



South Waikato Trades Training Centre building site blessed

Construction of the new \$14 million South Waikato Trades Training Centre in Tokoroa received the official blessing by Raukawa kaumātua Te Hapuku Rikiriki and Poihaere Barrett in a ceremony attended by representatives from the district's diverse cultures.

Raukawa Charitable Trust Tumu Whakarae (General Manager) Maria Te Kanawa said it was a momentous occasion for iwi to bless the site on the corner of State Highway 1 and Chambers Street at the northern entrance to Tokoroa.

"The Trades Training Centre will enable many South Waikato rangatahi to train here in Tokoroa without having to travel out of the district away from the support of their whānau."

The South Waikato Trades Training Centre and an adjacent office building are being funded through SWIFT, a community-owned economic development fund dedicated to South Waikato's prosperity, with additional grants from the Provincial Growth Fund, Trust Waikato.

SWIFT Chairperson Bruce Sherman said the Trades Training Centre was being developed alongside Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology that will be the training provider. The facility will cater for up to 500 students a year.

"We have strongly encouraged South Waikato tradespeople and building suppliers to tender for this work to help the local economy and to provide job and learning opportunities."

South Waikato District Council Mayor Jenny Shattock said the new Trades Training Centre is an excellent example of the South Waikato education, business and local government sectors working together to help the district thrive and grow economically and socially.

Toi Ohomai Board of Directors Chairperson, Catherine Cooney, said the new campus will help breathe life into the community and it was exciting to see this initiative come to fruition after all the planning.

"We look forward to seeing the build progressing and once opened, help provide a skilled workforce to see this great community prosper."

SWDC adopts LTP 2021-31

South Waikato District Council adopted its Long Term Plan 2021-31 by unanimous vote on Wednesday 30 June.

This is the culmination of over 18 months of work which has involved all of our Elected Members and a large number of staff, especially section heads and management.

The plan contains some major pieces of work for us to achieve which is very exciting - all set in the context of significant community input and engagement.

"The next three years are going to be a period of huge change and components of the LTP have helped prepare for this change and the potential for an evolving role for Local Government," said Ben Smit, Council's Chief Executive.

"Adopting the plan takes all of about two minutes which in no way reflects the 18 months of countless hours by Elected Members and staff," said Mayor Jenny Shattock.

The Long Term Plan 2021-31 and all aligned policies, are now available on Council's website.

IN brief

- The dog pound external upgrade is nearing completion.
- The Tirau Hall heating upgrade is underway.
- Markers outlining the airstrip at the Tokoroa airfield is underway; as recommended by Waikato Aviation.
- A section of Leslie Road is being widened for safety reasons.
- Concept designs for traffic calming measures along the Dumfries Road/Pellikan Place extension is complete.

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Putāruru growth plans grow Putāruru



Through the Putāruru growth plan and subsequent District Plan Review to create more residential and business zones for development, we are now seeing development! Three new residential zones were designated in addition to existing residential zoned land that was undeveloped.

It is great news to see movement at various stages for all of the residential development areas.

The Maple zone (previously zoned residential) will create 19 lots, many of which are already sold. Civil works are underway and should be completed by the end of August. This includes Council services such as water, wastewater, stormwater and roading, along with power and fibre from other suppliers. These

are being built by the developer and to Council standards. The Council services will be then given to Council.

The Ruru zone has not yet lodged resource consent. Preliminary design showed 30 lots, but this may change during design and consenting. This area was previously zoned residential under the old District Plan. Under the re-zone project, a further Ruru extension was zoned residential – this growth cell has no timeline as yet.

The Kennedy zone is at resource consent application stage; and under the policy will allow for a maximum of 105 HUEs (household unit equivalent*). This development may be staged based on demand.

The Overdale zone is the largest of the new residential

zone developments. Council has allowed for 328 HUEs and the development will be done in stages. The first stage will be off Reservoir Street, with 22 lots. The resource consent application is being developed, but at the time of writing, hadn't been lodged.

** based on a three bedroom dwelling*

Above: Installing services such as Council's water and wastewater; along with other utilities like fibre and power.

Below: This stormwater retention pond caters for stormwater management of the new development and for improved stormwater management for existing neighbouring homes.



Bus shelters keep our people dry

Three new bus shelters have been included on the Tokoroa Urban Connector route.

Council's Community Programme Coordinator, Cherie Pascoe said that the locations were decided by looking at the usage numbers, talking to regular patrons and bus drivers.

"There are already shelters in Leith Place, and while New World is the second most popular stop, it became apparent when talking to users that they shelter in the New World foyer area while waiting for the bus, so we opted to install at the third, fourth and fifth most popular stops,"

she said. "Bus shelters are at Pohutakawa Drive, the Tokoroa hospital and outside the rest home in Victoria Place."

