



# IN touch



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## More jobs, more promotion... more positives

In its most recent Long Term Plan, Council adopted two key strategies: create more jobs and promote the district. These objectives are not solely within our control, but Council certainly plays a part in facilitating new business and helping others capitalise on district promotion opportunities.

Big picture, big goals... and the South Waikato has already had some big results.

Our entire community, individuals and businesses, are crucial to fostering positive district promotion. We all need to have a positive outlook about the district we live and work in, its strengths and our many achievements.

Shouting our success from the roof tops is the way to go.

- Like the positive news story about the police and dairy owners in the Putaruru community taking an early stand against cannabinoids.
- Like watching Tokoroa locals speak passionately about rugby, our sporting greats and our Talking Poles on Seven Sharp.
- Like the tremendous success of the Taniwha event held in November last year along our beautiful Waikato River Trails.

If we talk positively about these successes and celebrate our district, the positive word will spread.

### Looking back

The list of developments and changes over the past five years is impressive. The spectrum covers community facilities, leisure activities and big and small business growth. This range of development seeps into many aspects of our lives from generating jobs, income and economic growth to improving our community cohesiveness through social and cultural initiatives and events.

Some of this development includes:

- the two new, large supermarkets in Tokoroa
- the new Putaruru library and swimming pool

- Big Chill, new Farmlands and the country's first brand new 'Z', built from the ground up in Putaruru
- the Satco expansion
- Evans Engineering and their contract with Kiwi Rail
- the creation of a hard stand loading area at Wawa place
- all the development in Anchor Place
- Ray Lincoln's new venture with James and Son
- all the new farms resulting from the forestry conversions and the flow on from that change in land use
- the Village Green in Tirau
- the development of the Trade Training Centre, now in its sixth year

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### IN brief

- The capital footpath upgrade in Putaruru is complete. The anti-slip treatment in the Tokoroa CBD was done in June to assist with frosty mornings and slippery cobble stones.
- Maintenance and replacement of signs is ongoing with no major vandalism reported. A request for additional 'Beware of Cyclist' signs for the Waikato River Trails around Arapuni village was received during the Annual Plan process and ten new signs will be placed in the area.

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- the fantastic success of the Waikato River Trails
- the Tokoroa Youth Park
- the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre
- and more recently Robert Harris and Subway...

... and we run out of space to put all the recent development in, there's just too much to mention!

### Looking to the future

And the future is going to bring even more excitement.

- The way our health service is delivered is changing with the refurbishment of the Tokoroa Hospital and Health Care Centre as a model of delivery for rural hospital and health services to a community.
- Pete Bossley (the architect for the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre) will be looking at the re-development of Leith place so that we

can take advantage of the State Highway bypass developments.

- Upgrade work at Glenshea Park in Putaruru continues and Lake Moana-nui in Tokoroa is facing a major upgrade.
- The River Trails Trust is undertaking the start of a feasibility study linking the South Waikato and Rotorua.

Council will continue to put major emphasis on encouraging business and industry by promoting the advantages of the South Waikato... national road, rail and port links; an all-weather, sealed airfield; central North Island location; business development friendly district plan and Council; outstanding potential for green field industrial expansion; a stable, versatile and skilled workforce; strong dairy, forestry and engineering industries... we really do have it all.

We just need everyone to talk about it!



## Litter in our CBD

**Council is committed to a litter free CBD for residents and visitors alike, but we need your help too!**



Littering is an issue worldwide and though our community's litter problem is not extensive, we still have room for improvement! Council and contractors work hard around the clock in our CBD to keep our streets clean, healthy and free of litter.

The Litter Patrol Officer, Graham Wilkins and his team work together to help keep our CBD areas clean and tidy, not just for our community but for our visitors as well. The Street Refuse and Litter Control staff take care of refuse issues in Tokoroa, Putaruru and Tirau, dedicating over 40 hours a week to maintaining our streets. Their tasks include patrolling the streets on a regular basis, picking up litter, keeping litter bins from overflowing, and even giving the footpaths a shampoo. Graham and his

team are out there as part of our commitment to effective waste management.

