

## Gull Customer Service finalists are in - vote now!

Select who you think has the best customer service across the district - or just select the best in your town.

### Matamata Finalists

(tick one box only)

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

### Morrinsville Finalists

(tick one box only)

- Loxy & Co Eatery
- Belfor Auto 1
- Morrinsville i-SITE Visitor Centre/AA Agency
- Unichem Pharmacy

### Te Aroha Finalists

(tick one box only)

- Best Meats 2 Te Aroha
- Te Aroha Veterinary Services
- Harcourts Real Estate Te Aroha
- McConnochies Service Station

### Please provide your contact details

(votes without this won't be accepted)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to any Council office or post to  
PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342.



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## Excellence standards programme

MPDC has been selected as one of 21 foundation councils for the recently announced local government New Zealand excellence standards programme.

The local government standards system is aiming to demonstrate and improve the value and service of councils. Experienced independent private sector assessors will provide a guide across leadership, finance, service delivery and community engagement functions. Participating councils will be graded with a standard from A to C, and the results will be published in 2017.

"We are excited by the challenge of this programme and to understand what we are doing well and what we can improve." says Mayor Jan Barnes.

"The assessment is undertaken by people completely independent of Local Government. It will provide us with a chance to benchmark the quality of our service to the community."

## Community Grants

Your community organisation may be eligible for funding from Council. We have an annual fund of \$5,000 for each of the Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha areas. We invite organisations who may be eligible for funding to apply for the grant.

The fund can be used to assist organisations who have a high ratio of volunteers, a high degree of public access and who are primarily funded from grants, donations or similar for community based projects.

The first biannual funding round for 2016/17 is now open and closes on 31 August. Applications will be considered and a decision will be made at ward meetings in September. All applicants will receive written confirmation in October informing them of whether their application has been successful.

You can view a copy of the policy and apply online at [www.mpd.govt.nz](http://www.mpd.govt.nz) or pick up an application form at any Council office or library.

## Remember to register your dog!

If your dog's tag isn't **blue**, your dog is not registered for the new registration year.

If caught with an unregistered dog, you could be issued with a \$300 infringement, plus registration fees.

Remember that dogs need to be registered from when they are three months old. Registering your dog means we can get in contact with you if it gets lost or injured.

For more information please phone Customer Services on 0800 746 467.



## Temporary road closure

Matamata-Piako District Council will close the following road to ordinary traffic for the period stated below so Thames Valley Car Club Inc can conduct a hill-climb event.

### Road to be closed

Te Tuhi Rd from its intersection with Old Te Aroha Rd to its eastern end.

### Date and time of closure

Sunday 7 August 2016 from 9am to 5pm

This notice is made in accordance with the Transport (Vehicle Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

## MPDC wins Excellence Award

Matamata-Piako District Council were announced the winners of the MartinJenkins Excellence Award for Best Practice Contribution to Local Economic Development at the Local Government conference in Dunedin last week.

Matamata-Piako District Council joined forces with Kawerau District Council to create the Seamless Boundaries programme. The programme has helped 40 people from a range of ages, to relocate for employment with Silver Fern Farms in Te Aroha who were having difficulty fulfilling recruitment needs. The programme aimed to improve economic and social outcomes in both areas.

Mayor Jan Barnes was delighted with the win. "The project was started through simple conversations, and ended up being such a success. Both helping people find employment and helping a local business flourish, it was very beneficial to our economy."



Councillor Peter Jager, Mayor Jan Barnes and Councillor James Thomas with the award.

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- read the Candidate Handbook
- fill out a nomination form
- start campaigning!

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