Interestingly this process showed that a bus stop in Paraonui Street was not being used at all, instead a bus stop had organically developed nearby in Pohutakawa Drive, so that is where Council installed the shelter and we have now formally moved the stop.

The bus stops are funded 50/50 by Council and Waka Kotahi through the Waikato Regional Council as part of their public transport initiative.



Surfing in the CBD coming soon...



A number of people and businesses in Tirau have lobbied to introduce both WiFi and CCTV in the Tirau CBD area. Following public consultation through last year's Annual Plan, Council resolved to fund the project. The project uses Smart City equipment that provides the components for WiFi and CCTV, while also upgrading the street lighting network.

Works are underway with the lights and other aerial mounted equipment being installed, along with metering points. Fibre ducts

are being thrust underground at the same time and ultra-fast fibre connections installed.

Similar improvement work will be occurring in Putāruru with its existing CCTV network and introducing WiFi.

Once all the installation work is complete, the system will be tested and commissioned; we will let everyone know that it is good to go! Happy surfing in the CBD...

WHAT'S HOT



The imminent arrival of the balance of the wheelie bins.



Right: the stormwater collaborative project between Council and Rangiura. Ticks off the requirements for Rangiura's new retirement development and provides improved stormwater management for existing neighbours. A win win.

Left: lost bunny rabbit Millie finding her way back home.

Lowering Lake Moananui to kill the aquatic weed is a bit of both! Doesn't look great with the level lowered, but good to get the weed killed.



WHAT'S NOT



Continued closure of Jones Landing due to the new effluent system that needs to be installed. Design needs resource consent. Staff are working through the process.

Potholes in winter (left).

A downed and damaged Arapuni water conservation signboard.

Litter on our road verges.

Fun times over the holidays

During the school holidays, Council hosted a range of fun activities across the district through the S.T.A.R.S and Holiday programmes.

One of the popular activities was delivered by the *Emergency Services - St John Youth*. Children got to learn some first aid and how they could get involved.

One of the highlights for our team was hosting their first activity at Arapuni. It was great to see the support from the community. We look forward to the next holiday programme.



HEY!



COOL



WOW



AWESOME



WORKit is WORKing

South Waikato youth who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs) are already reaping the benefits of the WORKit programme launched recently by Council and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), funded by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

Background

The WORKit programme is one of a number of Community Recovery Programme projects throughout the country funded by MSD through the Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ), a nationwide network of Mayors working towards the vision of all young people under 25 being engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other positive activity in their communities.

First steps

The first step to getting the programme up and running was employing a Coordinator or Connector; and that is where local Tokoroa born and bred Paniora Daniels stepped in.

Since starting in the role in April, Paniora's focus has been on liaising with our specialist stakeholders in the social service space, setting up the

necessary digital engagement platforms to reach our target market, talking with local businesses regarding their needs and making those crucial connections.

He has certainly hit the ground running.

Working with stakeholders has been key to aligning existing services, developing workable platforms that reach the right people, identifying barriers and developing practical wrap around solutions to fill the gaps; all towards building a robust holistic framework that delivers individual success.

"This role is very rewarding," said Paniora. "For example, there are some young people in our district whose parents both work to make ends meet and keep the family afloat, and effectively the older sibling becomes the caregiver for the younger children. This makes it very difficult for them to look up and out towards their own possible future. That's where this programme comes in."

The difference

Paniora talks to people who are not currently employed or in education or training about

WORKit



their aspirations, where they see themselves, what they want to do; and matches them with businesses who are looking for those skills and interests; and/or relevant courses to get them started.

"Around 50 people have reached out to connect already," said Paniora. "Currently we have two young people enrolled in a twelve week forestry block course," said Paniora. "And another five students have started a class 2 driver training course."

Paniora works with the local network of stakeholders that includes Raukawa Charitable Trust, South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services Trust, Cook Island Society, South Waikato YMCA, TCOSS, PCOSS, Progress to Health,

Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust, Moving Mountains, high school Gateway co-ordinators (Tokoroa, Putāruru and Forest View), Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology and Te Wananga o Aotearoa.