This forms part of Council's broad waste management service, which includes a transfer station in Putaruru, a landfill in Tokoroa, weekly urban household collections, fortnightly recycling and litter collection, and rural recycling drop off centres.

**Top photo and above left:** Patrol Officer Graham Wilkins equipped with his litter patrol get up and gear.

**Above right:** At midday on 16 July, Council staff took a walk up Leith Place in Tokoroa, from corner to corner (that's 100 metres). We counted 10 rubbish bins and 49 pieces of rubbish. And that's not including the cigarette butts, of which there were multitudes.

**Littering is a result of individual behaviour, so come on South Waikato, keep our streets clean and tidy by taking responsibility for your own litter, that way we will have a beautiful district that we can all be proud of!**

## Can we do better than 65%?

A child restraint checkpoint was held in Tokoroa in May with a total of 202 vehicles checked. 90% of the children were in some form of child restraint; however only 65% were in the correct form of restraint and had the restraint fitted correctly.

Common faults found in the checkpoints held in the South Waikato were children under five using seat belts only, tether straps fitted but not used and poorly adjusted straps.

This result is an improvement over last year's figures when only 36% of children were in the correct form of restraint and had the restraint fitted correctly.

**Parents are reminded: a poorly fitted restraint can be as bad as no restraint at all.**

Council has worked with several organisations in the past to conduct these checkpoints to raise awareness of the importance of correctly fitted and used child restraints.

### Top Car Seat Errors

- Not reading the manual.
- Moving from a rear facing to a forward facing seat too soon.
- Belts that are too loose. Installing a car seat is a two person job; one person needs to press the seat down with a knee while someone else attaches and tightens the seat belt. If the seat moves more than 2.5cm in any direction, tighten it more.
- Using the harness incorrectly. There should only be enough room for two fingers between the harness strap and your child's chest.
- Attaching the tether strap incorrectly — or not at all.

- Children should be strapped in and then covered with a blanket.
- Installing a car seat in front of an airbag in the front seat. Back seat and side airbags inflate differently and are not a problem for car seats.

### Coming soon...

From 1 November the mandatory use of child restraints in vehicles will be extended by two years, with all children required to be correctly secured in an approved restraint until their seventh birthday.

NZTA Road Safety Director Ernst Zollner said the rule change would bring New Zealand into line with the requirements of Australia, and was an important step forward in improving the safety of children on New Zealand roads.

"Children are especially vulnerable to injury in crashes, and the standard seats and safety belts installed in most vehicles are designed to protect an average sized adult. Because children are smaller and have different body shapes, they need more protection to keep them safe in a car. These changes will make travel safer for New Zealand children and they will help to reduce tragic and preventable deaths and serious injuries among our youngest road users."

## Fancy a drink?

Council recently installed two water bottle refill and drinking water fountains in the Putaruru CBD area.

Working with Pride in Putaruru and the Putaruru Information Centre several possible locations were identified for the fountains. Council then looked at where its existing water supply pipe lines were and made the final location decision based on that, so as to keep installation costs to a minimum.

"Installing one at the waterpark was key to the project," said Kerry Fabrie, Council's Communications Manager. "This one can be seen from passing vehicles on State Highway 1 and the area sees a lot of foot traffic too."

Council has received positive feedback from the community, from locals doing their

shopping to visitors passing through, including lovely feedback from the training instructor of a class of avid kick-boxers who were lined up taking turns after one particular warm up run.

"Installing these fountains in Putaruru makes good sense as we are home to the well-known Blue Spring and the beautiful water we enjoy here," said Pride in Putaruru Manager, Lee Robertson. "An added benefit is using the drinking water stations to promote a recycling message about switching to reusable drinking water bottles."

Each unit comes with a drinking water fountain and two water bottle refill nozzles, including one lower down for children, and making the unit wheelchair friendly.



