

# IN touch



A bi-monthly newsletter from your local Council - Issue 43 - November (Whiringa-a-rangi) / December (Hakihea) 2018

## South Waikato has plenty to offer this summer



The South Waikato offers plenty picturesque reserves where friends and families can soak up the summer sun, relax around a sizzling BBQ or swim the waters for hours on end.

Jones Landing is a popular camping spot, where campers and visitors have access to the lake, a playground for the kids and your usual facilities.

While you're there try the Arapuni section of the Waikato River Trails - this trail provides rewarding views of the Waikato River and gets the heart pumping.

Dunham's Point located east of Whakamaru Reserve down Ongaroto Road is another location where visitors can park up and enjoy the scenery and be amongst nature.

Little Waipa, on Horahora Road, rounds out the reserves here in the South Waikato, and is an ideal spot where holiday goers can escape the noise in exchange for peace over the holiday period.

In addition to our reserves, locals are still welcome to visit Te Waihou Walkway and

Blue Spring. We have noticed a significant improvement of the vegetation in the riverbed and on the banks. Swimming continues to be discouraged in the Blue Spring environment. This *taonga* is special and beautiful, let's all try to keep it that way.

Just a reminder that the very popular Whakamaru Reserve is closed for the summer season (more on that inside).

So enjoy the holiday season in the South Waikato at our local parks, reserves and leisure facilities.

Note: If you plan on camping in the South Waikato, you do need a permit. Apply online at [www.southwaikato.govt.nz](http://www.southwaikato.govt.nz). Permits are free.

*Top: Enjoy a night away and camp at Jones Landing (photo by Sheryn Clothier)*

*Middle Left: While at Jones Landing, the view from the lookout point is well worth the hike.*

*Bottom Left: Visit Te Waihou Walkway and Blue Spring.*

*Bottom Right: Soak in the scenery on the Waikato River Trails.*



## IN brief

- A concrete path will be installed in the Tirau cemetery from the car park to the RSA area at the Okoroire Road end to provide ease of access, particularly for elderly visitors.
- The Kindergarten Pensioner Housing Units are now tenanted and residents are happy with the new units.
- Downer is undertaking a footpath inspection to assess the condition of Council's 170km footpaths in the district to help staff prioritise the repairs to ensure best investment.

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# Community Perception - looking at what you think of us

Four times a year we survey our communities for feedback on Council activities and services - in October, January, April and June. This article details the recent quarter results (September 2018) and how it trends over annual results for the three previous years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The satisfaction rankings below exclude those who answered 'don't know' when participants were asked for their opinion on a service.