Reaching out

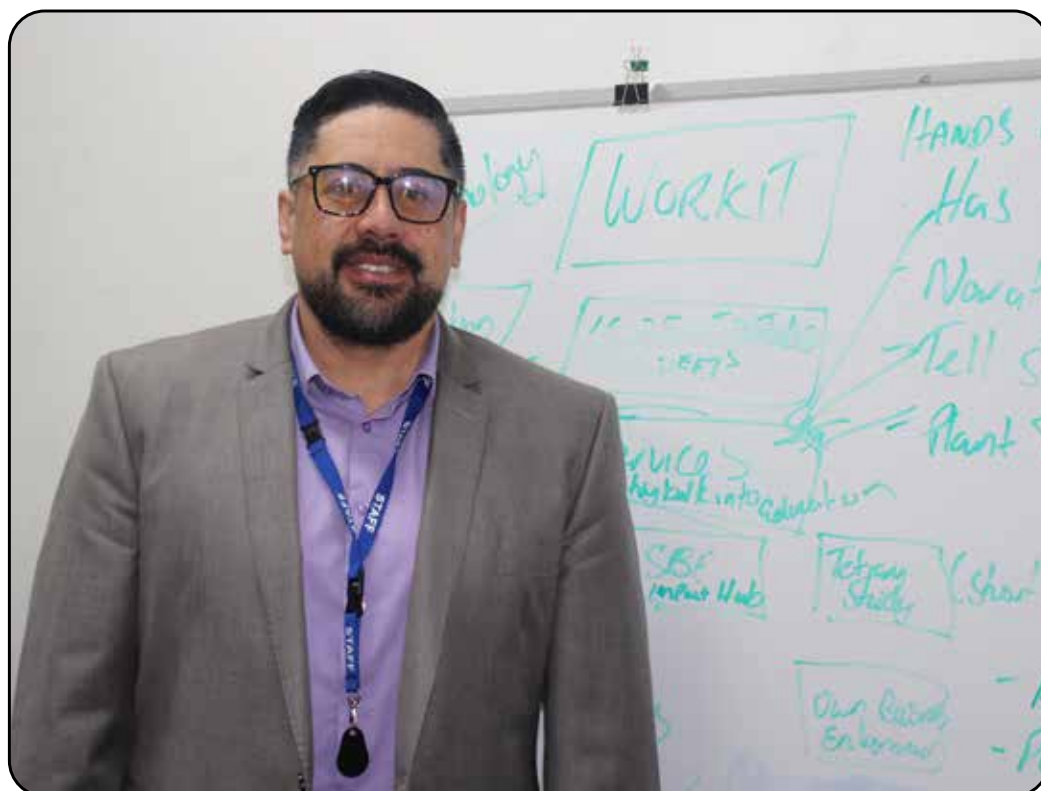
"Young people with complex needs often live in difficult circumstances," he continued. "The neat thing about this programme is that it is most definitely not a one size fits all approach. It is tailored to the individual, plugs the gaps they need plugged and breaks through their very real barriers. It gives them exactly what they need to move into training and education and ultimately into sustainable employment."

The programme goes beyond just supporting individuals it includes family support if and where identified.

"We can provide resourcing for that young person towards their employment such as clothing or tools depending on the job they have or even transportation. This is an advantage provided through the programme design.

"Additional support could include job interview skills, confidence building, grooming advice and, if necessary, specialist support with mental health and addiction or access to secure and safe accommodation."

Paniora is currently based at the Council office in Tokoroa but will soon move to the Impact Waikato Hub being developed at a Swanston St site, close to public transport with free wi-fi.



Wheelie bins... coming to urban towns

Council is pleased to be on the verge of rolling out wheelie bins for rubbish and recycling for urban kerbside collections. It has been a rocky road to get to this point, navigating COVID-19 impacts on bin production and shipping delays. By the time residents read this In Touch, the wheelie bin delivery to households would have started. Keep an eye on Antenno and social media for more detailed timings for specific neighbourhoods. And remember, the new service only starts on Monday 6 September. Please don't put your bins out on the kerb before then.

The bins will be delivered to your address by our contractor. Each bin will be geo-tagged (registered) to your address to avoid bins being stolen. An address label will also be included on the side of the bin for easy identification. Households will continue to use their existing crates for recycling, however they will only be for glass.

What do I do with my bins when I get them?

- Check on the bins for your address sticker. This can be found on the side of each wheelie bin. Remember too the bins are geo-tagged to your address. It is really

important that you have your correct bin(s). The tag will say RECYCLING on the bin with the YELLOW lid and RUBBISH for the bin with the RED lid.

- Put your bins in a safe place.

What do I do if I am missing a bin(s)?

