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Waikato District News

Growth and Rural Subdivision

Proposal to vary policy and rules in the District Plan

Managing district-wide growth during the next 50 years is a key role of council.

And with the expected doubling of the district's population over that time it is important that planning begins now to accommodate it.

Senior Policy Planner, Kate Mackness, said planning for population growth was critical to ensure communities and councils were able to support people and protect natural environments.

"Much of the recent growth in the district has been through rural subdivision. The number of rural properties has doubled in the last ten years from about 6,500 to more than 13,000 today.

"This is not sustainable over the longer term and we are looking to tighten some of the rural subdivision and development rules," she said.

Issues such as the loss of productive land, the loss of a country look and feel, the costs of providing infrastructure such as roads and the environmental impacts on rural and coastal areas are raised.

Variation 16 proposes some new objectives and policies to guide future growth and development and some tightening of rules for subdivision and residential development in rural and coastal zones.



Copies of Variation 16 to the Proposed Waikato District Plan are available on Council's website waikatodistrict.govt.nz, at district libraries in Tuakau, Meremere, Te Kauwhata, Huntly, Ngaruawahia and Raglan, and at the Waikato District Council office in Ngaruawahia. ■

▶ **Submissions on the proposed variation to the district plan close on Tuesday 30 November 2010.**

Mayor's message



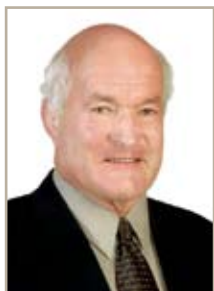
This has been a milestone year. The signing of the Joint Management Agreement with Waikato-Tainui, the Waikato to Franklin transition and the election are key things that have marked 2010 as a progressive, challenging and rewarding year for all involved.

- It would appear we're on track to have a smooth transition on 1 November. The acquisition of part of the Franklin district has been a consuming process. It involves the addition of three wards, 14,500 new residents and our fair share of roads. We are now ready to give our Franklin residents a warm welcome.
- Rural subdivision is historically a difficult and controversial subject and Council is working through the process to make some variations to our District Plan. In real terms, Council needs to ensure subdivision we allow now, protects our rural and coastal assets for the future.
- The new year roading programme is on target and so far tenders have still been favourable. Safety and well-maintained roads are a key issue for this Council. As one of the largest roading authorities in New Zealand, road maintenance is a significant priority.
- The expressway is a key strategic transport corridor for the Waikato. As progress continues, all information points to a start on the Rangiriri bypass before Christmas. It is vital we retain pressure on the government to keep this project on track. The completion of the expressway is of vital economic benefit to our district.

This year is a significant one for me personally as it is the final year in my term as Mayor of the Waikato district. The last nine years have been a very busy and rewarding part of my life. I have led a Council which has purposely kept under the radar and simply got on with the job.

It is easy to get overawed by the bureaucratic tendencies of this modern age but this council has done its best to disassociate itself from these pressures to spend the largest per centage of revenue in actually achieving things. And we have.

This role has been an honour and a privilege. I sincerely thank all the people who have supported me in this role. I appreciate every one of you that have been involved in making this a very good ship in which to steer.



Peter Harris
Retiring Mayor



Huntly Rocks

ROCK OF HONOUR: Jools and Lynda Topp, Ginger Molloy and Hugh Anderson at the blessing of the Rock of Recognition.

New Zealand towns are proud of their local product, that's why Paeroa has its bottle, Ohakune a carrot and Huntly has a rock. The 1.7 tonne Rock of Recognition is a tribute to some of Huntly's best known exports – not bricks or coal, but famous people.

Only names recognised worldwide make it onto the Rock of Recognition and Huntly has its share. At the blessing of the rock last month, Mayor Peter Harris said he was proud of how far Huntly has come since he has been in Council. The rock was blessed by local kaumatua Robert Tukiri. Jools and Linda Topp of the Topp Twins and motorcycle racing legends, Ginger Molloy and Hugh Anderson were in Huntly for the event.

“
I was determined to make a success of myself. I got on my bike and became the best I could be.