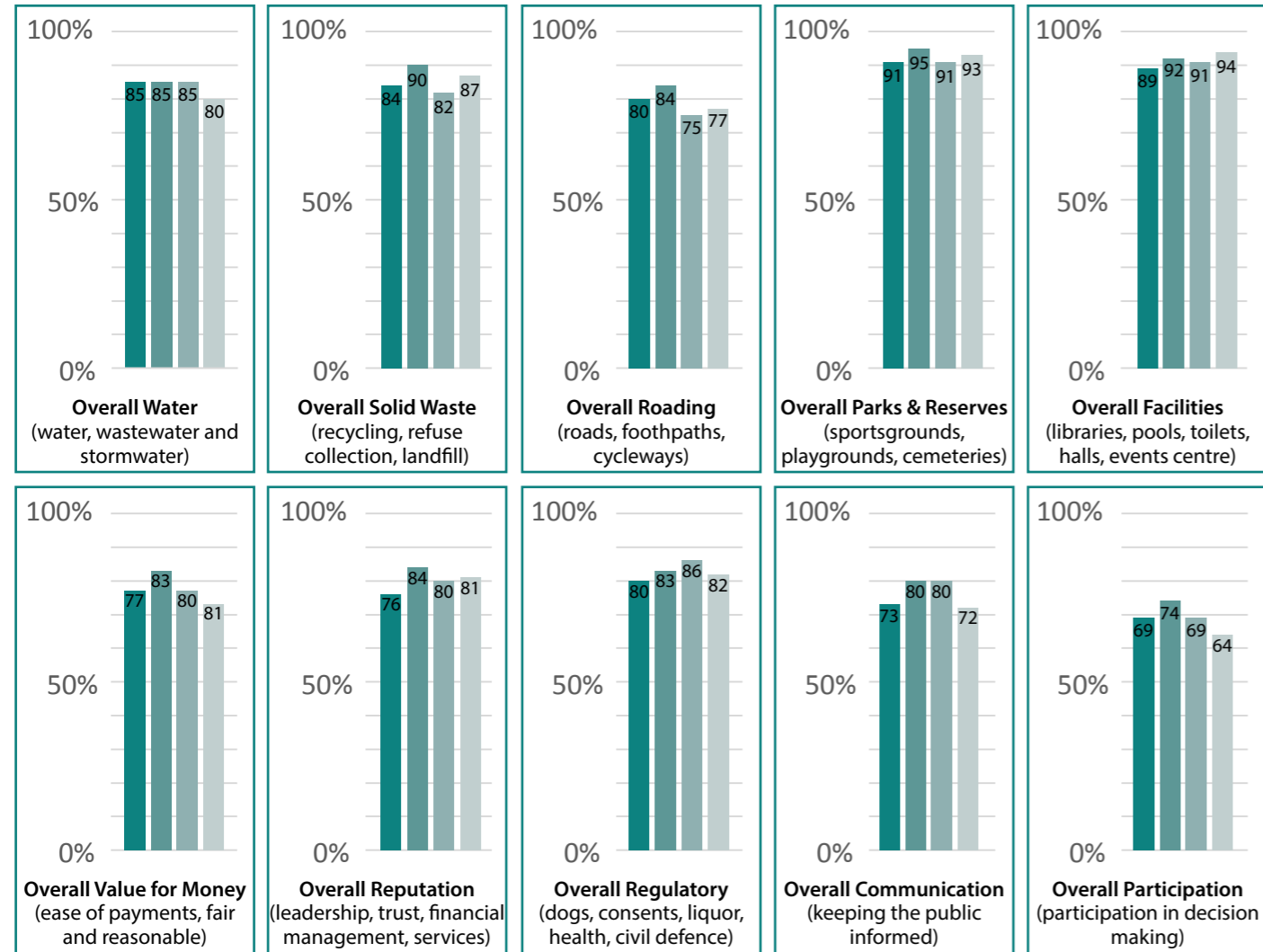
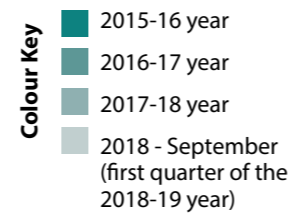
Teams are looking at these trends to see where improvements need to be made as we have slipped in

satisfaction perception in some areas. Good though to see improvements in other areas.

Approximately 100 people are called in the district each quarter, making a total of 400 for the annual feedback. The survey company has a demographic quota to fill so will

ask some initial demographic questions and from that point the full interview will either proceed or not.

We want to thank all those who have participated over the years. Please keep your honest feedback coming.



Looking at some of the individual results, the following is noteworthy:

- Satisfaction with the reliability, taste, pressure and overall management of water has decreased, possibly as a result of the Putāruru boil water issue.
- Wastewater has achieved its highest rating in recent years.

- Satisfaction with Council's parks and reserves consistently maintains above a 90% satisfaction rating, with sportsgrounds having improved in satisfaction by 4%.
- Libraries and community halls achieved a 100% satisfaction rating, South Waikato Sport and Events Centre 99% and pools 98%.

- A surprisingly result is the 13% increase in satisfaction rating in public toilets, up to 75%.
- There has been a decrease in the perceived value for money, specifically for rates; as opposed to other Council services.
- We have added a new question to our survey regarding contact with our

customer services team (the front counter team). Of the 105 respondents questioned, 24 people had made contact with the team and 96% were satisfied that they received courteous and respectful service.

## Mayor's Christmas Message



**This has been a massive year for Council and the community - a busy, exciting and challenging year. I am proud to have led a team of dedicated elected members and committed staff. Councillors are working well together, having robust discussions and making brave decisions. Staff are working through a multitude of projects and delivering business as usual.**

In September we bid our Chief Executive of over five years a fond farewell. Following a robust recruitment process involving full Council, we appointed Ben Smit as our new Chief Executive. Ben has been our Deputy Chief Executive since 2013. As a Council we are looking forward to Ben taking us through the coming years.

We are taking advantage of business and residential growth while balancing affordability. Our Council is focussed on Growth, Relationships and Resilience. We must ensure sustainable growth and foster community pride. Our resilience must be multi-pronged with sound financial management, quality infrastructure, environmental protection and affordable rates. Building strong relationships with iwi, Pacific people, business and community groups and other sectors is crucial to our continued success as a district.

