

Thursday, 23 October 2014

Waihi Ward Reflections

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New water source surges closer

Tenders will soon be sought for the construction of an additional raw water supply for Waihi, as approved by Councillors last week.

Opus Consultants, appointed by Council to do the design work, look after the tender process and supervise construction, have completed their detailed design report. Pumps of the recommended type have already been ordered.

The Council has already agreed on the Ohinemuri River, at Golden Valley Bridge, as the preferred site for the supply to the Waihi Water Treatment plant – supplementing the existing Walmsley Stream source.

A new pipeline will take the water 2.5km from the pump station to the end of Kent Crescent, to connect with the existing pipeline from the Walmsley Dam. The first 850m of the route will cross private land, with the remainder inside the road boundaries.

Construction is expected to cost between \$2.6 and \$3.2 million, which will bring the price for the whole project to between about \$3.3 and \$4 million. The initial estimate signalled in the 2009-19 Hauraki Community Plan was \$4.8 million. The intervening five years have seen some significant changes of plan – notably a shift in the preferred water supply source from the Waitawheta River to the Ohinemuri.

Some work still needs to be done to make sure that the section of existing pipeline from Kent Crescent to the treatment plant will be up to the new job it has to do. If it needs to be replaced this will cost an extra \$300,000, outside the current scope of the project. The existing pipeline has been in use since the early 1980s.

If replacement is needed details will be reported to Council and approval sought for the extra expenditure.

Victoria Park Toilets to close for revamp

The toilets at Victoria Park – popularly known as Rocket Park because of its landmark children's slide – will be 'no go' for about three weeks after Labour weekend while refurbishment is carried out.

Repairs and renovations, beginning on October 28, are needed to fix accumulated wear and tear and damage.

During the closure we're also taking the opportunity to do some upgrade work. The floors will be leveled to stop water from ponding, and power will be connected so that hand dryers and internal lighting can be installed. As well as making the facilities more user-friendly, we hope this last improvement will help deter vandalism during night hours when the toilets are locked.

The refurbishment project is especially important because use of the park is growing, and the Hauraki Rail Trail route takes cyclists right past.

It's expected the toilets will re-open by November 17. Other public toilets are located nearby at Hazard Street and at Gilmour Park.



Library programme is childspay

Eleven o'clock on Tuesdays is Toddler Time at the Waihi Library!

The free weekly event for under-5s has now been running for a term. Hosted by the librarians, it packs storytelling, music, rhythm and rhyme into 30 minutes – a period appropriate for the attention span of even the youngest participants.

Preschoolers of all ages are welcome, says librarian Karen Wickliffe. The programme is tailored to suit, which may involve giant picture books, percussion instruments, balls, or bubbles.

"Quite a few children have become regulars. Their parents and caregivers – including one grandfather – obviously enjoy the time just as much. They often linger in the library afterward and socialise."

Waihi Library to close its doors for a day

Labour weekend is taking on extra meaning at the Waihi Library – with the builders returning to complete some final plastering and exterior work on the new facility.

This needed to wait until a suitable long weekend, and as it will require ladders and scaffolding to be erected around the entrance pillars at both sets of doors, **the library will be closed on the Saturday morning of October 25 in the interest of public safety.**

We apologise for any inconvenience. However, residents are always welcome to use our Paeroa library on Saturday morning.

Waihi borrowers will get an 'extension' on any books and other items that would normally be due back on October 25.

Ready to make a splash this summer

- **Forecast for summer: cool fun and fitness in our District swimming pools!**
- The Waihi, Paeroa and Ngatea pools will open to the public on November 22, with provision made for swim clubs to start training from early November. The swimming season will run until March 22 next year.
- We already have a great team of lifeguards in training or undertaking refresher courses. Nine of them are returning to duty, and eight new staff members were chosen from 59 high-calibre applicants. A number have been college head students and swimming club members, and all are looking forward to working in their home communities over summer.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the **Waihi Christmas Parade** organised by Go Waihi it is intended to close the following road to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Period of closure: Saturday, 6 December 2014, midday to 2.30pm.

Roads to be closed: Seddon St from Moresby Ave/ Rosemont Rd corner, up to Mueller St roundabout.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the proposed period of closure.

Any objections should be directed to Technical Services Business Unit Administration on 07 862 8609 or email info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz by 7 November 2014.

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New play equipment puts kids in a spin

"Don't swing on the clothesline!" may be the rule at home – but you can do the next best thing at Morgan Park.

Kids and big kids have given the thumbs-up to a sturdy overhead spinner recently installed in the playground by the netball courts, along with new see-saws.



Brothers D'sharn Rimaha-Pairama (6) and Kodiak Rimaha-Pairama (4) get airborne