Ginger Molloy”

Hugh Anderson MBE is a four-time Grand Prix motorcycle road racing world champion and a 19-time New Zealand national champion. In 1965 he was crowned 125cc World Champion. He is a two-time Isle of man TT winner and is inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame.

Motorcycling is in the blood in this Waikato town and Ginger Molloy former Grand Prix race legend still calls Huntly home. He competed in the Grand Prix from 1965 until 1970 winning his world championship race in the 250cc class at the 1966 250cc Ulster Grand Prix.

Ginger spoke of how his success had come from not wanting to work in the mines.

“I was determined to make a success of myself. I got on my bike and became the best I could be.

“It doesn't matter where you come from in this life. As long as you dream and have an urge to succeed you can make it,” he said.

Jools and Linda Topp, need little introduction. The country music and comedy duo have been delighting their audiences since the age of five. In 2004 the Topp Twins received the Queen's Medal for Services to Entertainment in 2004 and in 2008 they were inducted into the New Zealand Music Hall of Fame.

“Growing up in Huntly was brilliant,” said Jools. “We're proud of Huntly and the people here and we had a lot of fun. In fact, Huntly College and Brian Curle helped keep us on the straight and narrow!”

Speedway legend and world champion Harold Fairhurst (deceased) is the fifth name on the Rock of Recognition.

Huntly Community board has set up a Rock of Recognition committee to accept further nominations. Written nominations can be sent to Claire Gregson, 6 Gregson Drive, Huntly. The Rock of Recognition will be installed in the river reserve area between the two bridges.

My favourite place in the Waikato

Bridal Veil / Waireinga Falls 'Leaping Waters'



Bridal Veil Falls puts on a stunning show, particularly after weeks of rain. Set in a native bush reserve with abundant bird life this impressive waterfall drops 55 metres into a deep pool.

Popular with picnickers and swimmers in the summer months, the track is well-maintained and easily accessed year-round. The striking DoC viewing shelter is designed to echo the natural landforms around it. Designed by Matthews Scott McNally, it received a regional award in the NZ Institute of Architects Association Awards in 2009 for project architecture.

Local resident Roslyn Miles shares her experience...

I went here because:

With the inclement weather of past few months, I knew the falls would be fantastic, so after a weekend of being cooped up and a visitor to impress, we took advantage of a welcome break in the rain to head out to for some fresh air and sunshine.

Getting there was:

Easy. Driving from Raglan, the turn-off is about ten minutes back out on SH23, or from Hamilton about 30 minutes. Turn at the Te Mata Road sign. The falls are 13 kilometres along the backcountry roads. Just follow the signs, it's all clearly marked.

The best feature is:

The Dept of Conservation have recently finished upgrading the area. The new paths and walkways are superb and the few signs they've put in are interesting but not too conspicuous. The most unusual feature would have to be the DoC viewing shelter at the bottom of the falls.

The thing I remember most is:

On the day we visited, a sunny break in the weather created an amazing mist effect, rolling up off the trees and out across the valley. The views are pretty spectacular all round really.

The next time I go there I would:

If I'm feeling fit, I would run the whole track from the car park to the bottom of the falls, and back again. Now that would be a good challenge!

If you'd like to share your special place in the Waikato district in future issues of Link and on our website, email louise.belay@waicd.govt.nz ■

LIVE cameras reduce crime in Waikato hotspots

Police are monitoring 24-hour surveillance cameras in Ngaruawahia and Huntly hotspots under a new scheme aimed at reducing crime in the Waikato.

Huntly Police Sub Area Manager, Senior Sergeant Pete Simpson says the long-term plan is to install more cameras in the Huntly, Meremere, Ngaruawahia, Raglan and Franklin areas.



ON CAMERA: Senior Sergeant Pete Simpson of the Huntly Police.

"Right now we are viewing and monitoring the Ngaruawahia CBD, Huntly CBD and Huntly West High School on a live feed to the police station and we have installed support cameras in Meremere. In the near future we have the opportunity to go to smaller areas like Whatawhata and Tamahere and we will place cameras randomly in hot spots to concentrate on corridors of crime," he said.