Property prices continue to climb as we move through an era of growth and development. The Putāruru Re-zoning District Plan Review has been slower than we would have liked, but we need to get the planning for this right. Understanding the current capacity of our water, wastewater and stormwater networks is both critical and complex.

Putāruru Moving Forward and Pride in Putāruru drove the Putāruru Concept Plan along to completion, with support from Council. This document which outlines the strategic direction for the Putāruru township, had great community feedback and input.

Economic interest in our district continues and our

business profile is growing. We have positioned the district as an ideal place for the establishment of a modular homes factory; and we are keeping an eye on how this government contract rolls out.

We completed the Tokoroa skatepark. This brand new facility has been very well received by our community.

We completed the installation of new LED streetlights across our urban areas. This project cost well over \$2.6 million dollars, but Council staff were able to secure 85% of the funding from central government, meaning that ratepayers paid just 15% of the total cost.

Council unveiled plans for the Tokoroa CBD Upgrade. We have removed the trees to open Leith Place up to State Highway traffic and moved the i-SITE into a temporary building. We will soon be moving the Talking Poles in the area for safe keeping and getting rid of the roots left from the tree removal. Due to rapid and significant changes in the contracting construction market there is a budget shortfall which Council initially resolved to fund; however very recently this decision was revoked in favour of a staged less expensive approach.

After consulting with our community on the Gambling Policy, we retained the Sinking Lid clause to do our bit towards reducing gambling harm, while remaining lawful. We also introduced an Easter Sunday Trading Policy which means that all shops and retailers can trade on Easter Sunday in future. The beauty of this Policy is that

it gives business owners the choice.

We also consulted on the future of our wastewater plants. Due to increasing stringent regulation and the impact of the Wai Ora legislation, Council has to make significant investment into improvements to wastewater discharge. At the time of writing Council was making decisions. This year too, we are asking our community for feedback on the future of solid waste. Again, at the time of writing we are out for consultation, until the end of January next year.

We maintain our firm stance on the Healthy Rivers Plan Change. While we agree with the aspirations of Wai Ora to clean up our rivers, the cost of this proposed legislation on our community is simply too high.

We had to put out a boil water alert in Putāruru. This was a massive learning curve for our team at Council. Most important, while inconvenient, no one got sick as a result of the issue.

Both Putāruru and Tirau are having ultra-fast fibre (UFF) installed throughout the townships. UFF means faster download speeds and improved reliability; which is great news for busy households and for enhancing business.

As a community we have had to make significant changes to our recycling habits. With world markets no longer accepting plastics 3 - 7, we have been running a well-received public education campaign; with some fantastic engagement and feedback. We look forward to your continued support.


District revaluations were conducted as at July 2018. This is an independent assessment that takes place every three years. Overall our district has increased in value by \$800 million... that's a positive indication of growth and development and great news for property owners. We note that revaluations do and will impact rates from July 2019.

I want to acknowledge the many people and groups in our community who volunteer so much of their time and energy to building a better community, a better South Waikato. Council cannot build resilient communities and district without the help and support from those who live here and we look forward to a continued and positive relationship with you.

Christmas is upon us and as we head for the Christmas break I ask that we all pause and remember what Christmas is really about. Too often with all the hype and commercialism we can easily forget the message of peace and goodwill. That means not only peace in the world but peace in our homes. Let's all enjoy a Christmas without violence, without crime, without misery. Let's all enjoy a Christmas filled with peace and goodwill.

I would like to wish every resident a restful and safe break over the festive season. It's a great opportunity to slow down, smell the roses and enjoy the sunshine.

Have a safe Christmas break with whānau and friends.

 Mayor Jenny Shattock

## South Waikato Mayoral Scholarships awarded

Mayor Jenny Shattock was proud to announce the recipients of the two Mayoral Scholarships at the schools' respective prize-giving ceremonies held in November. Congratulations to Sophie Meszaros of Putāruru College and Holly Christison of St Peter's School who were the successful candidates.

Miss Meszaros and Miss Christison were each awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, payable at \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years, depending on their course of study.

"We received eleven applications this year from exceptional students of South Waikato families," said Mayor Shattock. "Every year I say the same thing - deciding which students to award these scholarships too is one of the toughest job I have to do as Mayor."