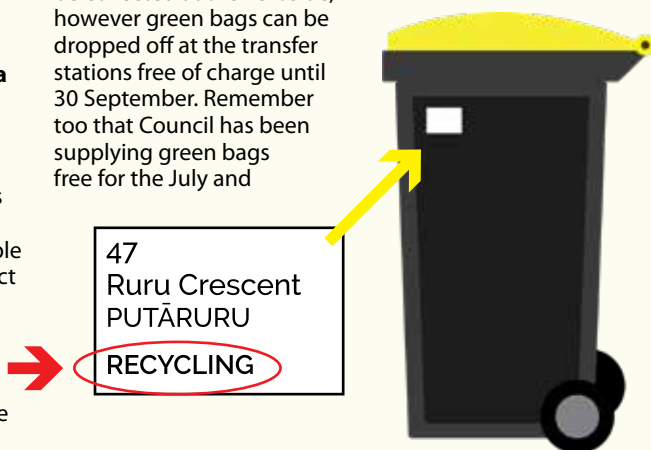
If your neighbours have bins and you don't appear to, first check with your neighbours as they may have been mixed up by mistake. If you are still unable to find your bins, please contact Council on 07 885 0340.

What about green bags?

It's a good idea to time your stock of green bags to coincide

with the start of the wheelie bins. Once the wheelie bin collection starts on Monday 6 September, green bags cannot be collected at the kerbside, however green bags can be dropped off at the transfer stations free of charge until 30 September. Remember too that Council has been supplying green bags free for the July and

August collections. Because of the free drop off period until 30 September, Council won't refund green bags.



Who goes first?

The start date for the wheelie bin collection service is Monday 6 September, which means the first areas to roll the wheelie bins to the kerbside are Tirau and Arapuni (purple area in the recycling calendar). This day will be for rubbish and recycling collection.

Have a look at the table alongside to find out **your** first

collection day using wheelie bins (based on the existing recycling calendar colour codes). Remember that some people's first collection will be just rubbish and others will be rubbish and recycling. Check your week here: www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-services/rubbish-and-recycling/recycling-calendar.

First collection day	Coloured collection zone	Area
Monday 6 Sep	PURPLE	Arapuni and Tirau
Tuesday 7 Sep	BLUE	Putāruru
Wednesday 8 Sep	GREEN	central Tokoroa, Amisfield and Pellikan
Thursday 9 Sep	PINK	south Tokoroa
Friday 10 Sep	ORANGE	north and east Tokoroa

Changes to waste collection service

What DOESN'T change?

- Rubbish collection frequency DOESN'T change - rubbish is still collected weekly.
- Recycling collection frequency DOESN'T change - recycling is still collected fortnightly.
- Collection day DOESN'T change for any area. Eg, if your collection was Thursday in the past, it will still be Thursday.
- Rules around what can and cannot go in the RUBBISH (red lid) DON'T change. Please no paint, chemicals, concrete, broken glass, hot ashes.

Rules around how to be a recycling champion DON'T change. Please rinse all products; no lids, caps or tops (includes tin lids); flatten cardboard and paper; only plastics 1s and 2s.

Visit www.thewastecollectionproject.co.nz for more information. The rules around DOs and DON'Ts will also be provided in an information pack delivered with the bins and is on a decal in the lid of each bin.

What DOES change?

→ Rubbish goes in the small (120 litre) wheelie bin with the RED lid. Also you no longer have to buy green bags.

→ All recycling (except glass) goes in the large (240 litre) wheelie bin with the YELLOW lid.

→ Glass goes in the existing crates. ie, glass ONLY in both the green and maroon crates.



ns soon - starts Monday 6 September

What goes where - wheelie bins

Over the past 12 months Council has introduced changes to our household recycling. Contamination levels have decreased significantly and this is a credit to South Waikato householders.

From Monday 6 September:

- Recycled items including clean plastics (1s & 2s only), tins, cans, cardboard and paper go in the 240L wheelie bin (yellow lid).
- Other household rubbish goes in the 120L wheelie bin (red lid).
- The existing green and maroon crates will be for glass ONLY.

Product care:












All products must be clean. Plastic, glass and tins rinsed/washed AND cardboard (food packaging) free from food scraps.

No lids, caps, tops. Tins lids are okay, but must remain attached to the tin, or the tin crushed so the lid doesn't fall out.

Only plastics 1s and 2s are acceptable. All other plastics must go in the rubbish. Look for the recycling symbol.

The DOs and DON'Ts alongside can be found on our website and are included in the information pack that is being delivered with the wheelie bins.






RECYCLING BIN contamination guidance

 YES	 Tins/cans & aluminium	 Plastics 1s & 2s	 Cardboard & paper		
 NO	 Lids & nozzles	 Glass	 Batteries	 Hot ashes & liquids	 Plastics 3 to 7
	 Nappies	 Drink cartons	 Paper towels	 Soft plastics & cling wrap	

RUBBISH BIN guidance

 NO	 Batteries	 Hazardous materials	 Greenwaste	 Medical waste	 Hot ashes or liquids
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GLASS CRATE guidance

 NO	 Lightbulbs or fluorescent tubes	 Tableware	 Broken glass	 Mirror or window glass
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Respect others' efforts

Please care about how you prepare your recycling. If your bin/ crates are contaminated, it can contaminate an entire truck load. That means everyone else's efforts are wasted.

