

Save up to \$610 on your rates

The Rates Rebates Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$610 for low income earners who were paying rates for the home they were living in on 1 July 2016.

To apply for a rates rebate you will need:

- Your 2016/17 Matamata-Piako District Council rates account.
- Your 2016/17 Waikato Regional Council rates account, call 0800 800 401.
- The Summary of Income for you and your partner, or joint home-owner from Inland Revenue for the year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. Contact Inland Revenue on 0800 227 774.
- A copy of any certificates stating interest earned on investments to 31 March 2016.

Once you have collected all this information, give us a call on 0800 746 467 to make an appointment. Appointments are available from Saturday 10 September 2016.



Community projects receive funding from Council

Council has allocated funding towards some great new projects and equipment for our community:

- The current pedestrian bridge over Topehaehae Stream at Te Miro Forest will be replaced.
- There will be a new shade sail installed at Swim Zone Morrinsville that will shade some of the pool area and/or the nearby playground.
- Swim Zone Matamata will receive new adjustable shade sails.
- The rubbish bins outside the busy Matamata i-SITE will be replaced with larger recycling bins.
- An additional Hinuera Stone ashes wall will be installed at the Piako Lawn Cemetery in Morrinsville.

We are also applying for a Central Government grant to extend the Wairere Falls car park. The waterfall walk is very popular and there are often cars parked along the road side.

Keep an eye out in future editions of Council in Focus to keep up to date with these projects.



New shade sails will be installed at Swim Zone Morrinsville and Matamata.

Business Night Out 2016

The Business Night Out takes place tomorrow night at the the Matamata Memorial Centre.

Follow us on Facebook to find out who wins the prestigious Business Awards.

Matamata finalists:

Gull Customer Service Award

Matamata NZ Post & Kiwibank
Forget Me Not Florist
New World Matamata
Laser Plumbing Matamata

Bayleys Business Excellence Award

Ador Hair, Skin & Beauty
Hobbiton Movie Set
Redoubt Bar & Eatery
Scene Newspaper

Don't forget your recycling day

Can't remember which week to put your recycling out? Subscribe for text reminders and we will send you a text the day before reminding you to put your bins out - this is particularly handy around public holidays.

To subscribe simply text to 5801:

'subscribe zone1' for reminders for Morrinsville, Mangateparu, Tahuna, Waitoa and Waihou.

'subscribe zone2' for reminders for Te Aroha.

'subscribe zone3' for reminders for Matamata, Waharoa, Tamihana and Walton.

Note: there is no space between the word 'zone' and the number.

Texts cost 20c. This service is currently only available in New Zealand to Spark and Vodafone customers.

Keeping our water safe

Our water goes through a series of processes to make sure it's safe for you to drink.

After screening and filtration, all major water supplies use chlorine to disinfect the water by binding and rupturing any potentially harmful microorganisms. Chlorine goes on destroying any bugs long after the water has left the treatment plant, protecting your water while in the pipes. Pathogens are very sensitive to chlorine so we don't need to use a lot. The chlorine dosage is continuously monitored at the water treatment plant and daily samples are taken from the pipes in town.

For the smaller supply at Te Aroha West we use an ultraviolet lamp (UV) to sterilize the water. Chlorine and UV are the most cost efficient way to treat small water supplies, like those in the Matamata-Piako District.

All our water supplies are independently tested at least every 11 days for E. coli, in addition to the filtration and chlorine we use. We have backup generators to make sure there is always power and we have about one day's supply of treated water stored at our major supplies in case of emergency.

We do regular maintenance and checks to ensure our pipes and tanks are in good condition and we are replacing old pipes continuously.

You can be confident that your drinking water is safe for you and your family.