The initiative is collaboration between North Waikato Police, Waikato District Council and the North Waikato Crime Prevention Technology Trust (NWCPTT). Waikato District Council, local community boards and committees, and the NWCPTT are funding the camera surveillance scheme.

"The liquor ban imposed by Waikato District Council in the North Waikato district area, including Raglan, coupled with our surveillance system has already had an impact. The cameras are showing less people walking the streets with alcohol, looking for opportunities to cause crime," Sergeant Simpson said.

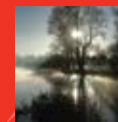
"This is a great example of Council and police working together to reduce crime."

Recently police were able to positively identify an offender involved in a bank robbery on a number of local cameras.

Waikato companies are working with police on the technical support and installation of surveillance systems. Police can now offer free support and advice on camera surveillance for private businesses and schools.

"Graffiti is an ongoing issue in our community and live camera surveillance is a cost-effective solution that reduces the problem by identifying the offenders and recording real-time evidence of the crime," said Senior Sergeant Simpson. ■

WELCOME



Welcome, welcome, welcome ■ Teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou katoa

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Waikato district from 1 November 2010.

Our district is a vibrant mix of urban, rural and coastal settlements with diverse environments ranging from rugged west coast beaches, inland agricultural areas, wetlands, lakes, indigenous forests and small townships and villages – much like yours really!

Our council's head office is based in Ngaruawahia where about 200 staff work. We have district offices in Huntly and Raglan, and six libraries throughout the district. Our new office in Tuakau's 2 Dominion Road will have around 25 staff to help you with rates, recording maintenance issues, refuse collection, consent issues and other council services. This office will be open to the public from 1 November 2010. Many of these staff will be familiar faces as they have moved to us from the former Franklin District Council (FDC). Tuakau Library became part of the Waikato district on 11 August and we welcome those patrons to our area.

We'd like to let you know about some of the changes that will be occurring, who and where to get information from and provide some answers to questions you may have.

We will continue to feed information to you in the next few months to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible.

Please bear with us as we move through this transition phase, as we get to know you and your business with us. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with you that will enable us all to realise our vision:

"To be a recognised leader in creating a district that prides itself on economic excellence, local participation and sustainable communities."

Welcome to the Waikato district.



Peter Harris
Mayor



Gavin Ion
Chief Executive

Waikato District Council Details

Waikato District Council (WDC) has offices in a range of locations including:



Tuakau Office
(from 1 November 2010)
2 Dominion Road
Tuakau
Ph: 0800 492 452
Opening Hours:
Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm

Huntly Office and Library
142 Main Street
Huntly
Ph: 07 828 7551
Opening Hours:
Mon to Fri 9am-4pm



Ngaruawahia Office
(Head Office)
15 Galileo Street
Ngaruawahia
Ph: 07 824 8633
Opening Hours:
Mon to Thurs 8am-5pm,
Fri 9am-5pm

Raglan Office and Library
7 Bow Street
Raglan
Ph: 07 825 8129
Opening Hours:
Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm

▶ Please limit your use of the 0800 number until after 1 November, as we are still working through the transfer of information. For updated information, visit the 'Waikato and Franklin Transition' page on our website.

■ After Hours Issues

For after hours issues please phone the WDC call centre – 0800 4 Waikato (0800 492 452). They will direct your query to the appropriate person.

■ Your Council Website

At WDC our website is a constantly up-to-date and changing place to go for information. You can find all of our services, our contact details and our consultation plans by visiting www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz

■ Rates Enquiries

A special rates pack was sent out to you in early October, which provided specific information about any changes required. In short though, from 1 November your rates will need to be paid to the Waikato District Council. They can be paid in the way you currently do which may include:

- Direct debit
- Internet banking
- At a council office
- By cheque

Your rates will remain at the same level as struck by FDC until July 2011. Prior to this date consultation will be carried out to determine any changes for the subsequent financial year.

■ Parallel Fees and Charges

Given the complexity of the different fees and charges set by the two councils it has been decided in the interim to run two parallel fee structures.