Three Strikes

The Three Strikes and You're Out system is being introduced as part of the new waste collection service. It is a common system throughout New Zealand to combat recycling contamination.

This system only applies to the recycling wheelie bin and glass crate(s).

The first time recycling contamination is noted, a yellow sticker will be stuck on the wheelie bin, reminding the resident of the recycling rules.

The second time recycling contamination is noted, an orange sticker will be stuck on the wheelie bin. An education officer will visit the household to chat about contamination to assist people on their recycling journey.

The third time recycling contamination is noted at your address, a red sticker will be stuck to the wheelie bin. A letter will follow explaining that the recycling collection service (not rubbish collection) has been suspended for a period of twelve weeks.

Remember that one wheelie bin of contaminated recycling can contaminate an entire truck load of recycling. This wastes the efforts of every other person. The Three Strikes system aims to protect the efforts of the many people who are doing it right!

the waste collection PROJECT - TIMELINE

May/June	July/August	Monday 6 September	Thursday 30 September
Information/communication campaign starts Keep an eye out for information in the newspaper, social platforms and your own mailbox! 	Wheelie bins delivered to households Put them in a safe place. Only start using them when the new service starts on Monday 6 September! Council's contractor can't pick the wheelie bins up until Monday 6 September . Only buy enough green bags to take you to the last bag collection in June! Remember Council will supply bags for free for July and August. Bags will not be refunded, but you can take them to the transfer stations until 30 September free of charge.	Wheelie bin collection service kicks off Council's contractor will pick the wheelie bins up for the first time from Monday 6 September . Don't put your new wheelie bins out until then. Remember from this day, your existing green and maroon crates will be for glass ONLY! Bag collections stop from this day!	No more green bags Council will accept green bags at the transfer stations for disposal until 30 September 2021. 30 September is the last day green bags will be accepted free of charge. 

Got a noise complaint?

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.

1. Call 07 885 0340*. The call is logged by our Customer Service Officers during the day, and by our after-hours call service at night. This goes straight to our Noise Contractor.
2. Once in their system it is dispatched to the on-duty Noise Officer. They then proceed to the property.
3. An assessment is made against a checklist that includes things like time, volume and base. This assessment determines if indeed the noise is excessive or not.
 - IF the Officer is dispatched to the same property within the 72 hours, and the noise again deemed excessive, the Police are immediately called to confiscate the equipment.
4. IF not deemed excessive, the Officer leaves the property with no action taken.
5. IF deemed excessive, here's what happens:
 - The Officer issues an Excessive Noise Direction (END) to the property. This is usually done by knocking on the door and handing the notice to a relevant person with some discussion. The END indicates that the excessive noise must cease immediately, and that no further excessive noise can come from the property for the next 72 hours.
 - IF the excessive noise doesn't abate immediately, ie the END is ignored, the Police are called to seize the offending equipment.
 - IF the excessive noise does abate immediately, the Officer leaves the premises. The Officer does

not routinely check back nor do they hang around in the neighbourhood for hours. IF the excessive noise starts up again (or if there is further excessive noise from the property within the 72 hour period), a second call from a concerned neighbour is needed to call the Officer out again.

Our community is encouraged to contact Council for noise issues. We have recently changed to a new contractor and through regular monthly meetings where each complaint is discussed, improvements are regularly noted; and procedures amended.

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.

Ultimately there is a level of both responsibility and respect of people to control or limit noise, especially at night. Be respectful of your neighbours.

** 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. Calling 07 885 0340 is the only way to raise a service request 24/7.*



Changes to greenwaste fees at your local transfer station

The new financial year has brought about several changes to fees and charges across Council services but one change is significant so we thought we would highlight it in In Touch.

Previously greenwaste taken to Council's transfer stations in Putāruru and Tokoroa was charged by weight, however from 1 July this year, the charge is a flat rate.

The advantages of this new flat rate is to assist locals who don't have to guess the cost of disposing of greenwaste. The change also assists the kiosk operators.

The new prices for compostable greenwaste that is free of chemical sprays are as follows:

- Car - \$10
- Trailer - \$15
- Large Trailer - \$18

Give Way Quiz winners

Throughout the month of July, Council tested locals' knowledge of Give Way rules at intersections.

Give Way rules can stump drivers from time to time, although it was pleasing to see an overwhelming number of entries and better yet, correct entries, to the Give Way giveaway.

It seems the majority of people know who has right of way and we found some of the additional comments and remarks quite entertaining! Lateral thinking by some...

So congratulations to Joanne Hose, Varsha Budhabhai, Justine Josey (pictured left to right) for entering and showcasing your give way skills. Keep an eye out for more quizzes later in the year.