Applicants indicated interest in a range of degrees such as medicine, agricultural science, management, engineering, law, science, software engineering and the arts. Six students were shortlisted and interviewed by the interview panel of Mayor Shattock, Deputy Mayor Jeff Gash, Council's Human Resources Manager Christine Beach and Gateway Coordinator Diane Collins.

"It is always one of the best days at the office when we get to interview such fantastic young people," said Mayor Shattock. "The students all displayed such confidence, determination and ability."

"Special congratulations to Sophie and Holly; you interviewed exceptionally well, have all the credentials; and will surely do yourselves, your school, your Council and your district proud.

If the calibre of these young people is anything to go by, we can all rest easy that our future is in extremely capable hands," concluded Mayor Shattock.



## History of the Mayoral Scholarship Fund

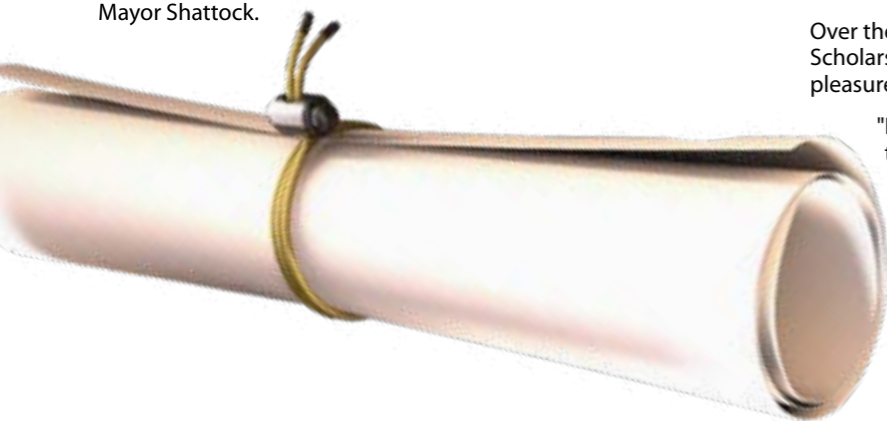
As far back as 2005 Council has supported youth into training through the South Waikato Trades Training Centre and in later years, the Distribution and Logistics Training Hub. Around the same time Neil Sinclair, who was Mayor at the time, started talking about other ways that we could offer more support youth into education opportunities. From these discussions the Mayoral Scholarship was born. And in 2006, we awarded the first ever four year Mayoral Scholarship to Lee Kuizinas from Tokoroa High School. Lee went on to achieve a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours.

In 2010 Council resolved to award a Mayoral Scholarship each year so that at any one time we had three or four students working through their respective field of study. Since 2006, twelve young people have received Mayoral Scholarships from Council.

The children of all South Waikato ratepayers are eligible regardless of where the child is schooled.

Over the years, 139 students have applied for the Mayor Scholarships and the Mayoral Scholarship Committee has had the pleasure of interviewing 47 outstanding young people.

"I have been involved in this process from the start and I have to say every single young person has completely blown the Committee away. Interviewing the top achieving students from our district has been exceptionally rewarding," said Mayor Jenny Shattock. "We have used a number of words to describe these candidates over the years. Words like confident, eloquent, smart, kind, driven, capable, active, community-minded, caring... I could go on and on..."



## Whakamaru Reserve closed for summer

The Whakamaru Reserve in the South Waikato District is closed to camping for the summer period.

"The felling of the neighbouring trees has effectively removed the wind break for the reserve," explained Council's Parks and Reserves Manager Phil Parker. "This has heightened the risk of one or more of the many aging Pine trees losing limbs or entire trees falling, making them dangerous to the public."

Council has installed signage and gates on the reserve access roads and trails accordingly.

"Council had hoped to fell the trees this year and have this popular reserve open for Christmas, however Council has been unable to secure a contractor to do this work before the New Year due to the contractors' existing work commitments," explained Mr Parker. "Council takes the safety of its reserve users very seriously.

Camping can simply not be permitted with the aging trees posing such a serious health and safety risk."

This closure includes access to the boat ramp.

We remind our reserve users that there are several other reserves in the district that can be used over the summer period - Dunhams Reserve (also on Ongaroto Road), Little Waipa (Horahora Road) and Jones Landing (Lake Arapuni Reserve). Permits are required, please visit Council's website [www.southwaikato.govt.nz](http://www.southwaikato.govt.nz) - Apply for it.