This will mean you pay for services based on geographical location. Over time we will ensure both fees and charges structures are reviewed and line up.

■ District Plans

Waikato District Council plans to administer the Waikato District Plan and the Franklin District Plan side by side after 1 November 2010.

On 1 November, a portion of the Franklin district will be incorporated into the Waikato district under the Auckland governance arrangements. There are no plans to unify the two District Plans into one at this stage.

What this means on a practical level is that anyone who lives or operates in the Franklin area that is becoming part of the Waikato district, for example landowners, developers, and builders, will continue to be bound by the Franklin District Plan rules after 1 November.

The Franklin District Plan rules will remain the same and will be enforced by the Waikato District Council.

■ Policies and Bylaws

WDC will retain a number of Franklin's policies and bylaws. A list of these policies and bylaws can be viewed on WDC's website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz

■ Animal Control

For all animal control enquiries phone the WDC call centre – 0800 4 Waikato (0800 492 452). They will direct your query to the appropriate Animal Control Officer.

If you have registered your dog/s with FDC you do not have to re-register with WDC this year. In June 2011 you will receive a registration form from WDC to fill out.

Until June 2011, WDC have retained the same contract that FDC operated. The pound remains at Austen Place, Pukekohe.

■ Refuse – Wheelie Bins / Recycle Bins

The current refuse and recycling service will remain the same – so that means same day, same bins.

A new contractor has been appointed for the Tuakau kerbside recycling but the service will remain the same.

If you are in the ex-Franklin area a replacement recycle bin will be \$12.20 while supplies last. If you are in the current Waikato area the replacement bin will still be \$14.30.

■ Bulk Refuse Stickers

You can buy refuse stickers from the same supplier you do now. The current refuse service contract has been extended and there will be no change in service through until at least June 2011.

■ Water Supply Rates

Water supply and wastewater fees and charges will not change from the current FDC fees and charges (other than the GST increase at 1 October 2010) until July 2011 at the earliest.

Your water billing notice, however, will look different.

■ Building /Resource Consents

All building consent applications can be received and lodged at the Tuakau office. All administration, processing, time extensions and inspections will be carried out from this office. Certificates of Public Use, Notice to Fix and Unauthorised Building Work Notices will initially be administered out of the Ngaruawahia office, however applications for Certificates of Public Use may also be applied for at the Tuakau office. Building enquiries can be made through either the Tuakau or Ngaruawahia offices. Booking of building inspections for the area covered by the Tuakau office will be done through the Ngaruawahia office.

All resource consents and other Resource Management Act requests and applications can be received and lodged at the Tuakau office. All enquires regarding Land Use Consents, Subdivision Consents and other planning matters relating to both the Franklin and Waikato District Plans can be answered at either the Tuakau or Ngaruawahia offices as there will be planning staff at both locations.

■ Property, Building and Consent Records

From 1 November WDC will be scanning FDC's property, building and consent records, to make these available as electronic records.

Residents need to be aware that from 1 November if you need to view a property, building or consent record you will need to make an appointment and give 24 hours notice, so we can ensure the information is available for you.

This practice will remain in place until further notice.

■ Swimming Pool Checks

It is WDC's policy to undertake spot visits to ensure swimming pool fences comply and are safe. WDC may visit your property at any time to undertake

such a check. Please make sure your pool fencing meets the required standards. If you are unsure please contact us to check.

■ Commercial Building WOF

WDC carries out regular checks on commercial buildings to ensure their Warrants Of Fitness are up-to-date and compliant. Checks can occur at any time so for your own and your staff's safety please make sure these are up-to-date.

■ Fire Permits

WDC are currently in an open fire season so permits are not needed in rural areas until deemed necessary by the Principal Rural Fire Officer (probably late spring).

Ex-Franklin residents are reminded that while an open fire season is in place, the Mangatawhiri swamp area will continue to require a permit for all open-air fires, as will any other fires within a 1km radius of a DOC reserve. The existing Franklin bylaw governing urban fires will also remain in place until such time that it is incorporated into the Waikato bylaw.