## New speed limit signs for Arapuni

The new speed limit sign at the northern approach to Arapuni village is a welcome sight for many in the village. The Arapuni community has been advocating for improved speed reduction treatment for several years.



Speed reduction signs need to be coupled with other visual cues like speed signs, islands, care crossings and kerbs to effectively slow down traffic. Installing the signs was done at the same time as the pavement rehabilitation and kerb and channel work that Council has done at the entrance to the village. Statistics show that drivers who drive along roads with kerbs on them naturally slow down, so that has also had a calming effect on the traffic.

The key is for drivers to visually recognise that they are entering a built up area and need to reduce speed.

Council's speed detection device has surveyed speeds through Arapuni several times. The most recent indications were an average speed of 56km/h with a number of one-off highs, the highest being 103km/h. This device will be deployed in Arapuni regularly to see the effect of the new traffic calming.

# Imagine a world without natural bush and creatures big and small...

The disappearance of any of the earth's trees and creatures whether big or small is a loss to us all. Destruction of natural habitats and extinction of creatures on a global scale is a huge concern and the loss of natural NZ bush and our native species equally worrying.



For instance, what would the effect of a disappearing Lake Okoroire in the South Waikato have on the home of a breeding pair of NZ spotless crane (puweto)?

Well, they would disappear too.

No!

And "No!" is exactly what landowner Ian Scott said, or more like shouted, a number of years ago.

So was born the Lake Okoroire Restoration Project.

This initiative aims to remove all pest plants like willow, alder, blackberry and water lilies from the banks and lake, and plant around 20,000 native trees over the next five years. This will create a protective riparian buffer that will help reduce nutrient run off that can have a negative effect on waterways

and lakes. Planting riparian buffer zones of native trees around the lake improves water quality, enhances biodiversity and creates a healthy and sustainable habitat for hundreds of native birds, including perhaps even more 'at risk' spotless cranes.

Ian and his daughter Alana are the driving force behind the project... perhaps even an unstoppable force!

"So far, Lake Okoroire has been fully fenced to protect the surrounding wetland area, 100 willow trees have been removed, blackberry has been removed from two banks, 4,000 trees were planted last year and a recent community planting day saw a further 6,000 native trees planted, water lilies have been sprayed and two silt traps installed," said Ian.

Lake Okoroire is the only remaining peat lake in the district and is listed in the top 10 ecologically significant sites in the South Waikato. This lake restoration project ticks all the right boxes in terms of riparian protection, enhancing our biodiversity and preserving our natural environment.

"People can apply to the South Waikato District Council's modest Bio-diversity Fund of \$5,000 for similar such projects that restore, enhance and protect the district's Significant Natural Areas," said James Piddock, Council's Environmental Monitoring Officer. "There is \$37,000 available by application through the South Waikato Environmental Initiatives Fund (set up by Carter Holt Harvey and administered by Council). Council can also advise on several other government funding avenues, like the Biodiversity Condition Fund and the Waikato Ecological Enhancement Trust, that are available for farmers and landowners to apply to."

And of course the Scotts themselves have put in considerable funding, time and effort.

Alana is a student at Waikato University and has embraced the Enactus programme. Enactus is a student organisation that undertakes

various business, environment and community projects. Through Enactus, Alana is acting as the lake restoration manager, supported by a team of volunteer student assistance.