Pokaiwhenua stream, hidden gem of the South Waikato

The Pokaiwhenua Stream, and its catchments, is one of the South Waikato district's hidden natural gems.

The stream starts in the hills near the Mamaku Plateau, ends at Lake Karapiro, and is roughly 56 kilometres in length. There are many hidden waterfalls, fishing spots and beautiful native bush. Sadly, over time the Pokaiwhenua Stream water quality has declined, and it has now become

a high priority catchment for restoration with Waikato Regional Council. The Pokaiwhenua catchment is needing protection from pathogens and leaching nutrients. Fencing and planting the riparian margins along with Raising awareness in urban communities is also a priority.

The Pokaiwhenua Catchment Group (PCG), is a group of like-minded landowners and business owners who want to encourage and facilitate

the restoration of the entire Pokaiwhenua catchment by working with rural, urban and iwi stakeholders.

The Group's mission is to restore and enhance the wellbeing of the Pokaiwhenua stream and its catchment for the benefit of the community.

With Council support and various avenues of funding, the PCG aims to fence waterways, plant trees, improve water quality, enhance the

biodiversity, improve food gathering, and reconnect the community to the catchment.

Over time, the PCG would also like establish walkways to showcase this beautiful area.

If you are interested or would like to be involved then you can or check out their Facebook page Pokaiwhenua Catchment Group or contact the PCG through their email pokaiwhenuacg@gmail.com.

The curious case of trucks parking in urban areas

Council regularly gets complaints about large trucks parking overnight in urban areas.

Council doesn't currently have a bylaw preventing these trucks from parking in the urban area, but if we feel it is parked in an unsafe or inconsiderate manner, then we will request that the driver park in a more appropriate place.

Before reporting a truck parking in an urban area, please check to make sure it is parked safely. If it is, then it is legally allowed to be there. If it is not, then call Council on 885 0340 to report it.

Things to look out for in regards to safety are:

Is the road wide enough to still be a two lane road with the truck parked there? If it is a narrow road, and the truck is essentially taking up one of those lanes, then it shouldn't be there.

Is the truck parked on or near a corner? If it is blocking visibility around the corner, and therefore, making it unsafe, then again, it shouldn't be there.

Is the truck parked too close to an entrance /driveway? The road code states you can't park within one metre of a driveway. This applies to trucks too. So if a truck is within that one metre, then it shouldn't be there (unless the entrance belongs to the truck driver).

Also, **trucks that have a bright yellow H** on their vehicles indicate that they are heavy vehicles and can only go on specific routes (mostly state highways), when they are fully loaded.

If the truck in your neighbourhood has the yellow H on it, then it can't park overnight if it is fully loaded.



This truck was illegally parked because it was fully loaded. It was moved on. Photo is several years old.

Some trucks are easier to tell if they are loaded, than others (for example, it is easy to see if a logging truck is loaded).

Local roads are not designed to cope with heavy vehicles like the state highways are, so having these loaded trucks driving on our local streets, and then parking overnight, puts undue stress on our roads, which starts causing deterioration of the road.

Defibrillators can be life saving

Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart. They are used to prevent or correct an arrhythmia, a heartbeat that is uneven or that is too slow or too fast. Defibrillators can also restore the heart's beating if the heart suddenly stops.

Different types of defibrillators work in different ways. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which are in many public spaces across New Zealand and in the South Waikato, were developed to save the lives of people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Even untrained bystanders can use these devices in an emergency.

These defibrillators are known as Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs.

AEDs can be found in a large number of locations in the South Waikato*, however not all are public locations; and not all units are available 24/7.

South Waikato District Council has two units - one at the South Waikato Sport & Events Centre and another at the South Waikato Indoor Heated Pools.

* www.AEDlocations.co.nz



TALKING ROAD SAFETY

With winter firmly upon us, the topic this issue is about one of the most important parts of your car and we don't mean the heater!

Remember: the only thing keeping you on the road is four pieces of rubber.

Your tyres are an essential part of your vehicle but are often only thought about when they cause you to fail a warrant.

Tread

Ensure there is plenty of tread. The legal minimum is 1.5mm around the whole circumference of the tyre, but the more tread, the better the grip and the safer you are.

The image below shows how much a tyre touches a wet road at different speeds. The faster you go, the less effective your tyres are if the tread depth isn't up to scratch.

Pressure

Check your tyre pressure regularly (often found on the inside of the driver's door or if not there, ask the manufacturer).

Correct tyre pressure improves safety, vehicle handling, fuel efficiency and extends tyre

life. Correct tyre pressure can reduce fuel consumption by up to 4%!

Legally, you need to keep your tyres at the pressure recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

Tyres naturally lose a little air pressure over time so its worth checking them every month or so.