We also remind reserve users of appropriate behaviour in South Waikato reserves for the enjoyment of all reserve users - no motorbikes, no fires, keep dogs under control and be mindful of alcohol consumption.

## Noise, neighbours and respect over Xmas



With summer holidays and the festive season upon us, we're all settling down to a Christmas break with whanau and friends. The days are longer. The nights warmer. Christmas celebrations are underway. These get together and celebrations can come with a bit more noise than usual.

Here's some tips regarding noise, neighbours and respect this festive season.

- Let your neighbours know if you are having a party that is likely to run late into the night. Most people are okay with the odd party. If parties are regular events, you may find your neighbours start to lose patience.
- Be respectful of your neighbours with music and merriment noise levels. Loud music and noisy boisterous behaviour fuelled by an abundant supply of alcohol can be annoying to those in your neighbourhood who are trying to sleep.
- Be mindful too that tastes in music can differ greatly. Heavy rock or rap, like classical music or country, is not everyone's cup of tea.

- When the party is winding down, it can sometimes spill out on to the street as we say our goodbyes. While beeping your horn as you rev your car loudly away from your friends may seem fun for those at the party, spare a thought for your neighbours who may not feel the same. It's a nice gesture for your neighbours to keep goodbyes on the footpath short and quiet.

For those who are having issues in the night with loud party noise, you can report this through to the on-duty After Hours Noise Officer. Here's some clarity into how noise complaints work.

- It is best to call 07 885 0340. If the call is made after-hours, follow the voice prompts to be put through to the after-hours contractor.

- While you are welcome to contact Council via Facebook and Antenna, please note that these mediums are not attended 24/7, so immediate action won't always happen. You're welcome to use these methods to let us know of concerns you have, but calling 07 885 0340 is the best way to get quick action.

- If there are any follow up queries regarding Noise Control services or complaints made, please contact the Environmental Health team for further information; again by calling 07 885 0340.

- Council Officers can investigate noise complaints, and under legislation, Officers can require the noise to stop. Ultimately however it is the responsibility of the occupier of a property to control or limit noise.

## What actually happens when you call to report a noise complaint?

- The on duty Officer will investigate the complaint. If the noise stops before the on duty Officer gets there, it would be great if the caller could call back, but we acknowledge that this may not always be possible. You may already have fallen back to sleep!
- There is only one duty Officer at a time. It could be as long as 40 minutes for the Officer to attend the call as they may have to drive all the way from Tirau to Tokoroa for instance. He may also already be dealing with a noise complaint; and

would need to finish up that one, before attending to yours. The key point here is, it may not be sorted as quickly as you would hope or anticipate.

- If there is a significant delay for the Officer to attend your call, they will call you back. Of course, it's a bit of a balance between keeping you informed and possibly waking you up if you have managed to fall back to sleep!

- The Officer makes an assessment of whether or not noise levels are excessive and/or unreasonable\*.

- If the noise is deemed excessive and/or unreasonable, the Officer will ask those responsible to turn the music down. This is called an Excessive Noise Direction (END) and can be done in writing or verbally.

- An END prohibits excessive noise from that property for a period of 72 hours. If this direction is not adhered to and the Officer has to return a second time and it is again deemed excessive, the Officer will seize the equipment.

## The technical part

*How is excessive noise defined? [see \*]*

Excessive noise is defined in the Resource Management Act, Section 326. Below is a summary (not an exact exert).

Excessive noise is noise that is under human control and disturbs the peace, comfort and convenience of another person. It includes (but is not limited to) musical instruments, electrical appliance, powered machine, person or group of people, explosion or vibration and any noise that exceeds an environmental standard.

Excessive noise does not include aircraft, vehicles, trains (including loading and unloading).

Excessive noise is not the same as nuisance noise. Nuisance noise is defined under the Health Act, Section 29. An example of nuisance noise is a creaking door, dripping tap etc. It's not loud, but can grate on your nerves!

## What about other noise?

This article is focussed on party noise, music and merriment because it's that time of the year. Noise complaints can be raised for other noises like the use of power tools. In any noise related assessment, Officers analyse:

- Duration - has the noise been going on for hours on end?
- Frequency - is this a regular occurrence?
- Type of noise - is it excessive or a nuisance? Is it an extremely loud noise or a relatively quiet noise that is annoying, like a creaking door for instance.

We will be delivering a series of articles related to noise, what excessive noise or nuisance noise is, how complaints are dealt with, repeat offenders and other details. So keep an eye open in the new year.