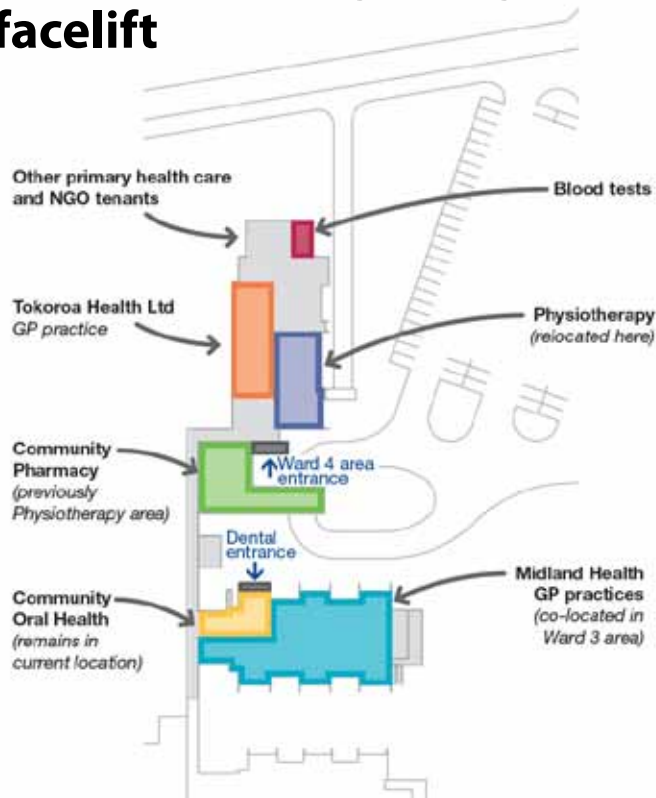
"Many other university students have volunteered to help at our pest control and planting days," said Alana. "This has dramatically improved their understanding of how farmers can implement environmental protection and biodiversity enhancement. But it's not just these students who have been involved; local school children, local businesses and members of the community attended the most recent planting day too."

"At the end of the day, protecting our natural habitat rests with people, all people," continued Alana. "Our commercial farming practices from cropping to dairying create effluent and runoff. Without environmental protection, this harmful waste seeps into our waterways and can create imbalances in our lakes. We need to put systems in place to stop or slow this degradation so that generations to come can enjoy the beautiful natural landscape that we see today."

And that's what the Lake Okoroire Restoration project is well on its way to achieving.



# Tok Hospital is getting a facelift



**When you bring a number of secondary and primary health providers together in one place, it sets the scene for closer networking, user and visitor convenience and more efficient use of facilities.**

This is the vision for Tokoroa Hospital and health centre.

Many people at a local and regional level have spent several years advocating to retain the hospital, make better use of the site and improve the health service to the South Waikato community.

This development aligns with the national aim to give people better access to the right services at the right time.

To achieve this, Waikato DHB has committed \$1.9million to the Tokoroa project which is set to be complete in November this year.

Two large ward areas that have been under-used for many years will be revamped and local health providers, doctors and pharmacists are moving in. This will improve the connection between primary and secondary health care providers. A wide range of primary care health professionals will work together to better meet and support the needs of their patients.

# ENROL

If you are 18 and haven't enrolled to vote in the upcoming local body elections, it's not too late! Because you didn't enrol by Friday 16 August, voting papers won't be posted to you. However, if you are already 18, or will turn 18 by 11 October, you can still enrol, all the way up until Friday 11 October, and cast your vote. Contact Council's Electoral Officer and ask about casting a special vote. Have your say. Cast your vote in the Local Body Elections 2013.

## Talking safety with our Police



It was encouraging to see 192 students from all three local high schools attend the teen driver expo held at the South Waikato Sport and Event Centre recently. Raising awareness of the consequences of driving related offending for teens was the key message.

Road Policing, Youth Education and Alcohol Harm Reduction Officers focussed on the 'fatal five' and driver inexperience.

Students heard from St Johns and Tokoroa Volunteer Fire Service about their involvement in fatal motor vehicle crashes. With the support of Fire and Ambulance staff, several workshops were run. Firemen demonstrated how they use the jaws of life to rescue crash victims from cars; a police representative showed how the Booze Bus operates; students completed a road safety quiz, and took turns using the Fatal Vision glasses that simulate being drunk. Students were rather surprised at how their ability to walk on a straight line was impaired by these glasses!

