worked through the night to repair the pipe. Due to its deep location it was well into the morning before the break was repaired, and during this time no raw water was able to get to the water treatment plant for processing.

Ordinarily, we have enough treated water stored in our reservoir to supply the town for about three days. However, due to the dry conditions and low river levels restricting our water intake, we had less treated water stored in the reservoir and less time up our sleeve before it ran dry.



TOBY ADAMS HAURAKI DISTRICT MAYOR

“The community response was fantastic.

Things could have been so much worse, we really appreciated the willingness of the community to turn off taps and save water wherever they could.”

Mayor Toby Adams

Don't flip your lid, use a wheelie bin clip

If Waihi wasn't named after the rising water in the area, it could easily have been named after the wind instead. It's often referred to as Windy Waihi and anyone with a recycling bin that's been blown over frequently will know why!

The good news is, we've found a wind resistant clip that keeps your bin lid closed until you release it by hand, or the bin is turned upside down.

Get yours for \$8.70 plus GST from our Waihi Service Centre. There's a limited supply but if they fly out the door, we can order more.



No change to Legal Highs Policy

We recently reviewed our Local Approved Products (Legal Highs) Policy 2014. The policy restricts the locations where people can sell legal highs in our district.

As there are currently no "legal highs" products for sale anywhere in the district, no changes were needed.