



# Bulletin

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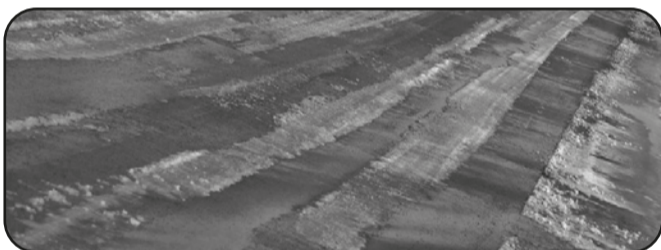


## Bulletin FOCUS

### Winter driving in SW

For drivers in the South Waikato, winter can be the most dangerous time of the year. Between June and August last year there were twenty seven crashes in the District where winter conditions played some part. Frost is more severe at daybreak so be prepared for this as it becomes light; and watch out for shaded areas caused by high banks and tall trees where roads may not see the sun. These areas are likely to stay frozen all day so ice may still be present even in the afternoon. And don't forget the black ice that is difficult to see! Keys points to remember are:

- Drive to the conditions.
- Allow greater following distances on frosty and wet days.
- Obey emergency road closed signs and barriers
- For information on current conditions or closures visit [www.highwayinfo.govt.nz](http://www.highwayinfo.govt.nz).



### Annual Plan - decisions

Council would like to thank the 165 people who made submissions on its draft Annual Plan 2013-14. Following two days of hearings, Council read and deliberated each submission before making decisions. These are summarised and on our website: [www.southwaikato.govt.nz](http://www.southwaikato.govt.nz).



### New stormwater pipes

The stormwater pipes will be replaced along the eastern side of Tirau Street, in Putaruru (near BP). Council is removing the existing 225mm diameter pipes as they have reached the end of their life; and replacing them with 300mm diameter pipes to cater for increased demand. The project started this week and will take two to three weeks to complete. Council encourages residents to take care in the area and public parking will be affected during the period. Council appreciates your patience.

## Bulletin BRIEFS

Council's roading contractor will be monitoring the berm restoration work following issues with work on the Balmoral Drive kerb replacement. They will also monitor current roading improvement projects to ensure that loose chip is removed when required.

Council has received a total of 323 service requests, compared to 350 last year regarding roading issues; with 92% of these requests completed within the required time frames. The most frequent types of requests were for street lighting followed by footpaths and general issues.

The Speed Indication Device was deployed in Neal Street, Putaruru for a week to monitor vehicle speeds. 45% of vehicles recorded were traveling above the posted speed limit but only 9% were traveling above 60 kph. The maximum speed recorded was 133 kph.

A heavy vehicle stop was held at the Putaruru VTNZ station; the main focus of the stop was to survey and educate the drivers on fatigue and restraint use.

A teen driver expo will be held in June at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre. The expo will target young drivers and those just starting to drive. It will be run with the support of police, fire and ambulance staff.

AgRecovery are organising a controlled free reception drop off for agricultural containers at the Putaruru recycling drop off area.

Silage wrap from farms can be recycled (also by AgRecovery) or dropped at the South Waikato Achievement Centre in Thompson Street.

Work to migrate cemetery records to a new database and map interface is complete.

All of the District's sportsfields are busy with junior sports kicking off after the school holidays. Strathmore Park hosts soccer and the Memorial Sportsground is busy with junior and senior rugby and Rugby League, along with netball every weekend. Glenshea Park now has junior soccer, junior and senior Rugby League and netball games from Friday through to Sunday.

The Warm Homes Clean Air EXPO will be held on Saturday 10 August from 10am to 4pm at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre.

The Burnwise scheme developed by Council has officially launched with four wood suppliers signing on to the scheme. Tokoroa Firewood Ltd, Balmoral Firewood Supplies, Tokoroa City Lions and Central Bay Firewood have all agreed to supply firewood according to best practice and contribute to improving the air quality in Tokoroa.

Map information contained in the proposed district plan has been presented on Council's mapping website with links to relevant sections of the on-line version of the plan. This mapping tool can be accessed through Council's website.