Demonstrations on CPR and reversing hazard identification were also held; and alcohol and drug driver information was available. A mock court session was run, highlighting the serious consequences of poor decision making to the students.

The venue was filled with road safety messages from several well-known campaigns like Take a Break, driver licensing, Practice, Legend, SADD, Don't tempt Fate, Reduce the Risk and the Ease up on the Drink campaigns.

What is the 'fatal five'?

- Alcohol
- Speed
- Restraints
- Dangerous/high risk drivers
- Dangerous driving

Students comments:

- "thanks for opening my eyes"
- "hands on was the best"
- "the whole expo was great!"

The Police appreciate the efforts of everyone involved.

## What's on at The Plaza?

Hi, my name is Catherine McCormack and I have recently been appointed to the position of Office Administrator at the Plaza. I'm really looking forward to some exciting upcoming events, meeting the people of Putaruru and assisting the requirements of the regular users of The Plaza.

We have had some great events this year including Glenshea Kindergarten with their Fashion Extravaganza, Vet Focus enjoyed their welcome to new clients night, the Scouts Fundraiser with Guy Cater, the Fire Brigade Honours night, Tapapa Marae fundraising Gown and Ball Dance, Dance Exams with Diane Wilcox, Educational workshops and Leadership Training Courses.

Upcoming events:

- 31 Aug, 2pm - South Waikato Arts Trust presents 'Operatunity At your Place Concert Show', featuring best Broadway, folk and war songs from the 50s and 60s; tickets \$25.00.
- 1 September, 2.30pm - South Waikato Music Society host a concert featuring NZ Chamber Soloists - Laura Hall (violin), James Tennant (cello), Katherine Austin (piano) and Peter Scholes (clarinet).
- 6 September, 6.45pm - St Mary's Wearable Arts Nursery Rhymes 2013; \$10.00 adult (14 and over) children free
- 21 September, full day - South Waikato Cultural Festival
- 20 October, 2.30pm - John Drummond with Opera Bravo and a fine line up of singers - Elaine Wogan, Pamela Wallace, Chase Douglas and Special guest Dame Malvina Major.

If you are new to the district and have an interest in Indoor Bowls, Mahjong, or cards with the over 50s, please contact the Plaza on (07) 883 8596 for when these groups meet.

Or keep up to date on the Plaza Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/theplazaputaruru](http://www.facebook.com/theplazaputaruru)



# Tokoroa Talking Poles Tile Art Symposium

The Talking Poles Trust is to host a Tile Art Symposium with a focus on our community. Make sure you head down to the YMCA on 30 September to 11 October and take part in our newest pole creation!

This year the Talking Poles Trust will be holding one of their great Talking Pole Symposiums, only this time around there's going to be a bit of a difference; this time it's all about the community. The pole that will be created during the symposium will not only have a focus on the South Waikato community, but the community will also have a big hand in creating it.

The Tile Art Symposium, to be held at the YMCA from 30 September to 11 October, will give those of us who consider the South Waikato home, the opportunity to be a part of creating our newest talking pole. Over the duration of this symposium anyone in the community will be able to join in and create their own tile art piece on a 20cm x 20cm tile. Once finished, these tiles will be placed together on one of the four boards that will be mounted onto a four pole structure made from New Zealand native timber.

The concept for this symposium and talking pole has been in the making for over a year now; the Talking Pole Trust wanted to create a pole that represented the common unity of our district.

"The tiles are your chance to leave your thoughts, your vision and your legacy of being a part of our community," Talking Poles

Chairperson Mariata Couch commented, "Each tile will be unique and will be a little bit of you here in the South Waikato."

The pole itself was designed by Trust member John Paki, "I wanted the pole to really express and honour the common unity of the South Waikato community. When people look at the pole I hope they feel a sense of inclusiveness, a sense of standing together."

*"The tiles are your chance to leave your thoughts, your vision and your legacy of being a part of our community."*

Once completed, the pole will be erected at the South Waikato Sport and Events Centre, and any extra boards that are made will also go on display there.