# WHAT'S HOT

The Emergency Mobile Alert test on Sunday 25 November. The new emergency alert system is administered by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management on behalf of a range of agencies. About three million phones - half the total in New Zealand - are thought to be capable of receiving the alerts. It's not possible to opt out. If you're in the market for a new phone this Christmas it's a good idea to check if it is Emergency Mobile Alert capable.



↑ Our Emergency Manager Stuart Aston enjoyed chatting to school children from Tokoroa North Middle school about the different types of emergencies we have in NZ and what to do when an emergency happens. The kids were excellent, great engagement and some curly questions - great thinking from our youth!

← The Tokoroa Mountain Bike Club has had a massive year. The club has kicked off a Junior's night on Wednesday evenings. If you're keen - it's advertised on their Facebook page. New tracks have been developed following recent logging. The Club hosted the Day Night Thriller in September, this event attracted 500 competitors from across the North Island. They also hosted the Mid-North Island Juniors event in October, which attracted 75 of participants. Why not join up and give the tracks a go. Contact Larry on 027 48 1954 or follow the Club at [www.facebook.com/tokoroa.mountainbike/](http://www.facebook.com/tokoroa.mountainbike/).

The Annual Report 17-18 was adopted with a clean bill of health well before the deadline of 31 October. Auditors made some relevant recommendations for improvement in our systems and processes which staff are implementing.

Great community feedback about Downer's service delivery on their new Parks and Reserves contract. Downer is quickly getting to grips with their contract and the many many reserves.

Christmas time. Hot summer days. Holidays. Family and Friends. Peach and Goodwill. Kindness at Christmas.



Vandalism of the ANZAC poppies outside the Council office in Tokoroa is particularly disappointing. These poppies are symbolic of the many men and women who fight for our country. We're sure readers will agree that the people who did this should feel ashamed.

# WHAT'S NOT

More on vandalism... this time our new Tokoroa skatepark. We all need to take care of this brand new facility so that we can enjoy it for many years to come. Council encourages people to notify us if you see someone defacing the area or if you witness other bad behaviour. Let's keep our skatepark a tidy, friendly area for everyone to enjoy.

Heavy downpours that turned roads to rivers, gardens to ponds and down drain pipes to gushing waterfalls in minutes! Thank goodness it was short-lived.

→ Our beloved Greenman's ill health meant we had to remove him from his home in Leith Place for safety reasons. He has been moved to the depot where he has undergone a health and safety assessment. He was carved by artist Andy Hancock knowingly out of a live, dying tree. The artist specialises in working on both fallen and standing dead trees. Being made from wood, he was never designed to last forever and sadly he is quite rotten inside. He may well have seen his last days. Council is looking at options.



# Council Christmas Closure Hours

## COUNCIL OFFICES

The Council offices in Tokoroa and Putāruru\* are closed from 3pm on Monday 24 December 2018 and will re-open again at 8am on Thursday 3 January 2019. Council can be contacted for all queries on 07 885 0340 (water, sewerage, noise, environmental health and building). For dog issues phone 07 885 0774.

# Putāruru Library opening hours are below.

|                    | Mon 24 Dec | Tues 25 Dec | Wed 26 Dec | Thurs 27 Dec | Fri 28 Dec | Sat 29 Dec | Sun 30 Dec | Mon 31 Dec | Tue 1 Jan | Wed 2 Jan | Thurs 3 Jan |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| SWSEC*             | open       | closed      | closed     | closed       | closed     | closed     | closed     | closed     | closed    | closed    | open        |
| Tokoroa Library    | open       | closed      | closed     | closed       | open       | open       | closed     | open       | closed    | closed    | open        |
| Putāruru Library   | open       | closed      | closed     | closed       | open       | open       | closed     | open       | closed    | closed    | open        |
| Tirau Library Link | open       | closed      | closed     | closed       | open       | open       | closed     | open       | closed    | closed    | open        |

\*unless bookings arranged prior

## POOLS

The South Waikato Indoor Pools are open during the festive season from Monday to Friday from 5.30am to 8pm and on weekends and public holidays from 7.30am to 8pm, except for:

- Open on Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December) closing at 3pm
- Closed on Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 December)
- Open on New Year's Eve (Monday 31 December) closing at 3pm
- Open on New Year's Day from 12 noon (Tuesday 1 January)

The seasonal pools in Putāruru and Tirau are closed on Christmas Day and open every other day from 12noon to 6pm.