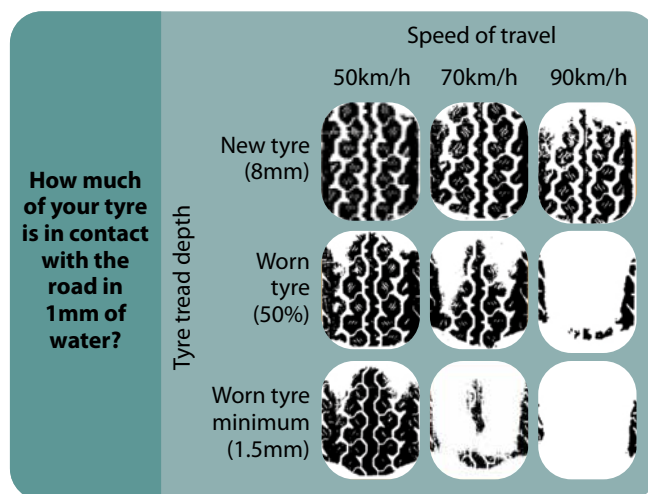
Don't forget about the spare tyre either. No point needing a spare to find it's flat!

Space-savers

Many cars have a 'temporary-

use' or space-saver spare tyres that are smaller and lighter than standard tyres. Some guidelines for using a space saver are:

- Keep the tyre inflated to the pressure indicated on the space-saver tyre.
- Use only in an emergency and not for long distances.
- Drive carefully at no more than 80kph or less if a lower speed is marked on the tyre.
- Never fit more than one space-saver tyre to a vehicle.



National Bowel Screening Programme

Aotearoa New Zealand has a very high rate of bowel cancer compared to the rest of the world. Regular bowel screening every two years can save lives by detecting cancer at an early stage when it can be successfully treated.

The National Bowel Screening Programme is a FREE programme to help detect bowel cancer.

The FREE test is quick, clean and simple to do. You do it by yourself at home. It is being

offered every two years to people aged 60 to 74 years who are eligible for publicly funded health care.

For more information visit www.timetoscreen.nz or ring 0800 924 432.

New look for water and wastewater



Above and right: New decals for Wastewater Services.

Our community will long recognise the WaterMark vehicles that are regularly out and about fixing water leaks, sorting wastewater bursts and examining tobs. The team works all hours of the day and night; and we know they are often a welcome sight!

And that's not going to change, however we have rebranded the teams, following a restructure that separated the old WaterMark team into two halves - Water Services and Wastewater Services.

Over the coming months the existing fleet will be re-branded to identify the two teams; along with the logo on the teams' respective clothing.

Some of the vehicles in the fleet will also carry team specific messaging. For water - every drop counts and for wastewater - the 3Ps. This builds on our existing education around water conservation and encouraging our community to treat the wastewater system kindly, by only flushing the 3Ps - pees, paper and poo!

Restoration for the Pine Man

The iconic Pine Man may be missing by the time you read this. But don't worry, he hasn't gone far! He's been removed for some necessary restoration.

The removal, restoration and reinstatement is a large logistical operation involving multiple contractors.

The original artist Peter Dooley is doing the restoration.

The team expect the Pine Man to take two months to restore.

Council staff are working through a review of the Talking Pole Policy to capture maintenance schedules and requirements, development of new poles, removal of older poles and end of life options as poles reach the end of their natural life.

Commissioned by the Rotary Club of Tokoroa, the Pine Man was originally carved by Peter Dooley in 2004. He has stood pride of place in

Leith Place for 17 years. Since the Leith Place upgrade he stands overlooking the newly developed Talking Pole Forest.



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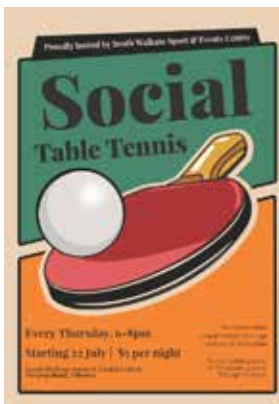
Council Meeting

19 August and 9 September. Public forum starts 9.30am. Council Chambers, Torphin Cres, Tokoroa. Agendas are available online prior to meeting.



Social Table Tennis

Every Thursday, 6-8pm. Only \$5 per person at the South Waikato Sport & Events Centre, Tokoroa. Everyone welcome.



Aquafit Classes

Every Monday, from 6.30pm. Only \$6.50 per adult or \$3.80 per senior. Tokoroa Indoor Pools. For more info ring 07 885 0739.

Check out Council's website for more events:

www.southwaikato.govt.nz

Anyone can submit an event using the blue SUBMIT EVENT button on the right of the Events Calendar page to display their event here.