"If enough tiles are created we can create extra boards that can be interchangeable, this way each board and the unique tiles can be celebrated through this talking pole. We love the idea of a child creating a tile art piece that goes on display and then having that same child coming back years



Above: The Tokoroa Talking Poles Trust. From left to right; Janice Abo Ganis, John Paki, Faye Ives, Mariata Couch, Carle Hakaria. Absent members: Pam Harrison, Sue Arthur.

later as an adult and still seeing it there, providing them with a true sense of belonging, continued Mariata."

The naming of the pole will also be strongly influenced by the members of our community also. A drop box will be located at the symposium where people can leave their suggestions as to what they believe the pole should be named.

The Tile Art Symposium will take place during the school holidays and everyone is invited to come down and participate.

"The Talking Poles project is about your passion and pride for Tokoroa and the wider South Waikato community; we look forward to your participation on this project. Nau Mai, Haere Mai, said Mariata.



Below: Design for the Tile Art Talking Pole designed by Talking Poles Trust member John Paki. Local favourite All Black Richard Kahui helped illustrate the sheer size of the new pole; unfortunately he is not included as a permanent part of the pole.



## About our Talking Poles

The Talking Poles initiative was first thought up in 1996 as a feature in the town's retail upgrade and has since become a huge part of our town's culture. The Committee officially became a Trust in 2008 and currently has seven members, who, over the past two years have been working incredibly hard, not only on creating the Tile Art Symposium but also on creating an up to date register of all the Talking Poles around Tokoroa. Currently there are 44 poles in our town carved by over 30 contributing artists. Each of these poles comes with a story (pakiwaitara). These stories are related on the talking poles website: [www.talkingpoles.co.nz](http://www.talkingpoles.co.nz). This newly refurbished website tells their tales, the artist/s who created them, where you can find them, their meaning and so much more. And very soon all this will be able to be accessed right on the site of every talking pole; signs for each pole are to be installed in the near future, fitted out with the talking poles information and a QR code that will take you straight to its page on their website.

The poles hold a strong significance in our town and the aim of the Trust is to gift the poles to the community to celebrate the variety of cultures that we have.



Above: Business Professional Women's Pole also by local artist Darren Keith.

## A closer look at some of our Talking Poles...



### The Green Man

The Green Man, located on the Leith Place/SH 1 median was carved by artist Andy Hanock in 2004 and is the only talking pole that was carved from a living tree. Carved from a deodar cedar, the Green Man is a universal symbol of the wellbeing of the Earth, and you can find different versions of him all over the world. The Green Man was originally meant to be a temporary talking pole, but he became such an icon that the decision was made to keep him. In order to do this he had to be cut down, filled with cement, treated and mounted as the tree he was carved from was beginning to rot from the inside. In doing so, our Green Man lost a few inches but he still remains one of the largest of his kind in the Southern Hemisphere.



### The Pine Man

The Tokoroa Pine Man, located only a few metres south of the Green Man, was also created in 2004 by artists Peter Dooley and Joe Wilkinson and donated by Rotary. Made from tanalised pine, metal, rubber and leather and set on a large concrete plinth the Pine Man represents the strong forestry community that embodies Tokoroa.



### Tallulah's Whale

Carved by local artist Darren Keith, Tallulah's Whale is a dedication to his daughter and the love she had for drawing sea animals. It is his hope that this whale will be a guardian to Tallulah throughout her life and that the young children of Tokoroa will continue to enjoy and treasure it for years to come. Tallulah's Whale is carved from Matai heartwood that was donated by Te Putahitanga O Nga Ara Trust, and is located at the Tokoroa Youth Park on Roslin Street.



