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ANZAC Day celebrations

South Waikato Anzac Day Civic ceremonies will be held tomorrow, Thursday 25 April:

- Tokoroa: assemble outside the District Court, Bridge Street at 8.30am for a march to the Council building, Torphin Crescent. The Civic service starts at 9am.
- Putaruru: assemble outside Van Dyks store, Kensington Street at 8.45 am for a march to the Plaza Theatre. The Civic service starts at 9am.
- Tirau: assemble inside the Tirau War Memorial Hall, Main Street at 10am.
- Tokoroa: *dawn parade* leaves the corner of Logan and Campbell Streets at 5.45 am and arrives at the Tokoroa Club, cnr of Campbell and Chambers Streets (car park).
- Putaruru: *dawn parade* leaves from outside Van Dyks on Kensington Street at 5.50 am for a march to the Cenotaph on the corner of Main and Overdale Streets.



Sign up for basketball in May



Basketball leagues will begin again for term two at the South Waikato Sport & Events Centre on Thursday 16 May starting at 6pm. This is a social, mixed grade and players need to be 14 years or older. Registrations close on Friday 10 May at 4pm. The cost is \$220 per team. To register your team contact Amanda at the South Waikato Sport & Events Centre on 8851059.

Burn ONLY dry wood

During winter Tokoroa has poor air quality caused by wood burners. Council had looked at introducing a Clean Air Bylaw to encourage improvements, but the community spoke out strongly against this. Council heard the community and has put the proposed bylaw on hold. It is now up to the community to improve the winter air quality. Key tips:

- Burn ONLY DRY wood.
- Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling.
- Only use larger pieces when the fire is burning well.
- Cut dry firewood into pieces around 15cm wide.

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The proposed South Waikato District Plan is nearing completion; 53 submissions and 26 further submissions have been received. Further submissions are written to support or oppose the original submissions, without introducing new material. Council is currently clarifying points with submitters and hearings have been scheduled for July/August.

Council's Gambling Policy is currently out for public consultation. Documents and submission forms can be collected from Council offices and libraries or downloaded from our website.

Council has launched its own facebook page. The page will be used to post information and announcements about projects that Council is working on such as road works, upcoming events, leagues running at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre, library promotions, consultation processes and notifications of press statements, advertisements and announcements made on Council's webpage. Like us at [facebook.com/SouthWaikatoDistrictCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/SouthWaikatoDistrictCouncil).

The Arapuni road realignment project is open to normal traffic and speeds. Tidy up work continues in accordance with resource consent conditions.

On request from the community, Council has moved the Te Wautu recycling drop off container to Wiltsdown road; screen fencing will be installed and the area will be checked regularly.

Progress continues on the UV filtration system being installed at the Waihou headworks (near the Blue Spring) as part of the government's new Drinking Water Standards.

Council is part of a consortium with Hauraki and Matamata-Piako that jointly tenders for electricity supply. The contract was recently advertised and six tenders were received. Genesis was the most competitive and our new contract shows almost \$100,000 in savings.

The refurbishment work on the old toilet block at Glenshea Park has been completed in time for the rugby league season.

Council sportsgrounds and reserves are responding to the recent welcome rain. Weed control is in hand to prepare fields for the winter sporting season.

The community is reminded to take care at Lake Moana nui while works continue; and to be especially mindful of the restricted areas.

Currently 17 students attend the Tokoroa Trade Training Centre which is at 100% capacity. Students are currently tracking a 95% pass rate. Six Neighbourhood Parties were held this season, three in Tokoroa, two in Putaruru and one in Arapuni. All parties were very well received and the engagement from participants was positive. Over 80 packs were distributed at the Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event.