Fire permit applications can be downloaded from the website, www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz This can be returned completed to either the Tuakau or Ngaruawahia offices.

■ Key Contacts

Roading

For information about roading contact us via 0800 4 Waikato (0800 492 452).

Emergency/Civil Defence (i.e. flooding, car crash, tree on road etc.)

Dial 111 if emergency services are required otherwise contact us via 0800 4 Waikato (0800 492 452).

Halls, Pensioner Housing and Cemeteries

The fees and charges for halls, pensioner housing and burials will not change.

You can either contact us via 0800 4 Waikato (0800 492 452) or at your closest office:

- Tuakau – 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau
- Raglan – 7 Bow Street, Raglan
- Huntly – 132 Main Street, Huntly
- Ngaruawahia – 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia

A legacy of learning



LEGACY: Tipa Mahuta, Nanaia Mahuta and eldest grandson Huirama Matatahi at the official blessing of the Sir Robert Kotahi Mahuta Room at the Huntly Library last month.

There are few people who loved books as much as the late Sir Robert Kotahi Mahuta. His love of the written word was well known and the Huntly Library has now dedicated a room to his memory.

The Sir Robert Kotahi Mahuta Room acknowledges Sir Robert's contribution to education and brings the library's collection of Maori literature and taonga into one dedicated space.

Strength of character fuelled by a passion for learning drove Sir Robert Mahuta to further his own education and according to his daughter Nanaia Mahuta he strongly believed in education for his own people and saw it as a way to open doors.

"He always said that books contained knowledge that leads

to power," she said at the official opening and blessing at the Huntly Library last month.

Three flax kete take pride of place in the centre of room. They originally held books, a gift from Sir Robert's sister, the late Te Arikini Dame Te Atarangiakaahu, to mark the opening of the Huntly Library in 1997. In that tradition, the Mahuta whanau have returned the gesture with a generous donation to purchase new books for the Maori collection and a copy of *King Potatau: An account of the life of*

Potatau Te Wherowhero the first Maori King.

Mayor Peter Harris acknowledged the contribution of the Mahuta family to education.

"It is important we continue to learn and acknowledge those who inspire us and the connection between Sir Robert's passion for learning and this collection is a tribute to that," he said.

"This room does just that. It is fitting we named this room after him."

Proposed Waikato District Plan

Variation 16: District Wide Growth and Rural and Coastal Subdivision

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Waikato District Council has prepared the following variation of the Proposed Waikato District Plan.

Variation 16: District Wide Growth and Rural and Coastal Subdivision, proposes amendments to the Proposed District Plan by inserting new objectives and policies to guide future growth and development across the district, and by some tightening of the rules for subdivision and residential development in the Rural and Coastal Zones.

Background

Much of the growth in recent years has occurred through rural subdivision, and this has raised a number of resource management issues. Future growth needs to be well planned to ensure resources are managed sustainably and the community remains prosperous in the long term.

The Waikato District Growth Strategy outlines how growth will be managed in future.

Over the next few years, a focus will be on revitalising and growing towns and villages in the district by attracting and planning for a greater proportion of growth to occur in these settlements. The Council is proposing to amend the District Plan to reflect the growth strategy. This includes introducing a growth strategy chapter and some tightening of the rural subdivision and development rules.

The variation, together with background information, is available for viewing or

downloading from the Council's website at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz. Copies will also be available for public inspection at the following locations during usual opening hours:

- **Waikato District Council**, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia
- **Huntly Area Office and Library**, 142 Main Street, Huntly
- **Raglan Area Office and Library**, 7 Bow Street, Raglan
- **Ngaruawahia Library**, 4 Jesmond Street, Ngaruawahia
- **Te Kauwhata Library**, Main Street, Te Kauwhata
- **Tuakau Library**, 72 George Street, Tuakau

Please contact Kate Mackness or Allan Turner, phone 07 824 8633, if you have any questions about the variation.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on the proposal. You may do so by sending a written submission to the Waikato District Council. The submission must be in Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from any of the offices listed above, from the Council's website

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz or by emailing a request to districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

The process for public participation in the consideration of the variation is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions, the Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified.
- There must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made.
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.
- Waikato District Council must give its decisions on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions).
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

All submissions must be received on or before Tuesday 30 November 2010 at the following address for service:

By post to: Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia 3742.

