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Need to chat?

If you've got a burning issue you want to discuss, or just want to pop in for a chat, there will now be a councillor available at the Waihi Service Centre on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am until noon.

Councillor Max McLean said the drop in sessions were set up after recent feedback from those wanting to be able to regularly talk about issues. "Now they will have a chance to engage," he said.

"I hope Waihi residents will take the opportunity to express concerns and ideas for improvements in our ward. If it is used, we would most certainly have more than one a month.

"I believe we have the best place to live and enjoy life, I love Waihi!"

Kerbside refuse collection Easter/Anzac reminder

Due to Monday 22 April being a public holiday, some collections scheduled for that week will be carried out a day later than normal. Below is the collection schedule for the Waihi and Paeroa Ward. Remember to have your items on the kerbside by 7.30am.

Whiritoa

Tuesday 23 April - Refuse bags and recycling

Waihi & Waikino

Friday 26 April - Refuse bags and recycling

Paeroa, Karangahake & Mackaytown

Friday 26 April - Refuse bags only



ANZAC DAY

Public Commemoration Services 25 April, 2019

Citizens are invited to attend Public Commemoration Services to be held in the Hauraki District on Thursday 25 April, 2019.

PAEROA 9:15am War Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 9.00am

WAIHI 11:00am Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 10:45 am

NGATEA 11:15am Ngatea War Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 11.00am

OTHER SERVICES:

Paeroa 6:00am Cenotaph Primrose Hill, Paeroa

Kerepehi 5:30am War Memorial Hall, Kerepehi

Ngatea 6:00am Hauraki Plains College, Ngatea

Kaihere/Patetonga 9:00am Kaihere Hall, Kaihere

Tunnelling Company 9:00am Gilmour Reserve, Waihi

*JP Tregidga, MNZM JP
Mayor, Hauraki District*



Lest we forget



Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga will soon be opening a can of worms in Waihi Schools.

From next month, students will be having fun playing in the dirt with wiggly worms during class, thanks to the Mayor's new worm farm initiative to offer state-of-the-art worm farms to every Waihi school.

Most schools have already taken up the offer, and councillor Anne Marie Spicer will help Mayor Tregidga roll out the new worm farms in May.

Mayor Tregidga said the new worm farms, which will be paid for out of the Mayoral Fund, taught kids valuable lessons about their environment.

"Worm farms are good for the environment, and

this is a way kids can help the environment around them and also get out in nature," he said.

Worm farms were also a great way to teach children about recycling waste and reducing the amount of rubbish being sent to landfills.

"Making a worm farm is a fun way students can turn waste into something more valuable. Worms eat and eat and eat – the little critters can eat their own weight in food every day, turning all that waste into valuable compost."

Mayor Tregidga hoped kids would take the idea home and encourage their parents/caregivers to start worm farms in their own homes.

Other environmental news...

UN conference support

The Waihi Ward has donated \$320 to Holly Elson-Fisher and Amy Magyar, who were selected to represent Waihi at the United Nations Aotearoa Youth Declaration in Auckland from April 14-17.

The donation will help cover the Waihi College students' costs at the event.

Holly said it was an incredible opportunity that gave students from all over New Zealand the chance to meet like-minded and enthusiastic people who are passionate about making changes in Aotearoa and contributing to their community.

Topics include climate change, justice, education, health systems, culture and diversity, governance, heritage, international relations and more.

Sustainable living

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga will recommend council sign up for a proposed sustainable living community education programme.

At a presentation by Sustainable Living Education Trust on 9 April, Mayor Tregidga said the Local Government New Zealand sponsored initiative was an area council was seriously interested in.

Sustainable Living Education Trust national co-ordinator Rhys Taylor said the Future Living Skills sustainable living education programme included workshops for nine topics: energy efficiency, travel, waste minimisation, eco design, food choices, gardening, water saving, community resilience and local economies.

Don't be a Litter Bug

Throwing your empty coffee cup out the window of your car could now cost you \$100 in the Hauraki district.

Council recently adopted its Litter Infringement Policy, which could see fines of up to \$400 being issued to those dumping rubbish in a public place or on private land without the occupier's consent.

It's hoped the new fines will make people think twice before they throw away their takeaway containers or dump household rubbish on the roadside.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga said as well

as the obvious effect on the environment, there is an unacceptable cost to ratepayers for the rubbish to then be properly disposed of.

"Our costs for disposing of illegally dumped rubbish have escalated over the last couple of years, and quite frankly, it's unacceptable that the majority of our ratepayers who do dispose of rubbish responsibly have to pay for the few that can't be bothered," he said.

To view our full fees and charges schedule visit our website:

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/fees-charges/>