



Here is what you told us

Head Start Pathway – Simplifying Local Government

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views through the Head Start Pathway: Simplifying Local Government survey.

We received 757 responses between 9 June and 5 July 2026. Your feedback gives us a clearer picture of what matters most to our communities as conversations continue about the future shape of local government.

Mayor Toby Adams said the main message was clear it showed how strongly people care about the future of their communities.

"People are open to change, but they want any new council setup to keep local voices strong and at the forefront, keep costs fair, and make sure our towns, rural areas and coastal communities are all looked after."

Scan the QR code to find more about what you told us.



A new chapter for Ngātea

He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre opens to the community

The new He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre will open its doors to the community for the first time on Thursday 23 July.

The new centre is more than a building. It will bring library and Council services together in one easy-to-use place for Ngātea and nearby communities, while offering a warm, welcoming space for people of all ages to meet, learn, share ideas and enjoy community life.

A thoughtful start for a much-loved community space

Before the doors open to the public, a whakatūwhera/dawn blessing will be shared to support the building's transition from a construction site into a living community space.

Everyone is welcome to help celebrate

To celebrate the new centre, everyone is invited to enjoy a week of events at the library, starting on Thursday 23 July.

There will be something for all ages, including Matariki Storytime and a Teddy Bear Adventure for tamariki, a Digital Confidence Cafe, a Community Craft Circle, a 3D Printing Showcase, a Community Services Expo, and a Book Lovers Brunch with a visiting author. Scavenger hunts will run throughout the week, along with prize entries for new members.

"This is a proud day for Ngātea. He Pātaka Kōrero belongs to our community, and I can't think of a better way to open it than with a whole week of events that bring people together. Whether you come along for storytime, a craft circle, or just to find a quiet corner with a book, there's a place for you here. Come and make it yours," says Deputy Mayor, Paul Milner.

The full opening week programme is available on the library website at library.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Our libraries in Waihi and Paeroa will be opening late from 12pm on Wednesday 22 July as our team take the time to welcome in the new space. Our service centres in both locations remain open as per normal.

Regular opening hours He Pātaka Kōrero | Hauraki Plains Library and Service Centre

Customer services
Monday to Friday
8.00am to 4.30pm

Library
Monday to Friday
9:30am to 5pm

Saturday
9:30am to 12:30pm

Get ahead of your rates using Payble

You can view this year's rates assessed for your property and get ahead of the first instalment due in September by sorting payments in Payble. Also see if you are entitled to a Rates Rebate. Find all this information and more here –

www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/property-rates.

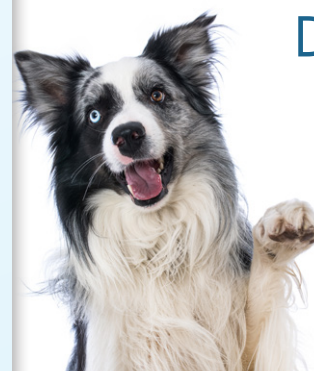
Our friendly customer service team are there to help with any questions you may have, just reach out.



Dog registration time

If you've got a furry friend at home, don't forget to register them by **31 July 2026**.

You can register online, visit one of our Council service offices, or give us a call if you need a hand.



Remember to

Flush your taps every day!

The Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings. We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