Or by delivery to: 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia

Or by fax to: 07 824 8091

Or by email to: districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

Signed on behalf of Waikato District Council

G J Ion

Chief Executive

This notice given under Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 on 2 October 2010.

Saving Lake Kainui

Peat lake habitats are a unique feature of the Waikato region and in decline worldwide.

Waikato District Council has developed a management plan to look after this rare natural resource at Lake Kainui on one of its reserves in the Horsham Downs area.

Lake Kainui is looked after by a dedicated group of landowners, contractors and volunteers who work with a management committee made up of stakeholders, including representatives of Waikato District Council, iwi, landowners, farmers, Fish & Game and Environment Waikato.

Catchment Care, a Fonterra partnership with not-for-profit organisation Conservation Volunteers New Zealand, is working with the Waikato District Council and the Lake Kainui Committee to improve the habitat around the lake.

The Catchment Care programme was set up to enhance and protect waterways and wetlands through activities like riparian planting, fencing, removal of invasive species, weeding and rubbish clean-ups.

One of the initiatives at Lake Kainui is a programme of native species planting around the lake. This serves a dual purpose by creating native habitat for flora and fauna and providing a buffer zone from the dairy paddocks surrounding the lake.

Silt traps have been installed on most of the drains to the lake to catch nutrient rich run-off from the surrounding grazing fields, filter out solids and remove nutrients with the help of wetland plant species. These methods are in place to reduce the amount of nutrient entering the lake.

Peat lakes in the Waikato suffer from heavy nutrient loading from farm and other run-off, creating conditions which cause high algal growth and deterioration in water quality.

The Lake Kainui project shows what a group of dedicated volunteers can achieve. This unique peat lake is well worth a visit.



Important GST information for *ratepayers*

GST has changed from 12.5 per cent to 15 per cent on 1 October 2010.

How will this affect my 2010/11 rates?

Your first rates invoice, which covers the period 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2010 will include GST at 12.5 per cent. However, the following two rates invoices will include GST at 15 per cent. The total annual amount of rates assessed on your property will include GST at the prevailing rate assuming that the rates are paid on the three instalment dates (i.e. GST at 12.5 per cent for three months and at 15 per cent for nine months).

Rates assessment invoices will show the annual rates displayed plus GST at the prevailing rate.

How will the change in GST affect my choice of payment method?

Direct debits – ratepayers on a direct debit payment plan do not need to do anything, as the correct payment will automatically be deducted.

Automatic payments – You will need to adjust your automatic payments from the information on your rates invoice. You may need to make a catch up payment.

Other forms of banking – For all other forms of payment, the correct amount payable, inclusive of GST will be clearly displayed on your rates invoices as usual.

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If you would like advice on rating payment options call
0800 492 452 or visit our website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz
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Sediment is an *environmental* issue

Sediment loss affects people and the environment.

That was the core message from Environmental Services Director Peter Stevens at a WDC Sediment Control course he presented to Waikato District Council staff. The self-employed consultant advises Government departments, local government and iwi on the perils of sediment, its effect on our environment and advises on best practice when undertaking construction and roading projects.

New Zealand rivers carry more than 1 per cent of the world's sediment load even though we cover 0.5 per cent of the world's land area. Our high rainfall and steep topography are to blame.

Sediment loss affects us financially. We are

reliant on clear water for tourism which earns \$3.4 billion annually and creates 100,000 jobs. Sediment is abrasive to turbines and pumps in our dams, reduces primary production and affects our aquatic ecosystem. It damages or sweeps away the invertebrates our fish feed on, and in turn damages fish gills, driving fish away from affected waterways.

Mr Stevens pointed out that the Waikato is experiencing extreme growth and its associated development – subdivisions, roading, electricity and forestry all have their impact. All those who attended the seminar were left in no doubt that an erosion sediment control plan relative to the scale of the job must not be underestimated. ■



What's happening

▶ Maori Fibre Arts Exhibition – Te Haerenga

Third year raranga students from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Huntly Campus, will be exhibiting their final year's work.