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Collections for the Christmas and New Year period ARE affected. Collections on Tuesday 25 December (Christmas Day) and Tuesday 1 January (New Years' Day) will happen the day BEFORE; on Monday 24 December and Monday 31 December respectively. The areas affected by this change are Putāruru and Arapuni. Tirau and Tokoroa collections are NOT affected.

Residents - please note the Tokoroa Landfill, Putāruru Transfer station and the Croad Place Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years' day. District recycling centres are available for excess recycling. These sites will be cleared daily.

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|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Tokoroa Landfill             | open         | closed      | open         | open         | open         | open         | open         | open         | closed    | open         | open         |
| Putāruru Transfer Station    | closed       | closed      | closed       | open         | closed       | open         | open         | closed       | closed    | closed       | open         |
| Croad Place Recycling Centre | open 8am-4pm | closed      | open 8am-4pm | open 8am-4pm | open 8am-4pm | open 9am-1pm | open 9am-1pm | open 8am-4pm | closed    | open 8am-4pm | open 8am-4pm |

Council wishes residents a wonderful holiday break. Relax, bask in the warm weather, enjoy the beautiful walks we have in the South Waikato and above all drive safe, play safe and stay safe.



A wonderful merry Christmas to you all. Be sure to catch up with the Plaza in the new year. We have some exciting events coming your way!

Enquire too about Group and Loyalty discounts available for our 2019 Arts on Tour Season!

**Space Oddity - The David Bowie Experience** - Sat 19 Jan, 7:30pm. Tickets \$40 from The Plaza or \$43 from Eventfinda. The world's number one David Bowie Tribute Show.

**Michelle A'Court & Jeremy Elwood On the Road** - Sun 24 Feb, 7:30pm. Tickets \$20 from The Plaza and Eventfinda. Two of NZ's premier stand-up comics provide for an hilarious night out.

**The Fleetwoods** - Sat 16 Feb, 8pm. Tickets \$35 from Wolf Management. NZ's #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show LIVE on stage, supported by the Jack Wallis.

**The Melbourne Ballet - Alice in Wonderland Youth Workshop** - Sun, 31 March, 3pm (for ages 8-12) & 4pm (for ages 13-18). A chance for young Waikato artists to work alongside professional performing artists in their production of Alice In Wonderland. Limited spaces, so book quickly. Plus a few people will perform at The Plaza with the company at the end of March. How exciting is that!

**The Melbourne Ballet - Alice in Wonderland** - Sun, 31 March, 7:30pm. Two of Australia's leading Choreographers collaborate to pay homage to the well-known novel by Lewis Carroll, Alice In Wonderland.



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## IN brief continued...

- New driveways have been installed at the Kauri Street Pensioner Units.
- The Tokoroa Pool partial roof replacement project will be completed by end February.
- Horahora Road was completed in early October. This rehabilitation work included strengthening and stabilization of the pavement and drainage
- New Christmas Lights have been installed in Putāruru. Working lights will be preserved for replacing existing lights in Tokoroa in Tirau.
- The revised Drone Policy has been adopted and is available on our website.
- District Libraries' Book Sale was very successful.
- The Marketing Officer is progressing work on the market research project, which will identify people's perceptions of the South Waikato. This information will be used to determine focus areas.
- The Pink Walk held at Lake Moananui in October 2018 attracted 150 walkers and raised \$700 to assist breast cancer patients with expenses to travel to and from their appointments in Hamilton. *Ka nui te aroha.*

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## IN view

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## Tirau - Our Neighbourhood

Bringing communities together, that's what 'Our Neighbourhood' events are all about.

Our Community Development team, led by Richard Gaby recently hosted a 'Tirau - Our Neighbourhood' event in the Tirau Domain. The purpose of these events is to bring together communities, which is exactly what this sunny evening did!

Hosting the Our Neighbourhood event at the newly located Tirau Domain, proved to be a great opportunity to showcase it as an awesome outdoor venue with endless possibilities.

The evening was supported by many local businesses and

organisations who not only donated their time and services for free, they provided a range of free food, ice creams, treats and prizes.

Big thank you to the Tirau Community Board, SWDC Mayor Jenny, Tirau Lions, Tirau Fire Service, Sport Waikato, Watermark, Civil Defence and the SWDC Animal and Compliance team.

For more information on future 'Our Neighbourhood' events, keep an eye out on Facebook or for flyers in the mailbox.



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