Sunday Movie - 29 Aug: **June Again** at 2pm. During a fleeting bout of lucidity from her dementia, June Wilton has little time to bring together her estranged children, save the family business, and rekindle an old flame. \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.

Sun 5 Sep - **Cellophonics** brought to you by the South Waikato Music Society, 2pm. The University of Waikato cello octet was created as a performance outlet for the excellent cello students enrolled at the University of Waikato, studying with James Tennant.

Tues 21 Sep - **Kuranui Primary School Production** - 6 to 9pm

Sunday movie - 26 Sep - TBC

Tues 28 Sep - **Wonderland Glow Show** - 10am (0 to 5 year olds) & 11.30 (6 to 12 year olds) showings. The GLOW SHOW team is back, a kiwified interpretation of the classic Alice in Wonderland tale for tamariki, educators and whanau.

Thurs 30 Sep - **Hotel California: The Eagles Experience** at 8pm. A captivating live concert.

Fri 1 Oct - **Rangiora Fundraising Quiz Night**.

Sun 3 Oct - Arts on Tour NZ - **Austen Found** - at 2pm. \$15 per ticket. The Undiscovered Musicals of Jane Austen - with Penny Ashton, Lori Dungey and Jason Smith.

Wed 6 Oct - **St Mary's School Fundraising Movie**.

Sun 10 Oct - University of Waikato **Conservatorium of Music Student Concert** brought to you by The South Waikato Music Society at 2pm. Features talented young musicians playing a variety of instruments.



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IN brief

- User numbers at the Events Centre and Indoor Pools are up significantly on last year (likely due to lockdown).
- Staff inspected stormwater drains during the heavy rains on 21 June to identify problem areas.
- The Tokoroa digester project is 90% complete.
- A total of \$33,688 was allocated to eight community groups through the Creative Communities Grant Scheme; and a further \$50,000 allocated to 16 community groups through the Community Development Grant Scheme. Projects ranged from maintenance and new equipment to programmes and events.
- The number of Service Requests Council receives is increased over last year, with the top types of requests being noise complaints, roaming dogs, water leaks/repairs and planning enquiries.
- The afterhours call service is working well with 240 calls received during May. Of these calls, 21 were escalated to the SWDC on duty officer, 138 were logged as service requests and information was provided that satisfied the query in 81 cases.

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Councillor Column Thomas Lee

Warm greetings to everyone. With winter truly upon us, it has been heartening to see the uptake of the Warm Homes Clean Air initiative.

This Council run scheme has seen 111 non-compliant fireplaces removed from our district, and the installation of 151 clean heating appliances with either heat pumps or compliant fires. We have exceeded our PM¹⁰ limit a few times this winter, particularly in the Tokoroa air shed. If we exceed this limit too often we may hamper any planned businesses from setting up if they need to vent to atmosphere.

The Urban Connector usage is tracking well within the District, with Council installing three new bus shelters at popular spots to help keep people dry.

On Wednesday 30 June after many workshops and meetings we adopted our Long Term Plan 2021-31. This now gives us direction for the next ten years. Well done to staff and Governance for all the long hours. We did have one little hiccup where a resolution made at an earlier meeting regarding Community Contracts was revoked, so we will need to re-look at our Community Contracts for the following year 2022-23.

Congratulations to the Councillor initiative *Meet the Councillors*. Well done to the public and Councillors who have so far been able to attend these informal chats with a cuppa thrown in.

One last thing, which I seem to bring up every time. LITTER. There seems to be lots more littering within our District.

Let's 'Biff It In The Bin' and be proud of where we live.

Stay warm.

Councillor Column Gary Petley

Kia ora, welcome to this edition of In Touch.

Covid continues to impact us all with delays in supply of service so hopefully when you are reading this the wheelie bin rollout should be in full swing.

We had a busy time engaged in finalising and ratifying the Long Term Plan (LTP) which was arrived at after much debate. A lot of work was put in to limit the cost to ratepayers and trying to find the best balance for the community in general. Unfortunately we don't always get what we want.

Community grants have been a hot subject this year which caused some issues for Elected Members. It is inevitable that in an environment such as Council personality clashes do happen from time to time. This should not be used as a launching pad for innuendo and attacks of a personal nature. Don't get me wrong, I welcome robust debate but only debates that are relevant to our roles as community servants.

On a happy note, I attended the recent Matariki celebrations with my wife at the Sport and Events Centre. A very cold but extremely rewarding experience attended also by Mayor Jenny and Councillor Arama Ngapo.

In conclusion, although at times Council matters have been difficult it highlights the obvious.

We are human.

We all bring something different to the table.

We won't always agree.

We won't always win.

But there is always another day.

Ngā mihi.



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