When: Friday 22 October – Wednesday 10 November

Time: Mon-Fri: 9.30am – 5.30pm Sat: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun: 10.30am – 3.30pm

Where: Soul Gallery, 300 Barton Street, Hamilton

Fee: Admission is free.

▶ Tamahere Country Market

Sample and buy excellent food and produce, have a coffee or tea, meet friends, pick up a special handcrafted gift and enjoy the atmosphere of a country market.

When: 16 October, 20 November (third Saturday of each month)

Time: 8.30am – 1pm

Where: St Stephens Church grounds, at the corner of Airport Rd and Tamahere Drive (head for the Hamilton Airport, State Highway 1 end)

▶ Raglan Creative Market

Unique handmade arts and designware, original fashion clothing and jewellery, delicious food and fresh produce.

When: 14 November, 12 December (second Sunday of each month)

Time: 10am – 2pm

Where: The Old School Arts Centre, Stewart Street, Raglan

For more information visit www.raglanmarket.com, email info@raglanartscentre.co.nz or phone Jacqueline on 07 825 0023.

Recycling in style



The new recycling truck operated by Metrowaste in Ngaruawahia not only looks good, it's safer and it operates more efficiently by taking larger volumes and enabling recycling to be sorted at each collection point.

It's always good to see more efficiency in operation and Metrowaste does just that with their new recycling truck. Recyclable items are sorted at the truck into various compartments including bottles, cans plastics paper and cardboard. But it doesn't stop there; glass is sorted by colour into brown, green and clear.

The truck is fitted with a hydraulic lifting device to help minimise injuries to operating staff.

Briefly

Refuse and recycling summer hours

Over the Christmas/new year period, collection will take place on the usual collection day in all Waikato district areas.

Summary of closed days at transfer stations

Raglan closed 25, 28, 30 December and 1, 4, 6 January.

Huntly closed 25, 26 December and 1, 2 January.

Te Kauwhata closed 25, 26, 27, 29 December and 1, 2, 3, 5 January.



	Huntly	Te Kauwhata	Raglan
Fri 24 December	7.30am – 4.30pm	11.30am – 4.00pm	8.30am – 2.00pm
Sat Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Mon 27 December	10.00am – 3.00pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tues 28 December	10.00am – 3.00pm	10.00am – 2.00pm	CLOSED
Wed 29 December	7.30am – 4.30pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 30 December	7.30am – 4.30pm	11.30am – 4.00pm	CLOSED
Fri 31 December	7.30am – 4.30pm	11.30am – 4.00pm	8.30am – 2.00pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 2 January	CLOSED	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Mon 3 January	10.00am – 3.00pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tues 4 January	10.00am – 3.00pm	10.00am – 2.00pm	CLOSED
Weds 5 January	7.30am – 4.30pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 6 January	7.30am – 4.30pm	11.30am – 4.00pm	CLOSED
Fri 7 January	7.30am – 4.30pm	11.30am – 4.00pm	8.30am - 4.30pm

More room for dogs

It's hardly a dog's life at the Ngaruawahia Pound but the new extension has improved conditions giving impounded dogs more living space and segregated outdoor exercise yards.

If they could talk they'd tell you it's no fun being impounded but sadly Ngaruawahia's dog pound is rarely without house guests. The pound has been extended and now has three exercise yards and a number of new cages which exceed the minimum size requirement.

Opening the new pound last month Mayor Peter Harris commended the Animal Control team on the excellent but very difficult job they do in our community before commenting on the sound construction of the new extension "I'll give this a 100 year life span, it's certainly going to outlast all of us" he said.

Improved drainage and welfare conditions are a spin-off from the extension which was needed because of a lack of capacity.

If you'd like to adopt a dog, Waikato District Council often has approved dogs available, some costs apply. Keep an eye on our website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz or contact the Council on 0800 492 452.



If you'd like an event to be listed in the next issue of Link or on Council's website, www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz, email louise.belay@waicd.govt.nz.

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