## IN brief *continued...*

- A teen driver expo held in June saw almost 200 local school students participate.
- Two litter infringements were issued for people dumping outside the Putaruru Transfer Station.
- Council has completed the wash down of the rural public toilets including moss, mould and spider treatment. Not all cubicles are currently in operation due to a decrease in use over the winter months, but staff are monitoring this and will open cubicles as use increases.
- The Involve festival will run for the whole month of September across the district. Involve encourages people to find out what groups already exist in the district with a view to either trying something new, perhaps joining a group to improve one's health and well-being, meet new people, network with likeminded groups and promote their particular groups' activities. For the most part - it's really about having some fun. Over 180 events participated in Involve '12. It certainly has grown since the first Involve festival in 2006. Watch the South Waikato News for a calendar of events.
- The Community Grant Scheme round is currently open; application forms are available at [www.communityconnect.org](http://www.communityconnect.org). Closing date is 30 August.

## IN the know

There are 44 Talking Poles in the CBD and surrounding area in Tokoroa made by over 30 artists. Walking trail maps are available from Council and information centres.

This column features a snippet about Council. Got a question, drop an email to [kerry.fabrie@southwaikato.govt.nz](mailto:kerry.fabrie@southwaikato.govt.nz).

## IN view

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## School children taking the lead in waste minimisation

Did you know? The amount of waste New Zealand produces each month is enough to fill a rugby field 30 stories high! In the South Waikato around 12,244 tonnes of waste ends up in landfill each year, which equates to around 500kg per person. So managing our waste more effectively is important for future sustainability.

Something that local school children are taking very seriously...

Over the past few months two Waste Workshops have been held at Council in collaboration with the Waikato Regional Council to promote waste minimisation. Students learn about waste, where it ends up, benefits of composting vs landfill for organic waste, what natural resources are used in the production of consumable products, how items break down and much more.

Two local schools Te Waotu and Strathmore made pledges back in March after the first workshop, pledges they are working steadily towards.

And now after the second workshop seven more local schools have pledged their waste minimisation efforts:

- Kuranui School pledged to build another compost bin and to provide a forum for discussion about how to tackle the waste.

- Tokoroa High School pledged to introduce composting for food waste and improve their current recycling systems.

- Tokoroa North School pledged to share what they learnt at the workshop with the rest of the school.

- Te Kaokaoroa o Patatere pledged to begin recycling in their school by introducing recycling bins and building a compost bin and worm farm.

- Lichfield School pledged to introduce recycling bins on the field, build a compost and worm farm and promote reducing, reusing and recycling through sharing videos with the rest of the school each week at assembly.

- Amisfield School pledged to introduce paper recycling in all classrooms and to further continue with their composting of organic materials, reducing the amount that ends up in the bins.

- Tainui Full Primary pledged to host another workshop for their large enviro-group and invite other schools in the region that may not have been available to attend the two prior workshops.

Awesome work and commitment from our schools, the children themselves and teachers.

Below is a list of waste and the length of time it takes them to break down or decompose. Before littering, chucking that cigarette butt out a window or putting material that can be recycled in the normal waste bin... have a think about how long it will just lie there!

- Banana peel - 3 to 4 weeks
- Orange peel - 6 months
- Apple core - 2 months
- Paper bag - 1 month
- Cardboard - 2 months
- Newspaper - 6 weeks
- Paper towel - 2 to 4 weeks
- Cotton glove - 3 months
- Tin can - 50 years
- Aluminum can - 200 to 500 yrs
- Disposable diapers - 550 yrs
- Plastic bags - 20 to 1,000 yrs
- Cigarette butts - 10 to 12 yrs
- Leather shoes - 25 to 40 yrs
- Plastic containers - 50 to 80 yrs
- Monofilament fishing line - 600 yrs
- Foam cup - 50 yrs
- Wool sock - 1 to 5 yrs
- Plywood - 1 to 3 yrs
- Plastic bottle - 450 yrs and the winner...
- Glass - 1 to 2 million yrs!



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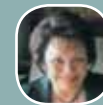
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Council is saddened by the passing of Councillor Barrie Herlihy. The sixth Tokoroa Ward Councillor position will remain vacant until the elections in October.

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